

WEATHER
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURES

DHAKA

H 35.1L 27.7

MYMENSINGH

H 36.2L 28.0

CHITTAGONG

H 34.4L 26.3

SYLHET

H 36.5L 26.8

RAJSHAHI

H 37.1L 27.1

RANGPUR

H 36.8L 27.0

KHULNA

H 36.6L 28.0

BARISAL

H 36.2L 26.6

COX'S BAZAR

H 34.1L 26.5

RAIN IS LIKELY TO OCCUR AT A FEW PLACES OVER CHITTAGONG DIVISION AND AT ONE OR TWO PLACES OVER RANGPUR, KHULNA, BARISAL, DHAKA AND SYLHET DIVISIONS TILL 6:00PM TODAY, REPORTS UNO. MILD HEAT WAVE IS SWEEPING OVER RAJSHAHI, RANGPUR AND SYLHET DIVISIONS AND AT THE REGIONS OF LUGAT, MADHUPUR, RANGPUR, GOMTI, KHALISHA, CHANAI, SATKHIRA, JAROSAN AND BARISAL AND IT MAY ABATE FROM SOME PLACES, SAYS MET OFFICE. THE SUN SETS IN THE CAPITAL TODAY AT 6:45PM AND RISES TOMORROW AT 5:10AM.

Help Ruponti fight cancer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fourteen-year-old Ruponti has been suffering from blood cancer.

She has been undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) since May this year, says a press release.

A sixth grader of Kotadi in Kishoreganj, Ruponti is the only child of Abedur Rahman Topu and Selina Khandaker.

Her treatment involves a huge sum of money which is impossible for her parents to bear as they have already spent a lot since she was diagnosed with the disease six years ago.

Therefore, her family made a fervent appeal to the generous people of the society to extend their helping hands to save her life.

Aid can be sent to Selina Khandaker AC, 101/101/27532, Dutch Bangla Bank, SWIFT: DBBLBDDH 101; Selina Khandaker AC, 0290002593066, Agrani Bank or Bkash no: 0191495373.

For further information anyone can call at 01760249496.

Police officer

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League leaders met the RMP commissioner and complained to him on the same day.

Contacted over the phone, the SP said Mridul was caught with his motorcycle because he was driving an unregistered vehicle. But some ruling party men requested police not to file any case against him, he said.

"I exchanged heated words with some ruling party men, but there was no incident of beating,"

Empty baskets and garbage lay scattered right under Mayor Hanif flyover. After selling fruits, vendors dump the waste here. This practice has been going on for a while, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned. The photo was taken in the capital's Jatrabari intersection yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

Tokyo with Dhaka in fight against terrorism

Says Japanese minister

UNB, Dhaka

Japan has assured Bangladesh that they are ready to assist it in all possible ways to fight terrorism.

Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Nobuo Kishi conveyed his country's position when his Bangladesh counterpart M Shaahar Alam met him in Tokyo.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shaahar Alam informed his Japanese counterpart about various measures taken by Bangladesh government to combat terrorism.

He also requested Kishi to consider the withdrawal of travel alert.

Shaahar Alam attended meetings with Japanese high officials on the third day of his visit to Tokyo, the foreign ministry sources told the news agency on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) President Shinichi Kitaoka has responded positively to Bangladesh's idea of funding regional infrastructure projects that will establish connectivity among potential countries in the region and expand the market.

Shaahar Alam shared the idea with the Jica president on the third day of his visit on Wednesday.

The state minister expressed his deepest condolences for the Japanese lives lost in Dhaka on July 1, 2016, and informed various measures that the government of Bangladesh has taken to combat terrorism.

He also met State Minister for Agriculture Yosuke Isozaki. Earlier in the morning, he attended a roundtable discussion in the Foreign Correspondents Club, Japan.

Go for non-fire bricks

Urges ALRD, Nijer Kori, BELA seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Termining brick factories a major cause of deforestation, environmental activists yesterday urged the government to control their expansion to prevent pollution and loss of arable land and forests.

They also called for forcing owners to use modern technologies to minimise pollution and formulating a policy making mandatory the use of alternatives like non-fire and concrete bricks.

The Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), Nijera Kori, and Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) made the call at a joint seminar organised at Jatiya Press Club marking World Environment Day, observed on June 5.

Citing an international study, BELA Chief Executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan said around 30 percent of the brick kilns in the country used firewood, requiring 1.9 million tonnes of wood annually. This is one of the main

reasons of deforestation, she said.

According to a 2016 ALRD study, 17.4 percent of arable land is destroyed due to brick kilns and the remaining 80 percent by unplanned housing, she said.

ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda said, "The gradual expansion of brick kilns is sending us towards disasters through burning trees and destroying arable land."

So construction of brick kilns should be stopped, and a roadmap must be prepared to use alternative non-fire bricks, he said.

Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir said, "There is a law to control the brick kilns, but there are some gaps in the act and its implementation."

The authorities should enforce laws strictly and find localised solutions, she added.

Director of Housing and Building Research Institute Mohammad Abu Sadek and economist-researcher Dr Swapan Adnan also spoke among others.

Female overseas job seekers need capacity to fight abuses: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The women seeking overseas jobs need to have skills and language proficiency so that they could protect themselves against various forms of abuses including non-payment of salaries, labour migration experts said yesterday.

Speaking at a consultation, they also demanded prompt government action to address complaints from migrants against employers or brokers.

The discussion was organised by Bangladesh Women Migrant Workers Association (BOMSA) at the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry.

According to the ministry, 1.18 lakh women went abroad, mostly to the Middle East, in 2016, which is over 15 percent of the total labour migration last year.

"It is surely a good sign, but the problem is we receive frequent allegations of abuses. It may be physical or sexual abuse and overwork or non-payment," said BOMSA Director Sumaiya Islam in her keynote presentation.

The women do not need to pay for migration, but the intermediaries are still

changing them illegally, she said, and suggested legislating the middlemen to make them accountable.

Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shaheen Anam said, "Some of the women... remain ill-prepared and don't have the capacity to negotiate."

So it is important that they have a certain level of education, job and language skills, and cultural orientation, she said.

Shaheen Anam also said the Bangladesh embassies in the labour-receiving countries were not sufficiently staffed to handle thousands of workers, suggesting recruitments at the labour wings.

Shameem Ahmed Chowdhury Noman, joint secretary general of the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA), said they often received complaints from the female workers that they were made to work in two to three houses, which became almost impossible for them.

As per the memorandum of understandings with the labour-receiving countries, the workers should be allowed to have a mobile phone, but the employers do not allow it, he said. "Sometimes the female workers are forced to return home."

Acknowledging that the one-month residential training for the would-be female migrants is not up to standard, Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Begum Shamsummar said they were trying to improve it.

Expatriates' Welfare Minister Nurul Islam said the government planned to establish more safe homes for the female migrants. It also has set up a call centre, Prohash Bondhu, and anyone can call it to complain, he said.

"We will address the problems. If the problems are not solved, please come to me. My door is open," he said.

The minister said he asked the finance ministry for incentives to migrant workers for increasing remittances.

In response to a question, he said the present diplomatic stand-off between Qatar and some Arab countries would not affect the labour recruitment from Bangladesh because it was not war.

Catherine Cecil, team leader of PROKASH Project of British Council, Ali Haider Chowdhury, former leader of BAIRA, and SK Rumana, general secretary of BOMSA, also spoke.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কর কমিশনারের কার্যালয়

কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা

৭১/২, পাইটনিয়ার রোড, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা

২০১৭-২০১৮ কর বৎসরের জন্য আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৪ ধারা অনুযায়ী অগ্রিম আয়করের ৪র্থ কিস্তি পরিশোধ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

➤ কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকার অধিক্ষেত্রাধীন সকল ব্যক্তি করদাতা, ফার্ম এবং কোম্পানি ও ইহার পরিচালকগণের ২০১৭-২০১৮ কর বৎসরের জন্য প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়করের ৪র্থ কিস্তি প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ১৫ জুন, ২০১৭ইং।

➤ প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর সংশ্লিষ্ট সার্কুলের উপ কর কমিশনারের অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার অথবা ক্রেসডু চেকের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে অথবা কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকার অনুকূলে কোম্পানি করদাতার জন্য প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ১-১১৪১-০০২৫-০১০১ কোডে এবং ব্যক্তি করদাতাদের জন্য প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ১-১১৪১-০০২৫-০১১১ কোডে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে।

➤ নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করা না হইলে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ১২৫ ধারা অনুযায়ী প্রদেয় আয়করের সমপরিমাণ অকে জরিমানা হিসাবে এবং ৬৯, ৭০ ও ৭৩ ধারা অনুসারে ১০ শতাংশ হারে সরল সুদ আরোপ করিবার বিধান রহিয়াছে।

➤ কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা আশা করে যে, এই কর অঞ্চলের সম্মানিত করদাতাগণ নির্ধারিত তারিখে অথবা ইহার পূর্বে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করিবেন।

➤ অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদান অথবা এতদবিষয়ে কোন তথ্যের প্রয়োজন হইলে এই কর অঞ্চলের অতিরিক্ত কর কমিশনার জনাব আবু হান্নান দেলওয়ার হোসেন (ফোন: ৯৩৫৯০৩৫, মোবাইল: ০১৫৫২০৭৪৯৯), জনাব আহসান হাবিব (ফোন: ৯৩৫০৩২২, মোবাইল: ৯০৭১৫০৬০১১), যুগ্ম কর কমিশনার জনাব শেখ মোঃ মনিরুজ্জামান (ফোন: ৯৩০১৮০০, মোবাইল: ০১৭১১৪৩৩৬৪৩) এবং বেগম সেলিনা সুলতানা (ফোন: ৮৩৯১৮৮৩, মোবাইল: ০১৫৫২০৩৬২৯৭) এর সহিত যোগাযোগ করা যাইতে পারে।

মোঃ নূরুল আলম

কর কমিশনার

কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা

জিডি-১২১৩

Rickshaws ply a road in Dhanmondi area. In the month leading to Eid-ul-Fitr, the number of rickshaws increases on Dhaka streets. Many poor people from the rural areas flock to the capital to make some money by pulling rickshaws ahead of the festival. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

VISION

Air Conditioner

অসহনীয় গরমে চাই ডিশন এসি

শীতল হওয়া

ও স্ক্রুভের অ্যান্টিব্যাকটেরিয়াল ফিল্টার, 3D স্ট্রিমার ফ্লাউ ও টার্নেবল ফ্যানসহ আপনাদের ঘরকে ঠান্ডা করে নিম্নিচ্ছে, তাই অদ্বৈতীয় পরামর্শ ডিশন এসি ঘরকে গরমে সুসার কুল

12000 BTU (1 Ton)

মুদ্রা: ৩৭,৫০০

18000 BTU (1.5 Ton)

মুদ্রা: ৪৮,৮০০

24000 BTU (2 Ton)

মুদ্রা: ৬৯,০০০

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