

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 36.2   L 28.2	<b>MYMENSINGH</b> H 35.2   L 24.4	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 34.7   L 28.0	<b>SYLHET</b> H 32.3   L 23.8	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 37.0   L 25.3	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 34.0   L 23.3	<b>KHULNA</b> H 37.7   L 28.4	<b>BARISAL</b> H 36.2   L 28.4	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 34.2   L 28.5
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Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Sylhet division and at one or two places over Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions and the regions of Jessore, Kushtia and Comilla till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Mild heat wave sweeping over Khulna and Dhaka divisions and Rajshahi, Pabna, Chandpur, M Court and Barisal may continue, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:37 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:13 am.

**EC eyeing real-time reports on irregularities from observers**

**UNB, Dhaka**  
The Election Commission has taken initiatives to change the existing Election Observation Guidelines to get real-time reports on election anomalies from observers during future polls.

EC officials have already proposed some changes in the guidelines for local observers incorporating a new provision that will empower the observers to report to EC instantly about any anomaly and possible threats to free, fair and neutral polls.

The draft Election Observation Guidelines 2017 was placed last week at the Commission's meeting with Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda in the chair.

"The draft guidelines will be uploaded on EC's website to get public opinion for a week before finalising it," said EC Secretary Muhammad Abdullah.

The proposal will bring changes in the Election Observation Guidelines 2010, amended in 2013.

In the draft guidelines, the definition of "election observer" was changed.

The existing guidelines define "observer" as any person or observer or group who are permitted by the commission or its authorised person to observe any election under the Representation of the People Order 1972. But the proposed guidelines define "election observer" as any person or observer or group who are permitted by the commission or its authorised person to observe any election, including those under the RPO.

There are now 120 local organisations registered as election observers, said SM Asaduzzaman, director (PR) of EC Secretariat.



**A Chinese cabbage field in Metka area of Savar belonging to Abdul Kaium Hossen. The 34-year-old farmer has been farming exotic vegetables on 120 bighas of land in the area. Cultivating these vegetables not only brought him success, it has also inspired many other growers, who are now following his footsteps. The photo was taken recently.**

PHOTO: STAR

**A trailblazing success**

**AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar**

For Abdul Kaium Hossen, it all started with five bighas of land in Savar at the age of 16.

With the help of his father Abdul Kader, he started farming exotic vegetables in Metka area in 1999.

But the journey was not an easy one. Back then, few were involved in growing exotic vegetables due to a scarcity of seeds, he said.

With hard work and determination, the 34-year-old farmer has not only set an inspiring example by farming exotic vegetables, many other growers are also following suit in a bid to change their lot.

For the last several years, Kaium has been successfully cultivating exotic vegetables including spring onion, baby corn, Chinese cabbage, red cabbage, sweet corn, Thai spinach, lettuce roll rose, lettuce leaf, iceberg lettuce, Cherry tomato and French bean on his land.

At present, his area of cultivation is 120 bighas, mostly leased.

During a recent visit to his fields, this correspondent found workers busy harvesting vegetables and preparing those for transport.

Selling of exotic vegetables is more profitable

because of a high demand, Kaium said, "I used to sell those to different renowned hotels in and outside Dhaka, where foreigners used to stay."

Krishak Bangla Agro Product, owned by Kaium's younger brother Kubbat Hossen Ovi, supplies the vegetables to the hotels. Ovi looks after the marketing, said Kaium, a father of two.

He said the vegetables can be cultivated throughout the year.

Kaium engages 50 to 60 workers in his fields every day and uses two of his pickups for transport.

At least 20 to 25 farmers are cultivating exotic vegetables with the help of Kaium, said Nurul Islam, a farmer in Metka area, adding that Kaium gives them necessary instructions and information in light of his experience.

Liton Mia, another resident, echoed him.

Spring onion, which is used for preparing several foreign food items, is more profitable than the others, said Kaium. "I cultivate spring onion on eight bighas last year."

"By spending 20,000 to 25,000 taka per bigha, I got 2,000 to 2,200 kilogrammes of yield within three months this year, which sells at 50 to 55 taka per kg," added Kaium.

One can earn Tk 80,000 to Tk 90,000 in three to six months if the weather is favourable, he

observed. Alauddin Mia, a local farmer, said he earned Tk 40,000 by growing spring onion on 20 decimals of land.

Kaium said, at the beginning, he faced problems with seed collection, because they were rarely available. "I used to buy seeds from Dhaka's Siddik Bazar at high prices."

"Now, I sometimes have my brother import those from different countries including India, Thailand, Australia, the Netherlands, and China."

A lot of foreign currencies can be earned by exporting such vegetables if the government takes necessary steps, he said.

Kaium, who has been working tirelessly for 18 years, said he will help others grow confidence in them so they can improve their lives through endurance.

Mofidul Islam, officer at the Department of Agricultural Extension in Savar, said Kaium became a role model for them growing exotic vegetables in Savar.

He said they are observing the vegetable fields so that they can provide the farmers with good seeds, fertilizer and quality pesticides.

"In future, we will arrange trainings for the growers," said Mofidul.

**NEWS IN brief**

**Man dies 'falling' from high rise**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died after "falling" from the ninth floor of a 13-storey building in the capital's Dhanmondi area yesterday, said police.

Shahriar Sulav, 37, of Lalmatia, who was an official of Kazi Farms Group, went to a café in the building around 3:30pm, they said.

After taking food, he went to the balcony on the ninth floor alone, restaurant sources said, adding, there are railings surrounding the balcony.

A CCTV footage, which only covers a portion of the balcony, shows Shahriar walking alone in the balcony, said Dhanmondi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdul Latif.

**Death anniversary**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 46th death anniversary of martyred intellectual Mohammad Shamsuzzaman, the then chief engineer of the Chittagong Port Trust during the Pakistani regime, says a press release.



On this day during the Liberation War, Pakistan army picked him up from his office. His whereabouts cannot be known since then. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

**Work for harmony**

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started its journey nine years back, it had only 131 students from six countries and they were housed in one building.

"Today we have five times as many students from 15 countries," she said. "That corner of MM Ali Road where we first started has become just the entry point of AUW Lane where our campus spans over nine buildings."

"With today's graduation, the ranks of AUW alumnae...swelled to almost 550," she said.

"As you graduate and begin your lives in the real world...I would urge you to never give up on your courage, on your outrage at injustice and your sense of empathy."

"AUW today is proud to host possibly the largest single cohort of Rohingya women at any university in the world, and the young women who were working in the garments factories now can imagine and achieve a world that even a short while ago seemed entirely beyond their grasp," she said.

Dr Dipu Moni, chair of AUW board of trustee and former foreign minister; Kamal Ahmad, president and CEO of AUW Support Foundation, and Prof Nirmala Rao, AUW vice-chancellor, also spoke.

**Memoir of Rear Admiral M. H. Khan**  
**Turbulence in the Indian Subcontinent**

Musharrif Husain Khan embarked on a naval career which eventually led to his promotion to Admiral & Chief of Naval Staff in the 1970's. He became a leading figure in the Government of the new country of Bangladesh and lived through the upheavals of the early years of Bangladesh. He was close to its premier, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. M. H. Khan drove the creation and development of the Bangladesh Navy and led Bangladesh's campaign to persuade India to reduce withdrawal from the Ganges, which was causing immense hardship to his country further downriver. In this autobiography he tells his story and reflects on issues vital to his country, from religion and education to shipping, fishing and international relations.

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**The Daily Star's photojournalist Anisur Rahman receives second prize of Rupashi Bangla National Photo Competition-1424, in the capital's Bangladesh Photojournalist Association auditorium yesterday. Photojournalists Shofiuddin Ahmed Bitu and Mohammad Asad won first and third prizes respectively.**

**Public transport**

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Speaking on the study, experts said women's involvement is prerequisite for urban planning which will ensure their safety because exercise of their freedom and their dignity face constant threats in the city.

The public transport, footpaths, public toilets are not women-friendly, said Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh.

Architect Iqbal Habib stressed presence of public toilets in buses. He said adequate light should be arranged at railway stations and markets so women can move freely.

Dr Khalilur Rahman, executive board member of ActionAid Bangladesh, said the adolescent girls suffer due to a lack of public toilets.

Prof Akter Mahmud of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Jahangirnagar University also spoke.

**Police to collect**

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hers after the incident.

Nayem is now on a seven-day remand after he was arrested in Munshiganj on Wednesday. He admitted to police that he had raped that girl while his friend Ahmed Shafat had raped another girl on that night, said the top DMP official.

Shafat confessed so before a magistrate on Thursday, court sources said.

Meanwhile, investigation officer Ismot Ara Ame produced Shafat's bodyguard Rahmat Ali before a Dhaka court yesterday with a forwarding report where she appealed to the court to confine him to jail until the investigation completes, and Metropolitan Magistrate Dabbrata Biswas sent him to jail.

Shafat and victims' friend Shadman Sakif, also an accused in the rape case, were sent to jail on Thursday after both gave confessional statements before two magistrates. They were arrested in Sylhet on May 11, five days after the case was filed.

Police said they will produce Shafat's driver Billal Hossain before a Dhaka court today as his remand period has completed.

Invited to Shafat's birthday party on March 28, the two girls went to the hotel around 9:00pm. After the party, Shafat and Nayem raped the girls in two rooms, alleged one of the victims.

Billal filmed the rape, Shafat's bodyguard Rahmat Ali intimidated the "victims" while Shadman Sakif, who introduced the girls to the "rapists", refrained from informing the hotel authorities about the incident, she alleged, adding that all the five accused were "drunk".

A top investigator, however, said none of the five accused admitted to filming the rape but claimed they only forced a male friend of the girls to hold a fist full of Yaba tablets and driver Billal filmed him.

The accused deleted the video, and police, on court's permission, will send six mobile phones of the accused to forensic laboratory of CID to retrieve video clip/s, he said.

Meanwhile, at a press briefing at DMP media centre yesterday, Abdul Baten, joint commissioner of detective branch of DMP, said action will be taken against those spreading pictures of the Banani rape victims through social media.

**6-year-old boy found dead in N'ganj**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police yesterday recovered the body of a six-year-old boy with his throat-slit from a bush inside Shishu Kalyan Technical Centre-2 in Idrakpur area of Fatullah upazila of Narayanganj.

Police sent the body clad in red tee-shirt and jeans to Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy. They suspected that the boy was killed somewhere else and later dumped there.

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**e-Tender Notice: 01/2016-17**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description	Online notice publication date	Online tender closing date
104554	DTE/OTM/GD-3	Supply of Computer & Spare Parts (Desktop Computer, Laptop, Scanner, UPS, Monitor)	21-05-2017	05-06-2017 11:00am

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for last selling/downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 04-06-2017, 3:00 pm.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)), +8809609112233, +8801762625528).

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**বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম করপোরেশন**  
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**Actuarial Firm নিয়োগের বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম করপোরেশনের কর্মকর্তা ও কর্মচারীদের চাকুরী সমাপনান্তে পেনশন সুবিধা প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে পর্যাপ্ত তহবিল সৃষ্টির জন্য কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের গ্র্যাচুইটি ফান্ড ও প্রদেয় ভবিষ্য তহবিলের সংস্থার অংশ Actuarial Valuation করণের নিমিত্ত সরকার অনুমোদিত Actuarial & Financial Consultants প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নিম্নে বর্ণিত শর্তে আগ্রহ ব্যক্তকরণপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১	কাজের বিবরণ	ক) পেনশন চালু করলে কি পরিমাণ আর্থিক সংশ্লেষ হবে এবং তা সংস্থার নিজস্ব আয় থেকে নির্বাহ করা সম্ভব হবে কিনা পরীক্ষা করে প্রতিবেদন প্রদান; খ) পেনশন সুবিধা প্রবর্তনের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় অর্থের পরিমাণ নির্ধারণ; গ) পেনশন সুবিধা প্রবর্তনের জন্য মাসিক ভিত্তিতে অর্থ প্রবাহের পরিমাণ নির্ধারণ; ঘ) স্বল্প সময়ের মধ্যে যারা অবসরে যাবে তাঁদের দেনা-পাওনা পরিশোধের জন্য অর্থের উৎস নির্ধারণ।
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