

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.2 L 22.6	H 35.0 L 25.0	H 34.0 L 23.1	H 34.2 L 26.5	H 35.0 L 22.2	H 34.3 L 24.4	H 36.3 L 21.8	H 34.0 L 22.6	H 32.3 L 22.0

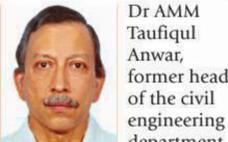
Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Sylhet, Mymensingh and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur, Khulna and Barisal divisions with hails at isolated places till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day and night temperatures may rise by (1-2) degree Celsius over the country, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:36 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:14 am.

Doa mahfil for Faruq Ahmed tomorrow
City Desk



A doa mahfil for former foreign secretary Faruq Ahmed Choudhury will be held after the Asr prayers tomorrow in the capital's Gulshan Azad Mosque. Faruq, a top diplomat who oversaw the emergence of Bangladesh while in the foreign ministry, died on Wednesday at the age of 83, says a press release. He breathed his last around 4:30am at Square Hospital in Dhaka. He had been suffering from multiple diseases of heart, liver and kidney for some time. Faruq had an outstanding diplomatic career and was the country's top foreign affairs official during 1984-86.

Obituary
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Dr AMM Taufiqul Anwar, former head of the civil engineering department at the Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology (Buet), died yesterday at the capital's Square Hospital. He left behind his wife Saeeda Nazneen, chief engineer (design) of Bangladesh Water Development Board, two daughters, six siblings and a large number of students and well-wishers, says a press release. He will be buried at his village in Raozan, Chittagong.

Death anniversary
Staff Correspondent



Today is the first death anniversary of AKM Nurunnobi, former president of the advisory council of the daily Financial Times. Nurunnobi, also former district registrar and father of editor of the daily Financial Times Anwarul Kabir Shahjada, died of a cardiac arrest on this day last year, said a press release. A Qurankhwani and a doa mahfil will be held at a Gopibagh graveyard at 10:00am and food will be distributed among the poor after the Juma prayers. A doa and milad mahfils will also be held at Masjid-e-Raian near his residence at Gopibagh after the Asr prayers and at a mosque at his Nijpanua village in Chhagolnaia upazila of Feni after the Juma prayers. His family members requested all to attend the doa and milad mahfils to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

SHAHBAGH IN CHAOS



Clockwise from top left, Students of Medical Assistant Training School (MATS) clash with police in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday. Students obstruct a car. Protesters amid a cloud of tear gas. A picketer throwing a brickbat. A damaged portion of a metal fence near the area. Pedestrians cover their mouths and noses to protect themselves from tear gas. PHOTO: RaSHED SHUMON

NO END TO BLOODSPILL ON ROADS

Nine killed, 50 hurt

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Nine people were killed and 50 others injured in road accidents in seven districts yesterday and on Wednesday. In Jhenidah, three people were killed and 30 others injured as a bus hit a roadside tree after the driver lost his control over the vehicle near Baishakhi Fuel Station area in Kaliganj upazila yesterday. Two of the deceased were Ibrahim Hossain, 50, of Balidapara village and Aminul Islam, 45, of Women's College Gate area in the upazila. The identity of another deceased could not be known immediately. Of the injured, 10 were admitted to Jessore Sadar Hospital while 20 others to Kaliganj health complex. In Dinajpur, a 10-year-old boy was killed and his father injured as their motorcycle collided head-on with a three-wheeler in Amtoli area of Chirirbandar upazila on Wednesday evening. The deceased was Protik Roy, 10, son of Gonesh Chandra Roy,

of Doapur village under the upazila. Protik was a class-IV student of Akaitis Residential Model School and College in the upazila. In Pabna, two people were killed and two others injured when a truck hit a CNG-run autorickshaw carrying them on Pabna-Sujanagar road at Tantipara point in Tantipara area of Sujanagar upazila yesterday. The deceased were Asaduzzaman Liton, a land officer working in Sujanagar upazila and Mizanur Rahman Mizan, 35, driver of the three-wheeler. Liton hailed from Nurpur village while Mizan was a resident of Varara village in Pabna Sadar. In Jhalakathi, a motorbike rider was killed in road accident on Barisal-Pathorghata highway in South Rajapur area on Wednesday night. The deceased was Israfil Khan, 27, of Bodnikathi village in Jhalakathi. Police said locals rescued Israfil while he was lying injured with his motorcycle on the road and rushed him to Rajapur health

complex where doctors declared him dead. In Benapole, a truck driver was killed and his helper injured when his vehicle ran into a tree beside Benapole-Jessore road after he lost his control over the vehicle in Navaran Bazar area yesterday. The deceased was Dulal Haque, 36, of Kutuba village in Bhola Sadar. In Mymensingh, a woman was killed and her son injured as a truck rammed their motorcycle in Kharia area of Phulpur upazila on Wednesday night. The deceased was Shamsun Nahar, 60, of Chak Dhakirkanda. Her son, Nazrul Islam, a primary schoolteacher, is undergoing treatment at a hospital. In Rangpur, at least 15 passengers of a bus were injured as the vehicle fell into a ditch beside Rangpur-Gaibandha road in Akbarpur village under Pirganj upazila yesterday. Five of them were taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital while 10 others to Pirganj Upazila Health Complex.

Paramedical students

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passersby and people who came for treatment at nearby hospitals, witnesses said. Arifullah, one of the protesters from MATS, said police attacked them without any reasons. "We were demonstrating peacefully." Contacted, Maruf Hossain Sarder, deputy commissioner (Ramna division) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said, "It is not permitted to go to the PMO with such a large number of people. Students can send their representatives." The diploma medical students said they will continue the demonstration until their demands are met. There are eight government and 201 private medical assistant training institutions in the country which provide four-year diploma degree in medical training, said Dipak Rai, a leader of the student association. Meanwhile, leaders and activists of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Chhatra Front were trying to cross the Shahbagh intersection around 1:30pm to lay siege to the University Grants Commission (UGC) office in Agargaon, protesting what they say "education business" in the name of night courses and demanding more research grants. Police foiled their attempt using tear gas canisters and charged batons on them. After a chase and counter-chase between police and the activists, the protesters left the Shahbagh area around 4:30pm and staged a sit-in at Central Shaheed Minar. Police said they detained some 30 students for interrogation. At least 15 people including two female police members took treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Ctg Demu train incurring losses

Says JS body chairman Fazle Karim
Staff Correspondent, Ctg
The Demu train plying Chittagong-Najirhat route is incurring a loss of about Tk 19,000 on a daily basis, said Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways Ministry ABM Fazle Karim Chowdhury yesterday. He was replying to queries from journalists at a views exchange meeting on civic amenities, organised by Chittagong Press Club on its premises. Demu train is not suitable for Bangladesh, but for cool countries, he said. "We are working to introduce electric train on Dhaka-Chittagong route, which will cost about 50,000 crore taka," said Fazle Karim. The club President Kalim Sarwar chaired the meeting. On July 4, 2015, Railways Minister Mujibul Hoque inaugurated the diesel electric multiple unit (Demu) train at Chittagong Railway Station.



The wrecked bus that hit the roadside tree in Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district yesterday. Three people were killed and 30 others injured in the accident. PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN

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