

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.2 L 12.8	H 23.6 L 14.0	H 24.6 L 13.0	H 22.4 L 09.2	H 23.5 L 11.2	H 24.0 L 10.2	H 22.2 L 06.8	H 24.5 L 14.0

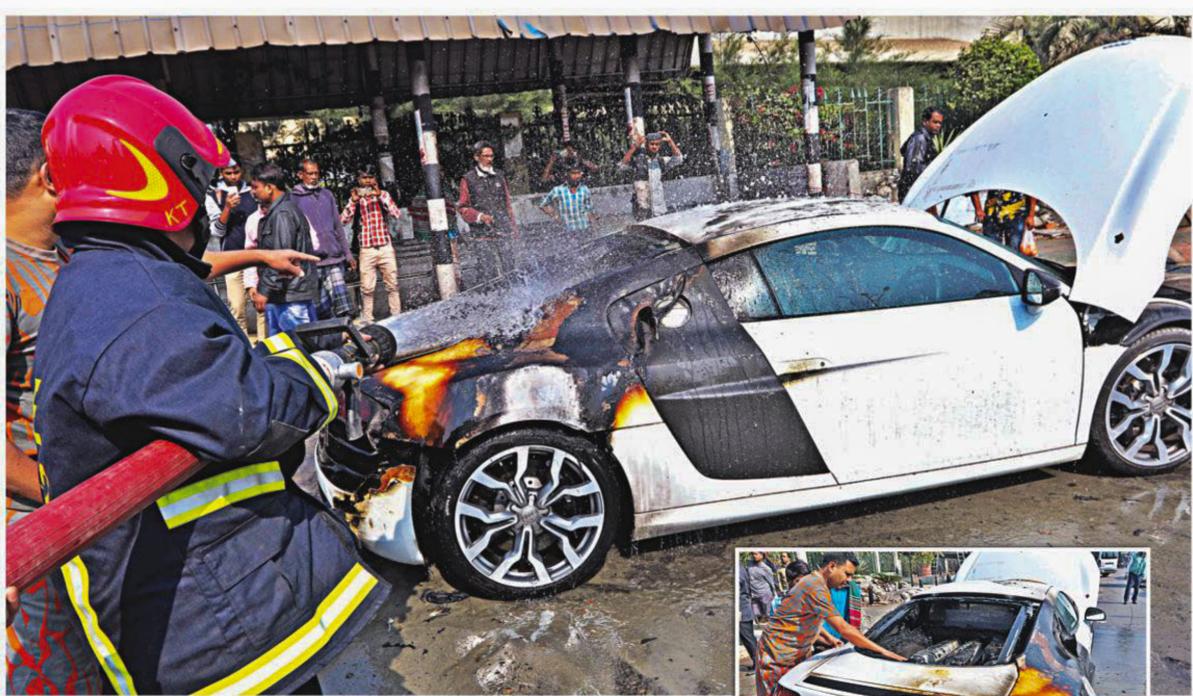
Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Mild to moderate cold wave sweeping over Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and Madaripur, Tangail, Sitakunda, Rangamati, Sreemangal and Kushtia may continue and spread. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:32pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am.

Zia Islam flown to Singapore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Zia Islam, chief photojournalist of the daily Prothom Alo, who was injured in a road accident four days ago, was flown to Singapore's Gleneagles Hospital from Dhaka for better treatment last evening. "Zia's temperature, blood pressure and heart beat were normal while he was taken to Singapore," Dr Hussain Imam of Dhaka Medical College Hospital told reporters. Zia suffered critical head and legs injuries after a private car hit his motor-bike in the capital's Panthapath on Monday. The photojournalist was first taken to DMCH where he was undergoing treatment in the intensive care unit. Later, a DMCH medical board referred him to Apollo Hospitals where he underwent a brain surgery on Tuesday.



Fire fighters spraying water on an Audi R8 after it caught fire due to "a mechanical glitch" near Radisson hotel in the capital yesterday. Customs intelligence officials seized the expensive luxury car in May last year on the charge of tax dodging. It was being taken yesterday to the customs house at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport from the customs intelligence office in Kakrail.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



NEWS IN brief

Website inaugurated to create social awareness thru cartoons

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of artists yesterday launched an online based publication "Shangbaad" where public awareness will be made through cartoon characters. The website, www.shangbaad.com, was inaugurated at Dhaka University. Noted cartoonist Ahsan Habib launched the website. There will be a number of characters, among them a scarecrow will criticise anything that goes against moral values or reflects odd behaviour. In the first publication Fakir Lalon Shah's ideology of secularism has been focused.

Fire breaks out in N'ganj spinning mill

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A fire broke out at Enayetpur Spinning Mill at North Narsingpur of Fatullah upazila in Narayanganj yesterday. Workers and witnesses said the fire broke out from a machine around 11:45am and spread quickly. Foreman Ali Khan, who was injured while he along with the workers was coming out hurriedly, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Two firefighting teams brought the fire under control in nearly an hour, said Mondolpara Fire Station Inspector Tanvir Alam, adding that the loss caused by the fire could not be ascertained immediately.

Confce on engineering starts at Sust

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The fourth International Conference on Engineering, Research, Innovation and Education (ICERIE) began at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) yesterday. ICERIE is a platform for academicians, researchers, students and professionals to exchange ideas, experiences and research work in areas of engineering and technology. The three-day conference, inaugurated by Prof Dr Aminul Haque Bhuiyan, vice-chancellor of Sust, is held every alternate year. This year, four keynote and three topic speakers, and 140 authors are presenting papers and 24 universities from home and abroad are participating.

Chemistry Olympiad held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Seventh edition of the Chemistry Olympiad was held at Chittagong College and Government Hazi Mohammad Mohsin College in the port city yesterday, participated by around 5,000 students of class XI, XII, O and A levels from different educational institutions in the region and three hill districts. Bangladesh Chemical Society's central and Chittagong regional committees organised the event. Prof Dr Benu Kumar Dey of Chittagong University and Prof Dr Monir Uddin, convener of the Olympiad, Chittagong region, were present.

Two arrested with fake notes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested two youths with fake notes, worth Tk 2,000, in Putkhali Border area under Benapole Port Police Station early yesterday. The arrestees are Ariful Islam of Mankia village and Milon Hossain of Narapur village in Benapole. On information, BGB men raided the area and arrested the duo with the fake notes while they were coming to Benapole. A case was filed in this connection.

Thakurgaon man kills wife

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A woman was allegedly killed by her husband over a family feud in Goalpara village under Panchagarh Sadar on Thursday evening. The deceased Jahanara Begum, 28, and her husband Shamim Hossain, 36, engaged in a quarrel and at one stage Shamim strangled Jahanara with a scarf, said Sub-inspector of Panchagarh Police Station Bhabesh Chandra Pall. Shamim was arrested in Jagdal Bazar on that night. Victim's brother Akbar Ali filed a case accusing three people -- Shamim, his father Amir Hossain and step mother Alim Begum, said the SI.

Dhaka trash bins turn into trashes

UNB, Dhaka

Barely one and a half years ago, a trash bin was installed on the footpath in front of office of Executive Engineer, Mirpur Division of Public Works Department on Darussalam road at Mirpur-1 as part of Dhaka's two city corporations' bid to make the city a clean one. Visiting the spot recently, the news agency correspondents found no waste bin there, only the iron stand standing for which the footpaths are getting dirty once again as there are two shops, including a tea-stall, on the footpath. Abdur Rahim along with his friend, Bipul Saha, was having tea at the tea-stall the other day. "I used to drop garbage into the bin after its installation here. It was a good decision to improve city's waste management. But one day I found no bin here except the iron-built stand," said Rahim. "It has been stolen. I thought the city corporation will replace it with another. But I find no sign yet to replace it," he said. A few yards away, there is another waste bin which has already got damaged.



Some damaged trash bins remain dumped on Bangladesh Math in Old Dhaka. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: STAR

There is another bin on the footpaths in front of Grihayan Bhaban at Segunbagicha under DSCC which got damaged and lost its original shape. The scenario is not only for those bins, a

significant number of bins installed in the areas of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) and Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) either were vanished or got damaged. Though waste bins found stolen in most of the areas but none of those were lost or damaged from Ruposhi Bangla Hotel to Matsya Bhaban via Hear Road which is regarded as a VIP area. Last year, the two city corporations installed some 6,700 waste bins spending Tk 5.2 crore. Of them, 1,000 were installed in the DNCC while 5,700 in the DSCC areas. DNCC chief Waste Management officer commodore Abdur Razzak said, "We're now observing the situation. We're yet to replace any waste bin which have been stolen or damaged as we didn't take any decision in this regard," he added. The DNCC is conducting a campaign to raise awareness, said the DNCC officer. DSCC chief waste management officer commodore MK Bakhtiar said, "We're replacing the missing and non-repairable bins in phases."



A plot of agricultural land is being filled with sand for a housing-building project in the flood flow zone near Second Dhaleshwari Bridge on Dhaka-Mawa highway. With arable land declining, the government has repeatedly called upon people not to fill such lands and floodplains but to no avail. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Elderly man 'killed' by neighbour

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

An elderly man was killed allegedly by his neighbour over a trifling matter in Khejurtek area of Ashulia, outside the capital, yesterday. The deceased was Babul Hossen, 62, hailed from Kotually in Dinajpur. Following an altercation over a trifling matter, one Sayed Hossen, 60, of the area punched and kicked Babul leaving him unconscious, said Officer-in-Charge of Ashulia Police Station Mohshinul Kadir, quoting his family and locals. Babul was rushed to Gonoshastha Kendra Hospital of Savar where doctors declared him dead, said the OC. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for an autopsy. Police arrested Sayed from his residence and a case was filed against him.

60,000 Ctg households

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the installation. The KGDCL will bear expenses, relevant fittings and pipeline for upto five meters. He said the government will provide Tk 81.45 crore while Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) Tk 154.19 crore and KGDCL Tk 10.92 crore for the project. The project will reduce the misuse of gas and clients will get hassle-free service in bill-payment, said Azizul Haque, deputy general manager (distribution) of KGDCL. The billing would depend on the usage rather than monthly fixed rates, which would also discourage gas wastage, he added. He said gas connection will not be snapped even if the balance is finished; emergency balance will be provided automatically and adjusted from further recharge. Also, booths will be opened in the areas for bill payment.

Move to increase

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Masudul Hasan, additional commissioner (traffic) of CMP, said the CMP commissioner temporarily permitted 20 buses to supply through counter service, adding, the final decision will come from the next RTC meeting in February. He said there was no decision to increase fare. Belayet Hossain Belal, secretary general of the group, said as the buses will provide better service, passengers will have to pay higher fare. He claimed they were "verbally" permitted to do so. Belal said a total of 22 counters will be set up on the 22km road.

Road crashes kill three, injure five

CITY DESK

Three people, including a cop and a woman, were killed and five others injured in road accidents in four districts yesterday and on Thursday. Our Mymensingh correspondent reports, a woman was killed and her husband and daughter were injured as a battery-run auto-rickshaw carrying them collided head on with another battery-run auto-rickshaw in Doarikona area of Kalmakanda upazila in Netrokona yesterday afternoon. The deceased was identified as Salma Akhter, 28. Police said the incident occurred when Salma with her husband Rafiqul Islam of Kalikapur village in the district and 12-year-old daughter Rozina Akhter were going to Kalmakanda upazila to visit their relatives. They were taken to Kalmakanda Upazila Health Complex in a critical

condition where Salma died. Salma's husband and daughter are undergoing treatment there. Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports, a police constable was killed as a lorry hit him on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Banshbaria area under Sitakunda upazila of Chittagong on Thursday night. The deceased was Bahar Uddin, 22, of Noakhali. He was a constable at Sitakunda Police Station. Bahar was critically injured after being hit by the lorry while he was crossing the highway to arrest an accused, said Yusuf Gazi, an Assistant Sub-inspector of the police station. He was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where doctors declared him dead, said Nayek Hamidur Rahman of CMCH Police Camp. Our Dinajpur correspondent

reports, a motorcyclist was killed as a speeding truck hit his vehicle on the Dinajpur-Bogra highway in Chuniapara area of Dinajpur town on Thursday evening. The deceased was Khokan Mia, 32, of Mudipara area under Dinajpur Municipality area. Our Pirojpur correspondent reports, three people were injured as a microbus of mobile operator Banglalink hit a roadside tree after one of its wheels got damaged in Hetalia village under Bhandaria upazila of Pirojpur yesterday morning. The injured are driver of the vehicle Hasan, 28, of Barisal and two employees of Banglalink Al-Amin, 32, and Miraj, 32. They hailed from Khulna, said Bhandaria Police Station sources. Hasan was sent to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital and other two were given treatment at Bhandaria Upazila Health Complex.



A concrete mixture machine, which is being used for construction of a drain, occupies a large portion of Zindabazar-Jallarpur road in Sylhet city, hampering movement of pedestrians and vehicles. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASTIR