

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.6 IL 21.8	H 25.5 IL 17.2	H 31.0 IL 19.2	H 24.2 IL 16.5	H 32.6 IL 18.6	H 29.0 IL 14.8	H 32.0 IL 22.5	H 30.0 IL 21.5	H 30.0 IL 19.0

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Dhaka, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rangpur and Rajshahi divisions with hails at isolated places till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may fall slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:09pm and rises tomorrow at 6:03am.

## Anti-militancy drive at Ctg madrasa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Law enforcers yesterday conducted an anti-militancy drive at a madrasa in Chittagong city founded and run by Hefajat Nayeb-e-Ameer Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury, also chairman of a faction of Islami Oikya Jote.

The around one and a half hours drive began at Al Jamiatul Ulum Al Islamia Madrasa in Lalkhan Bazar area around 4:45pm, said OC Sheikh Md Nasir Uddin of Khulshi Police Station.

However, police did not arrest anyone during the raid, nor did they find any firearms or explosives.

Around 120 police personnel including women police took part in the drive, said police. During the drive, police searched the hostel, office rooms and residents of the madrasa teachers and officials.

After the drive, Muttaki Ibnu Minan, additional deputy commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (north zone), while briefing reporters on the madrasa compound, said the raid was conducted as part of a countrywide anti-militancy drive.

Asked what the outcome of the drive is, he said they tried to keep the militant activists under pressure and give everybody a clear message that none will be spared if found involved in militant activities.

Mentionable, three people including two students were killed and several others injured in an explosion at a four-storey dormitory of the madrasa on October 7, 2013.



Water remains stagnant for a long period of time even during the dry season on this portion of IPH School Road in Mohakhali in the capital. With the rainy season approaching, locals will have to brace for a tougher time unless the authorities concerned take necessary steps in fixing the drainage and sewerage system. The photo was taken last week.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## EXTREMISM AND MILITANCY

### Sufism a solution

Book launch told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The spirit of Sufism can eradicate militancy from the society, speakers said at a book launching ceremony yesterday.

They were speaking at a ceremony, organised in the capital's Shilpakala Academy by Allama Rumi Society of Bangladesh, on the occasion of the launch of first two volumes of essays titled Syed Ahmadul Huq Rachanaboli (collection of essays by Syed Ahmadul Huq).

Sufi writer Huq (1918-2011) is popularly known as "Banglar Rumi" for his translation works of Persian Islamic Scholar Jalal Ad-Din Muhammad Rumi.

A number of misguided people are using the peaceful religion of Islam for killing people, the speakers said during a discussion at the ceremony.

Dr Gowher Rizvi, prime minister's foreign affairs adviser, said, "Islam is a nonviolent

religion... but wrong deeds of a number of people have been defaming the religion."

Spreading the Sufi ideology could help the society rid itself of rising fanaticism, he added.

Prof Abdul Mannan, chairman of University Grants Commission, said hurling bombs, by no means, can spread Islam and true Islam was not preached by force, but with amity.

Terming religion a personal choice, he said everyone has the right to choose their religion and it cannot be forced on anyone. He said Sufism is an ideology of love and peace and this ideology must be projected to the youth so they become more compassionate to others.

Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, former advisor to a caretaker government, Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Abbas Vaezi Dehnavi and poet Asad Chowdhury, among others, also spoke.

### PM reiterates govt's tough stance

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the stern stance of the government against militancy and terrorism will continue.

"There'll be no place of militancy and terrorism on Bangladesh soil... the stern stance that we've taken against it will continue," she said.

She said this while addressing a discussion organised by Bangladesh Awami League, marking the 98th birthday of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC).

She came up with this view as an unidentified criminal was killed in Rab firing when he tried to enter a Rab-3 check post with a motorcycle and explosive at Shekher Jaiga in Khilgaon early yesterday while another suspected suicide bomber sneaked into a Rab barrack and blew himself up in Ashkona.

The Prime Minister urged all to get united against the social menaces. "You have to remain vigil so that no one of your children can get involved in militancy and terrorism," she said.



## NEWS IN brief

### Road crash kills two, injures five

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Two people were killed and five others injured as a truck collided head-on with a CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them on Natore-Bogra highway in Dalsarak area of Natore Sadar yesterday.

The deceased were Kayem Uddin, 28, of Gunaikhara village and Sumaiya Afrin, 19, of Ekdala village of the district.

Kayem was the auto-rickshaw driver while Sumaiya was its passenger.

The five injured were sent to Natore Sadar Hospital.

### Youth's body found in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police recovered the hanging body of a youth from a forest in Eshwarpur village of Kaliganj upazila of Gazipur yesterday.

The deceased, Kiron Chandra Das, 22, of Eshwarpur area was a fisherman.

Sub-Inspector of Kaliganj Police Station Rezaul Karim said the body was sent to Shaheed Taj Uddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

### Astro Olympiad held in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The Sylhet Divisional round of Bangladesh Astro Olympiad 2017 was held at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) yesterday.

A total of 120 students took part in the competition and 25 of them got chance to participate in the national round of the Olympiad.

The event was organised by Bangladesh Astronomical Association jointly with Biggan Andolon Mancha.

Trucks carrying essentials remain stranded on both sides of the Bangabandhu bridge in Tangail yesterday. According to police, the tailback ensued after a truck broke down at the west end of the bridge. However, they also alleged that traffic congestion has become a regular phenomenon in the area recently due to the additional time required for collecting tolls as the system is being updated. The photo was taken around 8:40am.



PHOTO: STAR

### Wage board for journalists soon

Says Iqbal Sobhan

BSS, Ctg

Prime Minister's media adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury yesterday said a new wage board for print and electronic media will be formed soon.

He said this at a views-exchange meeting with the journalists at Chittagong Press Club (CPC).

Terming the present government journalist-friendly, he said it is the only government which formed the Journalist Welfare Trust.

CPC President Kalim Sarwar presided over the discussion attended by CUJ President Reaz Haidar Chowdhury, President of Chittagong Journalist Samabai Samity Mainuddin Kaderi Shawkat, former CUJ president Mostaq Ahmed, and several CPC leaders.

## Community participation will make Dhaka city liveable

Speakers tell inauguration of community road cleaning programme in Gulshan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Turning Dhaka into a liveable and clean city is not possible without community participation, said officials and community leaders at the launch of a road cleaning programme in Gulshan yesterday.

"With constraints of resources and skilled manpower at the city corporations, direct community participation in delivering civic services can ensure more productivity, accountability and efficiency," said ATM Shamsul Huda, president of Gulshan Society.

They were speaking at the inauguration of a community road cleaning programme, "Adopt a Road", organised at Gulshan Lake Park by Gulshan Society and Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC).

Gulshan residential area have been adopted by individuals and companies for keeping the roads clean in a more effective way. Hopefully, rest of the roads will be adopted soon, said Huda, adding that it is a partnership initiative of the local community and the city corporation.

One who adopts a road has to pay Tk 1.8 lakh annually for its maintenance and supervise the cleaners with the help of the society, which has already hired 60 cleaners.

The cleaners will be responsible for cleaning the roads at night and the city corporation during the day, said Huda, also a former chief election commissioner.

This practice has been in place in Baridhara residential area, a relatively smaller neighbourhood, for over the

past decade, he said.

The idea could be replicated in other residential areas as well, said Commodore MA Razzak, chief waste management officer of DNCC.

DNCC Mayor Annisul Huq said north Dhaka generates 2,500 tonnes of solid waste every day.

As to clearing the roads, he said some embassies on the plea of security had put up concrete blocks and other obstructions on roads and sidewalks. "We have requested them to clear the roads soon."

M Bazlul Karim Chaudhury, chairman of Rajuk, said the government has undertaken a Tk 2,900 crore development project which includes a water treatment plant, eight bridges and beautification of Gulshan-Baridhara-Banani Lake.

### Govt plans

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history of country's Liberation War, the minister said, "Under the directive of Bangabandhu on March 2, we launched the attack on the Pakistani forces on March 19. After the incident, slogans were chanted across the country."

About the role of mass media to build a developed country, the minister said the media people, being imbued with the spirit of Liberation War, can play a very significant role in the greater interest of the country and its people.

Mozammel paid rich tributes to the martyrs, including Hormut, Niamat and Monu K Halifa and others who made their supreme sacrifices on March 19, 1971, along with the 30 lakh martyrs in the nine-month Liberation War.



Kazi Golam Mahboob (1927-2006)

An activist of the 1952 Language Movement

Many people will remember today as the day our country lost a strong, tenacious leader and advocate. But for us, today is the death anniversary of our loving Nana. He instilled in each and every one of us a deep desire to push ourselves, strive to be the very best and accomplish greatness - something that drives all his children and grandchildren everyday.

However, what defined Nana was his youthful exuberance & the lighthearted playfulness with which he approached life and the people around him. If you knew him personally, I am certain you all have a memory of him that makes you smile. Thank you, Nana, for being such a warm, compassionate and spirited figure in all of our lives.

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