

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DKHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 36.2 L 29.4	H 33.5 L 27.3	H 35.0 L 28.5	H 31.1 L 22.5	H 36.0 L 26.5	H 36.0 L 24.8	H 37.2 L 28.8	H 36.2 L 28.0	H 36.0 L 28.0

Rain accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today, said Met Office. Mild heat wave is sweeping over Dhaka, Barisal and Khulna divisions and the regions of Rangpur, Dinajpur, Rajshahi, Pabna, Chandpur, Maitree Court, Feni, Hatiya and Cox's Bazar and it may continue. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:39pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am.

JOURNO SHIMUL MURDER Mayor Miru denied bail again

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday denied bail to Shahjadpur municipality mayor Halim Haque Miru in the journalist Abdul Hakim Shimul murder case.

An HC bench comprising Justice Quamrul Islam Siddique and Justice Zafar Ahmed passed the order after hearing his bail petition.

Deputy Attorney General Dr M Bashirullah said the court placed an objection over the bail petition of Miru.

Following the court's objection, Miru's counsel SM Rezaul Karim made a request to the court to remove the case from the cause list so that he can place the case to another court for hearing.

Earlier on May 15, the HC denied bail to Miru in the murder case.

The court, however, issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain as to why Miru should not be granted bail in the case.

Shimul, Shahjadpur upazila correspondent of daily Samakal, sustained bullet injuries during a clash between activists of two associate bodies of Awami League in Shahjadpur of Siraganj on February 2. He later died on the way to Dhaka on February 3.

On May 2, police pressed charges against 38 people, including Miru and his brother Habibul Haque Mintu, in the case.

Of the charge sheeted accused, 18 are FIR-named ones while the names of others were included after scrutinising video footage of the incident.

Of the accused, 14 are now behind the bars.

Why prisoners in jail for 9yrs without trial will not get bail: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in four weeks why four prisoners, who have been languishing in a jail for more than nine years without trial, should not be granted bail in the cases against them.

The court asked the authorities concerned of Comilla central jail to produce the under trial prisoners before it on July 2.

The bench of Justice AKM Abdul Hakim and Justice SM Mozibur Rahman also ordered the authorities concerned of the trial courts to transmit the records of the cases to it on July 2 to examine their case status.

The under trial prisoners are Sheikh Md Farid, 17, from Nangalkot of Comilla, Chhale Ahmed alias Kalu, 26, Lal Chan Swarnakar, 22, from Daudkandi of Comilla and Abdul Hannan Khan, 26, from Debiddar of Comilla.

The HC judges came up with the order and rule on a suomoto (voluntary) move after a panel lawyer of the Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee (SCLAC) placed their issues before them for necessary orders.

Advocate Mintu Kumar Mondal, a panel lawyer of the SCLAC, told The Daily Star that the under-trial prisoners have been in the custody for more than nine years in separate criminal cases including murder cases against them but their trial proceedings were yet to be finished.

The jail authorities have informed the SCLAC that 462 people have been languishing in jails with little progress in trial proceedings of the cases against them. Also, 58 of them have been in custody for five to 10 years and SCLAC has taken initiative to give them legal assistance, SCLAC sources said.



Students of Dhaka University form a human chain at the base of Raju sculpture on the campus yesterday protesting the death of fellow student Afia Jahin Chaity. They alleged that the 20-year-old first-year student of zoology department was given "wrong treatment" at a city hospital.

Gazipur city lacks civic amenities

Public representatives tell discussion on proposed DAP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The people of Gazipur city are deprived of basic amenities, said local representatives during a public discussion on the proposed detailed area plan (DAP) at Pubail Central College yesterday.

In the absence of dependable healthcare facilities, an ailing person has to be rushed to Dhaka but due to traffic congestion on Tongi-Dhaka highway, patients often die on the way, said Sultan Uddin Ahmed, a local ward councillor.

"A bypass road along the railway track connecting Tongi with Kaliganj can establish an easy connection with the capital and put an end to public sufferings," he said.

Also, widening Mirerbazar-Pubail road and other roads that crisscross Pubail, Kaliganj and other areas of Gazipur would bring relief to public, he said.

Ahmed also demanded dredging and conservation of the rivers like Balu, Nagda and Chilai that are now in death throes.

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) organised the consultation on the proposed 20-year plan, an densely populated Pubail and Kaliganj. To prevent accidents, she demanded service roads and overhead or underground passes for pedestrians.

The public representatives along with locals demanded provisions in the DAP for hospital, schools, drainage service, parks, playgrounds, ponds, municipality waste management, community centre and greeneries in Gazipur.

DAP project director Md Ashraful Islam and local ward councillors Bazlur Rahman and Azizur Rahman also spoke.

Rajuk director Anisur Rahman Miah conducted the consultation where another Rajuk director Shah Alam Chowdhury, other DAP officials and consultants were present.

Leaving most of its vital recommendations on wetlands and flood flow zone conservation unimplemented, Rajuk embarked on preparing yet another 20-year DAP for the period from 2016 to 2035.

CU to allow only fresh HSC graduates for admission tests

CU CORRESPONDENT

After Dhaka and Rajshahi universities, the Chittagong University authorities have also decided to allow only fresh HSC graduates to appear in its admission tests.

The decision was taken at a syndicate meeting, confirmed Prof Kamrul Huda, acting registrar of the university yesterday.

With admission tests for 2017-18 academic session approaching, the decision began circulating yesterday.

Meanwhile, the authorities also decided not to take the viva-voce exam for subject selection. Rather, the selected candidates would be given subject choices on CU website (www.cu.ac.bd), informed the registrar.

NEWS IN brief

Sylhet division 'free of child marriage'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Sylhet division has been declared "the very first division free of child marriage".

Nasima Begum, secretary to the woman and children affairs ministry, made the announcement at a programme arranged by the Sylhet divisional administration in Kabi Nazrul Auditorium in Sylhet city yesterday.

Stern actions will be taken if anyone attempts to arrange child marriage, said speakers at the event.

Nazmanara Khanom, Sylhet divisional commissioner, and Rahat Anwar, deputy commissioner of Sylhet, spoke among others.

Comilla mayor Shakoo gets bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted BNP-elect Comilla City Corporation Mayor Monirul Hoque Shakoo permanent bail in connection with a corruption case of 2008.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of the Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after Shakoo appeared before it and moved a petition seeking permanent bail. The court fixed June 12 for hearing on charge framing against the accused in the case. Earlier on May 9, Shakoo got an ad-interim bail from the same court after his surrender before it seeking bail in the case.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case against Shakoo and his wife with Ramna Police Station on January 7 for their alleged involvement in amassing Tk 4.57 crore illegally and concealing Tk 1.12 crore in wealth statement.

Man 'kills' wife in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A woman was killed allegedly by her husband in Natun Bazar area of Bishwanath upazila in Sylhet yesterday.

Masheda Begum, 35, was stabbed in her abdomen by her husband Jitu Miah at their T&T road house following an altercation, said Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge of Bishwanath Police Station.

Masheda died after she was taken to Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. Jitu fled after the incident, the OC said.

Eleven shops gutted in Ctg fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Fire gutted valuables of 11 shops in Moulvir Doka area of Satkania upazila in Chittagong early yesterday.

Fire originated from an electric short circuit at a shop soon spread to the adjacent shops around 1:40am, said Nazrul Islam of Agrabad Fire Service Control Room.

On information, two fire-fighting vehicles from Satkania Fire Service rushed there and managed to douse the blaze around 3:20am, he added.



From right, Abinta Kabir's mother Ruba Ahmed, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique and her grandmother Nilu Rowshan Murshed look at Abinta's portrait at the university's fine arts institute yesterday. Abinta Kabir Foundation has assisted setting up "Abinta Cyber Centre and Archive" at the institute in her memory. Abinta was killed along with 19 other hostages in last year's Gulshan café attack.

GULSHAN CAFE ATTACK VICTIM Cyber centre in memory of Abinta opens at DU

DU CORRESPONDENT

A modern computer facility with a photo archive in memory of Abinta Kabir, a victim of last year's Gulshan café attack, was inaugurated in the library of fine arts faculty at Dhaka University yesterday.

DU Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique inaugurated the "Abinta Cyber Centre and Archive" that is to be used by students and members of the arts faculty.

Abinta Kabir Foundation provided assistance for setting up the facility.

During the inaugural programme, DU VC said, "Though living in the US, Abinta dreamt of and was working for the underprivileged people of Bangladesh... Let us join together to uproot militancy and terrorism."

Abinta's grandmother and chairperson of Abinta Gallery of Fine Arts, Nilu Rowshan Murshed, said, "We have taken this step to uphold the memory of Abinta through assisting the students and members of fine arts faculty."

With tears running down her cheeks, Abinta's mother Ruba Ahmed thanked the DU authorities for upholding the memory of her only child. "My daughter dreamt of a Bangladesh free of poverty. And so she wanted to start an NGO here."

Fine arts faculty dean Prof Nisar Hossain, teachers and students of the faculty and Abinta's family members were present at the programme.

On the night of July 1 last year, Abinta and her two friends -- Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain of Emory and Indian national Tarishi Jain, a student of the University of California, Berkeley -- were killed along with 19 other hostages in a militant attack at Holey Artisan Bakery in Gulshan.

NO END TO BLOODSPILL ON ROADS 6 lives lost in accidents

CITY DESK

A couple was killed and their three-year-old son injured as a sand-carrying truck rammed their motorcycle on Tangail-Mymensingh Highway in Mogolpara area of Ghatail upazila in Tangail yesterday morning.

The deceased are Sultan Mahmud Khan, 38, of Jhaoail Dakuri village and his wife Raoshanara Begum, 28.

Police said Sultan, an employee of Power Development Board (PDB), was going to Kalihati with his wife and son riding his motorcycle. In the accident, Sultan died on the spot while his wife died on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Their son, Rabbi who received minor injury, was given first aid at Tangail General Hospital, said police.

In Comilla, two pedestrians were killed as the driver of a covered van

3,222 hectares

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study of Centre for Environment and Geographical Information System (CEGIS).

Dr Maminul Haque Sarker, deputy executive director of CEGIS, presented the 2017 erosion predictions in which he showed that around 2,470 metres of flood protection embankments, 235 metres of roads, 3,800 metres of village paths, 21 educational institutions, eight village markets, two health complexes, 25 religious institutions including mosques and temples and a non-government office and another government office would be eroded.

"We also made a prediction for 2016 and most of that came true. Now we could use this prediction to save lives and livelihoods of people," said Dr Maminul, who coordinated the research.

Sudipta Kumar Hore, junior specialist of river, delta and coastal morphology division at CEGIS, said that this year they made the prediction for total 29 sites, 20 for the Jamuna river, five for the Ganges river and four for the Padma river (after the confluence of the Ganges and the Jamuna).



Residents in the capital's Shyamoli area jostle to collect water yesterday. The councillor of the area has arranged the supply for locals facing a scarcity of water over the past few days. The crisis is a double blow to the city dwellers suffering from a heat wave.