

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
H 33.2 L 22.3	H 32.0 L 19.1	H 32.1 L 23.0	H 32.0 L 20.1	H 31.0 L 18.0	H 30.5 L 18.5	H 32.0 L 20.4	H 32.5 L 20.6	H 32.8 L 23.0

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night temperature may fall slightly and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met Office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:15pm and rises tomorrow at 6:09am.



A faction of ruling party's student front yesterday vandalised the office of Chittagong University vice chancellor in continuation of their stand against a university teacher. The Bangladesh Chhatra League men also broke several windowpanes and flower pots in front of the VC's office, left, and vandalised a car, right.



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**CTG GANG RAPE IN 2005**

**HC commutes death penalty of three**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday commuted the death sentence of three convicts to life imprisonment in a case filed for gang rape of a Brac employee at Banshkhali in Chittagong in 2005.

The convicts are Md Shofi Alom, Md Kalu and Md Abul Hossain. Kalu is now on the run, Deputy Attorney General Md Bashir Ullah told The Daily Star.

The bench of Justice Bhabani Prasad Singha and Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam delivered the verdict after hearing the death reference and appeals filed by the convicts against the trial court verdict that had sentenced them to death, he said.

Bashir said the 30-year-old health official of Brac was a mother of three children. She was gang raped by the convicts in Jaldi area in Banshkhali on June 12, 2005.

The Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-1 of Chittagong on January 5, 2015 sentenced the three to death, he said, adding that the HC commuted their death sentence to life imprisonment on the grounds that the two convicts were in condemn cell for a long time and death sentence for rape is harsh.

**LEAVING FOETUS INSIDE WOMB**

**HC wants probe report by Nov 15**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday sought the probe report on the incident of leaving a foetus inside a woman's womb after delivering a baby in Comilla.

The director general of the department of health services has been asked to submit the probe report to the HC by November 15.

The HC passed the order after the civil surgeon of Comilla yesterday informed the court that his office has handed over the probe report to the DG of the department of health services.

The court also ordered the owner of Gouripur Life Hospital and Digital Diagnostic Centre in Daudkandi of Comilla and its doctor Sheikh Hosne Ara, who left the foetus inside the woman's womb, to further appear before it on November 16 in connection with the incident.

The HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and AKM Zahurul Hoque exempted the Comilla civil surgeon from personal appearance before the court.

The civil surgeon, Hosne Ara and owner of the hospital appeared before the HC yesterday as per its earlier directive.

On October 29, the HC summoned them to appear before it yesterday and also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government to explain as to why they (the authorities) should not be directed to stop negligence

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**DEMAND FOR REMOVAL OF TEACHER**

**CU BCL faction goes on rampage at VC office**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, CU

A faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League's Chittagong University's suspended unit yesterday vandalised the office of the vice-chancellor for not meeting their demand of dismissing a teacher.

Another faction extended their support to Md Amir Uddin, associate professor of Institute of Education and Research, and said they would resist any such move.

The row has triggered confrontation between the two factions, the former loyal to Chittagong City Corporation Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin and the latter to ex-mayor and President of Chittagong city Awami League ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

VC Prof Dr Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury said they would take action against the unruly students as per the university rules.

He said any teacher can be involved in social movements or express their opinions independently, adding, there is no embargo in the CU Act in this regard.

Members of the pro-Nasir faction, which is led by Alamgir Tipu, president of the sus-

pended committee, on Sunday allegedly threatened the teacher at his office for expressing opinions against CCC tax reassessment.

They also submitted a memorandum to the VC on Monday with a 24-hour ultimatum to sack the teacher.

As their demand was not met, the faction went on the rampage at the VC office yesterday. They also vandalised a private car and a motorcycle in front of the administrative building and at least 20 flower pots in front of the VC's office room, said eyewitnesses.

Assistant Proctor Niaz Morshed confirmed the incident.

Members of the faction also demonstrated at Zero Point by padlocking the main entrance to campus from 1:20pm to 2:20pm, said eyewitnesses, adding that teachers' bus and shuttle train services were suspended during the demonstration.

A journalist was assaulted as he was trying to take photos during the demonstration.

Meanwhile, the pro-Mohiuddin faction, led by Fazley Rabbi Sujon, general

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**HC stays trial of Fakhrul's 7 cases**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday stayed trial proceedings against BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir in seven cases filed in 2013, 2014 and 2015 over vandalism and arson.

The court also issued seven rules asking the government to explain why the proceedings of the cases against Fakhrul should not be scrapped.

The stay orders will continue until disposal of the rules, according to the HC orders.

The bench of Justice Md Miftah Uddin Choudhury and Justice Zafar Ahmed came up with the orders and the rules after hearing seven petitions filed by Fakhrul seeking stay on the trial proceedings of the cases.

The cases were filed by the police with Ramna, Kadamtali, Sher-E-Banglanagar and Paltan in Dhaka on charges of vandalism of vehicles and setting them on fire during anti-government agitations on different days in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Deputy Attorney General Shaikh AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir told The Daily Star that the trial proceedings of the cases were stayed on the ground that Fakhrul was not present on the spots during the incidents.

He also said the government will move appeals before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the HC's stay orders.

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**Dhaka concerned over missile attack on Riyadh airport**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has expressed deep concern at the reported ballistic missile attack by the Houthi rebels, targeting the King Khaled International Airport in Riyadh.

The attack was successfully intercepted by the Saudi air-defence forces.

Bangladesh condemns such attacks that threaten the safety and security of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Bangladesh reiterates its commitment to stand by the government and the people of the Kingdom, which is the land of the two holy mosques, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

**One gets bail in Mitu murder case**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted ad-interim bail for six months to Saidul



Mitu

Sikdar Sakur, an accused of the sensational case filed for killing Mahmuda Khanam Mitu, wife of former superintendent of police (SP) Babul Akter, clearing the way for his walking out of jail.

The court also issued a rule asking the government to explain why Saidul should not be granted regular bail in this case.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim delivered the order and the rule following a petition filed by Saidul seeking bail.

Saidul's lawyer Cumar Debul Dey told The Daily

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**Publish ads for five fugitives**

**ICT directs registrar's office**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed its registrar office to publish advertisements in national dailies asking five absconding war crimes accused to appear before it in connection with two separate cases filed for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam passed the order after police submitted two separate reports mentioning them as fugitives, said Prosecutor Sabina Yesmin Khan Munni.

As per the order, Abdul Matin, 63, of Barolekha Police Station in Moulvibazar, one of the three accused of a case, has to appear before the tribunal within November 23, she said.

Other two accused of the case Abdul Aziz alias Habul, 64, and Abdul Mannan alias Monai, 64, are now in jail.

On February 2, the prosecution pressed five specific charges against the three. The charges include abduction, torture, looting, arson, rape, killing and acts of genocide committed under Barolekha Police Station, the prosecution said.

As per another order, four fugitive accused from Gaibandha has to appear before the tribunal within November 26, said the prosecutor.

The fugitives are: Abdul Jabbar Mondal, 86; Jachijar Rahman alias Khoka, 64; Abdul Wahed Mondal, 62; and

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**Jihad's family to get Tk 20 lakh compensation**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday refused to stay a High Court verdict that directed the authorities concerned to pay Tk 20 lakh as compensation to the parents of Jihad, a four-year-old child who died falling down a 300-foot well shaft in Dhaka's Shahjahanpur in 2014.

The chamber judge of Appellate Division of the SC, Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, however, sent a leave to appeal petition filed by the Fire Service and Civil Defense challenging the HC verdict to the full bench of the apex court.

The chamber judge also fixed February 5 next year for hearing the leave to appeal petition.

Following the SC chamber judge's order, the HC verdict, which directed that

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With no protective gear whatsoever, a worker is welding a metal structure on a wall in Kazir Dewri area of the port city. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Regardless of age, gender or educational background, taking a shortcut seems to be everyone's preferred method when it comes to using the road. With a footbridge in the viewing distance, a young man crosses a road barrier next to the Shapla Square in the capital's Motijheel while an elderly man waits his turn. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMAN

**CTG SOHEL MURDER**  
**Prime accused still at large**

**Chohel not pressed in 19 months**

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Two years have passed by since the murder of Nasim Ahmed Sohel, an MBA student of Premier University Chittagong, but the police are yet to submit charge-sheet in the case.

Police could not even arrest the prime accused, Md Ibrahim Sohan, an expelled student of the same university.

Sohel was stabbed to death allegedly by rival Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists while he was rehearsing for the farewell and freshers' reception ceremony on the campus on March 29 last year.

Sohel was a member of the executive committee of BCL Chittagong city unit and was loyal to general secretary of Awami League (AL) Chittagong city unit AJM Nasir Uddin while Sohan was reportedly loyal to the unit's president ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

According to students and police, a feud between the two factions over controlling the programme led to the murder.

While talking to The Daily Star, Victim's father Abu Taher yesterday alleged that police were "reluctant" to arrest the prime accused.

"Police did not conduct a single drive in Sohan's house in last 19 months," he said.

"We have informed police on many occasions when Sohan went to his house to meet his family in the city. Sohan even came to Chittagong during Eid-ul-Azha, but police did not conduct any drive to arrest him," said Taher.

He also alleged that Sohan's family knew about his hideout, but police were not interested in putting pressure on them to make them admit.

Soon after the incident, police arrested five out of the 13 named accused while four more accused surrendered to the court later, said Sub-Inspector Mohammad Shahjahan of Chawk Bazar Police Station, also the investigation officer (IO).

But, eight of them were released on bail. The case also includes some 25 anonymous persons.



Sohel

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**CTG GANG RAPE**  
**That bus seized**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday seized the bus where a 23-year old garment worker was allegedly raped by two transport workers in Chittagong city.

On October 27, the accused raped her on the moving bus in the port city's Bahaddarhat area after other passengers, including her four friends travelling with her, got down.

Police said they seized the bus from Chandgaon Bus Stand and took it to Chandgaon Police Station.

Earlier, on November 3, police arrested two bus staffers from Bahaddarhat area. A case was filed in this connection while both the driver and helper had given their confessional statement before a court in Chittagong on November 4.

After the incident, rights activists demanded exemplary punishment for the culprits.