

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 31.0 L 20.8	H 29.0 L 18.4	H 30.5 L 19.5	H 31.0 L 17.3	H 31.8 L 14.3	H 30.0 L 13.8	H 31.5 L 20.4	H 30.6 L 21.3	H 30.4 L 21.2

Rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:05pm and rises tomorrow at 6:14am, says Met Office.

## 16TH AMENDMENT SC to hear appeal on May 8

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday adjourned till May 8 the hearing on an appeal against the High Court verdict that scrapped the 16th amendment of the constitution.

The 16th amendment, passed by the parliament in September 2014, empowered the house to remove Supreme Court judges for incapacity or misconduct.

A seven-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, which was set to hold the hearing yesterday, passed the adjournment order following a time prayer moved by Attorney General Mahbubey Alam.

Moving the prayer, the attorney general sought eight weeks' time from the apex court for taking

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## ACCIDENTS, DEATHS DURING SEWER CLEAN-UP Dhaka Wasa denies responsibility

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Top Dhaka Wasa officials would not take the responsibility for injuries, deaths and accidents that occur during cleaning of sewer drains as the job is done by contractors.

"As the hiring authority, Dhaka Wasa has no liability for public safety or deaths during such work," Taqsem A Khan, managing director of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"The contractor has to ensure that all the safety measures are in place," he added.

He asked this correspondent to talk to the Wasa superintending engineer for details on the Wasa's drainage system.

His comments came a day after Shanu Miah of Brahmanbaria's Kasba upazila died falling into an open manhole of a box culvert in the city's Paltan area.

Meanwhile, the High Court yesterday summoned the Wasa MD and the chief executive officer of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) to appear before it on March 19 to explain their roles in the death of Shanu Miah.

Ruhul Amin, Wasa superintending engineer for water supply and sewerage, said the Wasa must not be held responsible for these type of deaths. "Such deaths might just be a result of carelessness of pedestrians or negligence on the part of contractors."

"While carrying out such work, we ensure that all the safety measures are in place," he told The Daily Star.

Nurul Islam, Wasa superintending engineer for drainage, said the victim fell into the manhole being frightened by the honking of a vehicle.

"Though the contractor is supposed to take all safety measures, the Wasa is also responsible for ensuring public safety.... Our managing director can give you a better answer in this regard."

Asked about the contractor tasked with the cleaning job and the length of the box culvert in Paltan, the Wasa official said he could not respond as he was "busy". He then hung up the phone.

The Wasa MD said based on the findings of an investigation into the Monday's incident, the contractor's contract might be cancelled, its payment might be withheld or

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## Ex-GRP sepoy jailed for possessing Yaba pills

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a former sepoy of Chittagong Railway Security Force outpost to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment for possessing 1,400 Yaba tablets on April 14 last year.

It also fined the convict Rassel Talukder, of Kashiani in Gopalganj, Tk 20,000, in default, suffer six more months in jail.

Dhaka Railway police arrested Rassel in Suborna Express near Alishahar Rail Station in Comilla with the contraband pills. Rassel was suspended after the case was filed, sources said.

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