



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.4 LL 26.5	H 31.7 LL 25.0	H 31.0 LL 25.0	H 32.5 LL 25.2	H 32.1 LL 25.6	H 30.2 LL 25.0	H 30.5 LL 26.5	H 31.6 LL 26.3	H 28.0 LL 25.2

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at all levels over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Dhaura and Barisal divisions with moderate to heavy falls at places over the country till 05:00pm today, reports TBS. Day and night temperature may vary slightly over the country. Air office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am.

CORRUPTION CASE

Khaleda seeks stay on trial proceedings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday sought a High Court order on the trial court for allowing her lawyers to cross-examine five prosecution witnesses of Zia Charitable Trust corruption case.

Filed the prayer by filing a revision petition with the HC. In the petition she also sought a stay on the trial proceedings against her in the corruption case.

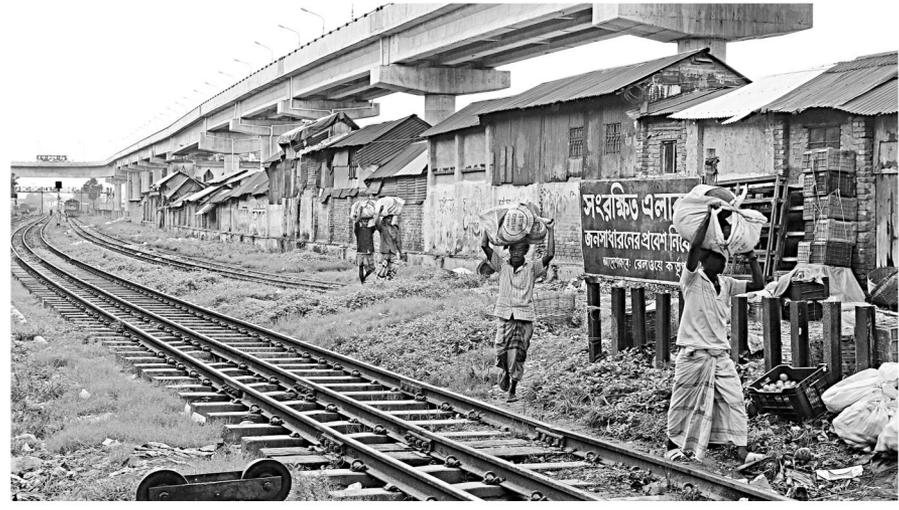
In the petition, Khaleda prayed to the HC for issuing an order to the trial court allowing her lawyers to cross-examine five prosecution witnesses of the Zia Charitable Trust graft case.

The five prosecution witnesses need to be cross-examined for fair trial of the case, he said, adding that a Dhaka court on June 18 rejected a petition seeking permission for cross-examining five prosecution witnesses.

The revision petition has been filed in the HC challenging the Dhaka court's June 8 rejection order, he said.

Advocate Zakir also said the HC might hold hearing on the petition today, pending following its ongoing annual vacation. The HC will reopen on July 3.

On August 8, 2011, the Anti-Corruption Commission filed the Zia Charitable Trust graft case with Teigan Police Station accusing four people, including Khaleda, of raising funds for a part of the mosque building with the help of town sources abusing power. According to the charge sheet of the case, Khaleda and three others abused power to collect Tk 6.19 crore for Zia Charitable Trust during the BNP-led government's tenure between 1991 and 1996.



People carrying goods through a restricted area belonging to Bangladesh Railway near the capital's Khilgaon rail crossing yesterday. To secure the area, the railway authorities apparently did not take any other measure but posting a sign stating "restricted area".

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Don't use loudspeaker

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management issues during the festival. Participants have been asked not to throw any food or fruit during the procession.

"The decision has been taken considering the possible justice threats," Jayanta Sen, president of Bangladesh Puja Uddhayan Parishad, told The Daily Star.

Any criminal activity takes place in the procession, police will not be able to detect it immediately due to the loud music. Besides, the loud music also causes disturbances for children and old people, he said. However, loud music can be played for indoor programmes, he added. Asked about the restriction on throwing fruits in the path of the rolling cart, Jayanta said it is difficult for them to track what people would throw—fruit or something destructive.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) AKM Shahidul Haque presided over the meeting. He instructed the law enforcement and intelligence agencies to ensure a safe and peaceful Ratha Yatra.

He also asked the law enforcers to create a security fence at each meeting by appointing adequate number of volunteers. In the meeting, a decision was also made regarding deploying sufficient force at every intersection, foot-overs bridge, and front and back of the procession, and installing CCTV cameras, to ensure tight security for the devotees.

Saheli Ferdous, assistant inspector general of police headquarters, said the Hindu community leaders had welcomed the decision of the meeting and agreed that loud music should not be played as it hampers security.

Rice price to be slashed by Tk 6 per kg: Tofail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed yesterday told parliament that rice price will be slashed by Tk 6 per kg as the import duty on it has been reduced.

The import duty on rice has been reduced to 10 percent from 28 percent as per the prime minister's instruction. The rice price will be reduced by Tk 6 per kg, he said while taking part in a discussion on the proposed national budget for 2017-18 fiscal.

Tofail said the rice price went up as the supply owners had discontinued normal supply to the market. Criticising those cabinet members who in the last several days lambasted Finance Minister AMA Muhith participating in the discussion on the proposed budget in parliament, Tofail said the budget had earlier been approved by the cabinet.

"If we anything to say, the cabinet meeting is the proper place for it. Once the budget is passed (by the cabinet), MPs (not cabinet members) can place their suggestions on it."

Earlier several ministers, including Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury

criticised Muhith for imposing additional excise duty on bank accounts and reducing interest rate on savings certificates.

Tofail also criticised Deputy Prime Minister Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu and Kazi Feroz Rashid for demanding resignation of Muhith and expressing doubt about his capacity due to old age.

"You're raised question about the age of the finance minister, but you don't consider who is your leader HM Ershad who is five years older than the finance minister. Why did you demand the resignation of the finance minister?" He (Muhith) placed 12 budgets in parliament. He'll place more if Awami League is in power. The prime minister has trust in him," Tofail said.

Talking about recapitalising the state banks with public money, the minister said, "Tk 2,000 crore has been proposed for recapitalising the banks. But I don't support it. It's true that some accident has taken place in banks. People do not expect such things."

The government will have to take pragmatic steps to prevent anomalies in the banking sector, Tofail added.

US handling of Bangladesh

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US commitment to the importance of the multidimensional relationship between Bangladesh and the USA. He said the bilateral partnership would continue to grow under the new US administration.

Shahidul Islam, deputy consul general at the Consulate General of Bangladesh in New York, was arrested by June 12 by the local authorities following the allegation by his former domestic aide. However, he was released the next day. The judge set bail at \$50,000 bond or \$25,000 cash. In another development, the US authorities on Tuesday arrested Hamidur Rahman, a programme director at the United Nations Development Programme in Dhaka, on charge of committing visa fraud by bringing into the USA a domestic worker from Bangladesh and then failing to pay her a lawful wage.

Hamid got released on "unsecured bond" yesterday, said Shameem Ahsan, consul general at the Bangladesh Consulate in New York.

Diplomatic sources in the USA said the latest incident seemed to be another incident to harass the Bangladeshis employer.

During their interaction on the first day, Haque and Shannon laid emphasis on development cooperation, trade and investment, counterterrorism, and global issues of mutual interest and concern.

The foreign secretary invited Ambassador Shannon to Bangladesh for the 6th round of partnership dialogue to be held in Dhaka later this year. Under Secretary Shannon readily accepted the invitation and said the dates of the dialogue would be finalised through mutual consultation.

Cases lost to urban sprawl

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mosque around five years back.

The water body was around 1.5 bigha. Mohammad Shahajan, a resident of the area, said due to the construction of the Jurain new road in 2002, a portion of the pond was also filled up.

For Zia Charitable Trust, headed by the mazar (shrine) committee for the extension of the mosque," he said.

Fariid Hossain, a resident of the area, echoed him.

Now, the pond was the head, joint secretary of the mosque committee, said the land was acquired by the government in 2000. Later, they received the pond. He said the main entrance to the mosque and a part of the new mosque building was constructed on the pond land.

FOUR PONDS UNDER MUNSHIBARI IN JURAIN

There used to be four ponds in the area. Now, only one is left. His completely filled up and three others remain partially alive due to a lack of initiative.

The owners of the ponds sold portions of the water bodies as plots at different times, said locals.

LALBANAO HOUSING POND

The around one bigha pond was next to Shahadat Road. It was alive even two years back. Now it is completely filled up and 14 buildings were constructed on the pond land.

The owner of the pond was one Sammed Mia who dug up the pond in 1971 before the Liberation War. His grandchildren sold it after his death, said Munnir Begum, Sammed's granddaughter.

She said around 20 years back and it was filled up completely two years ago. **POND BESIDE JURAIN MAIN ROAD** Was among the ponds that belonged to the family members of Munshibari, who dug up the around 45 decimal hick trees among others surrounding the pond," said Mohammad Shamim, 50, who was born in the area. There were also two concrete ghallas (stairs) on its two sides," he said.

E-MOSQUE

It was a huge pond—around four bigha. But the water body has been filled up partially since the 80s.

"We dug up the pond for selling soil to the Pakistan period. Later, we sold it to another person before the Liberation War," said Nural Haque of Munshibari.

WEST JURAIN POND

The pond was situated near West Jurain Road, which was filled up by its owner. Now, there is an iron factory and a rickshaw garage there.

Nurul Islam, a resident of West Jurain, said the pond was filled up eight to nine years back. "As a child, my friends and I used to swim there regularly," he reminisced.

Mid-late, another resident, said the pond water was very clean.

Asar Ali, an elderly resident of the area, echoed him. He said the pond was there since the Pakistan period. "Back then, many of us used the pond water for drinking."

"We stopped drinking the water after tube-wells were set up in the area. But we still used it for bathing or fishing even 12-14 years back."

He said the pond owner is one Sultan Ahmed Sander. "The family filled it up during the eight years ago."

The around one bigha pond was beside the second Jurain graveyard.

"Around 18 to 20 of us used to sneak out of home and take baths in the pond at night," said a nostalgic Mohammad Rani, a local.

A portion of the pond is still alive, but it has become a dirty water body due to a lack of care. The rest of the pond was turned into a mosque, rickshaw garage and some other structures, he added.

Another resident of the area, Ashraf Ali, claimed that the pond was on around five bighas of land, surrounded by trees. "It was also filled with fish."

The mosque—Tulabaghicha Jam-e-Mosque—was constructed in 1989 after the owner donated seven kathas of land for its construction and 10 kathas for a madrasa, he said.

Mid-Sayed, owner of the pond, said his father Mid Kader purchased the 59 decimals of land in 1952. He claimed that the pond was filled up by dumping of garbage and sand over the years by others.

He said around 30 percent of the pond still exists. "We don't have any specific plan for it now."

Sayed said his father gave five decimals of land to build a mosque and the rest was filled up for a rickshaw garage.

He also alleged that the mosque was built taking a bigger piece of the pond land than the one his father had donated. "I have filed a case against the additional land for the mosque and a legal battle is ongoing in a lower court."

Mohammad Amir, a resident of the area, said the pond used to belong to his grandfather who sold it to another person around 15 years back. Foytal claimed that the new owner eventually filled up the water body.

PASCHIM JURAIN KOBOROSTHAN ROAD POND

Even around a decade ago, the pond was alive. It is now filled up completely by its owner.

There is a signboard belonging to a developer company, "South Asia Swapno Kutir", on the land, where a multi-story building will be constructed.

Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
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Import Section

Invitation for Tender (International) of Appointment Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) Agent

1 Agency/Division	Ministry of Commerce.	
2 Ministry	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).	
3 Procuring entity name	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.	
4 Procuring entity code	Not applicable.	
5 Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6 Invitation for	Appointment of Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) Agent.	
7 Invitation Ref No.	26/25/20.016.20.002.13/17072.	
8 Date	21/06/2017.	
9 Information method	Open Tendering Method (International).	
10 Budget and source of funds	TCB's Own Fund.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11 Package No.	TCB/Imp-08/PSI/2017.	
12 Package name	Appointment of Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) Agent.	
13 Tender publication date	22/06/2017 to 23/06/2017.	
	Date	Time
14 Tender documents last selling date and time	06/08/2017	17:00pm
15 Tender closing date and time	07/08/2017	11:00am
16 Tender opening date and time	07/08/2017	11:15am
17 Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	-Selling tender document of each item can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column.	
	-Receiving tender document	
	-Opening tender document	
	Board Room, TCB.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
18 Eligibility of tenderer	Submission of necessary documents and must fulfill conditions specified in the tender schedule. Inspection agents who are on black/deferred listed by any department of the Government of Bangladesh shall not be eligible to participate in this tender.	
19 Brief description of service	Appointment of Pre-shipment Inspection (PSI) Agent.	
20 Price of tender document	Tk 3,000 (three thousand) only.	
21 Lot	Identification of lot No.	Tender security amount
		Working period
		Period for which offer must remain valid from the date of opening tender.
22 Procurement of Pre-shipment of Inspection (PSI) Agent	Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to USD 1,265 (one thousand two hundred sixty five) or BDT Tk 1,04,110 (one lac four thousand one hundred ten) only in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee. The successful bidder is to submit 10% (ten percent) Performance Security in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee.	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
22 Name of official inviting tender	Md Akhter Hossain.	
23 Designation of official inviting tender	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka.	
24 Address of official inviting tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), 1, Kawan Bazar, Dhaka.	
25 Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 02-819074 Fax No. 880-51816007	
26 Special Instructions:	i) Incomplete, conditional tender and alternative offer shall not be considered. ii) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. iii) Tenderer who was awarded the Notification of Award (NOA) earlier but could not submit Performance Security (PS) in due time, will not be eligible for the Tender. iv) Tenderer whose Performance Security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the tender.	

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