

YESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 30.6°C 24.8 MYMENSINGH 29.0°C 24.3 CHITTAGONG 31.0°C 23.5 SYLHET 30.5°C 21.5 RAJSHAHI 33.0°C 24.6 RANGPUR 27.6°C 22.2 KHULNA 33.0°C 25.2 BARISAL 31.3°C 24.3 COX'S BAZAR 30.6°C 22.5

Rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions with hails at isolated places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:15pm and rises

UK PM writes Hasina mentioning growing ties with Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

British Prime Minister Theresa May has written to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina acknowledging the 'strong and growing' relationship between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom.

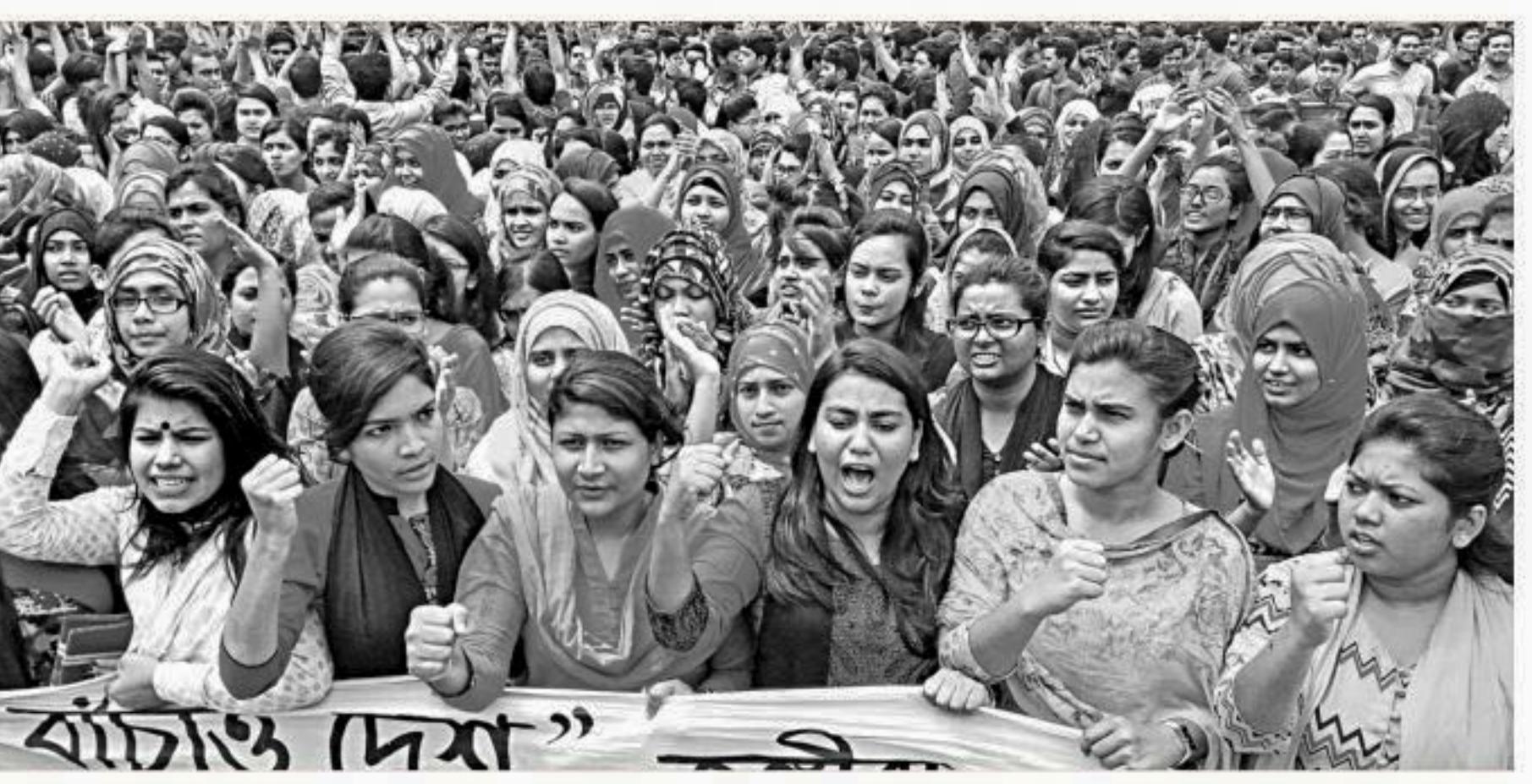
Visiting Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Sir Simon McDonald handed over the letter to Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday morning.

"I've just come from a meeting with the foreign minister and had the honor of delivering a letter from my Prime Minister to Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh," McDonald told reporters at state guesthouse Meghna.

Before talking to the press briefing, he signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on regular holding of the strategic dialogue with his Bangladesh counterpart Md Shahidul Haque.

Responding to a question, McDonald said they know that Bangladesh wants to have same trade privileges that it enjoys now [under Everything but Arms (EBA)] in the European market. "We know that this is an important part of negotiation. I can assure you, looking ahead, the United Kingdom wants even better relationship with Bangladesh in the future," he said indicating that there will be no negative impact following Britain's exit from the EU.

Theresa May has informed the European council that she will trigger article 50 tomorrow. "Tomorrow is the key day in the United Kingdom," said the British under secretary mentioning that they are more 'conscious' than ever of the importance of Bangladesh-UK 'historic relations' beyond Europe.



To stand against militancy, Bangladesh Chhatra League demonstrates on the Dhaka University campus yesterday as part of its countrywide programme.

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Driving on wrong side

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passengers is high in the morning in EPZ area, the three-wheelers flood the area. They said police do not harass them for driving on the wrong side of the road.

Assistant Commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) (port) Mosharraf Hossain said traffic police are deployed in the city from 7:00am. But they were not aware of the rules violations. Now that they are informed they will take action against vehicles that ply on the wrong side of the road.

Biplab Kumar Paul, Traffic Inspector (EPZ zone) of Chittagong Metropolitan area, said

from March 1, he has impounded around 50 vehicles mostly three-wheelers, in this area for running on the wrong side of the road.

It is not possible for police alone to control the vehicles in the morning as thousands of garment workers and hundreds of vehicles pass through the road during that time, he said.

"Along with legal actions, special programmes should be taken to make drivers aware of the consequences of driving in the wrong direction", said Biplab.

He, however, said there is no data on accidents that took place in the area.

3 univ students receive

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winners -- selected from a total of 70 participants -- were also given certificates. The submission of essays for the competition started in November last year.

A discussion was organised on the occasion of distributing the awards in an auditorium at the National Museum in the city.

"I feel great. It is inspiring," said Soumik Das after receiving the first prize.

During the discussion segment of the programme Mofidul Haque, a trustee of Liberation War Museum, said academic excellence and intellectual capability of Abdur Razzaq, a teacher of Dhaka University, is unique in the country.

Noticing increasing influence of Abdur Razzaq's political ideas on dissenting politicians in the 1960s, the Ayub regime dismissed him from his teaching job at Dhaka University alleging that he was nonchalant about his duties. The then government, however, failed to establish its case in the court, according to Banglapedia.

In recognition of his distinctive status among academics and scholars, the Bangladesh government in 1975 honoured him with the distinction of National Professor.

Academics at the discussion called for an inclusive approach in building a modern nation state where people of all faiths, ethnicity or colours would enjoy equal rights.

DU History Department Professor

Mofakkharul Islam said the idea of nationalism developed in Europe, but the rise of ultra nationalism in some countries resulted in two world wars.

Professor Abul Kashem Fazlul Haque said the problem arises when nationalism becomes extreme and a nation state tries to dominate other groups.

The state has to be established on the basis of democracy, but a strong democracy is difficult when political parties become corrupt, he observed, saying that a proportional representation of all communities in a democracy would be ideal for ensuring equal rights for all, not for just the majority.

Professor Shapan Adnan suggested conducting critical analysis as to why democracies in countries such as Bangladesh remain vulnerable or why socialism could not establish a firm foothold in these countries.

DU Economics Professor MM Akash said although Bangladesh is a country where most people are Muslims, but they are also of Hindu origins. Therefore, they historically have the virtues of living in harmony.

In recent times, however, there have been cases of militant attacks that represent elements of fanaticism. The factors of such behaviour have to be looked into closely and addressed accordingly, he added.

Gyantapash Abdur Razzaq Foundation Director General Prof Ahrar Ahmad made welcome speech at the programme.

Obituary

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Genome editing potential aplenty

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Foundation; Dr Zeba I Seraj, GNOBB president, and Dr Muhammad Manjurul Karim, its general secretary; Dr Mohammad Aslam, postdoctoral fellow of Japan Society for Promotion of Science (JSPS); and Dr Asadulghani, head of biosafety unit of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b), spoke at the workshop.

Some 32 participants representing public and private sector research institutions, academia and industries took part.

Genome editing is a type of genetic engineering in which DNA is inserted, deleted or replaced in the genome of a living organism using engineered

nucleases, or "molecular scissors". Genome is the full complement of genetic information that an individual organism inherits from its parents, specifically the set of chromosomes and the genes they carry.

CRISPR-Cas9 (Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats-assisted system) is currently the simplest, most versatile and precise method of genetic manipulation and is therefore causing a buzz in the science world.

One of the world's leading scientific journals the Science selected CRISPR-Cas9 as "2015 Breakthrough of the Year".

CRISPR-Cas9 inventors -- Jennifer Anne Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier are now most touted candidates for the Nobel prize.

SC upholds acquittal

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and Hayatul.

Hayatul's lawyer Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury told The Daily Star that his client has been serving in jail for 16 years in the case and Hayatul is yet to instruct him to move a petition seeking a review of this judgement.

Shamim Reza Rubel, 24, a student of the Independent University, was picked up by a team of the Detective Branch (DB) of police in front of his Siddheswari residence in Dhaka on July 23, 1998. Rubel was tortured

to death in the DB custody the same day.

On July 24, 1998, Abdur Rob Miah, father of Rubel, filed the murder case against 14 people, including AC Akram and Roksana Begum alias Mukuli Begum, a neighbour of Rubel.

A Dhaka court on June 17, 2002, delivered judgement with life-term rigorous imprisonment to 13 persons, including AC Akram, and one year to Mukuli.

The HC on May 5, 2011, acquitted Akram and 11 others and upheld life imprisonment of Hayatul.

5 to die

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killers were given exemplary punishment.

The 79-year-old photojournalist was found dead at his residence in the Dhaka's West Rampura on December 25, 2013.

When police recovered the body, his hands and legs were tied up and a gag was wrapped around his mouth, police sources said.

The postmortem report said the photojournalist had been strangled.

Following the incident, a murder case was filed with Rampura Police Station.

After an investigation, Rapid Action Battalion Sub-Inspector Ashiq Iqbal, also the investigation officer of the case, pressed charges against the six people including the victim's driver Humayun Kabir on March 25, 2014.

Hailing from Mohipur village in Rangpur, Aftab joined as a photographer of the daily Ittefaq in 1962.

He captured some images of the 1971 Liberation War and Bangabandhu Sheikh Majibur Rahman.

He was awarded Ekushey Padak in 2006. On December 16, 2010, miscreants took away his award and other valuables from his house.



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