YESTERDAY'S **TEMPERATURES**

DHAKA H 27.5 L 15.5 H 29.0 L 16.0

SYLHET

RAJSHAHI H 26.5 L 12.4 H 28.5 L 15.5

KHULNA H 27.2 L 14.5

BARISAL RANGPUR H 26.8 L 13.5 **H** 27.0 **L** 14.8

COX'S BAZAR H 30.0 L 18.0

Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and adjoining areas and light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country, reports UNB. Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:24pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42am. Country's highest temperature 30.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Teknaf and lowest 10.5 in Tentulia.



Debris being cleared after a fire, as per firefighters, originated from an electric short circuit in a house at the Maillar Bil slum in Chittagong city's Sadarghat area early yesterday, gutting 20 houses and six shops.

PHOTO: STAR

Ctg fire guts 20 houses, six shops

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A fire gutted 20 houses and six shops in Sadarghat area of Chittagong city yesterday. The fire, originated

from an electric short circuit in a house at Maillar Bil slum around 1:15am, soon spread to the adjacent houses and shops, said Abdus Sattar Mondol, deputy director of Fire Service and Civil Defence, Chittagong.

On information, firefighters rushed there and doused the blaze around 6:20am.

The fire burnt to ashes six thatched houses, 14 tin-roofed ones while six shops partially, the fire service official said.

Montu arrested, remanded over Ashulia unrest

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Actor AR Montu was placed on a one-day remand by a Dhaka court yesterday in a case over instigating the recent labour unrest in Ashulia.

The Detective Branch (DB) of Police (Dhaka North) and Uttara police jointly arrested him in his Uttara residence in the capital yesterday in the case field by Ashulia police on last December 23. He was produced before the court with a seven-day remand prayer, said AFM Syed, officer-in-charge of DB.

With Montu, a total of 12 people, including BNP leader and Savar upazila Vice-Chairman Mini Akter Urmi, out of 15 named accused have been arrested in this case.

Meanwhile on December 24, Shadat Hossin, a subinspector of the Ashulia Police Station, showed Savar correspondent of the daily Bangladesh Protidin Nazmul Huda arrested in a case filed for inaccurate reporting on the labour unrest. Nazmul, who is now in Dhaka jail, was picked up by police on December 23.

Thousands of workers at Ashulia started demonstration on December 12 demanding that their minimum salary be increased to Tk 15,000 from Tk 5,300 a month. Over 1,600 workers of different factories were terminated during the unrest.

Case filed over attack on Sylhet school event

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet A case was filed yesterday following Sunday's attack

allegedly by a group of Muslim devotees at Durgakumar Government Primary School in Sylhet during a celebration to distribute textbooks among

None was arrested till yesterday in the case in which 30 to 35 unknown people were accused, said Sohel Ahmed, officer-incharge of Sylhet Kotwali

the students.

Police Station. The attack was carried out during a break for Zohr prayers, forcing the school authorities to stop the programme.

platform.

E-learning platform for school students, teachers launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday launched a platform containing e-learning resources for Class IX-X students and an e-manual for teachers with a view to making learning and teaching easier and interactive.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid inaugurated the online platform through a ceremony at the capital's Sonargaon hotel.

The website, http://edutubebd.com/nctb, contains animations, graphs, images, and video learning materials for scientific and mathematical terms.

The initiative was a joint venture of Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded project Teaching Quality Improvement (TQI-II) and National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB), supported by Ethics Advanced Technology Ltd (EATL).

"The materials will help students learn their lessons easily and make reading more interesting. It will also help teachers deliver lectures in class," he said, speaking as chief guest.

Talking about quality of education, he said, "Teachers need to be more dedicated and committed in class lectures rather than private tuition or coaching to increase quality of our education. Technological advancement is also needed."

He also said the government was working for the last two years to reduce the number of textbooks at the secondary level and making the books more attractive at all levels in order to increase the quality of education.

Md Alamgir, secretary of Technical and Madrasa Education Division, said the elearning resources could make private tuition or coaching unnecessary.

Echoing him, Education Secretary Sohrab Hossain said this kind of learning materials should be launched for primary level students.

Prof Dr Narayan Chandra, chairman of NCTB; Dr SM Wahiduzzaman, director general at the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education; Zahir Uddin Babar, director of TQI-II project; and MA Mubin Khan, managing director of EATL, also spoke.

Two held with 2,850 bottles of Phensedyl STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives seized 2,850 bottles of Phensedyl, worth

around Tk 28.5 lakh, and arrested two drug peddlers in the capital's Turag area on Sunday night.

The arrestees are Harunur Rashid, 46, and Saddam Hussain, 24.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of detectives launched a drive at Dhour of Beribandh area of Turag where they intercepted a truck carrying the Phensedyl bottles inside a box attached underneath the vehicle.

The Phensedyl was being transported from Jessore to Dhaka, Joint Commissioner of Detective Branch of police Abdul Baten said at a press briefing at Dhaka Metropolitan Police media centre.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receives from Law Minister Anisul Huq at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday a compilation of the laws and ordinances enacted in 2016.

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