

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 25.8 L 17.2	H 26.1 L 14.4	H 26.5 L 18.2	H 28.0 L 15.0	H 25.3 L 10.6	H 25.2 L 12.4	H 25.2 L 13.7	H 26.1 L 14.2	H 27.2 L 18.0

Weather will remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night temperature may fall and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:43pm and rises tomorrow at 6:40am. Country's highest temperature 28.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 10.2 degree in Tetulia.



Iron rods sticking out of a concrete girder, used for construction of the Mouchak-Moghbarz flyover, near the capital's Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (FDC) could cause a major accident anytime as scores of vehicles ply the road on a regular basis.

FNB elects 19-member executive board for three years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The annual general meeting of the Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB) elected a 19-member national executive board for the next three years.

Presided over by FNB Chairperson Dr Muhammad Ibrahim, the meeting on Saturday discussed previous year's activities, financial report and current year's work plan, said a press release yesterday.

The newly elected members are: SN Kairiy (Brac), Zakir Hossain (BURO Bangladesh), AHM Nouman (DORP), Md Fayzer Rahman (ASA), Dr Salima Rahman (RDRS), M Ahsanur Rahman (Dhaka Ahsania Mission), Syeda Rizwana Hasan (BELA), Md Abdul Awal (CDF), Iqbal Ahmed (Padakhep), Aftabur Rahman Jafree (Ghashful), Mozibur Rahman (SDS), MM Anower Ullah (BRAVE), Sk Arif Ahmed (ECO Society), Minara Begum (ASSB), Bhagabati Ghosh (Development Society), Md Lutfur Rahman Labu (RAS), Choudhury Md Masum (SANGRAM), Rafiqul Alam Mollah, (Unnayan Sangha) and Md Foysal Rahaman (Protibandi Unnayan Sangstha).

The meeting also re-elected the advisory committee with Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG, as its convener. Other members are Shafiqul Haque Chowdhury, president of ASA; Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori; and Kazi Rafiqul Alam, president of Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

KAMRANGIRCHAR CHILD MURDER HC grants bail to two children, orders transfer of case to juvenile court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted bail to two children, detained in a case filed for killing another child in Kamrangirchar of the capital in last October year, till disposal of the case.

During hearing a writ petition, the court said that the detention of the children without determining their age is against the relevant law.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah came up with the order during hearing a rule issued over the legality of the duo's detention.

It asked the chief metropolitan magistrate of Dhaka to transfer the case to the juvenile court, and ordered the police to ensure safety and security of the children, while fixed March 1 for further hearing, petitioner's lawyer Barrister Abdul Halim said.

The HC on January 15 asked police to produce the children following the petition filed by Children's Charity Bangladesh Foundation (CCBF), a human rights organisation, seeking necessary order to determine the age of the duo.

According to the petition, the children are below nine years but police sent them to the custody mentioning that they are over 12 years.

Police cannot arrest any child, who is less than nine, as per the relevant provisions of the Children Act, 2013, he added.

Alif Bhuiyan, son of Uzzal Bhuiyan of Kamrangirchar, was killed on last September 29. His body was recovered on October 11 and the same day police arrested the two.

HC paves way for 3 Indian channels

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for authorities concerned to continue running telecast of three Indian channels -- Star Jalsha, Star Plus and Zee Bangla in Bangladesh.

The court rejected a writ petition filed seeking its directive on the government to stop telecasting the three Indian television channels here.

Deputy Attorney General Motaher Hossain Sazu said the HC rejected the petition saying that it was not acceptable as the petitioner did not lodge any complaint with the competent authorities against the Indian television channels.

Any person can lodge complaint with the director general of Bangladesh Television and the information secretary against a television channel under the relevant law and rules if he or she is aggrieved, but the writ petitioner did not follow the rules, he said.

Petitioner's lawyer Advocate Aklas Uddin Bhuiyan said his client would move an appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the HC verdict.

Syeda Shahin Ara Laily, a SC lawyer, submitted the petition to the HC in September 2014, saying programmes broadcast by the three channels left adverse impact on social and cultural life of Bangladeshi people.

PM'S CALL TO ANTI-RAMPAL CAMPAIGNERS Nat'l Committee leaders to visit plant site

But demand govt don't resist them

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Responding to the prime minister's call, the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports yesterday said its leaders would visit the under-construction Rampal power plant near the Sundarbans again but the government has to ensure they do not face any resistance from law enforcers during the visit.

The National Committee is campaigning against the coal-fired plant considering its possible adverse impacts on the ecologically sensitive mangrove forest.

During a programme in Chittagong on Saturday, Sheikh Hasina reiterated that the plant "would cause no environmental damage" as it was located 14km off the outer boundary of the Sundarbans. She also urged the campaigners to visit the site.

Addressing the critics, she said, "They are campaigning sitting in the capital... they never visited Rampal."

However, in the statement, the National Committee leaders said they visited Rampal area several times and informed the government of the dangers of the power plant, but the government did not pay heed to their words.

The government did not change its decision even after the warning given by a specialist team of Unesco who also visited the Rampal area, said the statement.

The Committee urged the prime minister to consider the public demand as well as their logic to save the Sundarbans.

Bangladesh and India have signed a deal to set up the 1,320MW plant in Rampal upazila of Bagerhat, amid long-running protests from environmental activists.

Benjir Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, speaks as the chief guest at a seminar in Dhaka Friday, introducing Latvia's Riga Technical University to Bangladeshi students. Europe Studies Ltd, a Latvia-based Bangladeshi company, represented by Omar Yasser Mallick, organised the seminar.



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HC wants mental health test for two prisoners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the Kashimpur Jail authorities to take two under-trial prisoners, who have been in custody for around 16 and 14 years in two murder cases, for their mental health examination.

After hearing a suomoto rule earlier issued over the bail of Shafiqul Islam Swapan and Sabet Ali, the court asked the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital's principal to submit their test reports to it in 15 days.

Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee's lawyer Advocate Umar Debul Dey, who earlier prayed to the HC for issuing the suomoto rule, yesterday said Shafiqul has been in the custody since 2001 in a case filed over killing his father and Sabet has been in custody since 2003 in a case over killing his mother and wife.

They are now mentally challenged, he added.

The HC asked the trial courts concerned to finish trial proceedings against Sabet and Shafiqul in six months and two months respectively if they are found not mentally disordered.

It asked the authorities to send them to their parents or safe home for their treatment suspending their trial proceedings if they are mentally challenged, Advocate Umar said, adding that their trial proceedings will resume after they will be cured.

Sangbadpotro Karmachari Federation gets committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Motiuur Rahman Talukdar and Khirul Islam were elected president and secretary general respectively of Bangladesh Sangbadpotro Karmachari Federation for the next two years, said a press release.

Twenty-five others of the Motiuur-Khirul panel were elected unopposed yesterday. Office bearers include Senior Vice-President Bazlur Rahman (Sangbad Pratidin), Vice-President Abdus Sattar Pramanik (The Daily Star), Organising Secretary Sekender Ali (The Daily Star), and Publication Secretary Abdul Quadir (Sangbad). Executive members include: Mujibur Rahman, Abdul Gafur (The Daily Star), Aminul Islam (Ittefaq), and Apon Chandra Dey (Amar Samoy).



Motiuur Khirul

UGC boss visits Rangamati Tec Univ

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan visited Rangamati University of Science and Technology's temporary campus yesterday as part of his three-day visit to Rangamati, said a press release.

He held talks with Prof Dr Pradanendu Bikash Chakma, vice-chancellor of the university, teachers and officials.

During the meeting, Prof Mannan assured of giving all-out support for the university's development in future, the release added.

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Bangladesh Gram Police Karmachari Union stages a sit-in on the capital's Central Shaheed Minar premises yesterday demanding that the government immediately declare a pay scale for them.

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