

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.4 L 27.4	H 29.5 L 27.1	H 33.0 L 25.7	H 28.9 L 25.4	H 36.7 L 26.1	H 31.8 L 25.6	H 34.6 L 27.0	H 32.6 L 25.0	H 31.5 L 25.0

Rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Khulna and Dhaka divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions 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 36.7 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lowest 23.7 in Rajshahi, says Met office.

ASP Mizan was killed by muggers

Suspect cops; family alleges it's a pre-planned murder

Witnessing the signs of torture and stab injuries on the body of assistant superintendent of police (ASP) Mizanur Ranman Talukder, investigators suspect that he was killed by muggers. ASP Mizan's previous enmity is also on priority in the investigation, said police. Sources at Dhaka Medical College morgue, where his autopsy was conducted yesterday, said he was strangled. Mizan was beaten with something hard on the head, left hand and both the legs and stab injuries were also found on the cheeks and chest. Dr Prodig Biswas of DMC forensic medicine, who conducted the autopsy, said there was a black spot on his neck and bruises on different parts for beating. "We've collected Mizan's viscera to examine whether he was poisoned." The victim's younger brother, Masum Talukder, filed a murder case with Rupnagar Police Station against unidentified assailants. Police, however, failed to arrest anyone till yesterday. Officer-in-Charge Syed Shahid Alam told The Daily Star that they suspect ASP Mizan of Savar highway circle might have shared a vehicle to go to his workplace in Kaliakoir after

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Passengers ready to board launches at Sadarghat Launch Terminal yesterday. Thousands of people have started leaving the capital to spend Eid with their loved ones. The photo was taken around 3:00pm.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

PM congratulates newly appointed Saudi crown prince

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has congratulated the newly appointed Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz. In her message of felicitation, the premier termed the Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia relations the "best of bilateral relationship which withstood the test of time", and expressed the hope that the relations would be further strengthened in the coming days, according to a foreign ministry press release yesterday.



Climate change may trigger more landslides in hills

Say experts

UNB, Dhaka In the light of recent devastating landslides in Chittagong region that claimed more than 150 lives, experts predict that the country's hilly region will face more landslides in future due to increased variability of rainfall caused by climate change. "The intensity of rainfall will go up in the hilly areas of Chittagong in the days to come due to climate change... higher intensity of precipitation will occur in a shorter period of time, causing more devastating landslides," climate expert Dr Atiq Rahman told the news agency over the phone. Although the amount of rainfall may remain the same in the region in the next 30 years, he said, climate model shows that the amount of rainfall, which occurred in 10 days in the past, may take place within two days in future, affecting the hill surface and causing more devastating landslides there. Malik Fida A Khan, a deputy executive

director of the Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), said the variability of rainfall is changing gradually in the country due to climate change. "If we assess the average trend of precipitation, we will find its variability is increasing day by day. Rainfall is getting more concentrated. High intensity of rainfall is occurring in a short period. This concentrated rainfall is more dangerous as it triggers landslides," he said. Bangladesh is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change due to its geographic location where high-intensity rainfall has become more frequent in the recent years. According to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the frequency of heavy precipitation events is increasing in South Asia, including Bangladesh, while light rain events are decreasing. A 2014 study of Bangladesh University of

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Cop sued over rape in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A woman sued a policeman in Chittagong yesterday for allegedly raping her. The case was filed against Assistant Sub-inspector Hamidul Islam, 36, with Chittagong Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-1, said complainant's lawyer Muhammad Abdul Hamid. The court ordered for the woman's medical examination, he added. Hamidul worked as an ASI of Chittagong Metropolitan Police. Now he is working at Rangpur range, said the lawyer. After promising that he would marry the woman, he raped her several times and forced her to have an abortion, according to the case statement, but he refused to marry her later.

Mugging rises in Ctg ahead of Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong city has been witnessing an alarming rise in muggings over the last three weeks ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr. Over a hundred mugging incidents took place during the period in the city, said sources at Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP). Kotwali, Chawkbazar, Panchlaish, Khulshi, Double Mooring and Bayezid Bostami are six of the hotspots for the criminals, they added. The muggers usually use motorbikes or CNG-run auto-rickshaws to follow rickshaw passengers, especially the women and speed away after snatching valuables from the passengers. One such victim, Shirin Akter, died of her injuries at Chittagong Medical College Hospital on Monday night. Shirin was on her way to a shopping mall on a rickshaw on June 13 when muggers on a motorbike pulled her by the purse she was holding. The riders succeeded in fleeing the

scene with their loot. Shirin was left on the road unconscious with severe head injuries as she fell from the rickshaw when the criminals pulled her handbag. Shirin's brother filed a case following her death and police arrested one suspect in this connection. The arrestee, Ershad, is a professional mugger and is accused in five cases of muggings, said police. Contacted, Nurul Huda, officer-in-charge of Chawkbazar Police Station, said during a raid in Ershad's house, police recovered 45 handbags including the one snatched from Shirin. CMP sources said although over a hundred muggings took place in the last three weeks, only 10 to 11 cases were filed with different police stations. OC Nurul Huda said Shirin's mugging incident was the only such case filed with his station over the past three weeks. SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

Miscreants damage idols in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Miscreants damaged two idols of Hindu gods after breaking into Joshaitola Temple in Hindupara village under Tanore upazila of Rajshahi yesterday. Villagers in the morning found two idols of Sree Krishna and Josaimata were displaced and broken, said Sagar Chandra Adhikari, temple committee president. He said local Hindus are having a feud and legal battle with a man in the area over a piece of khas land beside the temple for a long time. Rezaul Islam, officer-in-charge of Tanore Police Station, said they are investigating the incident.

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