

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

Table with 8 columns: DHAKA, MYMENSINGH, CHITTAGONG, SYLHET, RAJSHAHI, RANGPUR, KHULNA, BARISAL, COX'S BAZAR. Includes temperature ranges and weather icons.

Rain or shower showers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal, Myrmeningh, and Sylhet divisions and few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, and Khulna divisions with moderately heavy to very heavy falls at places over Chittagong division. Maximum temperature will be 32-34 degrees Celsius and minimum will be 18-20 degrees Celsius. The sun sets in the capital today at 4:42pm and rises tomorrow at 05:11am. Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

It's to loot money Says Khaleda in reaction to proposed budget

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia termed the proposed budget for 2017-18 fiscal year a 'bogus budget', while the ruling Awami League brought out processions across the country yesterday to hail it. Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad said the proposed budget was not pro-people. 'It is a bogus budget. It is the budget for looting money,' Khaleda said in an iftar party organised by Supreme Court lawyers on the court premises yesterday. The former prime minister also said, 'The finance minister did not prepare the budget; rather it was prepared based on the directives of Sheikh Hasina.'



Veicles travel slowly while crossing a section of the capital's Rokeya Sharani as a large portion of the road remains dug up. The road was dug up around a month ago for the ongoing Metro Rail project. Due to recent rains, large craters and cracks have started to develop on portions of the road, creating a risk of collapse. Also, delay in the project continues to add to the commuters' misery. The photo was taken near the Election Commission office yesterday.

Architect Rafiq Azam wins Arcasia Awards for Architecture

Rafiq has been declared the gold medal winner under the category 'Public Amenity Buildings Specialized' for his project 'SA Family Graveyard'. The winners were announced at a ceremony hosted by the Indian Institute of Architects held at Sujar Raj Mahal Palace in the Indian city of Jaipur on May 24. Architect Kazi Golam Nasir, president of the Institute of Architects Bangladesh, received the award on behalf of Rafiq as he could not attend the ceremony. The Arcasia Awards is considered to be one of the highest honours for a practicing architect in Asia. This year, the award competition was held on 11 categories. A total of 627 projects from 21 countries got submitted and an online jury panel, said Shattoo officials. The winners were then selected by the 11 gold medal winners. The 'SA Family Graveyard' project is designed and constructed for the family of Salahuddin Ahmed, the owner of SA Group in Noakhali, according to Shattoo officials. About the project architect Rafiq said, 'I drew a line between life and death considering life and death as temporal... and death as eternal.'

Indian Navy hands over the rescued

A total of 33 Bangladeshis, rescued from the Bay of Bengal by an Indian Navy ship Wednesday, a day after cyclone Mora battered the country's southeastern coast, were handed over to Bangladesh yesterday. Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Harsh Vardhan Shringla handed them over to Chittagong Deputy Commissioner Zillur Rahman Chowdhury at Chittagong Port around 9:00am. Zillur also received relief materials the Indian government sent for the cyclone-hit people. The Indian ship INS Sumitra arrived around 7:00am. Shringla told journalists that India is ready to help Bangladesh combat any adverse situation. 'We are also fortunate that Indian Navy ship INS Sumitra was in the vicinity in the Northern Bay of Bengal...' One of the rescued fishermen, Abu Siddique, 37, however, died on board the ship. His body was handed over to the coast guard. Commanding Officer of the ship Commander KP Sreesan and Indian Assistant High Commissioner in Chittagong Somanth Halder were also present during the handover ceremony.

Bangladesh falls short of ensuring child rights Ranks 134th among 172 countries, says Save the Children report

Bangladesh is one of the low-ranking countries in terms of how children enjoy their rights they are entitled to, according to a report. The country ranks 134th with the score of 680 out of 1,000 among the 172 countries, says the report titled 'Stolen Childhood Report 2017' launched by Save the Children at a press conference in the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, marking International Children's Day observed the same day. High rates of child marriage, adolescent birth, under-five mortality, child stunting and out-of-school children placed Bangladesh in that spot, says the report. The report got published at a time when Finance Minister AM Muhith in his budget speech said around 40 percent of Bangladesh's population are children. 'To build the future Bangladesh of our dream, we attach special emphasis to the physical and mental development of our children,' he said. He proposed allocation of Tk 1,331.8 billion, up from current fiscal year's Tk 1,159.7 billion, for an aggregate child-focused program of 43 ministries and divisions for the next fiscal year. Yet, as per the report, in South Asia, Bangladesh ranks behind the Maldives, Sri Lanka and India, and ahead of Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Childhood in Niger, which ranked 172nd with a score of 384, is most threatened, while it is least threatened in Norway and other European countries like Slovenia, Finland, the Netherlands, and Sweden having scores above 980 out of 1000. The report says over two-thirds of the world's stunted children live in only 61 countries.

SCHOOL, COLLEGE GIRLS 93pc unaware of cyber security laws: Survey

Around 93 percent school and college girls are unaware of the laws that ensure cyber security, revealed a survey yesterday. Also, 40 percent of the girls do not know about the steps a cyber crime victim should take. The survey was conducted on 10,220 girls of 40 schools and colleges of seven divisions across the country. Among those, only 11 percent said they took legal help after falling victim to cyber crimes. The survey was conducted on 10,220 girls of 40 schools and colleges of seven divisions across the country. Among those, only 11 percent said they took legal help after falling victim to cyber crimes. The survey was conducted on 10,220 girls of 40 schools and colleges of seven divisions across the country. Among those, only 11 percent said they took legal help after falling victim to cyber crimes. The survey was conducted on 10,220 girls of 40 schools and colleges of seven divisions across the country. Among those, only 11 percent said they took legal help after falling victim to cyber crimes.

Qulkwani of Hamim Khan today

The qulkwani of Hamim Khan, wife of former caretaker government minister Dr Akbar Ali Khan, will hold today after the Asr prayers at her Gulshan residence in the capital. Family members requested relatives and well wishers to attend the qulkwani. Hamim Khan, who was a teacher at Sunbeams School, passed away at a hospital in the capital on Tuesday. She was 68.

HC orders release of five Rohingya

The High Court on Wednesday declared detention of five Rohingyas, who are in Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Banglami jails, as unlawful and ordered their release. The HC bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice IBM Hassan directed in the order that the Rohingyas be handed over to the petitioner so that appropriate steps to accommodate them in two Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar can be taken. According to a press release issued by the petitioner, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), four judgments were given over the issue after a writ petition was filed in 2016 by RMMRU Executive Director Prof CR Abrar. The five Rohingyas were detained on different dates for Bangladesh entry into Bangladesh, and they were charged with violating the Foreigners Act, 1946, said the release. After their trial at different courts, they were sentenced to imprisonment for various terms ranging from one to five years, it said. The courts had ordered their expulsion or pushback to Myanmar after the end of their prison terms, it added. The Rohingyas have served their sentences but are still languishing in jail 'as in all cases except one', said the release.

SC verdict on scrapping 16th amendment any day

The Supreme Court will deliver a verdict any day on the appeal filed against the High Court judgment that scrapped the 16th Amendment of the constitution, to remove its judges for incapacity or misbehavior. A seven-member bench of the SC's Appellate Division headed by the chief justice yesterday kept the appeal as CAV [Curia Advaita Vult], a Latin legal term meaning verdict could be delivered any time] after concluding hearing the matter for 11 days. Following a writ petition filed by nine SC lawyers, the HC on May 5 last year declared the amendment illegal. The government appealed against the verdict on January 4. At a stage of the hearing yesterday, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha said, 'We don't want to go back to the martial law. We will explain each and every relevant point of the constitution in our judgment... We are not thinking only about the judges' issues,' he said, adding the SC is the guardian of the constitution and thinks much about the country's future, not only about concluding hearing the matter for 11 days.

Doctor found blindfolded 7 months after abduction

A government doctor was found blindfolded in a Laxmipton town last Wednesday seven and a half months after he had been abducted from the capital's Science Laboratory area. Locals first noticed Muhammadiyah Iqbal Mahmud, a medical officer of the Directorate General of Health Services, on Rajpur-Laxmipton road in Gohata area around 11:30pm. He later returned home in Laxmipton by an auto-rickshaw. Iqbal told The Daily Star that the abductors, who kept him blindfolded most of the time, dropped him in the area by a vehicle. 'I've seen the sky after seven and a half months. I've got my life back...' said Iqbal. A CCTV clip shows seven to eight people forcibly putting Iqbal into a microbus soon after he had alighted from a bus at an intersection in Science Laboratory area in the early hours of October 15 last year. The microbus then sped away. Later, he was blindfolded and after Raz Azam he was confined to a room on the ground floor of a building, said Iqbal, who assumed that the building was inside the city. Iqbal said the abductors supplied him three meals daily and never tortured. 'They used to say you are a doctor, don't compel us to misbehave with you,' said Iqbal, adding, the abductors used to tell him this when he asked why they confined him. They, however, assured him of releasing one day, said Iqbal. Once he was taken to a place for half an hour to show him to someone, he said. Iqbal's father AKM Nurul Alam filed a general diary (GD) with Dharmadoli Police Station on October 16. On November 15, he filed a writ petition with the High Court, seeking necessary orders upon the authorities concerned to find his son. Later, the High Court issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain why the inactivity of the law enforcement agencies to rescue the doctor should not be declared negligent. [Our Noakhali correspondent contributed to this report.]

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