

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 25.3 L 21.9	MYMENSINGH H 25.0 L 22.0	CHITTAGONG H 25.0 L 19.5	SYLHET H 29.2 L 21.0	RAJSHAHI H 30.4 L 20.0	RANGPUR H 27.7 L 21.0	KHULNA H 25.0 L 22.6	BARISAL H 23.2 L 20.6	COX'S BAZAR H 25.5 L 23.2
-------------------------------	------------------------------------	------------------------------------	--------------------------------	----------------------------------	---------------------------------	--------------------------------	---------------------------------	-------------------------------------

Rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:20pm and rises tomorrow at 6:05am, Met office said.

DU suspends 2 BCL leaders

UNB, Dhaka
The Dhaka University authorities have suspended two BCL leaders for their involvement in fraud related to the Gha Unit admission test held on October 20. The suspended students are Mohiuddin Rana, a second-year student of physics and central assistant secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL); and Abdullah Al Mamun, a first-year student of applied chemistry and theater and debate secretary of DU Amar Ekushey Hall unit of BCL. DU Syndicate Member Lutfur Rahman confirmed to UNB that the syndicate at a meeting on Sunday took the decision. BCL also expelled Mohiuddin Rana from the organisation on October 22 on same allegations.



An activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League openly brandishes a machete on Rajshahi University campus yesterday. He was one of scores of fellow activists who did the same -- carrying either sharp weapons or sticks. It happened during a BCL procession brought out in response to a march by Islami Chhatra Shibir outside the campus a few hours earlier. Locals said they heard explosions during the Shibir procession. The activists of Shibir came together after some BCL men detained one of their fellows and handed him over to police. Speaking about the incident, RU BCL general secretary Faisal Ahmed Runu said they organised the procession in protest of the Shibir activities. "We will fight them back whenever they will try to take position on the campus," he said. RU Proctor Prof Lutfur Rahman said he heard about all the incidents and that the authorities would increase security on the campus.



CU suspends 2 BCL men over admission test forgery

CU CORRESPONDENT
The Chittagong University (CU) authorities have suspended two Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men over its admission test forgery. Md Shahidullah alias Nisat Kaiser and Raihanul Haque, both masters' students at CU's Institute of Education and Research. Shahidullah is an assistant secretary of suspended CU BCL unit while Raihanul is an activist of the unit. The two were given a day before the A unit admission test near the campus on Saturday night along with blank stamps, admit cards, mark sheets and certificates of the aspirants who made deal with them.

FAILURE TO STOP CHILD MARRIAGE Why local govt reps shouldn't be sacked? HC asks govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The High Court yesterday questioned failure of the elected representatives of people in stopping child marriages in their areas. The court issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government to explain in four weeks why the union parishad chairmen and members, and the ward councillors of city corporations and municipalities will not be held responsible for the recurrence of child marriages in their respective areas. It also asked the respondents to show causes why appropriate action should not be taken against them (union parishad chairmen and members and ward councilors of city corporations and municipalities) and why they should not be terminated if child marriage takes place in their areas. Secretaries to the ministries of public administration, local government, rural development and cooperatives, law, home, women and children affairs, and social welfare have been made respondents to the rule. It is not acceptable that the elected representatives of the people cannot play role in stopping child marriage, as they

New DAP must list Dhaka water bodies, heritage sites

Environmentalists tell public consultation
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The updated detailed area plan (DAP) of Dhaka city must have an inventory of all documented and demarcated water bodies and heritage properties to make Dhaka liveable, environmentalists told a public consultation on Sunday. The upcoming revised DAP must ensure conservation of rivers, canals and wetlands in and around the capital city as per official records, said Iqbal Habib, joint general secretary of environmentalist group Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon. "If need be, land has to be acquired for conservation of canals," he said, proposing making a list of heritage properties and water bodies for what he termed a "blue network" of canals and rivers and a "green network" of parks and playgrounds. He also proposed including a provision in DAP for affordable housing for low and middle income people in the light of the UN sustainable development goals and an area-based density zoning map and revision of the Floor Area Ratio chart, a chart to determine allowable floor area of a building. Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) organised the meeting at its Motijheel head office with a view to gathering inputs of civic groups in the ongoing process of updating DAP. Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, founder of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro and president of Bapa, said that once Dhaka city would boast of hundreds of ponds. It should be inquired into how those ponds have been filled particularly after enactment of the wetland conservation law in 2000, he said. Prof Nurul Islam Nazem, general secretary of the Centre for Urban Studies, said Rajuk should pursue a realistic urban plan instead of a theoretical one. For example, he said, public movement in Keraniganj and Sadarghat will multiply after completion of the Padma Bridge. Keeping it in mind, exit and entry points through the entire Sadarghat area have to be revitalised to cope with the situation, he said. Maruf Hossain, programme manager of the Work for a Better Bangladesh Trust, said the updated DAP must keep provisions for pedestrian passage and a dedicated motorcycle lane. Responding to the suggestions, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

Bangladeshi held 'for conspiring with Myanmar'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court has sent a Bangladeshi citizen from Rakhine community to jail on charges of pilfering state information to Myanmar and conspiring to conduct subversive activities in Bangladesh with the help of Myanmar-based militant group Arakan Liberation Party (ALP). A case was filed on October 20 under the Anti-Terrorism Act against the accused -- Ushit Maung Rakhine, 67. According to the case statement, Ushit was arrested on October 18 at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka by the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) before departing for Myanmar. Ushit, resident of Mirpur in the capital, and his wife Sumraraja Lin Prokash Mama, 58, who is a Myanmar citizen and still living in Myanmar, have been sharing sensitive information of Bangladesh with ALP and high officials in Myanmar, aiming to disrupt stability and security in Bangladesh, claimed investigators. Ushit, a financier of the ALP; and Sumraraja, an armed member of the outfit; have been conspiring to mobilise the Rikhaines in Bangladesh for the amalgamation of greater SEE PAGE 4 COL 2



Several hundred students of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) gather on the campus yesterday, protesting an "attack" on some of their fellows by a group of Dhaka University students on Friday night. They raised eight demands including suing of the "attackers" and ensuring a secure campus. PHOTO: STAR

Buet students block road seeking secure campus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) yesterday demanded a secure campus during protests against an alleged attack on them by a group of Dhaka University students. Several hundred students of BUET blocked the road from Palashi intersection to Bakshi Bazar for around two hours from 12:00 noon demanding punishment of the attackers. They also placed an eight-point demand to the authorities including forming a probe body and filing a case against the attackers. The students have also been boycotting their classes since Saturday and yesterday issued an ultimatum till November 10 to meet the demands. They said the movement was not against any university, but they want the culprits to be punished. The protesters said the incident ensued on Thursday afternoon when some BUET students asked some residents of staff quarters and some DU students to leave the place near the over-bridge known as a drug prone spot. An altercation occurred between them that left some BUET students injured, the protesters alleged. Later on Friday evening, some 30-40 students of Zahurul Haque Hall of DU allegedly attacked BUET students with sticks and iron rods leaving five BUET students injured. "They also injured one of our canteen boys who wore a T-shirt with BUET logo," said a protester. The DU students have also issued a counter-statement over the incident. Students of Zahurul Haque Hall alleged that one of their fellows was confined by some BUET students on Friday afternoon. On information, Zahurul Haque Hall students along with some BCL men reportedly rescued their fellow and went on the rampage at Titumir Hall on Friday night. Moreover, another DU student was assaulted on Friday night, they claimed. The allegation was refuted by BUET students. "We do not know about any such incidents. But after DU students attacked us on Friday evening, we gathered near Shaheed Minar on campus in protest. There we had an altercation with a DU student who came to drop his friend around 9:45pm," a BUET final year student said, adding that they later escorted him out of the campus. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

BNP ex-MP jailed for illegal wealth

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole
A Jessore court yesterday sentenced a former BNP lawmaker to eight years in jail for illegally accumulating wealth worth Tk 93 lakh. The special judge's court also ordered confiscation of MA Wahab's assets of the same amount. The ex-MP of Jhenaidah-1 constituency could not show the legal sources of his wealth. He was sent to prison after Judge Nitai Chandra Saha of the special judge's court gave the verdict. Prosecutor Sirajul Islam said the lawmaker submitted a wealth statement to the Anti-Corruption Commission on May 15, 2008, stating he had assets worth Tk 89.92 lakh, but he SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

WAR CRIMES IN SHERPUR, COMILLA Prosecution presses charges against 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Prosecution yesterday pressed charges against five men from Sherpur and Comilla, including a former army official who allegedly worked for the Pakistani army in 1971, in two cases filed over committing crimes during the Liberation War. In a case, prosecutors Abul Kalam and Tapas Kanti Baul pressed three charges against Muhamed Shahidullah, also known as Capt Shahidullah, of Daudkandi upazila in Comilla. In another case, Prosecutor Rezia Sultana Chaman submitted four charges against four Sherpur men. They are SM Aminuzzaman Faruk, 58; AKM Akram Hossain, 62; Emdadul Haque alias Kwaza Doctor, 74; and Mokhlesur Rahman Tara, 66, of Nakla Upazila in Sherpur. Of them, Tara has not been arrested yet. International Crimes Tribunal-1 is scheduled to hear both the cases today. For the first time, prosecution pressed charges against the former army official who was working for Pakistan army during the war, Prosecutor Tapas told The Daily Star.

Police won't take blame for members' misdeeds

Police HQ asks DIGs, SPs to take action
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
But they are still receiving complaints regarding some police officials' involvement in narcotics business, he said. Stern actions will be taken if any policeman is found guilty, said the police chief. Javed Patwari, special branch (SB) chief, said there are allegations that some police officials are involved in harassing people by putting Yaba pills inside their clothes and later bringing false charges against them for possessing contraband items. He instructed police officials to stay away from the practice as it tarnishes the hard-earned achievement of police. The official further instructed the field-level SPs to remain alert so that none can spread rumor or misleading information on the social media. In the conference, the high police officials were also instructed to ensure a pro-active policing in local police stations. Rohingya crisis and the attack of SEE PAGE 5 COL 4



A bus assistant volunteers and helps a child into the vehicle as the woman carrying the girl follows. While women are often denied rides on public transport because they cannot board as swiftly as men, this seems to be an unusual act of benevolence. The photo was taken in the capital's Sabujbagh area yesterday. PHOTO: SIKENAMUL HAQ