

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 32.4 L 23.1	MYMENSINGH H 30.5 L 21.4	CHITTAGONG H 31.0 L 21.4	SYLHET H 29.5 L 21.6	RAJSHAHI H 32.5 L 22.4	RANGPUR H 30.4 L 20.5	KHULNA H 33.8 L 23.0	BARISAL H 33.0 L 20.5	COX'S BAZAR H 30.7 L 21.0
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Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporarily gusty squally wind is likely to occur at a few places in Rajshahi, Dhaka, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places in Barisal and Rangpur divisions and in Noakhali, Jessore and Comilla till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged and night temperature may rise by 1-3 degree Celsius over the country, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:11pm and rises tomorrow at 5:57am.

New finds at Natেশ্বর excavation site

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Scientists have discovered several archaeological evidences of a Buddhist city older than a thousand years at Natেশ্বর excavation site in Munshiganj's Tongibari upazila.

The new finds include an entrance and walkway, prayer hall, mortar floor, three octagonal stupas, pot shreds, baked clay materials, and burnt bricks.

The scientists unveiled their discoveries through a press conference at the excavation site yesterday.

Oitijjo Onneshon, a Jahangirnagar University-based archaeological research organisation, conducted the excavation with support from Agrashar Bikrampur Foundation and the Department of Archaeology of the government.

Teachers and students of Jahangirnagar University and Comilla University took part in this year's excavation.

Head of the excavation expedition Prof Sufi Mustafizur Rahman said more archaeological evidences were expected to be found at the site.

BETA Laboratory of the USA confirmed that the artefacts were formed between 780 AD and 1223 AD, added the archaeology professor of JU.

Nuh-Ul-Alam Lenin, president of Agrashar Bikrampur Foundation, said the artefacts were discovered at the depth of 1.5 feet to 15 feet.

Ibrahim Hossain Khan, secretary of the cultural affairs minister, and Altaf Hossain, director general of Department of Archaeology, also spoke.

The excavation started at the 10 acre site in 2010, and 25 students are taking part in the field work.



A section of the new excavation on the 10 acre Natেশ্বর archaeological site in Munshiganj's Tongibari upazila, where scientists believe a Buddhist city was founded more than a thousand years ago. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

N'ganj traffic in chaos due to unplanned road digging

HELEMUL ALAM and SANAD SAHA

Long tailbacks and people's sufferings have been a common scenario for the last few days at Chashara in Narayanganj city as roads were dug repeatedly in an unplanned way, alleged locals.

Businessman Saifuddin said he recently missed an urgent meeting as he first had to wait for a bus for almost half an hour and then his CNG-run autorickshaw could not reach the destination in time due to heavy traffic congestion.

It took a bus a maximum of five minutes to reach Chashara from Number-2 gate of Narayanganj city, while a rickshaw makes it in eight minutes but now it is taking more than half an hour, said Saifuddin.

Redwan, who used to supply breads at Chashara, also faced huge sufferings as his rickshaw-van got stuck in a recently-dug pit on the road.

Locals complained that the repair work could have been done at night, when traffic movement remains light and the work was not done sincerely and properly for which Wasa needed to do it again.

Last week, Narayanganj Maintenance, Operation and Distribution Services (MODS) of WASA dug the same road before Santona Market twice for repairing pipelines. Wasa had to dig the road for a third time as a pipe on the other portion of the road got leaked, according to Deputy Assistant Engineer of Dhaka Wasa Riazul Islam.

He also said Wasa preferred the daytime in order to do the work carefully and the repair work completed on Thursday.

Most of the roads including Dhaka-Narayanganj Link Road and Dhaka-Pagla-Narayanganj Old Road remained blocked with traffic in the last few days, said locals.

Traffic Inspector of Narayanganj Sharfuddin said Wasa dug up the road four days ago and now it was doing it again.

Acting Chief Executive Officer of Narayanganj City Corporation Mahmudur Rahman said they sent several letters to Wasa following complaints by residents to fix pipeline leaks for which Wasa launched the repair work.

Dinajpur raped girl to undergo another surgery

Police charge two
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The five-year-old girl, who was brutally tortured and raped in October last year in Dinajpur, was again admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for another surgery.

She was admitted on March 13 and undergoing treatment at the burn unit of the hospital over two months after her release from there.

She still can not walk normally and is scared of strangers, said her father over the phone.

On October 18 last year, the girl went missing while she was playing with her friends. Nearly 19 hours later, locals found her lying bloodied and unconscious in a field in the village.

The girl was beaten and raped and her body bore several bite and scratch marks. Her rapists also burnt parts of her body with cigarettes.

She was rushed to Parbatipur Upazila Health Complex first but taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital on October 24. Later, she was referred to DMCH where she underwent surgery on November 21. She returned home in December last year.

Victim's father filed a case on October 20 accusing Saiful Islam, 45, and Afzal Hossain, 35. Police arrested Saiful on October 26. On February 28 this year, Parbatipur upazila police pressed a charge-sheet in the case, said MR Sayed, investigation officer (IO) of the case.

NEWS IN brief

BSK awards 3,543 Khulna readers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Biswa Sahitya Kendra (BSK) yesterday awarded 3,543 students of 41 schools in Khulna city for their good performance in reading books.

The award giving ceremony was held at Government Coronation Girls' School where Aminul Islam Bhuiyan, a retired secretary; and Khairul Alam Sobui, writer and theatre personality; were present.

Among others, Faruk Hossain, divisional commissioner (in-charge) of Khulna; Najmul Ahsan, deputy commissioner; Dr Jahangir Alam, joint secretary; Najrul Islam, deputy secretary; Ruhul Amin, district education officer; Laila Arjuman, headmistress of the school; Rayhan Jahir Tutul, chief human resource officer of GP Khulna circle; and BSK Director and Deputy Secretary Sharif Md Masud were present.

Free medical camp at city hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh ENT Hospital in the capital's Sobhanbagh organises a three day free medical camp from Monday on the occasion of Independence Day.

Poor patients would also be provided with free hearing aids during the two-hour camp starting at 2:30pm. For registration call 09666710710 or 0171725667.

A virtual menace



One of the youths attacking the puppy with a brick.

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

As if a gladiator in the Roman Colosseum is asking a wild crowd to cheer him before he takes the final blow to finish off the life of this untamed beast.

The same sickness and brutality come alive at the modern stage set up by this "gladiator" of present-day Dhaka.

The only difference is, this psychotic youth, Mamunur Rashid, around twenty years of age, is appealing to a virtual "crowd" to cheer him by asking them to "subscribe" to his channel where he uploads his self-recorded video clips of animal cruelty.

The elaborate description of this disturbing footage of his criminal act against an adorable puppy can easily turn a human being sick to her or his stomach.

Unbelievably, in the footage that went viral recently, this menace to all beings is wearing a hat that says "DoG" while he records, and at the same time, instructs another youth to brutalise the puppy!

An animal rights organisation, People for Animal Welfare, took notice of the matter and filed a complaint with Savar Model Police Station. The group also swiftly moved to save the puppy, only to learn that it had already been killed.

After the killing, police raided the crime scene in Zoynabari area of Savar's Hemayetpur to serve arrest warrants against Mamun, said Sub-inspector Shah Alam, who is investigation officer of the case.

Police have found evidence of the crime, but they were yet to trace the criminals, he added.

Talking to The Daily Star, Mamun's father claimed that Mamun had gone to his grandfather's house after getting bail from the court. He, however, could not show any document.

Flower traders take up the footpath and a sizeable portion of the road to process newly-arrived lots at Shahbagh, a major flower hub in the capital, yesterday morning, leaving little space for vehicular traffic and pedestrian movement. The situation often triggers traffic congestion in one of the busiest areas in the city. However, the authorities neither take any action against the traders, nor relocate the flower market to another place.



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Create consensus for

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Nations this month seeking recognition of March 25 as Genocide Day.

On this day in 1971, Pakistan army cracked down on the Bangalees and massacred them indiscriminately.

Speaking at the discussion, eminent cultural personality and freedom fighter Nasiruddin Yousuff said earning national recognition of the day is quite important as "it will help young generation to know what actually happened on this day in 1971".

DU Pro Vice-chancellor Prof Nasreen Ahmad said the DU campus suffered worst atrocity committed by the Pakistan army -- from the beginning till the end of the Liberation War.

Speaking as chief guest, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury said the government is conducting trial of war criminals to make sure that the ones involved in the genocide do not go unpunished.

Tapan Kumar Bardhan, one of the few who survived the atrocity of Pakistan army at Jagannath Hall of the DU, narrated how he had survived the attack on the fateful day.

Shei Rater Kotha Bolchhi, a documentary directed by Kawsar Chowdhury, was screened later.

To commemorate the day, the DUAA in the evening today will bring out a torch procession that will march from Senate Building to Jagannath Hall.

DUAA President AK Azad, its secretary general Ranjan Karmakar and Prof Mannan Chowdhury, among others, spoke at the discussion.

Teesta deal not this time

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when people went for personal gains.

At a programme in Narayanganj, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon said a memorandum of understanding (MoU) might be signed with India, not a deal, to buy arms from that country.

About the Teesta treaty, he said the PM was sincere about it, and the treaty would happen within a year.



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