

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 27.2 L 15.9	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 28.3 L 16.8	<b>SYLHET</b> H 28.2 L 15.0	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 25.5 L 12.1	<b>KHULNA</b> H 27.0 L 14.0	<b>BARISAL</b> H 27.3 L 13.3	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 25.5 L 15.6	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 29.1 L 18.0
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Weather will remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:25pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am. Country's highest temperature 29.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 11.8 in Sreemangal.

# SNAPS & snippets

## Woman killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A woman was killed as a truck hit her while she was crossing the road at Shapla Square in Rangpur city yesterday. Mahmuda Begum, 24, of Alamnagar area in the city died on the spot, said police.

## Fire guts 3 bikes, generator in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three motorcycles and a generator at the parking space of an eight-storey building were gutted by a fire at AK Khan Intersection in Chittagong city yesterday. The fire originated from the generator at Green Tower around 11:20am, said fire officials.

## 3 of DU get Razzaq scholarship

DU CORRESPONDENT

Abdur Razzaq Memorial Trust Fund yesterday gave "Abdur Razzaq Memorial Scholarship" to three political science students of Dhaka University.

Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique handed it over to Robel Molla, Md Ataur Rahman and Fariha Tabassum on the campus. Razzaq's wife Farida Razzaq is the fund's donor. Professor Emeritus AK Azad Chowdhury also delivered "Abdur Razzaq Memorial Lecture". Lawmaker Nahim Razzaq, son of Abdur Razzaq, gave welcome address. Awami League leader Abdur Razzaq died on December 23, 2011.

## DU social welfare alumni reunion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The annual general meeting and reunion-2017 of Social Welfare Alumni Association of Dhaka University will be held on February 3, 2017.

The programme will be held at Dream Holiday Park in Narsingdi. Interested persons are requested to register by January 2 at 01717205045 and 01552304257.



Launching ceremony of Gregorian Club at Dhaka Club Ltd on Wednesday, which was graced by Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, a senior ex-Gregorian, as chief patron.

## Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Taslim Uddin Ahmed, a former additional tax commissioner, died in his Uttara residence in the capital yesterday. He was 72.

Taslim, father of International Crimes Tribunal's prosecutor Tureen Afroz, had a stroke. He left behind his wife and two children. He will be buried today at his village home in Nilphamari. Law Minister Anisul Huq prayed for the eternal peace of his departed soul.



A cable reel and earth, dug out for underground electricity line, kept on the slope of Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover on Shaheed Captain Mansur Ali Sarani in Dhaka, contributing to traffic jam yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Rasraj's bail plea hearing deferred

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A Brahmanbaria court yesterday deferred to January 16 the hearing of a bail prayer of Rasraj Das in a case filed against him for allegedly demeaning religion, court sources said.

Earlier on November 8, a bail petition of Rasraj, who was detained following a Facebook post that "instigated" attacks on the Hindu community in Nasirnagar upazila, was rejected.

At that time, the court also rejected a petition seeking a fresh five-day remand for Rasraj in connection with the case filed over a Facebook post "instigating" the attack on October 30.

On October 30, around 200 religious bigots attacked at least five temples, and vandalised and looted about 100 Hindu houses in several localities in Nasirnagar. The attackers also beat up more than 100 people.

## Illegal brick kilns mushroom in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Around 121 brick kilns out of 310 are being operated illegally in Barisal division, according to the Department of Environment (DoE).

Of them, mobile courts of DoE from December 12 fined 16 illegally operating brick kilns Tk 13 lakh in all six districts of the division in special drives till Monday.

The penalised brick kilns include AS Bricks and KSB Bricks in Jhalakathi, and Padma Bricks and Balaka Bricks in Barisal.

Md Rashed Uzzaman, assistant director of DoE, Barisal division, told The Daily Star that the drive

will continue till February.

The illegal brick kilns owners ignored several notices that asked them to take clearance certificates from the department after modernising their operating systems, said Rashed.

Most of the brick kilns are using drum chimneys instead of modern zig zag ones, the sources added.

Besides, many of them were installed around only three kilometers away from locality, roads and highways, and crop fields violating the DoE rules as they contribute to air pollution, decrease soil fertility and damage plantations, they said.



Two drum chimneys lie on the ground at Doarika in Babuganj upazila of Barisal after a mobile court of the Department of Environment knocked them down during an ongoing special drive against illegal brick kilns recently.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## SC upholds HC orders granting bail to Ariful, Golam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday upheld the High Court (HC) orders that granted bail to suspended Sylhet City Corporation Mayor Ariful Haque Chowdhury and Habiganj Municipality Mayor Golam Kibria Gaus in two separate cases.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the orders dismissing two separate petitions filed by the government seeking a stay on the HC orders.

Advocate M Masud Rana, a lawyer for Ariful and Gaus, told The Daily Star that there was no legal bar to his clients' release from jail following the SC orders.

On December 11, the HC granted bail to Ariful, also a BNP leader, and Gaus in response to separate bail petitions filed by them in two cases filed under the Explosive Substances Act, 1908.

The case against Ariful was filed in regard to a June 2004 incident of bomb blast at a public gathering in Sunamganj's Dirai Bazaar that left a Juba League activist dead and 29 injured.

Gaus is an accused in another case filed under the same act in connection with the murder of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria. Kibria and four others were killed in a grenade attack on a rally in Habiganj on January 27, 2005.

**নববর্ষের শুরুতে আবার প্লট বরাদ্দের সুযোগ**

নববর্ষের সূচনা লগ্নে আনন্দ পুলিশ পরিবার কল্যাণ বহুমুখী সমবায় সমিতির উদ্যোগে নিমিত্তব্য সুপরিবর্তিত আবাসিক প্রকল্পে আরও কিছু নতুন প্লট বরাদ্দের সুযোগ প্রদান করা হচ্ছে।

সমিতির সিদ্ধান্ত অনুযায়ী নতুন বছরের শুরুতে নিম্নোক্ত ক্যাটাগরীর অধীনে আরও কিছু ব্যক্তি প্লট বরাদ্দের জন্য আবেদন করার সুযোগ পাবেন।

এই ক্যাটাগরীতে শিক্ষক, চিকিৎসক, ইঞ্জিনিয়ার, সাংবাদিক, ব্যাংকার, আইনজীবী, ব্যবসায়ী, প্রবাসী সহ সমাজে প্রতিষ্ঠিত ব্যক্তিগণ প্রাধিকার পাবেন। প্লট বরাদ্দের ক্ষেত্রে বিসিএস ক্যাডার সার্ভিসের কর্মকর্তাদের সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার প্রদান করা হবে।

বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তির জন্য আগ্রহীণ সত্ত্বর যোগাযোগ করুন  
০২৭৫০২৮০০৯১, ০২৭৫০২৮০০৯২, ০২৭৫০২৮০০৯৩, ০২৭৫০২৮০০৯৪, ০২৭৫০২৮০০৯৫ নাম্বারে।

**আনন্দ পুলিশ পরিবার কল্যাণ বহুমুখী সমবায় সমিতি**

৩৩ তোপখানা রোড, মেহেরবা প্লাজা, (১৬ তলা), ১৫ ব্রীজজে ও ১৫বি, পল্টন, ঢাকা, ফোন: ০২-৯৫৮১৭৮৪, ০২-৯৫৮১৮১৫  
মোবাইল: ০২৭৫০ ২৮০০৯১ থেকে ৯৫ পর্যন্ত

## Woman's body found hanging in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police recovered the body of a housewife hanging from the ceiling of her house in Mahiganj Kasaituli area of Rangpur city yesterday.

The deceased is Rokhsana Akter Ayrin, 21, wife of Sharif Mia.

ABM Zahidul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Rangpur Sadar Police Station, said Ayrin's body bore some injury marks, indicating that her husband might have beaten her to death before hanging her from the ceiling.

Ayrin's family said they paid Tk 1 lakh as dowry demanded by Sharif at the time of marriage three year ago. Sharif had recently demanded Tk 50,000, which Ayrin rejected, said the family, alleging that Sharif used to torture her for the money. Shahida Begum, Ayrin's mother, alleged her daughter was murdered for the dowry.

Sharif fled after the incident. A murder case was filed.

**Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC)**  
BMRC Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212

Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) is going to offer a "Workshop on Research Methodology" for a duration of 4 weeks. The workshop will be started from the 2nd week of March, 2017 (Tentative) at BMRC.

Applications are invited through proper channel from the interested Doctors, Post Graduate Doctors & Post Graduate Medical Students. Applications along with copies of all educational certificates, detailed bio-data and one copy of passport size photo should be submitted to the undersigned on or before 31st January, 2017.

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