

WEATHER  
FORECAST



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 30.2 L 26.5	H 30.1 L 26.5	H 29.3 L 25.7	H 29.6 L 25.7	H 31.5 L 25.7	H 32.4 L 26.5	H 31.2 L 25.8	H 31.0 L 26.6	H 27.4 L 25.3

Rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions with moderately heavy to very heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:16am.

## Road crashes kill five

CITY DESK

Five people were killed and 30 others injured in road accidents in the country in last two days.

In Mymensingh, two women were killed and 18 other people injured when two buses collided head-on in Moynar Mor of Mymensingh Sadar yesterday. One of the dead was identified as Rebeka Akhter, 35.

The injured are admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Police seized the buses. A case was lodged.

In Benapole, Abdul Barik, 36, corporal of Jessore cantonment, died as a covered van hit his bicycle in Notun Khoyertola area of Jessore town on Sunday.

In Dinaipur, a farmer, Rois Uddin Shah, 45, of Atrai upazila of Naogaon, died as the shallow engine-run three-wheeler carrying him overturned near Shridhargurnai village yesterday.

In Chittagong, Tazul Islam, 40, lance corporal of Bangladesh Air Force, died as a bus hit his bicycle on MA Aziz Road in Chittagong city's Patenga while he was returning home from BAF Zahurul Huq base yesterday.

Police seized the bus but its driver fled away.

Our Faridpur correspondent adds, 12 people were injured when two buses, one of Padma Paribahan and another of Russel Paribahan, collided head-on on Dhaka-Khulna highway at Kamarkhali in Madhukhali upazila yesterday.

Four of the injured, including the two drivers and one supervisor, were admitted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital while the others are undergoing treatment at the upazila health complex.

Police seized both the vehicles.



**A CITY IN DISARRAY...** The residents of country's second largest city, Chittagong, yet again faced the same situation they had been facing for years -- waterlogging. Their livelihood ground to a halt yesterday -- fifth time over the past three months -- following nearly 12 hours of monsoon rain. The heavy rain started at midnight on Sunday and stopped yesterday afternoon. The commuters and others out on the roads had to face immense sufferings due to shortage of operable transport in most parts of the city. The photos of inundated city roads were taken in Sholoshahar (1), Probertak (2) and Agrabad (3) areas.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

## 'NEGLIGENCE IN DUTIES' ICT issues show cause notice to its driver

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) yesterday issued a show cause notice to one of its drivers for his negligence while driving a car of a former ICT member, who is currently a High Court judge.

In a letter signed by IC Registrar Shahidul Alam Jhinuk, the tribunal asked driver Kamal Hossain to reply within three days why departmental action should not be taken against him for showing negligence in his duties. The special court took the action after Mizanur Rahman, a personal officer of the HC judge, wrote to it earlier in the day for taking departmental action against Kamal, Shahidul Alam told The Daily Star yesterday. Mizanur Rahman wrote the letter to the tribunal following the directive of the judge, the registrar said.

On Sunday, a motorbiker, Zabin Faisal, 28, was critically injured as the judge's SUV travelling on the wrong side of a road ran him over near Ruposhi Bangla intersection in the capital. Only the driver [Kamal] was in the vehicle during the accident, police said.

Kamal, a driver of the chief prosecutor's office of the tribunal, was working on deputation as the HC judge's driver. He had been driving the SUV of the judge since it was allocated to him when he [the judge] was a member of Tribunal-1.

Later, the judge returned to the HC, but, as per the circular of the minister, the car remained allocated to the judge, said the letter. The Square Hospital authorities said Zabin had undergone a leg surgery and was kept under post-operative care. The judge's family said he [the judge] talked to Zabin's father and inquired about Zabin's condition.

# Monsoon floods Ctg again

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Residents of the port city once again -- fifth time over the past three months -- found themselves waterlogged following nearly 12 hours of incessant monsoon rain.

Their last similar ordeal was only 20 days back when most parts of the city were inundated due to seasonal heavy showers.

Syeda Mimi Parvin at the city's met office said they recorded 145 millimetres of rain in a span of 24 hours till 3:00pm yesterday.

After the rain stopped in the afternoon, the low-lying areas went under knee to waist-deep water.

The flooding did not only cause immense sufferings to the city dwellers, but it created a life threatening situation as the open drains, manholes or pot-holes in the streets were no longer visible to the road users.

An elderly retired government official, Shilbroto Barua, 60, died early yesterday after he fell in an open drain, while boarding a bus in the city's Dampara area. The drain had turned invisible due to the flooding.

Shilbroto had come to the city from Mirzapur of Hathazari upazila to attend a wedding ceremony at a community centre in the area, said Pranab Chowdhury, officer-in-charge of Chawk Bazar Police Station.

He was cast away by strong current and his body was found later in the morning in Chaktai

Bibirhaat, Chandgaon, Dewan Bazar, Chaktai, Khatunganj, Oxygen, Katalganj and Panchlaish residential area.

While wading through almost waist-deep filthy water overflowing from the Chaktai canal near Chawk Bazar kitchen market, office-goer Sheikh Mohammad Jasim Uddin

can see with your very eyes how much they have done... We ran out of our patience."

Trisha Bhattacharjee, a resident of DC Road at West Bakalia, got out of the house braving knee-deep water in the area since she needed to go to a coaching centre.

"I waited for more than half-an-hour for a rickshaw, but in vain," said a fully drenched Trisha. "As I was getting late, I had to start walking through this filthy water overflowing from drains."

"This is the third time I am facing this problem over the past couple of months... Why isn't this problem being addressed? It seems that the city has no guardian!"

When contacted, a CCC official, Assistant Engineer Sudip Basak, said since January this year, the CCC has excavated around 78,650 tonnes (15730 trips) of soil from the Chaktai canal to improve the drainage capacity of Chittagong city.

"We are trying our best... but the CCC alone can't address the situation... people [also] should cooperate [us] by keeping the drains and canals free of obstructions," he said.

## No easy task

Mayor Nasir shares his views on solving waterlogging problem in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The waterlogging problem which frequently cripples Chittagong city can only be eliminated through mega and long-term projects because the city lacks a complete drainage and sewerage system, Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin said yesterday.

"If anyone thinks that waterlogging could be solved by doing only one thing, it is completely wrong," he said. "To end the problem once and for all, it needs many types of plans, long-term and mega projects... Otherwise, we could only mitigate the problems zone-wise. It could not be eliminated. It is the reality."

Nasir was speaking at a press conference on Chittagong City Corporation's (CCC) steps to mitigate waterlogging and repair roads following recent rains. It was held at the CCC building.

In a written statement, the mayor said 25-30 percent of the total city roads was damaged due to recent waterlogging. The length of the city's road network is 1,173km, of which 350km was damaged, he said. "CCC is renovating the damaged parts and filling potholes with bricks. The roads will be coated with asphalt once the weather becomes normal."

Highlighting the severity of the waterlogging problem, Nasir said, "Chittagong city has been built in an unplanned way. The major problem of the city is that there is no sewerage and drainage system."

The Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) has recently done a feasibility study with support from the World Bank in the city and sent a master plan to the ministry concerned, he said. "Of the master plan, CCC will implement the drainage part and Wasa the sewerage part. Once the master plan is

approved in the ministry we would implement the plan by taking up projects."

Asked about the current status of the plan, Chittagong Wasa Managing Director AKM Fazlullah said they expected the ministry approval within two months. The master plan divides the city into six blocks, he said, adding it might take up to 2060 to build a complete drainage and sewerage network in Chittagong city.

### CURRENT REMEDIAL MEASURES

The mayor mentioned several ongoing projects to mitigate the waterlogging problem.

A Tk 18 crore project is going on to clear 144km of canals and 600km of drains. Some of the works have been finished, some are ongoing and the work-order of the rest is under process. Besides, CCC is using its own excavators and workers to remove mud from the canals regularly.

Mentionable, CCC spent Tk 16 crore in similar works last year.

In addition, CCC has called for bids worth over Tk 6 crore for building a 4,600-foot long drain to prevent waterlogging on the airport road from Cement Crossing to Rubi Gate area.

A Tk 327 crore project for excavating a new canal from Bahaddarhat Baroipara to the Karnaphuli River is also under way. This year, the government released Tk 60 crore for the project which will be spent for land acquisition.

Moreover, Tk 716.28 crore is being spent on 234 roadside drains, 69 drainage channels, 22 bridges and four culverts, among others. The temporary dyke across Moheshkhal in Bandar area was removed as it obstructed the flow of water in the canal.

On top of that, a Tk 100 crore project on building retaining walls of Moheshkhal, Surovi Khal and Diversion Khal is going on.



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canal near Miah Khan Nagar area, he added.

The areas that yesterday's rain hit the hardest include Chawk Bazar, KB Aman Ali Road, DC Road, Muradpur, Bahaddarhat, Badurtola, Kapasgola, Sholoshahar Gate 2, Probertak intersection, Agrabad, Halishahar, Shulak Bahar,

vented his frustration by saying, "I am going to [my] office, but look at me... Dredging was not done properly in the canal and that's why it can't hold this much water."

"The Chittagong City Corporation [CCC] officials say they were doing a lot of things to address the waterlogging. You



Sylhet lawyers bring out a procession in the city yesterday protesting an attack on their fellow, TM Muhi Uddin Chowdhury, by miscreants at his village in Chhatak upazila in Sunamganj on June 26. They also observed work abstention. The victim is undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital.

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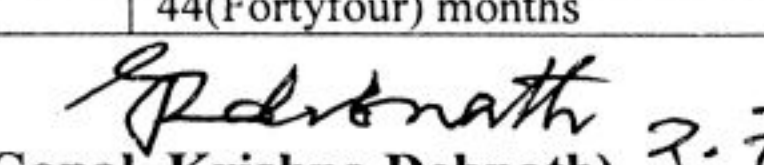
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**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE**  
This is to notify for all concerned that the following Amendment is made for Tender Package No. SSSWRDP/ WD-01 /2016-17 vide Memo No.LGED/PD/SSSWRDP/M-01/2017/28, Date 24-05-17

Description	Particulars	Amended Particulars
Tender Last Selling Date	03-07-2017 5.00 PM	11-07-2017 5.00 PM
Tender Closing Date and Time	04-07-2017 1.00 AM	12-07-2017 1.00 AM
Tender Opening Date and Time	04-07-2017 2.00 PM	12-07-2017 2.00 PM
Brief Description of Services	Providing Physical Services for 166 posts in PMU (Project Management Unit) and PIU (Project Implementation Unit)	Providing Physical Services for 176 posts in PMU (Project Management Unit) and PIU (Project Implementation Unit)
Completion Time in Weeks/ Months	49(Fortynine) months	44(Fortyfour) months

  
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