

**WEATHER FORECAST**

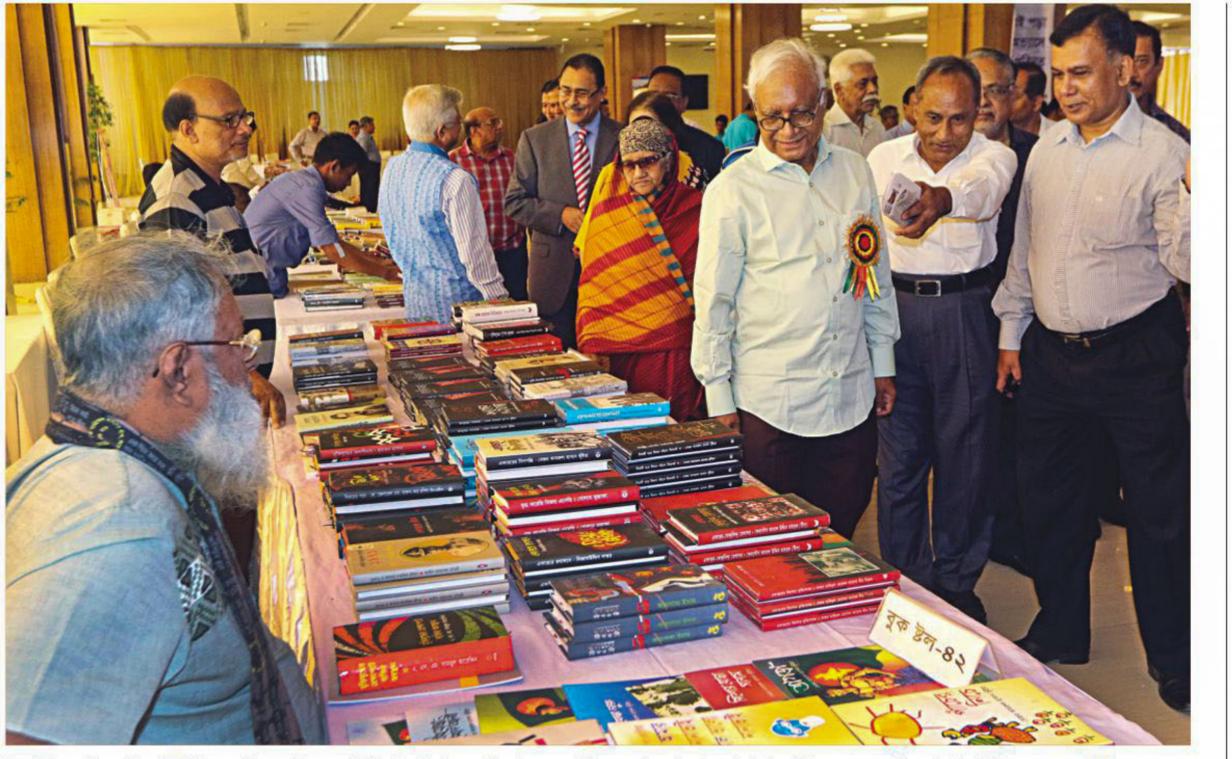
YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 35.0 L 26.2	H 33.5 L 21.0	H 33.0 L 25.8	H 31.7 L 22.0	H 36.0 L 26.3	H 32.0 L 21.5	H 35.6 L 26.0	H 34.6 L 26.0	H 33.1 L 25.5

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, and Sylhet division, and at one or two places over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia, and Comilla divisions till 6:00pm today. Day and night temperature may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country. Met Office said, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 06:30pm and rises tomorrow at 05:20am.

## Woman killed by husband

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A woman was hacked to death allegedly by her husband at Kalapani in the capital's Mirpur yesterday. Helena Akhter, 30, was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 5:00pm, said OC Dadan Fakir of Pallabi Police Station. Police quoting locals said Iman Ali, a day labourer, and his wife had an altercation yesterday noon. At one stage, after hearing her scream, neighbours went to their house and found her blood-spattered body lying on the floor. Iman tried to flee but locals caught him and informed police. "Recently, my sister came to know that Iman married another woman. They used to fight over the issue often," said Md Ratan, Helena's elder brother. "Yesterday, he hacked my sister to death with a kitchen machete."



Prof Emeritus Serajul Islam Chowdhury of Dhaka University along with guests at a book fair at the convention hall of the Retired Army Officers' Welfare Association (Raowa) Club in the capital's Mohakhali yesterday. Prof Serajul inaugurated the two-day book fair as the chief guest.

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## NEWS IN brief

### Exhibition starts at Galleri Kaya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
The Galleri Kaya has organised a special exhibition with new works of arts and ideas on its Uttara premises in the capital marking its 13th founding anniversary. Fifty paintings of young and veteran artists are being put up at the exhibition that started yesterday. The exhibition will run till May 28 and remain open from 11:00am to 8:00pm every day. Acting editor of Daily Ittefaq Tasmima Hossain inaugurated the event where artist Goutam Chakrabarti and architect Shamsul Wares spoke.

### Road crashes kill two in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole  
Two people were killed and another was injured as a truck collided head-on with a pick-up van on Jessore-Chuknagar road in Monirampur upazila of Jessore yesterday morning. The deceased were Quaid Azam, 17, of Dumuria village and Taposh Kundu, 30, of the upazila. Azam and injured Sajal passed this year's SSC examination.

### Boy drowns in Gaibandha pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha  
A seven-year-old boy drowned in a pond in Hasem Bazar village under Gaibandha Sadar yesterday. The deceased was Shihab Mia, son of Feroj Mia of Datiyapur village under the upazila. He was a class-one student of Dariyapur Jainul Abedin Preparatory School. Locals said Shihab went to visit his grandfather's house yesterday. He went to take a bath in the pond nearby with some others and drowned as he did not know how to swim. Neighbours later recovered his body from the pond.

### Worker killed 'by fellows'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh  
A worker of Mymensingh Jute Mills was killed allegedly by his co-workers in Char Kalibari village under Mymensingh Sadar early yesterday. The deceased Sheikh Shahan, 20, of Netrakona had an altercation with his co-workers Mamun and Manik while working in the mill four days ago, said Monsur Ahammad, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Kotwali Police Station. Following the feud, Mamun and Manik along with three to four men locked in an altercation with Shahan while he was walking in the quarter area of the mill around 11:30pm on Thursday. At one stage, Mamun and Manik stabbed Shahan indiscriminately injuring him critically. Shahan was declared dead at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Police arrested Mamun, Manik and one Anwar in this regard.

## Criminal flees police custody in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An alleged criminal fled from police custody as "instigated" locals apparently attacked the law enforcers during a drive in Boalkhali upazila of Chittagong on Thursday night. Police said the cohorts of the criminal managed to mislead the residents by shouting, "dacoit, dacoit" as most of the policemen were in plainclothes. Around 60 people, led by brother of one Saifuddin Bappy who was arrested with two guns earlier on the day, attacked police when they took Bappy to his Sarwatoli residence around 11:00pm to recover more firearms, said Bayezid Bostami Police Station Sub-inspector Sanjoy Paul. Later, additional police rushed in and rescued the team in an hour. Meantime, Bappy and his cohorts fled, he said. Asked why the policemen were in plainclothes, disregarding instruction, Additional Superintendent of Police Habibur Rahman said, "When there is a possibility that the accused might flee sensing drive, police are to raid without uniform." Three sub-inspectors were injured as brickbats were hurled during the drive, claimed SI Sanjoy. Police, however, seized a revolver, two guns and a number of sharp weapons from the house before the attack, he said.

## Turkish businessmen keen to expand trade

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Turkish businessmen, investors and industrialists have expressed their keen interest in expanding their business and investment in the countries in the East, including Bangladesh. The businessmen, who are now in business with Bangladesh, have, however, requested to further improve the banking, customs, and taxation systems in the country. They have also urged to simplify the process for registration of new companies, work permit, visa procedures, according to a press release received from Istanbul yesterday. The views came at the week-long seminars on "Trade & Investment opportunities in Bangladesh" held in Turkey, which ended on Thursday. The other events of the current week-long programmes were held in Ankara, Kayseri, Bursa and Kocaeli in Turkey on April 27-28, and May 2-3. The seminars were attended by as many as 150 Turkish businessmen, industrialists and investors. At the seminars, Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey M Allama Siddiki stressed the need for further strengthening the business and economic ties between the two countries. The Consul General of Bangladesh in Istanbul Mohammed Monirul Islam urged the Turkish investors to explore Bangladesh for investment. The representatives from Bangladesh Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority and Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) made presentations on the business opportunities and investment climate in Bangladesh.

## 18 fishermen abducted, boatman shot

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Eighteen fishermen were allegedly abducted while their boatman suffered bullet injury in an attack by sea robbers in Sonar Char area at Rangabali upazila of Patuakhali yesterday. Bullet-hit Kamal Hossain, 50, boatman of FB Jasim, was admitted to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital, Ansar Uddin Mollah, president of Alipur Fish Traders' Association, said. Some 40 fishermen in four trawlers were fishing when the sea robbers, of Swandwip, arrived in another trawler and started looting fish, fuel and money. As fishermen of FB Jashim protested, the gang abducted them after shooting Kamal. Rangabali police said nobody informed them about the incident.

## CITY EVENTS IN FRAME



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1. Visitors at a photo exhibition titled "Dhaka Bank-Trans Siberian Photo Exhibition" organised by Discovery Tours and Logistic at the capital's Gulshan Club yesterday. 2. Students under the banner of Bangladesh Sadharon Chhatra Parishad want extension of age limit for government jobs applicants from 30 years to 35 before Jatiya Press Club. 3. A group of people protests an attempt to shift Patuakhali Medical College campus to a place outside the town. 4. Students under the banner of Kendriya Khelaghar Asor demand that the government must stop radicalisation in the textbooks. 5. RMG workers seek allocation of their healthcare, housing and transportation in the upcoming budget. 6. Ulipur Samity, Dhaka forms a human chain to save the Buri Teesta (a branch of the Teesta river).

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