

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.0 L 16.6	H 26.7 L 15.3	H 30.4 L 17.5	H 30.5 L 15.9	H 26.5 L 15.2	H 26.0 L 12.4	H 29.5 L 17.3	H 29.5 L 16.4	H 32.2 L 18.5

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country having chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two places over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the region of Faridpur till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night and day temperature may rise slightly over the country, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:52pm and rises tomorrow at 6:33am.

Introducing Bangla in medical science difficult

Discussion told
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Without proper logistic support and investment, it is not possible to introduce Bangla in teaching and practice of medical science, speakers told a discussion yesterday. Besides, it will not be wise to take any hasty decision to prioritise Bangla only on emotional grounds, they added. But they observed it is not impossible as many countries introduced their state languages in medical science. The discussion was organised by the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) in the capital's Bilia auditorium. Prof Mirza Mazharul Islam, chief consultant of Birdem General Hospital, said he writes prescriptions in Bangla. Only the passion for Bangla can help us choose the state language as a medium of instruction in medical teaching and practice, he added. UNAB president Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque chaired the programme.

DU cancer patient seeks help

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Proma Aishwary Sanjukta Roy, a student of International Relations at Dhaka University, has been suffering from Follicular Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma - a cancer of the lymphatic system, says a press release. As the doctors had advised to send her abroad for better treatment, Aishwary is currently undergoing treatment at Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai in India. Her cancer is now in the second stage and she has to stay in Mumbai for six months. According to her physician, she has to be given chemotherapy every 21 days and the long-term treatment will cost around Tk 50 Lakh. Family members of Aishwary said they already spent over Tk 8 lakh and cannot possibly arrange the rest of the expenses. Aishwary seeks support from everyone in her endeavour to recover from the disease, they added. Financial assistance for Aishwary can be sent to Samarendra Roy, A/c no: 024 340 09634, Standard Bank Ltd, Ekoria branch, Dhaka.



Built by the British a little less than a century ago over the Karnaphuli in Chittagong, the Kalurghat Bridge is in a sorry state. The run-down bridge is now dotted with numerous potholes while its metal fencing and pedestrian decks have worn out in places, risking the possibility of a serious accident any time.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Safety at stake on Kalurghat Bridge

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A serious accident is just a matter of time on the run-down Kalurghat Bridge in Chittagong, constructed in British era -- thanks to the indifference of the authorities concerned.

Hundreds of vehicles, plying the bridge, are facing difficulties every day, as the deck and iron fencing on both sides of the bridge have become worn-out and numerous potholes developed on it, giving way to mishaps.

As a result, long tailbacks on both sides of the bridge -- which linked the port city with south Chittagong -- have become a common scenario.

The bridge, constructed in 1931 over the Karnaphuli river was initially designated as a railway bridge. Later, in the 60s, it was modified and turned into a rail-cum-road bridge.

Apart from other vehicles, a pair of passenger trains of Chittagong-Dohazari route plies the bridge daily while another pair of oil-wagon trains uses it to go to Dohazari Peaking Power Plant on every alternative day, railway sources said.

Ayub Ali, owner of AN Enterprise, a firm which collects tolls on the bridge since June last year, said they did not notice any repair work of the bridge in last one year.

"At times we fill-up the potholes developed on the bridge at our own cost though it is the responsibility of the railway authorities," he said, adding, "We have informed the railway authorities about the sorry state of the bridge."

Seeking anonymity an engineer of the railway's East zone said the allegation regarding the lack of maintenance of the bridge is true.

Syed Habibur Rahman, general secretary of Chattagram Auto-rickshaw Auto-tempo Sramik Union of Chittagong South District unit, said, "Due to the run-down condition of the bridge, it now takes 10 to 15 minutes for a vehicle to cross it, whereas, it used to require only two to three minutes before."

Sometimes vehicles get stuck in the potholes and get damaged, resulting in tailbacks for a long time on the one-way bridge. This causes untold sufferings to commuters, he said.

Residents of Boalkhali and Patiya upazila of the district use the bridge to and from the city every day so it is necessary to repair the bridge soon, said Rahman, also a resident of Boalkhali.

However, Mohammad Ali, general secretary of Bangladesh Railway Running Staff and

Sramik Karmachari Union, claimed that the potholes do not create any problem for the trains as the rail track on the bridge is "alright".

"We have inspected the bridge few days back," said Sheikh Naimul Huq, an engineer of the bridge section of Railway's East zone, adding, "It is necessary to repair the bridge."

Claiming that routine maintenance work of the bridge is done every year, Additional Chief Engineer (bridge) of Railway's East Zone Abdul Jalil said they will repair the bridge as soon as possible.

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SHEBA PROKASHONI Capturing imagination for over 50yrs

MAHDI AL MUHTASIM

Though relatively smaller stall is situated in a far corner of the Suhrawardy Udyan, it is always swarmed by booklovers of all ages.

It has been more than fifty years, yet the appeal of books from Sheba Prokashoni has not diminished.

Enthusiasts of mystery, crime, thriller, spy, and suspense books were seen flocking the stall no 442-443 yesterday.

Even the parents, after letting their children enjoy at "Shishu Prahar" (Children's Hours), were seen rushing to the stall to relive their childhood memories.

None of the bookworms were seen leaving the stall without buying Sheba's iconic paperbacks in newsprint.

This correspondent met Nayan Siddique carrying around 30 books. When asked, he said, "I bought some juvenile classics and detective novels for my son. Since childhood I used to read their (Sheba) books. Now my son has become a fan," said the proud father.

His son Ferdous Siddique, a fifth grader at Dhaka Residential Model College, said, "I was eagerly waiting for the book fair to collect the volumes of 'Tin Goyenda' (three detectives). I also

bought classics by Jonathan Swift and Mark Twain."

Many were seen buying "Tin Goyenda" a detective series created by Rakib Hasan. Based on English detective novels, the story of three ordinary teenagers -- Kishore, Musa and Robin, also detectives, is still loved by all.

One of the main attractions of the stall is "Masud Rana", one of the most beloved characters created by Sheba



Prokashoni founder Qazi Anwar Hussain. The first story of Masud Rana was published in 1966.

The 81-year-old author has written the 450th edition of the series of "Masud Rana" titled "Mastermind" which arrived this month. Rana, a valiant Bangladeshi spy, who travels the world on secret missions, has

been enthralling the readers for over 50 years.

Maisha Samiha, a student of Military Institute of Science & Technology, and her friends kept the staff of the stall busy by inquiring about books all at the same time.

She bought Agatha Christie's "Guptochor" and "The Sword of Islam" by Rafael Sabatini for herself and a volume of "Tin Goyenda" for her friend's sister.

Expressing satisfaction, Mominul Islam, a Sheba staff member, said, "Though we are all the way at the corner, visitors still come here to buy books. We also bring out around five books every month through the rest of the year."

Agatha Christie's "Serial Killer" "Guptachar" and "Benami Chithi" just arrived at the stall and are in high demand. Booklovers are also buying Henry Rider Haggard's "The Ghost Kings".

Meanwhile, detective novels are also available in other stalls. Merit Fair Prokashoni brought out seven volumes of "Kishore Goyenda Samagro" by Rakib Hasan.

Satyajit Ray's Feluda and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes were also attracting young readers.

On the 11th day of the book fair, 201 books arrived and 62 were unveiled.



Booklovers swarm the stall of Sheba Prokashoni at Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday.

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Pro-AL lawyers assault Ctg bar assoc leader

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Over the allegation of secretly allocating parking space of Chittagong District Bar Association's newly-built building, a section of pro-Awami League lawyers yesterday assaulted the association's general secretary at the latter's chamber on the Chittagong court premises. The incident took place just a day before the association's election today.

GS Zahed Biru said, "They physically assaulted me and hurled abusive words raising a false claim that the president and GS are allocating 26 parking spaces not through any lottery."

Denying the claim, Mujibul said as per the rule of the association, its election is held in February; so the leaders cannot take any policy-making decision after December. But breaching the law, they were allocating the parking space, he said, adding, "We went to the association office to protest." President Kafil Uddin said they did not allocate the space. On Thursday, they decided the space would be allocated by the new committee after the election, he said.

It was a plot

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"I myself was contacted several times during that episode by US State Department officials conveying threats from Hillary Clinton against our Government if we did not back off Yunus," he said.

Joy said because of Yunus, the WB attempted to stop Bangladesh's largest infrastructure project that would benefit tens of millions of people.

Professor Muhammad Yunus, however, was not available for comments.

Joy said the Canadian court verdict binning Padma Bridge corruption case indicated a plot.

"The Canadian court trying the Padma Bridge corruption case has found no evidence of corruption in the project and dismissed all charges. The court stated that the evidence (allegation) was based on 'gossip and rumour'. In other words, it was made up," said Joy.

It is also shameful that a section of so called civil society immediately stood against the country in favour of the World Bank, he said, "They dragged the reputation of several highly respected, qualified and hardworking people through the mud, people such as my mother's adviser Dr. Mashiur Rahman."

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