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Light to moderate rain is likely to occur at most places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka, 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 6:00am, said Met office.

Laurels for leaders of tomorrow

Ten organisations receive Joy Bangla Youth Award

For their outstanding contributions to building the society, 10 social, cultural and sports organisations have been awarded with Joy Bangla Youth Award 2017. Representatives of the organisations from different parts of the country received the awards during a gala event yesterday at the Sheikh Hasina National Youth Centre in Savar, on the outskirts of the capital. Young Bangla, a platform for changemakers, and the Centre for Research and Information (CRI) organised the event. Prime Minister's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy handed over certificates and crests to the 10 winners on the final day of the two-day ceremony of the second edition of Joy Bangla Youth Award. The 10 organisations were selected from a short list of 30-nominated organisations under three categories -- community development, culture and sport, according to the organisers. The remaining 20 organisations were also awarded. The winning organisations are (for community development) Shopno Dekho Social Welfare Organisation of Jessore, Youth Society of Barisal, Durbar Foundation of



The winners of Joy Bangla Youth Award with Prime Minister's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy at the Sheikh Hasina National Youth Centre in Savar yesterday. Ten social, cultural and sports organisations received this year's award.

Muktamoni at ICU

Muktamoni has been taken to the intensive care unit (ICU) of Dhaka Medical College Hospital as the 12-year-old's condition deteriorated suddenly. The girl from Satkhira had several major surgeries for having tumours in her right arm and chest over the last couple of months. She was taken to ICU on Thursday as she was having breathing difficulties, her father Ibrahim told The Daily Star. Dr Samanta Lal Sen, who along with some other doctors has been treating Muktamoni, said she might have been suffering from lung infection or pneumonia. "She is in a critical condition and currently under our observation," he told The Daily Star.



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Finding the brave souls

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

The night was darker than any other. On such a night, eight of the country's finest -- members of police force -- were safeguarding the country's image by protecting a foreign establishment. Little did Khalil Miah and his seven other colleagues know that the military of their own country has unleashed a genocide campaign, termed Operation Searchlight, on that very night -- March 25 of 1971. Khalil and the other seven policemen were martyred while protecting the British Council on Fuller Road that night as contingents of the Pakistan occupation forces rained bullets and heavy artillery on student dormitories and other establishments throughout the Dhaka University campus.

The Bangalees, in present Bangladesh, will always remember that night as the Black Night when the Pakistan forces massacred hundreds, including Bangalee members of police and paramilitary force, known as East Pakistan Rifles (EPR), on the campus of Dhaka University, and barracks of Rajarbagh Police Lines and Palkhana EPR headquarters in Dhaka. This year, 46 years after the massacre, the British Council sought the assistance of the Police Headquarters (PHQ) in finding the names of the eight fallen heroes of police, months before the unveiling of a memorial on its Fuller Road compound. The council authorities had to open the memorial on July 27 without the names of the martyrs as the PHQ could not provide them with the names. The police database was partially

destroyed or lost during the Liberation War in 1971. In mid-August, soon after the formal inception of Police Liberation War Museum (PLWM) Unit, its researchers succeeded in identifying Khalil Miah as one of the eight on-duty police members who died on the British Council premises. The PHQ formally formed the PLWM unit earlier the same month to identify the fallen police heroes of 1971 and ensure their national recognition as well as welfare of their living family members. The PLWM unit found out that Khalil, the first child of Amena Begum and Kala Miah from Mymensingh, joined the force as a constable in 1969 after finishing ninth grade in school. He was stationed at Rajarbagh Police Lines.

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Missing DU student found dead in Bhairab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A Dhaka University student was found dead in the Bhairab river in Khulna yesterday, 36 hours after he had gone missing. Police recovered the body of Khalid Hassan, 21, a pharmacy student, from Senhati Ferry Ghat area in Rupsa upazila. The body of Khalid, son of Jalal Uddin from Shariatpur, was handed over to the family, he said. On Thursday night, Khalid slipped into the river while he was getting on a trawler along with his younger brother on the way to their relative's house in

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Rohingya kids exposed to abuse, trafficking risk

Warns Save the Children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rohingya children are exposed to alarming risks of trafficking, sexual abuse and child labour due to lack of schooling and widespread desperation of people in the overcrowded makeshift settlements in Cox's Bazar, international aid group Save the Children has warned. "There are huge child protection concerns in the camps. A lot of desperate, hungry children are running around alone in crowded, chaotic settings where anything could happen," said Save the Children International CEO Helle Thorning-Schmidt. "It's a child protection disaster waiting to happen. This kind of situation leaves children, who've already seen and experienced things that no child should ever see, at a hugely increased risk of exploitation like

trafficking, sexual abuse and child labour," she said at a press conference in a city hotel yesterday. Helle, also former prime minister of Denmark, who came to Bangladesh on October 19 on a three-day visit, observed the situation of the displaced Rohingyas living in Cox's Bazar makeshift camps the next day. She met the press yesterday to share her experience from this visit, Rohingya response plan, and how Save the Children was working here to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn, and protection from any harm. The visit of Schmidt, who oversees humanitarian and development programmes reaching 55 million children in around 120 countries, reinforced mobilisation of the urgently needed resources to

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The 1971 Liberation War exhibits on display at the Bangladesh Police Liberation War Museum in the capital's Rajarbagh Police Lines. The museum was established to portray the valour the law enforcers showed during the war.

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Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amir Hossain from Noakhali has been suffering from corneal opacity with potential complications for a long time. Doctors suggested that the visually impaired go to Chennai in India for treatment that costs Tk 2.5 lakh. Amir used to run his five-member family by selling insect killers on streets. As the family cannot afford the treatment, they appealed to the well-off of the society to help him financially. Aid can be sent to Amir Hossain, Account No-0200005239170, Agrani Bank, Joyag Bazar Branch, Noakhali; bKash No-01790455890.

Missing boy found dead in canal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A boy was found dead in a canal in Mugda area of Dhaka yesterday six days after the three-year-old had fallen in the water body while he was crossing it through a bamboo bridge to reach his house. Mizanur Rahman, a duty officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence Headquarters, told The Daily Star that a five-member team had been working round the clock since Monday and recovered the decomposing body of Hridoy near the spot. The boy's five-year-old sister Sathi was with him during the incident, said the family, adding that Sathi later informed them of the matter. As the boy remained traceless, his mother Rozina filed a murder case on Friday with Mugda Police Station accusing six persons -- two Dhaka Wasa engineers, a local public representative, two house owners and the caretaker -- bringing an allegation of negligence that caused the death. Officer-in-Charge Enamul Haque quoted the complainant as saying that the bridge was built over the canal illegally while the Wasa did not take care of it. They are trying arrest the accused, said the OC. Investigation is going on into the matter, he added.

State Minister Shahriar takes responsibility of Shamima's education

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam has taken the responsibility of educational expenses of Shamima Khatun. Though Shamima of Tala upazila in Satkhira passed this year's Rajshahi Medical College admission test, she said she was unable to bear the educational expenses due to a financial hardship. Following media reports, Shahriar, also a member of parliament from Rajshahi 6 (Bagha-Charghat) constituency, contacted Shamima and assured her of bearing her responsibility. Contacted, Shahriar Alam, who is in Istanbul of Turkey, attending the D-8

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