

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 28.8 L 19.1	H 29.2 L 18.8	H 28.0 L 20.7	H 29.0 L 18.3	H 27.2 L 19.3	H 28.0 L 18.8	H 28.5 L 18.8	H 28.8 L 18.3	H 26.4 L 22.0

Rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Chittagong division till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:19pm and rises tomorrow at 6:05am, Met Office said.



Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) brings out a procession in the capital marking the 45th founding anniversary of the party. Starting from Central Shaheed Minar, the procession ended at Zero Point. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, also the party president, and JSD General Secretary Shirin Akhter, MP, led the march. Earlier, a rally took place at the Shaheed Minar.

JSD still relevant

Says Inu marking 45th founding anniversary of party

BSS, Dhaka

Even after 45 years of its founding, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) is still relevant today. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said this at a rally yesterday at the Central Shaheed Minar, marking the 45th founding anniversary of the party.

The minister is president of the party, which is a commitment of the ruling 14-party alliance.

Refuting criticism from the far-right and far-left quarters, the minister said as long as the country faces threat from militancy and Razakars, there would be need for the broad national unity forged by the ruling alliance.

"As long as there is a threat from militants and the basic ethos of the country are at stake, not only JSD but also the 14-party alliance is relevant," he said.

JSD along with the Awami League will

AZIZA MURDER

Aunt, another held in Sylhet

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested two persons including the aunt of teenager Aziza Akhter who was burnt alive on suspicion of a cell phone theft.

Aziza's aunt Beauty Begum, 26, the prime accused in the murder case, and her mother Sanowara Begum, 50, of Shibpur upazila of Narsingdi, were arrested at Mirengpa in Biswanath upazila of Sylhet.

They were later handed over to Shibpur police, Mohammad Moniruzzaman, assistant superintendent of police and also senior assistant director (media) of Rab-9, said at a press briefing yesterday.

Four men tied Aziza, 14, to a tree about half a kilometre away from her house at Khoinkuti in Jashor of Narsingdi, doused her with petroleum and set her alight on Friday, said the girl's family members.

With about 96 per cent of her body burned, she died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Saturday morning, hospital sources said.

Earlier, police arrested one of the seven accused, Tamuzza Begum, sister of Beauty's father-in-law.

After primary investigation, police speculate that Aziza might have been killed because she found out about her paternal uncle's wife Beauty's extra-marital affair.



Left, Beauty Begum, right, Sanowara Begum.

CONTROVERSIAL MCQ

HC wants report from RU on steps taken

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the Rajshahi University authorities to inform it regarding the steps they took against those responsible for making the controversial multiple choice question (MCQ) in the entry test of its fine arts faculty.

The HC ordered the authorities to submit a report on the actions in 30 days.

Following a writ petition, the court also issued a rule asking the respondents to explain in four weeks as to why appropriate legal actions should not be taken against the persons involved in making the MCQ.

The university, its vice chancellor, the faculty dean and other officials concerned and the education secretary were made respondents to the rule.

The bench of Justice Quazi Reza Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Lillah passed the order and rule.

SC lawyer and former

No foreign student at CU for 14 years

MD ABHAS, CU

The reserved seats for foreign students in Chittagong University have remained vacant for the last 14 years as no foreign student applied for admission since 2003.

According to the CU administration, there are 78 seats reserved for foreign students in every academic session.

Though there is no specific information about why foreign student enrolment dropped to zero, teachers of the university speculated about a number of possible reasons.

Wishing anonymity, a professor of public administration said the university authorities seemed not to be concerned about admitting foreign students at all.

International students need to know about the admission process and facilities, but there is no information regarding this on the CU website he said.

CU Deputy Registrar SM Akbar Hossain said the reserved seats were distributed among six faculties and two institutes. Of the seats, 19 are in the arts and humanities faculty, 16 in biological sciences, 14 in social sciences, 12 in science, eight in

Quality higher edu a game changer: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country cannot reap the expected benefits of higher education due to its lack of quality as well as the shortage of graduates with specialised skills suitable for the job market, said experts at a seminar yesterday.

Though the country needs more technicians and skilled manpower for further development, the students mostly focus on general education instead of technical one, they said.

To overcome the situation, the experts opined that the government should ensure quality education from the primary level, monitor and evaluate the educational institutions, and invest more in higher education.

National Debate Federation (NDF) organised the seminar titled "Contribution of Higher Education in National Development" at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Hassan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron, chairman of Debate for Democracy, said more than two lakh students are graduating from different public and private universities across the country every year, but many of them remain jobless.

"On the other hand, around five lakh



The two-storey building of a government primary school, also a cyclone centre, was partially devoured by the river Tutulia in Mehendiganj upazila of Barisal. The photo was taken yesterday.

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