

WEATHER
FORECASTYESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURESDHAKA
H 29.8 L 25.1MYMENSINGH
H 28.9 L 25.2CHITTAGONG
H 32.5 L 23.8SYLHET
H 33.3 L 25.4RAJSHAHI
H 29.5 L 25.0RANGPUR
H 30.5 L 25.2KHLUNA
H 31.2 L 25.7BARISAL
H 29.6 L 25.0COX'S BAZAR
H 30.5 L 24.4

Light accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many 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 rise by (1-2) degree Celsius and night temperature over the country, says Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:44pm and rises tomorrow at 5:26am.

DHAKA UNDER WATER



Torrential rain over the last couple of days once again wreaked havoc in Dhaka yesterday. Most of the city roads were submerged as the rainwater could not recede smoothly. Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon toured several inundated sections of city roads including Road 27 and Mirpur Road intersection in Dhanmondi. The photos were taken around noon from Sobhanbagh area on Mirpur Road, Sangsad Bhaban area, Dhanmondi Road 27, inside Bangladesh Secretariat, near Setu Bhaban in Mohakhali and in front of Notre Dame College in Arambagh near Motijheel.

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GLITCH IN PM'S FLIGHT
3 suspended
Biman officials
denied bail
again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again rejected bail petitions of three suspended officials of Biman Bangladesh Airlines in a case filed over technical glitch in Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's flight. The accused are Samiul Haque and Lutfur Rahman of Biman's engineering and technical department, and SA Siddique, chief engineer (quality assurance). Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Kaisarul Islam passed the order after their lawyers moved the bail petitions. Earlier, different courts rejected their bail. Meantime, another Dhaka court yesterday again asked Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit to submit a report of a probe into the case by September 17. Metropolitan Magistrate Ahsan Habib passed the order after Lutfur Rahman, an inspector of the CTTC and also the investigation officer of the case, failed to submit any probe report yesterday. The VIP flight carrying Hasina made an emergency landing on November 27 last year at Ashgabat

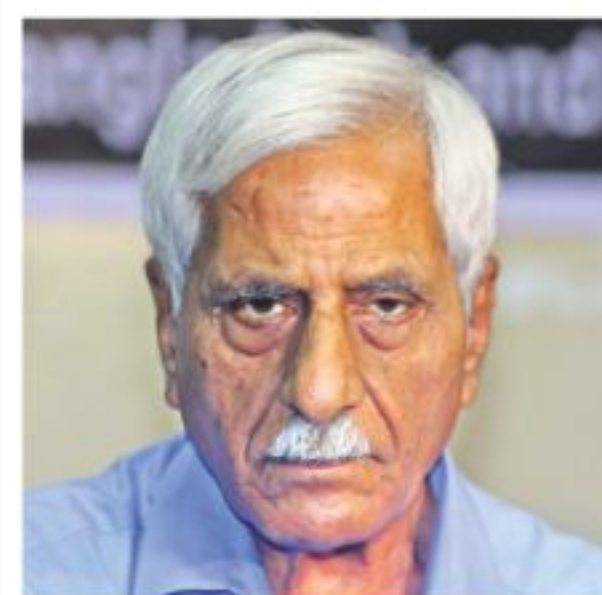
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Pakistani poet for
1971 genocide trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The young generation of Pakistan should come forward to make their government understand about its responsibility to try the perpetrators of 1971's genocide and offer apology to Bangladesh, Pakistani poet Ahmad Salim said yesterday. "Now, although the landscape in Pakistan has changed and now thousands of people are there to respect the independence of Bangladesh, the issue of seeking apology at official level is still at the doldrums," he said. "It seems that the governments in

during the Liberation War in 1971. In March 2012, the Bangladesh government gave him the "Friends of Liberation War Honour" for his contribution. Salim said today Bangladesh was a reality, and it was now more developed, free and sovereign country compared with Pakistan. "Our new generation is more enlightened and less prejudiced... It's now the responsibility of this young generation to come forward and help us to make the government of Pakistan understand that as a responsible country, it should try the people involved in war crimes against the



Ahmad Salim



Anam Zakaria



Haroon Khalid

Bangladeshi people and tend its apology to Bangladesh. "I am a Punjabi poet and today in this humble capacity, I would like to offer my apology yet again to the people of Bangladesh for committing atrocities on people of Bengal. Hence, I sincerely beg my apology," he said. Salim said their party leaders including NAP's West Pakistan chief visited Dhaka to express solidarity with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and from

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Saima Wazed
awarded for
fighting autism

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Saima Wazed Hossain has been conferred with the "International Champion Award" for her contributions to fighting autism. Shema Kolainu, a New York based school and centre for children with autism, recognised her in this regard, said a press release from the permanent mission of Bangladesh in the UN received here yesterday. Masud Bin Momen, ambassador and permanent representative of Bangladesh to the UN, received the award on her behalf on Tuesday at a ceremony in New York. "I am honoured by this recognition..." Saima said in her message read out by Ambassador Masud. Autism transcends all religious, cultural and socio-economic boundaries. Services and programmes need to do so as well, she said. Saima, daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, is a member of WHO's expert advisory panel on mental health. She is also the chairperson of National Advisory Committee on Autism in Bangladesh.

39 BNP leaders face arrest
warrant in arson case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday issued arrest warrants against 39 BNP leaders and activists, including Supreme Court Bar Association President Zainul Abedin and its Secretary Mahbub Uddin Khokon, in connection with an arson case. After accepting the charges against a total of 53 accused, Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court issued the arrest warrants against 39 accused. BNP leaders—Maruf Kamal Khan, Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas, Syeda Asifa Ashrafi Papi and Shirin Sultana—are among other fugitives. Two others, including BNP leader

Barkatullah Bulu, are now in jail while Rizvi Ahmed, Shawkat Mahmood, Amanullah Aman, Habibunnabi Khan Sohel and nine are on bail. The court directed officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station to submit by August 27 the report on execution of arrest warrant against the accused. According to the prosecution, it was alleged that a group of BNP leaders and activists set ablaze an auto-rickshaw by throwing petrol on February 3, 2015 during a non-stop movement. Later, a case was filed against 38 BNP men under the Special Powers Act 1974. Police on April 27 this year pressed charges against Zainul, Khokon and 51 others.



Awareness Programme of Hepatology Society

Special Report

On the occasion of the "World Hepatitis Day" Hepatology Society, Dhaka, Bangladesh organized an awareness programme and discussion meeting at the auditorium of Anwer Khan Modern Medical College, Dhaka yesterday. Prof. Md. Nazrul Islam, Ex-Vice Chancellor & Chairman of Department of Virology, BSMMU and Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul, Chief Editor of Ekushe television was present as chief guest and special guest respectively. President, Hepatology Society, Prof. Mobin Khan presided over the programme. Dr. Md. Motaher Hossain, General Secretary, Hepatology Society, delivered welcome speech at the conference. Eminent speakers of the country delivered important lectures on the occasion. Ex-Professor Chittagong Medical College Dr. Abu Saeed, Associate Professor of Gastroenterology, BIRDEM, Dr. Md. Golam Azam, Associate Professor of Hepatology, BSMMU, Dr. Md. Golam Mustafa and renowned journalist & Physician Dr. Moral Nazrul Islam also spoke on the occasion. Honourable Chief guest emphasised upon the prevention of viral hepatitis. He requested the media personnel to play vital role in creating mass health awareness. Special guest of this programme and chief editor of Ekushe television Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul emphasised in his speech the role of print and electronic media in this respect. Last of all, organizers of the conference thanked the participants and concluded the session. Eminent liver specialist Professor Mobin Khan highlighted the deleterious consequence of Hepatitis B or C Virus infection. He mentioned that, victims of hepatitis B and C viruses suffer from liver cirrhosis, and ultimately die of liver cancer or liver failure. He emphasised the importance of print and electronic media to create mass awareness regarding prevention of Hepatitis B and C.