RAJSHAHI

RANGPUR H 23.5 L 11.4

COX'S BAZAR H 27.3 L 16.8

Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and adjoining area and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere over the country, reports UNB. Mild cold wave sweeping over Rajshahi, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Panchagarh and Sreemangal may spread. Night and day temperature may fall



Numerous vehicles clog the capital's Khilgaon flyover while trying to avoid the Malibagh level crossing-Rampura road, which is being renovated. The photo was taken around noon yesterday.

SK ENAMUL HAQ

Republish textbooks with progressive write-ups Group of organisations tells press conference of militancy were being sown as per a plan.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The textbooks distributed among schoolchildren this year contain "poisonous seeds of militancy and communal elements", a group of cultural and student organisations said yesterday.

They said the ruling party used the textbook cover as the party's leaflet.

In an eight-point charter of demands, the organisations called for withdrawal of the "error-ridden textbooks" and inclusion of the writings of progressive writers.

The group includes Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshti, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Kendriya Khelaghar Asor and Pragati Lekhak Sangha. They placed the demands at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Reading out a statement, Jamshed Anwar Tapan, assistant general secretary of Udichi, said, "The government is talking about zero tolerance against militancy but is inserting

latent elements of militancy into textbooks." The textbooks of 2017 reflect the ideology of Hefazat-e-Islam, Pakistani racism, and gender disparity, he said, adding that the seeds

Sentences like "Sikksha nia gorba desh, Sheikh Hasinar Bangladesh," (Let's build Sheikh Hasina's Bangladesh through education), put on the back cover of the textbooks, is a proof of politicisation, added Tapan.

He demanded inclusion of the writings of "excluded" writers including Rabindranath Tagore, Lalon Shah, Humayun Azad, and

Satyen Sen in the textbooks. Such politicisation is evident in the textbooks of class I-V, said Sangeeta Imam, organising secretary of Udichi.

She also called for formation of a committee consisting of non-partisan persons to prepare textbooks.

The eight demands also include collaboration between National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) and Bangla Academy and withdrawal of provocative

religious remarks from the textbooks. The organisations will stage a sit-in on January 15 in front of NCTB and offices of

education officers in the district headquarters.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

Your main aim will be to serve people

PM tells Zila Parishad chairmen at their oath-taking programme

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the newly elected Zila Parishad (District Council) chairmen to discharge their duties with honesty, sincerity and devotion.

"Your main aim will be to serve people," the premier told the public representatives after they were sworn in at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in Dhaka.

She said her government has been working to ensure services for the masses

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"Zila Parishad will have enough power to ensure services for people and overall development of the respective

districts," she said. Earlier, 59 chairmen of the Zila Parishad took oath which was administered by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

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women, for each Zila Parishad in one district. A total of 3,938 candidates -- 146 for the post of chairman, 806 for reserved seats for women and 2,986 for general members

posts -- contested the election.

Some 63,143 voters, of whom 14,800 are female, exer-

Parishad elections.

cised their franchise at 915 elect a chairman and 20 mem-

Cabinet members, PM's

advisers and leaders of differ-

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The election was held on

Only the elected representa-

tives of other local government

bodies -- upazila parishads,

union parishads, municipali-

ties and city corporations -

were the electorate in the Zila

officials were present.

December 28.

Ctg road crash kills another; driver injured in Pirojpur bus mishap dies OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhalakathi

hits his bike

Man dies as truck

A motorcyclist was killed as a truck hit his vehicle on Dhaka-Barisal Highway at Isladi of Uzirpur in Barisal on Tuesday night.

The deceased was Abdul Ohab, 46, of Awliapur in Patuakhali Sadar. He was the principal of Talukder Complex and Institute at Uzirpur, said Mainul Hossen, sub-inspector of Kotwali Police Station.

Witnesses said Ohab was critically injured in the accident. He was rushed to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

His body was taken to his village in Uzirpur and buried in his family graveyard after a second namaz-e-janaza yesterday afternoon.

In Chittagong city, a CNG-run auto-rickshaw driver was killed as a bus rammed his vehicle in Moijjartek area under Karnaphuli Police Station yesterday morning. The deceased was Abdul Gafur, 45, of Satkania upazila o

the district. Four passengers of the bus were also injured in the accident.

Meanwhile, a bus driver, who was injured in a Pirojpu study tour bus accident on Tuesday, died while undergoing treatment at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

and teachers from Alankarkathi MR High School, hit a road side tree after he lost control over the vehicle, injuring 50 people.

The deceased was Joyonto Banarjee, 62, of Khalisakhal

The incident occurred when his vehicle, carrying students

village in Bagerhat.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid speaking at a programme styled "better environment for education, militancy-free educational institution" at Chittagong Government Women's College in the port city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Custom Bond Commissionerate, Chittagong 42, MM Ali Road, Lalkhan Bazar, Chittagong

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Finance (MoF).			
2	Agency	National Board of Revenue (NBR).			
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4	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.			
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12	Tender publication date	(On or before) 17/01/2017			
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14	Tender closing date and time	13/02/2017 12:00 noon.			
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Contact details of official inviting

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The organisers said they

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Dr Urme Binte Salam said she informed the Guinness authorities last October of the plan and would soon be sending video footage of the attempt as per their procedure.

held by 2,900 students of Queensland who last August smashed the previous record of 2,102 participants in South

SCIENCE LESSON 3,200 Kuliarchai students aim for Guinness title

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

An attempt for a Guinness World Records title of the world's largest practical science lesson was made by 3,200 students of Kishoreganj's Kuliarchar upazila yesterday.

Prof Muhammed Zafar Iqbal of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, assisted by 80 teachers, gave a two-hour lesson beginning at noon on magnetism and information and communication

technology (ICT). Assembled by the upazila administration from 28 primary and secondary schools, the students then made magnets on the field of Begum Nurunnahar Girls' Pilot High School.

were also aiming at popularising science among students.

The title is currently Africa.

Zunaid Ahmed Palak was the chief guest while local lawmaker Nazmul Hasan Papon and Deputy Commissioner Md Azimuddin Bishwas were present.

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DOA MAHFIL We deeply mourn the death of our beloved mother late Zobeda Khatun wife of Late Abdul Karim (Founder of Karim Group) who died on 4th January' 2017 (Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un). A Doa Mahfil will be held on 14th January' 2017 at the house of her elder son Mr. Anwar Karim at Road #50, House # 09, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212 after Asr prayers.

All of our relatives, friends & well wishers are humbly requested to attend the Doa Mahfil and pray to the Almighty Allah for the departed soul.

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