

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

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Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in 24 hours till 6:00pm today, says the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:14pm and rises tomorrow at 06:11am. Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

**Road accidents kill three**

**CITY DESK**  
Three people were killed and six others injured in separate road accidents in the country in last two days.  
Our Natore correspondent reports, two persons were killed and six others injured when a microbus carrying them collided head-on with a bus on Natore-Bogra highway at Satmail in Singra upazila.  
The dead are Arnaf Hossain Araf, 2, son of Badal Hossain of Jaguli area in Bogra, and Pintu Mian, 25, the microbus driver, of Bogra's Shibganj upazila. The injured were rushed to Natore sadar hospital.  
Our Mymensingh correspondent adds, motorcyclist Atiq, 26, son of Jalal Uddin of Phulpur, died after the vehicle skidded off the Mymensingh-Sherpur road at Bhaikandi on Friday night.



Vehicles cruise past a red light on a section of the Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover in the capital. This photojournalist stayed at the point for over 30 minutes yesterday, and only a handful was seen following the traffic rule. Such unsafe practice could cause accidents and traffic snarl-ups. The photo was taken around 3:00pm near Mouchak market.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

**SNAPS & snippets**

**Death anniversary of Hasna Hena**

**CITY DESK**  
Today is the 18th death anniversary of Hasna Hena Qadir, one of the founders of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee.  
A milad mahfil will be held and food will be distributed among the poor in the capital.  
She was the wife of Lt Col M Abdul Qadir, who was martyred during the Liberation War, and the mother of journalist Nadeem Qadir, said a press release.



**Journalists' grand rally for ninth wage board on Nov 25**

**BSS, Dhaka**  
A grand rally will be held at 11:00am on November 25 at Jatiya Press Club in the capital demanding immediate announcement of the ninth wage board for journalists.  
The decision was taken at an executive committee meeting of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) held on Friday with its President Monjurul Ahsan Bulbul in the chair, said a release yesterday.  
The meeting also decided to hold a joyous gathering tomorrow as the historical March 7 speech has been recognised as a world heritage. Besides, a human chain will be formed on Tuesday at 11:00am before the press club for formation of the wage board, it added.

**Journalists illiterate, inefficient, corrupt**

*Says B'baria MP Muktadir, claiming himself to be honest, efficient*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Ruling Awami League lawmaker RAM Obaidul Muktadir Chowdhury yesterday slammed journalists flatly terming them illiterate, inefficient and corrupt.  
The Brahmanbaria district AL president said such people are appointed as journalists in media houses as the authorities do not find eligible persons.  
He, however, claimed himself to be an honest, efficient and competent person.  
The lawmaker was addressing an event of a private television channel in Brahmanbaria.  
Almost all private TV channel owners are pro-AL, said Obaidul, adding that he does not see any wrong in it although they favour the government.  
Obaidul said journalism is an easy way to become rich as it is a key medium to blackmail someone.



**Rajuk urges planners to come up with proper city plan**

*Chairman says 6,636 Uttara flats will be handed over by next March*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajuk Chairman Abdur Rahman yesterday urged urban planners to prepare proper plans for cities.  
Addressing a seminar in Dhaka, he also declared that 6,636 flats of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha's Uttara Apartment Project will be handed over to the buyers by next March.  
He said construction of the flats has almost been completed.  
Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) held the seminar at Rajuk office, marking World Town Planning Day 2017, which was observed on November 8.  
On the occasion, BIP also staged a rally, debate and cultural programmes.

Rajuk launched the projected in north Uttara area in 2010 to build a total of 20,160 flats in 240 buildings under three blocks.  
The project was supposed to be finished by June 2016. Due to a delay, Rajuk changed the deadline several times.  
Speaking as the chief guest, Abdur Rahman said after the housing project and other ones are completed, population load on the central Dhaka will be reduced.  
He said Rajuk will consult with the departments concerned to widen the roads in all possible places so that those can accommodate more traffic.  
Prof Golam Rahman, founder

president of BIP, said planning should start at grassroots levels like union and upazila to make those effective.  
He also stressed quick implementation of the plans.  
Adnan Morshed, a professor of architecture at Brac University, said urban planning should be done in such a way so that it can ensure safe mobility for the dwellers.  
Improper plan makes women, especially workers, victims of sexual and physical harassment, he added.  
AKM Abul Kalam, president of BIP; Abdul Baten, president of Municipal Association of Bangladesh; and Akter Mahmud, general secretary of BIP, also spoke among others.



"Trimatrik-30 BCS Officers Cooperative Society Limited", a platform of officers of different cadres of 30th BCS, has officially launched its journey at a programme in the capital's Bishwo Shahitto Kendro on Friday. Professor Niaz Ahmed Khan of development studies department of Dhaka University was present in the programme as the chief guest while actor Dr Ezazul Islam as a special guest. Senior Assistant Commissioner (AC) of police Jahangir Alam is president of the platform while Rafiqul Islam its general secretary.

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**Regular health check-ups after 40 a must: Experts**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Regular health check-ups after a certain age is a must for preventing, detecting and controlling diabetes, experts have said.  
People above 40 years of age should do the check-up, which is now much available and affordable, at least once a year while overweight people should start the regular check-up after reaching 35, they said at a press conference at a hotel in the capital on Friday.  
Besides, people should maintain healthy lifestyles like having a balanced diet and doing regular physical exercises to prevent and control diabetes as the disease is incurable, they added.  
Novo Nordisk, a Denmark-based multinational pharmaceutical company, and Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB) jointly organised the press conference marking World Diabetes Day 2017, to be observed on Tuesday.  
Novo Nordisk in association with key stakeholders will organise 150 rallies across

the country on WDD, screen more than 15,000 pregnant women and share knowledge with 5,000 healthcare professionals including 2,000 gynaecologists on the risk of diabetes and modern treatment options.  
DAB President Prof AK Azad Khan said genetic factors which cause diabetes cannot be controlled, but lifestyle, which is another major risk factor, can be changed.  
These common recommendations should be frequently repeated and spread through the media to keep people well informed and thereby make them ready to fight the disease, he added.  
Urging doctors to learn more about the disease, Danish Ambassador to Bangladesh Mikael Hemniti Winther said Bangladeshi people need to focus on their diet and thereby change their food habit.  
Novo Nordisk Bangladesh Managing Director Anand Shetty and Padma Textiles Ltd Chief Financial Officer C Sundara Pandian spoke, among others, on the occasion.



Danish Ambassador Mikael Hemniti Winther addresses a press conference at a hotel in the capital on Friday, marking World Diabetes Day. Novo Nordisk, a Denmark-based multinational pharmaceutical company, and Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (DAB) organised the conference. Sitting from left, Novo Nordisk Head of Marketing Mohammad Saiful, its Managing Director Anand Shetty, DAB President Prof AK Azad and Padma Textiles Ltd Chief Financial Officer C Sundara Pandian.

PHOTO: STAR

**Python rescued, released in Sylhet**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A giant python was released to Khadimnagar National Park in Sylhet yesterday a day after it got trapped in a fishing net.  
Two local fishermen Indrajit and Chittaranjan were fishing in the Bagha Haor area of Golappanj upazila on Friday when the python got trapped, said Ashraf Kabir, coordinator of Bhoomishonta Bangladesh, an environmental organisation in Sylhet, adding that the fishermen convinced the locals not to kill it.  
Later, being informed by two local youths, Rasel Ahmed Raju and Kawsar Ahmed, Manjur Ahmed, president of Pradhikar, an animal rights organisation

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Destination	Days of Operation	Departure	Arrival
Chittagong	Daily	0830	0915
	Tue, Thu, Fri, Sun	0910	0955
	Daily	1830	1915
	Daily	2000	2045
Cox's Bazar	Daily	2130	2215
	Daily	1030	1130
<i>*effective 15th november 2017</i>			
Kolkata	Daily	1030	1100
<i>*effective 24th november 2017</i>			
Kolkata	Wed, Thu, Fri	1900	1950
Bangkok	Tue, Thu, Fri, Sun	0910	1340
Kuala Lumpur	Daily	2320	0520+1
Kuala Lumpur	Sun, Mon, Tue	2100	0300+1
<i>*effective 3rd December 2017</i>			
Singapore	Daily	1345	2000
Kathmandu	Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat	1500	1615
Muscat	Daily	1830	2345
Doha	Daily	2130	0145+1

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