



WEATHER
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 31.2 L 21.2

MYMENSINGH
H 30.5 L 18.0

CHITTAGONG
H 31.6 L 21.8

SYLHET
H 31.3 L 19.6

RAJSHAHI
H 31.0 L 19.0

RANGPUR
H 30.3 L 18.1

KHULNA
H 32.0 L 20.5

BARISAL
H 31.6 L 20.2

COX'S BAZAR
H 32.0 L 22.5

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:15pm and rises tomorrow at 6:11am.

NEWSIN brief

Journalist dies in Rangpur fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinagpur

A journalist was killed in a fire in his Rangpur city residence on Wednesday.
The dead, Tashir Rahman Swapan, 58, of Kamal Kachhna area, worked at risingbd.com. The fire originated from a mosquito coil in the afternoon that day, said the family. He succumbed to his burns at Rangpur Medical College Hospital in the evening, said his brother Tahmidur Rahman. Swapan started his journalism career at the erstwhile daily Azad. He had been living in Rangpur for the last three months after he suffered a stroke, said the brother.

US embassy closed Sunday

CITY DESK

The US Embassy Dhaka, including the Consular Section and the American Center with the Archer K Bldg American Center Library and the EducationUSA Student Advising Center, will be closed on November 12, marking Veterans Day, an American holiday.
However, American citizens can call 5566-2000 for emergency services, says a press release.

Two jailed for 18 years in Ctg

ARMS, explosives cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced two persons to 18 years' imprisonment in two arms and explosives cases.

Omar Faruk and Md Sowkot were tried in absentia, said Public Prosecutor Jahangir Alam.
Sayeda Hosne Ara, a judge of Public Security (Joneraporta) Tribunal, delivered the verdict, said the PP.

They were jailed for 10 years in one case and for eight years in the other, said the PP.

According to the prosecution, police arrested the duo with firearms and crude bombs in the city's Cinema Palace area on July 28, 2000.

Workshop on Intellectual Property

Rights held at Buet

CITY DESK

Technology Transfer Office (TTO), of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), organised a two-day workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs)' at BUET Council Bhaban in the capital on Tuesday.

Prof Saiful Islam, vice-chancellor of Buet, spoke as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the project organised under HEQEP, UGC, Project Title: Establishment of TTO.



Female motorbike riders are mostly a recent phenomenon in Dhaka city. While this trend is indicative of increased freedom of women and welcomed as a positive sign, this biker seems to have already caught up with the norm of the always-on-a-tight-schedule motorcyclists who often see it as their last right to take the foothold whenever the traffic is stuck and they cannot squeeze their way through the narrow spaces between the vehicles. The photo was taken on Gulshan Avenue yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Bangladesh elected Unesco member again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has been re-elected a member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) for the next four years, said a press release.

A total of 144 member countries out of 184 votes for Bangladesh to secure its membership of the executive board for the third time in an election held at the Unesco headquarters in Paris on Wednesday, said the release.

A high-level delegation led by Education Minister Nurul Islam Nihad was present during the voting.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina congratulated the Bangladesh delegation on the achievement, said the release.

CU launches probe into VC office vandalism

CITY CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University authorities yesterday formed a committee to investigate the incident of vandalism at the vice-chancellor's office on Tuesday.

The three-member probe committee is headed by Prof SM Salamat Ullah Bhuiya of the marketing department, said Prof Kamrul Huda, acting registrar of CU.

The authorities also filed a case against 20 unidentified people with Hathazari Police Station in connection with the vandalism, said Kamrul.

Meanwhile, a faction led by Faez Rabbi Sujon, general secretary of the suspended committee of CU BCL, submitted memorandums to the deputy inspector general of police and superintendent of police in Chittagong, demanding that the people who threatened a CU teacher with a firearm on November 5 be brought to book.

The group demanded identification of the culprits and finding out those who supplied them with the firearm.

It also sought arrest of the persons involved in the vandalism and assault on a journalist on Tuesday.

Enayetullah Khan's anniversary of death today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 12th anniversary of the death of Enayetullah Khan, a founding editor of the daily New Age and editor-in-chief of the weekly Holiday.

Enayetullah passed away in Toronto, Canada on November 10, 2005 at the age of 66, said a press release.

Having begun his career as a journalist as a cub-reporter for the then Pakistan Observer in 1959, Enayetullah went on to found the weekly Holiday in August 1965, before taking over as editor of the paper in 1966.

He founded the daily New Age as its editor and publisher in June 2003. He was also the editor of the Bangladesh Times between 1975 and 1977. He was awarded the Ekushey Padak for excellence in journalism.

He served as minister of the government (1977-1978) and as an ambassador to China, North Korea, Cambodia and Myanmar (1984-1989).

A master's in philosophy from Dhaka University, Enayetullah, in his student days, held leadership positions as general secretary of Ananda Mohan College Students' Union in Mymensingh, member of the Dhaka University Students' Union, and vice-president of Dhaka Hall (now Shahidullah Hall) Students' Union. He was president of the Jatia Press Club and Dhaka Club.

Born on May 25, 1939 in Mymensingh, Enayetullah Khan was the third son of the late Justice Abdul Jabbar Khan, a former speaker of the Pakistan National Assembly.



An outburst of grievances Obaidul Quader says about Inu's remarks on Awami League

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day after Jatia Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haq Inu's remarks about the Awami League, ruling party general secretary Obaidul Quader hit back yesterday, saying Inu knew about the consequence of his party if it joined the national election without AL.

"Yesterday, Mr Inu had an outburst. Whatever grievances he has, we will discuss them at our 14-party meeting. If JSD participates in the election without Awami League, Inu himself knows very well what would be the result of that election," Quader, also minister for road transport and bridges, told a programme at TSC of Dhaka University.

Speaking at a programme in his home district of Kushia on Wednesday, Inu said that without his party and some other allies, AL would not be able to go to power.

"You may have 80 paika, but you are not the owner of one paika. You will not get power until you have one taka," he said.

"You are 80 paika. And Ershad, Dilip Barua, Menon and Inu together makes it one taka. If we are not with you, you would be wandering around the streets with the 80 paika." He won't see power in a thousand years," he said, urging AL not to ignore JSD.

Yesterday, around four hours after Quader responded to the JSD president's remarks, Inu held a press conference at the Secretariat around 1:30pm to explain his remarks.

Addressing the press conference, Inu lauded Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also AL president, saying Hasina had showed her time-befitting and statesman-like wisdom by forming the 14-party grand alliance.

"Being the owner of 80 paika or 99 paika, Sheikh Hasina had honoured the partners, which are the owner of 20 paika or one paika," he said.

He also said Bangladesh was affected by another Afghanistan if the AL-led alliance was affected.

Inu stressed the need for lasting unity to make Bangladesh free from militancy and to take the country forward. Without mentioning anyone's name, he criticised some Awami League leaders for "making statements against the unity" and "neglecting the partners."

Referring to Khaleeda Zia, he said, "We should keep in mind that BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleeda Zia is still hatching conspiracies... So the partners of

the alliance will have to maintain their unity at any cost and show respect to one another."

At TSC's programme, Quader said the 14-party alliance would convene a meeting with the partners over JSD president's remarks on Awami League's strength.

He said Inu might have made the remarks out of some 'grievances' or 'complacency' about the strength of his own party but he suggested him to review the assessment.

"It's not clear what grievance or resentment prompted him to make such comments... but the Awami League is a big party, and so it should not quickly react to



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such an issue," Quader said.

Speaking about BNP's rally schedule for November 12 at Suhrawardy Uddan, the AL general secretary said the government would not sit idle if people's lives and property came under threat.

"Law enforcement agencies will act on the situation," he said, adding, "Now BNP's programme is BNP itself. They cannot complete any programme peacefully. They fight among themselves and blame the government for this."

5 MOULVIBAZAR MEN

Closing arguments on war crimes Nov 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday fixed November 19 to hear closing arguments in the case filed against five Moulvibazar men for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahir Islam fixed the date after the defence counsel declined to produce their witness in the case.

Earlier in the day, it completed recording the cross-examination of Hari Debnath, the investigation officer and also the last prosecution witness in the case.

After hearing closing arguments from the prosecution and defence, the tribunal will keep the case waiting for delivering the verdict, as per the earlier precedence.

The accused are Yunus Ahmed, 71, Ujer Ahmed Chowdhury, 63, Samsul Hossain Tarafdar, 65, Nasar Ali, 75, and Mobarak Mia, 66. Of them, Yunus and Ujer are now in jail while the rest are on the run.

The prosecution pressed five charges against them on May 26 last year. The tribunal framed charges on December 8 the same year.

Shaheed Noor Hossain

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leader Aminul Huda Tito of Bajipur in Kishoreganj district were also killed in the police firing, reports BSS.

In the face of the movement, the autocratic ruler had to step down on December 6, 1990. Since then, the day has been observed every year as the Shaheed Noor Hossain Day.

Different socio-cultural and professional organisations as well as ruling Awami League have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The AL programmes include placing wreaths at Shaheed Nur Hossain Square at 8:00am and offering special prayers seeking eternal peace of the departed soul of

theslain Noor Hossain.

Guno Forum will organise a discussion at its central office at 4:00pm in city's Arambag area where its President Dr Kamal Hossain will address.

UNB adds: President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend separate meetings on the occasion.

In his message, Abdul Hamid recalled with gratitude the supreme sacrifice of Noor Hossain to restore democracy in the country.

In her message, Sheikh Hasina said Noor Hossain had joined a procession of the Awami League-led 15-party Ojto Loke as part of the anti-autocracy movement on this day in 1987.

Priyabhashini's condition

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She went into a shock while receiving treatment at the emergency and was shifted to the CCU.

A 10-member board, overseeing her treatment, is observing her and they cannot "say anything for

sure" before 12 hours, said Saiful, quoting doctors.

However, doctors said she is suffering from multiple complications including diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

With winter setting in, bedding stores get busy making blankets in large numbers. Traders said sales had already started but on a small scale. The photo was taken at Azimpur City Corporation Market in the capital yesterday.