

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.8 L 26.7	H 34.2 L 24.9	H 34.4 L 25.3	H 35.0 L 24.0	H 31.1 L 24.6	H 32.5 L 24.8	H 34.0 L 25.0	H 34.0 L 25.6	H 33.0 L 33.0

Rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Chittagong, Barisal and Khulna divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:30pm and rises tomorrow.

**PRESENT CONDITION**



Golapbagh playground.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**



# Nestling in nature

**DSCC project to give major facelift to 19 parks, 12 playgrounds**

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There had been much talk about transforming Dhaka city parks and playgrounds into modern ones. But no time-befitting initiative was taken to make the vision a reality until recently.

Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) has come up with a mega project, in consultation with architects, town planners and experts, to give facelift to 19 parks and 12 playgrounds under its jurisdiction.

Under the project, 20 parks and playgrounds are to be renovated in the first phase, said DSCC Additional Chief Engineer Asaduzzaman, adding that the work of Rasulbagh Shishu Park already started in August.

In a new development, DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon will inaugurate the work of Golapbagh playground today, an official of DSCC confirmed yesterday.

The remaining parks are Gulistan Park (Shaheed Matiur Rahman), Motijheel Park, Mayor Mohammad Sayeed Khokon Park (Sharafatganj Park), Jatrabari Chowrasta Park, Sirajuddoula Park, Sikkatuly Park, Malitola Park and Bangshal Park.

The playgrounds to be included in the project are Kalabagan playground, Basabo playground, Sadeque Hossain Khoka playground, Delowar Hossain playground, Amligola playground, Shahid Nagar Mini Stadium, Balurghat playground, Shahid Abdul Alim playground, Samsabad playground and Bangladesh Maath.

Earlier, a total of 70 architects prepared draft designs of the parks and playgrounds and presented those at Nagar Bhaban last year, said a DSCC official. In the designs, the experts opined that the parks must contain greenery. Moreover, boundary walls or the fences around the parks or playgrounds should be removed in most of the cases.

This correspondent recently spoke with Joint Secretary of Bapa architect Iqbal Habib, also one of the 70 architects. He said their firm Vitti has prepared designs of 11 parks and playgrounds.

He said the experts dividing into three groups will be taking care of the project, but there have to be some common features in the work.

He said they are not dividing parks and playgrounds; SEE PAGE 5 COL 1

**PRESENT CONDITION**



Kalabagan playground.

**PROPOSED DESIGN**



## LIBERATION WAR SECRETARY FACES CONTEMPT CHARGES

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against five government high officials, including the liberation war affairs secretary, for not complying with its directive over paying the monthly allowances to 13 freedom fighters.

The four others are director general of Jatiya Muktiyoddha Council and its director (administration and finance), deputy secretary (law) and deputy secretary (budget) of liberation war affairs ministry.

The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah issued the rule following a contempt of court petition filed by the 13 freedom fighters from Rajshahi, Chapai Nawabganj and Naogaon as their monthly allowances had gone unpaid.

Petitioners' counsel Eunus Ali Akond told reporters that following a writ petition filed by his clients, the HC on March 21 this year directed the authorities concerned of the government to pay their monthly allowances regularly.

As the authorities did not take any step to comply with the HC directive, the freedom fighters on October 4 filed the contempt of court petition, he added.

## Ctg port scanning operators fear job loss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The staff for operating four container scanners installed at the three gates of Chittagong Port refrained from working for an hour yesterday.

They protested in fear of losing their jobs as the contract between their firm, appointed to operate the scanners, and the port authorities is coming to an end.

Due to the work stoppage starting at 3:30pm, around 400 container-carrying vehicles waiting for scanning before getting out of the port got stuck at the gates.

Chittagong Customs House in 2009 installed three scanners along with a mobile scanner at gate 4, gate 5 and gate 2, and appointed Societe General De Surveillance (SGS) Bangladesh to operate those for six years.

The contract was renewed in 2015 for two more years. Later it was renewed again for seven and a half months this year.

"But the contract for the mobile scanner will expire this midnight (October 17)," said Mizanur Rahman, SGS manager (scanner operation). "So, 16 workers overseeing the operation, stopped working as they feared that they would lose their jobs."

Soon, 45 other workers, operating the three other scanners, also stopped working as their contracts would expire in April next year, he said.

The staff demonstrated as the customs authorities are now planning to float a tender for appointing a new firm, alleged Mizanur.

Contacted, Mohammad Raich Uddin, joint commissioner of Chittagong Customs House, said they are planning to float a tender for appointing an operator as well as introducing a separate scanning division.

Regarding the staff, he said if a new operator gets the tender, they would also give priority to the workers operating the scanners now since operating those require expertise.

The SGS officials and the customs commissioner were still in a meeting at the latter's office till filing of this report at 9:00pm.

Imported containers bound for private inland container depots (ICDs) and the FCL (full container load) containers are mandatorily scanned as they are not examined by the customs officials at the port.

## Left-leaning student orgs demand Ducsu polls

DU CORRESPONDENT

Activists of different left-leaning student organisations at Dhaka University yesterday staged a sit-in outside the vice chancellor's office, demanding immediate holding of the Ducsu election so the elected student representatives can be included in the DU senate.

Around 60 activists joined the programme that lasted for about an hour.

The student leaders during the demonstration said the three-member VC panel elected by the DU senate has recently been declared illegal by the High Court as the senate of the DU was not constituted according to the DU constitution.

As per the Dhaka University Order 1973, for a senate to be complete, it will need to include five student representatives elected in the election of the Ducsu -- Dhaka University Central Student Union, said the speakers.

The election of the Ducsu, that would ensure students' voice in the senate, has been 27 years overdue.

Masud Mahdi, coordinator of the movement, urged the authorities to announce the manifesto for Ducsu polls.

After the sit-in, the students went to the VC's office, but VC Prof Akhtaruzzaman was unable to meet them due to an urgent meeting.

## Tajuddin medical college closed indefinitely

CLASH BETWEEN STUDENTS AND STAFFERS LEAVES 7 INJURED

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College (STAMC) in Gazipur was declared closed yesterday after a clash between students and staffers of a private contractor at the hospital section left seven injured.

Following the clash, erupted around 12:30pm, the authorities asked resident students to vacate the dormitories by 6:00pm the same day.

Dr Asad Hossain, principal of the medical college, confirmed the incident as well as the closure decision.

Medical students of the STAMC had been agitating over irregularities and mismanagement of the authorities for long.

On Monday, they became aggravated after a technician of the contractor firm refused to X-ray a student's ill mother as the forwarding slip was missing approved signature of a hospital doctor.

A band of students returned an hour later and scuffled with the staffers. At one stage, the students ransacked the X-ray room, claimed technician Mofazzal Hossain.

Yesterday morning, the students and staffers started agitating against each other on the hospital premises and eventually they locked horns around noon.

Requesting anonymity and denying their SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

## Twenty illegal brokers convicted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday sentenced 20 illegal brokers, including a woman, to different terms of imprisonment in the capital's passport office area.

Sarwar Alam, an executive magistrate, passed the orders after a team of Rab-2 arrested them in front of the office last afternoon.

The court convicted them based on their professional statements before the court, Sarwar Alam told The Daily Star.



This partially damaged metal road divider on Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Avenue could cause an accident to approaching vehicles. The photo was taken in the capital's Mahakhali yesterday.

## Sheikh Russel's birthday today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 53rd birth anniversary of Sheikh Russel, the youngest son of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Russel, also brother of Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina, was killed along with most of his family members on August 15, 1975 when he was a class IV student of University Laboratory School.

A candlelight vigil, starting from 5:45pm, will be organised by University Laboratory Ex-Students Association at University Laboratory School & College, says a press release. Besides, garlands will be placed in his memory.

# Convocation

**December 10, 2017**

**Permanent Campus: Bangabandhu Road, Tongabari, Ashulia, Dhaka.**

**Important Information about Convocation**

- Registration: 11-31 October, 2017.
- Registration Fee: TK 6000.
- Registration fee is to be deposited with Al-Arafah Islami Bank, Tongi Branch (Online registration is also available from all the branches of Al-Arafah Islami Bank). Account Number: 1311120018763
- The students completing their degrees from Spring 2009 to Spring 2017 are eligible to attend the convocation.
- For more information please contact the Information Office: House # 03, Road # 07, Sector # 07, Uttara, Dhaka 1230 Mobile: 01678664413, 01678664414 and 01678664403.

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