

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 26.2 L 14.2	H 26.5 L 13.2	H 26.2 L 15.9	H 26.5 L 16.5	H 26.5 L 11.5	H 25.6 L 13.5	H 26.8 L 14.4	H 27.6 L 13.0	H 27.8 L 16.5

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 5:14pm and rises tomorrow at 06:35am. Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

**Be worthy citizens**  
PM urges youths

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the youths of the country to become worthy citizens. She also called upon them to be imbued with the spirit of Liberation War as well as the sacrifice of the tens of thousands of martyrs. The prime minister was speaking at the cultural programme, organised by the cultural affairs ministry at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan, celebrating the 47th Victory Day through a videoconference from her official residence Gono Bhaban.

"We have to remember all the time that we are the victorious nation, you must



Piles of earth on a road beside the dug-up spots in front of Gulshan shooting complex as part of continuing development works in the area, creating more obstacles for the commuters. *Bottom left*, A concrete slab, with bamboo enclosure, in the middle of the road on the south side of Gulshan Azad mosque. Holes have already started to develop surrounding it. *Bottom right*, Pedestrians forced to walk on the street near Chairman Bari in Banani as a large portion of the footpath is not only dug up, but two police boxes are also built on it. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

**DU celebrates Victory Day**

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University yesterday celebrated 47th Victory Day amid much festivity and paying tributes to the war heroes.

The Dhaka University authorities and some Teacher-Student Center (TSC) based socio-cultural organisations held different programmes marking the day. The celebrations started around 12:05am yesterday. Slogan 71, a TSC based student organisation, organised dazzling fireworks in front of Raju memorial sculpture.

TSC area was abuzz with music as a number of university based bands including "Gaanpoka" and "Gaankobi" enchanted the crowds. Dhaka University Film Society released 43 fanush.

In the morning, teachers and students led by VC Prof Akhtaruzzaman placed wreaths at the National Memorial in Saver.

Dhaka University Journalists' Association (Duja) organised a daylong exhibition of the then newspaper articles on the 1971 war, titled "Bijoyer Pothe, Songbadpotrer Sathe" (on the way to victory, along with newspapers), at TSC.

In the afternoon, the VC inaugurated a "Pillar of

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**VICTORY DAY EVENTS**  
**'Not invited, AL leader foils it'**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

While the nation was celebrating Victory Day yesterday, an Awami League leader allegedly foiled a celebration programme in Chittagong for not getting an invitation letter.

Karnaphuli Upazila Administration organised the daylong event at AJ Chowdhury Degree College under Shikolbaha union in the upazila. It was observing the first Victory Day celebration since formation of the upazila in May this year, said Bijen Banarjee, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO).

"Around 11:00am, Union Parishad Chairman of Shikolbaha Jahangir Alam along with his men armed with sticks swooped on the programme. They vandalised chairs and microphone on the allegation that they were not invited," he said.

The attack left one student injured, he claimed. People who came to participate in the programme fled the venue soon after the incident, he added.

Bijen claimed that he had sent an invitation letter

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**AL-BNP chaos mars festivity**

STAR REPORT

The ruling Awami League and BNP activists carried out vandalism and clashed over Victory Day celebrations in different areas yesterday.

In Lalmonirhat, AL and BNP men chased each other during a rally on Station Road in the town.

Earlier, the AL people vandalised the Railway Sramik Dal office on the road. In retaliation, BNP activists vandalised the nearby Railway Sramik League office, said witnesses.

However, no causality was reported.

At Chittagong University, two Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists were injured in an attack launched by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men.

The two -- Imtiaz Iqam, joint secretary, and Moinuddin, publication secretary of the university unit of the pro-BNP JCD -- along with other activists went to the memorial to place a wreath.

AL-backed BCL men snatched and tore the wreath, said witnesses.

In Pirojpur, two factions of the ruling party chased each other to show off supremacy in Kawkhali upazila, hampering a Victory Day programme.

Witnesses said the incident happened when the two groups had an altercation over setting a banner.

In Mymensingh, the ruling party activists chased the local mayor over the absence of Bangabandhu's picture and "Joy Bangla" slogan in a banner made to celebrate Victory Day in Muktagachha upazila.

They ransacked the dais, foiling a scheduled discussion and cultural programme.

Later, they brought out a protest procession in the upazila headquarters demanding punishment for the mayor, Shahidul Islam Shahid, who is also the secretary of Muktagachha municipality unit of BNP.

Johirul Haque Johir, secretary of the municipality unit of AL, said angry people chased the mayor.

The mayor said it was an "unexpected incident". However, he denied the incident of chasing.

**Good initiative, messy management**

TAWFIQUE ALI

Residents of some parts of Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara in the capital have to bear the misery of dug-up trenches and muddy roads for another half a year thanks to an ongoing road and footpath improvement work.

"The messy nature of the development work leaves piles of dug-up mud on the roads and gaping trenches for days. In addition, a lack of safety barriers is also causing terrible sufferings to the residents and commuters," said Nasreen Nahar, a Gulshan resident.

The Dhaka North City Corporation has been implementing a Tk225cr scheme since March 2015 for road improvement, storm drainage and construction of roadside drains and footpaths in the Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara residential areas.

Around 85 percent of the total work has been completed with the rest going on in some roads in south Gulshan, Gulshan Avenue stretching

from roaundabout-1 to the shooting federation complex and parts of Banani and Baridhara.

So far, 20 percent of the remaining work is done and it is due to be completed by June next year as per the approved deadline. And, 65 percent of the total project cost has so far been spent, according to a relevant official.

The minimum time required for digging a trench, laying pipes and filling with sand, compaction and placing reinforced concrete slabs on top of a manhole pit is one month, said Md Sharif Uddin, superintendent engineer of DNCC and the project director.

"We have to wait for at least three weeks for a reinforced concrete slab to harden. Meantime, we put an enclosure around it," he said.

A precast slab could save the waiting time but it does not work due to a lack of information about the position of underground service lines of other agencies, he added.

As per road digging policy of the city corpo-

rations, any agency doing the job has to remove the dug-up mud immediately, put up visible public safety barriers and signals with tinted electric lights during night time.

When pointed out that city corporations do not always comply with such rules, he said they try their best to comply.

As a result of the road improvement scheme, an outcome of the late Mayor Anisul Huq's dynamic leadership, spacious footpaths and quality roads in north Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara are already in use. The footpaths are around 12 to 14 feet wide, used by thousands every day.

Large diameter storm drainage pipes laid out last year would discharge rainwater into Wasa drainage system across Hatirjheel and protect the three neighbourhoods against urban flooding.

Works in the scheme include improvement of 166 roads (47km), building 25km pipe drains, 67km open drains, 74km footpaths. Of the total,

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**MEMORIAL POSTAL STAMP RELEASED**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday released the memorial postal stamp of Tk 10 denomination and its first day cover issued by Bangladesh Postal Department, marking 47th Victory Day. The prime minister also released data card of Tk 5 and a souvenir issued by the postal department on the occasion at her official residence Gono Bhaban in the morning. State Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Tarana Halim, Chief Coordinator on SDG Affairs at the Prime Minister's Office Abul Kalam Azad, PMO Senior Secretary Suraiya Begum, PM's Military Secretary Major General Mia Muhammad Zainul Abedin, PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim, Posts and Telecommunications Secretary Shyam Sundar Sikder and Director General of the Postal Department Sushanto Kumar Mondal were present among others.

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