

## WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 32.2 | 27.4 | MYMENSINGH 31.4 | 27.2 | CHITTAGONG 32.0 | 26.0 | SYLHET 32.4 | 26.1 | RAJSHAHI 33.8 | 27.5 | RANGPUR 32.4 | 25.6 | KHULNA 31.6 | 27.2 | BARISAL 32.0 | 25.2 | COX'S BAZAR 30.7 | 26.0

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today. Day temperature may fall by (1-4) degree Celsius and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, Met office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:16am.

CASE AGAINST KHALEDA  
SC disposes of appeal with observations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday disposed of with observations an appeal filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia against a High Court order that rejected her revision petition seeking its order for re-investigation into Zia Orphanage graft case against her.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha passed the order after hearing the leave to appeal filed by Khaleda challenging the HC order.

The apex court observation will be known once it releases the full text of the order.

Barrister AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, a lawyer for Khaleda, told The Daily Star that the trial court will now accept the document that money had come from Kuwait for establishing the Zia Orphanage Trust following the SC observation.

Anti-Corruption Commission's lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that there is no legal bar for the lower court concerned to continue the trial proceedings of the case against the former prime minister following the SC order.

The HC on March 9 rejected Khaleda's petition seeking its order for a fresh probe into the Zia Orphanage corruption case against her. Khaleda filed the petition with the

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Public sufferings multiply on the road from Mouchak to Malibagh intersection in the capital. Although the authorities constructing Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover continue fixing the road during this monsoon, some portions get damaged over and over again. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## It's the last chance

Chief justice tells govt; SC gives govt 2-week ultimatum for gazette notification on rules for lower court judges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday gave the government a two-week ultimatum for issuing a gazette notification on the rules determining the discipline and code of conduct for lower court judges.

"It's the last chance," said Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, who was heading a seven-member bench of the Appellate Division, while hearing the judiciary separation case, also known as Masdar Hossain Case.

With yesterday's ultimatum, the apex court has so far given time to the government for 20 times for issuing the gazette notification on the rules, SC sources said.

The SC on several occasions had earlier expressed annoyance and dissatisfaction at the government's failure to publish the notification in line with its orders.

The judiciary was officially separated from the executive in November 2007, but

the conduct rules for lower court judges have yet to be finalised.

The government drafted the conduct rules and sent those to the SC for its opinion around two years ago. The apex court revised the draft in light of the 1999 verdict in the separation of judiciary case.

Yesterday, the SC gave time following a petition submitted by Attorney General Mahbubey Alam seeking two weeks' time for issuance of the gazette notification.

The Appellate Division also adjourned hearing of the case for the next two weeks.

Meanwhile, Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday hoped that the gazette notification on the disciplinary and conduct rules for lower court judges will be issued before July 15.

The ministry of law is now scrutinising all the relevant issues regarding the rules, so that it cannot be questioned once the

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## Tourist cop held after beating wife on street

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

A tourist police constable beat his wife in broad daylight on the streets in the capital's Green Road on Saturday. As the woman screamed for help, the constable told onlookers that she was mad.

The woman, however, tried to grab the legs of the passersby, pleading "Please save me, I am not mad."

As a video clip of the incident went viral on Facebook, a case was filed against the constable Ruhul Amin, 30, working for the tourist police.

"We have shown Ruhul arrested in the case filed by his wife Nilima Sultan, 24, over torturing her," said Yasin Arafa, officer-in-charge of Kalabagan Police Station.

Earlier, a team of Kalabagan police detained Ruhul from in front of Central Hospital around 3.00pm on Saturday after getting phone calls from locals about the torture incident, said Reza.

Selim Reza, owner of Central Pharma Medicine shop, said the woman came in front of his shop shouting for help and two men were also seen chasing after her. One of them identified himself as her husband and the other one as her father-in-law. They started slapping the woman, he said. As onlookers began to congregate around them, one man, identifying himself as a police officer, said, "This is their family matter, don't try to come close."

Talking to this correspondent at Kalabagan Police Station, victim Nilima said they got married back

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## Boy killed 'by friends'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A teenager was killed allegedly by his friends at Shekhertek in the capital yesterday.

The victim, Sajal Hossain, 15, son of Mukhlesur Rahman, was a tailoring shop employee.

Witnesses said Sajal went out with his four friends around 8:00pm on Saturday and had an altercation with them over a trifling matter.

At one point, one of the friends hit Sajal with a hockey stick. Sajal was given treatment at a hospital and later shifted to National Institute of Neurosciences and Hospital where he died yesterday morning.

The victim's father filed a murder case. Sujit Kumar Saha, officer-in-charge of Adabor Police Station, told The Daily Star that the four boys have been arrested in this regard.

SHOUTING INSIDE COURTROOM  
HC asks 5 SC lawyers to explain on July 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered five Supreme Court lawyers to submit before it on July 10 the statements explaining their roles in connection with the incident of obstructing its proceeding, shouting in the courtroom and assaulting a bench officer on June 19.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Khizir Ahmed Choudhury passed the order after the five lawyers appeared before it yesterday morning in line with its June 19 summons. The five lawyers are Nur-e-Alam Uzzal, Motilal Bepari, Billah Hosain Lijen Patwari, BM Sultan Mahmud and Mohammad Ali.

On June 19, the HC bench issued a rule on a suomoto (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.

During yesterday's proceedings, the HC judges said that the lawyers are officers of the court and, therefore, they cannot take the law in their own hand.

If any bench officer commits any corruption or shows any foul behaviour, allegations can be brought to the chief justice or the High Court judges against the bench officer, Justice Nazrul Islam Talukder said.

The HC, however, exonerated Nur-e-Alam Uzzal and Lijen Patwari from personal appearance, as they submitted

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A woman falls off a rickshaw and gets hurt after a recklessly-driven CNG-run auto-rickshaw hit the vehicle and sped away in front of Rampura Bazar in the capital yesterday. The rickshaw-puller was also injured.

Army will be deployed if EC wants: Quader

BSS, Dhaka

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said the army would be deployed during the election as a "striking force" if the Election Commission (EC) demands for it.

The army personnel were deployed as the striking force during the election of BNP regime... this time the force would also be deployed if the EC wants as per constitution, he told reporters while addressing a meeting to review the activities that were taken on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr and upcoming plan for Eid-ul-Azha.

About the allegation of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that many Awami League leaders have accounts in Swiss Bank, Quader said, "We have no record in this regard."

## NEXT NATIONAL ELECTION

It depends on parties  
EC secretary tells journalists

UNB, Dhaka

Election Commission Secretary Mohammad Abdullah yesterday said the army will be deployed in the next parliamentary polls if there is a consensus among political parties.

"To my knowledge, no general election was held without the presence of army in the past. The army had been deployed in the field, no matter what was their authority and type of engagement... If there's a consensus among all parties, the Election Commission will honour it," he told reporters at his office in the capital.

Abdullah also said if all the political parties reach a consensus for bringing back the armed forces under the definition of law enforcement agencies in the Representation of People Order (RPO), the EC will consider it positively.

The RPO was amended before the 2001 national election empowering the members of army, air force and navy deployed in elections to arrest anybody without warrant within a 400-yard radius of a polling station for the violation of electoral laws on the polling day.

But the Awami League-led government, assuming office in 2009, amended the RPO, dropping the words armed forces from the definition of law enforcement agencies. So,

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