

## WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 34.2°C L 28.2 MYMENSINGH 33.5°C L 26.0 CHITTAGONG 32.5°C L 26.4 SYLHET 29.2°C L 26.5 RAJSHAHI 35.0°C L 27.2 RANGPUR 35.2°C L 26.6 KHULNA 35.5°C L 27.5 BARISAL 35.6°C L 26.8 COX'S BAZAR 31.4°C L 26.8

Rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions, at a few places over Barisal, Dhaka and Mymensingh and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi &amp; Khulna 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 sun sets in the capital today at 6:11pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42am.

CROSSING HIGHWAY  
A family perishes on the road  
5 more killed in 2 dists  
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Three members of a family were killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Tangail highway at Delduar upazila in Tangail yesterday.

The deceased are Fahima Akter, 35, wife of Saudi Arabia expatriate Tara Miah, and her daughter Tarina Akter, 13, and son Tanvir Ahmed, 7. The family lived in Nallapara village of the upazila.

Police said the accident took place in Dubai area around 1:30pm when a Dhaka bound bus from Sirajgaj ran over the three when they were crossing the highway, leaving them dead on the spot.

The driver of the bus fled the scene, but locals seized the vehicle and caught the helper and supervisor and handed them over to the law enforcers, they said.

Fahima, a mother of three, along with her two children, was going to enjoy a sporting event in Mohera Police Training Centre, in neighbouring Mirzapur upazila, said Mosharaf Hossain, officer-in-charge of Delduar Police Station.

The bodies were handed over to the relatives without autopsy following legal procedures, he added. After the bodies reached home, Fahima's elder daughter Taslima Akter, 16, lost consciousness, said locals.

In Narsingdi, four people were killed and 15 others injured as a covered van hit a bus on Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Kandhail area near Madhabdi Police Station.

The deceased were Abdur Rahman, 48, his son Robiul Islam, 18, and one Suma Akter, 16, and Hena Begum, 28, all residents of the sadar upazila.

In Moulvibazar, a motorcyclist was killed as a truck hit him from behind in Shurovpara area of Sreemangal upazila.

The motorcyclist, Mofazzal Mia, 28, lived in the sadar upazila.



Two women help a young girl cross over the concrete road divider on this portion of Dhaka-Chittagong highway in front of Matuail Maternity Hospital yesterday. Though there is a footbridge (not seen in the picture) nearby, they are not interested to use it, risking their lives as well as the kid's.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

CTG NURSING COLLEGE TEACHER ANJALI MURDER IN 2015  
Investigation heading nowhere

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Over two and a half years have gone by since Anjali Devi, a senior teacher of Chittagong Nursing College (CNC), was hacked to death in broad daylight in Chittagong city on January 10 in 2015, but police are yet to find any clue.

Police said they did not get any eyewitness of the murder.

Moreover, police claimed the victim's family was not interested to go ahead with this case and was not cooperating with the investigation officer (IO).

On January 10, 2015, Anjali Devi, 57, was hacked indiscriminately by four masked assailants at Telipatti Road of Chawkbazar on her way to college around 8:45am, said police, adding that the attackers had fled the scene without taking away her mobile phone, money and handbag.

The teacher died at Chittagong

Medical College Hospital (CMCH) at around 12:00 noon on that day.

The detective branch (DB) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) was assigned to investigate the case after the victim's husband Dr Rajendra Chowdhury filed a murder case with Panchlaish Police Station.

Students and colleagues of Anjali said the spot of the murder was always abuzz with pedestrians and vehicles. But the miscreants fled the scene immediately after committing the crime, they added.

They expressed their resentment over "failure" of police to unearth the clue.

Meanwhile, police arrested Md Reja, 50, a former law affairs officer of a madrasa in Patiya upazila of Chittagong, on June 13 the same year in connection with the case.

"Reja served a legal notice to



Anjali Devi

Anjali in 2012 terming her an anti-Islamist," said Inspector Keshab Chowdhury, former investigation officer (IO) of the case, adding, "Reja accused Anjali of speaking against Islam in the classroom but during our investigation, after talking with students and teachers, we did not find any truth of the allegation."

"Reja's involvement in the

murder was not found in our investigation," said Keshab.

Contacted, Romena Akter, a colleague of Anjali at CNC and president of Chittagong divisional nurses' association, said they formed human chains to arrest the criminals but there is no headway in two and a half years.

"Can you think of a civilised society where a woman is murdered in broad daylight but law enforcers cannot find out any clue in two and a half years?" she asked. "It seems no one killed her (Anjali)!" she ventilated her frustration.

Asked, Inspector Habibur Rahman of DB, also the IO of the case, said although they did not find out any clue of this murder, they did not give up.

"Our investigation is going on," he said.

"We are not getting proper cooperation from the victim's

family members," he claimed, adding, "The victims' husband and two daughters, all doctors, reside outside Chittagong."

Asked, whether it is the failure of police as they could not find out any clue in all these years, the additional commissioner (crime and operation) of CMP Saleh Mohammad Tanvir said, "It's not a failure of police."

"In our investigation, we have not found any enemy of the victim who might have been involved in the murder; moreover, we did not get any eyewitness of the murder," he said.

"The victim's family is not cooperating with us, but...our investigation is going on," he said. "We are cordial to unearth the clue of the murder..."

Anjali's husband Rajendra could not be contacted as his cell phone was found switched off.



Buses move through a submerged road in Muradpur area of Chittagong city. Heavy downpour for hours flooded many parts of the port city yesterday, dealing a heavy blow to commuters and pedestrians alike.

## Fresh survey going on to demarcate Shitalakkhya

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

The Narayanganj district administration and BIWTA have started a fresh joint survey of 2,198 pillars that demarcated the areas of establishments on the banks of the river Shitalakkhya, to save it from grabbers.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) has objected to these boundary pillars placed by a good number of industrial units -- including power plants, cement factories, jute mills and dockyards.

After the survey, BIWTA will replace the old boundary pillars with durable ones in a bid to prevent influential people from grabbing the river.

In June 2009, the High Court ordered the district administration and BIWTA to take necessary steps to protect four rivers, including the Shitalakkhya, around the capital.

Later, the two government organisa-

tions, in a joint survey, fixed the border of the Shitalakkhya.

In 2011, Public Works Department started installing boundary pillars to demarcate the waterbody.

On May 16, 2011 a 10-member taskforce was formed at a meeting with the then state minister for land Mostafizur Rahman in the chair, said BIWTA sources.

The taskforce inspected the activities of setting up the boundary pillars and took a decision to reinstall those considering different aspects, including BIWTA's objection.

BIWTA objected that 2,198 such pillars out of total 5,011 were not installed in right places.

Of the 2,198 pillars, 1,356 were set up on the eastern bank of the Shitalakkhya.

On September 6, 2015, the then National River Protection

Commission Chairman Ataharul Islam, at its meeting, asked for saving the river by setting the pillars in right places quickly, if necessary.

AKM Arifuddin, joint director of Narayanganj River Port under BIWTA, said the district administration and BIWTA, as per the directives of the prime minister, National River Protection Commission and the taskforce started a fresh survey of the 2,198 pillars.

BIWTA Chairman Commodore M Mozammel Haque inaugurated the work on August 9 after visiting Sonakanda area.

Arifuddin said, "We will set up strong boundary pillars so that none can grab the Shitalakkhya river."

He said implementation of the project requires much time. No timeframe was given for doing so, he added.

## Health investment augments economy

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real and complex. We are committed to the achievement of universal health coverage. Every single country is making headway and we have powerful means to measure progress," she said.

Poonam said universal health coverage (UHC) is the best and most powerful means for changing peoples' lives through better health. "We must strive for a more equitable, effective and results-oriented health sector..." she added.

Mohamed Shainee, the special envoy of the Maldives' President Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom, was present at the chief guest at the inaugural session. Nazim Ibrahim, health minister of the Maldives, also spoke at the meeting, which will end on September 10 with Malé Declaration.

Ministers, state ministers, officials from

## Khaleda again

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absent in the court. Five other people are also accused in the case.

The ACC accuses the former premier and 15 others of causing a loss of Tk 159 crores to the state exchequer by awarding a contract for operation of Barapukuria coalmine to a Chinese company between June 2003 and June 2005, abusing power.

On October 5 of 2008, the ACC pressed charges against Khaleda and 14 others in the case.

Of the accused, two accused died earlier while two Jamaat leaders were executed for their war crimes.

Earlier on May 28 this year, the Supreme Court cleared the way for running the trial proceedings against Khaleda.



Fire extinguishing units are deployed in front of a house in the capital's Darus Salam area yesterday. The night before, suspected militants allegedly detonated bombs in an apartment of the house, causing a blaze and plumes of smoke. Later, seven skulls were recovered from the flat.

Banskhali on July 22, 2013, and arrested Morshed. Later, the arrestee confessed that he had hid the arm and cartridge there.

A sub-inspector filed an arms case with

## Netherlands offers support for flood risk mitigation

UNB, Dhaka

The Netherlands has expressed their eagerness to support Bangladesh in land reclamation and river dredging for mitigating long-term flood risks.

This was conveyed to Bangladesh Ambassador to the Netherlands Sheikh Mohammed Belal during his meeting with the Dutch Minister for Infrastructure and the Environment Melanie Schultz in The Hague on Tuesday.

During the meeting, both the Dutch minister and the Bangladesh envoy expressed satisfaction at the expanding and fast growing bilateral relations between the two countries, according to a message received from The Hague yesterday.

They especially mentioned the momentum in the relations following the official visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the Netherlands in November 2015 and the twin-ministerial visit to Bangladesh in June 2015 by Dutch Minister for Infrastructure and the Environment Melanie Schultz and Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation Lianne Ploumen.

Referring to the signing of three important instruments between the two sides in June 2015 on resilient and sustainable delta management for a prosperous Bangladesh, collaboration in land reclamation and land accretion in Bangladesh, and partnership on knowledge and innovation for sustainable development, the Dutch minister assured Bangladesh ambassador of taking measures for early implementation of the instruments specially on land reclamation and accretion.

Both sides agreed to initiate commencing pilot or demonstration projects in this regard, specifically on land reclamation in and around Chittagong Port.

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