

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 30.5 L 23.5	H 31.0 L 25.6	H 33.5 L 26.2	H 32.7 L 24.8	H 31.4 L 26.5	H 32.6 L 24.5	H 31.0 L 25.5	H 30.5 L 25.0	H 32.7 L 25.0

Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy to very heavy falls at places over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:28pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59am.



The dilapidated road in front of Gabtoli intercity bus terminal in the capital has been slowing vehicles down, causing traffic congestion. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Nagorik Oikya places 12-point proposal over national polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nagorik Oikya in a 12-point proposal placed yesterday said an "election-time neutral government" is necessary for holding the next general elections.

Their proposal also advised dissolution of the parliament before the polls and deployment of army with magistracy power for a credible and inclusive national election.

The convener of the party, Mahmudur Rahman Manna, placed the proposal at a press conference at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

"A national election won't be the least credible under the present government. Hence, we strongly oppose holding the polls under it," he said.

Manna said their party believes that a free, fair, credible, neutral and inclusive election is possible under an "election-time impartial government".

Once the political parties reach consensus over holding the polls under such government, a framework for it could easily be worked out through talks, he said, adding that in this regard, the Election Commission could arrange the talks among political parties.

Other proposals of Nagorik Oikya include refraining from the use of electronic voting machines, bringing most polling stations under CCTV camera coverage, enlisting expatriate Bangladeshis in voter list, strongly enforcing the election code of conduct, and preparing a code of conduct for the media to ensure neutral role of the media during the election.

BCL Sylhet dist unit dissolved

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

In the wake of murder of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activist Omar Ali Miyad, the organisation's central body dissolved its Sylhet district unit on Wednesday.

The decision was taken after a murder case was filed against the district unit general secretary in the evening.

In this regard, a notice, signed by BCL central President Saifur Rahman Sohag and General Secretary SM Jakir Hossain, was published on the organisation's official website.

For forming a new committee of the unit, the central committee in the notice also asked prospective candidates to submit their curriculum vitae within October 25.

Omar Ali Miyad, a law student of Leading University in Sylhet, was stabbed to death allegedly by his rivals over previous enmity at Tilagarh on Monday.

Worker dies falling from Rangpur building

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A construction worker died as he fell from the third floor of a four-storey under construction building in Rangpur city yesterday.

Lutfar Rahman Lalu, 26, slipped while placing a window grille in the building of Rangpur Collectorate School and College, said witnesses.

His co-workers took him to Rangpur Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The workers said there was no safety net around the building.

25 SC lawyers made AAG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appointed 25 Supreme Court lawyers as assistant attorneys general (AAG) for dealing with the cases on behalf of the state, increasing the number of AAGs to 121.

The new AAGs are Mia Sirajul Islam, Anjuman Ara Begum, Najma Afreen, Mafij Uddin, Rokeya Akhter, Md Mizanur Rahman, Abanteer Nurul, Mohammad Saiful Alam, Mahfuza Begum Haida, Fatema Rashid, Syeda Sabnam Mustari, Md Towfiq Sajaowar, Kalipodo Mridha, Md Altaf Hossain Amani, Md Hatem Ali, Muhammad Shaheen Mirdha, Ali Akbar Khan, Md Selim Azad, Aleya Khandaker, Marufa Akhter, AKM Alamgir Parvez Bhuiyan, Jayedi Hasan Khan, Muhammad Mahfuzur Rahman, Kazi Bashir Ahmed and Sabina Parveen.

The law ministry issued a notification to this effect yesterday. There are now one attorney general, two additional attorneys general and 46 deputy attorneys general for dealing with the cases on behalf of the state.

SC extends stay order on Rana's bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday extended its earlier order that stayed a High Court directive granting bail to Tangail's Awami League lawmaker Amanur Rahman Khan Rana in freedom fighter Faruk Ahmed murder case.

The Appellate Division also asked the HC to hear and dispose of the rule, which was issued over granting bail to Amanur, in the next four weeks.

The four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, who is now performing the functions of the chief justice, extended its

Media, armed forces need closer relations: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need for building the nation by bridging the distance between the country's media and the armed forces through an interactive relationship.

Despite visible dissimilarities, the two organs share many things in common -- both were born in the battlefield during the country's Liberation War and they serve in the national interest, they said.

National Defence College (NDC) organised the seminar titled, "Media and Armed Forces - Perception and Reality: Bangladesh Perspective", at its auditorium in the capital's Mirpur Cantonment.

Inaugurating the seminar, NDC Commandant Lt Gen Chowdhury Hasan Sarwady said although there are numerous differences between the media and the armed forces, both share many common traits.

"Bridging distance between them has to

be done through common understanding and trust," he said, proposing that a diploma course can be initiated on "military journalism and wartime reporting".

A nominated four-member group of Armed Forces War Course 2017 presented a keynote paper on the topic. Three more keynote papers shedding light on the chronology of the relationship between the media and the armed forces were presented by The Daily Star Associate Editor Brig Gen (retd) Shahedul Anam Khan, Maj Gen Md Sarwar Hossain and media personality Farzana Rashid Brownia.

Presenting his keynote paper, Brig Gen (retd) Shahedul Anam Khan said the relationship between the media and armed forces has evolved over the years and reached a position that could be termed "adversarial, uneasy and dysfunctional".

Both the organs are driven by loyalty; and mutual acknowledgment between

Bangladesh's birth 'significant event' in Pranab's public life

UNB, Dhaka

Former Indian president Pranab Mukherjee has said the birth of an independent Bangladesh remains the "most significant" event in his public life.

"To my mind it is Bangladesh, the birth of a nation of 12 or 13 crore people in 1971. That is the most significant event since I joined public life," Pranab told The Times of India in an interview published yesterday.

He said he still remembers that Indira Gandhi, the then prime minister, made a short statement in both Houses saying, "I am happy to inform the House that Pakistan army has surrendered to the joint command of the Indian army and the Bangladesh Mukti Bahini and now Dhaka is the free capital of free Bangladesh."

On pronouncement of the two-nation theory, the former Indian president said that will be an over-simplification of the whole issue because the theory was challenged at the very time of its pronouncement.

Sylhet City Footpaths Arrest warrant issued against 26 over illegal occupation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday issued arrest warrants against 26 persons for their alleged involvement in illegally occupying the city footpaths.

The court of Sylhet Metropolitan Magistrate Saifuzzaman Hero issued the warrants following a report submitted by Sylhet Kotwali Police Station yesterday.

Earlier on Monday, Sylhet City Corporation also submitted a report in this regard.

The arrest warrants were issued against the president of Sylhet Metropolitan Hawkers' Welfare Association, and 25 others from the association and various other hawkers unions.

On May 25, the court asked the authorities to submit reports regarding those responsible for allowing the illegal occupation of city footpaths by hawkers.

Gausul Alam, officer-in-charge of the police station, said the warrant is yet to reach the police station.

Media bringing positive changes to society

Home boss tells IGP Media Award ceremony

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The media is bringing positive changes to the society through their reporting, said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal.

The journalists who are working with professionalism and sincerity for ensuring peace and security in the society, deserve recognition.

He was speaking at the IGP Media Award ceremony at Police Staff College in the capital's Mirpur last night.

The minister said the launching of such award is a time-befitting decision. Police introduced the award for the first time to give recognition to the best reports of the year in the media.

This year the award was given in two categories -- print and electronic media. As there was no photograph nominated, no award was given in that category.

In print category, Habib Rahman, staff reporter (crime) of the Bangla daily Amader Shomoy, was awarded for his series of investigative reports on "Counterfeit medicine".

In electronic media category, Maksud Un Nabi, senior reporter of Channel 24, won the prize for his report on "False identification of Rana Plaza rescuer".

The minister handed over a crest, a certificate and a cheque of Tk 1 lakh to each of the awardees.

Speaking at the programme, Bangla daily Samakal Editor Golam Sarwar, also a member of the jury board, said the media award will strengthen the relationship between police and the media.



The recipients of IGP Media Award 2017 with guests at a ceremony at the Convention Hall of Police Staff College in the capital's Mirpur last night.

PHOTO: STAR



Prof Mohammad Shamsul Alam, principal of Govt Azizul Haque College in Bogra, looks at a display after inaugurating "The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Celebrating Life" photo exhibition on the college premises. A film screening was held following the inauguration programme.

PHOTO: STAR

SUDIPTO MURDER

Two remanded for three days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday placed two accused on a three-day remand in a case filed in connection with the murder of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader Sudipto Biswas.

The court of Additional Metropolitan Magistrate Shahadat Hossain Bhuiyan gave the order after Amir Hossen alias Babu, 20, and Khairul Nur Islam, 20, were produced before the court with a five-day remand prayer for each, said Kazi Shahbuddin, assistant commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police.

Amir and Khairul were arrested from Lalkhanbazar area on Tuesday night after gleaning information from Moktar Hossen, a Jubo League man, who was arrested from Boropol area on October 14, said police.

Sudipto, an assistant general secretary of Chittagong city BCL unit, was beaten to death near his house in the city's Nalapara area on October 6.

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