

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 25.2 L 24.4	H 27.0 L 25.2	H 26.6 L 24.5	H 27.3 L 23.7	H 26.4 L 25.2	H 28.7 L 26.0	H 26.5 L 24.2	H 26.0 L 25.5	H 28.5 L 24.5

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 5:27pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59am, said Met office.

TANGENTS

BY IHTISHAM KABIR

What is a Photographer?

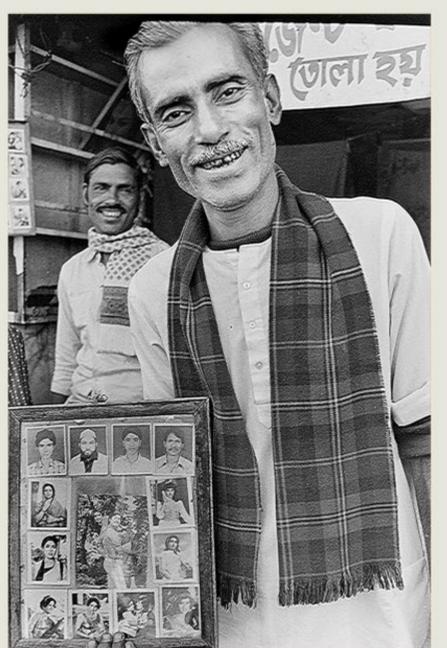
When the great French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson described himself as an "amateur" photographer, he was referring to the original meaning of the word as "lover of." But in the same breath he also declared he was no dilettante. An amateur photographer can indeed be a committed, pioneering one, and the passion that drove Cartier-Bresson has also driven millions of photographers since 1839, the year photography was invented. Of course, photographic technology and process have evolved: from box cameras to modern DSLRs, from wet plate through daguerreotype, tintype, photogravure, gelatine silver to today's digital. But the magical joy of making an image of what you see in front of you has not changed. I daresay that if I were to meet a photographer from a hundred years ago we would feel excited by the same things in a photograph.

What, then, makes us photographers? Let's start at the beginning – when we bring the camera to our eyes. Up until this instant we are seeing everything with open eyes, but do we want to photograph everything we see? No. Then comes the special moment when we spot - or anticipate - something special, something we want to photograph. We raise the camera and point it. In front of our eye is something so good that it is worth saving, for ourselves, for others and perhaps for posterity. Click!

There you have it, the tie that binds millions of photographers together: the urge to say "Look at this!", the desire to freeze a moment from the world around us as it unfurls in a multitude of wonderments.

To be sure, there are many types of photographers. Some do it to pay their bills, so they have to be sensitive to their customer and market needs. Others do it for love. The two are not mutually exclusive; quite the opposite, because the professional photographer got there because he or she loves to make images. And if that is not so, then this professional would be well-advised to seek another vocation.

Here is the reason why. It is much easier to proclaim oneself as a photographer than, say, an engineer, accountant, or doctor. The minimum requirement is purchasing a decent camera. (Perhaps writing is the only vocation easier to stake a claim on.) Hence, the intensely competitive and demanding lives that most photographers live, the dogged search for creativity and the constant need



Portrait photographer with samples, Dhaka, 1983. PHOTO: IHTISHAM KABIR

for validation. To stand out from the crowd some try hard to be clever. Thus we endure through a procession of the emperor's new clothes in today's art photography. But all photographers are subject to one unwritten but cruel rule: if you want to make a living from doing something you love, then be prepared to pay dearly for it, as any musician, writer, artist or actor will tell you.

But at the end of the day, what makes a photographer is this: he or she sees something and wants to save it – a landscape, a loved one, a beautiful bird, the unfathomable sadness in the eyes of a refugee. Feeling a tug of the heart, he or she raises the camera and clicks. That click says, "I saw this! Look at it!"

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DU student goes missing in Rupsa

UNB, Khulna

A student of Dhaka University went missing in Purba Rupsa ghat area of Rupsa upazila in Khulna on Thursday night.

The missing student was identified as Khalid Hasan, 21, a student of pharmacy department, and son of Jalal Uddin, from Shariatpur district.

Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Rupsa Police Station, said that Khalid slipped into river around 8:00pm while he getting on a trawler along with his brother Jahid Hasan and went missing.

Mojibur Rahman, contingent commander of Rupsa Station West Zone Coast Guard, said that they were carrying out the rescue drive.

Indiscriminate tree felling going on in Uttara

HELEMUL ALAM

Several hundred trees were felled in the name of development in the capital's Uttara in the last couple of weeks, creating anger among the residents.

Locals fear that a total of 100 more trees on road-4 at sector-3 would be cut soon as several of them were felled on Wednesday night to widen the road and improve the drainage system.

Many of the residents want a stop to such a move that is carried out in the residential area.

They said the trees were planted by past generations.

That night they tried in vain to resist the tree felling, they added.

Talking about the significance of trees for environment, Dr Haroonur Rashid, president of Uttara Sector-3 Kalyan Samity, said, "A tree needs 20 to 30 years to grow up but it is being cut too early."

It is not very much necessary to widen the road in the area, he said, adding that rather, it is urgent to protect the trees.

Haroon said the authorities can cut only

the trees in the middle of the road.

Once Uttara was considered a green area but such identity is on the verge of extinction due to the development works of DNCC, he said.

Latif Hasan, another resident of the area, said over 100 trees, aged from 30 to 35 years, were cut down near Agakhan school in the last 15 days.

Another 100 old trees were felled near sector-7 mosque, he said.

It is possible to construct footpaths keeping the trees intact, he said.

However, Quadratullah, additional chief engineer of Dhaka North City Corporation, said nobody was allowed to conduct such a tree-felling operation.

"If a tree remains right on the place required for drainage work, it may be cut but other trees will be untouched," he said.

They will look into the matter and take necessary steps, he added.

Emdadul Haque Chowdhury, assistant engineer of zone-1 of DNCC, said the development work on 15 roads started on September 9 and will continue till September next.



A felled tree in the capital's Uttara yesterday. PHOTO: HELEMUL ALAM



A SEA OF UMBRELLAS... Caused by a depression in the bay, it started raining on Thursday. It rained yesterday too. But life goes on. Fifth and eighth-graders, aspirants of a private scholarship, had to carry on with their goals. As they attend the exams at Zindabazar Govt Agragami Girls School and College in Sylhet city, their guardians wait patiently in the rain on the college compound. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Woman burnt in acid attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

A woman suffered burn injuries in an acid attack carried out allegedly by her aunt over a property dispute in Shibpur upazila of Narsingdi early yesterday.

Sharmeen Sultana, 28, daughter of freedom fighter late Siraj Uddin, is now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

On Thursday, Sharmeen and her husband, Masud Rana, went to her uncle's house in Dotter Gau village to resolve a property dispute, said Syeduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Shibpur Police Station, quoting family members.

Around midnight, while she was sleeping, her aunt, Farida Yasmeen, threw acid on her, said the OC, quoting the husband, who was outside then.

She was admitted to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital, and later shifted to DMCH. The OC said necessary legal action would be taken in this regard.

Qulkhwani of Rahamatullah today

STAR CITY DESK

Qulkhwani and a doa mahfil for Lt Col (ret'd) K Rahamatullah will be held after the Asr prayers today at Azad Mosque, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

His family members requested his relatives, friends and well-wishers to attend the programmes to pray for the salvation of his departed soul, says a press release.

Rahamatullah passed away at a city hospital on Wednesday, aged 73.

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

Woman 'left' dead in auto-rickshaw

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified woman was apparently left dead inside a CNG-run auto-rickshaw near the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

The woman, aged around 22, bore several injury marks on her body, said Sub-inspector Bachchu Mia, also in-charge of DMCH police camp.

A man and a woman along with her boarded the auto-rickshaw from Mirpur-12 around 11:00pm early yesterday. They told the driver to take them to the DMCH as their "daughter" was sick, said SI Bachchu, quoting the driver.

Around an hour later, when the auto-rickshaw reached the DMCH gate, the duo ran away quickly leaving her inside, the driver added.

The driver with the help of police eventually took the woman to the emergency unit of the hospital where doctors declared her dead, said SI Bachchu.

The body was sent to the hospital morgue for an autopsy.



President leaves for London today

BSS, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid leaves Dhaka for London today on eight-day visit for health checkup and treatment of eyes.

A VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the president will take off from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at 10:30am today, President's Press Secretary Joyanal Abedin told the news agency yesterday.

Abdul Hamid is scheduled to have his checkup at Moorfields Eye Hospital and Bupa Cromwell Hospital.

He is expected to return home on October 29, the press secretary added.

Earlier, the 74-year-old President Hamid underwent health checkup there in April last.

GAIBANDHA CONJOINED TWINS Tahura doing well

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tahura, one of the separated conjoined twins from Gaibandha, who was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) earlier this month due to various physical complications, is now out of danger.

"Tahura has overcome the problems she was facing since their first birth on September 29," said Prof Shahnoor Islam of the hospital's paediatrics surgery department.

Tahura had fever and nausea. She had lost weight, and could only be breastfed. The twins were brought to DMCH on October 9.

"She has been feeling better since Monday, six days after she was admitted to the hospital," said Shahida Begum, the mother of the babies.

When this correspondent visited Tahura yesterday afternoon, she looked healthy and was in a playful mood. Her sister, Tofa, was sleeping next to her peacefully.



Tahura in her mother's arms at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. PHOTO: SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Jessore worker dies from electrocution

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A construction worker died from electrocution and another was injured at Majhidpur village in Keshabpur upazila of Jessore yesterday.

The deceased, identified as Abdul Majid Sheikh, 32, son of late Abdul Gafur Sheikh, hailed from the village.

Police said Majid stepped on a live wire while he was working on the roof of an under-construction building. His co-worker Babul Hossain, 22, son of Abdul Hamid, also got electrocuted when he touched Majid in order to save him.

Locals rushed the two people to Keshabpur Upazila Health Complex where doctors declared Majid dead. Babul was referred to Khulna Medical College Hospital.



Without any safety gear, a worker of a cable service provider repairs a cable with his ladder leaned against an electric transformer pole. Such unsafe practices go unabated without enforcement of labour safety laws. The photo was taken from Muradpur in Chittagong city recently. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

N'ganj fire injures 3 workers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Three workers were injured in a fire while working at a ship-breaking yard in Bandar upazila of Narayanganj yesterday.

The victims are Kabir Hossain, 27, Billal Hossain, 40, and Sohrab Mia, 20.

Based on primary investigation, Hasanul Alam, special officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence in Bandar, said the accident occurred due to a leakage from a defected

Arsenic exposure linked to RTI, diarrhoea

Finds icddr,b study

UNB, Dhaka

The people exposed to arsenic in Bangladesh may be at higher risk of childhood respiratory tract infection (RTI) and diarrhoea, says a new study of icddr,b.

The recent systematic review study found links between arsenic exposure and respiratory tract infections or diarrhoea.

"The harmful effects of arsenic are well-known yet many people including pregnant women continue to drink contaminated water," said Dr Anisur Rahman, head of icddr,b's Matlab Health Research Centre and author of the review, in an icddr,b web post.

He said the arsenic problem lingered because of the failure to identify an effective strategy to mitigate the problem.

"Experience from field-level interventions indicated that people once had limited knowledge of arsenic exposure. Despite knowing the risks many wanted continuous water