

YESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURESDHAKA 28.3°C/L 18.3°C
MYMENSINGH 28.4°C/L 15.5°C
CHITTAGONG 30.0°C/L 18.2°C
SYLHET 29.9°C/L 16.4°C
RAJSHAHI 28.0°C/L 12.8°C
RANGPUR 29.5°C/L 16.4°C
KHULNA 28.2°C/L 14.4°C
BARISAL 28.5°C/L 14.3°C
COX'S BAZAR 30.0°C/L 19.2°C

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Light fog may occur over the river basins of the country during late night till this morning. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:10pm and rises tomorrow at 6:23am, Met Office said.

Asean Ladies
Assoc donates
food, clothes
to orphans

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Asean Ladies Association (ALA) in Dhaka yesterday donated various products including clothes and foods to the poor, sick and orphans of Missionaries of Charity at Shishu Bhaban in the capital's Islampur.

Alma Maria Bandillo, president of ALA and spouse of Philippine ambassador to Bangladesh, handed over the products to the head of the missionaries SR Xavier.

The ALA-Dhaka is a social organisation whose members consist of women from eight Asean [Association of Southeast Asian Nations] countries with resident diplomatic missions in Bangladesh. The countries are Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.



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PHOTO: STAR



LAWYER BAPPI MURDER

Colleagues' work stoppage today

Stage demo seeking capital punishment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The lawyers in Chittagong demonstrated on the court premises in the city yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and capital punishment for the killers of their colleague Bappi.

At a protest rally staged by Chittagong District Bar Association, Mohammed Abu Hanif, its general secretary, also announced a daylong work stoppage for today.

Omar Faruk Bappi, a lawyer of Chittagong District Judge Court, was found murdered in his West Bakalia residence in the port city on Saturday. His father Ali Ahmed filed a murder case accusing a woman, Rasheda Begum, and several others unnamed persons.

Addressing the rally, Abu Hanif said no lawyer of the association will stand for the accused. Seeking speedy trial, they will submit a memorandum to the home minister and inspector general of police through the deputy commissioner of Chittagong, said lawyer Raton Kumar Roy, president of the association. After the rally, Bappi's namaz-e-janaza was held at Chittagong Judicial Magistrate Court premises after the Zohr prayers.



Devotees of Buddhist community hold candles as they worship seeking world peace during a ceremony marking Akash Pradip Puja. The month-long puja started on November 4 and will conclude on December 3. The photo was taken at Rangamati Rajbari Bihar on Saturday.

PHOTO: ANVIL CHAKMA

No classes, exams at govt colleges as teachers start work stoppage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers belonging to the BCS general education cadre began a two-day work abstention yesterday protesting a government move to provide teachers of newly nationalised non-government colleges the same status and benefits as theirs.

No classes and examinations were being held at any of the 333 government colleges while the official activities were also disrupted following the protest, Prof IK Selim Ullah Khondaker, president of BCS General Education Association, told The Daily Star.

Yesterday's exams at the National University and at the seven colleges affiliated to Dhaka University were post-

poned due to the abstention, he said.

"We have come to our respective workplaces, but refrained from working. We have the slogan -- No BCS, no Cadre," said the association president.

Besides, the officials of the National Curriculum and Textbook Board, the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, different education boards and Government Alia Madrasa, belonging to the BCS general education cadre, are also observing the work abstention, he added.

The government is nationalising, in phases, one high school and one college in every upazila which has no government high schools or colleges. It

has already announced nationalisation of 283 colleges.

Teachers of these colleges have already been listed under the BSC cadre. The government has not decided on their status.

But the General Education Association has been protesting the plan that will eventually nationalise 325 private high schools and 315 private colleges. They called on the government to come up with a specific set of rules for integrating the teachers of those colleges into the workforce.

There are more than 15,000 teachers in different government colleges under the general education cadre.

3 community radio stations awarded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three community radio stations yesterday received "Bangladesh Community Radio Award-2017" for creating awareness about child marriage in remote areas.

Those also spread knowledge of health issues and signal disasters.

Deutsche Welle Akademie, a Germany-based organisation for international media development, in association with Bangladesh Community Radio Association (BCRA) and channel-i, gave the awards.

The radio stations are Radio Nalta in Satkhira, Radio Bikrampur in Munshiganj and Radio Palkanta in Moulvibazar.

The award giving ceremony was held at the channel-i premises in the capital.

The community radio award is the first of its kind recognising community radio stations for their contributions to the country.

Speaking as the chief guest, Narayan Chandra Shil, director general of Bangladesh Betar, said, "The community radios are reaching out to the communities that Bangladesh Betar cannot always."

Michael Karhausen, head of Asia and Europe at Deutsche Welle Akademie, said community radio stations are important for the overall development of the media of Bangladesh.

Beatrice Kaldun, country representative of Unesco, said although there are various financial constraints, the community radio stations run their activities.

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e-Tender Notice

Date: 25 Nov 2017

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Tender ID, package No. & date of publishing	Name of goods	Last selling and closing date & time
Tender ID: 132911 Package No: LP_S-2-292_PHY_FDP Publishing: 26/11/2017	Procurement of Hard Drive & Desktop Computer for the Department of Physics, BUET, Dhaka.	17/12/2017; 16.00 18/12/2017; 14.30

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Laurels for academic excellence

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A total of 709 students of 60 English medium schools across the country have received the Sixth Edexcel High Achievers Award 2017 for their outstanding academic performance.

Of them, 55 students obtained the world's highest marks in different subjects, while others achieved minimum seven "A" grades in international General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) and four "A" grades in A Levels.

Edexcel, a brand of Pearson, the largest awarding body in the United Kingdom, in association with British Council distributed the awards by organising a ceremony at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital on Saturday.

Apart from the international high scorers, 81 students from primary and lower secondary level, 460 from GCSE and 113 from A Levels received the awards for their brilliant results.

Speaking at the ceremony, Harish Doraiswamy, vice-president of Pearson Schools and Qualifications in South Asia, said the students worked very hard in the exams, and their efforts were recognised through the awards.

"These students will make the image of Bangladesh brighter and better around the world in future," he said. He also congratulated the students, their guardians and teachers on the outstanding results.

Andriani Papapericleous, director of examinations at British Council Bangladesh, urged the students to gather more knowledge beyond the textbook to make their future brighter.

She also appreciated the efforts that the students gave in the exams.

Barbara Wickham, a director of British Council Bangladesh; Derek Richardson, a vice-president of Pearson UK; Saidur Rahman, country manager of Pearson Bangladesh; and Abdullah Al Mamun Liton, regional development manager of Pearson Bangladesh; also spoke.



A section of 709 students who received Edexcel High Achievers Award 2017, jointly awarded by British Council and Edexcel, pose at the award ceremony at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on Saturday.

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Regularisation of jobs for 6,000 secondary level teachers sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The teachers appointed under the Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project formed a human chain before the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding regularisation of their jobs.

The government had appointed over 6,000 secondary-level teachers for teaching students English, mathematics and general science in rural and remote areas to improve quality of education.

They were recruited as additional class teachers (ACT) in 2015 for three years and the tenure will end this December, said a press release of ACT Association.



কুলখানি ও দোয়া মাহফিল

সাবেক মন্ত্রী ও বেঙ্গল এয়ারলিফ্ট ফ্রেগ্রে চেয়ারম্যান জনাব আব্দুল মাল্লান-এর সহযোগী মরহুমা নিলুফর মাল্লান-এর কুলখানি ও দোয়া মাহফিল আগামী ২৮ নভেম্বর ২০১৭ ইং মঙ্গলবার, বাদ আছর শুলশান আজাদ মসজিদ, ২৯ নভেম্বর ২০১৭ ইং বুধবার, বাদ আছর শুলশান আজাদ মসজিদ (০৭ নং রোড) এবং ৩০ নভেম্বর ২০১৭ ইং বৃহস্পতি বাদ আছর তাকা জেলার নবাবগঞ্জ প্রজেক্ষনে মাল্লান সাহেব-এর গ্রামের বাড়ি অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। নিলুফর মাল্লান ১৯৬৮ সালে ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে দর্শন শাস্ত্রে কৃতিত্বের সাথে এম.এ ডিপ্রি অর্জন করেন। তিনি এ.আর. চৌধুরী সিকিউরিটি লিঃ ও এয়ার এ্যালায়েন্স লিঃ এর সম্মিলিত চেয়ারম্যান এবং বেঙ্গল এয়ারলিফ্ট লিঃ, বেঙ্গল ট্রান্সল এবং বেঙ্গল নিটোক্স লিঃ, বেঙ্গল এন.এফ.কে. (নিলুফর-ফরিদাবাদ-কওকাব) ট্রেক্ট্রাইল লিঃ এর সম্মিলিত পরিচালক ছিলেন। তিনি উইম্যান ভলান্টারি এসোসিয়েশন (WVA) এর প্রথম বাংলাদেশী হিসেবে সেক্রেটারী জেনারেল এবং ইন্নার হাইস্টেল কুব (তাকা নৰ্থ)-এর সভাপতি ছিলেন ও ইন্নার হাইস্টেল জেলার ডিস্ট্রিক্ট এক্সেন্টেনশন অর্গানাইজেশন (১৯৯৯-২০০০) হিসেবে নিষ্ঠার সাথে দায়িত্ব পালন করেন। তিনি এ.আর. চৌধুরী সিকিউরিটি লিঃ ও এয়ার এ্যালায়েল লিঃ এবং বেঙ্গল এয়ারলিফ্ট এভিয়েশন লিঃ, বেঙ্গল এন.এফ.কে. (নিলুফর-ফরিদাবাদ-কওকাব) ট্রেক্ট্রাইল লিঃ এর সম্মিলিত পরিচালক ছিলেন। তিনি বিজ্ঞ সামাজিক, সাংস্কৃতিক ও সমাজসেবা মূলক কর্মকাণ্ডে সম্পৃক্ষ ছিলেন। মরহুমার আত্মা মাগফিকারত কামবায় সকলকে উত্তোলিত তারিখ অনুযায়ী কুলখানি ও দোয়া মাহফিলে উপস্থিত হওয়ার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ জানছি।