



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.8/L 28.0	H 31.5/L 27.0	H 33.0/L 25.8	H 32.1/L 26.0	H 35.7/L 27.4	H 31.2/L 25.8	H 33.0/L 26.6	H 33.5/L 26.7	H 31.0/L 25.6

Light to moderate rain or thunderstorms accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur in most places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today, reports IBC. Country's highest temperature 32 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rajshahi and lives over 24.5 degree in Sitakunda, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:36pm and rises tomorrow at 5:32am.

7 including five Nigerians arrested for 'fraudulence'

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Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) arrested seven people including five Nigerians from Gazipur, Manikganj and Dhaka for their alleged involvement with a scam ring.
The Nigerians are Fred Amah Ede, Ezeogu Kelech Musa, Joshua Michal Chukwuka Okoro Austin Aneto, and Agwah Reginald Ike, while the Bangladeshis are white Rana, and Saheera Begum, said Special Superintendent of PBI Anwarul Habib Palash.
They lure people with awards through messages on social media or email. When anyone responds, they ask for money as processing charge, said the PBI official at a press briefing at its headquarters in the capital. The scam ring has taken Tk 10 lakh from five people so far, he added.



Demanding safe roads, people from all walks of life form a human chain in Mastabari Bus Stand area of Gazipur yesterday. The around 1km human chain was formed protesting the recent spate of road accidents in the area due to reckless driving. On Tuesday, five people including three female students of a college were killed and six others injured as a covered van hit a human hauler carrying them near Mastabari Bus Stand.

Student held for spreading rape video

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Police arrested a youth in Rangpur on Tuesday evening for spreading a video and still images of a rape incident captured in 2015 on YouTube.
On a tip-off, a team of Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) arrested Nur Mohammad, 23, first-year honours student of Carmichael College in Rangpur, with various electronic devices, said PBI officials at a press conference yesterday.
Nur trapped the girl in an hotel and raped her in a affair on April 14, 2015. He captured the entire involvement with his cell phone and kept on blackmailing the girl.
The victim filed a case with Rangpur Sadar Police Station on Tuesday.
During the briefing, Nur admitted the entire involvement. A Rangpur court yesterday sent him to jail.

Stop all illegal housing projects

Bapa suggests it as a way out to save Dhaka from waterlogging

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) yesterday demanded a stop to implementation of all illegal housing projects, which it says are playing a major role in the destruction of wetlands and flood flood zones, causing waterlogging in Dhaka city.
Addressing a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity, Bapa leaders said the failure to protect wetlands, water bodies, and floodplains was a key reason behind waterlogging. These places have to be recovered from the grabbers to solve the problem, they said.
In his keynote speech, Bapa joint secretary architect Iqbal Habib emphasized the need for demarcation of all rivers, canals, and wetlands and preparing a time-befitting master plan to solve the problem in the city's drainage system.
He said that though there was a detailed area plan (DAP) of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartarpakkha (Rajuk), a lack of its proper implementation led to unplanned urbanisation and destruction of water bodies. Instead of saving the water bodies, Rajuk is busy with its commercial ventures like selling plots and flats, he said.
Talking about demarcation, Iqbal Habib said there were laws like the wetland protection act-2000 but those could not be enforced effectively due to lack of demarcation.
He also urged the government to increase the water carrying capacity of the natural canals, and the authorities concerned to keep 25 percent of each plot as open space so that water could drain into the ground.
According to the keynote paper, 90 percent of rainwater in Dhaka city is now runoff water, which is not absorbed by the soil but instead flows away over the ground. It can be reduced to 60 percent by keeping 25 percent of a plot as open space, the paper said.
Iqbal Habib said this open space would not only increase the scope of recharging underground aquifers but also reduce pressure on the drainage system.
Speaking on the occasion, Dr Akhtar Mahmud, a professor of regional and urban planning at Jahangirnagar University, suggested clearing the whole drainage network so that rainwater can drain away easily.
He said that between 1962 and 2013, five studies were done and drainage master plans were prepared by the government but those were not implemented.
Abdul Matin, general secretary of Bapa, moderated the programme.

Join hands in curbing corruption

TIB human chain urges youth DU CORRESPONDENT
Speakers at a human chain yesterday urged the young generation to take part in the movement for curbing corruption and ensuring good governance for achieving sustainable development goals (SDGs).
International Bangladesh (TIB) organised the human chain programme in front of Teacher-Student Centre on Dhaka University (DU) campus, marking International Youth Day to be observed on August 12.
While leading off the chain, Zafar Sadik, communication officer of TIB, said, "TIB mobilises the youth in the fight against corruption taking a vow to stand up against it through their initiatives including 'Yes, YES Friends', 'Young professionals against corruption' (Ypac)".
Executive Director of TIB Dr Iftekharuzzaman said, "Achieving sustainable development goals is not possible without establishing good governance and suppressing corruption."
"In order to control corruption, everyone should have political will. It is not possible to eradicate corruption without political will."
The human chain also put forward seven recommendations including taking necessary steps to implement 'National Youth Policy 2017'.
This year International Youth Day will be globally observed with the theme 'Youth Building Peace'.

Of self-reliance

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When he was around 15 years of age, he broke his left hand falling from a tree. Eventually, the entire arm had to be amputated due to fungal infection.
After this tragedy, he could have ended up on the street begging for alms.
But the disability could not stop Mohammad Jashim, hailing from Razon upazila in Chittagong, from being a self-reliant person. To eke out a living, he started pulling rickshaw – a work he has been doing for the last 25 years to support his family.
Jashim, now 47 years of age, started unfolding the story of his life -- a story of struggle and self-esteem, during a conversation with this correspondent recently.
Despite the accident, Jashim, who lost his father when he was eight, said, he did not lose hope but prepared himself to accept what life offers him in the days to come. Then he decided to come to the city. But making a living without an arm was not that easy for him.
"First I started to work at a signboard-living shop in the city's Chowkbazar area. However, I could not continue this job..." said Jashim.
Frustration engulfed him for a while but he never thought of earning in the easiest possible way. Realising his own limitation, he finally decided to pull rickshaw -- a tough call to make back then, he said.
Jashim got married at the age of 25, and currently lives in Bakalia Kalamia Bazar area of the port city. In spite of his continued struggle, he made sure that his two daughters and a son get education.
"My elder daughter is a graduate student. My second daughter is studying at class X. And my son is a class VII student," said the proud father, adding, "I am the person who has to maintain everything."
Asked how he managed to pull rickshaw by one hand all these years, Jashim said, "I pulled paddle-driven rickshaw earlier. It was not easy, you know. But I have started to operate battery-run rickshaw since 2012 when such rickshaw hit the city streets for the first time."
"Operating battery-run rickshaw is a bit comfortable as it needs less physical labour compared to the paddle-driven one," he said.



Jasim on his battery-run rickshaw. PHOTO: STAR

Govt trying to bring back Bangabandhu killers: Anisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government is trying to bring all the six fugitive convicted killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman back to the country through diplomatic channels for executing their sentence, Law Minister Anisul Huq said yesterday.
"We have already identified the location of the two fugitive killers of the Father of the Nation. The two killers are Noor Chowdhury and Rashid Chowdhury. Noor Chowdhury is now in the USA and Rashid Chowdhury is in Canada," he told The Daily Star.
Without elaborating, he said, "We will continue finding out four other convicted killers of Bangabandhu."
Other four fugitives are Khandaiker Abdur Rashid, Shariful Haque Dalim, Abdul Majed and Risalim Moshleuddin.
On September 19, 2009, the Supreme Court upheld a High Court verdict, confirming capital punishment for 12 people, including the six, for killing the Father of the Nation and most of his family members on August 15, 1975.
Five of the convicts -- Sved Farooq Rahman, Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Bazul Huda, AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed, and Mohiuddin Ahmed -- were hanged on January 27, 2010. The other killer, Aziz Pasha, reportedly died in Zimbabwe on 2001.
On August 13 this year, the Law Minister requested the Canadian



Dignitaries at the launching ceremony of 'Santosh Gupta' -- a biography on the eminent journalist and writer -- at the capital's Bangla Academy yesterday. Santosh Gupta Smriti Parishad in association with the academy organised the event. From left, Prof Kazi Madina, Kamal Lohani, Monam Sarkar, writer of the book Syed Mohammad Shahed and Sohrab Hossain.

Santosh Gupta's legacy still relevant

Launch of his biography told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The legacy of journalist Santosh Gupta is more essential at present when chaos and corruption are pushing the society backwards, speakers said at a book launching ceremony yesterday.
They said Santosh Gupta as a journalist struggled for press freedom and fought for ensuring rights of fellow journalists. His writings must be read by the new generation.
Santosh Gupta Smriti Parishad in association with Bangla Academy organised the event at the academy.
His biography, 'Santosh Gupta' written by Syed Mohammad Shahed and published by Bangla Academy was unveiled at the ceremony, marking his 33rd death anniversary.
He died on August 6, 2004, at the age of 60.
Speaking at the event, noted journalist and cultural personality Kamal Lohani said Santosh Gupta during his time wrote uncompromisingly against the then autocratic ruler.
Santosh Gupta served as the senior assistant editor of the Daily Sangbad and made significant contributions to it as well within August 15.

British minister hopes for inclusive polls

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
British Minister Lord Tariq Ahmad has reiterated the UK's hope that the next parliamentary elections in Bangladesh will be free, fair and inclusive.
His message to Bangladesh political parties was: "Number one, please participate and secondly let's have a free, fair and transparent election, because those are the foundations for ensuring sustainable democracy for the long term."
Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, minister of state at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Minister for the Commonwealth and the United Nations, yesterday following a two-day visit, said a British High Commission press release.



Siddhirganj Reporters Unity forming a human chain at Shimrul Dugh-Bangla Point at Siddhirganj of Narayanganj yesterday demanding scrapping of section 57 under the ICT act. PHOTO: STAR