



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
H 32.0 L 25.8	H 31.3 L 26.5	H 33.5 L 26.0	H 32.3 L 25.0	H 34.2 L 25.4	H 33.5 L 26.2	H 32.8 L 26.5	H 28.5 L 26.4	H 31.6 L 25.5

Rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rangpur, Mymensingh and Dhaka divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:49pm and rises tomorrow at 5:20 am.

# COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT 4 Asian countries have most projects

ANN, New Delhi

Four Asian countries have the world's four biggest coal-fired power plants in the pipeline.

These countries -- China, India, Indonesia and Vietnam -- represent 82 percent of the 718 units globally under construction.

Of them, China and India account for the majority of an estimated 2,457 new coal-fired power stations either planned or under construction worldwide, as per the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit (ECIU), UK.

While China has 384 coal power plants under construction, India has 149. Other growing Asian economies like Indonesia and Vietnam have 32 and 24 coal power plants under construction, respectively. The rest of the world, on the other hand, has 129 coal power plants under construction.

China also has 795 proposed coal power plants, whereas India has 297, Indonesia 87 and Vietnam 56. The rest of the world has 504 proposed coal power plants.

Together, China, India, Indonesia and Vietnam have pipelines of 1,824 coal power plants either planned or under construction, according to the ECIU.

China is looking to peak its overall coal consumption by 2020. The country's coal-fired power generation has fallen since 2013 and old coal-fired plants are being shut. China is also ramping up its renewable and nuclear power.

India is adding 15-20GW of coal capacity annually, although some 390GW of coal projects from 2010-2015



SOURCE: ENERGY & CLIMATE INTELLIGENCE UNIT, UK (COMPILED BY: ANN)

have also been cancelled. The country also has ambitious objectives for wind and solar energy, targeting an additional 140GW wind and solar capacity by 2022.

Both nations, however, are also experiencing the fallout of being dependent on coal for energy production. In both China and India air pollution has become a major environmental concern.

Curbs such as India's carbon tax on coal would be expected to impact investment decisions for new coal power plants.



Clockwise from left, shards of glass remain scattered across the floor in a room of the dormitory of MC College in Sylhet as a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists vandalised the hostel's windows and doors over establishing supremacy yesterday. Demanding punishment for the attackers, resident students of the dorm form a human chain in front of it.



PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## MC College dorm closed after BCL vandalism

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The authorities of Murari Chand (MC) College in Sylhet declared closure of all the blocks of its lone dormitory for an indefinite period after a faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists ransacked the hostel yesterday morning.

The students already vacated their rooms, said the authorities.

Abdul Kuddus, a hostel staff, said a group of 25 youths stormed into the dorm around 9:00am.

They vandalised doors and windows of five blocks, said Tofayel, a student living in the dorm, adding that five resident students sustained minor injuries.

Several BCL activists and dorm residents, seeking anonymity, said the attackers belong to a BCL faction backed by Titu Chowdhury and Belal Abedin Diamond.

On Wednesday night, a BCL group led by Nazmul Hossain and Hossain Ahmed forced another faction led by Titu to leave the dormitory, said witnesses.

Hossain told The Daily Star that they did so because Titu is harboring Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists.

He alleged that Titu along with some outsiders attacked the hostel to take revenge on them.

Titu could not be contacted as he did not respond to repeated phone calls made by this correspondent.

Abdul Alim Tushar, general secretary of the city unit of BCL, said the attackers are

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## INCREASING MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

# MPO teachers resent govt move

WASIM BIN HABIB

Resentment is brewing among non-government teachers and employees of MPO-enlisted schools and colleges as the government has decided to increase the amount of monthly contribution from their salaries for their retirement benefits and welfare allowances.

The associations of the teachers and employees have already staged demonstrations at different parts of the country demanding cancellation of the "controversial" decision to increase the amount to 10 percent from six percent now. They also threatened to wage a tougher movement if the government does not backtrack on its decision soon.

Till now, the government deducts six percent of the salaries of teachers and staffs enjoying MPO benefits. Of the six percent, four percent is

cut for their retirement benefits and two percent for their welfare allowances. After going into retirement, the teachers would get double the accumulated amount because of the same amount of government contributions.

However, the government announced last month that it would deduct 10 percent of the salaries. But there was no mention that the government contribution would also increase to 10 percent from existing six percent. The teachers and employees demand that if the government deducts 10 percent, it should contribute the same amount to their retirement funds.

The non-government teachers and employees' welfare trust and the retirement benefit board under the education ministry give these benefits.

Last month, the education ministry issued two gazette notifications, increasing the amount for

retirement benefits to six and welfare allowance to four percent. According to the notification, the decision is supposed to be effective from this month.

The issuance of the gazettes triggered an outcry among the teachers.

"It is completely irrational and unacceptable," said Azizul Islam, convenor of the National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE), a joint platform of national level organisations of teachers and employees. "The teachers are extremely aggrieved and want its cancellation."

He said leaders of the associations were not informed about the matter beforehand. Even they were not consulted, while the association involves more than five lakh teachers and employees, he added.

"The gazettes did not say anything about what

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PREDATOR IN PUBLIC... A scarcity of public transport in the capital forces women to face hassles when they board crowded vehicles every day. A number of perverted males are on the prowl on city streets to take advantage of the situation. The man in blue shirt in the photo has targeted two female passengers of a bus. Although he is not being pushed by others from the back, he intentionally gets close to the two women. The newspaper withholds several other photos of his lewd acts and blurs the victims' faces to protect their privacy. The photo was taken in the capital's Farmgate area yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## GAZIPUR BOILER BLAST Probe body finds 7 reasons

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The fact-finding committee of Gazipur district administration has revealed its probe report identifying seven reasons behind the fatal boiler blast at a garment factory of Multifabs Limited in Gazipur on July 3.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Gazipur, Dr Dewan Mohammad Humayun Kabir, briefed

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