

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.0 L 26.5	MYMENSINGH H 31.5 L 22.2	CHITTAGONG H 31.6 L 25.5	SYLHET H 28.5 L 17.5	RAJSHAHI H 37.4 L 25.7	RANGPUR H 30.2 L 26.5	KHULNA H 34.0 L 25.5	BARISAL H 31.6 L 26.3	COX'S BAZAR H 30.8 L 25.4
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Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi and Khulna divisions with hails at isolated places till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:16pm and rises tomorrow at 5:47am.

Produce Oishee to assess her mental state: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the inspector general of prisons to produce Oishee Rahman, who was sentenced to death for killing her parents, before it on April 10 for observing her mental condition.

The HC passed the order as Oishee's lawyers told the court that she was mentally disordered when she killed her parents.

The HC was holding hearing on the death reference and appeal of Oishee challenging the lower court verdict that sentenced her to death for murdering her father Mahfuzur Rahman, inspector of Special Branch of Police, and mother Swapna Rahman.

On August 16, 2013, the bodies of Mahfuzur and his wife Swapna Rahman were recovered from their Chamelibagh house in the capital.

'ON THE ROAD AGAIN'



Clockwise from top left, Locals play in a park in the capital's Farmgate yesterday. Only a day ago, a major portion of the public space was occupied by passenger vehicles. After The Daily Star published photos, the authorities drove the vehicles away, but a new problem arose as those were allowed to park along the nearby side road adjacent to Indira Road, causing obstructions to pedestrian movement.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

SAYEDEE'S CONVICTION SC includes review petitions of state, defence in hearing list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday included the review petitions of convicted war criminal Delwar Hossain Sayedee and the government against its verdict in the war crimes case in its hearing list.

The petitions were filed with the SC against its verdict that commuted the death sentence for Sayedee to imprisonment until death. In the petitions, Sayedee sought acquittal and the government sought for his death penalty.

Yesterday, both the review pleas have come up on serial number 147 of the cause list of the four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC, headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, but the apex court could not reach that item for hearing.

ICT shows Khulna man arrested in war crimes case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday showed a Khulna man arrested in a case filed over committing crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

The tribunal passed the order following a petition moved by Prosecutor Mukhlesur Rahman Badal.

The tribunal on March 8 issued arrest warrants against Shahar Ali, 64, and Nazrul Islam and when police went to arrest them, they found that Shahar was already arrested on February 19 in a drug case and now in Jessore jail.

Badal appealed to the tribunal to show Shahar arrested in the war crimes case and to keep him in jail for the sake of proper investigation. Nazrul is yet to be arrested.

Shahar and Nazrul are among eight accused of the war crimes case and all the accused are from Batiaghata upazila of Khulna, Prosecutor Sabina Yesmin Khan Munni told The Daily Star.

Six other accused were shown arrested in the war crimes case on March 9 and they are now in jail.

The six are Ashraf Sheikh, 79, Amzad Hossain Hawlader, 74, Mozahar Ali Sheikh, 64, Atiar Sheikh, 69, Motasim Billah, 79, and Kamal Uddin Goldar, 65.

Investigation of the case began on November 15, 2015 and the investigation officer already found involvement of the eight persons, who were involved with Razakar Bahini, the prosecutor said.

Tragedy on a trip to shrine

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

It was a commitment Halim Bhandari made to himself after he got a stable livelihood and became able to marry off two of his three daughters.

When he visited the shrine of Soleman Shah in Chandpur's Matlab for the first time, he had no permanent source of income that could consistently support his family.

After that trip, fate finally smiled on him -- he started a tea stall and subsequently married off two daughters. Halim then promised that he would make a trip to the shrine an annual ritual. As part of that, he boarded a trawler with four other family members on March 30. When the boat reached the confluence, it was caught in a storm and started sinking. Halim swam ashore but his wife Ranu Akter, 30, his mother-in-law Joygun Nesa, 66, and sisters-in-law Shanta Akter, 28, and Banu Akter, 50, drowned.

"I lost everything," he cried, while talking to The Daily Star yesterday. "My younger

N'GANJ BOAT CAPSIZAL DEATH TOLL 17



Family members waiting on the bank of the Meghna for victims on March 31. PHOTO: FILE

daughter does not talk to me. I could not bring her mother back."

Halim lives in the capital's Banasree and runs a tea stall near Bangladesh Television Bhaban. His third daughter Sohagi Jahan is 14 and son Rajib Hasan is 12 years old.

The trawler was carrying 50-60 passengers when it capsized. The death toll from the accident reached 17 so far.

Road crashes kill 1, injure 16 in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Driver of a shallow engine-run three-wheeler was killed and his helper injured as a truck collided head-on with the vehicle at Chambal Bazar under Banskhali upazila in Chittagong yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was Md Kamal, 28. Locals rushed the helper to Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

Police seized the truck.

Meanwhile, 15 passengers were injured as a bus "Basurhat Express" turned turtle at Baratakia in Mirsarai upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

SUNRISE COLLEGE AT UTTARA 62 cannot attend HSC exam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three including principal remanded over fraudulence

Earlier on Sunday, the victim students and their guardians besieged the college at Sector 7 in Uttara protesting the incident, the OC said.

The number of the students is 37 from whom the authorities took money, police quoted the three as saying. They unsuccessfully made attempts to allow the students to appear at the exam, the law enforcers said, quoting the principal.

Matiur Rahman said he gave Tk 2.49 lakh to the college authorities on different purposes for his son during the last one year.

The college authorities have collected around Tk 1 lakh from most of the other victims each, said Matiur.

Mostafijur, who was transferred to Sunrise College from a Narsingdi college last year, became sick following frustration as he could not sit for the examination this year, he said.

Matiur demanded punishment for the college and refund of the money.

Some 62 students of Sunrise College at Uttara in Dhaka could not attend this year's HSC examination as it failed to give them admit cards.

They allegedly took Tk 74.4 lakh from the students by assuring them of giving chance to sit for the exam.

Matiur Rahman, father of one of the students Mostafijur Rahman Alivi, filed a case with the Uttara West Police Station on Sunday accusing the institution's 10 officials, including principal, vice principal, chairman and directors of misappropriating the money.

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Principal Nazim Uddin, Vice Principal Zia Uddin and Director Almas Hossain on a two-day remand each in the fraud case. The rest seven are absconding. Officer-in-Charge (operation) Shah Alam told The Daily Star.

Education being turned into commodity

Allege speakers at int'l confce of Chhatra Union

DU CORRESPONDENT

Education is being perceived as a commodity as it is being offered at a high cost at private universities, speakers told a seminar at Dhaka University yesterday.

Students around the world must rise against neo-liberal assault on the education sector and they need to continue their fight against the global offensive of the neo-liberal capitalists.

The call came from South Asian student leaders gathered at an international conference themed "The Impact of Neo-liberalism on Education in Bangladesh" during the second day of 38th national council of Bangladesh Chhatra Union.

The conference is being jointly organised by Chhatra Union and Jubo Union at TSC auditorium.

Liton Nondi, vice president of the body read out a keynote speech, written by Meem

Arafat Manab, Nisharga Niloy and Liton, on "Neo-liberalism & Its Impact on Youth & Students".

Iqbal Kabir of Biplobi Chhatra Moitree said, "Neo liberalism is the current strategy of imperialism. The capitalist global powers are dominating the third world countries and controlling their markets for their benefits."

Chhatra Union central President Lucky Akhter, General Secretary GM Jilani Shuvo and Jubo Union General Secretary Hafiz Adnan Riad in their speech criticised neo-liberal policies of privatisation in public universities.

Socialist Youth Union of Sri Lanka's Ayyarannya Acharya, All Nepal National Free Students Union's general secretary Sunita Baral, Girish Ananda Pande of India also addressed.

The four-day council attended by 600 councillors will end on April 5 (tomorrow) with electing new leaders of the left-leaning student organisation.



Noble Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi receives a copy of "The Unfinished Memoirs" of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the latter's official residence Gono Bhaban yesterday. The Indian children's rights activist is in Dhaka to attend the ongoing IPU Assembly.

PHOTO: PTD



Staff of 29 municipalities in Rangpur division march the city streets yesterday demanding their 'due salaries'.

PHOTO: STAR

RANGPUR DIVISION Staff of 29 municipalities demand arrear salaries

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Staff of 29 municipalities in Rangpur division yesterday demanded, what they claimed, their arrear salaries.

Wearing black masks, more than 500 people, including their family members, marched different streets in the city. Later, they formed a human chain in front of the Divisional Commissioner's office.

Afterwards, they submitted a memorandum to the prime minister through the divisional commissioner of Rangpur.

The programmes were held under the banner of Bangladesh Pouro Karmachari-Karmachari Association. Shafiqul Islam Patwari Babu, president of the association, alleged that the staff have remained unpaid for months.

No officials concerned were available for comments about the situation.

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