

WEATHER

FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.0 L 26.6	H 30.0 L 26.8	H 28.9 L 25.0	H 32.2 L 25.1	H 29.0 L 26.5	H 28.0 L 25.6	H 31.0 L 25.6	H 32.0 L 26.5	H 31.0 L 24.5

Light to moderate rain 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. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:19am, said Met office said.

## HC upholds verdict against ex-chairman of Jamuna Bank

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld a lower court verdict that sentenced Jamuna Bank's former chairman Arifur Rahman to one year imprisonment and fined him Tk 15.5 crore in a case filed over a cheque forgery.

The bench of Justice Md Rais Uddin rejected an appeal filed by Arifur challenging the lower court verdict of January 24, 2016.

According to the case statements, Arifur Rahman took Tk 15 crore in cash from Borak Real Estate and gave a cheque to the company in return against the money in 2011. Later, the company tried to deposit the cheque but it bounced. Borak Real Estate in 2012 filed the case with a Dhaka court.

Citing from the HC verdict, Advocate SM Raksh Kollol, a lawyer for Borak Real Estate, told The Daily Star that Arifur has already deposited Tk 7.5 crore to the government before filing the appeal against the verdict.

Arifur Rahman will have to deposit the rest Tk 7.5 crore to the bank account of Borak Real Estate and to deposit Tk 10 lakh to the account of the deputy commissioner of Dhaka in next 60 days, he said.

## 63rd CPC to be held in Dhaka in Nov

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, the largest annual gathering of the Commonwealth

Parliamentarians Association (CPA), will take place in Dhaka in early November.

The CPA Bangladesh and the Jatya Sangsad will host the conference at Bangladesh International Conference Centre and Jatya Sangsad Bhaban, Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury told reporters on Monday at her office in parliament.

The conference will elect new chairperson of the parliamentary group for a three-year term.

The assembly was originally scheduled to be held in Dhaka in 2016 but it was postponed following the deadly terror attack at Holey Artisan Bakery.



**DHAKA UNDER WATER, AGAIN...** The sound of rain no longer soothes Dhaka residents. A moderate monsoon shower of even less than an hour comes as a nightmare to them. Intermittent rain throughout the day yesterday wreaked havoc in city life, yet again, with streets submerged with dirty water. The photos were taken near Ramchandrapur canal at Naboddy Housing of Mohammadpur, top, Rokeya Sarani at Mirpur, bottom left, and Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue near Farmgate, bottom right.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN, PALASH KHAN, RASHED SHUMON

## Ecneec approves Tk 3,250cr expressway for Ctg airport

### Endorses full campus for Jagannath University at Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 16.5-kilometre elevated expressway connecting Hazrat Shah Amanat International Airport with Lalkhan Bazar-Muradpur flyover has been approved for Chittagong city.

The four-lane expressway with a price tag of Tk 3,250 crore was approved yesterday by the Ecneec (Executive Committee of the National Economic Council) in a bid to ease traffic congestion and reduce travel time to and from the airport in the country's second largest city.

As part of this project, by 2020, the under construction flyover from Muradpur to Lalkhan Bazar will be extended upto the airport, explained a planning ministry official.

The planning ministry in its proposal argued for the new expressway by mentioning that around 40 lakh people now live in Chittagong – the country's prime export-hub. With nearly one lakh inhabitants added to the population each year, the city's traffic situation is worsening

day by day.

Meanwhile, during yesterday's meeting, the Ecneec turned down a proposal for the development of Jagannath University (JnU) in the capital.

Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal following the meeting said while presiding over the meeting, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, chairperson of the Ecneec, issued a directive asking to build a complete campus for the JnU at Keraniganj near the capital with all necessary amenities including residential halls.

Nasrul Hamid, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, was given a week for the task of finding and informing the planning ministry of a suitable piece of land at Keraniganj for the JnU campus, said a planning ministry official.

The Ecneec yesterday gave its nod to a total of nine projects – including the elevated expressway in Chittagong – worth Tk 6,393 crores.

## Road crashes kill five

CITY DESK

Five people were killed in road accidents in two days.

In Gopalganj, two people were killed and four others injured as a bus rammed a battery-run auto-rickshaw carrying them in Khandarpur area of Muktsudpur upazila on Monday.

The dead are Samsu Khan, 75, of Khandapara village and Aklin Mia, 18, of Kowli village of the upazila.

In Magura, two motorcyclists were killed as a bus rammed the vehicle on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Shalikh upazila yesterday.

Atik Munchi, 35, of Naghosh village of the upazila and his sister-in-law Shati Khan, 17, of Jessore, died instantly. In Patuakhali, Tuhul Amin, 45, of Muradali in Dumki upazila, was killed and five others were injured as a tomtom (locally made battery-run three-wheeler) hit a battery-run auto-rickshaw carrying them in Muradali area of Dumki upazila yesterday.



**Journalists and students of Rajshahi University form a human chain on the campus yesterday demanding punishment for the attackers of Arafat Rahman, RU correspondent of The Daily Star. Several RU unit activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League brutally beat up Arafat near the university main gate on Monday as he was taking photographs of a bus being vandalised by the BCL men.**

PHOTO: STAR

## SCBA splits over MPs' comments

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He said it has also been commented that Justice SK Sinha has committed punishable offence under the penal code.

"Will the defence plan if his or her verdict is not in favour? Is it the sample of present democracy? It has been said the verdict will not be executed if parliament does not accept it. This statement is an indication of dictatorial character," said Zaimul.

"[The ministers and lawmakers] don't abide by the directives of the constitution and are threatening and pressuring the judges for changing the verdict."

SCBA Secretary Barrister AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon also spoke at the event where BNP leader and former SCBA president Advocate Khandaker Mahbub Hossain and other BNP-backed SCBA leaders were present.

Meanwhile, Ozi Ullah, SCBA senior vice-president and leader of his Awami

League faction, at another press conference said the SCBA president and its secretary organised their out of political and personal reasons.

The press conference will not protect the interest of the SCBA or the judiciary, rather it will tarnish the SC's image and create confusion among people about the relationship between the judiciary and the government, he said.

The lawyers and constitution experts have been expressing opinions through the media after the SC scrapped the 16th amendment, which is within their freedom of expression.

He said an energetic discussion took place in parliament on July 9.

No discussion took place in parliament during the hearing proceedings on the 16th amendment related case, which implies that parliament has not interfered in the independence of the judiciary and has not tried to influence the judgement, he said.

Ozi Ullah said no such comments were made after the verdict that the ministers and MPs, including Agriculture Minister Tofiq Chowdhury, Commerce Minister Tofiq Ahmed, Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon, and Information Minister Hasnain Haq Imu, called upon the government to take a realistic decision on the issue.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was in the House at the time.

## NEWS IN brief

### PM condemns Amarnath Yatra attack

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed deep shock over the Monday's disastrous terror attack on the Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir that killed seven pilgrims, including women, and injured many others.

In a condolence message to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday, Sheikh Hasina conveyed "deepest condolences" to the bereaved families and prayed for the early recovery of the injured pilgrims.

"We also reaffirm our stand beside the people of India at this difficult hour," she said in the message, said a press release received from Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi.

### No ID card for street vendors: JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid street vendors demand for providing them with identity cards, LGRD and Co-operatives Minister Khander Mosharraf Hossain yesterday told parliament that the government has no plan to provide such identity cards to hawkers.

The minister said holiday markets would be introduced for other city corporations across the country.

### Training aircraft crashes in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A training aircraft of Bangladesh Air Force (RAF) crashed in Lohagara upazila of Chittagong yesterday afternoon.

Two airmen of the aircraft landed safely by parachute, confirmed Md Shahjahan, officer-in-charge of Lohagara Police Station.

The aircraft crashed near a hill at Horidagana in Bara Hatia area, around 15km from the police station, said the OC. Technical glitch might be the reason behind the accident, the OC added.

### Man killed by miscreants in Khulna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A man was killed by miscreants in Joragata area of Khulna city yesterday morning.

The deceased Saidul Islam, 22, a tea stall owner, was standing near his stall when three miscreants arrived on a CNG-run auto-rickshaw and stabbed him indiscriminately and fled, said Samon Rannion Sarker, senior assistant police commissioner of Khulna Metropolitan Police.

Locals and family members rushed him to Khulna Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead. Saidul might have been killed over drug peddling or an internal feud, said Rannion.

### Seminar on chikungunya held at NSU

CITY DESK

To create awareness for preventing mosquito-borne chikungunya disease, North South University organised a seminar on this country yesterday, said a press release.

The keynote speaker of the seminar were Prof Dr Meerjady Sabrina Flora, director of Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research (IEDC&R) and National Influenza Centre (NIC) Bangladesh, and Pro Vice-Chancellor (designate) of NSU Prof GU Ashan.

Deans, department chairs and students of various departments participated in the seminar.

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA

Admission Announcement

MS in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry  
Department of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry (TCCHEM)

Applications are invited from prospective students to join a full-time MS program in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry to be offered by the Department of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Dhaka. The duration of the program is one academic year. There are thirty seats. Applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Must have a minimum First Division or GPA of 3.50 out of 5.00 or equivalent grades in both SSC and HSC or in equivalent examinations.
- Four years graduation in Chemistry, Biochemistry, Pharmacy, Physics, Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering with a minimum CGPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 from any recognized university.

Students who have passed B S /B Sc (Honors) degree from the University of Dhaka will be admitted without admission test but according to their academic records. Applicants must NOT have any break of study after passing B S /B Sc (Honors) and who have already passed MS/MSc are NOT eligible to apply.

Applicants from other public and private universities will be selected on the basis of their admission test results. An admission test (MCQ) will be taken on analytical, inorganic, organic and physical chemistry.

**How to Apply**  
The application form will be available online at [www.du.ac.bd/academic/department\\_tccchem](http://www.du.ac.bd/academic/department_tccchem) and also from the office of the Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Dhaka from July 10, 2017. Application fee of Tk. 1000.00 (one thousand only) has to be paid at the following Bank Account: A/C No. 0200009822590, Agrani Bank Ltd. (any Branch).

**Last date of application submission: 16 August, 2017; Admission Test: 18 August 2017, 10:30 am; Place: Carzon Hall, DU.**

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## SAGOR-RUNI MURDER Court asks Rab again to place report by Aug 23

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) to submit by August 23 the progress report on the case filed over the killing of journalist couple Sagor Sarwar-Meherun Runi in February 2012.

Metropolitan Magistrate Khurshid Ahmed passed the order as Assistant Superintendent of Police Mohiuddin Ahmed of Rabb, also investigation officer of the case, failed to submit any probe report yesterday.

Three agencies including Rabb, failed to submit the probe report despite taking 51 days.

On February 11, 2012, Runi, senior reporter of private TV channel ATN Bangla, and her husband Sagor, news editor of another TV station, Maasranga, were murdered. Their only son, Megh, was inside their Paschim Rajabazar house at the time of the murder.