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FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 27.9 L 19.5	MYMENSINGH H 28.5 L 15.0	CHITTAGONG H 29.0 L 22.0	SYLHET H 30.2 L 19.0	RAJSHAH H 26.6 L 13.5	RANGPUR H 28.5 L 14.5	KHULNA H 28.5 L 15.1	BARISAL H 28.4 L 15.0	COX'S BAZAR H 29.0 L 22.7
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Weather may remain 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 6:19am, Met Office said.

## Resistance to abuse behind madrasa student murder

Says Rab after arresting the suspect  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested a 16-year-old student who allegedly killed a junior at a madrasa in Gulistan on Saturday.

The arrestee primarily admitted that he murdered the 12-year-old boy as the victim resisted his sexual advance, said Lt Col Emranul Hasan, commanding officer of Rab-3, at Rab Media Centre in Karwan Bazar yesterday.

The teenager also got furious because the boy refused to wash his cloth and bring food for him.

A Rab team arrested the teenager at Sadarghat terminal around 9:00am.

In early Saturday, the 16-year-old slit the throat of the boy and dumped his body in a septic tank of the institution -- Madinatul Ulum Madrasa. He then fled to his village home in Barisal. Yesterday, he came to Dhaka, probably with a plan to go to somewhere else, the Rab official said.

He said the teenager, who was the most senior student of the madrasa, often made other students do his chores. On November 16, he slapped the victim when the latter refused to obey his order.

The boy had informed it to a teacher and the teenager was rebuked for it. All these made him angry and led him to make a plan to kill the boy.

## Why should

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around 15 maunds of gold and diamond by "dodging tax".

Dildar Ahmed, father of Banani double-rape case accused Shafat Ahamed, stands accused in three cases, while his brothers Gulzar Ahmed and Azad Ahmed have been accused in two cases.

On October 28, the three were sent to jail after they surrendered before the trial courts. Advocate AM Aminuddin appeared for the petitioners.



HOW A CITY CORPORATION WELCOMES AND BIDS ONE FAREWELL! A huge pile of garbage left on one side of Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Narayanganj's Shimrail area. Such indiscriminate dumping of waste pollutes the surrounding environment causing serious health hazards. Moreover, when it rains the road becomes dangerously slippery due to the garbage. The photo was taken on Saturday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# Maternal death rate rises

Shows govt survey; the upward trend seen despite more mothers accessing healthcare

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Though Bangladesh has achieved much progress in reducing maternal mortality ratio in the last two decades, a government study shows the rate has gone up in recent time.

According to Bangladesh Maternal Mortality and Health Care Survey 2016, the ratio has increased to 196 deaths per 100,000 live births from 194 in 2010.

The finding is in stark contrast to the percentage of women taking maternity care and safe delivery facilities nowadays. The number of women receiving maternity care has increased to 43 percent in 2016 from 19 percent in 2010, while births in health facilities have increased to 47 percent from 23 percent in the same period.

The researchers involved with the survey identified that poor quality of healthcare, lack of capacity of health service providers, and shortage of readiness to provide the existing facilities are the major reasons for the increase of the mortality rate.

The National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT), under the health and family welfare ministry, conducted the survey through interviewing 3,21,214 married women, aged 13-49, in 2,98,284 households across the country in three years since 2013.

The findings were revealed during a seminar at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

The government, USAID and UK-based Department for International Development (DFID) funded the survey, while MEASURE Evaluation and icddr,b provided technical support.

The report says haemorrhage and eclampsia (convulsions) are responsible for about 55 percent of maternal deaths, which accounts for around 13 percent of all adult female deaths.

Meanwhile, the percentage of caesarean deliveries in the country has increased to 31 in 2016 from 12 in 2010, which is alarming, says the preliminary report of the study.

The private sector dominates the market in providing delivery care.

About 83 percent of the total caesarean deliveries take place in private facilities.

According to the report, C-section delivery rates in Bangladesh now greatly exceed the levels expected to be medically necessary.

The World Health Organization

C-section delivery **31pc**

Maximum recommended **15pc**

(WHO) suggests that a reasonable rate of medically necessary C-section is between 10 percent and 15 percent of all births, but in Bangladesh, the rate is twice as high (31 percent).

Over the years, the government has given a lot of effort to reduce maternal deaths and achieved remarkable success.

While the rate was 574 per 100,000 live births in 1990-91, it fell to 194 in 2010. Bangladesh aims at a maternal mortality target of 105 by

2022.

Talking to The Daily Star, Kanta Jamil, one of the key researchers, said that although the percentage of accessing maternal care and institutional delivery had increased, the quality of healthcare was not up to the mark.

"There are many private clinics built across the country, which give most of maternal care. Who are they? How much quality service do they provide?" she asked.

The researchers, however, claimed that the mortality ratio had not increased; rather it "remained stalled". A few government officials said the rate was going downward.

Speaking at the seminar, Director General of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Prof Abul Kalam Azad said, "The study was conducted with the data of 2013-2015, but the situation has improved in 2017."

"We need to focus more on institutional delivery and ensure proper

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The three convicts at the court.

PHOTO: STAR

## Man to die for killing niece

His two cohorts get life term

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A court in Gazipur yesterday sentenced a man to death for killing his seven-year-old niece in Chakpara area of Sreepur upazila in Gazipur district on October 30, 2015.

The court also sentenced his two associates to life term imprisonment.

Mohammed Ripon Miah, 33, son of Hasmat Ali, was sentenced to death. The lifers are Rabiul Islam, 20, son of Mohammad Rahim of Bogra, and Mohammed Mozaffar, 19, son of Mohammad Mostafa of Sherpur.

The court of Gazipur district and sessions judge AKM Enamul Haque announced the verdict in front of the three.

According to the prosecution, seven-year-old Nazmin used to live with her grandparents as her mother remarried and lived separately, after divorcing Nazmin's father.

There was a dispute among Hasmat Ali, the victim's grandfather, and three of his neighbours over a piece of land.

On October 30 in 2015, while Nazmin was sleeping beside her grandmother, Ripon, son of Hasmat Ali, and his cohorts took her to a secluded place and hacked her to death in a ploy to blame the murder on the neighbours.

The child's mother filed a case against the three neighbours with Sreepur Police Station.

However, during investigation, Khandaker Aminur Rahman, sub-inspector of the police station and the case's investigation officer, found out about Ripon's involvement, and arrested Ripon and his associates.

Based on the probe and testimony of witnesses, the court announced the verdict yesterday. The neighbours were acquitted from the case.

## SC reinstates admission of 88 IU students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court verdict that directed the authorities concerned of Islamic University in Kushtia to reinstate the admissions of 88 students of mathematics and statistics departments under 2016-2017 academic year.

A five-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Justice Md Abdul Wahhab Miah, who is carrying out responsibilities of the chief justice, by its majority view dismissed an appeal filed by Kushtia Islamic University challenging the HC verdict.

Barrister Ruhul Quddus Kazal, a lawyer for the 88 students, said his clients can continue their academic functions following the apex court order.

He said in a statement that the syndicate of Islamic University during a meeting on March 6 cancelled the admission of 100 students on charge of their involvement in question leak in the admission test held on December 7 last year.

Eighty eight of the 100 students filed a writ petition with the HC challenging the syndicate's decision to cancel their admission. The HC on April 17 this year scrapped the syndicate's decision and ordered the authorities concerned to reinstate their admission.

The university then filed an appeal with the Appellate Division challenging the HC verdict, he added.

## NEWSIN brief

### 2 JCD leaders arrested in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Police arrested two fugitive leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Moddhobazar in Sreepur municipality of Gazipur on Tuesday night.

On secret information, Sreepur model police arrested Ferdous Ahmed Babul, information and research secretary of JCD Gazipur district unit, and Saiful Haque Mollah, president of its Sreepur upazila unit, in a vandalism and arson case filed in 2015. Arrest warrants were issued against them.

A Gazipur court yesterday sent them to jail.

### RMSTU admission process starts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The admission process for first-year honours at Rangamati Science and Technology University (RMSTU) starts today.

The admission seekers for 2017-2018 academic sessions can apply through SMS from 10:00am today. The admission process will continue till December 22, says a press release. Applicants can send SMS through Teletalk (prepaid) to 16222. Details are available at RMSTU website: www.rmstu.edu.bd.

### 'Management Week' begins at JU

JU CORRESPONDENT

With the theme, "Teamwork makes the dream work", a "Management Week" began at Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday.

The management department organised the event for the fifth time. It was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam.

The programmes include a rally, seminar, blood donation, tree plantation and photography exhibition. The Daily Star is the event's media partner.

## Obituary

CITY DESK

Yesmin Akhter, former manager (accounts) of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), passed away in Toronto, Canada on Tuesday. She was 49.

She left behind her husband Md Golam Faruk, deputy general manager (accounts & finance), Karnaphuli EPZ, two children, mother and siblings.

She served in BEPZA for about 24 years. The Bangladesh EPZ authorities mourned her death.

### Bangladesh festival held in Addis Ababa

DIPLOMATI CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia has organised "Bangladesh Festival 2017" to showcase development achievements and initiatives, promote national interests, and highlight the rich culture and heritage of the country.

The daylong festival held on Saturday was attended by officials of African Union (AU), UN offices and many other regional and international organisations based in Ethiopia, senior government officials, businessmen, academicians, artists, and media personnel.

A seminar was also held, addressed by foreign ambassadors and diplomats, Bangladeshi expatriates, and business representatives of both countries. Bangladeshi private business conglomerates, including Pran-RFL, Beximco Pharma, Rahimafrooz, and DBL Group, participated in the festival.

## শৌক সংবাদ



অত্যন্ত দুঃখের সাথে জানাচ্ছি যে, মিসেস নিলুফার মান্নান (৭০) গত ২২শে নভেম্বর ২০১৭ ভোর ৫:০০ ঘটিকায় সিঙ্গাপুরস্থ রেফেন্স হাসপাতালে চিকিৎসাধীন অবস্থায় ইত্যেকাল করোন। (ইন্না... রাজিউন)। তাঁর মরদেহ ২৩শে নভেম্বর বিমান যোগে ঢাকায় আনা হবে। তিনি ঢাকা স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ-এর অন্যতম প্রতিষ্ঠাতা মরহুম এ. আর. চৌধুরীর কন্যা এবং সাবেক বিমান মন্ত্রী জনাব আব্দুল মান্নান এর সহধর্মিণী। তিনি স্বামী ও একমাত্র কন্যা সন্তান রেখে গেছেন। আগামী ২৪/১১/২০১৭ইং রোজ শুক্রবার বাদ জুম্মা, ধানমন্ডি ঈদগাহ মসজিদ মাঠে তাঁর নামাজে জানাজা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উক্ত নামাজে জানাজায় শরিক হয়ে মরহুমের রুহের মাগফিরাত কামনার জন্য আপনাদের উপস্থিতি একান্ত কাম্য। তাঁর সকল সহকর্মী, বেসল এয়ারলাইন্ট গ্রুপের সকল কর্মকর্তা ও কর্মচারী বৃন্দের পক্ষ থেকে আমরা তাঁর আত্মার মাগফেরাত কামনা করছি।

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**“Invitation For Tenders”**

01.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division	
02.	Agency	:	Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. (APSC)	
03.	Procuring Entity Name	:	Managing Director, APSC	
04.	Procuring Entity Code	:	Not used at present.	
05.	Procuring Entity District	:	Brahmanbaria.	
06.	Invitation for	:	Lot-1: Procurement of 01 no. 3 ton Capacity open Truck for APSC. Lot-2: Procurement of 01 no. Single Cabin Pickup for APSC.	
07.	Invitation Ref No	:	APSC/Pro-02/2017/1957	
08.	Date	:	November 21, 2017.	
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
09.	Procurement Method	:	Open Tendering Method (National)	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	:	APSC's Own Fund.	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
11.	Tender Package No.	:	APSC/Workshop/2017-18/GRL-001	
12.	Tender Package Name	:	Lot-1: Procurement of 01 no. 3 ton Capacity open Truck for APSC. Lot-2: Procurement of 01 no. Single Cabin Pickup for APSC.	
13.	Tender Publication Date	:	November 22, 2017.	
14.	Tender Last Selling Date	:	Upto December 12, 2017 during office hour.	
15.	Tender Closing Date and Time	:	December 13, 2017 at 12:00 BST.	
16.	Tender Opening Date and Time	:	December 13, 2017 at 12:15 BST.	
<b>Name &amp; Address of the Offices:</b>				
17.	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	:	Manager (Finance), APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.	
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	:	Office of Company Secretary, APSC Corporate office: Navana Rahim Ardent (Level-8), 185, Shahid Sayed Nazrul Islam Soroni, Palton, Dhaka, Bangladesh.	
<b>NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS</b>				
18.	Receiving of Tender	:	Office of the Manager (Procurement), APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.	
	Opening of Tender	:	Office of the Manager (Procurement), APSC, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.	
	Place/Date/ Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional):	:	Not Applicable	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
19.	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	:	Renowned Supplier having experience of supplying Brand new Truck (for Lot-1) and Pick-up (for Lot-2) as specified in the Tender Document.	
20.	Brief Description of Goods:	:	Lot-1: Procurement of 01 no. 3 ton Capacity open Truck for APSC. Lot-2: Procurement of 01 no. Single Cabin Pickup for APSC.	
21.	Brief Description of Related Services	:	N/A	
22.	Tender Document Price	:	BDT 2,000.00 (Two Thousand) in the form of Pay order/DD in favor of APSC from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh (Non-refundable).	
<b>23. Identification of Lot</b>				
a.	Procurement of 01 no. 3 ton Capacity open Truck for APSC.	Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd (APSC), Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria.	BDT 90,000.00	120 days from the date of Contract Signing.
b.	Procurement of 01 no. Single Cabin Pickup for APSC.		BDT 75,000.00	
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
24.	Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender	:	Md. Rafiquddaula, Manager (Procurement), APSC	
25.	Address of official Inviting Tender	:	Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd., Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh.	
26.	Contact details of official Inviting Tender	:	Tel: +88 08528 74033 Fax: +88 08528 74044, E-mail: procurement@apsc.com, Website: www.apsc.com	
27.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.			

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