

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

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| <b>DHAKA</b><br>H 29.5   L 26.7 | <b>MYMENSINGH</b><br>H 26.0   L 23.2 | <b>CHITTAGONG</b><br>H 31.2   L 26.0 | <b>SYLHET</b><br>H 25.6   L 23.6 | <b>RAJSHAHI</b><br>H 32.0   L 26.8 | <b>RANGPUR</b><br>H 30.4   L 24.6 | <b>KHULNA</b><br>H 32.6   L 29.0 | <b>BARISAL</b><br>H 33.6   L 27.0 | <b>COX'S BAZAR</b><br>H 31.0   L 25.5 |
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Rain accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Dhaka, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Khulna division with moderately heavy to very heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged and night temperature may fall slightly over the country, says Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am.

**NO END TO BLOODSPILL ON ROADS**

# Nine lives lost in four dists

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Nine people were killed and 24 others injured in road crashes in four districts yesterday and on Sunday.

In Gopalganj, four people were killed and 20 others injured as a BRTC bus collided head-on with another bus on Dhaka-Barisal highway in Shagosira area of Mukshudpur upazila on Sunday.

The dead are Monoj Kumar Roy, 45, of Madaripur, Munni Akter, 18, of Bhola, Kowsar Akhand, 15, of Barguna and Abul Hossan Sikder, 50, of Patuakhali.

Monoj and BRTC bus driver Abul Hossan died on the spot while Munni and Kowsar were declared dead at Rajor Upazila Health Complex.

In Bogra, three people were killed and three others injured in a head-on collision between two trucks on Bogra-Dhaka highway near Fatkir Bridge of Shajahanpur yesterday.

The deceased are Mokles Ali, 35, of Holakanda village, Abdul Karim, 45, of Noagaon and truck driver Yunus Ali, 38.

In Lalmonirhat Sadar, a local Jatityatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader was killed when his motorcycle slipped on the Rangpur-Kurigram road as it was wet due to rain in Mostofi area on Sunday night.

The deceased, Mohibul Islam Mohon, 27, of T&T Para in the town, was the joint secretary of Lalmonirhat Sadar unit JCD.

In Jessore, a trader and another injured as a brick-laden vehicle hit a motorcycle they were riding in Nangarpur village under Bagharpara upazila on Sunday evening, reports UNB. The dead is Abdul Gaffar, 35, of Pantapara village of the upazila.



Although the roads are wide enough to ease traffic, this intersection looks chaotic as vendors illegally set up their shops on the footpaths forcing pedestrians to share the streets with vehicles. Ahead of Eid, the situation only gets worse, with hawkers desperate to make more money than usual on the occasion and low-income people looking for cheap items. The photo was taken in Fulbaria of the capital yesterday.



## Attack on Fakhru gov-sponsored

Alleges BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday alleged that the attack on party secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam's motorcade was carried out following instructions from the high-ups of the Awami League-led government.

Addressing a press briefing at the party's Nayapaltan headquarters, BNP senior joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said the attack was "violent and aggressive".

He also accused the government of "resorting to terrorism". Terrorists get

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

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# Ctg-Rangamati road to be fully restored in one month

It opens to light vehicles tomorrow, says ISPR

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rangamati-Chittagong road, which was seriously damaged in landslides, will be ready for movement of light vehicles by tomorrow, according to an ISPR release.

However, it will take one month to make the road fully operational, the Inter Services Public Relation Directorate (ISPR) said yesterday.

Since the rain-triggered landslides on June 12 and 13, long stretches of the road have been damaged and covered by thick mud, suspending road communications between the two districts. Later authorities connected them through waterways.

It was the worst landslide after 2007,

which struck the hilly areas of Rangamati, Bandarban, Khagrachhari, and Chittagong, killing more than 150 people including five army men.

ISPR said the Bangladesh Army was relentlessly working to restore road communications in Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachhari. The army is also working to restore electricity, constructing shelters, and providing relief and treatment to the victims.

The release said more than 300 army personnel of two battalions and many of its construction machineries were engaged to repair roads; of them 233 personnel and 20 heavy machineries were currently deployed in Bandarban and Rangamati.

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# WAR CRIMES IN MYMENSINGH, JAMALPUR Charges pressed against nine men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prosecution yesterday pressed eight charges against nine men from Mymensingh and Jamalpur in a case filed for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War, 1971.

Prosecutor Abul Kalam submitted the formal charges along with statements of prosecution witnesses and other documents before the International Crimes Tribunal-1. It fixed July 10 to decide whether it will take the charges into cognisance.

The accused were "involved" in eight incidents of crimes where at least 101 people were killed, 10 to 13 people were injured, a woman was raped and 110 to 112 houses were torched in Muktagachha and Mymensingh Sadar upazila, according to the investigators.

Among the eight charges, three were related to act of genocide, one with rape and others with murder and other crimes, Abul Kalam told this correspondent.

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# CONTEMPT OF COURT RULE HC summons five SC lawyers on July 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned five Supreme Court lawyers before the HC on July 2 in connection with a contempt of court rule.

The HC issued the rule on a suo moto (of its own) move asking the lawyers to explain in 10 days why action should not be taken against them for committing contempt of court by obstructing its proceeding and shouting in the courtroom.

The HC bench of Justice

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# BANANI RAPE CASE

## Court accepts charges, hearing on July 9

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday accepted charges against five people, including prime accused Ahmed Shafat and Nayem Ashraf, in the Banani rape case.

Judge Md Shafiqul Azam of the Second Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression also fixed July 9 for hearing on the charge framing.

On June 8, Ismot Ara Ame, inspector of the Women Support and Investigation Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, pressed the charges against the five, who are now behind bars.

Of them, Shafat, Nayem, Sakif and Billal gave confessional statements before magistrates on different dates.

Shafat, and Nayem, also known as Halim, were charged with raping two university

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Over 200 poor and street people waiting for iftar at Rangpur Railway Station's platform on Saturday.

PHOTO: KONGKON KARMAKER

# Iftar for street people

20 youths initiate this programme in Rangpur

KONGKON KARMAKER, Rangpur

When the clock strikes 6:30pm, people, mostly poor and street people, sit in several rows at Rangpur Railway Station platform, and a bunch of young people start serving iftar to them.

This has been the everyday scenario since the first Ramadan and the free iftar service is open to all.

Twenty young people, all students of Rangpur medical, and dental colleges, Rangpur Government College, Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR) and Charmichael College, under the banner of Bidyananda Foundation, have taken the noble initiative to observe the holy month of sacrifice in a true way and spirit.

"Over 200 people, including children, join us in our iftar every evening," said Raihanul Kabir, head of the foundation, who is fourth-year accounting student of Rangpur Government College.

"Besides, poor people and street children, train passengers who arrive at the station during iftar time join us too," said another member Rimon, BBA student of Rangpur College.

The iftar menu comprises dates, cooked chickpea, puffed rice, vermicelli, bananas, oranges, apples and cold water.

A 51-year-old beggar, Rezina Begum, resident of railway



The youths in Rangpur packaging iftar on Saturday.

slum in Rangpur, said she had been taking iftar there since the first Ramadan. Many males and females like her break their fast with the free iftar, she added.

"It is really hard for me to arrange iftar every day. If I spend money for iftar, it becomes hard for me to spend for my Sehri," she added.

"Such initiative is inspirational for others," said Sarwar Hossain, a vagabond.

About the iftar preparation, Raihan said their team, including 12 females, work in small groups. One of them

do the grocery shopping, another do all arrangements for cooking while the others cook, serve and clean the platform before and after the iftar, said Mominul Islam, another member, who is a fourth-year student of BRUR.

For cooking, they rented a two-room tin-shed house beside the platform for Tk 5,000, he added.

Initially, they started with their own funds which finished within the first 10 days. Later, they contacted their Facebook friends who contributed to the initiative through bank and bKash accounts. Also, many locals helped them either by donating cash or some food items, said Raihan.

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