

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Light to moderate rain/thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at a few places over Khulna, Rajshahi & Dhaka divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today, said the Met office. **The sun sets in the capital today at 5:55pm and rises tomorrow at 05:48am.** Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Charge sheet 'mostly incorrect'

Allege RU teachers

RU CORRESPONDENT



JOLY'S DEATH

Questioning the charge sheet in a case filed over the death of Associate Professor Akter Jahan Joly of Rajshahi University, her fellow teachers of the mass communication and journalism department yesterday alleged that their statements written in the charge sheet were "mostly false and incorrect".

Moreover, the investigation officer (IO) of the case did not contact all of them or take their official statements, they alleged.

The teachers were speaking at a press conference at the department.

Prof Pradip Kumar Panday, chairman of the department, alleged, "Most of the information there [charge sheet] was false and incorrect. The IO contacted some of us. How can it [charge sheet] contain our statements, when all of us did not give ours?"

On the other hand, IO Brojo Gopal Karmakar, sub-inspector of Motihar Police Station, said, "We submitted the charge sheet after a proper investigation."

When asked about the allegation, he said he spoke to all the seven teachers, also witnesses of the case, but did not "record" their statements.

"Their [teachers] statements in the charge sheet were not... SEE PAGE 4 COL 5



A man tries to get onto a moving bus right in the middle of Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue yesterday. Though he was lucky to get on it unscathed, such practice could easily turn fatal. The photo was taken near the Saarc Fountain circle.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

TK 3CR GRAFT ACC arrests Padma Oil former MD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday arrested Padma Oil Company Ltd former managing director in Dhaka in two cases filed over misappropriating more than Tk 3 crore.

An ACC team, led by its Assistant Director Sirajul Haque, held Abul Khair at his Gulshan residence, ACC Public Relations Officer Pranab Kumar Bhattacharya told The Daily Star.

One of the cases was filed for embezzling Tk 2.75 crore from a project to install the hydrant line, an aviation fueling system, at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in 1995-96 fiscal, said Sirajul.

Two other accused in the case are Fahim Zaman Pathan, SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

Democracy thrives on tolerance

AL, BNP leaders tell discussion; stress nurturing youth leadership

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tolerance to opinion of the opposition is important to promoting democracy in the country, said Awami League and BNP leaders at a discussion yesterday.

They also stressed the need for increasing the role of youths in politics and said youth leadership should be nurtured for the country's overall development.

The discussion titled, "Advancing Youth Leadership and Participation for Peaceful Elections" was organised by Democracy International at a hotel in the capital, participated by leaders and activists of the two major political parties from different districts.

The speakers also urged a concerted effort for holding a peaceful national election.

Speaking as the chief guest, HT Imam, the prime minister's political adviser, said, "Without tolerance, democracy can never flourish."

He also said, "A peaceful election depends on overall efforts of all political parties. And, the responsibility of the Election Commission is to ensure a fair and transparent election."

During election, the responsibilities of the interim government are very limited, he said. "Its major duty is to help the EC arrange the poll properly."

Nazrul Islam Khan, BNP standing committee member, said being tolerant to the opinion of the opposition is a must for the sustenance of a viable democratic system.

He highlighted the necessity of youth leadership and emphasised the importance of student elections to develop future leaders. He also warned the political parties not to involve in any harmful activities or else the young leaders will learn the same.

He also demanded a transparent and fair election.

AL presidium member Dr Abdur Razzaque advised young leaders to practise tolerance among themselves, saying, "To promote democracy, it is vital to have tolerance."

Regarding the upcoming national election, he said it is the constitutional binding for the government to assist the EC during the election.

He also called upon the BNP to participate in the next election assuring them that the polls would be fair under the EC.

Dr Abdur Moyeen Khan, another BNP standing committee member, said the young leaders have new ideas and power to reshape politics and policies. He called upon the youths to reshape politics instead of rejecting it.

Katie Croake, chief of party for Democracy International, and Janina Jaruzelski, mission director of USAID Bangladesh, were also present.

Process to reconstitute ICT-1 started

Says law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has initiated a process to reconstitute the International Crimes Tribunal-1 through appointing its chairman and a member.

Justice Md Shahinur Islam, a High Court judge, who is now a member of the ICT-1, will be appointed as the tribunal's chairman and retired district judge Abu Ahmed Jomader as its member, Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star.

He said his ministry yesterday sent the relevant file with the proposal to the Prime Minister's Office for... SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

Health sector needs more public funding

Says State Minister for Health Zahid Maleque

UNB, Dhaka

State Minister for Health Zahid Maleque yesterday said a significant public funding in the health sector and its equitable distribution is imperative to ensure sustainable progress towards universal health coverage (UHC) and sustainable development goals (SDGs).

He made the remarks while addressing a dissemination workshop of Bangladesh National Health Accounts (BNHA) 1997-2015 at a Dhaka hotel.

Health Economics Unit (HEU) of the Health Services Division under the Ministry of Health arranged the workshop on Bangladesh National Health Accounts (BNHA) 1997-2015 with support from the World Health Organization (WHO), said a press release.

Maleque said the current BNHA data... SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

present fresh evidence as benchmarks in the health sector of the country aiming to help protect people from catastrophic health expenditure, reduce inequities in health services and make definitive strides towards universal health coverage.

The fifth round of BNHA estimates that Bangladesh spends only 3 percent of its GDP in the health sector. The first round of BNHA was released in 1997 while the second one in 2003, third in 2007 and fourth in 2012. The estimate of BNHA accounted per capita total health expenditure (THE) at US\$ 37 in 2015 which was US\$ 27 in 2012.

The BNHA that monitors the flow of resources in the country's health system and provides detailed data on health finances shows the government share on THE kept on declining. The THE was 37 percent in 1997, which came down to 23 percent in 2015.



Singer Shama Rahman performs at the "South Asian Music Festival: Timeless Classical Echoes" being held at MasterCard Theatres of Marina Bay Sands, Singapore yesterday. The four-day festival, organised by Blues Communications of Bangladesh with support from India's Perfect Harmony Global, opened on Wednesday. The festival is presented by IFIC Bank. PHOTO: COLLECTED

REMARKS ABOUT PM Imran H Sarker, Sanatan get bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Gonojagoron Mancha spokesperson Imran H Sarker and cultural activist Sanatan Ullash secured bail yesterday, a day after arrest warrants were issued against them in a defamation case filed for making "derogatory remarks" about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The court of First Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Sheikh Chhמידul Islam granted them bail after they surrendered before it and sought bail in the case.

The court passed the bail order upon a Tk 10,000 bond with two guarantors for each accused.

Earlier on Wednesday, the same court cancelled their bail and issued arrest warrants against both as they skipped the hearing of the case without any steps taken by their lawyers for their non-appearance.

On May 31, BCL leader Golam Rabbani filed the case with the court against the two. The court then summoned them to appear before it.

According to the case statement, Imran and Sanatan chanted defamatory slogans against the... SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

India to join building Rooppur nuclear plant

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

India has said it is collaborating with Russia to build the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant in Bangladesh.

This will be India's first atomic energy venture abroad and first such collaboration on an atomic energy project in a third country.

"We are collaborating with our Russian and Bangladeshi partners on establishing the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant in Bangladesh," India's Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Sekhar Basu said at the 61st general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna on Wednesday, according to an official copy of his speech made available in New Delhi.

Sekhar Basu's speech, however, did not clarify the type of "collaboration" India was undertaking with Russia.

New Delhi is not a member of the Nuclear Suppliers Group -- a 48-nation group that controls the export of materials, equipment and technology.

The Indian nuclear establishment has not been able to grow internationally for... SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

years due to sanctions imposed by several countries on New Delhi following the 1974 Pokhran nuclear tests.

India and Bangladesh signed three MoUs on cooperation in the civil nuclear sector during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi in April this year.

Under the MoUs, the two sides can collaborate in manufacturing equipment and material for the atomic power plant.

According to an understanding titled "Strategic Vision for Strengthening Cooperation in Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy", reached between India and Russia in December 2014, the "two sides will explore opportunities for sourcing materials, equipment and services from Indian industry for the construction of the Russian-designed nuclear power plants in third countries".

The Rooppur project, which is being built by Russia, will be Bangladesh's first atomic energy project. With the completion of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, Bangladesh will be the third South Asian country after India and Pakistan to harness energy from atomic fission.

Biren Sikder 'best youth minister' in South Asia

BSS, Dhaka



State Minister for Youth and Sports Dr Shri Biren Sikder was elected the "best youth minister" in South Asia on the concluding day of the South Asian Youth Summit in India on Wednesday.

International Youth Committee Chairman Jayanta Patra handed over the award -- "best youth minister" -- to Biren Sikder, said an official release yesterday.

The four-day summit was held at Bhubaneswar, capital of Odisha state, from September 17 to 20, the release added.

PM for creating global fund on water

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for creating a global fund on water to attain the relevant sustainable development goal (SDG).

The fund would support research, innovation and technology transfer, and investing heavily in resilient and innovative water infrastructures to create new narratives and renewed values on water, she told a meeting of the High-Level Panel on Water at the UN Headquarters.

The prime minister also urged governments and leaders for taking meaningful... SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

water actions to explore all possible platforms in respective regions and at the global level to ensure water governance and continue to give best attention to water.

Sheikh Hasina underscored the need for giving a fresh focus on the impacts of climate change and the intensity of water-related disasters such as flood, draught and cyclone, saying long-term strategies were needed to tackle these challenges.

She said Bangladesh valued water as rights. She said water along with other SDGs, particularly health, agriculture, industry, infrastructure and cities, had some critical and connecting roles.

DURGA PUJA SECURITY CMP to deploy 3,000-strong force

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Nearly 3,000 personnel under Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) will ensure security at the city's mandaps (worship pavilions) and immersion points during the Durga Puja this year.

A large number of police members will also patrol the city and the CMP will set up a control room at Patenga Police Station to monitor and check any untoward situation, CMP chief Iqbal Bahar said yesterday following a meeting with Puja Udjapan Parishad of Chittagong city.

Representatives of different government organisations, leaders of the Hindu community and police high-ups were... SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

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