



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Rain is likely to occur in many places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur and Mymensingh divisions with moderately heavy falls at 29mm over the country till 6:00pm today, reports IWB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:29pm and rises tomorrow at 5:58am, said Met office.

**DOUBLE MURDER**  
**Deposition concludes**  
**Rony's self-defence statement Oct 29**  
**COURT CORRESPONDENT**

A Dhaka court yesterday concluded recording statements of witnesses in the case filed against Bakhtiar Alam Rony, son of ruling Awami League lawmaker Pinnu Khan, over shooting two people dead in the capital in April 2015.

After conclusion of the process, Judge Abu Saleh Salahuddin of Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka fixed October 29 for placing Rony's self-defence statement in the case.

On that date, the court will read out charges brought from the statements of 24 prosecution witnesses and the accused will answer whether he is guilty or not.

Earlier in the day, Kazi Nazibullah Hiru completed cross-examining the last witness Dipak Chandra Das, an inspector of the detective branch of police and also the investigation officer of the case.

According to the charge sheet, PAGE 4, COL 4



**A vehicle wades through an inundated lane in the capital's Bhanga Press area in Jatrabari. No matter whether it rains or shines, this road remains waterlogged. Residents also have to walk through murky water to go to their destinations. The situation is prevailing for good reasons due to a poor drainage system. The photo was taken yesterday.**



**Rahamatullah passes away**

**CITY DESK**

LT Col (ret'd) K Rahamatullah passed away early yesterday at the capital's United Hospital. He was 73.

He left behind his wife, daughter, son and three grandchildren to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today at the capital's COD Mosque after John prayers, said a press release.

He will then be buried at Army Graveyard.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to bequeet him in their prayers.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**Hikma chief jailed**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

A Rajshahi court on Tuesday sentenced Sayed Kawasr Hussain Siddiki, chief of the banned militant outfit Shahadat-e Al Hikma, to two-year rigorous imprisonment in a sedition case.

It also fined him Tk 5,000, in default of which he would have to serve three more months in jail, said Nazmul Islam, assistant public prosecutor.

On February 8, 2002, Kawasr, at a press conference held in a community centre in Rajshahi city, announced existence of his organisation and called for waging jihad in the country.

He termed the Liberation War of 1971 "a terrorist activity" and gave speeches against the state and the then government. Police at that time recovered posters in the city and on the Rajshahi University campus calling for jihad.

Hikma then filed a general diary with Boalia Police Station. On March 20, 2003, police filed the sedition case with due permission from the home ministry.

Kawasr was arrested in an arms case in July 2011.

**Sylhet transport strike called off**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**

An indefinite transport strike which started yesterday morning was called off some six hours later following a meeting between Sylhet Transport Workers' Union and police.

The Union called the strike on Tuesday evening to press home their two demands -- immediate arrest of the attackers who assaulted transport workers and hotel staff and recovery of illegal arms used allegedly by the attackers.

On Tuesday, a clash took place between transport workers and the staff of a local restaurant Taj Mahal, and some Juba League activists over taking charge of the establishment.

**BNP leader sued under section 57**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sathira**

Sathira BNP vice-president has been sued under section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act for sharing derogatory posts about the prime minister on Facebook.

Mauf Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Sathira Police Station, said the case was filed on Tuesday night after getting the instruction from the police headquarters (PHQ). On Saturday, Sathira municipality Awami League General Secretary Shahadat Hossain made a complaint against BNP's district Vice-President Modasserul Haque Huda, he added.

"We sent the complaint to PHQ on Sunday and got the confirmation to file a case on Tuesday," the OC said.

According to the case statement, Modasserul, also a teacher of Bhaluka Chandpur Adarsha College, on a few occasions shared derogatory posts about... SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

**ISLAMI CHHATRI SANGSTHA 21 members held**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Police claimed to have arrested 21 members of Jamaat-Islami's female student front Islami Chhatri Sangstha in the capital's Kadamtali area yesterday evening.

The female activists and leaders of the student front were arrested in a flat in Kadamtali's Dhania area around 7:00pm, said Saju Miah, inspector (investigation) of Kadamtali Police Station.

One of the arrestees is Jahura Shaima, president of the Sangstha of the Dhaka city area (south), claimed police.

Police raided the building owned by late Jamaat leader Moazzem Hossain, following an information that the activists were holding a meeting there to plot against the government, alleged the police officer.

They were also planning to free their top leaders, he added. Earlier, nine top leaders of the party including its ameer, secretary general and nayeb-e-ameer were arrested at Uttara on October 9.

The inspector said police were trying to find out the identities of the detained Chhatri Sangstha members. Filing of a case was underway, he added.

**'Muggers' stab 2 cops in Dhaka**

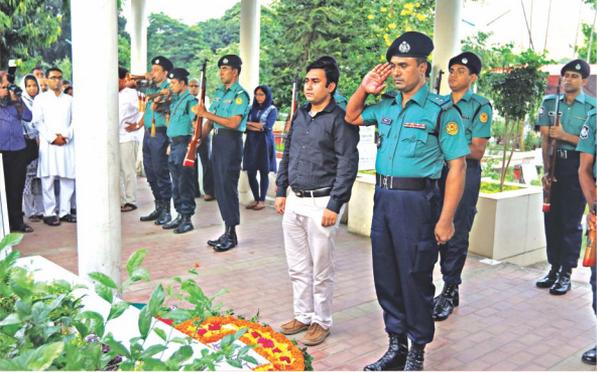
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Two police officials were stabbed by alleged muggers when the former tried to catch them in Hazaribag Beribardi area of Dhaka early yesterday.

With wounds in hands and face respectively Assistant Inspector (ASJ) of Hazaribag Police Station Intiaz Ahmed and Constable Golam Azam are undergoing treatment at Rajaraj Bag Police Lines Hospital.

ASJ Ferdous of the police station said a patrol team rushed to the spot to arrest the muggers around 2:30am after five labourers, returning home from work, informed them that a gang of muggers took their mobile phone sets and Tk 2,500.

The officials detailed the number of one of the looted mobile phones, revealing the muggers' position nearby. When the policemen tried to catch them, they stabbed... SEE PAGE 5 COL 4



**A contingent of police under Dhaka district administration gives a guard of honour to Masud Sadique Chullu at the capital's Banani graveyard yesterday.**

**Chullu of Crack Platoon laid to rest**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

War hero Masud Sadique Chullu -- a member of the special squad "Crack Platoon" that conducted secret guerrilla attacks on Pakistan occupation forces during the Liberation War of 1971 -- was laid to rest yesterday at the city's Banani graveyard.

The valiant freedom fighter was buried around 5:00pm after a guard of honour was accorded to him.

His namaz-e-janaza was held earlier, after Asr prayers, at a mosque in Banani DOHS.

Masud, fondly called Chullu Bhai by his loved ones... SEE PAGE 5 COL 4

**When greed takes over**

**FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Cg**

There are no shortcuts in life. No matter how lucrative they appear, shortcuts often end up being harmful. To achieve success, one has to put in regular work, dedication and perseverance.

Sakul Bashar had all that. His own business and a loving family to go back to after a day's work. But the 29-year-old Chittagong resident was greedy for more. He wanted to start another business and establish himself as a successful entrepreneur.

So he took exorbitant amount of loans, sold his old business and car, and with the money started a new venture.

Everything went well in the beginning. The business was running smooth. But after a couple of months, Sakul was "deceived and cheated by his partners" and "lost everything". Meantime, he was being pressurised to pay off the loans.

To get out of the situation, he chose an easy way out. He became involved with a gang of motorbike lifters in the city.

He was able to steal three motorbikes. But his luck ran out during the fourth heist as he was arrested by the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) from the port city's Jamal Khan area last week.

The officials also arrested his associate one Arjun Kumar, a brother of stolen bikes, said Inspector Santosh Kumar Chakma.

He said, "Disgusting as a byer. Sakul used to contact the online sellers and then invite them to the city's push areas to see the bikes."

Upon meeting the sellers, Sakul and his girlfriend, a student of a private university in the city, used to haggle over the price and set a different date for payment, said Inspector Santosh.

"On the day of the payment, Sakul would arrange neatly clipped bundles of blank paper with actual currency on top and bottom. He would then put them in a paper bag and give that to the seller."

Sakul would then request for a test drive, and flee the scene with the bike, said the inspector.

The inspector said that on September 17, Sakul stole a motorbike from a seller in MES College area. The owner filed a case with Khulshi Police Station on October 10.

"In similar fashions, he stole two more motorbikes from Sholokbar and Nasirabad areas. The PBI collected CCTV footages of the incidents and Sakul was seen fleeing the scene on the bikes on both occasions."

Sakul was produced before a court with a five-day remand period in the case filed with the police station, he added.

**Mymensingh man shown arrested in war crimes case**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday showed a Mymensingh man arrested in a case found allegedly committing crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shaker-ur Islam showed arrested Md Shamsul Hossain alias Abdul Bashar, 70, of Trishal upazila in the district following a petition moved by Prosecutor Reza Sultan Chaman.

In the petition, Reza said the case's investigation started on January 26 this year and one Shamsul Haque Bachchu, 70, an alleged Razaakar, from the same upazila, has already been in jail in connection with the case.

During further probe, the investigation officer found involvement of Mofazzal in at least three incidents of crimes.

Reza said Mofazzal has been in Mymensingh jail since July 28 in connection with a murder case and he needs to be showed arrested in the war crimes case;

otherwise he may flee taking bail in the murder case.

Meanwhile, the tribunal directed the prosecution to submit an investigation report, if have any, on December 10 in the case.

Reza was fixed for submitting the report but Prosecutor Zead Al Malum sought three months' time as the investigation officer found involvement of Mofazzal in the case.

In another development, the tribunal recorded the testimony and cross-examination of the ninth prosecution witness in the case against Riaz Uddin Farik of Mymensingh for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War.

Abdus Salam, a freedom fighter from Bebari of Bhubaria upazila in the district, gave testimony linking Riaz Uddin with the killing of his brother and around 40 others on November 13, 1971 in Mymensingh.

Later, the tribunal adjourned the case proceedings until November 5.

**2.75pc pass in DU 'Cha' unit entry test**

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Only 2.75 per cent admission seekers have secured pass marks in the admission test of "Cha" unit under the fine arts faculty of Dhaka University while 23.37 per cent have passed in the "Ka" unit admission test under the science faculty for the 2017-2018 academic session.

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Akhtuzzaman formally announced the results yesterday noon.

Among the 11,072 applicants trying for available 135 seats, 304 passed in the "Cha" unit test. In the "Ka" unit, out of 82,453 aspirants vying for 1,740 seats, 19,267 students passed.



**Nurul Modasser Chowdhury, a teacher of fine arts and director of Rajshahi University Teacher Student Cultural Centre, visits a photo exhibition of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Bank Celebrating Life -- a film, photography and lyric contest -- on the university's Shaheed Minar premises yesterday. A total of 21 winning photographs were displayed at the exhibition.**

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