

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
H 31.3 L 17.8	H 30.1 L 16.5	H 31.0 L 17.2	H 32.8 L 18.5	H 29.0 L 15.2	H 30.2 L 16.0	H 29.6 L 16.6	H 31.0 L 15.0	H 30.6 L 17.2	

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:56pm and rises tomorrow at 6:28am. Country's highest temperature 33.1 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Sreemangal and lowest 12.8 in Sreemangal.

SIXTH INTER-SCHOOL BANGLA OLYMPIAD Turkish Hope awards 124 winners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

International Turkish Hope School yesterday awarded 124 winners of the Sixth Inter-School Bangla Olympiad 2017, one of the biggest cultural competitions among English medium schools.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor handed over the awards, including certificates, medals and cash, on the school's Uttara main campus in Dhaka.

Earlier on February 11, a total of 1,414 students from 58 English medium schools of Dhaka and Chittagong participated in the competition under six categories, including poem recitation, essay writing, drawing, music, dance and public speaking.

The Daily Star was the youth engagement partner of the Olympiad which had been being organised by Turkish Hope School every year since 2012.

Speaking as chief guest, the minister urged all parents of the country to grow up their kids teaching Bangla language and culture so that they can build a good society.

"Every student in the country must practice our own culture and mother language, otherwise their role will be questioned," said Dhaka University Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, also one of the advisers of the Olympiad.

State Minister for Power and Energy Nasrul Hamid, State Minister for Post and Telecommunications Tarana Halim, DU Professor Sadeka Halim, the school Principal Yavuz Koca and its Chairman Bedrettin Suata also spoke.

Media personalities including Rokeya Prachi, Jewel Aich, SI Tutul, Tareen Jahan, Saberi Alam, Anjam Masud, Shimul Mustapha and Mehbooba Mahnoor Chandni were also present.

BNP won't join next election under Hasina

Says Goyeshwar
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP standing committee member Goyeshwar Chandra Roy yesterday said the party will not join the next general election with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina staying in power.

"We did not participate in the polls on January 5 in 2014 under Sheikh Hasina. Why should we do so now..." Goyeshwar told reporters after placing a wreath at BNP founder Ziaur Rahman's grave.

Goyeshwar went to Zia's grave marking the 37th founding anniversary of Jatiyatabadi Tanti Dal.

He said the party's policymakers are yet to discuss the framework of election-time supportive government. "We'll finalise it at the party's forum and in consultation with our party chairperson."



Kindergarten student Marsia draws a picture of the Central Shaheed Minar while her twin sister Arisha looks on. Their parents brought them to the memorial for the first time yesterday on their weekly holiday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



Winners of the 6th Inter-School Bangla Olympiad 2017 with the distinguished guests at International Turkish Hope School in the capital's Uttara yesterday. A total of 124 students received certificates and medals for their brilliant performance in different categories.

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Four classrooms

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in the laboratories are being damaged gradually, he said. Despite repeated appeal to lessen the sufferings, the authorities did not take any action, he added.

Many of the students also said their is no canteen in the institute for students.

If students get hungry they have to go to the nearby canteen of the biology department which is a 10-minute walk from the institute.

Contacted, a teacher of the institute wishing anonymity said, "Due to the classroom shortage we could not complete courses in due time, which is the reason for session jam."

He also informed that they do not have any specialised teachers for physics, chemistry, mathematics and some others subjects.

"The budget allocated for our three disciplines is equal to that of one department so it is not possible for us to buy new instruments," he added.

M Zahedur Rahman Chowdhury, director of the institute, told The Daily Star that they are well aware of the problems which will be solved very soon as the university authorities have already sent a proposal for the development of the institute to the government.

The proposal, which is now under a close watch of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, will be approved anytime by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecne), he added.

RU puts graduates

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the RU administration to take necessary measures to hold the programme soon.

Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan said, "The university authorities have tried to get the Chancellor's permission to hold the convocation programme, but have not got it yet. We are trying our best to communicate with the Chancellor to fix a date for the programme."

While talking with The Daily Star, RU VC Prof M Mizanuddin said, "We have already prepared everything for the convocation, but have not got a final date from the education ministry to hold the programme. We have sent a letter to the ministry; now we are waiting for their reply."

It's about Facebook

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In their bid to cover up their offence, they (Sujan-led faction) are spreading false propaganda against our activists, Tipu claimed. Both the president and GS said organisational action will be taken against those responsible.

Tipu and Sujan are known as the followers of Chittagong City Corporation Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin and Mohiuddin Chowdhury respectively.

History books galore

MAHDI AL MUHTASIM

History guides the new generation as a light-house. The way we view the present is shaped by our view of the past, and it influences solutions we offer to existing problems.

Yesterday, at the Ekushey book fair, visitors were seen going through books on world politics, political history of the Indian subcontinent and most importantly, the Liberation War of 1971 to understand and learn from the important events that shaped the world.

In the afternoon, the Suhrawardy Udyan was aglow with sky blue as around 400 students wearing school uniforms swarmed the stalls. The students of Police Line High School came from Comilla on a study tour.

"We came to buy books especially on our history and culture," said Abul Kalam, a ninth grader. "We will buy some novels too," he said smilingly.

Books on national and international politics were also in high demand at the fair.

"Kashmir: History and Politics" by Zakaria Polish from Suchepatra drew readers' attention. "I wrote the book while staying at Srinagar in Kashmir for two years," said Zakaria.

While, "Bangladesher Abhudoy: Ekjon Protokkhorshir Bhashsho" by Prof Rehman Sobhan and "Muktijuddho Keno Anibarjo Chilo" by Dr Kamal Hossain were much sought after at Prothoma Prokashon.

Meanwhile, Tabenda Islam was flipping the pages of "Muktijuddher Bachai Galpo", a collection of stories on the Liberation War by Humayun Ahmed from Anyaprokash. "I

bought it for my son," she said.

She also bought "Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control" from Daily Star Books.

"Riot: Perspectives on History, Politics and Culture" by Shashi Tharoor, "The Guerrilla", a personal memorandum of 1971 by Shahzaman Mozumder and "Genocide They Wrote", a book on the genocide perpetrated on Bangalis by the Pakistan occupation army during the Liberation War, written by Inam Ahmed and Shakhawat Liton, were also in high demand there.

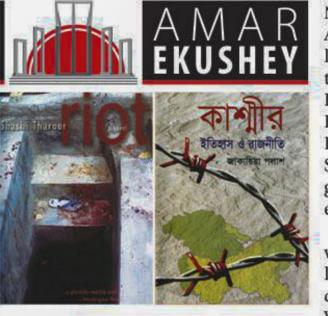
"Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" by Dee Brown, a history of Native Americans in the American West in the late nineteenth century, translated by Daud Hossain as "Amare Kobor Dio Hatubhangar Banke" at Songha Prokashan, also generated much interest.

The curious readers were also buying translated versions of historical nonfiction books. "A World without Islam" by Graham E Fuller, "The Post American World" by Fareed Zakaria, and "Jerusalem, Ithas" by Simon Sebag Montefiore from Ankur Prokashani, among others, engrossed many minds.

Meanwhile, the third part of a graphic novel series on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will be launched today on the Bangla Academy premises at 4:30pm, according to a CRI press release.

The graphic novel "Mujib-3" highlights the post-World War II period during which Bangabandhu emerged as a politician and organiser despite many obstacles.

On the 18th day of the book fair, 165 new books arrived.



Emran's works feature at book fair



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Promising poet and litterateur Emran Mahfuz has four books featured in this year's book fair.

His latest edited work "Abul Mansur Ahmad Jibon Shilpi" available at Daily Star Books is a collection of essays on the life and works of the renowned writer-politician.

His edited works also include "Abul Mansur Ahmad Sharakrantha". The book, widely read by students of Bangla literature, was published by Prothoma.

He also edited a book on the country's Liberation War titled, "Muktijuddha: Ojana Oddhay" written by Nadeem Qadir, minister (press), Bangladesh High Commission London, published by Jagroti.

The young poet also has a book of poems titled "Dirghosthayee Shokshobha," published by Oitijjo.

The editor of literary magazine "Kaler Dhoni", Emran started writing in 2006 and won the Abul Mansur Ahmad Gobeshana Puroshkar in 2015.



Students dance at a spring carnival, organised by Siddiqui's International School, on its premises in Dhaka yesterday.

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