

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.6 L 25.7	H 33.0 L 22.8	H 33.0 L 24.0	H 33.5 L 23.5	H 36.6 L 23.2	H 32.8 L 21.4	H 34.5 L 25.6	H 34.0 L 25.0	H 31.8 L 23.6

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions with hills at isolated places till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may fall by (1-4) degree Celsius and night temperature may rise slightly over the country, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:22pm and rises tomorrow at 5:33am.

Two JMB men held in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday claimed to have arrested two members of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) in Narayanganj yesterday.

The arrestees belong to JMB's "Sarwar-Tamim group" and were involved in recruiting new members, Rab claimed.

The arrestees, Abdur Rahman alias Sohel, and Faisal Amed of Comilla, have been living in Siddhirganj of Narayanganj.

They were arrested following information gleaned from eight JMB suspects arrested in Narayanganj and Comilla by Rab last week, said Shakil Ahmed, a camp commander of Rab-11.

Razia Ispahani passes away

CITY DESK

Razia Ispahani, wife of late Sadri Ispahani, passed away in London on Monday. She was 93.

She was suffering from old age complications, says a press release.

Razia left behind her four sons, three daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn her death. She will be buried in London.

Her friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

ACC files charges against BNP leader Mosharraf

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday pressed charges against three people, including former health minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, in a case filed over misappropriating Tk 49.7 lakh of the government fund.

Other accused are: Khandaker Mahub Hossain, son of Mosharraf, and Dr Mahubur Rahman, former director of the health ministry.

Mosharraf, also BNP standing committee member, and his son are now on bail while Mahubur is absconding.

Mostafizur Rahman, assistant director of ACC and also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet to a Dhaka court.

The investigation officer appealed to the court to issue an arrest warrant against him.

ACC filed the case on September 1, 2008.



Officials concerned of Bangladesh and Bhutan sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at the Royal Banquet Hall of Gyalong Tshogkhang in Bhutan yesterday in the presence of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Bhutanese counterpart Dasho Tshering Tobgay. Both the countries signed five instruments including three MoUs and two agreements.

LANGUISHING IN JAIL WITHOUT TRIAL Law needed to rehabilitate them after release

Says SC legal aid committee chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee Chairman Justice M Enayetur Rahim yesterday said a specific law is required to rehabilitate people released after languishing in custody for long periods due to delays in trial proceedings.

"There is no law for rehabilitating such people... If there was a specific law, it would be easier to rehabilitate them and the judges could pass necessary orders to this effect. Hence, it is necessary to formulate such a law," he said while replying to a query at a press briefing at the conference room of the SC.

The SCLAC, which has been providing legal assistance to the helpless and destitute since September 2015, organised the programme prior to National

Legal Aid Day, set to be observed on April 28.

Justice Enayetur Rahim, a judge of the High Court Division of the SC, said a specialised centre might be established for rehabilitating the ones who get released from jail after long periods.

Under the law of tort, compensation can be given to these people and the government perhaps has plans to pay compensation to them, he said.

Justice Enayetur said following reports in the news media, the HC has issued several orders granting bail to the people who were in jail with little progress in their trial proceedings.

If the media publishes more reports on such incidents, the government will

ASHKONA RAID 2 'militants' buried

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The bodies of two "militants", who were killed during a raid in the capital's Ashkona of Dakkhinkhan area in last December, were buried at Jurain graveyard yesterday.

The bodies of a woman and a teenager were buried by charity organisation Anjuman Mofidul Islam, said Dr Sohel Mahmud, head of the forensic medicine department at Dhaka Medical College.

In Ashkona, police raided a three-storey building suspecting the militants' presence on the night of December 23, last year. At that time, Afiz Kaderi, 14, and Shakira, 35, killed themselves.



An aerial view of the capital's Farmgate area around 11:30am yesterday shows a handful of buses. Commuters continue to suffer as many bus owners kept their vehicles off the streets due to BRTA's drive against "seating", "gate-lock", "nonstop" and other so-called special bus services.

Proper planning a key to disaster management

Conference told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a programme in the capital yesterday said proper planning is a key to disaster management.

They made the remarks at a conference titled "Disasters and Emergencies Preparedness Programmes" at the Brac Centre Inn. Save the Children organised the programme supported by Action Against Hunger.

Reaz Ahmed, additional secretary and director general of the department of disaster management under disaster and relief ministry, said, "Bangladesh is known for cyclone and flood. However, we do not have much experience on earthquake. Experts are warning us that we might have a major earthquake around 7.1 Richter Scale; so we have to prepare accordingly."

Mark Pierce, country director of Save the Children, spoke among others.

Several cases were also presented in the conference.

Stakeholders from different development sectors shared their learning too.

Two killed in road accidents in 3 dists

CITY DESK

Two people were killed and nine others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday and on Monday.

In Bogra, a police constable was killed as a truck hit him while he was crossing the Rangpur-Dhaka highway in front of Mokamtola police outpost in Mokamtola area of Shibganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Shah Alam, 48, of Noagaon Sadar. He was serving as a driver of police vehicle of the outpost.

Police said Shah Alam was heading to his residence after night patrolling duty on the highway. He succumbed to his injuries at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital in Bogra.

In Rangpur, a man was killed as his tractor turned turtle and fell into a roadside ditch after he lost the control over the vehicle in Nayapara village under Badarganj upazila on Monday night.

The deceased was Masud Rana, 24, of Baniapara village in Dinajpur. He died on the spot.

In Dinajpur, at least nine passengers of a bus were injured as the vehicle turned turtle and fell into a ditch beside Phulbari-Mithapukur highway after the driver lost his control over the vehicle near Kamarpara village under Nawabganj upazila yesterday.

The injured are undergoing treatment at Nawabganj Upazila Health Complex.

ACC quizzes

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residential purposes, and giving approval to commercial buildings in different residential areas and residential buildings in commercial areas, said Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya, public relations officer of the anti-graft body.

ACC's Deputy Director Helal Uddin Sharif interrogated them for about two hours starting from 10:00am.

Sirajul Islam could not be reached despite several attempts over the phone.

Contacted, Shafiq Hannan said ACC called him in relation to a complaint filed over approval of the construction of a building on Indira Road.

The ACC thought, Shafiq Hannan said, as an authorised officer he had a role in the DAP land use review, which he does not have.

Ahle Sunnat protests recognition of Qawmi degree

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Islamist group Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat yesterday demanded immediate cancellation of the government decision that recognised certificates of Dawra-e-Hadith under Qawmi Madrasa Education Board equivalent to master's degree.

They made the demand at a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

They said the decision is "unjust" as it takes only five to six years for a Qawmi madrasa student to complete the Dawra-e-Hadith education whereas other madrasa students such as the ones at Alia madrasa need 16 to 17 years to complete theirs.

ANM Masud Hussain Al Quaderi, president of the group's Dhaka city unit, spoke at the event.

Meanwhile, the group's Chittagong unit at a rally also demanded withdrawal of Dawra's recognition.

The rally was organised at Chittagong Press Club where Mosaheb Uddin Baktiar, the organisation's central member secretary, and Maulana MA Matin, its chief coordinator, spoke.

Over six hundred students and teachers from different Alia madrasas were present.



Islamist group Ahle Sunnat Wal Jamaat forms a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding immediate cancellation of the government decision that recognised certificates of Dawra-e-Hadith as equivalent to master's degree.

SNAPS & snippets

Five held with fake Indian rupees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A team of Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested five members of a currency forgery gang and recovered fake Indian rupees, worth Rs 15.34 lakh in the capital's Mohammadpur area on Monday night.

The arrestees -- Shamsul Haque, Bulbul Ahmed, Khairul Islam, Sahin Akther and Alamgir Hossain -- prepare fake rupees in a rented flat in Mohammadpur and sell those to Indian nationals in bordering area of Chapainawabganj, said Abdul Baten, joint-commissioner of DB police, at a press briefing at media center of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday.

Detectives claimed that fake Indian currency used to be made in Pakistan. Police said Shamsul, who is the ringleader, received training on making fake Indian currency from one Danesh, a Pakistani national.



Officials and staff of Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata at a flag hoisting ceremony yesterday. On this day in 1971, the then deputy high commissioner in Kolkata along with officials and staff of the mission declared allegiance to the Mujibnagar government by hoisting its red-green national flag atop the mission.

Nazrul Islam Univ convocation today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

First convocation of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKNIU) in Mymensingh's Trishal will be held today.

President Abdul Hamid, also the chancellor of the university, will preside over the convocation ceremony at 2:30pm. JKNIU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mohitn UI Alam will deliver the welcome speech.



Founding Chairman of Hindu-Muslim Moitri Bangladesh Foundation Mohammad Enayet Karim receives the Mother Teresa Memorial International Award for social work at a ceremony at Calcutta University on Sunday. He is also the chief adviser to Bangladesh Photojournalists' Association and Boishakhi Television.

Two bodies recovered in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police recovered the body of an unidentified woman, aged around 38, from a jungle in Dendabor area of Ashulia outside the capital early yesterday.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College. She might have been strangled, said police.

Meanwhile in Dhamrai, the hanging body of a man was recovered from his Kalampur residence yesterday.

The deceased, Basir Uddin, 50, might have killed himself, said police.



Several organisations including Jatiya Sramik Federation bring out a procession near Jatiya Press Club yesterday urging all to be united against communal and anti-liberation forces.