

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
H 30.0 L 18.7	H 30.1 L 17.4	H 29.5 L 17.8	H 30.4 L 16.9	H 29.4 L 16.0	H 30.0 L 16.2	H 30.0 L 18.5	H 30.6 L 17.0	H 30.0 L 18.0	

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today. Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country. Met Office said, reports URB. Light fog may occur at places over the river basins and adjoining area during early morning. Night temperature may rise slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:57pm and rises tomorrow at 06:28am.

**PM'S FLIGHT GLITCH**  
Counter-terror unit asked to submit probe report March 29

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A Dhaka court yesterday again asked Counter-Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police to submit on March 29 the probe report of the case filed over the technical glitch in Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's flight. Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Nabi passed the order after Mahub Alam, an inspector of CTCU unit and investigation officer of the case, failed to submit any probe report yesterday. Earlier on January 12, the same court asked CTCU unit to submit by yesterday the case's probe report.

Wing Commander (ret'd) MM Asaduzzaman, director of engineering and material management of Biman, filed the case. Nine employees of Bangladesh Biman Airlines were made accused in the case filed under the Special Powers Act with Airport Police Station on December 21 last year. Two more officials, though their names were not included in the first information report, were also arrested after their involvement with the incident was found. All the eleven accused are now in jail custody. On November 27, a Biman flight carrying the prime minister had to make an emergency landing at the Ashgabat International Airport in Turkmenistan on her way to Budapest as engine-1 of the plane was losing oil pressure. After the landing, engineers found that a nut was loose causing the oil pressure loss.

**IS PUBLIC SUFFERING BEING CONSIDERED?**



Like elsewhere in the capital, an apparently never-ending development work leaves little space for pedestrians to walk through, in Pearabagh area of Moghbazar. Though the project is aimed at making people's lives easier, the prolonging of the work and a blatant disregard for public sufferings, manifest through the piles of earth and concrete sewerage pipes, bring into question the sincerity of Dhaka North City Corporation. The road's condition has remained unchanged for more than a month now. The photo was taken Saturday.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



**Paper book of Biswajit murder case ready**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The authorities concerned of the High Court have prepared the paper book of prepared the paper book of Biswajit Das murder case. The paper book has been prepared on priority basis under instruction from the Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha so that the death reference and appeals of the case are settled quickly, Sabbir Faiz, additional registrar (admin) of the HC, told the Daily Star. A paper book contains all the details of a case, trial proceedings, statements, evidence, verdicts and other documents. The book is necessary for the HC to hear and dispose of a death reference or an appeal. Sabbir Faiz also said the convicts of the case have filed 14 appeals with the HC challenging the lower court verdict against them. On December 18, 2013, a Dhaka court sentenced eight BCL activists to death and 13 others to life imprisonment for killing tailor Biswajit Das. Biswajit Das, 24, was hacked to death in public on his way to his tailoring shop at Shakhariabazar in Old Dhaka during the opposition's countryside road-blockade programme on December 9, 2012. Mistaking him for a blockade, the BCL activists of Jagannath University unit swooped on him in front of Bahadur Shah Park and hacked him with machetes and beat him with iron rods and hockey sticks.

**Declare Feb 18 as Nat'l Teachers' Day**

RU teachers, students urge govt marking Dr Shamsuzzoha's martyrdom

OUR CORRESPONDENT, RU

Teachers and students of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday demanded that the government declare February 18 as "National Teachers' Day" to commemorate Prof Dr Shamsuzzoha, the first martyred intellectual. On that day in 1969, Prof Zoha, the then RU proctor, was shot dead by the Pakistani army before the university main gate when he tried to convince them not to fire at students who were protesting the murder of Sergeant Zahurul Haque. Secretary of RU Teachers' Association Prof Shah Azam Shantanu said it is our moral duty to declare the day as National Teacher's Day for his outstanding significance. Over 200 students and teachers at a human chain under the banner of "Bangladesh Chhatra League, RU Unit" in front of the Central Library raised the demand.



Dr Shamsuzzoha

**600kg of jatka seized from launch**

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

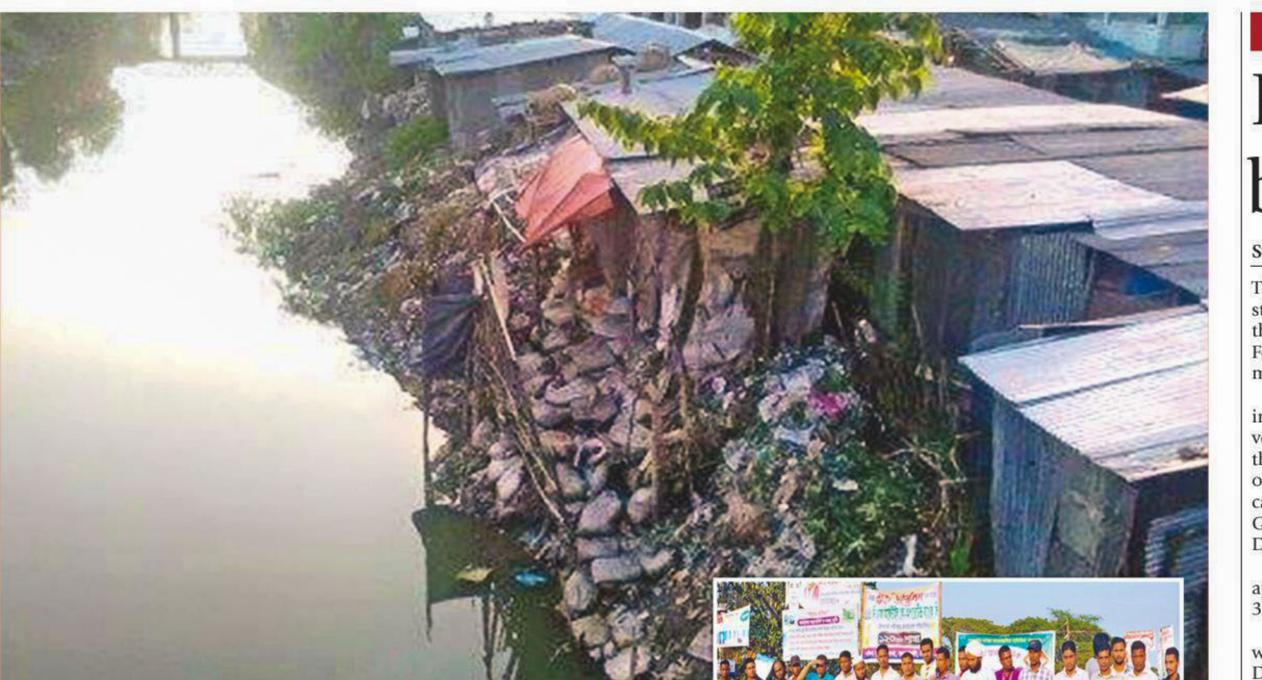
Members of Bangladesh Coast Guard seized 600kg of jatka (hilsa fry less than 10 inches) from a launch in the Buriganga river in Narayanganj yesterday. A patrol team of Coast Guard searched the launch, MV Farhan-6, during a drive in the river and seized the illegally netted jatka, said Commander of Narayanganj Pagla Coast Guard Sub Lt Hasanur Rahman. The jatka were later distributed among the destitute.

**Project taken to mitigate port city's waterlogging**

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, City

Aiming to mitigate the waterlogging crisis in Chittagong city, Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) has taken up a project involving around Tk 3,165.18 crore. Other objectives of the project include making the city free of flood, improving the city's drainage system and preventing saline water intrusion. Officials of BWDB hoped that city dwellers will get rid of the waterlogging problem once the project titled "Flood control, drainage improvement and waterlogging mitigation of Chittagong city" is implemented. The implementation period of the proposed project is supposed to be in between April, 2017 and June, 2021, said BWDB sources. Under the project, regulators in 40 canals of the city and about 2.7km of retaining wall will be constructed, said BWDB officials. Apart from these, 27.497km of flood wall

with 1km slope protection will be constructed and 100 pumps with generator facilities will be installed in 10 big canals including Chakatti, Moheshkhal and Rajakhali, they added. Dredging or re-excavation works of about 250km of the canals will also be done under the project, they further said. In this regard, a Development Project Proposal (DPP) has been sent to the BWDB head office in January and it is now at the planning commission, said Bidyut Kumar Saha, executive engineer of BWDB, Chittagong-1. The dredging and re-excavation works of canals will be implemented by the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) while BWDB will do the remaining works of the project, he said. The project has been taken by the initiatives of the water resources minister and CCC mayor, commented AKM Shamsul Karim, chief engineer of BWDB, Chittagong.



The Basai river in Sylhet's Biswanath upazila is in the throes of death. On the one hand, people continue encroaching on the river from both sides, making it narrower. On the other hand, waste material is dumped indiscriminately polluting the water. Inset, concerned locals under the banner of Bachao Basia Nodi Oikya Parishad form a human chain in the upazila headquarters, demanding government measures to save the river.



PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

**BDR CARNAGE CASE**

**Finish placing arguments by Feb 28: High Court**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked both the state and defence counsels to finish placing their arguments in the BDR carnage case by February 28, as it has already completed majority of the proceedings. After concluding the hearing proceedings, the HC will fix a date for delivering verdict in the biggest ever criminal case in the country's history in terms of the number of accused and convicts, or may keep the case waiting for a verdict, Deputy Attorney General AKM Zahid Sarwar Kazal told The Daily Star yesterday. The HC has so far held hearing of the appeals and death reference of the case for 356 days, he also said. The death reference and the appeals were filed with the HC months after a Dhaka court announced the verdict on November 5, 2013, nearly five years after the bloody mutiny at BDR headquarters in Palkhona. The trial court gave death sentences to 150 soldiers of the erstwhile Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and two civilians, and jailed 160 others for life for their roles and involvement in the carnage.

It also handed down rigorous imprisonment, ranging from three to 10 years, to 256 people, mostly BDR soldiers. The court acquitted the remaining 277 accused, but the government later appealed against the acquittal of 69 of them. A total of 846 people, 823 of them BDR personnel, stood trial in the carnage case. Seventy-four people, including 57 army officials, were massacred during the BDR mutiny on February 25-26, 2009 at the Palkhona headquarters of the paramilitary force, renamed Border Guard Bangladesh. The special HC bench comprising Justice Md Shawkat Hossain, Justice Md Abu Zafor Siddique, and Justice Nazrul Islam Talukder started hearing the death reference and 255 appeals in January 2015. Meanwhile, 17,306 BDR jawans are facing trial in 11 special BDR courts and 60 summary trial courts for mutiny. At least 78 accused jawans, both in the carnage and mutiny cases, died under mysterious circumstances after the mutiny. Many of them reportedly died of heart attack in police custody while a few others committed suicide.

**BARISAL OIL TANKER BLAST**

**Three burnt workers sent to Dhaka**

Probe committee formed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal  
A three-member committee, led by assistant director of fire service, Barisal division, was formed yesterday to probe Saturday's incident where at least five crew members of an oil tanker were injured in a blast inside its engine room when the vessel was unloading at the Jamuna Oil Company Ltd depot on the Kirtankhola river. Of the injured workers of Oil Tanker MT Anchorage, Sahidul, Nazmul and Humayun with around 60 percent burns were shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital from Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital for better treatment. Habibur Rahaman, Manager Jamuna Oil Company, Barisal region, said the higher authorities visited the tanker. An empty tanker will come soon to transfer the fuel, he added. Faruk Hossain Sikder, Barisal fire service assistant director, said oil is not spreading from the tanker as the hole developed outside of the tanker was instantly sealed.

**Graphic novel 'Mujib-3' unveiled**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The third part of a graphic novel series on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman titled "Mujib-3" was unveiled yesterday at the Ekushey book fair. "Mujib-3" highlights the post-World War II period during which Bangabandhu emerged as a politician and organizer despite many obstacles. The Centre for Research and Information (CRI) organised the event at the CRI stall on the Bangla Academy premises. Radwan Mujib Siddiq, grandson of Bangabandhu, and also a CRI trustee, was present. Meanwhile, booklovers continue to throng the Suhrawardy Udyan and Bangla Academy premises of the fair to quench their thirst for books. They expressed satisfaction over the increasing numbers of books and publishers. At the same time, many said the publishing houses should determine the books' prices logically so that people can buy more books. "It's a positive sign that many publishing houses are participating at the fair," said Md Ahsan, a government employee, adding, "But, many cannot buy books due to the high prices." Another reader Mohsin Hossain Litu said though many people are visiting the fair, they are not buying books. "The

publishing houses should make sure that the prices remain moderate so that people can buy more books," the private service holder mentioned. However, the publishing houses said the books' prices remain almost the same like previous years except for some of the books. "We had to determine the pricing based on the quality of the paper, cover design and print," said SM Yunus, marketing executive at Kathaprokash. A book titled "Australia Bhramani: Adure Dakkhine" by Abul Hasan Muhammad Bashar was launched yesterday.



**Interns 'beat' patient's son**

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complain, the interns also rushed there, alleged the sisters. According to them, when they mentioned they knew the health minister, the interns started beating Rouf again in front of the director and other senior doctors. The sisters alleged the interns also harassed them. Following the incident, the interns shut down the emergency department till 4:00pm yesterday, and declared their indefinite work abstention. "As per the request of the senior doctors, we opened the emergency department. We tried to stop the patient's son from misbehaving with one of our female fellows," claimed Kutub Uddin, an intern at the hospital. "We have declared the work stoppage to press home our seven-point demand, including ensuring safety of the interns," he added. When asked, he refused to make any comment regarding the video. "Terminating the incident "misunderstanding", Brig Gen Dr AKM Masood Ahsan, director of SZMCH, said the interns and relatives of a patient locked into an argument, which was later resolved. The relatives then mentioned the name of the health minister, which triggered excitement among the interns, he said. He refuted the allegation of beating Rouf inside his office. Rouf is in their custody now and the situation is under control, said the SI. Meanwhile, patients had to suffer immensely due to the work stoppage. Desperate, many were seen leaving the hospital for other options.