

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.8 L 27.2	H 33.5 L 23.5	H 32.7 L 26.0	H 30.0 L 20.0	H 37.7 L 26.5	H 35.2 L 26.4	H 35.4 L 27.2	H 34.0 L 27.0	H 32.0 L 26.6

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country with a chance of rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally at one or two places over Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Mild heat wave sweeping over Rajshahi, Pabna, Dinajpur, Sayledpur, Panchagarh, Satkhira, Jessore and Kushtia may spread and continue. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:26pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26am.

Help save life of Sakib

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SM Sakib, a cook who has won many hearts with his superb cuisines, is now fighting for life after being diagnosed with cancer.

Sakib, 33, secured fourth position in the Rupchanda-The Daily Star Super Chef-2015 contest. He was first diagnosed with oral ulcer which later turned into cancer.

Doctors said he needs urgent operation which will cost Tk 6.70 lakh to save his life. But Sakib, the only bread earner of his six-member family, is unable to bear the cost as he has to spend all his little income on his family.

So he has appealed to the well-off to extend their helping hands to save his life.

Aid can be sent to Tanuja Khatun, AC no 3715010007960, Rupali Bank (Rajshahi Cantonment Branch) or to bkash no 01751519530.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates the "Digital Island Moheshkhali" project through a videoconference from her official residence Gono Bhaban yesterday, as State Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Tarana Halim looks on. The remote island of Cox's Bazar has been connected to the mainland through high-speed internet, hence facilitating access of its 4 lakh inhabitants to e-services in sectors like health, education, and agriculture. PHOTO: BSS

National Legal Aid Day today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Legal Aid Day will be observed today across the country in order to make people aware of the government providing legal assistance to the poor, insolvent, and destitute justice-seekers.

The law ministry has organised a programme in Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital on the occasion, where Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will speak as the chief guest.

Talk-shows, discussions, and blood donation camps will be held across the country, said a press release.

On Wednesday, Law Minister Anisul Huq said 2.31 lakh people had got legal aid and 1.66 lakh received financial assistance through 64 legal aid offices since 2009.

Brexit won't affect relations

Ex-British PM David Cameron tells Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Former British prime minister David Cameron yesterday said there will be no change in the bilateral relations between the United Kingdom and Bangladesh following the Brexit.

"There's a win-win situation in the relations between the two countries, and the ties will continue to grow," Cameron said when he met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhaban.

A referendum was held in the UK on June 23, 2016, to decide whether it should leave or remain in the EU. And those who were in favour of leaving the EU won by 51.9 percent to 48.1 percent.

After the meeting, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters.

Hasina put emphasis on resolving the issue of cargo plane embargo from

Bangladesh and said a British company was appointed for security management at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka.

Cameron hoped that the problem of cargo plane ban from Bangladesh would be resolved soon.

About UK's trade relations with Bangladesh, he said, British investors are coming to Bangladesh for investment.

Appreciating Bangladesh's success in socioeconomic development, Cameron said, "Bangladesh is nearing the achievement of a middle-income country status."

Narrating the government's efforts for boosting trade and business, Hasina said a plan was undertaken to build a deep seaport. "We're also expanding rail network across the country for the development of communications system, and we've appointed a British company to construct rail line in the southern region."

Hasina said the government is setting up 100 economic zones across the country for further industrialisation and generating jobs, and facilities like electricity and gas are being ensured.

On Rohingya issue, she said the accommodation of four lakh Myanmar nationals in Bangladesh is very difficult. "It'll be good for all if Myanmar takes back its nationals."

She also reiterated her government's "zero tolerance" policy against terrorism.

Hasina said Bangladesh is emphasising strengthening connectivity with the neighbouring countries and mentioned the BBIN and BCIM-EC initiatives in this regard. PM's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi, and British High Commissioner in Dhaka Alison Blake, were, among others, present on the occasion.

UP chairman arrested over murder in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police arrested a Union Parishad chairman in Savar outside the capital on Wednesday night on the charge of killing a businessman.

The arrestee, Parvez Dewan, chairman of Pathalia Union Parishad, is also president of the union unit of the ruling Awami League, office sources said.

He was held in Savar bus stand area around 9:00pm, said Moshinul Kadir, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station.

Parvez is the main accused in the case filed for the murder of Abdur Rahim, 45, a businessman of rod and cement in the area, said the OC.

On March 29, Abdur Rahim was shot dead during a clash between the supporters of Parvez and the unit general secretary Moazzem Hossen over establishing supremacy in Noyarhat Bazar area of Savar.

The following day, Rahim's younger brother Shumon Mia, also a cousin of Moazzem Hossen, filed the murder case with the police station, accusing 14 named and several unnamed people.

Proposed act

FROM PAGE 3 digital learning tools. After the changes in the latest draft came to the fore, eminent citizens of the country expressed grave concern over the proposals, saying if these sections were incorporated in the act, it would be disastrous for the education system and would go against the main objectives of the Education Policy-2010.

About coaching, they said if coaching out of classroom exercises is being legalised, it will make the classroom-teaching method meaningless.

NEWS IN brief

Schoolboy drowns in Padma

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A schoolboy drowned while bathing in the Padma river on the outskirts of Rajshahi city yesterday morning. Abdur Rakib, 17, son of Abdur Hannan of Sripur of Gazipur, went to Rajshahi with a Tablig Jamaat group, said Rajpara police. Later, divers recovered the body.

Photo exhibition on earth begins in Dhaka today

CITY DESK

A photo exhibition styled "Mind the Earth: A New Perspective" of Kasper Brejnholt Bak will begin in Dhaka today, says a press release.

The Embassy of Denmark in Bangladesh in partnership with Edge, The Foundation has organised the event at Edge Gallery on 12 North Avenue, Gulshan 2, which continue till May 6.

Admission is free for all and the exhibition will be open every day from 10:00am to 8:00pm.

47th Int'l Annual Conference of Bangladesh Itihas Parishad today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 47th International Annual Conference of Bangladesh Itihas Parishad will be held at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University today.

Distinguished historians, experts, university professors and researchers from home and abroad will disseminate essays during the conference. A seminar on "Bangla Bhashar Sthanio Itihas Charcha" (The practice of local history in Bangla language) will be held, according to an invitation letter sent to this newspaper.

University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Abdur Mannan will inaugurate the conference at 10:00am while Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon is expected to attend the ceremony as chief guest, it added.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the first death anniversary of Saleha Begum, former associate professor of University Laboratory School and College.

She was the wife of former chairman and finance director of Bangladesh Still and Engineering Corporation and ex-president of ICAB late M Anwar Hossain FCA, said a press release.

Born in Chandpur, she was associated with weekly magazine "Begum" since her early life.

On the occasion, a milad and a doa mahfil will be held. All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for her departed soul.

Workplace accidents kill

FROM PAGE 3 "formal" while 226 were involved in "informal works". Of the injured, 45 were engaged in "formal" and 56 in "informal works". Two workers were killed and nine others were burnt seriously in boiler explosions at five factories between January and March this year, it added.

In 2016, 1,240 workers were killed at workplace accidents across the country while 544 others were injured. The number of workplace casualties between 2012 and 2016 is 4,616 and the number of injured persons is 4,373, said OSHE Executive Director AR Chowdhury Ripon.

After accidents, the factory authorities are often found to be reluctant to compensate the families of missing workers, said Ripon, adding that therefore, preserving proper data of workplace accidents is essential.

Speakers also stressed the need for enhancing inspection and holding more awareness building programmes at workplaces to ensure safety for workers.

Referring to the deaths of several thousand migrant workers occurring abroad each year, Debate for Democracy President Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron said Bangladesh needs to strengthen its bargaining strategy on workers' safety issues.

Speaking as chief guest, State Minister for Labour and Employment Mujibul Haque Chunnun said both employers and workers should obey the related laws to improve workplace safety.

He also stressed the need for creating awareness about health and safety issues.

OSHE Chairperson Saki Rezwana also spoke at the event which was moderated by its Vice Chairperson SM Morshed.

Students of seven colleges under Dhaka University form a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding announcement of schedules for stalled examinations and development of syllabuses for the institutions.



PHOTO: STAR

Road crashes kill five, injure three

CITY DESK

Five people were killed and three others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday.

In Mymensingh, a person was killed and two others were injured as a Dhaka-bound truck collided head-on with a pick-up van carrying them on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Bagrapara area of Bhaluka upazila.

The deceased Shafidul Islam, 26, of Mymensingh Sadar was the helper of the van.

In another accident in the district, a police constable was killed when a truck rammed a car carrying him in Signboard area of Trishal upazila. The deceased was Akhtaruzzaman, 50, of Katlasen in Mymensingh Sadar. He was posted at Gazipur Police Lines, said Muklesur Rahman Akanda, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Trishal Police Station.

In Tangail, two people were killed and another person was injured in a head-on collision between two trucks on Bangabandha Bridge connecting road in Char Bhabla area of Kalihati upazila. The identities of the deceased -- drivers of the two vehicles -- could not be known immediately, police said.

In Copalganj, a youth was killed as a truck ran him over while he was crossing the Shivegati-Bhathandanga Local road in Paddobil area of Kashiani upazila. The deceased was Riazkhan, 18, of Shivegati village. He died on the spot.

4th Ctg flyover to open next

FROM PAGE 4 The work of the flyover is going on in full swing, said Mahfuzur, also the project director.

There will be a total of five ramps and a loop in the four-lane flyover, he said, adding that a loop and a ramp would be constructed in Gate No 2 area while the rest four ramps would be built in GEC area.

Construction work of the loop and ramps will begin after the flyover is opened, he added.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid the foundation stone of the flyover on October 12, 2013, and declared that it would be named after Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury, a former presidium member of Bangladesh Awami League.

Rejoinder, our reply

FROM PAGE 4 OUR REPLY

In our report, we said Abdur Mannan was "previously sacked for corruption" and reinstated five years later following pressures of the lawmaker. The rejoinder also mentions Mannan was reinstated. Had he not been sacked why would he have been reinstated?

The rejoinder mentions a High Court stay order, but it does not say the High Court dismissed his petition and the rule later on July 12, 2015, and that the appeal and arbitration committee's approval were on his dismissal for the post for his

corruption. The rejoinder says the education board had issued a letter stating that there was no legal bar on him to continue at the college, but the board on April 24, 2017, issued a show cause on the college governing body to answer why the letter would not be withdrawn.

The Daily Star report was based on documents including Rajshahi Deputy Commissioner's probe report, the lawmaker's letter, letters of the education ministry, education board, and judgements of the High Court and Supreme Court. We stand by our report.



People sit on a steel bench under a passenger shed with bricks on its base coming loose creating the possibility of collapse. The photo was taken in Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday. PHOTO: STAR