

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.6 L 26.4	H 33.3 L 27.0	H 32.0 L 25.5	H 35.1 L 26.5	H 34.5 L 26.7	H 33.3 L 26.5	H 33.8 L 26.4	H 32.7 L 26.2	H 30.0 L 24.7

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at many places over Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:29pm and rises tomorrow at 5:35am, said Met office.

SACRIFICIAL ANIMALS
Domestic supply abundant
Claims chief veterinary officer at workshop
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The supply of domestically reared livestock will be sufficient to meet the demand for sacrificial animals during this year's Eid-ul-Azha, a number of officials concerned said yesterday.

The remarks came at a time amid rising concerns of speculated shortfall in the supply of sacrificial animals with floods raging in the country's north.

Speaking at a workshop in the capital yesterday, Dr Abdul Halim, chief veterinary officer at Central Veterinary Hospital (CVH), said more than 1.15 crore cattle and goats were bred domestically to meet local demands.

However, local cattle traders expressed concern that they might incur losses if Indian cattle are allowed to be brought in cattle markets ahead of the Eid.

Dr Halim provided an overview of the animal market at the workshop organised by Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA) at Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIIS) auditorium.

"To my knowledge as of yesterday [Wednesday], no cattle died in floods. Water has already begun to recede... so we're hopeful," he said, adding that a medical team comprising veterinary doctors and surgeons is working in every flood-affected upazila to protect the cattle from diseases.

This year, 44.57 lakh cattle and 71 lakh goats and sheep have been bred and more than 11 lakh of the animals were fattened following scientific process, he said.

Around 105 lakh animals were sacrificed last year, Halim said.



Dhaka-Tangail highway being widened as part of Joydevpur-Elenga four-lane project to ensure smooth vehicular movement on the highway. But the vehicles cannot take the full advantage of it as trucks are parked occupying the extended part on the highway in Rasulpur area of Tangail Sadar upazila. Truckers said they have to park there as there is no truck terminal beside the highway where they can take rest for a while during their long distance trips. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

Arrest warrant comes into effect 23 years later
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday arrested a former member of a union parishad (UP) in Boalkhali upazila of Chittagong following an arrest warrant issued against him 23 years ago in a corruption case yesterday.

The arrestee, Nirmal Biswas, 65, was a former member of Karolengga Union Parishad, said locals.

Police arrested him in his house in Uttar Bhurshi village of the upazila in the morning.

Contacted, Md Salahuddin, officer-in-charge (OC) of Boalkhali Police Station, said Nirmal was accused in the case filed over misappropriation of a development project fund.

The arrest warrant was issued against him in 1994, he said.

Asked, why he was not arrested as per the court order, the OC said he did not know why the former OCs of the police station did not

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BANGABANDHU KILLING
Zia couldn't be implicated for delayed probe
Says law minister; commission to identify persons behind the scene

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is planning to form a commission to identify the people who were behind the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members on August 15, 1975, Law Minister Anisul Huq said yesterday.

"Of course, today we are planning to form the commission so that we can keep the names of the persons, who were truly behind the killing, in history," he told a discussion organised by the ministry at the inspector general of registration's office, marking the 42nd death anniversary of Bangabandhu.

The minister said an investigation found that former military ruler Ziaur

Rahman was involved in the conspiracy of killing Bangabandhu, but he could not be implicated as he died 15 years before the probe was initiated.

"I want to put the question, many governments assumed state power after 1975, but why did they not repeal the indemnity ordinance and hold the trial of the killing? If they had conducted the trial, the question would not arise that the people who were behind the killing were not prosecuted," he said. "I believe it is not right that only the killers of Bangabandhu had been involved in the conspiracy of the killing. It has to be remembered that no first information report [case] was filed over the assassination of a great man like Bangabandhu 21 years

after the incident. No Bangalee said that an FIR would have to be lodged."

"It is true that no step was taken for holding the trial... in 21 years. On the other hand, an indemnity ordinance was promulgated so that the trial is not held." The law minister said the investigators probed the Bangabandhu murder case on the reality of 21 years after the killing, as the case was filed 21 years later. "If the case was filed 21 years back, those who were planners and behind the killing, could have been implicated."

Anisul Huq, who was the chief state counsel of the Bangabandhu killing case, said Bangabandhu was not killed in Lahore [of Pakistan]. "Bangabandhu was killed in Dhaka, because... there are Mirzafar [betrayers] inside us."

Advance train, bus tickets from today
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Advance train and bus tickets will be available from the morning today, ahead of Eid holidays that begin in the first week of September.

Each year thousands of holidaymakers crowd ticket counters at different bus terminals and the Kamalapur Railway Station for the advance tickets. A large number of them even start forming queues the night before the counters open.

Railway Minister Mazibul Hoque announced the dates for sale of the advance train tickets at a press conference at Rail Bhaban yesterday.

Bangladesh Railway (BR) will sell the tickets for August 27 from Dhaka and Chittagong at 8:00am today, he said.

Advance tickets for August 28, 29, 30 and 31 will be sold on August 19, 20, 21, and 22 respectively. Sale of advance return tickets will begin from August 25, said the minister.

This year 138 additional coaches will be added to the existing coaches, raising the total to 1,296. This number is 74 higher than the previous year.

In addition, BR will operate four special trains from August 29 to September 3, two on the Eid day and the other from August 23 to September 1, he said.

Weekly holidays for all intercity trains have been cancelled for five days starting on August 28. "We will try our best to serve the people within our limited capacity,"

TRAINS FROM DHAKA & CTG

TICKET SELLING DATES	DEPARTURE DATES
August 18	August 27
August 19	August 28
August 20	August 29
August 21	August 30
August 22	August 31

RETURN TO DHAKA

TICKET SELLING DATES	DEPARTURE DATES
August 25	September 03
August 26	September 04
August 27	September 05
August 28	September 06
August 29	September 07

Mazibul added. Amjad Hossain, director general of BR, said if the Eid falls on September 2, tickets for September 1 will be sold through the regular process.

Rail communication in Dinajpur, Lalmonirhat and Kurigram had remained suspended since Sunday as railway tracks were damaged at several points. The affected rail routes are Parbatipur-Dinajpur-Panchagarh, Lalmonirhat-Burimari and

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Hajj pilgrims queue up at Ashkona Hajj Camp in the capital yesterday before departing for the airport. PHOTO: STAR

Imran H Sarkar attacked at fund-raiser
DU CORRESPONDENT

Miscreants reportedly attacked Gonojagoron Mancha spokesperson Imran H Sarkar and some of its activists at Shabbagh intersection in the capital yesterday, leaving four of them injured.

A group of 10 to 12 youths, equipped with sticks, wood scraps, and brick chips, suddenly attacked them when he along with the activists and volunteers were holding a fund-raiser for the flood victims around 5:00pm, Imran told The Daily Star.

"The attackers were yelling at us that there is no flood in the country and that we have cooked up the flood story intentionally," he said.

The attackers, however,

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Two get life term for drowning 4-year-old
COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced two people to life imprisonment for drowning a four-year-old child in the city's Uttar Badda in October, 2011.

The convicts are: Manik Kumar Das and Prakash Chandra Das. Of them, Manik is now in jail while his friend Prakash is on the run.

Judge Shahed Nuruddin of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 of Dhaka handed down the sentence in presence of Manik.

The tribunal also fined them Tk 50,000 each, in default of which they will have to serve one more year in jail.

According to the prosecution, Manik used to stay with his maternal aunt in Uttar Badda and worked as a helper of his uncle Vabadish Chandra Mridha, a carpenter.

During his stay, Manik gave a proposal to marry his cousin Sushmita which his aunt's family turned down.

Being denied, Manik with Prakash on October 30 of 2011 went to the residence of his aunt Rina Rani Das and hit her with an axe which left her unconscious.

The two also pushed two of Rina's children -- Suborna Rani Mridha, 4, and Swarna Rani, 2, -- into a pond which led to Suborna's death. Later, a case was filed with Badda Police Station against Manik and Prakash.

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