

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 36.1 L 28.1	H 35.0 L 28.5	H 34.0 L 26.6	H 35.0 L 26.8	H 37.6 L 27.6	H 36.7 L 27.4	H 35.6 L 27.6	H 34.7 L 27.8	H 32.6 L 26.0

Rain or thunderstorms accompanied by temporary gusty or locally strong winds is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Chittagong, Dhaka and Barisal divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. A mild heat wave is sweeping over Rajshahi division and the regions of Dhaka, Bhola, Faridpur, Rangpur, Dinagpur, Sylet, Sathika, Jessore, Choudhaga and Kishida, said Met Office. The sun sets in



Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In Shweta Shatabdi Esh, a young poet who received "Asheya Foyez award-2017", has been suffering from a blood disorder "Thalassemia" since she was six months old, said a press release.

Because of hormone imbalance, her liver has swelled up yielding different physical complications. Therefore, her family seeks help from well-off people of the society.

Shweta obtained honours and masters degree from Dhaka University.

Financial assistance can be sent to Shatabdi Esh, Account no: 34126636, Dhaka University corporate branch, Janata Bank Ltd. bkash no: 01914867687 (Shweta's personal number).

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Barrister Halim told the Daily Star that the NHRC is supposed to frame rules and make necessary recommendations to the government against any human rights violation. But the commission has failed to do so, he added.



Vendors with their makeshift stalls clog a large portion of a footpath in the capital's Farmgate area. The clogging also spills over the street, impeding pedestrian and vehicular movement. Despite numerous drives by the authorities concerned, most of the Dhaka footpaths remain under the grips of hawkers. The situation intensifies ahead of Eid. The photo was taken in front of Tejgaon College yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHEED SHUMON

4 die in road crashes

CITY DESK

Four people, including a cop, were killed in road accidents in four districts yesterday and on Wednesday.

In Dinajpur, an assistant sub-inspector of police was killed as his motorcycle was rammed by a truck on Chorghat-Polashbari road in Sonamukhi village under Chorghat upazila on Wednesday evening.

The deceased, Fazir Ahmed, 35, of Chikharuri village in Dinajpur Sadar, was posted to Polashbari Police Station in Gaibandha.

In Jessore, a schoolgirl was killed as a truck ran her over in front of Niamatpur Dakhl Madrasa in Chowgacha upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Tanbina Khatun, 15, daughter of Sahidul Islam of Patibela, was a class-IX student of Haji Sahajahan Ali High School. She was returning home from the school.

In Nilphamari, Rafiqul Islam, son of Abdul Jobbar, died on the spot as a truck hit his bicycle on Nilphamari-Saidpur road at Kaziribazar yesterday.

Locals caught the truck driver and his helper and handed them over to police said police.

In Gopalganj Sadar, Sofikur Alam Osim, 42, of Modhohpara was killed as a truck rammed his motorcycle on Dhaka-Khulna Highway in Karorgoti area on Wednesday night.

Railway gears up for Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Railway will add 171 more coaches to the existing 1,161, said Railways Minister Mazbul Hossain yesterday.

Also, it will operate seven pairs of special trains from June 23 to 25 and June 28 to July 3 on different routes. In addition, all weekly holiday for the intercity trains has been cancelled from June 21 to Eid day, he added.

The minister was briefing media at the Railway Bhavan in the capital about his ministry's preparation for the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr to ensure a hassle-free journey for holidaymakers, says a press release.

Advance tickets will be sold at Dhaka and Chittagong stations from 8:00am to June 12. A passenger will be able to purchase highest four tickets. Mainline train service will remain closed for June 25 and 26.

Return tickets for Dhaka will be sold at Rajshahi, Khulna, Dinajpur and Lalmonirhat stations from 8:00am.

DEPARTURE FROM DHAKA, CTG

TICKET SELLING DATES	DEPARTURE DATES
June 12	June 22
June 13	June 21
June 14	June 24
June 15	June 23
June 16	June 25

RETURN TO DHAKA

TICKET SELLING DATES	DEPARTURE DATES
June 19	June 28
June 20	June 29
June 21	June 30
June 22	July 01
June 23	July 02



President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchange pleasantries with guests at an iftar party hosted by the president at Bangabhaban in the capital yesterday. The iftar party was also attended by the Speaker, chief justice, cabinet members, MPs, diplomats, eminent citizens and high civil and military officials.

Three killed by lightning

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dead. Critically injured Amir is undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Meanwhile, Ashadul Haque of Nama Genda area in Savar was critically injured by lightning while he was going home. He was rushed to a local hospital where doctors declared him dead.

Lawyer Baset terms reports

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Association premises. On Tuesday, an HC bench kept Advocate Baset waiting in the courtroom for around half an hour and rebuked him for misleading police case, although the bench rejected in an attempted murder case, because the bench accused his bail petition and ordered police to send him to jail.

Yesterday, Advocate Baset described the incident of releasing Kuddus from police custody and bringing him back to the courtroom at the HC's directive and then handing him over to police.

He said he might have trouble properly hearing the HC order of rejecting the bail petition of Kuddus and sending him to jail.

Amnesty Int'l urges govt

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protection and safety. Expressing concern, another human rights organisation named Front Line Defenders said Islamist groups had given her threat because she worked for human rights and peace.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Hindu Buddha Christian Oikya Parishad and Bangladesh Hindu Shilpi Goshthi also expressed grave concern over the threat.

The Oikya Parishad said threats on human rights defenders and continuous attack on minority groups have made the future of Bangladesh alarming.

Moudud's plea challenging

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and Justice Md Ataur Rahman Khan passed the order after a brief hearing on the petition yesterday.

Moudud was evicted from his three-decade-long residence yesterday as he lost the legal battle over the ownership of the house worth Tk 300 crore in the capital's Gulshan.

NEWS IN brief

RU admission tests begin on Oct 22

RU CORRESPONDENT

Admission tests for the honours programme of Rajshahi University under 2017-18 academic session will be held from October 22 to 26 this year.

The decision came yesterday at a meeting of the admission sub-committee of the university. Further details will be announced later, said an official.

Fakhruhl visits ailing Hafajat chieft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhruhl Islam Alamgir yesterday paid a visit to ailing Hafajat-e-Islami Chief Shah Ahmed Shaif.

Fakhruhl along with party's Vice-Chairman Mir Nasir Uddin went to a private hospital around 2:00am where Shaif is being treated, said syrul Kabir Khan, an official of BNP parliamentarian's press wing.

Iftekhar new treasurer of IUB

CITY DESK

Khandker Md Iftekhar Haider has been appointed as the treasurer of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) for a four-year term.

Before his retirement from the government service, he worked as the secretary to the Ministry of Expenditure Welfare and Overseas Employment, said a press release.

He joined the civil service of Bangladesh in 1983 as a member of BCS administrative cadre and held important positions both in secretariat and field administration.

HC halts construction of Ctg swimming pool till July 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a status quo till July 2 on construction of a swimming pool in the outer stadium of Chittagong.

It also issued a ruling asking the authorities concerned of the government to explain in four weeks why they should not be directed to take steps to protect the outer stadium.

The HC Bench of Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice Md Ataur Rahman Khan came up with the order and rule after hearing a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh seeking necessary orders to protect the outer stadium.

Shahana Begum passes away

CITY DESK

Shahana Begum, former senior scientific officer of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), died yesterday at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore. She was 65, said a press release.

Dr Shahana; wife of Enayet Husain Siraj, a director of Impress Group and Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB); was suffering from cancer for a long time.

She left behind her son, daughter and grandchildren. Her first namaz-e-janaza will be held today on Channel-1 premises in Tejgaon at 11:30am and the second one at Sabji Bagan Jania Masjid in Eskaton after the Juma prayer.

She will be buried at Banani graveyard.

MPs demand removal

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"WE WANT NO ELECTION" Jatiya Party lawmaker Khorsheed Haq declared from reserved seats for women, yesterday told Parliament that they want no election and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina should remain in power for five to ten more years.

Asked about the reason behind her argument, she told The Daily Star that she wants peace. "As the national elections cause deaths of innocent people, I talked against the election and continuation of the present government." She said the status of the leader of the opposition Rashed Khan Bhaui should remain unchanged in the next parliament.

Khorsheed Ar also criticised BNP parliamentarian Khaleeda Zia for speaking against the PM.

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Asset DEVELOPMENTS

ACC asked to sue business tycoon Moosa

He 'dodged' Tk 2.15cr in luxury car taxes'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) yesterday recommended that the

Commission sue controversial business tycoon Moosa Bin Shamsur on charge of dodging tax on a luxury car.

The Directorate also sought permission from the National Board of Revenue to sue Moosa for money laundering charges.

Momul Khan, director general of CIID, said a recently-seized Range Rover used by Moosa was registered with the BRTA office in Bhola under a bill of entry showing

was supposed to pay a tax of Tk 2.15 crore for the vehicle, he said.

We stand by Sultana Kamal

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"She speaks without fear. Many people may not like it," she added. Shahriar Kabir, president of Ektarur Chhatk Dal Nirmul Committee, said that after Hafajat's 2013 mayhem and suing of its activists and followers, the prime minister promised not to give them any chance to repeat such an incident.

"The government needs to explain why it was given space now," he added.

Narayanangani-based cultural activist Rafiqur Rabbi, whose son Taj was kidnapped and murdered four years ago, said it was imperative to find out whether the incident involving Sultana Kamal aimed at serving vested interests.

Rabbi, who is now facing a lawsuit filed by Hafajat, said the Islamist group was used for suing him.

Dhaka University's Prof Gitiana Nasreen said progressive minds should come under a single platform to identify the evil forces playing from behind and launch a movement against them.

Nasimun Ara Haque Mim, convener of Bangladesh Nari Shangkib Kendra, said the country had already stepped into a dark era by giving space to Islamist groups like Hafajat.

Former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank Khondkar Ibrahim Khaleel said there was no scope to tolerate those who threatened Sultana. The culprits should be

brought under rights immediately, he said. Women's rights activist Maleka Begum urged the progressive people to wage a movement against communal forces.

Economist Prof Abdul Barkat said the threat to turn the country into a communal and militant state.

Moderated by Nijera Kori coordinator Khushi Kabir, rights activist Hameeda Hossain and cultural personalities Syed Hasan Imam and Sara Zaker, among others, attended the programme.

On June 2, Hafajat leaders from a rally in front of Baitul Mukarram gave an ultimatum to the government to arrest Sultana within 24 hours or send her into exile.

Hafajat's threat came after a recent television talk show, now available on YouTube.

Hosted by DU teacher Robayet Ferdous, the programme was participated by Sultana Kamal, Hafajat leader Mufi Shakhawat Hossain, Gonojagoron Mancha spokesperson Imran H Sarker, and former Awami League lawmaker Apu Ukil.

At the talk show, referring to the statue of Lady Justice on the Supreme Court premises, Shakhawat said there should be no religious structures on the court premises, Sultana told The Daily Star. "I said, yes, I agree with you. There should be no religious structures on the court premises. Not even mosques," she said.

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