



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Rain accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Khulna divisions with moderately heavy to very heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am. Country's highest temperature 32.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Madaripur and lowest 22.0 in Bhola, says Met office.



A bottleneck at the entry point of Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover creates a long tailback on Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani in the capital yesterday. The photo was taken near Dhaka Polytechnic Institute in Tejgaon area.

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Religious edu can protect children from radicalisation

Hindu Religious Welfare Trust conference told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Religious and moral education can prevent children from being radicalised in their future life, speakers told a conference yesterday.

The education imparting either through mosques or temples can also restrain them from being engaged in criminal activities and drug abuse, they said.

However, they warned, distorted religious education can turn them into fanatics regardless which religion they follow.

Hindu Religious Welfare Trust of religious affairs ministry organised the conference at Krishibid Institute Bangladesh in the capital, marking completion of the fourth phase of the Temple Based Child and Mass Literacy Programme.

Around 5,13,750 people, including 4,95,000 children, of 490 upazilas in the country received non-formal basic education in the fourth phase of the programme, implemented from July 2014 to June 2017.

The welfare trust implemented the programme through opening 5,750 education centres at different temples across the country. Its next phase is expected to begin from July this year.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Narayan Chandra Chanda said the practice of religious education and manners at the early stage of life can help children become good persons in the future.



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A Commonwealth Scholar and a Fellow, Nizamuddin has authored several books and research publications. He is also a freedom fighter and a trained scout leader, decorated with the highest Silver Tiger award of Bangladesh Scouts. He is the country's

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Two Barisal dilapidated bus terminals plight of thousands

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

Two major bus terminals in Barisal city have been running without maintenance for two years, causing immense sufferings to the passengers as well as drivers.

A large portion of Nathullabad Central Bus Station remains under rainwater and the other portion became muddy as the brick soling was completely damaged.

The bus terminal is the largest in the city and can accommodate almost 600 buses of 30 routes, including that of Dhaka to Barisal.

Bablu Chowdhury, secretary of Bus

Owners' Association, said most of the buses cannot enter the station.

Dipankar Gupta, a passenger, said they are facing serious problems to get on and off buses at the terminal.

Mofakhar Hossain, a worker at the station, said it is extremely difficult for buses to move inside the terminal.

The same condition is at Rupatoli Bus Station. The passengers have to wait for buses on the road.

The terminal is a gateway to Barguna, Bhola, Patuakhali and Jhalakati districts and Khulna division, said Kawsar Hossain Shipon, secretary of Bus Owners' Association.

SM Ruhul Amin, commissioner of Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP), said it will be difficult to tackle Eid rush due to the dreadful condition of the two bus terminals.

At a meeting with different transport service providers on Sunday, he appealed to Barisal City Corporation (BCC) to repair those quickly.

Md Wahiduzzaman, chief executive officer (CEO) of BCC, said currently BCC did not have funds to repair the bus terminals.

They already sought allocation from the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, he said.

2 Shibir men arrested over remarks on PM

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

District Detective Branch (DB) of Police on Monday arrested two Chhatra Shibir activists in Narayanganj for allegedly making derogatory remarks about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on facebook.

Fajful Islam, sub-inspector of district DB office at Khanpur, said police arrested the two -- Jasimuddin, 33, and Mehedi Hasan, 20, of Patuakhali -- in Isdair area of Fatullah around 11:00pm.



Leaning towards oncoming traffic, a damaged metal road barrier poses serious safety hazard to road users below Mohakhali Flyover in the capital. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Waterlogged Nathullabad Central Bus Station in Barisal city. The terminal has been in a dilapidated condition for two years. The photo was taken on Monday.

PHOTO: STAR

NASIRNAGAR ATTACK Ex-UP chairman denied bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

A Brahmanbaria court yesterday sent sacked Haripur Union Parishad chairman Dewan Atiqur Rahman alias Ankhi to jail after rejecting his bail prayer in connection with the attack on Hindu houses and temples in Nasirnagar upazila.

Earlier, he had been on a four-week bail granted by the High Court.

Four cases were filed against Atiqur over the attack, said Md Mahbubur Rahman, inspector of Brahmanbaria Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

On October 30 last year, zealots carried out a synchronised attack on the Hindus in the upazila, vandalising around 100 homes and at least five temples and looting valuables over a Facebook post.

Police so far arrested 122 people, including leaders of Awami League and BNP, over the incident.

Poverty behind child labour: Anisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said poverty remains the most potent reason for child labour and its eradication is impossible without abolition of poverty.

The government is working with all force to completely eliminate this menace, he said, adding that many welfare steps have been taken to abolish poverty, he said while speaking as special guest at a function organized by the National Human Rights Commission at Hotel Sonargaon on the occasion of World Child Labour Day which was observed on June 12. Anisul said the government's relentless efforts to free children from this cruel situation has led to a drastic reduction in child labour of about 48 percent during the last decade.

Notice served seeking

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that if the respondents did not cancel the excise duties as well as the finance acts of 2004 and 2010 in 72 hours, he would move a writ petition before the High Court seeking necessary orders to this effect.

Finance Minister AMA Muhiht while placing budget for fiscal year 2017-18 on June 1 proposed raising the excise duty from Tk 500 to Tk 800 on accounts where the balance -- whether debit or credit -- exceeds Tk 1 lakh but stays less than Tk 10 lakh at any point of time during a year.

ACC arrests two BSCIC engineers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday arrested two engineers of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) for allegedly misappropriating Tk 52.66 lakh.

They are BSCIC's executive engineer Saiful Islam Khan and assistant engineer Belayet Hossain in the capital's Motijheel.

According to the case statement, BSCIC acquired about 11 acres of land in Jhalkathi for a project.

Between June 24, 2015 and June 30, 2016 they, in collaboration with others, created fake documents in which they mentioned that four ponds needed to be filled up.

They showed those four fake ponds filled-up and embezzled Tk 52,66,250, reads the case statement.

A case was filed on June 19 in this regard.



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