

**WEATHER FORECAST**

| YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES | DHAKA         | MYMENSINGH    | CHITTAGONG    | SYLHET        | RAJSHAHI      | RANGPUR       | KHULNA        | BARISAL       | COX'S BAZAR   |
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|                          | H 31.9 L 26.0 | H 32.0 L 25.8 | H 30.0 L 25.3 | H 34.5 L 25.0 | H 32.4 L 25.7 | H 32.8 L 26.4 | H 29.6 L 25.5 | H 28.0 L 25.5 | H 29.8 L 24.8 |

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy to heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:38 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:54am, Met office said.

## 7kg of gold seized at Dhaka airport

Customs intelligence seized seven kilogrammes of gold worth around Tk 3.5 crore from a plane at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka on Saturday night. Acting on a tip-off, a customs team conducted a search on flight "SQ446" of Singapore Airlines coming from Singapore after it landed at the airport around 10:40pm, said Moinul Khan, director general of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate. The officials found seven gold bars in one of the rolls of cloths that was in a pallet consisting of four such rolls. The consignment documents show that one Robin from Singapore booked the package under the name of Arafat Fabrics Industries. Further actions will be taken after an investigation, said Moinul Khan.



Webbs of Internet and cable TV wires hanging right overhead on a footpath in the capital's Fakirapool area, creating obstruction for the pavement users. The photo was taken yesterday.

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## HC stays trial proceedings

The High Court yesterday stayed the trial proceedings of a case filed over seizure of liquid cocaine from a container carrying sunflower oil at Chittagong port in May, 2015. It also issued a rule asking the government to explain why the trial proceedings of the case should not be scrapped. The HC bench of Justice Md Miftah Uddin Choudhury and Justice ANM Bashir Ullah came up with the order and rule after hearing a petition filed by Khan Jahan Ali Ltd's Chairman Nur Mohammad, who is an accused of the case, seeking cancellation of its trial proceedings. The HC stayed the trial proceedings of the case on the ground that the Rapid Action Battalion started investigation of the case before it got permission from the home ministry, Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir told The Daily Star. He, however, said the government will move an appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court seeking stay on the HC order. Advocate Zainul Abedin appeared for Nur Mohammad, who has earlier got bail from the HC in the case. The customs intelligence detected the cocaine inside a barrel that weighed 185kg, which was imported from Bolivia along with 106 other barrels on May 12, 2015. The other barrels reportedly carried sunflower oil. The case was filed with Bandar Police Station on June 27 that year in connection with the seizure.

## Three more Rohingyas admitted to CMCH

Three more Rohingyas were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) early yesterday with stab injuries and other health complexities, said police. Dildar Begum, 30, wife of Ayesha, 60, wife of Mokbul Ahmed; and Kala Mia, 40, son of Abdul Jabbar, were rushed to CMCH from Cox's Bazar. Dildar was stabbed in the head in Myanmar, a policeman quoted her as saying. Kala Mia is suffering from leg infection while Ayesha chest pain, he added.

## Hand over pneumatic horns to police stations: HC

The High Court yesterday directed all vehicle owners and drivers of the country to hand over pneumatic horns to the police stations concerned within 15 days. The court also asked police to destroy the pneumatic horns soon after getting those in hands. The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the order after receiving three reports from the authorities concerned of the government to this effect. The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner, joint commissioner (DMP traffic) and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) chairman submitted the three reports to the HC through Deputy Attorney General Taposh Kumar Bishwas in response to its August 23 directives. In the reports, they said hundreds of pneumatic horns have been confiscated and destroyed following the HC directives. Following a writ petition, the HC on August 23, directed the authorities concerned of the government to take necessary steps in 48 hours to stop the use of pneumatic horns used by vehicles in Dhaka city. The court also issued a rule asking the authorities to explain in four weeks why their inaction in stopping of pneumatic horns or any device creating alarming noise by the vehicles should not be declared illegal and why they should not be directed to stop the use of such devices. During hearing the rule yesterday, petitioner's lawyer Manzill Murshid told the HC that according to the vehicle rules, the punishment for using the horn is Tk 100 fine and after giving the fine, anyone can use the horn. He prayed to the court to pass necessary orders for confiscating the pneumatic horns and destroying those.

## RULES FOR JUDGES SC gives time till Nov 5

The Supreme Court yesterday extended time until November 5 for issuing a gazette notification on the disciplinary rules for lower court judges. The apex court adjourned till that day (November 5) the hearing on the Masdar Hossain case known as judiciary separation case with which the issuance of a gazette notification on the disciplinary rules for lower court judges was linked. A five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, who is discharging the responsibilities of Chief Justice

## Shun corrupt practices

President urges grassroots public representatives attract them to do politics." Hamid asked all to work for the welfare of the country and its people keeping the hopes and aspirations of the people in mind. About the recent flashflood that affected haors, and relief materials and other facilities provided by the government and other development agencies, he expressed his frustration over the misbehaviour and corrupt practices of some elected representatives. "I received some complaints that some elected leaders, including members and others concerned, didn't distribute post-flood relief materials here properly. This can't be accepted at all," he said. The president also urged the public representatives to shun this negative attitude and corrupt practices, and instead work for the welfare of people who voted them to power. He said all must keep in mind the rights



President Abdul Hamid yesterday urged the grassroots public representatives to ensure justice for and welfare of those who voted them to power. "Ensure justice for the voters... behave well with them," he told local public representatives at a views-exchange meeting at President Abdul Hamid Auditorium-cum-Community Centre in Mithamian upazila. Mentioning that the behaviour of real political leaders should always be people-friendly, the president said people made them leaders for changing their fate. "And you must keep this in mind. Or else, they won't give you even salam (respect) after you lose power." He said, "Being an elected representative -- be it union parishad member or MP -- you have some responsibilities and you're accountable to the voters as well. Your positive attitude will



Supreme Court Bar Association forms a human chain on the bar association premises yesterday, protesting what they said the "house arrest" of Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha. It also demanded upholding of the judiciary's image.

## Bangladesh, Nepal stress further cooperation

Dhaka and Kathmandu have stressed further cooperation in their areas of connectivity, trade and investment, power and tourism. The issues were discussed when Nepalese Foreign Secretary Shanker Das Bairagi paid a courtesy call on Bangladesh Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at his ministry yesterday. Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali said Bangladesh has a great deal of sympathy for Nepal as a land-locked country. Bairagi is visiting Bangladesh to attend the second bilateral consultations between the two foreign secretaries of Bangladesh and Nepal held yesterday.

## BANANI RAPE 3 accused denied bail again

A Dhaka court yesterday again rejected bail petitions of three accused, including the prime accused of the case, filed over the rape of two university students at a Banani hotel. The accused are: Ahmed Shafat, Shafat's driver Billal Hossain, and his bodyguard Rahmat Ali. Earlier, different courts had rejected their bail petitions saying that the charges brought against them were heinous and serious. Judge (in charge) Jayasri Samaddar of the Second Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression passed the order after their lawyers submitted separate petitions seeking bail in the case. The tribunal also adjourned until October 16 the proceedings of the case after the prosecution submitted a petition seeking time saying that complainant of the case could not appear before the court due to unavoidable circumstances. During the yesterday's hearing, all the five accused, including the three, were produced before the court. Two other accused are Nayem Ashraf and Shadman Sakif, who had introduced the girls to the accused. On July 13, the same tribunal framed charges against them. Shafat and Nayem were charged with raping the victims while Billal, Rahmat and Sakif were charged with helping the rapists in various ways during and after the incident.

## Muktamoni undergoes 4th surgery

Muktamoni, the 12-year-old girl from Satkhira who was diagnosed with a tumour in her right arm, underwent her fourth "successful" surgery at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday. The surgery started at 9:00am and went on for an hour, Samanta Lal Sen, national coordinator of burn service in Bangladesh, told The Daily Star. "Muktamoni is doing well," he added. The child was being treated at the



## 'Mahbubul Hoque Shakil Sangsad' formed

A forum has been launched to preserve the memories of Mahbubul Hoque Shakil, the late special assistant to prime minister and former student leader. Poet Habibullah Sirajee has named the convener and cultural personality Kamal Pasha Chowdhury the member-secretary of the 201-member Mahbubul Hoque Shakil Sangsad. The forum will observe birth and death anniversaries of Shakil and take up various cultural and social programmes. At a meeting on Saturday, it also instituted a yearly award. This year, the award will be given to a young poet at a programme on Shakil's birthday on December 20.

## 80pc working children engaged in risky jobs

Says IMED study there is a possibility of accidents and physical harm, they are compelled to let their children do risky works. The impact evaluation survey indicated that around 60 percent of the children work during daytime while 40 percent children work during nighttime and nighttime. Besides, 81 percent children are engaged in risky works to add to the incomes of their families. However, around 17 percent of the child workers said they are engaged in works to become efficient in works, around 15 percent on their guardians' interest while around 10 percent children are at work as they are not enrolled in any school. The study shows that the children get on an average Tk 100 each every day by working for eight hours while the monthly average income of a child could shoot up to Tk 10,500 and the lowest Tk 260. The 3rd phase of the project was implemented from November 2010 to June 2014



With earth being dug on one side and slabs missing on the other, people cross this narrow passage of the footpath in Farmgate area cautiously to avoid a fall. The situation has been the same for the last one month due to the ongoing development work of the Dhaka North City Corporation. The photo was taken yesterday.