

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR	MYMENSINGH
H 28.0/L 15.5	H 29.5/L 14.4	H 28.6/L 14.4	H 26.7/L 11.7	H 27.3/L 12.4	H 28.0/L 11.2	H 26.7/L 10.4	H 28.5/L 14.8	H 27.5/L 11.0	

Light to moderate fog may occur at places over the country, reports UNB. Mild cold wave sweeping over Dinajpur, Panchagarh, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Chuadanga and Sreemangal may continue. Met Office says. Night and day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:36pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am. Country's highest temperature 30.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 8.1 in Rajshahi.

**President Abdul Hamid bestows an honorary award on the family member of a Liberation War martyr at the capital's Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh yesterday marking the silver jubilee of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee.**



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**NEWS IN brief**

**EC secretariat moves to new address on Sunday**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) secretariat will get a new address as its office is going to shift to its own building at the capital's Agargaon on Sunday. The EC secretariat has been running its activities in two rented buildings (blocks-5 and 6) of Planning Commission in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area since 1973. In 2007, the government approved a 2.36-acre plot at Agargaon for the new building and its construction work started in July, 2011, said EC officials. The president on December 31 last year inaugurated the 12-storey building that cost around Tk 213 crore.

**Gazette on home ministry's split**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday issued a gazette notification on splitting home ministry into two divisions -- Public Security Division and Security Services Division. Police, Border Guard Bangladesh, Ansar and Village Defence Party, Coast Guard and the International Crimes Tribunal would operate under the Public Security Division.

Department of Immigration and Passports, Jail Department, Fire Services and Civil Defence, Department of Narcotics Control, and National Telecommunications and Monitoring Centre would function under the Security Services Division, said sources.

**SC on holiday for ex-CJ Ruhul Amin**  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court observed a holiday in honour of former chief justice MM Ruhul Amin. Justice Ruhul Amin died of heart diseases at a hospital in Singapore early Tuesday, aged 74. Chief Justice SK Sinha on Wednesday announced the courts will not carry any judicial activity after 11:00am yesterday in his honour.

**3 RU students held as Shibir suspects**  
RU CORRESPONDENT

Three third-year students of Rajshahi University (RU) were detained yesterday on suspicion that they are activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir. They are Farhad, a student of finance, Shafiqul of public administration and Shuvo of accounting and information systems. Some RU BCL activists confined them while they were allegedly trying to collect members for their party and handed them over to police.

**Obituary**  
BSS, Dhaka

Short story writer Kazi Shamsun Nahar, wife of eminent journalist late AKM Shahidul Huq, died of old-age complications at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) hospital early Wednesday. She was 72. Nahar, mother of Shahriar Shahid, managing editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) and artist and designer late Shahrul Shahid; was a prolific writer and editor of now defunct fortnightly "Disha". She is survived by son journalist Shahriar Shahid and two daughters. She was supposed to be buried at her family graveyard in Ghorashal. Nahar wrote the novels "Sulta Dibya Jina", "Swapnil Kabya" and "Asharer Purnima".



**Fakhrul expects 'neutral'**  
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This initiative," said Fakhrul. The president so far held talks with 31 registered political parties that ended on Wednesday. Earlier, led by the party chief Khaleida Zia, several hundred BNP leaders and activists went to city's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar at about 11:30am to place wreaths at Zia's grave. BNP and its associated organisations have taken elaborate programmes to mark Zia's birth anniversary. Doctors Association of Bangladesh launched a free medical camp and distribution of medicine in front of BNP's Naya Palatan central office from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

**Ctg admin starts inspecting overcharging in schools**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A total of five teams led by five executive magistrates of Chittagong district administration yesterday started separate inspection drives in the city schools in the wake of allegations that many of them realise additional fees from students. On Wednesday, Chittagong district administration formed the teams, which will be collecting information till January 29 and will later submit reports based on their findings, said a source in the district administration. The five executive magistrates, who are leading the six-member teams, are Tahmilur Rahman, Sharmin Akhter, Sabbir Rahman Sunny, Tawhidul Islam, and Sheikh Nurul Alam. Of them, Tahmilur Rahman-led team, whom this correspondent accompanied, inspected Chittagong Grammar School (CGS), an English-medium school, on Surson Road in the city. Tahmilur said, "We are working as per decision of

the Chittagong district administration." The CGS authority informed they take Tk 63,000 as admission fees and Tk 16,000 to 19,000 as monthly fees from students, he said. Now, it will be examined if the fees in the British curriculum schools are compatible as per the government rules, he said, adding, "If any anomaly is found, steps will be taken." CGS audit manager Azizur Rahman told the media that the admission and other fees were determined by the school managing committee as per the government rules. The team also visited Bangladesh Mohila Somity School. Assistant Inspector Sabbir Ahmed of district education office, also member of the team, said they are noting down all information and would submit a report to the district administration in this regard. Later, the district administration will take action as per rule, he added.

**2nd phase of Biswa Ijtema starts today**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muslims have already gathered at the Biswa Ijtema venue on the bank of the Turag in Tongi of Gazipur to attend the second phase of the three-day congregation, which begins today. This year, people from 32 districts are taking part in the ijtema in two phases. The Muslims from 16 districts including parts of Dhaka took part in the first phase and the devotees from another 16 districts including parts of the capital are participating in the second phase. The second phase ends on January 22. The first phase concluded on January 15. People from Dhaka, Meherpur, Lalmonirhat, Rajbari, Dinajpur, Habiganj, Munshiganj, Kishoreganj, Cox's Bazar, Noakhali, Bagerhat, Chandpur, Pabna, Naogaon, Kushtia, Barguna and Barisal are taking part in the second phase.

**'Wife' kills man over dispute**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 55-year-old rickshaw-puller was allegedly killed by his wife over a family dispute in the capital's Badda area yesterday. Fazlu Mia, 55, a resident of Adarsha Nagar, was brought dead to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital around 9:40am, police said. Police detained Chandrabahar, 45, one of the three wives of the victim, said OC Abdul Jalil of Badda Police Station. Fazlu's "bad behaviour" might have prompted her to commit the crime, the OC said.



**LEFT TO DECAY... A few iron rods poking out of a concrete base is all that is left of Shaheed Asad Memorial near Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The memorial was built in 1990 to recognise the contribution of Asaduzzaman who was killed at this place during the mass upsurge of 1969, but it is now hardly identifiable except for a worn-out plaque almost covered by posters.**

**VC of BSMMU**

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At the meeting chaired by the VC, the pro-VC asked the proctor to leave as he was not entitled, prompting the proctor to refuse and engage in a conflict, meeting sources said. Prof Sharfuddin Ahmed, another pro-VC (administration), who was at the meeting, said they became embarrassed over the incident. He said during the altercation between Swapan and Dulal, the VC tried to hold the pro-VC to calm him down. "But I did not see whether the VC assaulted the pro-VC. It [assault] might happen during the time to calm the situation," he said. Abu Bakar Siddique, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, told The Daily Star that the incident occurred due to internal feud of two groups of the university teachers. The factions engaged in chase and counter-chase on the campus following the incident, the police official said.

**E-village project**

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Dhaka will also act as a strategic partner. The project aims at providing solutions to adversities associated with crop cultivation and management in real time, said Roshidul Hasan, project investigator.

**Writer, researcher Father Silvano passes away**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Writer and researcher Father Silvano Garello, 79, died on Wednesday due to old age complications. Father Silvano was born in Valdagono city in Italy on December 31 in 1938. He came to Bangladesh in 1970, and had published books in Bangla. Expressing his deep condolence, Dhaka University Vice-chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique said Bangladesh has lost a friend of Bangla language. His contribution in history and heritage research will be remembered, the VC said in his condolence message yesterday. Father Silvano was an active organiser, researcher and translator of Committee for Documentation on Architectural Sites in Dhaka, the message added. He will be buried in Khulna.

**Old pipelines breed problems for Wasa**

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water is supplied more leakages are likely to appear in the supply lines", he said. "Our team is working in the field 24 hours to repair rest of the leakages," he said, adding, the Wasa authority is yet to repair leakages in some major areas like Enayet Bazar, Halishahar, Agrabad and EPZ. When asked why they did not change the old pipelines before implementing the phase-1 of the project, the Chittagong Wasa managing director said before the 72-hour testing period they did not think that the pipes would not be able to handle the pressure of the additional water. The leakages are not only a major challenge to the water supply in the city, but also responsible for accidents due to the overflow of water on the road.

Every now and then accidents are taking place injuring commuters as roads are being slippery due to the regular flow of water through the leakages. Mohammed Hashem, a local shop owner in Kazir Dewry area, said he recently witnessed at least five motorcycle accidents in one day in the area. The regular flow of water on the roads is also responsible for the wastage of a huge amount of supply water, said Hashem. Aiming to setup distribution pipelines across the city the Wasa has signed a deal with Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) in 2013 under the phase-2 of Karnaphuli Water Supply Project, said Fazullah. "By now around 20 percent of the project has been completed and we are hoping to complete it by 2021. After that there will be rarely any case of

**2 Dhaka prison vans get online**

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as police personnel, not the prison guards, were responsible for carrying them. Many irregularities take place during transportation. It has been reported in the media that some prisoners even visit their families during transportation. The system will put an end to the irregularities," he said. The two vans were manufactured by Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory Ltd

(BMTF), an enterprise of Bangladesh Army. The two vans along with the web-based surveillance system cost Tk 1.75 crore, Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Iftekhar Uddin told reporters yesterday. Prisons officials said the decision of such vehicles was made taking a lesson from a prison van ambush in February 2014 in Mymensingh, where three top Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) militants were snatched away, killing a guard in the van. Replying to a query, Brig Gen Abu Wahab Md Hafizul Huq, director (marketing) of BMTF, said there is still an opportunity to install cameras to monitor scenario outside the van. Additional Secretary Smriti Rani Gharami and Deputy Secretary Shireen Ruby of home ministry, Col Mostafa Kamal of BMTF, among others, were present.

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