

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 33.2 L 22.5	H 31.6 L 20.0	H 32.5 L 24.0	H 32.0 L 21.5	H 32.3 L 21.1	H 30.4 L 19.5	H 33.0 L 22.8	H 33.5 L 22.5	H 32.5 L 23.5

Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today. Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:16pm and rises tomorrow at 6:08am, reports UNB.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with Commonwealth Parliamentary Association delegates on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises yesterday. The premier inaugurated the 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference there on the day. More than 550 delegates from 144 national and provincial parliaments of 44 countries are joining the eight-day conference. PHOTO: PMO

CJ's rejoining 'a far cry'

Reiterates attorney general
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam has once again stated that Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha's rejoining the office of chief justice after his coming home from abroad is "a far cry".

"I have said on the first day that his [SK Sinha] rejoining the office of chief justice is a far cry. I am reiterating this today because how would the chief justice discharge the judicial duties if other judges [of the Appellate Division] do not want to sit with him?" he said yesterday.

He made the remark while speaking at a press briefing at his Supreme Court office.

Justice Sinha faced sharp criticism from a number of senior ministers and Awami League leaders over the 16th amendment verdict scrapping the constitutional amendment that had empowered the parliament to remove SC judges for misconduct or incapacity.

Amid the criticism, on October 3 the chief justice went on a month's leave on health grounds. He left for Australia 10 days later. Later on, his leave was extended to November 10.

Replying to a question asking whether the CJ will return after leave, the AG said, "I don't know what he will do. It's up to him [CJ] -- whether he will extend his leave or will return home."

Responding to another query, the top law officer of the country said, "There is no relation between the filing of our review petition and his [CJ's] returning to the country."

He said they were scrutinising the entire verdict thoroughly and going to seek review of the verdict that scrapped the 16th amendment to the constitution.

Law Minister Anisul Huq on Saturday said they would seek review for the whole verdict within this month.

The prime minister and many senior ministers denounced the chief justice over the release of the verdict's full text on August 1. Many of them also called for his resignation.

Several pro-AL organisations, including Bangabandhu Awami Ainjibi Parishad, staged protests against the CJ. The parishad leaders threatened to launch a tougher agitation if the CJ did not step down.

LOWER COURT JUDGES
Yet another time extension for issuing gazette on rules
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday extended time until December 3 for issuing a gazette notification on the disciplinary rules for lower court judges.

The apex court adjourned till that day (December 3) the hearing on the Masdar Hossain case known as judiciary separation case with which issuance of the gazette notification was linked.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, who is discharging the responsibilities of the chief justice, passed the order following a time petition moved by

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DU pro-AL teachers' split widens

DU CORRESPONDENT

The ongoing feud between the two factions of pro-Awami League Blue Panel teachers at Dhaka University over the assault of a professor by his colleagues may linger, with both groups taking to the street and blaming each other for the incident.

The faction loyal to former vice chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique formed a human chain at Aparajeyo Bangla yesterday, demanding immediate removal of Proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani for allegedly assaulting AKM Jamal Uddin, a professor of sociology.

Some students also attended the programme.

On the other hand, the loyalists of incumbent VC Prof Akhtaruzzaman yesterday announced that they would organise a human chain at the same venue today, protesting the "assault of Proctor Prof Golam Rabbani by Prof Jamal Uddin."

At yesterday's human chain, Blue Panel convener Prof Abdul Aziz said some teach-

ers of the panel had been out to create a division in the panel since the appointment of the new VC. "Thursday's incident (of assault) is the worst development of the split, which has questioned the dignity of teachers," he said.

He said Prof Rabbani must be removed as proctor; otherwise, they would go for tougher demonstrations.

Prof Jamal Uddin, who also attended the human chain, demanded that the Dhaka University Teachers' Association expel for life all "three professors who assaulted him".

Among others, former pro-vice chancellor (administration) Prof Shahid Akhtar Hossain, former proctor Prof M Amzad Ali, and senate members Prof AJM Shafiq Alam Bhuiyan, Prof Abul Mansur Ahmed, and Prof Baitullah Quaderee were present.

On Thursday, the proctor allegedly attacked Prof Jamal Uddin and left him with minor injuries at a Blue Panel meeting at TSC, drawing widespread criticism and condemnation.

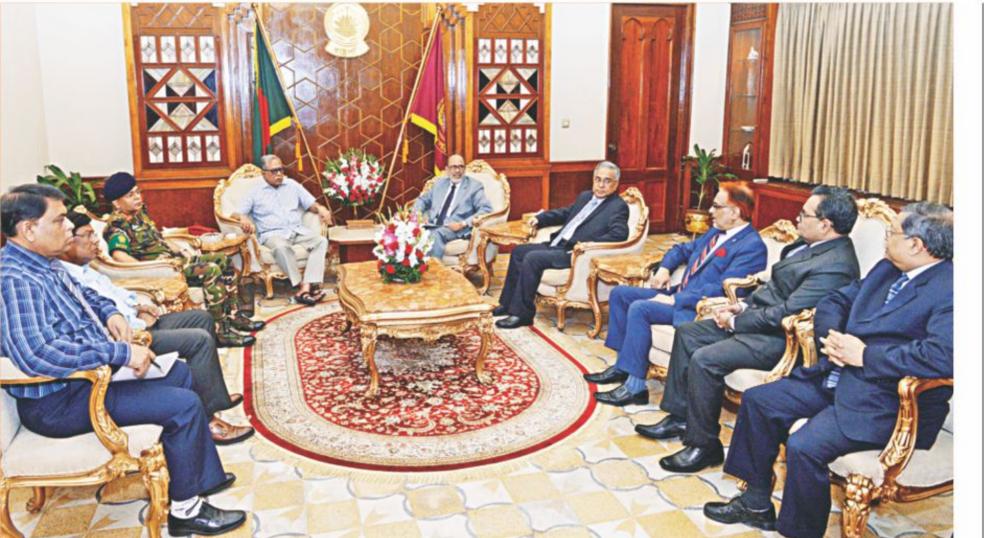
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HC clears way for trial of Mahmudur Rahman
HC dismisses rule, withdraws stay order
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday cleared the way for resuming the proceedings of 23 cases against daily Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman for publishing a "defamatory" report against prime minister's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy and her energy adviser Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury.

The court yesterday dismissed a rule issued in 2010, asking the government why the cases should not be declared illegal, and withdrew the stay order on the proceedings of the cases, said a lawyer.

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President Abdul Hamid during a meeting at Bangabhaban yesterday with a delegation from the Supreme Court's Appellate Division led by Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah who has been performing functions of the chief justice. The president during the meeting called upon judges and others concerned to perform their assigned tasks with integrity and sincerity to ensure justice for justice-seekers as the judiciary is their last resort to get justice. Apprising the president of the overall activities of the Supreme Court, Justice Abdul Wahhab invited the president to be the chief guest in the judicial conference scheduled for January 2 next year. President Hamid was also invited to attend the "Supreme Court Day" programme as the chief guest, president's Press Secretary M Joynal Abedin told BSS. PHOTO: PID

CCC HOLDING TAX DEBATE
CU teacher 'threatened at gunpoint'
CU CORRESPONDENT

Identifying themselves as activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Chittagong University, a group of youths yesterday allegedly threatened a teacher for his activism against the holding tax reassessment programme by Chittagong City Corporation.

One of them also brandished a firearm, said the victim, Md Amir Uddin, an associate professor of the university's Institute of Education Research (IER).

He said some 10-12 youths stormed room no. 208 at IER where he was working with a colleague around 1:30pm.

"Entering the room, the

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INVESTIGATION WITHOUT CASE
HC asks IGP to probe Satkhira cop's act
STAFF REPORT

The High Court yesterday directed the Inspector General of Police (IGP) to conduct a departmental inquiry into the incident that an inspector of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of Satkhira police called a fish trader to his office despite having no specific case against the businessman.

The court also asked the IGP to take next steps to this effect on holding the inquiry.

The court passed the order after accepting an unconditional apology offered by CID Inspector Sheikh Mesbah Uddin.

The HC Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah came up with the order after disposing of a rule earlier issued by the court on October 24, Barrister ABM Altaf Hossain, counsel for Mesbah, told The Daily Star.

The HC earlier asked the CID inspector to appear before it yesterday to explain about a notice issued on August 23. In the notice, the inspector called Abdus Samad Gazi of Sreeula area in Ashashuni upazila of Satkhira to appear before his office as part of an investigation into an allegation lodged by one Mintu Chowdhury.

CID cannot initiate any investigation against anybody and cannot ask anybody to appear before its office under Section 160 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) without any specific case.

SC order on Khaleda's leave to appeal today
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court will pass an order today on a leave to appeal filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia challenging the High Court's order that cleared way for a Dhaka court to continue trial in a graft case filed against her.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, who is discharging the responsibilities of the chief justice, fixed the date yesterday.

On August 20, the HC cleared the way for the Senior Special Judge's Court-5 of Dhaka to continue trial proceedings of Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case filed against Khaleda and others.

2 to die for killing Demra student

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced two painters to death for killing Md Hassan, a student of an eight grader in Demra in July, 2014.

The convicts are: Md Shahjahan and Md Billal Chaprasi.

Md Hassan, a student of class eight of Cambridge High School in the city's Demra, was kidnaped and killed by the two convicts on July 10, 2014.

Judge Abdullah Al Mamun of the 8th Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka handed down the verdict.

Soon after the verdict, victim's father Anwar Hossain expressed his satisfaction over it and urged the government for its quick execution.

According to the prosecution, the convicts kidnaped the victim after calling him out of his house. Later, they demanded Tk 5 lakh from his father over the phone in ransom. The kidnappers strangled Hassan even they got Tk 50,000 and they dumped the body under earth.

Later, victim's father filed a case and police arrested the two in this connection.

SWINDLING Tk 1.43CR
Businessman jailed for 14yrs
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A court in Chittagong yesterday sentenced a businessman to 14 years in jail in two corruption cases filed 17 years back.

The convict is Ratan Kanti, managing director (MD) of Azmir Salt Industry.

The court delivered the verdict in the absence of the convict, said ACC Public Prosecutor Mejbah Uddin Chowdhury.

The then Bureau of Anti-Corruption, which became defunct, filed the cases with Cox's Bazar Sadar Police Station against four people for swindling Tk 1.43 crore from a branch of Sonali Bank in Cox's Bazar.

However, the court acquitted three others.

The court awarded Ratan to seven years in jail in each of the cases. It also fined him Tk 1,35,55,000, in default, to suffer one more year in jail, and Tk 8 lakh in another case, the PP added.

Rapist gets life

Court asks govt to bear expenses of the victim's child
OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A court in Narayanganj has sentenced a youth to life-term rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined him Tk 1 lakh in a rape case.

The court also ordered the authorities concerned to identify the convict -- Mamun Miah, 24, son of Amanullah of Khirdasadi village in Araihasar upazila of the district -- as the biological father of the child born out of rape. The court announced the verdict in absentia.

According to the prosecution, Mamun had developed a relationship with a neighbour and raped her several times since January 5, 2013. When the young girl became pregnant, she kept on asking Mamun to marry her. In the meantime, she gave birth to a baby girl. Yet, Mamun refused to marry her.

Later, she filed a case with the women and children repression prevention tribunal on March 18 -- two months after the child's birth.

The court in the verdict said the child will be placed under the custody of her mother and will be known as the daughter of Mamun and her mother. Realising the money from Mamun's existing wealth, the government will bear the expenses of the child until she is married off.



A section of 1,200kgs of jatka (hilsa fry less than 10 inches in length) on the bank of the river Kirtonkhola in Barisal. Coastguards seized a total of 2,000kgs of jatka caught from different rivers in the division during the last two days. However, no arrest was made during the drives. The photo was taken on Saturday. PHOTO: SUSHANTA GHOSH