

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.8 L 28.3	H 30.4 L 27.9	H 33.0 L 27.0	H 32.2 L 25.3	H 36.2 L 26.5	H 32.8 L 26.6	H 35.0 L 27.6	H 34.1 L 26.8	H 31.8 L 26.4

Light to moderate rain/Thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Bahadurshah divisions in moderately heavy to heavy rain at places over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today, says the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:10pm and rises tomorrow at 05:43am.

## Muktamoni to return home soon: Nasim

Health Minister Mohammed Nasim yesterday said Muktamoni would return home with her parents soon as her physical condition has improved.

"Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is keeping a close watch on Muktamoni's [condition] regularly. She will return home with her parents within a few days," the minister said while visiting Muktamoni at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Nasim said, "Our physicians are giving services cordially despite limited resources." They also became successful in carrying out complicated treatments, including surgical operations on conjoined twins Tofa-Tahura, he added.

The minister hoped that people would get better services after completing construction work of Sheikh Hasina National Burns Institute in Chankharpoor.

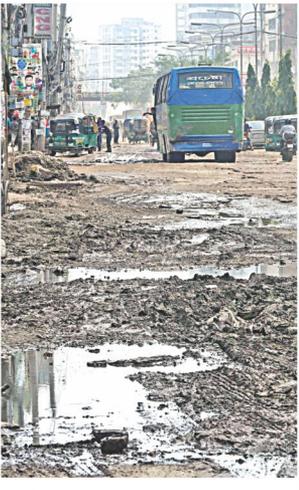
Muktamoni, a 10-year-old girl from Satkhira, was admitted to the hospital on July 11 with a malignant growth on her right arm. A series of surgical operations were carried out without amputating the affected arm.

The premier took the responsibility of Muktamoni's treatment.

According to her father Ibrahim, a grocery shop owner, Muktamoni and her twin sister Hiramoni were a pair of healthy baby girls during their birth but a month after on her right arm a growth which was about 18 months old.



**A large portion of the Rampura Road from Rampura TV Centre to Malibagh rail gate has turned into a nightmare for the commuters. Water-filled potholes and craters scattered all over the road and its uneven surface make it extremely difficult for the motorists to retain control over the vehicles, escalating risk of accidents. The sufferers multiply when the road gets submerged even in the slightest bit of rain. Moreover, the slow pace of ongoing development works has not only created obstruction on the road at different points, but dust cloud from the construction sites also reduces visibility and creates health hazards. The photos were taken yesterday.**



PHOTOS: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## RAJSHAHI RAILWAY STATION

### Tickets in scalpers' hands

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Failing to collect advance train tickets from railway counters, Dhaka-bound passengers from Rajshahi are buying tickets from black markets at hefty prices.

The people came to their village homes to celebrate Eid with their near and dear ones.

The Rajshahi Railway Station authorities began selling advance tickets from August 25 and all tickets for September 4 to 10 were sold by September 1, said Ashim Kumar Talukdar, divisional railway manager of West Zone of Bangladesh Railway.

Notices were hung at ticket counters of the station citing that tickets for September 4 to 10 were not available.

However, some of the passengers were unable to buy tickets from the ticket scalpers abroad of the journeys. They alleged that the toads might have purchased the tickets, in connivance with some corrupt railway staff, to sell those later at higher prices.

Golam Rabbani, a retired government officer, said he stood in a queue on September 6. His serial was 42, but all the 92 tickets were sold among the first 14 persons, he said.

"Some of those who managed tickets were whispering to those who could not manage: meet on the day of journey, you will get tickets," said Rabbani.

He could finally buy an AC chair ticket of Tk 677 at Tk 1,500, hours before the journey.

Talking to passengers, it was learnt that non-AC tickets of Tk 340 were being sold at Tk 700, TK 677 AC chair and TK 782 AC cabin tickets at Tk 2,000, TK 1,221 AC berth tickets were being sold at Tk 4,500.

Nazmul Haque in Sopura area could not collect tickets from designated counters, but he managed an AC chair ticket at Tk 2,000.

"Common people like me are able to find out those scalpers; it's absurd that law enforcers can't find them," said Nazmul.

In this regard, Rajshahi Railway Station Superintendent Ziaul Haque said some people might have bought those tickets in the guise of passengers.

However, Ashim Kumar Talukdar said, "We have not received any report of ticket scalping."

A mobile court was deployed at the station during the ticket sale, and BGB and police forces were also present at the station to check anomalies, he added.

## Abdullah planned massive

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and for this he piled up huge explosives, some of which were already detonated by himself, while some others were recovered by our bomb disposal unit," he said while briefing journalists on the spot in the evening.

The Rab official, however, did not disclose any location or details of the highrize.

Rab personnel also recovered 10 big-size bombs and found 30 unique types of "bottle bombs" made with different chemicals, 10kg of gun powder, 50 locally made sharp weapons, and bomb-making materials including sulphur from the flat yesterday.

They suspended the search operation till morning today. When the operation resumes today, they will search another flat of the house where 23 big refrigerators and many sealed cartoons are still to be checked.

He said they were now looking for one "Don Bhai" and six others employed by Abdullah. Abdullah disclosed the name of Don to Rab officials during their hours of negotiations with Abdullah about his surrender. Rab officials said.

Meanwhile, two people including owner of the house in Darus Salam area, where remains of seven people were

found yesterday, were arrested for their alleged involvement in militancy.

Habibullah Bahar Azad, owner of the building, and night guard Sirajul Islam were arrested as their connection with the militants were found, said Khander Lutful Kabir, commanding officer of Rab-4.

They were shown arrested in a case filed earlier in April in connection with the arrest of militant suspect Tamim Dari.

The duo will be interrogated in remand to get more information, the Rab official said.

Dari, who is said to be a jihadist who converted from Hinduism, and two others, all members Sarowar-Tamim group of JMB, were arrested in Swar on April 27.

In another development, Biman Bangladesh Airlines authorities yesterday asked first officer Sabbir Ahmed, son of the house owner Habibullah Bahar, not to pilot any flight.

A top Biman official said as Sabbir, a copilot, was disturbed by the arrest of his father and discovery of a militant den in their house, the authorities asked him to remain off duty for a few days considering flight safety.

Rab yesterday claimed that Abdullah's family refused to accept his body.

## Court orders further

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submitted on November 19, 2015 by the former union Narcotics Control Act.

PP Fakhruddin said the prosecution expressed discontent over the second charge sheet and sought further investigation as the investigation officer (IO) of the case, similar to the first charge sheet, dropped Nur Mohammad's name from the second charge sheet.

Although the DB in the first charge sheet could not find Nur Mohammad's involvement in the cocaine case, Rab-7 during their investigation later established his involvement in the crime, said court sources.

On April 3 this year, Rab in their charge sheet implicated Nur Mohammad, his brother Mostaq Ahmed and eight others in the case.

Later, on July 27, Nur Mohammad, now on bail, lodged a Tk 100-crore compensation case against seven organisations and three individuals, said court sources.

On June 6 in 2015, based on a tip off, Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) seized a container loaded with 2,140 kilogrammes of liquid, suspected to be liquified cocaine, in 107 drums at Chittagong port.

CIID officials said imported from Bolivia, the container was loaded on the ship in Montevideo of Uruguay and arrived in Chittagong via Singapore on May 13, 2015.

The container, bearing number CDHH, 9145769/193844, was imported by Khan Jahan Ali Limited, with address 232, Nabi Market, Khattunganj, Chittagong, said CIID's officials.

Next month, on June 8, a joint team of concerned authorities found existence of cocaine after they conducted physical examination of the container at the port. The authorities later decided to conduct laboratory tests.

In a laboratory test conducted in Dhaka dated June 27 the same year, one of the drums insured with number 96 was found to have been filled with cocaine.

The following day, on June 28, Sub-inspector Osman Gani of Bandar Police Station filed the much-talked-about cocaine haul case with the police station and the DB of CMP launched an investigation into the case.

A Chittagong court on July 14, 2015 ordered investigators to apply the Special Powers Act in prosecuting the case.

Upon a court order, the IO of the case on July 8 recollected liquid samples from the drums and sent the samples to testing laboratories of Armed Forces Food and Laboratories, Directorate of Narcotic Control and Criminal Investigation Department for further examination.

Existence of cocaine in the sample was found in the tests.

The customs intelligence investigators also found links of two Bangladesh-origin British citizens, Bakul and Fazlur, in the smuggling of the contraband narcotic from Uruguay.

## Take steps to revoke

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country, and to send them back to Myanmar through discussing with the Myanmar government.

He also urged the Bangladesh government to enhance diplomatic efforts to resolve the Rohingya-related crisis.

SCBA Secretary Barrister AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon also spoke to the occasion.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Bar Council yesterday demanded that the world community including the United Nations create pressure on Myanmar to take back the Rohingyas who fled to Bangladesh. They also demanded that the world leaders take effective measures towards stopping violence on the Rohingyas.

## Enslaved in

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said after learning about the abused women, ASK wrote to the foreign ministry requesting to bring back the three women including Rozina.

In less than a month's time, with the latest return of the three on August 25, a total of four women came home from the RSA after undergoing similar horrific abuses.

Returned home with only a month's salary (1,000 Saudi Riyal), battered and exploited Rozina now does not know how she will pull herself together, let alone her family.

She lost the last seven months from her life and now she has to start afresh to earn enough for her son's surgery and daughter's schooling, Rozina said sobbing.

"My daughter had to stop going to school as we couldn't pay her tuition..." she could not finish her sentence.



**The mangled wreckage of the microbus and truck that collided head-on around 3:00pm yesterday on Dhaka-Tangail highway near Khudirampur area in Tangail Sadar. Nine passengers of the hired microbus, including its driver, were killed. Five among the injured were admitted to Tangail General Hospital and Dhaka Medical College Hospital. The passengers, 15 in total, of the microbus were family members and their in-laws.**

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