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Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:18am, Met Office said.

## Ex-ASP jailed in graft case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a retired assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of City Special Branch to two years' imprisonment in a case filed for not submitting his wealth statement in due time to the ACC.

The court also fined the ASP, Abdul Khaleque Bhuiyan, Tk 1 lakh. In default he will have to suffer three months more in jail.

The court sent the convict, now on bail, to jail with a conviction warrant.

According to the prosecution, the Anti-Corruption Commission sent a notice asking Khaleque to submit his wealth statement on December 2 of 2014. But he did not submit the statement to the ACC in time.

Khaleque built a six-storey building in his name while a 10-storey building in his son's name at Tilpapa in Khilgaon, it said.

Later, the ACC filed the case against Khaleque with Ramna Police Station on March 29, 2015. After investigation, the ACC pressed charge against Khaleque in December the same year.

The court framed the charges against Khaleque on November 3 last year.



Fishermen fishing in the Buriganga on Sunday. Once too polluted to sustain aquatic life, the river water got clear due to monsoon rain and relocation of tanneries from nearby Hazaribagh, resulting in an abundance of fish. *Bottom right*, Children are also having a ball as they are catching fish with their buckets from the river bank near Basila in Dhaka. *Bottom left*, a few of their catch.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## Three killed in Kurigram road accident

BSS, Kurigram

Three motorcycle riders were killed as their motorbike hit a roadside tree in Pathari area on Nageshwari - Bhurungamari road at Nageshwari upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The dead are Motaleb, 35, son of Khairul Alam, and Sujon, 23, son of Shamsul Haque, residents of Baparihat area and Sohel, 25, son of Ebrahim of Nilurkhamar village of the same upazila.

Officer-in-Charge of Nageshwari Police Station Afzalul Islam said the accident occurred when the motorcycle hit a roadside tree in the area about 9:30am, leaving Motaleb dead on the spot and two others injured.

The injured were taken to Nageshwari Health Complex where Sohel succumbed to his injuries.

Later, Sujon died on the way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

### 5 MOULVIBAZAR WAR CRIMES ACCUSED

## Verdict any day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 will deliver verdict any day in a case filed against five Moulvibazar men for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

The three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Shahinur Islam yesterday placed the case in the waiting list for delivery of verdict after it completed hearing of closing arguments from the prosecution and the defence.

The accused -- Yunus Ahmed, 71, Ujer Ahmed Chowdhury, 63, Samsul Hossain Tarafder, 65, Nesar Ali, 75, and Mobarak Mia, 66 -- are facing five charges.

Of them, Yunus and Ujer are now in jail while the rest are on the run.

Wrapping up their arguments, Prosecutor Tapas Kanti Baul sought capital punishment for all the accused claiming to have been able to prove all charges.

Defence counsel Muzahedul Islam Shahin, however, said the prosecution could not prove any charge "beyond reasonable

doubt" and thus the accused should be acquitted.

The prosecutors pressed five charges against the accused on May 26 last year. They alleged that Samsul was an Al-Badr commander while the rest were members of the Razakar Bahini. The prosecution produced 15 witnesses along with documents proving the charges against the five.

### PROSECUTION REBUKED

The tribunal, meanwhile, rebuked the prosecution for exhibiting a book as evidence even though it was not "authoritative".

The prosecution submitted a book named "Sylhete Ganohaty" written by one Tajul Islam as evidence. The book was first published in 1989.

When Prosecutor Tapas was placing rebuttal of defence counsel's submission yesterday, Justice Shahinur Islam asked him whether the book was "authoritative".

As Tapas replied in the negative, the judge said, "Then why are you relying on it? Why

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## Three transport workers held with 1.2 lakh Yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Detective Branch (DB) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested three transport workers and seized 1.20 lakh Yaba pills from their covered van in the city's Bakalia early yesterday.

They are Mamun Bepari, the driver, and his helpers Shahjahan, and Anwar.

On a tip-off, a team of DB intercepted the Dhaka-bound vehicle in Shah Amanat Bridge area.

A secret chamber was found in the body of the covered van where the contraband pills were hidden in small packets, said DB's Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) (West) AMM Humayun Kabir.

It is impossible to make such a chamber inside the van without the concern of the owner, said Deputy Commissioner (DC) (DB-Port) Md Shahidullah.

They seized the covered van which also contained 130 cartons of imported fish from Myanmar.

## SNAPS & snippets

### Jamalpur gets 'Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib' university

UNB, Dhaka

Parliament yesterday passed the 'Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Science and Technology University Bill 2017' to build the higher educational institution in Jamalpur district.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid moved the bill, which was passed by voice vote. Following announcement of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the education ministry has taken this initiative.

### Man to die for killing wife in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his wife at Hathazari upazila in Chittagong in 2010.

The condemn convict, Md Mostafa alias Sukkur, was tried in absentia, said Public Prosecutor AKM Sirajul Islam Chowdhury.

According to the prosecution, Mostafa strangled his wife Rojina Begum on April 6, 2010 in their Notunpara residence. Later, he hanged the body from the ceiling.

Rojina's family filed a murder case with Hathazari Police Station against Mostafa.

### Enayetullah invited to join AAID Board

UNB, Dhaka

The Paris-based Association for Accountability and Internet Democracy (AAID) recently invited UNB and Dhaka Courier Editor-in-Chief Enayetullah Khan to join its prestigious Board of Members.

Khan joins fellow board members from all over the world, including French Senator Nathalie Goulet, former German Justice Minister Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger and Alvaro Gil-Robles, first Commissioner of Human Rights with the European Council. Dan Shefet is the Founder President of AAID.

### Couple jailed for drug peddling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced a fugitive couple to five-year rigorous imprisonment each for peddling Yaba pills.

The court also fined the convicts -- Mosammat Arju Begum, 20, and her husband Sagor Mia, 25 -- Tk 1,000 each. In default, the two will have to suffer one more month in jail, said court sources.

Officials of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) arrested Arju with 600 Yaba pills in her house in Chittagong city's Bakalia area on December 12, 2013.



Indian poet Ballari Sen speaks at a discussion on "Kalam ke keno eto bhoi" (why fear pen so much) on the last day of Dhaka Literary Festival on Saturday. On her left is novelist Lovely Bashir and right are writer Ahmed Mostafa Kamal and Tanim Ahmed. The curtain rose on the three-day festival, previously known as the Hay Festival Dhaka, on Thursday, in the historic grounds of the Bangla Academy. PHOTO: COLLECTED



Her Royal Highness the Countess of Wessex speaks at the fifth Gold Award Ceremony under The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award on Sunday. This year's Gold Award went to 272 students. The ceremony was hosted by Alison Blake, the British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, at her residence. From left, Prof Dr KM Shariful Huda, Rizwan Bin Farouq, the British high commissioner, Sayeeful Islam and Sue Walker.

## 272 students get Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award

CITY DESK

The fifth Gold Award Ceremony under The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award was held in the capital on Sunday.

This year, the Gold Award went to 272 students of ABC International School, Bangladesh International Tutorial, Maple Leaf International School, Stride International School, The Aga Khan School Dhaka, Basirannesa High School, Cantonment College Jessore, Chittagong Grammar School-Chittagong, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), Independent University Bangladesh, Jahangirnagar University, Chittagong University, Dhaka University (DU), and University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh.

The ceremony was hosted by British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Alison Blake in her residence. This year, the Countess of Wessex graced the ceremony as chief guest for the first time and handed over the certificates to the heads of the institutions on behalf of the awardees, said a press note.

Sue Walker, Asia Pacific regional director of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

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## VVIPs, VIPs spent Tk 40cr worth of fuel for dist visits

Says Ashrafur at JS about field level works in 2016-17 fiscal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around Tk 39.93 crore worth of fuel was spent for district visits by VVIPs, VIPs as well as for administrative field work in 2016-17 fiscal year, Public Administration Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam told parliament yesterday.

Responding to queries by lawmakers, the minister in a scripted answer gave an account of fuel spent on motor vehicles and water vessels used for district tours by VVIPs (very very important person) and VIPs (very important person), and administrative works of divisional commissioner, district administration and upazila administration

in the 2016-17 fiscal.

Syed Ashrafur Islam said Tk 6.48 crore was spent for "gas and fuel" while Tk 32 crore for "petrol and lubricant". Tk 1.45 crore was spent for petrol and lubricant for water transport.

The minister said that the government's transport directorate allocates a sedan car for fulltime use to privileged government officials starting from the post of deputy secretary to senior secretary.

The amount of fuel for allocated transport was fixed to check misuse, he said.

Each privileged official gets 180 litres of

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## Advertisement for STUDENTS' ADMISSION

### Jaflong Valley School

Jaflong Valley School (JVS) aims to create an ideal learning environment for young boys on the outskirts of Sylhet in serenity. This school will be providing holistic education to students from class VI till class XII in National Curriculum in English version from January 2018. Each student has a unique combination of interpersonal, linguistic, mathematical, musical, artistic, kinesthetic intelligence. The comprehensive and balanced curriculum allows students to find, express and develop their intelligence and skill equally in academic courses, residential life and enrichment experience.

JVS is inviting applications for Student admission in Class VI and VII.

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