

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.5 L 25.4	H 32.1 L 23.6	H 32.4 L 25.6	H 32.8 L 23.4	H 36.3 L 23.0	H 31.0 L 22.6	H 35.0 L 24.5	H 34.0 L 24.5	H 33.7 L 25.0

Rain/thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty/squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi and Mymensingh divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:21pm and rises tomorrow at 5:36am. Country's highest temperature 36.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 20.7 degree in Rajshahi, Met Office said.

Election to 156 UPs today

BSS, Dhaka

The Election Commission will hold election to 156 union parishads at different parts of the country today.

EC sources said they have taken all-out preparations to hold the elections in a free and fair manner as major political parties have nominated candidates.

Deputy Secretary of EC Farhad Ahmed Khan told the news agency that the elections to 174 UPs were supposed to be held as per schedule but polls to 18 UPs were postponed due to civil litigations. This is the first UP election under the new EC, he added.

Khan said two mobile teams of police-APBN-Battalion Ansars along with a platoon of BGB and another of RAB will remain vigilant at each UP during the voting, from 8:00am to 4:00pm. A platoon of Coast Guard will supplement the law enforcers in coastal areas. The country has over 4,500 UPs, and election to most of those were held in phases in early 2016.



Development work continues for the three bridges on the airport road in the port city. The work was supposed to be completed last year. But delays had pushed it even further, resulting in long tailbacks on the diversion routes, inset. The photos were taken from the Ruby cement area recently.

PHOTOS: ANURUP KANTI DAS

CTG AIRPORT ROAD DEVELOPMENT WORK Delay increases sufferings

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN, Ctg

It is about a half an hour journey from Chittagong to Dhaka by air. The travel is short but the struggle to reach the airport from main part of the city is enormous.

And, it is all because of the ongoing development work for the three bridges on the airport road of the port city.

The makeshift arrangements for vehicular movement on this crucial road, which facilitates supplies from Patenga to the city and beyond, are not adequate enough to handle the huge traffic. Now, the journey has become time-consuming and hazardous.

"Now, the 45 minutes journey from Prabartak to the airport takes upto two hours," said James Gomes, Chittagong regional director of Caritas. "The situation worsens in the evening when it takes around

three hours."

Along with Shah Amanat International Airport many businesses like Eastern Refinery Limited, Chittagong silo jetty and TSP Complex are located near the seven-kilometre airport road, which is used by thousands of commuters every day.

As a result, long tailbacks and sufferings of people have become a regular phenomenon.

"It takes me around two and a half hours to reach Cement Crossing from the airport due to tailbacks," said Morshed Alam, a resident of Bandar area.

In addition, some 1,000 goods carrying vehicles and oil tankers ply the road on a daily basis and have to spend more than two hours to cross the distance, said Munir Ahmed, president of Inter-district Malamal Paribahan Sangstha Truck Covered Van Owners' Association.

Financed by Japan International Cooperation Agency, the three bridges (one near Ruby cement, another over Guptakhal and the other in ghat-15 area) are being constructed spending about Tk 9.22 crore.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) are constructing the bridges.

"Vehicles mostly get stuck near the construction sites of the two bridges (Ruby cement and Gupta Khal) since the temporary routes built to facilitate traffic are one-way," said Sergeant Ziaur Rahman of the traffic department of Chittagong Metropolitan Police.

The construction work for the bridges began in October 2015, and the work was supposed to be completed within a year. Later, the time was extended till August this year.

So far, the progress of the con-

struction of the bridge near Ruby cement is about 50 percent, the bridge over Guptakhal is about 50 percent and the bridge in ghat-15 area is over 70 percent, said CCC sources.

Contacted, CCC Chief Engineer Lt Col Mohiuddin Ahamed said, "In the beginning, there was a problem in the project management. It took time to construct the alternative routes for vehicular movement since we had to change the original plan."

"Also, it took time to remove the utility lines from the areas," he added.

He said the diversion routes for the two construction sites could not be made into two-way roads for a lack of space.

The construction work is going on in full swing, he said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to complete it by June 20 as per the mayor's direction."

Ambedkar

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the friendship society, and Subir Kushari, its general secretary, also spoke.

Popularly known as Babasaheb, Ambedkar was the principal architect of the Constitution of India.

He was born on April 14, 1891 to a poor low Mahar (dalit) caste in Madhya Pradesh. He earned doctorates in economics from Columbia University and the London School of Economics, and gained reputation as a scholar for his research in law, economics and political science.

JS Bhaban

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Sheikh Hasina also asked the JS officials and employees to remain alert about proper maintenance of the new residential buildings constructed for them. She directed them to be economical in using electricity and water.

She also expressed satisfaction over the peaceful celebrations of the Pabela Baishakh and thanked the law enforcement agencies for maintaining law and order across the country.

Earlier, the prime minister inaugurated eight buildings - one for officials and seven for employees -- having 448 flats, by unveiling a plaque. The Housing and Public Works Ministry implemented the project at a cost of Tk 218 crore.

Earlier, she also inaugurated a newly constructed 25-storey commercial building of the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation under the Ministry of Shipping at Dainik Bangla Mor.



Chittagong City Corporation councillors, locals, students and teachers of CCC-run educational institutions brings out a procession in the port city's Anderkilla area yesterday to raise awareness against militancy and drug abuse. The procession also urged city dwellers to pay taxes as part of their civic duty.

PHOTO: STAR

CCC waives municipal tax interest for one month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

City dwellers will be granted exemption from paying interest levied on their arrears if they pay up the taxes by next month, said Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin yesterday.

He said this while inaugurating a programme at Engr Abdul Khalek Compound in Anderkilla area of the port city at 11:30am. With an aim to suppressing militants, controlling drugs and creating awareness for paying taxes, CCC also brought out a procession.

Similar awareness programmes were organised in CCC's 41 wards yesterday. Respective councillors, locals, students and teachers of CCC-run educational institutions took part in the events.

Paying municipal taxes is a civic duty, the mayor said, adding that there is no scope for spreading confusion in this regard.

CCC has no jurisdiction to fix municipal tax, he said, adding, CCC only implements the government directive.

Municipal tax has not been increased this time, Nasir claimed, adding that they were realising 17 percent tax like the previous years.

Contacted, Mostafizur Rahman, chief revenue officer of CCC, said if the people pay up the taxes by May 21, they will be exempted from paying interest levied on their arrears.

High economic growth likely in 10 years

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destroy the lives of brilliant students by misinterpreting Islam to engage them in militancy.

The main objective of higher education is to infuse the students with our liberal tradition, culture, creativity, humanity and rationality so they are able to resolve any national crisis, he

said, adding that the universities therefore have to ensure that their activities are not only limited to formalities.

Prof Abdul Mannan, chairman of the University Grants Commission, urged all universities to increase research activities.

He cautioned all private universities that the government will take action

against those which fail to ensure proper academic environment, do not comply with rules and the law, and focus only on making money.

Dr M Rezwan Khan, vice chancellor of UIIU, Hasan Mahmood Raja, chairman of the Board of Trustees of UIIU, also spoke at the convocation. Valedictorian Avijit Saha spoke on behalf of the students.

Nine killed in road accidents

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In Nilphamari, a seven-month pregnant woman was killed and her husband was injured critically as a truck rammed their motorcycle on Nilphamari-Domar road near Polashbari College yesterday.

The deceased was Shilpi Rani Roy, 20, wife of Manik Chand Roy, 26, of Daud village in the upazila.

Police said the couple was on their way to Nilphamari town to visit a doctor when the accident occurred.

Manik, a police constable, is serving at Chittagong police line. He is undergoing treatment at Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

In Pabna, a student of Pabna University of Science and Technology was killed as a truck hit her after she fell off a motorcycle she was riding on at Dashuria intersection of Ishwardi upazila on Friday afternoon.

The deceased Suborna Kaktun, 20, was a third-year student of Architecture. Police said she fell on the road as she

became unconscious while travelling on the motorcycle. She died on the spot.

In Jamalpur, a teenage boy was killed as he was hit by a pick-up van after he fell from another van at Tarakandi intersection in Sarishabari upazila on Friday evening.

The deceased was Moazzem Hossain, 16, of Durbhiti village in the upazila. He appeared in this year's SSC examination from Shafila Ideal High School.

Police said the incident occurred as both the vehicles collided head-on.

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Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) For
Providing auditing services through checking all relevant books of account and financial statements of Rajuk for the year 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19

1	Ministry	: Ministry of Housing and Public Works.
2	Agency	: Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha.
3	Name of the procuring entity	: Chairman (Rajuk).
4	Procuring entity district	: Dhaka.
5	Expression of interest for selection of	: Chartered Accounts Firm.
6	EOI File No.	: Rajuk Department of Audit/EOI-1/2017.
7	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	: 16/04/2017.
8	Procurement method	: Selection Under Fixed Budget (SFB) Method.
9	Budget and source of funds	: Rajuk's own fund.
10	Project name	: Financial Audit of Rajuk (2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19).
11	EOI closing date and time	: 30/04/2017, 12.30pm.
12	Brief description of the assignment	: The scope of the works in brief are following but not limited:- 1) Audit of Annual Accounts of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha for the year 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 with relevant books of accounts & financial statements. 2) Preparation of management report.
13	Experience, resource & delivery capacity required	: (Intending well established and well experienced (ICBA) Registration Holder & enlisted local Chartered Accountant firm should submit the following documents along with EOI. Brochure summarizing their facilities, areas of the expertise, general information including legal document. - Description of experiences for similar completed assignment. - Description of similar type of assignment in hand/in progress. - Availability of appropriate experience and professional qualifications of principal/managing partner manager, article students & relevant staff to carryout the assignment (List of own of hire resources). - Administrative strength, logistics and financial capability.
14	Association with foreign firms	: N/A.
15	Name of the official inviting EOI	: M Bazul Karim Chaudhury.
16	Designation of the official inviting EOI	: Chairman.
17	Place of the official inviting EOI	: RAJUK Annex Building (2nd Floor), RAJUK, Dhaka.
18	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	: Director (Audit), RAJUK Annex Building (2nd floor), Dhaka-1000, Phone-01730013914.
19	Other details	: 1. The consultant (Chartered Accounts firm) will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations-2008. 2. Consultants may associate to other consultants to enhance their qualifications. 3. Envelop containing application/proposal (EOI) along with relevant supporting documents to be marked with Expressions of Interest (EOI) providing auditing services stated above. The above assignments are to be submitted to the Director (Audit), RAJUK Annex Building (2nd Floor), Dhaka-1000. 4. No application will be accepted after the EOI closing date & time.

The RAJUK authority reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI either party or in full without assigning any reason thereof.

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