

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 31.2 L 18.3	MYMENSINGH H 28.5 L 17.5	CHITTAGONG H 30.4 L 19.0	SYLHET H 30.0 L 17.3	RAJSHAHI H 32.3 L 18.3	RANGPUR H 27.5 L 17.4	KHULNA H 32.0 L 19.6	BARISAL H 31.6 L 17.4	COX'S BAZAR H 31.0 L 18.6
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Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky, reports UNB. Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions and Jessore and Kushtia till 6:00pm today, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:11pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59am.



Recipients of Prime Minister Gold Medal 2013-14 with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the award distribution ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office in the capital yesterday. The University Grants Commission organised the function.

PHOTO: PID

Human trafficking racket busted in capital

Nine arrested, nine victims also rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) have detained nine alleged members of an international human trafficking racket in the capital and rescued nine people at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport while they were being trafficked to Malaysia and Cyprus. Based on the information of the victims who were rescued yesterday and on March 13, Rab-3 made the arrests in last two days. "Rab's headman alias Halim Mama is the 'chief-in-command' of the gang who operates the business from Malaysia. He is a fugitive and accused in several cases, said Lt Col Tuhin Mohammad Masud, commanding officer (CO) of Rab-3, at a press briefing at Rab's media centre in the capital yesterday. The detainees are - Badshah Sheikh the "second-in-command", Mamun Hossain alias "Bhaigna Mamun", Ripon Hossain, Nashir Uddin, proprietor of "Go Easy" travel agency in Gulshan, Moniruzzaman, Sojol Kumar Bain, Nasir Uddin, managing director

of "Sunway Tours & Travels" in Paltan, Ahsanuzzaman alias Shohag, and Razib. This gang does not have any recruiting licence while they collect people especially from remote areas through local agents. Taking the advantage of "on arrival tourist visa", they first take people to Indonesia. From there, foreign agents transfer them to Medan of North Sumatra. Later they put fake visa on passports and push them illegally by sea route to Selangor of Malaysia, the CO said. Trapped in, many people are tortured for ransom while women are forced into prostitution. In primary interrogation, Badsha admitted to Rab that some dishonest travel business men issue air tickets without any necessary documents and make fake documents for them. Rab-3 also recovered a total of Tk 94,384, foreign currencies, 100 passports, 32 fake visas and visa making materials including six fake rubber stamps.

5 die in road crashes

CITY DESK

Five people were killed and nine others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday. In Chittagong city, a woman was killed as a bus ran her over while she was crossing the road in Notun Bridge area. The deceased was Sakera Begum, 47, of Cox's Bazar. She was an assistant teacher of Uttar Deyang Government Primary School in Patiya upazila of the district. Police said the incident occurred when Sakera was going to her workplace in the morning. The bus ran her over after it was hit by a truck which was also knocked by another bus from behind. Two bus passengers were also injured in the accident. They were rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. In another accident in the district, a truck and his helper were killed as his vehicle hit another truck which was parked beside the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Khoiachhara area of Mirsarai upazila. The dead are Rafique Dhali, 26, of Shariatpur and Shimul Mia, 24, of Jhenaidah. They died on the spot. In Natore Sadar, a youth was killed and two others injured as a truck rammed an auto-rickshaw carrying them on Natore-Dhaka highway in Haybatpur area. The deceased was Aynal Hossain, 25, of Neelchara village in the district. In Mymensingh, Rabeya Khatun, 60, of Gubrakura village in the district was killed and five people were injured as a bus carrying them collided head-on with a truck in Tarakanda Uttar Bazar area.

World Water Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

World Water Day 2017 was observed in the capital yesterday to create awareness about water usage. Under a programme funded by HSBC Bank, WaterAid Bangladesh in partnership with Sajida Foundation organised different programmes at T & T Adarsha Girls' High School in Mohakhali, and at BK Aftab Govt Primary School in Tejgaon. The schools are getting facilities for sanitation and maintaining hygiene specially at toilets under the project. Head teacher of T & T School Sultana Ferdousi Khanam said the project was a great help for around 2,000 students and staff. Imrul Kayes Muniruzzaman, director, fundraising and organisational learning, WaterAid Bangladesh, said they provided the schools with freshwater gathered by rain water harvesting. Francois de Maricourt, CEO of HSBC Bangladesh, and Zahida Fizza Kabir, executive director Sajida Foundation spoke, among others.

SNAPS & snippets

Free health camp held in Dhaka slum

CITY DESK

Rights and Sight for Children (RSC), and Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI) held a free health camp for children at RSC-DCI Health Clinic, in the capital's Kalyanpur Porabari slum yesterday, marking World Water Day. Dr Al-Amin Mridha, an associate professor, Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College; Dr Hossain Sahid Kamrul Alam, deputy director (hospital), Dhaka Shishu Hospital; and Dr Shamsul Karim, project director, Maternal and Child Health Training Institute, treated the slum children, says a press release. Dr Sheikh Moinul Khokon of the clinic assisted the physicians.

Seminar on colorectal cancer held

CITY DESK

Apollo Hospitals Dhaka and Robi Axiata Ltd on Tuesday organised a seminar marking the World Colorectal Cancer Month which is celebrated in March. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed to facilitate the employees of Robi to get discount on their treatment cost at the hospital. Enayet Ullah Khan, director of Business Development of Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, and Abdullah Al Mamun, vice-president of Facilities and Services of Robi, signed the MoU.



A joint cycling expedition of Bangladesh Army and Indian Army being flagged off at Agartala in India yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Two women found murdered in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was found murdered in her Shahid Nagar house in the capital's Lalbagh yesterday evening. There were injury marks on the throat, head and other parts of the body of Nurunnahar Nuni, 25, who was a mother of two children, said police. They also found a blood-stained cleaver in the tin-roofed house, said Ibrahim Khan, deputy commissioner of Lalbagh Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. After the incident, Nuni's husband Nure Alam fled home taking his two children, he said. Meanwhile, the decapitated body of an unidentified young woman was found in a sack beside Beribandh in the capital's Airport area yesterday. Her hands and legs were tied up, said Airport Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nur-e-Azam Mia.

Journos submit memorandum to PM for 9th wage board

BSS, Dhaka

Journalists yesterday submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina demanding immediate constitution of the 9th wage board for both the print and electronic media. Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) led by BFUJ President Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul and Secretary General Omar Faruque handed over the memorandum to Prime Minister's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim at his office. Receiving the memorandum, Ihsanul Karim said he will convey the journalists' demand to the prime minister and hand over the memorandum to her. A procession, brought out by the journalists from Jatiya Press Club towards the Prime Minister's Office, was halted near Matsya Bhaban by law enforcers. Taken to the PMO for hand-over of the memorandum.

Asian civet rescued, released in forest



PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

Forest officials released an Asian civet, an endangered species locally known as Gondho Gokul, in the Khadim Nagar National Park in Sylhet yesterday afternoon. A team of forest officials rescued the civet from Lokhonabondo Madrasa Bazar area under Golapganj upazila in Sylhet yesterday morning, RFM Monirul Islam, Sylhet division forest officer, told this correspondent. Scientific name of the animal is Paradoxurus Hermaphroditus, he said, adding that after capturing the animal from the residential area, they put it in a cage and later released it to its natural habitat. Locals said it might have come outside the forest and entered human territory in search of food. The Asian civet generally grows 53-55 centimetres long and its tail is 48-50 centimetres. This rare species lives on fruits, vegetables and small animals, said Monirul Islam.

Removal of

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learn via media on March 18 that a bust of Bangabandhu was installed at the hostel at West Bengal Communist Party leader Biman Bose had laid garland to the statue on March 17, the birthday of Bangabandhu. "We feel proud that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman stayed in this hostel for his studies... but don't support installing statue of anybody as it contradicts the ideal of Islam," says the memorandum signed by the federation's General Secretary Muhammad Kamruzzaman. On March 20, the Federation sent a similar memorandum addressing Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj. Baker Hostel Superintendent Dabir Ahmed, said he was unaware of any student discontent or protest staged over the statue. Contacted, an official of Bangladesh deputy high commission in Kolkata said they heard of the demand but they did not receive any official communication.



Journalists march towards Prime Minister's Office yesterday, demanding immediate constitution of the ninth wage board for them. The photo was taken from Kadom Foara area.

PHOTO: STAR

Exhibition of Bangabandhu's photos starts at Old Dhaka jail Saturday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-day exhibition of photographs of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will begin at the museum of old Dhaka central jail on Najim Uddin Road on Saturday. Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Iftekhar Uddin told a press briefing at the Jail yesterday that visitors will have to pay Tk 100 for entry and the money will be used for the children who live with their mothers in jail. A day-care center for the children in Kashimpur jail will be inaugurated today.

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পলিথিন শপিং ব্যাগ বর্জন করুনঃ পরিবেশ সুরক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করুন!!

পলিথিন শপিং ব্যাগ অপচনশীল হওয়ায় যেখানে সেখানে ফেলার ফলে দীর্ঘদিন মাটিতে অক্ষত অবস্থায় থেকে মাটির উর্বরতা নষ্ট করে এবং শহরের পয়ঃনিষ্কাশন ব্যবস্থা বাধাগ্রস্ত করে জলাবদ্ধতা সৃষ্টি করে যার ফলে পানি দূষণসহ বিভিন্ন রোগের প্রকোপ বৃদ্ধি পায়। পলিথিনে খাদ্যদ্রব্য রাখলে দ্রুত রাসায়নিক বিক্রিয়ার সৃষ্টি করে ক্যান্সারসহ মারাত্মক রোগ সংক্রমণের ঝুঁকি দেখা দেয়। এছাড়া, পলিথিন পোড়ানোর ফলে বিষাক্ত হাইড্রোজেন সায়নাইড গ্যাস নির্গত হয় যা পরিবেশ ও জনস্বাস্থ্যের জন্য মারাত্মক হুমকি।

২। পরিবেশের জন্য পলিথিন ব্যাগের এ সমস্ত ক্ষতিকর বিষয় বিবেচনা করে সরকার গত ৮ এপ্রিল ২০০২ তারিখ হতে সারাদেশে সকল প্রকার পলিথিন শপিং ব্যাগ উৎপাদন, আমদানি, বাজারজাতকরণ, বিক্রয়, বিক্রয়ের জন্য প্রদর্শন, মজুদ, বিতরণ, বাণিজ্যিক উদ্দেশ্যে পরিবহন ও ব্যবহার সম্পূর্ণ নিষিদ্ধ করেছে।

৩। এ সত্ত্বেও, লক্ষ্য করা যায় বাজারে কোনো কোনো স্থানে পলিথিন শপিং ব্যাগ বিভিন্ন রূপে ব্যবহৃত হচ্ছে। এটা স্পষ্টতঃ বাংলাদেশ পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণ আইন, ১৯৯৫ (সংশোধিত ২০১০) এর ডক ধারা লংঘন এবং নিম্নরূপ দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধঃ

৩.১ পলিথিন শপিং ব্যাগ উৎপাদন, আমদানি ও বাজারজাত করলে আইন লংঘনকারী অনধিক ১০ (দশ) বৎসর সশ্রম কারাদণ্ড বা অনধিক ১০ (দশ) লক্ষ টাকা অর্থদণ্ড বা উভয় দণ্ডে দণ্ডিত হবে;

৩.২ পলিথিন শপিং ব্যাগ বিক্রয়, বিক্রয়ের জন্য প্রদর্শন, মজুদ, বিতরণ, বাণিজ্যিক উদ্দেশ্যে পরিবহন বা বাণিজ্যিক উদ্দেশ্যে ব্যবহার করলে আইন লংঘনকারী অনধিক ৬ (ছয়) মাস কারাদণ্ড বা অনধিক ১০ (দশ) হাজার টাকা অর্থদণ্ড বা উভয় দণ্ডে দণ্ডিত হবে।

৪। নিষিদ্ধ ঘোষিত সকল প্রকার পলিথিন শপিং ব্যাগ উৎপাদন, আমদানি, বাজারজাত, মজুদ, বিক্রয়, বিক্রয়ের জন্য প্রদর্শন, বিতরণ, বাণিজ্যিক উদ্দেশ্যে পরিবহন ও ব্যবহার থেকে বিরত থাকার জন্য সকলকে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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