

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 28.5 L 16.5	MYMENSINGH H 27.8 L 14.5	CHITTAGONG H 28.5 L 17.0	SYLHET H 28.8 L 15.4	RAJSHAHI H 28.0 L 14.9	RANGPUR H 27.7 L 14.5	KHULNA H 28.5 L 15.0	BARISAL H 28.6 L 14.0	COX'S BAZAR H 28.8 L 18.0
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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 5:11pm and rises tomorrow at 06:27am. Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Annisul laid to rest with love, tears

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mayor Annisul Huq was laid to rest at the Banani graveyard on Saturday after admirers and well-wishers in their thousands paid tribute to him at the capital's Army Stadium one last time.

A pall of gloom descended upon the people soon after the death news of the celebrated mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) had spread. By the time the body arrived, the stadium turned into a sea of people from all walks of life including friends, colleagues, political and cultural activists and the media personalities.

Annisul earned an enviable popularity among the city dwellers within a short span of time -- barely half of his tenure in office.

Fasir Rahman, a Gulshan resident who went to the stadium to show respect to Annisul, said, "He (Annisul) just started accomplishing some wonders like removing hundreds of illegal billboards from Dhaka's skyline and freeing public roads from illegal occupation. It is our bad luck that we had to lose him so soon."

Nearly half a dozen ministers, mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation, political leaders and high-ranking civil and military officials had gathered at the stadium much before the body arrived.

After a refrigerator van carrying the body arrived, it was put on a platform. A mournful Chief of Bangladesh Army General Abu Belal Muhammad Shafiqul Huq, also younger brother of Annisul, was present beside the coffin.

Military secretaries of president and prime minister first paid tribute to the deceased mayor on their behalf. The Sergeant-at-Arms also paid homage on behalf of the Speaker of the national parliament. After that, various organisations placed floral wreaths on the coffin.

After Asr prayers, Annisul's son Naveedul Huq said his father was a wonderful person and sought forgiveness from all for his



The Army Stadium in the capital turned into a human sea on Saturday as people from all walks of life gathered there to pay last tributes to Annisul Huq. Clockwise from top left, People attending Annisul's namaz-e-janaza. A wreath placed on the coffin of the mayor on behalf of the president. Homage being paid on behalf of the prime minister. Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon paying floral tribute. Awami League leaders stand in solemn silence in front of the coffin. BNP leaders placing a wreath.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Minority in own land

Says Santu Larma about hill people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of the hill people is decreasing day by day as the government continues to rehabilitate outsiders in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), said Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, popularly known as Santu Larma, at a discussion on Saturday.

"Hill people are becoming minority in their own land," he added.

"In the last 46 years, infiltration [of outsiders] in CHT has happened and it is still going on...and their rehabilitation took place on the land of CHT people. As a result, the characteristics [of CHT] had not been protected..." he said.

Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samiti

(PCJSS) organised the discussion at The Daily Star Centre in the capital to observe the 20th anniversary of the CHT Peace Accord, signed on December 2, 1997.

Larma, president of PCJSS, said the accord was signed to ensure the political, economic and cultural rights of indigenous people living in the CHT. However, the government did not keep its promise, he said.

According to the first clause of the peace accord, Larma said, the government recognises the CHT as a tribal-populated region and also recognises the necessity of its protection.

He accused the government of breaching the accord by including outsiders in the voter list as permanent residents of the

CHT areas.

He said the CHT Regional Council and three CHT district councils were established to introduce a special ruling system in the hilly districts but those were not formed by the vote from the CHT people.

Besides, Rangamati Medical College and Rangamati Science and Technology University were being established without ensuring proper primary and secondary education in the CHT. As a result, it will bring more outsiders in the area.

The PCJSS chief also said the land dispute resolution commission was yet to start its functions although the "controversial" provisions of the CHT Land Dispute Resolution

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EC ready to conduct DNCC mayor polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission is ready to hold the election to the mayoral post of Dhaka North City Corporation within the next 90 days.

The EC will take initiatives to that end soon after the government publishes a gazette notification announcing the mayoral post vacant.

The DNCC mayor post fell vacant due to the death of Annisul Huq. According to the local government

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The Chamber is deeply shocked at the sad demise of Annisul Huq, Mayor, Dhaka North City Corporation on 30th November 2017. Late Annisul Huq was the President of BGMEA, FBCCI, SAARC Chamber and also the current President of Bangladesh Independent Power Producers' Association (BIPPA). He was a leading business icon.

Throughout his life, he made invaluable contributions to the business activities and was widely respected for his commitment to business, rare wisdom, high principles and amiable manners. In his death, the country has lost a very dedicated person.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka

Bangladesh epitome of religious harmony

Says Pope Francis as he wraps up 3-day visit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is one of the best examples of inter-religious harmony, said Pope Francis as he concluded a three-day visit to Bangladesh on Saturday.

He prayed for the country by uttering the following words in Bangla: "Isshór Bangladeshké ashirbád korún!" [May God bless Bangladesh].

"Through dialogue, we can live a real community life that is full of harmony and peace," he told a meeting of the Catholic bishops, priests, nuns and brothers at Holy Rosary Church in the capital's Tejgaon in the morning.

Pope Francis left for the Vatican in the afternoon, leaving behind an eventful visit to Bangladesh on the second leg of Asia tour after Myanmar where the Rohingya crisis got a special focus.

GOSSIP DESTROYS HARMONY Addressing the meeting at Holy Rosary Church, Pope Francis said gossip is a kind of terrorism.

"It is just like the terrorists who don't say I am a terrorist, but leave bombs behind. The other person then again spread the gossip," said Pope Francis, head of the Catholic Church as well as the Vatican State.

Gossiping creates distrust and division, which eventually destroys harmony, said the 80-year-old pontiff.

The spiritual leader of the world's 1.29 billion Catholics also advised all to engage in dialogue among the communities for a harmonious living.

YOUTHS INSPIRED TO WORK IN UNISON FOR PEACE

At the youth gathering that drew some 8,000 students at Notre Dame College, Pope Francis inspired youths of various religions to work in unison for peace in the communities across the globe where violence and hatred are very widespread.

Pope began his speech, appreciating the spirit of the youths and recalling the words of Bangladesh's National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, who referred the youth as "fearless".

Pope Francis inspired the youths to keep moving forward as they are the sources of immense strength.

"But as you move forward, make sure that you choose the right path. What does this mean? It means 'journeying' through life, and not 'wandering aimlessly'."

The pope has asked the youths to know how to welcome and accept those who act and think differently than them.

"When a people, a religion or a society turns into a 'little world', they lose the best that they have and plunge into a self-righteous mentality of 'I am good and you are bad'," Pope Francis added.

He also advised young students to have more interaction with their parents, not spending the entire day playing with phone.

"The elderly help us to appreciate the continuity of the generations. They bring with them memory and the wisdom of experience, which help us to avoid the repetition of past mistakes," the pope said.

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Pope Francis

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