

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 28.4 | 25.7 MYMENSINGH 30.0 | 26.8 CHITTAGONG 29.3 | 25.4 SYLHET 28.9 | 25.2 RAJSHAHI 30.0 | 25.4 RANGPUR 32.5 | 26.4 KHULNA 26.1 | 25.2 BARISAL 26.6 | 25.6 COX'S BAZAR 29.5 | 24.9

Light to moderate rain or thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy to very heavy falls at places over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today, the Met office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47pm and rises tomorrow at 05:23am. Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns today were:

CHIKUNGUNYA ATTACK
Doctors to make house calls
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Free treatment will be provided at the doorsteps of chikungunya affected people in Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) area, the mayor announced yesterday.

Health service providers will visit the home of patients with medicines and provide treatment if they call 0961000999. The helpline was activated yesterday and is open 24/7.

DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon made the announcement when chikungunya took a serious turn in the city with the number of affected people increasing day by day.

In a statement, the mayor assured that the fever would come under control because of various measures including massive fogging. The affected people also can receive free treatment and medicines at 28 city healthcare centres, five maternity clinics, two DSCC-run hospitals and one maternity clinic in the south.



A close shot of mosquito larvae floating in stagnant water around a discarded coconut shell. The photo of the larvae surrounding the shell, inset, was captured on Tuesday underneath the Mouchak-Malibagh Flyover in the capital. Numerous locations in and around the flyover site are now breeding grounds of mosquitoes -- responsible for the ongoing chikungunya outbreak.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

BCL wants a fresh start at CU

M D ABBAS, CU

In recent past, Bangladesh Chhatra League of Chittagong University unit hit the newspaper headlines for a number of reasons -- infighting, factional brawl, extortion, and so forth.

Due to the misconduct, BCL central committee on May 4 suspended all the organisational activities of the unit following a factional clash.

The pro-Awami League student body apparently wants to get rid of the deadlock as they want a new committee of the unit by dissolving the existing one.

BCL leaders and activists raised the demand while meeting a two-member team of the central committee -- Mashirul Rahman Sharif, vice president, and Mohammad Hossain, deputy sports secretary -- at a hotel in the port city on Wednesday, said BCL insiders. The BCL central leaders paid a two-day visit to Chittagong from Tuesday to Wednesday to bring back organisational strength of the CU unit.

As part of the visit, the team also went to CU and talked to reporters at Chittagong University Central Student Union (CUCSU) the same day.

After the meeting, when the central leaders were about to leave the place, BCL leaders and activists waiting outside chanted slogans

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION Experts stress media role

BSS, Dhaka

Experts and media gatekeepers yesterday stressed enhanced media stake in handling disasters through spearheading a round the year campaign for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) through awareness generation.

They came out with a series of recommendations, one being formulation of a media policy on disaster, as the news managers of mainstream print and electronic media joined an interaction hosted by SEEDS Asia, a leading disaster management organization based in Japan's Kobe at the CIRDAP auditorium in the city.

Chief Information Commissioner Prof Golam Rahman moderated the discussion which was held against the recent onslaughts of floods, water logging and landslides across the country.

The participants focused on the challenges faced by editors in the publication of disaster management topics and steps that must be taken to bring changes.

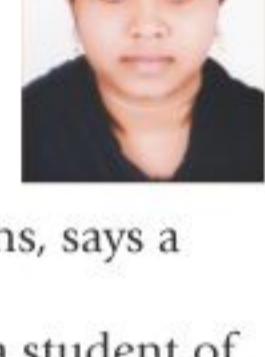
The news managers recommended that the media could act as a pressure group to include DRR in official policy while the media houses could develop a disaster beat for regular DRR reporting.

During the discussion, SEEDS Asia's media specialist Suvendrini Kakuchi gave a presentation on role of the Japanese media in disaster risk reduction with its focus on saving lives through the regular dissemination of factual information and lesson learned from survivors based on the concept of mutual and self-help.

Appeal for help

CITY DESK

Tanjila Akter, a ninth-grader, has been suffering from blood cancer for three months, says a press release.



Tanjila, 15, a student of Sabuj Bidyapith School and College in the capital's Jatrabari and daughter of Abu Taher and Jobeda Khatun, is undergoing chemotherapy at a hospital in Chennai, India.

Her father said he already spent all of his savings worth Tk 12 lakh for her treatment.

Now, she immediately needs transplantation of bone marrow that costs Tk 35 lakh, he said.

As the family cannot afford the treatment, they sought financial help from the well-off of the society.

Aid can be sent to Md Abu Taher, Account No. 1142106001810, Prime Bank, Elephant Road Branch Dhaka; Contact number: 01729771733.

Today is the 11th death anniversary of Rebeba Walie, wife of ATM Walie Ashraf, a parliamentarian (Brahmanbaria 6) and founder editor of Janomot Newsweekly, London.

On this occasion, prayers will be held at her grave in Brahmanbaria and a doa mahfil will be held at her Mayakanan residence.

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The district and sessions judge's court is scheduled to hold hearing on their appeal on August 18, he said.

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Chaos over exam schedule

DU CORRESPONDENT

At least four students were injured when police charged batons and lobbed tear gas canisters to disperse them.

Meanwhile, the authorities of the seven colleges -- Dhaka College, Eden Mohila College, Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College, Kabi Nazrul Government College, Begum Badrunnesa Government Mohila College, Mirpur Government Bangla College, and Government Titumir College -- yesterday announced the exam schedules following the protest.

The colleges became affiliated with Dhaka University on February 16, 2017.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, IK Selim Ullah, principal of Kabi Nazrul College, said the decision on exam schedules was taken at a meeting between Dhaka University vice chancellor and principals of the seven colleges on Tuesday, and the colleges were supposed to announce the schedules.

Police also detained 13 students on the spot. Officer-in-Charge of Shahbagh Police Station Abul Hossain claimed that the students were detained on the charge of obstructing road and damaging cars.

Of the injured, Mainul Hasan of Dhaka College and Siddiquur Rahman of Titumir Govt College were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Later, Siddiquur, whose eyes got badly hurt in the police action, was shifted to National Institute of Ophthalmology.

But the college authorities informed their students only yesterday while the students were demonstrating at Shahbagh intersection.

Earlier in the morning, several hundred students of the colleges, who have been demanding announcement of exam schedules for the last few months, formed a human chain in front of the national museum at about 10:00am.

At about 11:30am, they occupied the busy Shahbagh intersection, causing traffic congestion in the area.

HM Azimul Haque, additional deputy commissioner of police, Ramna division, said the students were first requested to clear the busy intersection. "When they didn't listen, we dispersed them."

No case was filed till filing of this report as of 8:45pm.



A section of students demonstrates on a street in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday. Students of seven colleges, recently affiliated with Dhaka University, brought out a procession in the area demanding their examination schedules. At one point, they had an altercation with police who charged batons and lobbed tear gas canisters to disperse them.

Girl 'raped' after abduction

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A 10-year-old schoolgirl of Savar was allegedly raped after abduction by a youth.

Police arrested the youth Rabbi Mia, 18, of Matlab in Chandpur. Rabbi used to work at a local RMG factory in Genda, Savar.

According to a rape case filed by her father with Savar Model Police Station yesterday, the girl was abducted from Savar by Rabbi and his two friends on July 15.

Rabbi took her to a house in Narayanganj and raped her for four days. She was rescued and the abductor was arrested on Wednesday.

BU recruitment process triggers protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Bangladesh Chhatra League activists of Barisal University allegedly foiled a human chain of teachers, students and staff of the university yesterday.

The human chain was formed in front of the university's administrative building protesting the alleged defamatory comments made about the vice chancellor by the Mukti Joddha Santan Command (a platform of the children of freedom fighters) of Barisal district.

Various sections of people including freedom fighters, cultural activists, and students' front have been protesting against the vice chancellor for the last seven days over the recent recruitment process of the university.

They alleged that the VC is involved in corruption and nepotism and did not include any Mukti Joddha quota in the process.

Contacted, the VC denied the allegations.

Protesting the comments, the human chain was formed yesterday noon.

Abdul Kayum, general secretary of Teachers' Association, alleged that the BCL activists snatched their banners, damaged some of the benches in front of the building and verbally abused them. "They also forced us to leave the area," he alleged.

However, a section of students claimed that some of the teachers forced them to participate in the human chain, which Abdul Kayum denied.

None of the BCL activists were available for comments.

MJF hails justice for Aduri

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must be ensured no matter how much influential they are."

She also said if the law is strictly enforced, this kind of torture would be stopped.

The society must stand against such torturers to pave the way for punishment for real culprits, she said in the release.

On September 23, 2013, Aduri was found unconscious in a severely malnourished state, riddled with injuries and scars near a dustbin in the capital's DOHS Baridhara.

A case was filed with Pallabi Police Station on September 26, 2013, accusing Nawrin and her mother of torturing Aduri. Police on the same day arrested Nawrin. The mother was acquitted later.

Journalists for abolishing

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under the guise of a new law.

South Asia Media Commission President Mizanur Rahman Shelley, SAFMA Secretary General Nurul Huda, Acting Editor of daily Jugantar Saiful Alam, Dhaka Reporters Unity President Shakhawat Hossain Badsha and former secretary general of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists Abdul Jalil Bhuyian, among others, spoke at the event.

NEWS IN brief

Laura Bush made patron of AUW

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT



Laura Bush, former first lady of the United States, will serve as a patron of the Asian University for Women in Chittagong, a press release of the Bangladesh embassy in Washington said yesterday.

She served as the first lady from 2001 to 2009 when her husband George W Bush was the US president.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina chairs the council of patrons of the University founded in 2008. The AUW graduated nearly 550 women from 15 countries, the embassy quoted an AUW release as saying.

HC orders probe into 'hearing list irregularities'

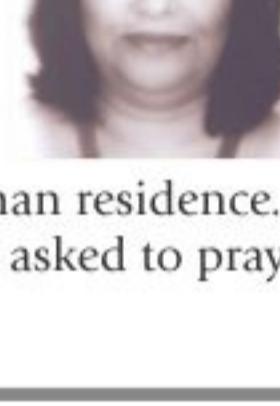
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A High Court bench yesterday ordered a probe into whether its bench officers committed irregularities in fixing the number of cases in the hearing list and whether the bench officers took money for this purpose.

The Supreme Court registrar general has been asked to conduct the probe, as some lawyers brought allegations against bench officers Rafiqul Islam and Mamunur Rashid and member of lower subordinate services (MLSS) Sojib of committing corruption and anomalies in making the cause list of the bench on June 19.

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