

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 33.9 | L 28.6 MYMENSINGH 34.5 | L 27.0 CHITTAGONG 34.0 | L 25.5 SYLHET 35.3 | L 26.8 RAJSHAHI 35.0 | L 26.4 RANGPUR 34.3 | L 26.6 KHULNA 35.2 | L 28.0 BARISAL 33.2 | L 27.5 COX'S BAZAR 34.4 | L 25.7

Light to moderate rain / thunder showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at many places over Chittagong division and at a few places over Dhaka, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Mymensingh and Khulna divisions over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today, said the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:51pm and rises tomorrow at 05:49am. Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

BADDHA, SHYAMPUR FIRES 2 succumb to injuries at DMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people including a boy, who earlier sustained burn injuries in two separate fire accidents, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

The deceased are Amanullah, 11, a student of class-III at a local madrasa in Baddha, and Enayet Hossain, 35, a grocer in Shyampur of the capital.

Originating from "an electric short circuit", a fire broke out on the ground floor of a two-storey tin-shed building at Baddha's Boithakali area on Sunday, leaving Amanullah, his mother Jesmin, and eight-year-old sister Sanjida severely injured.

Jesmin, 38, died on the same day, while Amanullah succumbed to his injuries around 5:00am yesterday, said Kazi Wazed Ali, officer-in-charge of Baddha Police Station.

Sanjida with 28 percent burn injuries is undergoing treatment at the burn unit of DMCH.

Meanwhile, Enayet succumbed to his injuries with 90 percent burns around 12:30pm at DMCH yesterday, said Abdul Jalil, OC of Kadamali Police Station.

On early Friday, Enayet was severely injured along with his three children and wife when a fire broke out after an explosion caused by a "gas line leak" at their house in Shyampur area.

Enayet's wife Mariam Begum, 30, and their three children -- Anny, 8, Habiba, 4, and Jubair, 2 -- are undergoing treatment at the burn unit with less than 20 percent burn injuries.



BRACING FOR SUFFERINGS: Workers construct a new sewer system on the road in front of Central Police Hospital at Razgarbagh in the capital. As almost half of the road is dug up, the road remains gridlocked with heavy traffic, resulting in severe public suffering.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

RU teacher assaulted by student

OUR CORRESPONDENT, RU

A teacher of Institute of Business Administration (IBA) at Rajshahi University was assaulted by a student yesterday afternoon.

According to the IBA sources, Nahid Haider, a student of the ninth batch, was doing internship under the supervision of Prof Hasnath Ali, and yesterday was the last day for submitting internship reports.

Yesterday, Nahid called his professor as he was not in his office room. An altercation started as the professor arrived late and at one point Nahid punched him in the face, said Prof Hasnath. The teacher further said he had asked Nahid to meet him on Sunday, but he did not show up.

On the other hand, Nahid claimed that he beat up the professor as he verbally abused him and made derogatory remarks about his parents during the altercation. The professor denied it.

Prof Rafiqul Islam, director of IBA, said Nahid was handed over to Motihar police and a general diary was filed in this regard.

Meanwhile, the academic

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How fast are the fast track projects?

UNB, Dhaka

Among the government's priority fast track projects, only Padma Bridge has so far made some notable progress as 46 percent of the main bridge's work has been finished as of August this year with its approach road at Mawa end and service area already completed.

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CU extends support to PM's proposals

CU CORRESPONDENT

Condemning genocide against the Rohingyas, Chittagong University (CU) authorities yesterday formed a human chain on the campus.

The human chain also extended its support to the five-point proposal of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to mitigate the Rohingya crisis.

Speaking at the programme organised under the banner of CU teachers, officials and students, Vice-chancellor (VC) Professor Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury thanked the premier for providing shelters and assistance to Rohingya refugees.

He also urged the United Nations (UN) to implement the proposals immediately.

Myanmar has reportedly violated all human rights by forcing Rohingyas to leave their homeland, he added.

CU Teachers' Association President Professor Mihir Kumar Roy alleged that vested quarters are trying to cash in on the Rohingya issue by spreading fake photos and videos on social media.

"Law enforcement agencies have to remain alert so that no vested quarter can destroy the communal harmony of our country," he added.

The speakers urged the international community

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ROHINGYA CRISIS

Cox's Bazar passengers must carry photo ID

BSS, Dhaka

Amid rising concern about Rohingya refugees leaving makeshift shelters and spreading across the country, the home ministry yesterday issued an instruction to bus and other transport owners in Cox's Bazar to check passenger identification.

"We want to stop them from fanning out of their shelters in Cox's Bazar," Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan told BSS today.

He said all passengers will need to produce their photo identity cards while availing any type of transport in the area as law enforcement agencies have set up check posts at different points.

Earlier, Inspector General of Police

AKM Shahidul Hoque said since the latest influx of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar began to pour in after August 25, more than 200 such refugees were detained from different locations in the country and sent back to camps in Cox's Bazar.

On September 14, police detained 20 Rohingyas in Manikganj and sent them back to the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

According to police headquarters, on September 10, it sent out an order to superintendents of police (SPs) in three districts -- 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

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Proposed shelter site not habitable yet

Says report

UNB, Dhaka

The land that has been allocated for building a new site for Rohingyas is "not suitable" for habitation yet, says a new report on Sunday.

Population movement within Cox's Bazar remains highly fluid with the increasing concentration on Ukhia where the government has allocated 2,000 acres for a new camp, according to the report.

People have begun arriving in the newly proposed site before the establishment of infrastructures and services.

Most importantly, the report claims, there is a limited access to the site in the absence of roads, preventing the development of infrastructures, and creating hindrance to ensure facilities like water and sanitation.

"There's no road access, and the population density in accessible areas is extremely high which poses multiple risks," says the report. The news agency obtained a copy of the report.

An estimated 4,70,000 people are in need of shelter that

Two more HIV-positive refugees found

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two more HIV-positive Rohingya refugees were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday.

Chon Khatun, 50, and Shahjahan Begum, 60, both hailing from Maungdaw, were referred to CMCH from Ukhia Health Complex in Teknaf, said CMCH police outpost's Nayek Amir Hossen.

Shahjahan is also infected by Hepatitis C virus, said CMCH's Director Brig Gen Md Jalal Uddin.

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Buddhists form a human chain in front of Chittagong Press Club yesterday, demanding an end to atrocities against Rohingyas in Myanmar. They also called on the Myanmar government to take back the refugees currently taking shelter in Bangladesh.

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RU sees nearly twofold rise in applications

DU 'Kha' unit results published

STAR REPORT

The Rajshahi University (RU) authorities have sold a record number of application forms of undergraduate admission tests this year, nearly a twofold rise from last year.

A total of 3,16,120 applications were received against 4,700 seats available at 57 departments under nine faculties and two institutes, said Prof Provash Kumar Karmakar, administrator of public relations office.

This means, some 67 admission seekers will compete for one seat.

Online application for the admission tests for 2017-18 academic session opened on September 10 and closed on Sunday night. "C" unit (science) received the highest number of applications (49,174).

According to the RU administration, the authorities received 1,78,948 applications in the 2015-16 session while 1,60,682 applications in 2014-15 session.

RU Student Advisor Prof Zannatul Ferdous said, "This year, we have reinstated

the system allowing admission seekers to sit for the entrance test for a second time which was scrapped in 2015-16 session."

This is one of the reasons such a huge number of candidates applied, he added.

The entrance tests will be held from October 22 to 26. Details will be available on RU website at <http://admission.ru.ac.bd>.

DU 'KHA' UNIT RESULTS

Nearly 17 percent of the candidates secured pass marks in the admission tests held under Dhaka University's 'Kha' unit (humanities) for 2017-18 academic session.

DU acting vice-chancellor Prof Md Akhtarruzzaman announced the results at the central admission office on the campus around 12:30pm.

As many as 5,188 students out of 31,336 came out successful against 2,363 seats.

The results can be viewed on the university website admission.eis.du.ac.bd or via short message service (SMS) sent from mobile phones of any operator.

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Bangladeshi Math Olympiad team felicitated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A warm reception was accorded to the Bangladeshi Olympiad team for its outstanding performance in the 58th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) 2017 held in Brazil a couple of months ago.

Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee and Biggan Chinta, a monthly science magazine of the daily Prothom Alo, jointly organised the reception in the capital's National Museum.

With two silver and two bronze medals, and two honorary recognitions, the six-member team took the 26th place among participants from 111 countries in the IMO. The team also secured the first place among the South Asian countries.



The six winners from Bangladesh at the 58th International Math Olympiad felicitated at a ceremony in Sufia Kamal Auditorium of the National Museum yesterday. The team included Asif E Elahi from MC College in Sylhet, Ahmed Zawad Chowdhury from Cantonment English School and College in Chittagong, Rahul Saha from Dhaka College, and Tamzid Morshed Rubab and Sabbir Rahman from Notre Dame College, and Nayeemul Islam from Amrita Lal Dey College in Barisal. Bangladesh Math Olympiad Committee and science magazine Biggan Chinta jointly organised the reception.

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