



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 34.0 L 26.8

MYMENSINGH H 34.0 L 26.2

CHITTAGONG H 33.1 L 26.3

SYLHET H 32.8 L 25.5

RAJSHAHI H 35.6 L 26.4

RANGPUR H 35.0 L 26.8

KHULNA H 35.2 L 27.2

BARISAL H 33.7 L 27.1

COX'S BAZAR H 32.2 L 25.7

Rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Sylhet and Mymensingh divisions and at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day and night temperatures may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met office. The sunsets in the capital today at 6:42pm and rises tomorrow at 5:28am.

NEWS IN brief

300 illegal gas lines disconnected

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd disconnected 300 illegal gas connections in Bairagir Chala area of Sreepur municipality in Gazipur yesterday. A team of Gazipur Titas office led by its General Manager Abdul Wadud conducted a drive in the area and disconnected the illegal gas connections from 250 houses. Around 3,000 metres of gas pipelines were also seized from the houses. Later, two house owners were fined Tk 30,000 for using gas illegally.

Two killed in road accidents

CITY DESK

A six-year-old boy was killed as a sand-laden trolley ran him over in Daratana Bridge area of Bagerhat yesterday noon. The deceased is Foysal Mian, son of Rigan Mian, of Bypass area of Bagerhat municipality. In Thakurgaon, a teenage girl was killed and three people were injured as a three-wheeler fell into a ditch beside Thakurgaon-Baliadangi highway in Baliadangi upazila early yesterday. The deceased is Nasima, 19, daughter of Tipu Sultan of Kashibari village under the upazila. The injured were sent to Baliadangi Upazila Health Complex.

Man 'kills himself after killing son'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man allegedly hanged himself after killing his six-year-old son in Peyara Bagan area of Gazipur city yesterday. A van driver, Rashedul, 40, slaughtered his son, Sayeed Hasan, with a kitchen knife due to a family feud, said police. After seeing the bodies at the rented house of Rashedul, neighbours informed police. Police later sent the bodies to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College in Gazipur for autopsy. Rashedul used to live with his parents and his son in the house. His wife stays in his village home in Rangpur, said SI Jakir.

SC clears way for trial of BNP's Wahab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for the trial court to resume trial proceedings against former BNP lawmaker of Jhenaidah-1 constituency Md Abdul Wahab in a corruption case. The apex court scrapped a High Court order that had stayed the proceedings of the case which is now pending with the Special Judge's Court of Jessore. The SC passed the order after hearing a petition filed by the Anti Corruption Commission. On November 24, 2008, the ACC filed the case in Jhenaidah against Wahab on charge of amassing illegal wealth of Tk 45.97 lakh and hiding information of wealth of Tk 89.92 lakh.

Barisal journalists' assoc formed

BSS, Dhaka

A 43-member executive committee of Barisal Division Journalists' Association (BDJA) was formed yesterday with Azizul Islam Bhuiyan, editor of Bangladesh News, and Aminul Islam Mirja, diplomatic correspondent of BSS, as president and general secretary respectively. The committee was formed at a meeting of this regional journalists' body at Jatiya Press Club in the capital with outgoing president of BDAJ Abdur Rahman in the chair, said a press release.



Vehicles passing by an eroded portion of the approach road to Badaghat Bridge over the river Chengerkhal in Sylhet. As the road has been left unrepaired for the last two months, the bridge now also runs the risk of being damaged. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS

220 workers killed in six months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 220 workers were killed in workplace accidents in the country in the last six months since January 1, said a report of Safety and Rights Society, a rights body, yesterday. The report shows that the 220 workers died in 168 workplace accidents while 192 workers killed in 139 workplace accidents during the same period last year. The report has been made based on monitoring 26 daily newspapers -- 15 national and 11 regional newspapers -- between January 1 and June 30. It found that the highest number of workers, 67, died while working at construction sites. In the service sector like hotels, workshops, power supply companies, the number was 60 and the figure in manufacturing sector like garment factories, plastic factories, ship breaking yards, and steel reolling mills was 34. In addition, 54 transport workers and five workers of agriculture sector were killed during this period. The report shows that road accidents caused 67 deaths while 31 died from electrocution. Some 29 workers were killed after falling, 27 crushed to death under falling machinery or heavy load. Wall, roof, earth and hill collapses killed 23 workers while 15 others died in boiler explosions, it said. It also stated that 12 workers were suffocated to death by poisonous gas of septic or water tanks. The remaining 16 workers died from various causes including lightning, chemical, cylinder explosions and fire.

Child marriage prevalence going down: Survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The prevalence of child marriage in the country has dropped by 17 percentage points in the last three years, according to a latest survey. It shows 35 percent of women aged 20-24 years were married before 18 in 2016. The prevalence rate was 52 percent in 2013, and 65 percent in 2011. Unicef along with Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) conducted the survey on 2,00,000 families in 2016. The findings were disclosed through a ceremony at the Sonargaon hotel, where a campaign to end child marriage was also launched. Unicef and the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs in association with UNFPA and CIDA. Speaking on the occasion, Unicef's Bangladesh representative Edouard Beigbeder said, "Child marriage is one of the most critical issues faced by Bangladesh today. Bangladesh has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world." Though the prevalence rate dropped, the percentage of girls who marry before 18 and are denied their rights remains unacceptably high, he said. Recent evidence suggests a sharp down-

ward trend but the next household survey will give the overall prevalence rate, he further said. The campaign, "Raise the Beat", aims to create awareness and trigger behavioural and social change to end child marriage in the country. It promotes prevention and reporting of child marriage by encouraging individuals and communities through multimedia tools like television commercials. Attending the event, Information Minister Hasanul Huq Inu said raising awareness through social campaign is very important because child marriage is still prevalent despite laws. Religion and poverty are among the reasons behind child marriage, he said, underscoring also the need for stopping marriage of males below 21. State Minister for women and children affairs ministry Meher Afroz Chumki said her ministry was working on the government's commitment to end this menace. For this, people from all walks of life have to raise a common slogan against child marriage, she said. Canadian High Commissioner Benoit-Pierre Laramée and Secretary to Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Nasima Begum also spoke at the ceremony.

SC stays trial of ex-caretaker adviser Justice Fazlul Haque

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed the trial proceedings against former adviser of the caretaker government Justice Fazlul Haque in a corruption case. The apex court also allowed Fazlul Haque to move an appeal before it against the High Court's March 15 order that cleared the way for the lower court to continue the trial proceedings against him. The SC passed the order following a leave to appeal petition filed by Fazlul Haque challenging the HC verdict. The Anti-Corruption Commission on April 13, 2008 filed the case against Fazlul on charges of amassing wealth worth Tk 97.37 lakh through illegal means and concealing asset information from the ACC. On March 15 this year, the HC summarily rejected a petition filed by Fazlul Haque, also a retired judge of the Appellate Division, for scrapping the trial proceedings of the case. Fazlul Haque later on filed a leave to appeal petition with the SC challenging the HC order. Newspaper employees, press workers want 9th wage by Sept 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Karmachari Federation and Bangladesh Federal Union of Newspaper Press Workers yesterday placed their 10-point demand including formation of the ninth wage board by September 9. At a joint meeting at their Paltan office in Dhaka, they also threatened to stage a grand rally in front of Gate No-1 of Bangladesh Secretariat on September 10 if their demands are not met by the stipulated time. Their other demands include formation of welfare trust for destitute press workers, a stop to harassment and termination, ensuring their right to conduct trade union activities at all media houses, cancellation of all government facilities of the media houses that do not provide wage board facilities, equal benefit for all types of staff, and paying outstanding dues to the terminated employees. Federation President Matur Rahman Talukder chaired the meeting.



Documents being exchanged after The Daily Star and the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on the UAP campus in Dhaka yesterday. Under the MoU, copies of the newspaper will be distributed among the university students to enhance their English skills. PHOTO: STAR

The Daily Star signs MoU with UAP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star and University of Asia Pacific (UAP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at the university in the capital yesterday. As per the MoU, The Daily Star will distribute copies of the newspaper to students of the university to enhance their English skills by developing their habit of reading English newspapers. Treasurer of the university Air Commodore Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury (ret'd) and The Daily Star General Manager (finance and administration) Mizanur Rahman signed the MoU. This initiative was organised by the Directorate of Student Welfare (DSW) of UAP. Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam and Vice Chancellor of UAP Prof Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury were present in the signing ceremony. Nellufar Yeasmin, assistant professor of the department of English at UAP, was also present.

Patchy rain inundates Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most parts of Uttara area in the capital yesterday went under knee-deep water following a heavy downpour. The rainfall data, however, could not be gathered as the city's lone precipitation gauge only records rainfall in the immediate vicinity of Agargaon where the met office is located, said Abul Kalam Mallik, duty forecasting officer (meteorologist) at the office. Such a patchy rainfall may occur during monsoon with an attribute of heavy showers during a short period, he also said. Hossain Manzoor, a resident of Uttara, said the rain was so heavy that the newly laid down storm sewer system in the area could not swiftly disperse the large volume of rainwater.

Physiotherapy at chikungunia

FROM PAGE 3

inaugurated the service at Nagar Bhaban yesterday. The mayor said because of DSCC's awareness campaign, the number of chikungunia attacks fell sharply. But to reduce the pain of the patients, they have taken the initiative to give physiotherapy service at their home,

he said. The mayor thanked President of Shawdhin Physiotherapy Parishad Dr Ali Imam Kaysar and President of Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association Dr Dolilur Rahman for providing their trained workforce in the service. Residents of all 57 wards of DSCC will get the service, he said.

Election Television Secretariat

Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project
Islamic Foundation Bhaban
Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka-1207

No. BEC/IDEA/Pro/S11.1/2012/1123

Date: 30 July, 2017

Request for Expressions of Interest (Re-Invitation) Finance Management Consultant

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit for Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project from the World Bank (WB). The project's objective is to establish a secure, accurate and reliable National ID System in Bangladesh. The BEC intends to apply part of credit to cover eligible payments for the services of an individual consultant, who will work as Finance Management Consultant (FMC). The FMC will be member of project management and implementation team. The main objective of the FM service is to provide financial management support to IDEA, directly reporting to the Project Director (PD). **Qualification & Experience** Accounting Management Consultant (FMC) should be a Chartered Accountant or Cost Management Accountant/Masters in Accounting/MBA (Finance)/Masters in other relevant subject and have 5 years practical experience in a supervisory position on financial management in the World Bank funded project under any government/semi-government organization. The FMC should have IT knowledge including thorough understanding on government accounting, budgeting and auditing system. Knowledgeable in Government of Bangladesh (GOB) budgeting, fund release and reporting formalities, World Bank's financial management and disbursement procedures. **Assignment Duration & Selection Procedure:** The assignment shall be continued up to 31st December, 2017. The FMC will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's guidelines, "Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrower" and also in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations, 2008. Complete REOs must be submitted to the following address by 13 August, 2017 within 1700 hours BST (before closing of office time). EOIs must mention the interest in the assignment and include an updated professional resume. Interested consultants may obtain further information, including the detailed terms of reference (TOR) from the Project Director during office hours.

Mohammed Saidul Islam
Brigadier General
Project Director

Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project
Bangladesh Election Commission Secretariat
Islamic Foundation Building, Agargaon, Dhaka
Phone: 8181717, Fax: 8181721
E-mail: pd.idea.bd@gmail.com
website: www.ec.org.bd