

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.6 L 25.8	H 33.0 L 24.6	H 33.0 L 26.5	H 35.0 L 25.0	H 32.1 L 26.1	H 31.0 L 26.4	H 32.0 L 26.5	H 32.5 L 25.5	H 29.8 L 25.6

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Mymensingh and Sylhet districts with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UPR. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59am. Met office said.

'Forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals'

Govt to identify Rohingyas by this term instead of 'refugees'
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Affairs Secretary M Shahidul Haque yesterday said the government had decided to call Rohingya people 'forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals' instead of 'refugees'.
The matter will be raised at the United Nations at an opportune moment, he told an opinion sharing meeting at the capital's Cirdap auditorium. The minister said it might trigger controversy but "we have a very good explanation for that."
Human Rights Forum Bangladesh organised the meeting on "Sharing fear Universal Periodic Review (UPR) stakeholders' report with ministers and national institutions".
Speaking as chief guest, the foreign secretary, however, said whether Rohingyas were displaced as refugees or not, using this term would not hamper fulfilling their needs. The senior bureaucrat.



Local people have built this bamboo bridge on their own to cross the Banasree canal to commute between Banasree and Aftabnagar residential areas. For their daily business, the people have to make the crossing several times every day to avoid a tiresome and time-consuming detour since there is no other option. Although this bridge has made their lives a lot easier, its shaky structure may collapse and cause casualties anytime. This bridge is around half a kilometre away from Palpara bridge and there was no other such structure across the long canal. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

ROHINGYA CRISIS PM should visit India, China, Russia

Fahruhl tells press in Cox's Bazar
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina should visit India, China and Russia to garner their support for the Rohingya issue.
"Urging the PM to make diplomatic efforts to convince the three countries to take effective measures in this regard," he said. "If necessary, the prime minister [Sheikh Hasina] should visit India, China and Russia so they don't take any negative stance over the Rohingya crisis."
The BNP leader made the call while addressing a press conference in Cox's Bazar.
Many international organisations, rights bodies and different countries have become vocal against the Myanmar government for its persecution of the Rohingyas while India, China and Russia endorsed its military operations in Rakhine State in the name of combating terrorism.
The government should make diplomatic efforts so

Discussion on Abul Mansur Ahmad today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A discussion on the life and works of the renowned litterateur, journalist and politician Abul Mansur Ahmad will be held today.
Abul Mansur Ahmad Smriti Parishad is organising the event titled, "Language Movement and Thoughts of Abul Mansur Ahmad", at Abul Karim Sahitya Bibhara Auditorium of Bangla Academy at 4:00pm.
Chaired by Professor Emeritus Rafiqul Islam, a keynote paper will be presented at the event by Prof Habib Ar Rahman, according to a press release.
Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, Prof Mansur Mridha, Prof Mahbulul Hoque, Dr Md Chengis Khan, Dr Ahmed Mawla and Dr Mohammad Azam will take part in the discussion.
Abul Mansur Ahmad Smriti Parishad requested all interested to attend the programme.



Abul Mansur Ahmad

Section 57 shrinks press freedom

Human Rights Forum Bangladesh tells views exchange meeting
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Grim picture of human rights situation is prevailing in the country although the government promised to the UN Human Rights Council to improve it, said Human Rights Forum Bangladesh yesterday.
The state could not stop extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances. Besides, effectiveness and independence of organs like National Human Rights Commission, Information Commission and Anti-Corruption Commission are questionable, said the forum, a coalition of 20 rights bodies.
The forum was disseminating data of a draft universal periodic review (UPR) stakeholders' report at a views exchange meeting at the capital's Cirdap auditorium yesterday.
It said the space for freedom of press and free thinkers have shrunk with the country experiencing misuse of section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology Act,

which created panic among journalists. Incidents of blogger-killing took place since 2013.
The UPR stakeholders, who are civil society, NGOs and National Human Rights Commission, will submit a report before the UN Human Rights Council within October 5 for the third cycle to be effective between 2017 and 2021.
A review of the report is supposed to take place in May, 2018. Besides, the Bangladesh government and different UN associate organisations will submit two separate reports.
Forum member and Transparency International Bangladesh Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said the government should address extrajudicial killing and enforced disappearance and make required legal changes to eradicate those.
"Although the government reiterated its 'zero-tolerance' policy on extrajudicial killing, in reality this type of killing has been recurring alarmingly," he said, while reading out a

paper, adding 823 persons became victims of such killings between 2013 and June, 2017.
Sheepa Hafiza, forum convener and executive director of Ain o Salish Kendra, said they have prepared a comprehensive report with views of all parties involved in the forum.
Foreign Affairs Secretary M Shahidul Haque said they will consider the stakeholders' report with due importance while addressing the issue and preparing a state report.
He said as on previous occasions, Bangladesh will show strong reservations about accepting recommendations such as repealing death sentence and accepting same-sex relationship.
He further said the country had made progress in some areas during second UPR cycle, especially while achieving millennium development goals.
WHAT IS UPR
The UPR is a unique process which involves a periodic review of the human rights records of all 193 UN member

No trace of missing Rajshahi youth

Family tells press conference that he was picked up by 'Rab men' two and half months back

Family members of Rajshahi youth who was freed as an electrician alongside his studies.
On July 18 evening, one Torikul Islam asked Faruk to visit his place and repair some electrical equipment, said Jahir.
As Torikul's place was far away, Faruk took his father's motorbike, and also his neighbour, Ibrahim, to give him company along the way.
Upon reaching the house, Faruk went inside the house while Ibrahim was waiting outside.
After a while, a group of people appeared in front of Torikul's place in a white microbus, picked up Faruk from inside the house, and took him away driving the same microbus, alleged Jahir.
When the locals tried to collect



Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday gave a courtesy call on President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban. During the meeting, the speaker apprised the president of the preparation and activities of the upcoming 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference scheduled to be held in Dhaka during the November 1-8 next, reports UNB. Dr Shirin, also the CPA chairperson, informed him about different development activities of Bangladesh Parliament, including the Parliament Library.

840MW more power likely to be imported from India

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh is likely to import another 840 MW of electricity - 340 MW from Tripura and 500 MW from West Bengal.
Bangladesh's interest to import the new bulk of electricity in addition to the existing 500 MW is being discussed in the JSC meeting held in the capital yesterday.

JSC MEETING HELD

According to Power Division statement on the meeting outcome, both sides discussed the vast areas of cooperation in the power sector and expressed satisfaction over the progress of the 1,320 MW Rampal coal-fired power plant project's implementation.

The last joint steering committee meeting was held in New Delhi.

DMP plans tight security for Ashura

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday said it has taken tight security measures ahead of the holy Ashura that is to be observed on Sunday.
Taking account of the Hossaini Dalan bomb explosion incident of 2015, the DMP dog squad is scanning the building and the scanning will go on till the end of the event, DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia said at a security briefing in front of the Hossaini Dalan.
"The Tajia procession on the occasion of the holy Ashura ended safely in 2016 as we devised a new security plan based on the previous bomb blast experience," he said.
At least two people were killed and over 150 others injured in bomb explosions in front of the Hossaini Dalan on October 23, 2015.
Replying to a query, the DMP chief said a charge sheet has been filed with a court in this regard, several of the accused in the case were arrested and several others killed in anti-militancy drives.
This year, the Tajia procession of the 9th of Moharram (Saturday, September 30) will start at 9:00am from Hossaini Dalan and end at Dhammond Lake. The 10th Moharram Tajia procession will begin at 2:00pm.

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