

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 35.8°C 28.0 MYMENSINGH 35.5°C 27.4 CHITTAGONG 34.7°C 27.0 SYLHET 36.4°C 23.6 RAJSHAHI 35.6°C 26.7 RANGPUR 35.0°C 28.0 KHULNA 34.5°C 27.2 BARISAL 34.0°C 27.0 COX'S BAZAR 33.8°C 25.5

Moderate rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:21am, said Met office.

That constable awarded for saving lives
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police administration yesterday awarded Constable Parvez Mia for his bravery in saving dozens of lives.

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque handed over a crest and Tk 1 lakh to Parvez at a programme in police headquarters in the capital.

Besides, ACI Motors gave the 28-year-old a motorbike, said a press release.

On July 7, while on duty on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Comilla, Parvez heard that a bus had plunged into a roadside ditch in the area.

He immediately rushed to the spot, jumped into the ditch, broke the bus windows, and helped around 26 passengers, including women and children, get out of the vehicle.

'BCL activists' throw eggs at Imran's vehicle
COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted bail to Gonodajron Mancha spokesperson Imran H Sarkar and cultural activist Sanatan Ullah in a defamation case filed for their alleged derogatory remarks about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Metropolitan Magistrate SM Masud Zaman passed the order after the duo surrendered before the court seeking bail in the case.

After getting bail about 12:15pm, when a car carrying Imran was leaving the court premises, a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men of Jagannath University unit allegedly threw eggs and stones on the vehicle in front of the Police Club adjacent to Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

Imran then went back to a courtroom of the CMM to avoid any untoward incident. He left the court after police brought the situation under control.

On May 31, Bangladesh Chhatra League leader Golam Rabbani filed the case against the duo.

According to the case statement, Imran and Sanatan chanted defamatory slogans against the prime minister on May 27 over the removal of the statue of Greek goddess Themis from the Supreme Court premises.

The SC authorities removed the statue of the "lady justice" made by sculptor Mrinal Haque on May 26 and later reinstated it in front of the Anex Bhaban.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hands over the Bangabandhu National Agriculture Award to one of the recipients in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday.

Foodgrain stock sufficient Says PM while distributing agri award

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on yesterday said people will not suffer from any food crisis as there is enough stock of foodgrains in the country.

"We're hearing the footfall of another flood. Some crops have already got damaged in flashflood but we've enough stock and we're importing more," she said.

The prime minister said this while distributing the medals of Bangabandhu National Agriculture Award 1421 and 1422 at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital.

Citing official data, she said, there are about 1.06 crore metric tonnes of foodgrains in stock in public silos and at the private level.

"Above all, we're importing more foodgrains to make the stock stronger, we're importing foods from various countries spending cash," Hasina said.

The prime minister said the government is doing this so that the country's people do not suffer because of flood. "We've already done that."

Besides, she said, the government has reduced the import duty on foodgrain import from 28 percent to 10 percent.

Hasina urged the private sector to supplement the government efforts to expedite the pace of agriculture development.

She underscored the need for concerted

efforts for packaging and preservation of farm products alongside boosting agricultural production. The prime minister called upon all to protect the marshy land and water bodies across the country.

The prime minister mentioned the use of pesticides has come down significantly as emphasis is being given on integrated pest management programme. "Crop zoning maps have been introduced to select crops as per the nature of soil, climate and areas."

Laying emphasis on bringing change in food habit to increase the nutrition of people, the prime minister said crop diversification is a must in this regard. "Production of onion, garlic, pulse and spices should be increased along with that of rice and wheat."

Hasina said the existing stable condition in agriculture should be maintained through introduction of sustainable agriculture system and there is a huge demand for organic food across the world. "We can earn huge foreign currency taking advantage of this demand."

Earlier, the prime minister distributed Bangabandhu National Agriculture Award 1421 and 1422 among 64 recipients. Ten individuals and organisations received gold medals and eighteen individuals and organisations received silver medal.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury chaired the event.

Wasa ready to transfer drainage management to Dhaka mayors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Wasa authorities yesterday expressed their willingness to hand over the charge of drainage management to the two city corporations for reducing waterlogging.

The development came at the third coordination meeting of Dhaka North City Corporation with different service providing organisations at its office in Gulshan.

In response, DNCC Mayor Annisul Huq, who always declined to take the responsibility, said he was positive but an official procedure needed to be completed for the handover.

LGRD Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Housing and Public Works Minister Eng Mosharraf

Hossain, and Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud attended the meeting where the officials and public representatives discussed the issue.

The capital's drainage system is mainly managed by the Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (Wasa). While Wasa oversees the storm drainage pipelines, canals, and box culverts, the city corporations look after open drains and small-diameter pipes.

Addressing the meeting, Annisul again termed the city's drainage system a "cancer patient", and said Wasa Managing Director Taqsem A Khan should rather give them a healthy drainage system.

But the LGRD minister said as public representatives, the mayors should take over drainage management; if

they did, his ministry would give all-out support. Then Annisul said, "I am positive about it."

Experts and officials have blamed lack of coordination among seven agencies, which manage the city's inadequate storm water drainage system, for waterlogging in the capital. One agency hardly knows about what the others are doing, say officials.

At the meeting, the ministers, mayor, and top government officials also said all the surviving city canals must be freed from encroachment and cleared of solid wastes at any cost to ease waterlogging. "Household wastes which remain uncollected go into the canals and water bodies and create

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Health secy, senior asst secy face contempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against the secretary and a senior assistant secretary to the health ministry for not properly complying with its order about formation of a monitoring committee.

In the rule, the court asked them to explain in two weeks why legal action should not be taken against them for not complying with its April 3 order.

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) on Saturday filed the contempt of court petition. Following a writ petition filed by HRPB, the HC on April 3 directed the health secretary to form a five-member committee in 15 days to monitor whether the 28 drug companies were following the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) set by the WHO.

The ministry on June 18 formed a four-member committee without the representative from WHO, which is a violation of the HC's April 3 order, petitioner's counsel Manzill Murshid told The Daily Star.

RULES FOR LOWER COURT JUDGES

Gazette notification next week?

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government may not issue a gazette notification on the rules of discipline and code of conduct for lower court judges within this week even though the Supreme Court had given a two-week ultimatum for issuing the notification 15 days ago.

Yesterday, Law Minister Anisul Huq said the government would finalise the rules and code of conduct and publish the gazette notification by the next week.

The rules will be finalised after a meeting with Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha on Thursday, the minister told The Daily Star after a meeting with the chief justice at his SC office in Dhaka yesterday.

"After finalising the rules, these will be sent to the president. Following president's endorsement, the gazette notification will be issued," he said.

On July 2, the seven-member bench of the Appellate Division gave the government a two-week ultimatum for issuing the gazette. "It's the last chance," head of the bench, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, had said.

On that day, the law minister hoped that the gazette notification would be issued before July 15.

With July 2's ultimatum, the apex court has so far extended the deadline 20 times for issuing the gazette notification, SC sources said.

Yesterday, the apex court was scheduled to hear this issue, but it adjourned the hearing till today, as Attorney General Mahbubey Alam was absent.



Wearing masks symbolising the Sundarbans' animals, people under the banner, "All for the Sundarbans" hold a rally in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The rally demanded that the construction work of the Rampal power plant project be stopped.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST ETHNIC PEOPLE

Not too late to stop it

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday urged the government to take strict measures to stop violence against ethnic communities in order to uphold the country's image abroad.

They also demanded that the government ensure rights of the communities.

It will be an embarrassing situation for the country if the government fails to fix the issues before the United Nations publishes the third Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of human rights about Bangladesh in May 2018, they said.

The observations were made at the discussion organised by the Coalition of Indigenous Peoples Organisation on UPR, at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

They recommended that the government establish the ethnic people's right to land, implement Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord completely, form an independent land commission for the plain land ethnic groups, and prepare a separate act to protect their rights.

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Speakers at the discussion.

Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, said the government always plays tricks through giving assurance when the international community questions them about the ethnic people's rights during the UPR review session.

"But they [the international community] will understand the tricks someday. Therefore, the government should start working instead of providing assurance," he added.

Rabindranath Soren, chairperson of Kapeeng Foundation, said there is an increasing tendency among the ethnic people to go abroad due to violence against them.

Besides, violence against the communities' women and children has increased in the recent years, while several settlements of the communities were illegally grabbed by influential people backed by the ruling party, he alleged, adding: "We are demanding a solution to the problems."

Eugin Nokrek, a member of an ethnic minority community in Tangail, said, "We don't own the land where we have been living for generations; even we cannot use the land due to obstacles set by the authorities and influential people."

"They harass us by filing cases on false allegations if we don't follow their order," he said while sharing his experiences.

Banchita Chakma, a member of National Human Rights Commission; and Harendra Nath Singh, president of Adibashi Jubo Parishad, also spoke among others.

Hatching plots against govt won't be successful Says Obaidul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday in Chittagong said no attempt to overthrow the government of Sheikh Hasina through hatching conspiracies abroad would be successful if the party men remain united keeping aside all rivalry.

Mentioning that people are the main strength of Awami League, Obaidul Quader urged the party leaders to be united at any cost.

If party leaders and activists remain united no one could defeat Awami League (AL) in the next election, he said.

He was addressing as the chief guest at the representatives' meeting of Awami League Chittagong south district unit held at a community centre in the port city with unit President Moslem Uddin in the chair.

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