

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 27.4 L 14.3	H 25.5 L 12.4	H 29.5 L 15.5	H 28.0 L 14.4	H 23.8 L 11.4	H 28.5 L 11.6	H 27.4 L 15.0	H 27.6 L 13.5	H 29.4 L 17.2

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night and day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:45pm and rises tomorrow at 6:39am. Country's highest temperature 30.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sitakunda and lowest 11.0 in Sreemangal and Chuadanga.

## ATTACK ON JOURNOS Guilty cops to face music

Says DMP boss  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The police men behind the journalists' assault during a strike against Rampal power plant on January 26 will be punished considering the gravity of their offence, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia yesterday. "We are analysing the investigation report. Keep trust on us..." he told reporters before distributing flowers among dwellers at Shahbagh to greet them ahead of the DMP's 42nd founding anniversary today. The commissioner said if any of its members act unprofessionally and apply excessive force on people, police do not spare him. "Around 400 DMP members were given departmental punishment, including termination, demotion and salary deduction in 2016," he mentioned. The three-member probe committee submitted its report to the DMP commissioner Tuesday.

## Help journalists perform duties IGP asks fellows

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque yesterday asked police members to help journalists perform their duties. "Journalists work for public and activities of the government or non-government organisations come to light through the media so we will have to support them perform their duties," the IGP said while talking to reporters at Ashulia Kobirpur in Savar on the outskirts of the capital. When asked about the recent assault on the journalists, he said those responsible will be given departmental punishment. Earlier, he joined the inaugural ceremony of "Kobirpur Range" as the chief guest.



Young bookworms gather at a stall on the premises of Amar Ekushey Granthamela in Dhaka on the first day of the month-long book fair yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# Unfinished stalls, low turnout mark first day of book fair

**MAHDI AL MUHTASIM**  
As soon as the doors of the Bangla Academy and Suhrawardy Udyan opened around 5:30pm yesterday, there was a combined sigh of relief among the book lovers waiting for a long time in the Dhaka University area. However, the much awaited Amar Ekushey Grantha Mela raised its curtain with less intensity and turnout as many publishing houses were yet to have books on display for sales. But youths clad in brightly coloured clothes, added colour to the book fair because of the celebration of Saraswati Puja. Despite being letdown, bookworms were seen thronging the stalls. "I love reading books. I bought books on the Liberation War, science and story books on ghosts," Ridita, a first grader of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, told this correspondent. Her mother bought her five

books. But not all were able to buy books as many publishers could not finish decorating their stalls. Many were seen arranging their books while some busy setting up the stalls. Decoration materials and scattered pieces of wood hindered visitors' smooth movement. Suhrawardy Udyan in some places was filled with dust due to the ongoing work. Also, low vigilance, poor deployment of security personnel and mismanagement marred the first day of the month-long fair. Azizur Rahman, a Manikganj school teacher, who has been attending the fair for 15 years, said, "I couldn't buy the research books as many stalls were not opened yet." Abdul Berek, a staff of a stall at Bangla Academy, said, "Books have not arrived yet and we couldn't finish everything within the short time limit."

Staff of some publishing houses alleged as they got permission to enter the fair after the inauguration ceremony, they could not get ready for the visitors. "Because of today's security arrangement, we needed extra time to prepare our stalls," said Dipak Roy, chief executive of Sanghati Prokashani. However, some new books, including "Raktajabader Kew Bhalobaseni" written by Mauli Azad, daughter of Dr Humayun Azad, was launched yesterday. Enamul Haque Soheli of Kakoli Prokashani said "Humayun Ahmader Kathamala" and Anisul Hoque's "Mayer Jonno Valobasha" arrived at their stall yesterday. The fair will remain open for 30 more minutes daily than the previous years. It will remain open for all from 3:00pm to 8:30pm on workdays, 11:00am to 8:30pm on holidays, and 8:00am to 8:30pm on February 21.

## Appeal for help

OUR CORRESPONDENT, From Dinajpur

Mahmudul Hasan Mahbub, only son of Mizanur Rahman Mitul, Kaunia upazila correspondent of the daily Jai Jai Din, is suffering from brain tumour. According to doctors at Rangpur Medical College Hospital, 12-year-old Mahbub needs a surgery to remove the tumour immediately which would cost around Tk 10 lakh. But the family is unable to afford the treatment cost. Mahbub achieved GPA-5 in PSC examination. The family has requested all to make an effort to save his life. Mitul can be reached over his cell phone as well as his bKash account which is 01718-410146.

## NEWS IN brief

### Two DU teachers sacked

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University (DU) authorities have sacked an assistant professor and a lecturer for prolonged absence from their workplace and demoted another teacher for plagiarism. The decisions were made at a syndicate meeting of DU on Tuesday night. Assistant Professor Dr Golam Azam of philosophy department has been sacked for prolonged absence from office, Prof ASM Maksud Kamal, a syndicate member, told The Daily Star. Hira Lal Pal, a lecturer of Leather Engineering and Technology Institute, has been sacked for the same reason -- overstaying a leave. Associate Professor Md Abu Sayem of world religion and culture department has been demoted to the position of assistant professor as he was found guilty of plagiarism in research, said Nasrin Ahmad, Dhaka University's Pro-Vice Chancellor (education).

### Ctg worker killed at workplace

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A worker died while setting up a deep tube-well at Santibag in Halishahar of Chittagong city yesterday. Saiful Islam, 30, of Double Mooring area, was installing the tube-well when a rod chain, a piece of equipment needed for the installation, accidentally got tangled in his neck and suffocated him, Halishahar police said. He was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

### Two get award at film fest 2017

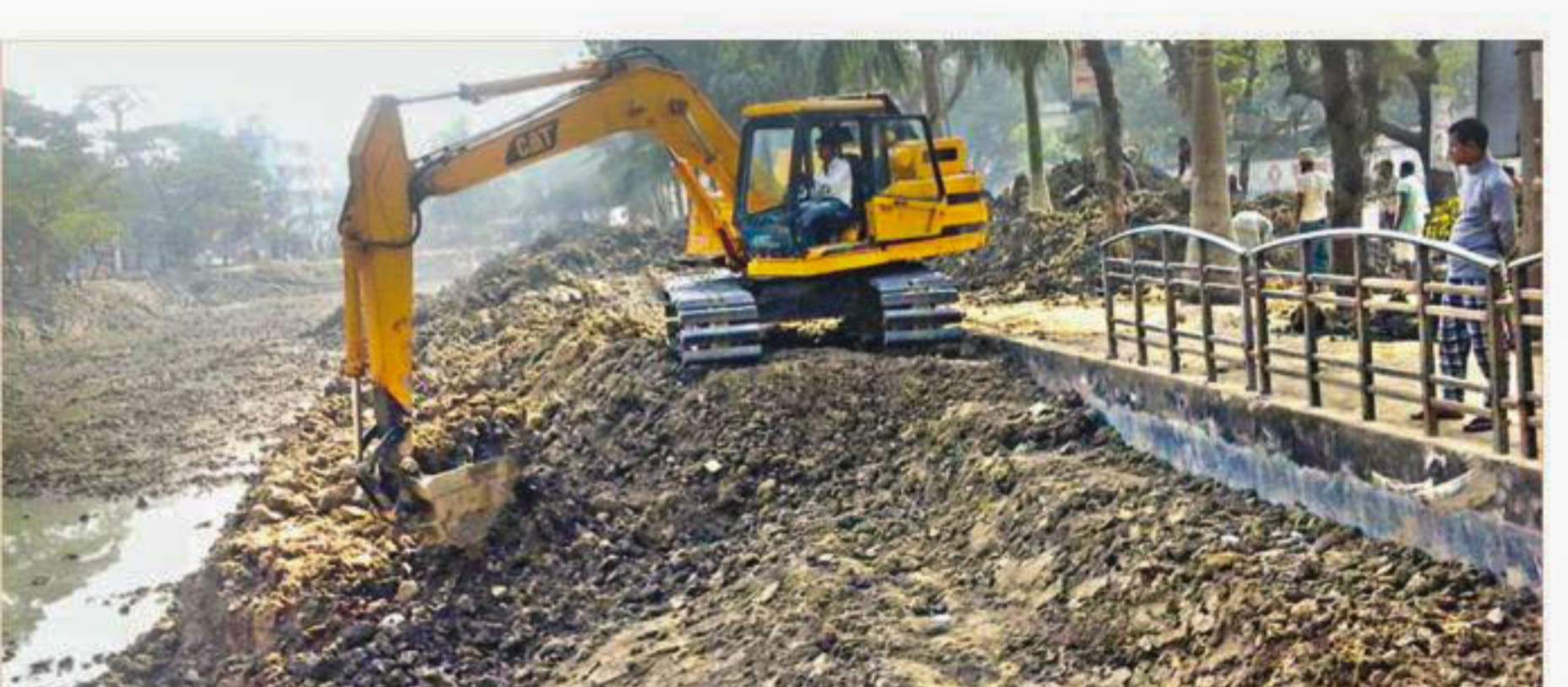
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two former Dhaka University students yesterday got an award at iChill Manila International Film Fest 2017 for their film Roulette. Mohammad Samiul Mueed, director, and Abid Mallick, cinematographer, of the film, completed their post-graduation from the department of Television, Film and Photography, said a press release. Kuya Manzano, director of the film fest, announced the names of the winners.

### Campaign on social awareness held at Stamford University

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Aiming to engage youths in voluntary and community development activities for a better society, a week-long campaign ended at Stamford University Bangladesh on Saturday, said a press release. The Department of Economics of the university organised the campaign titled "Raising Social Awareness and Community Development Campaign." Vice-Chancellor of the university Dr M Feroze Ahmed as the chief guest attended the closing ceremony which was held at the department in the capital's Dhanmondi. The programme was chaired by Dr Habibur Rahman, chairman of Economics.



An excavator in operation in a lake at Amtala intersection as a Barisal City Corporation project involving Tk 3.17 crore is underway to solve the city's waterlogging by re-excavating a pond and a lake.

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## Brother John Rozario dies

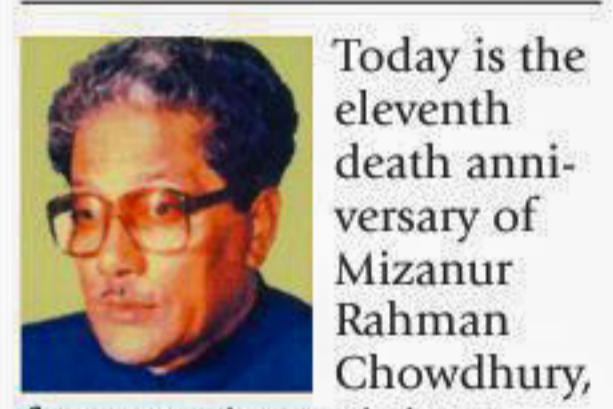
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Brother John Rozario CSC, former principal of St Joseph Higher Secondary School, St Gregory's High School and Bandura Holy Cross High School, died at Square Hospitals in the capital yesterday. He was 81. His students, colleagues and well-wishers mourned his death.

## Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Today is the eleventh death anniversary of Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, former prime minister, noted politician and an organiser of the Liberation War, says a press release. It also said today is the 8th death anniversary of his eldest son Abdullah Mizan. A Qurankhawani and a milad and doa mahfil will be held today at the ancestral house of Mizanur in Chandpur, it added.

## Matiur Rahman Khan

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On the occasion of fourth death anniversary of Matiur Rahman Khan, former member of Appellate Tribunal, solicitor and district and session judge of Sylhet, a doa mahfil will be held today after the Esha prayers at Ashi Dag Jame mosque in West Ibrahimpur of Dhaka Cantonment, said a press release. Born in Agtarail of Tangail, he died on January 29, 2013.



Hindus worship Saraswati, seeking blessings of the goddess of knowledge and learning, at a temple in Jagannath Hall at Dhaka University, on the occasion of Saraswati Puja, which was also celebrated elsewhere in the country yesterday.

# 7 lives lost in road accidents

Three of them die in Ctg alone; Sylhet road blocked for several hours

**CITY DESK**  
Seven people, including a four-year-old child, were killed in road accidents in five districts yesterday and early today. Our staff correspondent from Chittagong adds, three motorcyclists were killed as a speeding covered-van ran over their motorbike on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sitakunda upazila last night. Police could not immediately identify the three aged between 20 and 25 years. "The accident occurred in Banur Bazar area when a Dhaka-bound vehicle hit them from behind around 10:00pm, killing two of them instantly," said Md Saleh, officer-in-charge of Baraowlia Highway Police Station. The other was taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital in critical condition, where he was declared dead around 10:30pm, said Nayek Mohitul Islam of CMCH police camp. Police said they seized the covered-

van. "We are trying to ascertain the identity of the victims," said Saleh. In Comilla, a bus driver was killed and at least 10 passengers were injured when the vehicle hit a tree beside Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Chandina upazila early today, said police. Identity of the deceased could not be known immediately. The injured, one critically, were taken to different local hospitals. Our Pirojpur correspondent reports, a four-year-old boy was killed as a car hit him while he was crossing Pirojpur-Indurkani road near Chalna Bridge in Sadar upazila yesterday. The deceased was Mahfuz, son of Samsu Fakir of Dakkhin Shankarpasha in the upazila. Locals said Mahfuz went there with his father to collect dry leaves. Mahfuz was rushed to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital where he died. Our Sylhet correspondent reports, a youth was killed as a bus ran him over

after hitting his motorcycle on a road in South Surma upazila yesterday. The deceased was Syed Parvez Ahmed, 20, of Daudpur area in the upazila. Witnesses said the Chittagong-bound bus hit the motorcycle while overtaking, injuring him critically. Parvez was rushed to MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital where he died later. Following the accident, angry locals blocked the road for several hours and vandalised three vehicles. On information, police rushed there and brought the situation under control, said Shah Md Harun-Or-Rashid, officer-in-charge of South Surma Police Station. Our Dinajpur correspondent reports, a pedestrian was killed as a truck hit him while he was walking beside Naogaon-Rajshahi highway near Fotehpur village in Manda upazila of Naogaon yesterday. Nayeef Uddin, 35, of Boro Mulluk village in the upazila, died on the spot.

**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Jhenaidah Paurashava's Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant (FTP)**

Jhenaidah Paurashava intends to enter into an exclusive Contract for the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Faecal sludge Treatment Plant (FTP). The proposed scope of the Contract includes:

- Daily Operation and Maintenance of FTP with proper record keeping;
- Preparing qualitative and quantitative reporting to keep track of the performance of FTP
- Ensure periodical water quality test at the discharged point (pH, BOD, COD, DO, Fecal coliform/, Nitrate, etc. as per O&M manual.)
- Preventive maintenance and repair works;
- Delivery of minor capital works including maintenance related replacements and minor upgrades;
- Regular maintenance and nursing the inside beautification plants as watering, fertilizing, pruning, cleaning etc.
- Facilitate the external visitors/researchers at FTP site.

The successful company shall provide qualified and experienced personnel, supervision, transport etc. Interested companies in providing the said services are requested to visit: <http://www.jhenaidahpaurashava.org> or may contact with the address below during office hours i.e., 09:00-17:00 hrs for further information and EOI details. The interested companies are also welcome to visit the treatment plant site on 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 at 15:00 hrs local time for better understanding of the treatment plant and its operation and maintenance.

The EOI must include the following information:

- Company/Organizational Profile/Brochure (including Organogram) including Board of Directors, registration & Trade license and age of the firms;
- VAT & IT registration
- Brief explanation of the background and experience of the company including clients' references;
- Experience of the Company in Similar works/Assignments;
- Experience of the Company in other works;
- Availability of Key professionals to perform the job;
- Financial capability including last three years audited report;
- Managerial Strength of the Firm (office space, Support Staff, Logistics etc.).

The awarded Company will get one year contract with possibility to extension depending on satisfactory performance. The contract will be awarded to the Company, who can demonstrate, through a written proposal having significant level of experience, ability and competence. Jhenaidah Paurashava Authority reserves full right at its sole discretion to change the level of service requirements, whether in total or in part, depending on Mission and operational requirements over the Contract duration.

The EOI shall be submitted in the sealed envelope and must reach to below mentioned address no later than **19 February 2017 at 17:00 hrs**. The Paurashava Authority reserves the right to shortlist or not to shortlist any or all of the firms without assigning any reasons what so ever.

**The EOI documents shall be addressed to:**  
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