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Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Mymensingh, Sylhet, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and weather may remain dry elsewhere over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:32pm and rises tomorrow at 5:57am.

Youth goes missing

Family allege he was picked up



A youth has been missing since yesterday morning after he was "picked up" by unidentified men on his way to office in the capital. The mother of Reasat Elahi Chowdhury, 28, alleged that some people had picked up his son forcibly from the Airport Road adjacent to Tejgaon Police Station. "Reasat works at a private company in Karwan Bazar area. He left the house at around 9:00am for office. But after an hour, we came to know that he was picked up by five-six people," said his mother Syeda Hosne Jahan, a resident of Tejgunipara.

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This road near the Sony Cinema Hall in Mirpur 2 has been in a dilapidated condition for a while. The authorities concerned did some repair work on the road by filling up the potholes with earth. But the substandard patch-up did little to improve the situation. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Stalker stabs college girl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A college girl was stabbed by a stalker in Dhamura bus stand area under Ujirpur upazila of Barisal on Saturday night.

With injuries, the 18-year-old first-year student of Government BM College, Barisal, has been undergoing treatment at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH).

The stalker, Alal Sardar, has been harassing her for over a year, said family members.

On the night, she was returning home from college by a bus. She got off in the Dhamura bus stand area around 8:00pm. She along with two of her friends then took a rickshaw-van to go home.

Suddenly, Alal stopped the rickshaw-van and stabbed her for refusing his love proposal, said Golam Sarwar, officer-in-charge of Ujirpur Police Station, quoting her friends.

By the time locals rushed to the spot hearing the screams of the girls, Alal fled the scene, he added.

She was first taken to a local health complex, and then shifted to SBMCH, said one of her relatives.

"She is out of danger now. But it will take time for her full recovery," said Dr



The girl at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

PHOTO: SUSHANTA GHOSH

Mohammad Khalid, registrar of the surgery ward at the hospital.

The OC said her mother filed a case yesterday afternoon with the police station against Alal, son of Fazlu Sardar in Kangshi area of the upazila.

He said police detained two friends of Alal to know about his whereabouts. "After primary interrogation, we found out that Alal works at a restaurant as a kitchen help in the capital."

Malaysia wants UN role in repatriation

Its deputy premier tells FM

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Praising Bangladesh for giving Rohingya shelter, Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said Malaysia supports involvement of international community and UN agencies in the repatriation process.

Zahid said this when he called on Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali. The Malaysian minister arrived here on a two-day visit, said its foreign ministry in a statement yesterday.

The deputy prime minister opined that Malaysia and Bangladesh could be leading partners in resolving the problem. He assured that Malaysia will be with Bangladesh on this issue.

During the meeting, Mahmood Ali said, "The root of the problem is in Myanmar and the solution also lies there."

The Malaysian deputy premier is expected to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and other ministers alongside visiting the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar today.

On the other hand, Director General of International Organization for Migration (IOM) William Lacy Swing also arrived in the capital yesterday to assess the situation of Rohingyas.

He is expected to meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and

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Unite world community to repatriate Rohingyas

JS delegates urge IPU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary delegation of Bangladesh at Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) has urged it to help unite international community for a dignified and safe repatriation of the Rohingyas who fled atrocities in Myanmar to Bangladesh.

Termining the eviction of the Rohingyas from Myanmar's Rakhine State a planned killing and ethnic cleansing, Jatiya Sangsad Deputy Speaker Fazle Rabbi Miah said the act is a gross violation of human rights.

The deputy speaker, who is leading the 10-member parliamentary delegation to the IPU meet in Saint Petersburg, Russia, made the urgent call at the Asia Pacific Group's meeting of the IPU, according to a press release of Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat.

In his call, Fazle Rabbi made several proposals including putting an immediate end to atrocities in Myanmar, repatriating all

the Rohingyas who are taking shelter in Bangladesh, establishing a safe zone in Myanmar for the Rohingyas under UN supervision and fully implementing the recommendations made by the Kofi Annan Advisory Commission on Rakhine.

While attending a meeting of the Organization of Islamic Conference there, Rabbi Mia also urged Muslim countries to come forward and mobilise global support against the ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya Muslims.

Other members of the Bangladesh parliamentary delegation are Jatiya Sangsad Chief Whip ASM Firoze, Whip Atiqur Rahman, and members of parliament Abul Kalam Azad, Noor-e-Alam Chowdhury, ABM Fazle Karim Chowdhury, Kazi Firoze Rashid, Fazle Hossain Badsha, Pankaj Debnath and Mamunur Rashid.

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Saber receives 'Order of Friendship' from Putin

BSS, Dhaka

Russian President Vladimir Putin has honoured Inter-Parliamentary Union President Saber Hossain Chowdhury with "Order of Friendship" -- Russia's highest state decoration. Speakers of the upper and the lower houses of the Russian Parliament, Valentina Matvienko and Vyacheslav Volodin, also took part at the ceremony yesterday.

A Kremlin statement says: "The Order was presented for a major contribution to the development of inter-parliamentary ties, consolidation of cooperation and mutual

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Inter-Parliamentary Union President Saber Hossain Chowdhury shakes hand with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

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Pieces of concrete and false ceiling panels lie on tables and a chair after a portion of the ceiling of the Chief Prosecutor Office of the International Crimes Tribunal at the old High Court building (west block) collapsed yesterday, raising concerns among the prosecutors and staff.

PHOTO: TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Part of ICT prosecutor office ceiling collapses again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A portion of the ceiling of the Chief Prosecutor Office of the International Crimes Tribunal has collapsed again, raising concerns among the prosecutors and staff.

The incident happened over a year after the law minister's assurance of relocating a portion of the office, situated at the old High Court building (west block), since an extensive repair work is needed for the building.

A portion of the office's false ceiling collapsed in July last year.

"We remain at a constant risk of accident," said

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ICT wants investigation report, if any, on Dec 17

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit investigation report, if have any, on December 17 in a case filed against a Rajshahi man for his alleged crimes against the humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

Yesterday was fixed for submitting the report in the case against the accused -- Abdus Samad Musa alias Firoz Kha, 65, from Putia upazila, but Prosecutor Zahid Imam sought three months' time.

"You have got three months time as the tribunal remained inoperative for three months... Investigation cannot go on for an indefinite time as the accused is in jail now... the investigation agency also should be more careful..." Justice Md Shahinur Islam, chairman of the tribunal, said.

Meanwhile, the tribunal asked the prosecution not to seek any more time to produce their witnesses, as three months have already passed when the tribunal remained inoperative.

The special court said this as Prosecutor Mukhlesur Rahman sought time to produce witnesses in the case filed

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Writ plea filed over 'Blue Whale' game

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A writ petition was filed with the High Court yesterday seeking its directives on the authorities concerned to stop the "Blue Whale Challenge" game, which has been blamed for suicides of teenagers in the world.

Three Supreme Court lawyers led by Barrister Mohammed Kawsar submitted the petition.

They requested the HC to order the authorities to take necessary measures to protect the public from dangerous affects of the game and to formulate a guideline for protecting public from cyber crimes, said petitioners' lawyer Barrister Mohammad Humayun Kabir Pallob.

2 killed in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons were stabbed to death in the capital's Mohammadpur and Lalbagh area in last two days.

In Mohammadpur, Jesmin Akhter Tumpa, 25, was stabbed by a youth around 11:30am at the boutique "Nabba" on Razia Sultana road where she was working as a salesperson.

Quoting witness, Jamaluddin Mir, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, said the youth went to the shop and started talking with Tumpa when her colleague Faria was also present. Soon it turned into an altercation.

At one stage, the youth stabbed Tumpa with a knife. Shocked, Faria came out of the shop and started shouting, the OC said.

Tumpa, resident of Savar, was declared dead at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

"Tumpa knew the youth. But we are not yet sure about the relationship," he added. Police are trying to arrest the culprit.

In Lalbagh, Rana alias Paitu Rana, 22, was stabbed to death near Khan Mohammad Mosque area on Saturday night.

Resident of Shahidnagar, Rana, an accused in several cases including murder, was killed over an internal feud, suspect police.

AMBIGUITY IN CHILDREN ACT HC summons social welfare secretary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the social welfare secretary to appear before it on October 29 for explaining as to why the government did not amend the Children Act, 2013 despite ambiguity over trying an adult accused under this law.

The court also asked the social welfare secretary to submit a report on October 29 on the progress of making amendment to the law.

Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim passed the order during hearing of a rule issued earlier asking the government to explain why a contempt of court rule should not be issued against it for not complying with its previous order.

Under the Children Act, 2013, only the Child Court is empowered to hold trial of an offence if a child is a victim or a witness in a case. However, the law does not specify

which court is supposed to hold the trial if an adult is accused in a case under this law.

Earlier, on August 14 last year during hearing four bail petitions, the HC had ordered secretaries to the law and justice; and legislative and parliamentary affairs divisions under the law ministry, and the social welfare ministry to explain the "ambiguity" in the Children Act, 2013 over the holding of trial of an adult accused in a case filed under this law.

As they did not provide any explanation, the HC on October 31 last year asked the three secretaries of the government to explain in three weeks why a contempt of court rule should not be issued against them for not complying with its previous order issued last year on August 14.

As the secretaries did not respond to the order, the HC yesterday issued the summon against the social welfare secretary.

11 cases against Khaleda adjourned till Nov 27

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The hearing of 11 cases including a seditious suit filed against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was adjourned yesterday by a Dhaka court till November 27.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after Khaleda's lawyer submitted 11 separate petitions seeking adjournment of hearing of the cases.

In the petitions, Khaleda's lawyer Advocate Sanaullah Mia told the court that their client had filed separate writ petitions with the High Court seeking quashing of the case proceedings.

Following a hearing, the

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