

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 32.5 L 16.2	MYMENSINGH H 32.8 L 16.3	CHITTAGONG H 32.4 L 16.0	SYLHET H 29.5 L 12.5	RAJSHAH H 30.7 L 12.7	RANGPUR H 31.5 L 12.6	KHULNA H 34.5 L 12.8	BARISAL H 32.6 L 12.5	COX'S BAZAR H 31.8 L 12.5
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Rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Mymensingh, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports DIB. Day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country, says Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:02pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45am.

TAKING BACK ROHINGYAS

President urges France to pressurise Myanmar

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday urged France to persuade the international community to mount pressure on Myanmar to take Rohingya back to their homeland in Rakhine State. He made the call when outgoing France Ambassador in Dhaka Sophie Aubert met him at Bangabhaban.

President's Press Secretary Joyal Abedin briefed reporters after the meeting.

Noting that Bangladesh is a densely populated country and it has given shelters to Rohingya Muslims on humanitarian ground, Hamid sought cooperation of France in putting pressure on the Myanmar government.

Recalling the existing bilateral relations between Bangladesh and France, he said the bilateral trade and investment in both countries will further be increased in the future.

The president congratulated the outgoing French ambassador on completion of his successful tenure in Bangladesh and expressed his gratitude to France for its contribution to Bangladesh's Liberation War in 1971 and subsequently for giving recognition to it as an independent country on February 14, 1972.

Sophie Aubert expressed her gratitude to the president for extending all-out support and cooperation during her tenure.



Indian High Commissioner to Dhaka Harsh Vardhan Shringla, right, hands over emergency aid to Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday for the Rohingya refugees who have fled into Bangladesh following persecution in Myanmar. An Indian Air Force aircraft carrying the first consignment of 53 tonnes of relief materials landed at Chittagong airport around 1:30pm. It includes rice, pulses, sugar, salt, cooking oil, tea, biscuits and mosquito nets. India promised 7,000 tonnes of relief materials to Bangladesh for the Rohingya refugees. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Police checking Rohingya spread

BSS, Dhaka

Amid escalating concern that the Rohingyas might spread out across the country, Bangladesh Police has instructed its members to remain alert and take every possible measure to stop the spread.

Police headquarters on September 10 issued an order on the superintendents of police in Cox's Bazar, Bandarban and Chittagong, additional inspector general of Special Branch, director general of Rapid Action Battalion and commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police to take necessary measures, officials said.

In the order, three SPs have especially been asked to intensify surveil-

lance on the road, water and airways so that the Rohingyas, fleeing from violence in Rakhine state of Myanmar, cannot move from Cox's Bazar to other parts of the country.

Law enforcers have also been asked to update the list of the newly arrived refugees and remain alert to ensure that Rohingyas women do not fall victim to sexual harassment. Also, they were asked to ensure that none of the Rohingyas get involved in smuggling or any other criminal activities.

The headquarters has also instructed police to make necessary security arrangements in and around the Rohingyas camps in Cox's Bazar.

"We have already received such instructions from the police head-

quarters and accordingly, we have increased the number of police and surveillance in the district..." AKM Iqbal Hossain, SP of Cox's Bazar, told the news agency yesterday.

Seven check-posts have been set up surrounding the Rohingya camp, he said. They have also instructed the concerned road and water transport authorities and airways.

The SP, however, opined that it is impossible for police alone to stop Rohingyas from spreading out across the country. "We need support of people..."

Earlier, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said the government has alerted the law enforcement agencies to remain alert in this regard.

He also said, "The government will allocate 2,000 acres of land in Cox's Bazar's Kutupalong area to open a new camp for the newly arrived Rohingyas."

"If needed, we will allot more land to accommodate the refugees. We have allotted the land to keep the refugees in one place so they could not scatter across the country."

Besides, the government has a plan to introduce special identity cards for the new Rohingyas. But, the refugees will have to go through a registration process for obtaining the special ID cards.

The Passport Directorate has started making lists of the refugees to this end.

NEWS IN brief

DU admission tests start today

DU CORRESPONDENT

The honours admission tests for the 2017-2018 academic session of Dhaka University will start today with the "Ca" unit (business studies faculty) examination.

Today's test will be held from 10:00am to 11:00am at different educational institutions across Dhaka city, says a press release. A total of 29,311 candidates have applied for 12,500 seats.

The admission test for "Cha" unit (fine arts faculty) will be held tomorrow at 11 centres on DU campus. As many as 13,476 aspirants will contest for 135 seats in this unit. Electronic devices, including mobile phones and any other communication devices, are prohibited in the examination halls. Seat plans are available on the university website: admission.eis.du.ac.bd.

Our photojournalist Bidyut dies

PHOTO JOURNALIST, KHULNA



Nurul Islam Bidyut, a photojournalist, died at Khulna Medical College Hospital yesterday at the age of 64.

Bidyut had been suffering from diabetes and other diseases. He left behind his wife and a sister.

A former member of Khulna Union of Journalists, he worked at the Rajpath Dabi, a local daily.

He was buried at the city's Tuptara graveyard. Khulna city Mayor Moniruzzaman Moni and local journalists expressed their shock at the death.

Doa for Rishad Raihan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



A doa mahfil for Rishad Raihan, an IT project manager of Daraz.com, will be held after Asr prayers at DSCSC (Staff College) mosque in Mirpur Cantonment in the capital's Mirpur-12 today, said a press release.

Rishad, son of Prof Shamima Parvin Lasker, died at United Hospital on August 2 of a brain tumor. He was 28, said the release. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme.

PM spreading lies

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spread from a report of her allegation..."

Referring to a report of Global Intelligence Network, Jatiya Party Lawmaker Fahruddin Imam presented a list in the parliament on Wednesday night about assets of BNP leaders abroad. Claiming that the Zia family members have assets worth Tk 1,200 crore in at least 12 foreign countries, he sought the government's move in this regard.



A view of the "South Huda's Skyline" project in the capital's Gulshan. Noted architect Rafiq Azam, inset, and his firm Shatotto were announced the winner of the Cityscape Awards 2017 in Dubai on Monday for the project.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Architect Azam wins Cityscape Awards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noted architect Rafiq Azam and his architecture firm Shatotto have won the Cityscape Awards 2017.

The honour was announced on Monday at a hotel in Dubai, says a press release.

Shatotto has been declared as the winner for "South Huda's Skyline" project, which is situated in Dhaka's Gulshan, under the category, "Residential-Medium to High Rise (Built)". The developer of the project is "South Breeze Housing Ltd."

The Cityscape Awards for emerging markets celebrates excellence in real estate development and architecture.

This year, over 300 submissions were received from 13 different countries in 11 different categories, and only 45 were shortlisted and invited to present their works physically on September 9.

Shatotto, specialised in modern architectural aesthetics and the ancient architectural heritage of the region, was established in May 1993.

Dissolve

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introducing Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) and "no vote" system in the next election. Secretary General Syed Bahadur Shaha led the 12-member delegation.

The party placed a 12-point recommendation including dissolving after the announcement of electronic schedule, and holding the polls in three phases - 100 constituencies in each phase.

The EC has already started holding dialogue with 40 registered political parties in different phases. So far, around a dozen political parties including the two have joined dialogue with EC.

Earlier, the EC also held talks with civil society members, editors and senior journalists. Most civil society members during talks with the EC on July 30 spoke for restoring "no vote" system and ensuring a level-playing field for all political parties to hold the next election in a free, fair and participatory manner.

Petition seeks arrest

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asking her to appear before it on September 12. But the BNP chairperson didn't comply.

Siddique on November 3 last year had filed the case with the court accusing Khaleda and her late husband former president Ziaur Rahman of undermining Bangladesh's map and the national flag.

After holding a hearing, the court directed the officer-in-charge of Teigaon Police Station to investigate the matter.

OC (investigation) Moshir Rahman of the police station found the allegations to be true. He, however, dropped Zia's name from the case as he was dead.

Moshir submitted the probe report to the court on February 25.

Taking to The Daily Star yesterday, Sanuallah Mia, one of the lawyers of Khaleda, said they could not represent the former prime minister, now in London, in the court as they had no Vaklatnama from her.

A Vaklatnama is a document in writing, appointing a lawyer to represent the client's matter in a court.

As alleged in the complaint, Zia had taken over as the country's president after the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with most of his family members on August 15, 1975. He also threatened Hasina and confined her after she had arrived in the country from abroad on May 17, 1981.

Khaleda had formed a coalition government with Jamaat-e-Islami in 2001. She appointed ministers from the party and handed over the map and the national flag of independent Bangladesh to them even though they fought against the country during the Liberation War, read the complaint.

The move was tantamount to undermining Bangladesh's map and the national flag, the complainant alleged.

REMEMBRANCE

With great love and respect, we remember today our beloved father and founder Chairman, Mr. S. S. F. Ahmed, FCA. He left us on September 15, 2001 for his eternal abode.

May Allah Grant him Blessings and Eternal Peace, and ease our hearts from the pain of his absence.

A Milad Mehfil will be held on this occasion at his village home of Maizbhandar Darbar Sharif on 15th September, 2017 after Asr prayers. Family, friends and colleagues are cordially invited to attend.

Family and Colleagues



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