



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 35.5/L 23.8

MYMENSINGH H 35.5/L 24.5

CHITTAGONG H 34.0/L 27.0

SLHET H 36.1/L 24.8

RAJSHAHI H 35.3/L 23.3

RANGPUR H 35.0/L 26.0

KHULNA H 36.0/L 24.2

BARISAL H 35.5/L 23.7

COX'S BAZAR H 33.8/L 27.2

Rain accompanied by temporary gusts or equally wind is likely to occur at a few places over Dhaka, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Dhaka and Barisal with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:44pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am, said Met Office.

New platform launched to promote documentary filmmakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Independent Film Network (DIFN), an organisation of filmmakers, yesterday inaugurated a platform for documentary filmmakers. Titled "Dhaka DoctLab", the platform will promote and guide new filmmakers in South Asian region, said a press release.

As part of the platform's annual programmes, DIFN is going to organise a six-day workshop from September 8 in the capital, where 25 young filmmakers of the region will be able to take part, said the release.

Interested filmmakers are requested to submit their proposals within July 15. Details are available at <http://dhakadoclab.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/dhakadoclab>. DIFN was founded by filmmaker Nasiruddin Yusuf recently. Filmmakers, including Shama Zaman and Tareq Ahmed, are its members.

SC also rejects tougher punishment for all BDR carnage accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that rejected three appeals seeking tougher punishment for all the accused who were acquitted and given imprisonment for various terms by the lower court in the BDR carnage case.

The apex court dismissed three leave to appeal petitions filed by the government challenging the HC order.

The government on April 2 filed the appeals with the HC seeking tougher punishment for a total of 608 people who were either acquitted or given imprisonment for different terms by the lower court in BDR carnage case.

Among the accused, 194 were acquitted while 158 were sentenced to life imprisonment.

On April 13, the HC rejected the appeals as those were filed long after the lower court had delivered the judgment.

The government recently filed three leave to appeal petitions with the SC against the HC's April 13 order.

Attorney General Mahbub Alam moved the petitions before the apex court.

The HC on April 13 concluded hearing on the death reference and appeals in BDR carnage case, and kept them as CAV [Curia Advisari Vult, a Latin legal term that means the verdict could be delivered any time].

Seventy-four people, including 57 army officials, were massacred during the BDR mutiny on February 25-26 in 2009 at the Pibkhana headquarters of the paramilitary force, later renamed Border Guard Bangladesh.

The trial court gave death sentences to 150 BDR soldiers and to two civilians, and jailed 160 others for life but two of them died. It also handed down rigorous imprisonment to 256 people, mostly BDR soldiers.



PHOTO: FAKHRED SHUJON

This muddy section of Berabagh (embankment) road in Labagh on the western fringe of the capital has no sign of any hard surface that once existed. This mud to years of negligence of the authorities, this road is now a nightmare for the road users, especially during the rainy season. If properly maintained, this long road from Mirpur to the old part of the city could contribute to easing traffic congestions on nearby thoroughfares.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Gero Chhatro Sanghata of Dhaka brings out a procession yesterday at Shahbagh intersection in the capital protesting arson attacks on indigenous people and looting of their properties in Longdui of Rangamati on June 2.

Speedy Trial Act Govt trying to put BNP leaders in jail before polls

Staff Fakhrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir alleged that the government has increased the terms of the punishment of the Speedy Trial Act to put BNP leaders and activists behind bars before the next general elections.

"The punishment under the Speedy Trial Act was two to five years in jail. Now it has been increased to upto seven years. Awami League wants to convict the opposition leaders and activists in the next election..." he said.

He made the allegation while addressing a roundtable discussion organised by Doctors Association of Bangladesh at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

The cabinet on Monday approved in principle the draft of "The Law and Order (Amendment) Act-2017", increasing the punishment to upto seven years in jail.

One lakh marooned as flash flood hits Moulvibazar

UNB, Moulvibazar

The flood situation of three upazilas of Moulvibazar has remained unchanged as floodwater has been entering through some eleven points of the Manu River and the Dhalaru River, marooning more than one lakh people of some one hundred villages in the upazilas.

Flood protection embankment at five points of the Manu River - Nishchintapur and Miarpatara villages in Kulaura upazila, and Uzipur, Bholanagar and Konagong villages in Rajnagar upazila - were damaged due to the onrush of water from the upstream and incessant rainfall, leaving around 60 villages under water.

About 40 villages of Kamalajar upazila were also submerged as flood water entered damaging embankment at Ghoramara, Nazatkona, Uttar Alepur and Karimpur villages.

All kinds of establishments and croplands in the three upazilas, including educational institutions, mosques, temples and fisheries, went under water due to the flashflood.

The flood-affected people of the area have been passing a miserable hand under the open sky without food, drinking water and medicine.

Also, the bridge constructed on the Manu River is at risk due to the flood water.



PHOTO: STAR

A flood-affected family at Nishchintapur village in Moulvibazar yesterday.

Local people alleged that the flood protection embankment was dissolved in the riverbed at Chatalghat village, keeping the bridge over the Manu River in a vulnerable situation.

Muklesur Rahman, assistant engineer of WDB, said the water of Manu River was flowing some 73 centimetres over the danger line at Chandighat in the district town and adjacent to Manu Railway Bridge.

Besides, khalas have developed at Chatlapur, Tagarpur, Kamarchak, Ronchak, Bhangarhat and some other points of flood protection dam on the Manu River.

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Memo No.: APSCL/Pro-02/2017/777 Date: 05/06/2017

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

01. Mission/Division: - Commercial/Chief of Sales/Tender & Contracting Services Division of APSCL, Narara Rahin, Ashugang Power Station, Company Ltd, Ashugang, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

02. Agency: - Ashugang Power Station, Company Ltd, Ashugang, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

03. Name of the Project: - Ashugang Power Station, Company Ltd, Ashugang, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

04. Procuring Entity Contact: - Not used in present.

05. Procurement Method: - Competitive Bidding.

06. Procurement Information: - Consistency criteria for Feasibility study, Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) & Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the Project of Dual Fuel Based CCP of APSCL, Dhaka.

07. EOI Ref No: - APSCL/Pro-02/2017/777/05/06/2017

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KEY INFORMATION

09. Procurement Method: - Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)

FINDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and Source of Funds: - APSCL's Own Fund.

11. Development Period (approximate): - N/A.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project Programme code: - N/A.

13. Consistency criteria for Feasibility study, Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) & Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the Project of Dual Fuel Based CCP of APSCL, Dhaka: - Date: 11/07/2017; Time: 12:00 Noon, Place: Office of the Manager (Procurement), Ashugang Power Station Company Ltd, Ashugang, and Brahmanbaria.

14. EOI closing date, time and EOI deposit amount: - Date: 11/07/2017; Time: 12:00 Noon, Place: Office of the Manager (Procurement), Ashugang Power Station Company Ltd, Ashugang, and Brahmanbaria.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15. Brief description of the Assignment: - The objective of the Study is to provide Consultancy services for Feasibility study, IEE, EIA & SIA for the Project of Dual Fuel Based CCP of APSCL. The consultant will conduct the following works:
- To prepare feasibility report for construction of Dual Fuel Based Combined Cycle Power Plant.
- To prepare a complete proposal & procedure for demolition of the Unit 1 & 2.
- To conduct the Initial Environmental Examination (IEE), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) & Social Impact Assessment (SIA).

16. Experiences, Resources and Detail profile: - The firm shall have successfully completed at least one contract of conducting Feasibility study of Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) power plant construction project whose minimum capacity 200 MW during the last 10 years.

17. Other details (if applicable): - The intending consulting firms are required to collect the "Detailed Terms of Reference as well as minimum acceptable fee schedule" from the Project Office of APSCL, Ashugang Power Station, Company Ltd, Ashugang, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh, during office hours till 10:00 AM on 05/06/2017.

The EOI shall be returned on the basis of the following:
- Registration and age of firm.
- Financial soundness (as stated above).
- Availability of key professionals.
- Financial soundness.
- Managerial strength and financial capacity.
- Experience of the firm and its works.
Any application submitted later than the specified time limit shall not be entertained.
EOP will be issued only to short listed firms.

18. Association with foreign firm: - N/A.

19. Ref. No. Phasing of services: - N/A.

20. Location: - Ashugang Power Station, Company Ltd, Ashugang, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

21. Indicative start date: - By October - 2017.

22. Indicative completion date: - By June - 2018.

PROSUCING ENTITY DETAILS

23. Name of official inviting Expression of Interest: - Mr. Rafiqul Kabir

24. Designation of official inviting: - Manager (Procurement).

25. Address of official inviting: - Ashugang Power Station Company Ltd, Ashugang, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

26. Contact details of official inviting: - Tel: (08132-7403) Fax: (08132-7404).

27. Contact details of the Project Office: - Tel: (08132-7403) Fax: (08132-7404).

28. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to cancel the notice of Expression of Interest and to reject any or all applications without assigning any reason therefor.

Signature
Manager (Procurement)
Ashugang Power Station Company Ltd, Ashugang, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.

Indictment hearing on Fakhrul's case now Aug 28

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday deferred to August 28 far hearing on charge framing against BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and 72 others in a vandalism case.

The case was filed with Jatrabari Police Station against Fakhrul and others for vandalising and torching vehicles in the city's Jatrabari area during a road blockade enforced by BNP-led 18-party alliance on November 9, 2012.

First Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Chhetrimol Islam passed the order after lawyers of Fakhrul and others submitted separate petitions seeking adjournment of the hearing.

Of the accused, Fakhrul and 71 others, are now on bail while another accused Nabulillah Nabi is in jail.

Meantime, Fakhrul was absent from the court yesterday due to illness.

On February 23, 2014, SAs-Inspector Abdullah Biswas, the investigation officer of the case, pressed charges.



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Workers busy creating block prints at a custom boutique print shop ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr. There are quite a good number of shops on the upper floors of New Super Market in the capital. These shops have become popular among women who wish to get customised tailored dresses in their own choice of cloth and design. After selecting the cloths, a customer gets the cloths printed at the shop with their own choice of design blocks.

4 restaurant owners face contempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against four owners of three restaurants for running their businesses in the capital's Dhhamondi residential area violating its order in 2012.

In the rule, the court asked the owners of So's Three, Bittersweet, and Forks Knife Restaurants - Bushra, Roksana Begum, Segupta Hasan, and Shah Jamal - to explain in four weeks why actions should not be taken against them on charge of committing contempt of court for violating its directive.

The HC bench of Justice Ashfaq Islam and Justice Ashish Ranjan Das came up with the rule following a contempt of court petition moved by Advocate Manzill Murshid, president of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

During hearing, Advocate Murshid told the court that the HC on June 11, 2012 directed the authorities concerned to stop their business operations in Dhhamondi residential area.

Violating the HC directives, the restaurant owners have been running their businesses in the area, which is tantamount to contempt of the court, he argued.

SC scraps

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scams that took place between 2010 and 2013.

Following a bail petition filed by Fazlur, the HC on September 8 last year granted him permanent bail in the case filed with Gulshan Police Station.