

WEATHER

FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 31.4 L 23.7	H 30.6 L 22.5	H 32.0 L 23.0	H 31.0 L 23.7	H 31.0 L 23.0	H 30.5 L 19.8	H 31.0 L 23.0	H 32.0 L 22.5	H 33.2 L 24.5

Light rain is likely to occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:17am, Met Office said.

N'ganj Jamaat chief, 12 others placed on remand

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A Narayanganj court yesterday granted three-day remand for 13 Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and activists, including its city Ameer and general secretary, in a case filed for plotting subversive activities.

They are Ameer Maulana Moinuddin Ahmed, general secretary Abdul Quaium, Saifuddin Monir, Sahabuddin, Bashirul Hoque, SM Nasir Uddin, Sayed Talukder, Jakir Hossain-2, Jahangir Dewan, Jamal Uddin, Kafil Uddin, Jakir Hossain and Sahid Miah.

On information that a group of Jamaat men were holding a secret meeting, police raided Moinuddin's Fatullah house on Friday afternoon and made the arrest.

The case was filed yesterday morning.



Two container-transport trucks block a large portion of the Airport Road while making a right turn, creating a tailback on both sides of the road in the port city's Salt Gola crossing area. This has become a regular phenomenon since some container depots were set up in the area. As a result, thousands, including workers, patients and airport goers, who use the road on a regular basis, continue to bear the brunt. According to locals, these trucks are also parked on the roadsides, worsening the traffic situation further. The photo was taken on Thursday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Terrible toilets

Ctg public lavatories not suitable for women

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

In a busy city like Chittagong, where around 60 lakh of its commuters have to spend a huge chunk of time on roads, there are only 43 public toilets for them.

Women are the worst sufferers as none of these public toilets are suitable for them, who despite necessity avoid using those.

The toilets are in an appalling state due to a lack of maintenance and negligence of the authorities concerned.

Of the 43 toilets, which are leased out by the Chittagong City Corporation, three are closed due to complexities in leasing procedures, while another one is closed for renovation, according to CCC officials.

Visiting some of the public toilets recently in Railway Station, New Market and Halishahar Boropool areas it was seen that the inside of the lavatories was damp and not properly cleaned. Most of the doors were unhinged and the overall conditions were unhygienic.

Sirajum Munira, a private company employee, said, "I don't use the public toilets. There are no toilet facilities for women. On some of the doors, they [caretakers of the toilets] write 'for women', but those are used by men frequently."

Kamrun Nahar Sanjida, a final-year student of Chittagong University, said, "Just by looking at the toilets from outside gives me the creeps..."

"It is the duty of the city corporation to

ensure toilet facilities for all. They are showing an utter negligence in this regard," she added.

Khursida Akhter, a garment worker in EPZ area, echoed Munira and Sanjida.

This correspondent also spoke to some of the leaseholders. They, however, claimed that the toilets were in "a good condition and being taken care of properly".

On the other hand, the caretaker of the public toilet in Boropool area pointed towards an almost unhinged door and said, "Look, we have written 'women' on it. They [women] can use it."

When asked about its unhygienic condition, he evaded the question.

WORLD TOILET DAY TODAY

Contacted, Sahed Iqbal Babu, councillor of Ward 2 (Jalalabad area), said,

"There are no public toilets in my ward. There is an inter-district bus terminal in the area (Oxygen), used by many. But a lack of public toilets makes people suffer."

"It is true that women are suffering due to the problem. We are trying to set up a public toilet in the area soon," he said.

Contacted, Ujjal Sikdar, an activist of Dushtha Shasthya Kendra, a development organisation, said, "Public toilets are not suitable for women." He said they have tried to set up women-friendly public toilets, but failed due to a lack of space.

"We are renovating a public toilet in Lal Dighi area, which will be women-friendly. The work will be finished by next month," he added.

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With people washing clothes sitting in front of a dilapidated structure, it's almost impossible to realise this is actually a public toilet in the port city. The inside is also damp, dirty and poorly lit. The photo was taken in Kazir Dewri area this week.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Women not objects

Say experts at Dhaka Lit Fest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Men should consider women as human beings, not objects, said experts at a discussion at the Dhaka Literary Festival (DLF) yesterday.

They also urged the guardians to teach moral education to their children.

They were speaking at a session called "Dharshan -- Pourush er Khamata, Pourush er Akkhamata" (Rape -- Man's power, man's inability) on the last day of DLF on Bangla Academy premises.

Prof Sadeka Halim of Sociology department at Dhaka University said women do not get equal opportunity all over the Indian sub-continent, and Bangladesh is no exception.

"Women have been given a prescribed role to play and people want them to perform that particular role," she said.

Women rights activist Rita Das Roy said the person who rapes a woman thinks that he has the right to do so. "They do not realise that it is a crime."

Bina Biswas, a Tagore scholar, said parents should impart the lesson of gender equality to their children from the earliest stage of their lives so that they grow up respecting each other.

Meanwhile, at a different session of the day titled, "Woman, Art and Politics", discussants also underscored the need for teaching children the notion of gender equality.

Indian actress Nandana Sen, also a child rights activist, said although teaching children about violence against women is a difficult task, they need to be taught in such a way that they care for the sensitive issue.

Bigoa Chual, a writer from Australia, said women have to be vocal about their own rights.

"We have to tell our stories," she said, adding that the culture of respecting women should be practised in every sector.

Esther Frued, novelist; Sadaf Saaz, director of DLF; and Bee Rowlett, a broadcast journalist; were also present during the session.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tomorrow is the eighth death anniversary of Shafiul Alam Khan, a retired employee of Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd in Chittagong.

He died at a Dhaka hospital on November 20, 2009.

A milad mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held tomorrow in his Boalkhali residence in Chittagong and also in his elder son Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan's chamber (Khurshid and Associates), 204, Bijoynagar in the capital.

A brief

FROM PAGE 3 organising secretary Hasan Labon, and law secretary Saiful Islam Bijoy. The rest were unidentified.

Investigation officer of the case Rezaul Parvez said local police were conducting inquiries against the four. "When they finish investigation, we will a file charge sheet... Maybe by the first or second week of December."

Primary final

FROM PAGE 3 the previous year. Last year, 32,30,288 students appeared in the examinations.

The minister said the examinations will take place at over 7,200 centres across the country and 12 centres abroad.

CU celebrates 51st founding anniversary

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) observed its 51st founding anniversary yesterday amid enthusiasm and festivity.

To mark the day, CU authorities chalked out various colourful programmes.

The day started with placing a wreath at the mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Later, a procession, led by Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, was brought out on the campus where teachers, students and officials took part.

A discussion was organised afterwards participated by Pro-VC Prof Shireen Akhter, arts and humanities faculty Dean Prof Sekhandar Chowdhury, Registrar Prof Kamrul Huda and Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury, among others.

The university was founded in 1966. At present, it has more than 25,000 students.



Former Governor of Rotary International Bangladesh, Safina Rahman, has been awarded the "People of Action: Champion of Peace World" by the United Nations (UN) in Geneva recently. António Guterres, secretary general of the UN; and Ian Riseley, Rotary International president, were present on the occasion.

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