

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

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| <b>DHAKA</b><br>H 32.4 L 27.6 | <b>MYMENSINGH</b><br>H 32.5 L 26.1 | <b>CHITTAGONG</b><br>H 31.2 L 25.8 | <b>SYLHET</b><br>H 31.7 L 26.1 | <b>RAJSHAHI</b><br>H 34.0 L 27.8 | <b>RANGPUR</b><br>H 30.5 L 26.4 | <b>KHULNA</b><br>H 30.6 L 26.5 | <b>BARISAL</b><br>H 30.5 L 27.2 | <b>COX'S BAZAR</b><br>H 28.8 L 24.6 |
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Rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy to very heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day and night temperatures may fall by (1-2) degree Celsius over the country, says Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:35pm and rises tomorrow at 5:33am.



PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

The expression on her face speaks volumes. Like her, anxiety and uncertainty has gripped scores of hajj pilgrims who are now stranded at the Askona Hajj Camp in the capital after two hajj flights were cancelled yesterday.

## BRAC UNIVERSITY Registrar has to resign or be terminated

Suggests body investigating assault on teacher

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Terming the Brac University registrar's July 30 action on a law department teacher "unlawful", a probe body formed by the university yesterday recommended that Registrar Muhammad Sahool Afzal be relieved of his job.

The five-member team probing assault on lecturer Farhaan Uddin Ahmed in its report said "... He [registrar] should be reprimanded for the utterance of such an aggressive and provocative word against another individual. He thus unlawfully restrained [Ahmed]." "As the registrar had no legal authority, whatsoever, to unlawfully restrain Ahmed against his will, either by himself or by ordering others to do so, we are recommending his resignation, and in case of non-compliance, his termination to be followed in due process of law," the committee recommended in its report submitted to the university authorities on Wednesday night.

Earlier on August 5, the university authorities sent the registrar to a long leave until the end of his contract while the investigation was going on.

The university authorities formed the committee on August 2 in the face of student protest sparked after the news of assault on Farhaan and his termination spread on the campus.

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## DU no place for JCD activists!

BCL men bar them from joining discussion on Ducsu election; chase them away

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men yesterday barred Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists from joining an open discussion on holding Ducsu election at Dhaka University, and chased them away from campus.

Witnesses said the JCD activists, led by the organisation's DU unit President Al Mehedi Talukder and General Secretary Abul Bashar Siddique, were heading towards Madhu's Canteen to take part in the discussion on Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducsu) election.

When they were about to enter the canteen around 11:30am, a group of BCL men led by the organisation's Hazi Muhammad Mohsin Hall

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## Awareness can reduce newborn mortality rate

**Roundtable told**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Participants at a roundtable yesterday stressed the need for creating awareness among parents and family members to reduce newborn mortality rate for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

They said most of the babies are born at home in the country. Alongside skilled midwives and required medical facilities, family-level awareness will help save their lives.

Bangla daily Prothom Alo in association with Unicef organised the roundtable at the newspaper office in the capital.

Altaf Hossain, programme manager of the

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## CUTTING INFANT MORTALITY Nutrients at early stage of pregnancy must

icddr'b study finds

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Providing mothers with multiple micronutrient supplements from the early stage of pregnancy can reduce infant mortality, according to a study of International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr'b).

The study titled MINIMat (Maternal and Infant Nutrition Interventions in Matlab Bangladesh) found that 60 percent risk of infant death was reduced by taking food and the supplements from early pregnancy compared to the mothers who took those later during pregnancy.

The study findings were disclosed at a seminar titled, "Fifteen years of MINIMat study: Implications of Child Survival, Growth, Development and Chronic Disease Markers" held in icddr'b auditorium yesterday.

The nutrition interventions during pregnancy were found influencing the growth of

children, cognitive function, social conditions as well as chronic disease risk indicators (metabolic makers) at around five years.

Maternal and child undernutrition is estimated to be the underlying cause of 3.5 million annual deaths globally. Nutritional imbalance in foetal or early life is associated with short and long-term health consequences and chronic disease risk in adulthood.

The MINIMat study commenced in 2001 and recruited 4,436 women who were given food supplements and micronutrients from early pregnancy. The women and their children were under observation and initiatives were also taken to monitor the children up to 15 years of age.

Icddr'b has also collaborated with international scientists in the effort.

Sheema Sen Gupta, deputy representative of Unicef Bangladesh, said, "Research

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## SOUTH EAST ASIAN GAMES 29 more Bangladeshis held in Malaysia security drive

**REZAUL KARIM**

The Malaysia police have detained 290 more foreigners, including 29 Bangladeshis, in the second large-scale sweep for terror suspects early yesterday, as they stepped up security ahead of the South East Asian (SEA) Games.

Of the arrestees, 98 are students from public and private higher education institutions like Lim Kok Wing University, Multimedia University, UCSI University, FTMS Global College, University Kebangsaan Malaysia and University Malaysia Pahang.

Headed by the Special Branch's Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU), the joint-operation started at 9:00pm Wednesday and ended almost nine hours later arresting the foreigners who are from 32 countries, said CTU Deputy Commissioner Ayob Khan.

According to the New Strait Times, up to 57 foreigners were detained for failure to produce travel documents or overstaying during operations conducted by the Federal

police's Counter-Terrorism Division in Cyberjaya township.

Ayob Khan said the drive was launched as part of preparations for the 2017 SEA Games, which starts on August 19, and two-thirds of the detained foreigners were from Yemen, Pakistan, Syria, Bangladesh, India and Nepal.

He said the operation was similar to the one carried out on Sunday at the Jalan Masjid India shopping hub where the authorities detained 409 foreigners, including 61 Bangladeshis.

Meanwhile, Malaysian media reported that Bangladeshis and Indonesians topped an updated list of detained undocumented workers as the Malaysian authorities announced that they had swept up over 5,000 foreigner workers in a crackdown on illegal immigration since July.

On July 1, the immigration authorities launched a large-scale operation to flush out illegal immigrants in Malaysia, rounding up some 1,035 foreign nationals, including 515 Bangladeshis.

## Indian envoy meets PM

**CITY DESK**

High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gono Bhavan yesterday.

In the meeting, the envoy recalled the successful state visit of Hasina to India in April 2017, and, briefed her on the implementation and follow-up to a record number of MoUs and agreements concluded during the visit. The high commissioner also apprised her of the high level exchanges to continue the momentum in bilateral relations with the objective of mutually beneficial cooperation between both countries.

The high commissioner also handed over a copy of Uday Mahurkar's book "Marching with a Billion" to Hasina. The book analyses

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