

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.0 L 21.0	MYMENSINGH H 32.2 L 21.6	CHITTAGONG H 33.8 L 22.6	SYLHET H 32.8 L 22.1	RAJSHAHI H 32.6 L 20.3	RANGPUR H 31.5 L 21.6	KHULNA H 33.7 L 20.7	BARISAL H 34.0 L 21.0	COX'S BAZAR H 33.5 L 23.0
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Rain accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong division till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met Office. The sunsets in the capital today at 6:28pm and rises tomorrow at 5:22am.

APRIL 25



Left, in a photo published in The Daily Star on April 25, trucks are seen parked again along the road from Sat Rastar Mor to Tejgaon rail gate in the capital. The road had been declared free of parked trucks by the Dhaka North City Corporation mayor over a year ago. Right, thanks to prompt response from the authorities, the same road has been cleared of the vehicles. The photo was taken yesterday.

MAY 3



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS, PALASH KHAN

Jahanara Imam's movement faces new challenges

Discussion on her 88th birth anniversary told

Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam's dreams would not be materialised until the completion of the trial of religion-based groups that collaborated with the Pakistan army during the 1971 Liberation War, speakers said at a discussion in the capital yesterday.

They said the quarters that opposed the country's struggle for freedom have to be brought to justice to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War.

Pro-Liberation War platform Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee held the discussion marking Jahanara Imam's 88th birth anniversary and her 25 years of struggle against fundamentalists, in the capital's WVA auditorium.

Speaking at the programme, Nirmul



Committee president Shahriar Kabir said the movement started by Jahanara Imam against religion-based political groups and organisations 25 years ago, faces new challenges nowadays due to empowerment of these groups.

Md Kamal Hossain, a reporter of Nature-based daily Dainik Prantajan, was awarded with "Muktijuddher Shaheed Smriti Award" in the programme for his pro-liberation reporting. He received a crest and Tk 50,000 as prize money.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, cultural personality Kamal Lohani, historian Muntasir Mamun, Jatiya Press Club president Muhammad Shafiqur Rahman and Shaheed Jaya Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury spoke, among others.

WAR CRIME CASE IN NETRAKONA

Charges pressed against four

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution has pressed five charges against four Netrakona men for allegedly committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 led by Justice Anwarul Haque yesterday fixed June 14 to decide whether it will accept the charges against the four.

The four were "involved" in murder of 22 people, rape of two women, arson attacks and looting of some 15 houses in Durgapur and Kalmakanda areas in the district between May 10 and November 18 in 1971, according to the charges.

The accused are Khalilur Rahman, 72, his brother Azizur Rahman, 65, Ashak Ali, 82, and Shahnewaz, 88, of Durgapur

apazila. Of them, Khalilur is on the run while the rest are in jail.

The prosecution on Tuesday submitted the charges through the tribunal's registrar office and yesterday Prosecutor Rana Dasgupta prayed for accepting the charges.

The tribunal's investigation agency on January 30 completed investigation in the case and said to have found evidence against the four over the wartime offences.

Of them, Khalilur was a member of Islami Chhatra Sangha, the then student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, in 1971 and first joined Razakar Bahini and subsequently Al-Badr Bahini, the agency said.

The rest three were supporters of Muslim League and joined Razakar Bahini in 1971, said the agency, adding, all four are now supporters of

Jamaat.

The five incidents of crimes they were "involved" are killing of one person and abduction of another person in Bhulipara village of Durgapur, looting and arson attacks on houses at Anandapur and Noagaon villages in Kalmakanda, killing of six people on the bank of the Bakla River, killing of five people in Shingpur village, and killing of 10 people including rapes in Durgapur.

Meanwhile, the tribunal allowed to interrogate a Mymensingh man who is an accused of a case filed over wartime offences.

As per the order, investigators would be allowed to interrogate Shamsul Haque Bachchu, 70, of Trishal upazila, for one day on May 9 at the agency's safe home, Prosecutor Rezia Sultana Chaman told this

correspondent.

In another development, the tribunal directed the prosecution to press charges on June 19 in a case filed against nine men from Mymensingh and Jamalpur over their alleged wartime crimes. The tribunal fixed the date after Prosecutor Abul Kalam sought one month's time for preparation.

Of the nine accused, six are now in jail while the rest are on the run.

The arrestees are Abdus Salam, 75, Suruj Ali Fakir, 62, Joyen Uddin Faruki alias Joyal Abedin, 60, Abdur Rahim alias Abdur Rahim Master, 67, Jalal Uddin, 59, and Rustam Ali, 70.

The tribunal's investigation agency on March 29 completed probe of the case and said to have found evidence against the nine men.

Save Mahir from acute leukaemia

CITY DESK

"Why this is happening to me. What's my fault," says Mahir Majed Aryan who has been receiving treatment for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia at Asgar Ali Hospital in Dhaka.

This is the second time the 12-year-old is receiving chemo after tests confirmed that his leukaemia returned, says his father Majed Jahangir, an employee of a buying house. The boy was diagnosed with the disease two and a half years ago. About 80 percent of such patients get fully cured while 15 percent see relapse after treatment and 5 percent find themselves at the edge when nothing can be done.

"Unfortunately, my son is in the category of the 15 percent," says Jahangir.

At the end of the first cycle of chemo this time in April, his immune system nearly collapsed. He had to be kept in ICU for 20 days to keep him from infections.

"We thought that he would not come back. But with blessings from the almighty and relatives, well-wishers, friends he recovered," the father said.

A student of class VI in Faizur Rahman Ideal Institute, the boy is now bedridden and is hoping to see his good. His treatment until now cost around Tk 27 lakh. Jahangir says he doesn't have the financial capacity to continue with the expensive treatment.

The father looks forward to seeing his son live a long. He would appreciate support from kind-hearted parents and people who can share his pain through whatever little contribution they can make since small things put together can help a miracle happen.

He has an account (108-101-59460) with Dutch-Bangla Bank Shantinagar Branch and his bKash numbers are 0175563165 and 01610777727.



Left, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaking through a videoconference from her official residence Gono Bhaban yesterday, as she inaugurates 11 cluster villages (Guchchho Gram) in seven districts. Right, A woman is talking to the premier through the conference.



PHOTO: PID

Reshuffle in Bangladesh missions abroad

PHOTO: DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has made reshuffles in some Bangladesh missions abroad and the foreign ministry through transfers and fresh appointments.

Officials said Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury, deputy high commissioner at the High Commission in New Delhi, was transferred to the embassy in Beijing as deputy ambassador.

ATM Rokebul Haque, counsellor at the permanent mission in the United Nations, New York, has been appointed as the deputy high commissioner in New Delhi.

Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata, Zokey Ahad, has been transferred to Kunming in China as consul-general at the consulate general, Kunming.

Zokey joined the deputy high commission in Kolkata in November 2014, replacing Md Daud Ali, who has been asked to join the foreign ministry.

Toufique Hasan, counsellor at the embassy in Washington DC, USA was transferred to the mission in Kolkata as its deputy high commissioner.

Meanwhile, the foreign ministry has appointed Rahat Bin Zaman, director of the South Asia wing at the foreign ministry as counsellor at the embassy and permanent mission of Bangladesh to the UN offices and other international organisations in Vienna, Austria.

AL will hijack next polls: Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that the ruling Awami League is going to hijack the next national election results in their favour if it is held in line with the constitution.

Addressing a discussion in the capital, Fakhrul also said the country's constitution has turned into a paper of AL.

Bangladesh Kalyan Party, a component in the BNP-led 20-party alliance, organised the discussion titled "Qualitative Change in Politics: Next Election" at Shishu Kalyan Auditorium in the city.

During his speech, Fakhrul said, "You [the government] are speaking about holding the next election in line with the constitution. But which constitution? The one that has turned into your party's paper?"

Election in light of that constitution means your referee and your linesmen. You will play nice and we will not be allowed to play. [And then] you will hijack the election result in your favour. [But] we won't allow this."

"That's why we have been demanding an election-time supportive government for holding a free, fair and inclusive election. Discussions can be held on how that issue may be resolved. But you [AL] don't want discussion because you'll be defeated if the election is held fairly," Fakhrul added.

Referring to Chief Justice SK Sinha's recent remarks regarding interference in the judiciary, Fakhrul said there is no rule of law in the country as the executive branch of the government interferes in the affairs of the judiciary in every step of the way.

Lambasting the government for its repression on its opponents, the BNP leader said, "You [the government] claim that you are one of the best rulers in the world. On the other hand, you do not allow us hold any rally or procession. What kind of democracy is this?"



Whose job is it, anyway?

MAHBUBUR RAHMAN KHAN

The refreshing greenery and ambience at the entrance of Nagar Bhaban of Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) is so soothing that it will welcome you inside.

But if you walk into the building and go to the toilets, you might be shocked to discover that most of the toilets for visitors' use are in a miserable condition.

"They are guardian of city's waste management, but their own toilets are unusable," said Jasim Uddin, a city dweller who went there on Tuesday for obtaining a trade licence.

Only a few yards away of the chief estate officer's room on the third floor, there are two separate public toilet compartments for both males and females. Floor of the male toilet was found littered with urine and dust. Stench was coming out of it. Only one urinal was useable whereas the toilet seat was found missing.

Another visitor Shihab Uddin said, "The mayor inaugurates beautiful public toilets in front of the media, but



Left, a toilet on the west side of the fifth floor in Nagar Bhaban of DSCC in a miserable condition with plastic bag and rubbish scattered around. Right, a basin with a broken water tap.



PHOTO: STAR

he is ignorant of his own place."

"The situation has remained the same for a while," said Shihab, who visits Nagar Bhaban quite often.

In the last two budgets, DSCC allocated Tk 2 crore for the maintenance of Nagar Bhaban and there are 60 cleaners who are assigned to look after the toilets of the 15-storied building.

The toilet compartment on the west side of the fifth floor was found very unhygienic. Of the three basins, taps of two were found broken. Someone spit leftover of beetle leaf on a basin, leav-

ing stains on it.

A toilet which was apparently clean had a broken door whereas another toilet was filled with rubbish and was completely unusable.

The offices of DSCC's executive officer of zone-1 and waste management, which are situated in the same building, are supposed to look after the maintenance and cleaning of toilets.

Contacted, Mohammad Sanaul Huq, executive officer of zone-1, said if anyone complains of anything broken, we will repair it. Chief Waste Management Officer Commodore MK Bakhtiar said, "We'll look into the matter."



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বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা, দেশ বরেন্দ্র আবেদিকার এবং ডেপুটি সার্জেন্ট কনসালটেন্টস লিঃ এর অন্যতম প্রতিষ্ঠাতা পরিচালক স্থপতি মরহুম কাজী আরিফুল ইসলামের বিদেহী আত্মার মাগফেরাত কামনায় আগামী ০৫-০৫-২০১৭ইং তারিখ রোজ শুক্রবার, বাড়ি # ৬/৩, ব্লক # ডি, লালমাটিয়া, ঢাকায় বাদ আছর দোয়া মাহফিলের আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। উক্ত দোয়া মাহফিলে মরহুমের আত্মীয়-স্বজন, বন্ধুজন, সহকর্মী ও গুণগ্রাহী সকলকে শরীক হওয়ার জন্য সর্বিনয়ে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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