

YESTERDAY'S  
TEMPERATURES

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Weather may remain dry over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, said the Met Office. Moderate to thick fog may occur over Rangpur &amp; Rajshahi and light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country during midnight till morning. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:37pm and rises tomorrow at 06:43am. Highest and lowest temperature recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

## SEVEN AFFILIATED COLLEGES

## DU won't issue IDs

*Says in press release academic, extra curricular activities of those instts will be conducted from their respective campuses*

DU CORRESPONDENT

In the wake of recent demonstrations of the Dhaka University students to scrap DU affiliation of the seven colleges in the capital, the university authorities yesterday issued a press release explaining how all the activities of those colleges would be run.

According to the release, academic and extra curricular activities of those seven colleges would be conducted from their respective campuses and the DU authorities would not issue identity cards to the students of the seven colleges.

They would not get residential, transportation, medical and library services of the university and their admission activities, practical exams and banking services would also be conducted from their own campus, added the release.

The release, signed by acting public relation officer of DU, also said that the college authorities would issue identity cards to their students and the students would get all the

facilities like transportation or accommodation services from their respective colleges like the way they used to before affiliation.

Mentionable, DU took viva voce and practical exams of the colleges on its campus during this academic year, after the colleges got affiliated with the university on February 16, 2017.

Meanwhile, the agitating students of the university continued their protest yesterday to press home their demands.

Their demands include punishment for Bangladesh Chhatra League activists who foiled Monday's demonstration of DU students, withdrawal of the "false case" against the students over the Wednesday's incident, resignation of DU proctor for "failing" to punish the BCL men and a permanent solution to the crisis of recently affiliated colleges.

Around 200 students organised a protest rally at the base of Raju Memorial Sculpture to press home their demands.

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**There was a time, this stream in the capital's Sutrapur area used to be a mighty canal. But over the years, it was reduced to a narrow drainage outlet, de-linking it from the Buriganga. Meanwhile, unabated dumping of waste continues to threaten its existence. The photo was taken at HKB Khalpar yesterday.**

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Tourism village not on locals' mind

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should protect the around 130-acre Parjatan Holiday Complex in Cox's Bazar instead of "giving it away at a nominal price" for building a tourism village.

Locals and political activists made the call at a press conference at the beach town's press club yesterday.

They also claimed that the land costs Tk 5,000 crore but the government is leasing it out to a private business conglomerate -- Orion Group -- for Tk 60 crore.

The press conference was organised under the banner of Cox's Bazar Nagorik Samaj.

Emphasising the long tradition of the place, Sirajul Mostafa, president of district unit of Awami League, said pond, open space and natural environment of the complex are a source of recreation for the locals.

However, Mohammad Mohsin, general manager of Bangladesh Parjatan

Corporation, said the government through an international tender bidding process selected the business conglomerate to develop an international standard tourism village on the 130-acre land. It is a first-ever public-private partnership initiative to develop an international tourism facility with the private partner making all the investments, he said. A five-star hotel, golf course, water theme park and other amusement facilities would be built there.

It would be a 50-year tenure and the winning bidder would pay the government more than Tk 772 crore including Tk 60 crore as an upfront premium (contract signing money), he said.

The rest of the amount -- Tk 712 crore -- would be paid over the period of 45 years, said Mohsin. In addition, the winning bidder would pay three percent of the profit, he said.

Orion would have to invest Tk 1,740 crore

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## Rohingya man shot dead

UNB, Cox's Bazar

A Rohingya community leader was shot dead by some unidentified miscreants at a camp in Thaingkhali of Ukhia upazila on Friday night.

Md Yusuf, 35, block community leader (Majhi) of block-2 of Tajnimar Khola Rohingya Camp, died at Red Crescent temporary hospital at the camp, said Abul Khayer, officer-in-charge of Ukhia Police Station.

On the same night, local refugees caught one Md Alam with a pistol when he failed in his attempt to shoot another leader, Arif Ullah of Balukhali Camp-2.

Local Rohingyas claimed that a group of Rohingyas who are against their repatriation are carrying out the attacks.

ROHINGYA CRISIS  
Refugees need to feel safe enough to return: UN

UNB, Dhaka

The United Nations has reiterated its call for voluntary repatriation of Rohingyas from Bangladesh saying Rohingyas need to feel that the situation is safe enough for them.

"It is up for people to choose to go home. No one should choose for them. Any repatriation of Rohingyas back to Myanmar needs to be voluntary," said Spokesman for the UN Secretary-General Stephane Dujarric in regular briefing at the UN headquarters.

He said Rohingyas, now living in Bangladesh, need to be able to go to the homes from where they came. "I think they need to feel that the situation is safe enough."

There have been demonstrations on Friday in camps by Rohingyas protesting plans to repatriate them back to Myanmar.

On the other hand, the Myanmar authorities toured Maungtaw, Rakhine State on Friday and inspected the construction of houses to be used for repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh.

The delegation headed by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu visited the Hla Phoe Khaung, Ngakhuya and Taung Pyo Letwe camps and insisted on completion of the finishing touches on buildings, medical clinics and sanitation infrastructures, according to The Global New Light of Myanmar.

Following the visit to Maungtaw district, the authorities held a meeting in Maungtaw over the work of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State.

A repatriation plan for the members of the Muslim community, who fled Rakhine State to Bangladesh to escape conflict in Myanmar last year, will begin next Tuesday, Myanmar media reports.

Foreign ministry officials in Dhaka said verification and return of Rohingyas will be based on considering the family as a unit and Bangladesh and Myanmar also finalised the "form" for verification.

The modalities for the repatriation of orphans and children born out of unwarranted incidence have been incorporated in the said arrangement.

"The verification form will be distributed among all Rohingya families. The forms will be then handed over to Myanmar authority for scrutiny. Myanmar will send back the forms to Bangladesh after scrutiny," an offi-

cial told the news agency indicating that the full-scale repatriation might take some time.

UNB, Cox's Bazar

Visiting UN Special Rapporteur on human rights situation in Myanmar Yanghee Lee yesterday met Rohingyas in Bangladesh and listened to their horrific experiences of torture in Myanmar.

She visited Damdama

Rohingya camp in Teknaf

early morning and talked to

20 Rohingyas -- 10 men and

10 women -- at the reception

centre of Teknaf Nature Park.

During their meeting

with Lee, Rohingyas

described their bitter experiences to the visiting UN special rights envoy.

Officials of the

International Organization

for Migration (IOM) and

international donor agencies

were present.

Later, the UN envoy

visited Nayapara and other

places where Rohingyas are

now living.

Lee arrived on Friday

afternoon on a three-day

visit to watch rights situation

of Rohingyas living in

the district.

Lee began her Bangladesh

visit on Thursday vowing to

fulfill her mandate despite

the Myanmar government's

refusal to work with her,

will visit Rohingya camps from

today.

After her Bangladesh visit

until January 24, the special

rapporteur will visit

Thailand where she will stay

till January 30.

Following her visit, the

human rights experts

will present a report to the

Human Rights Council in

March 2018.

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Myanmar) has accused me

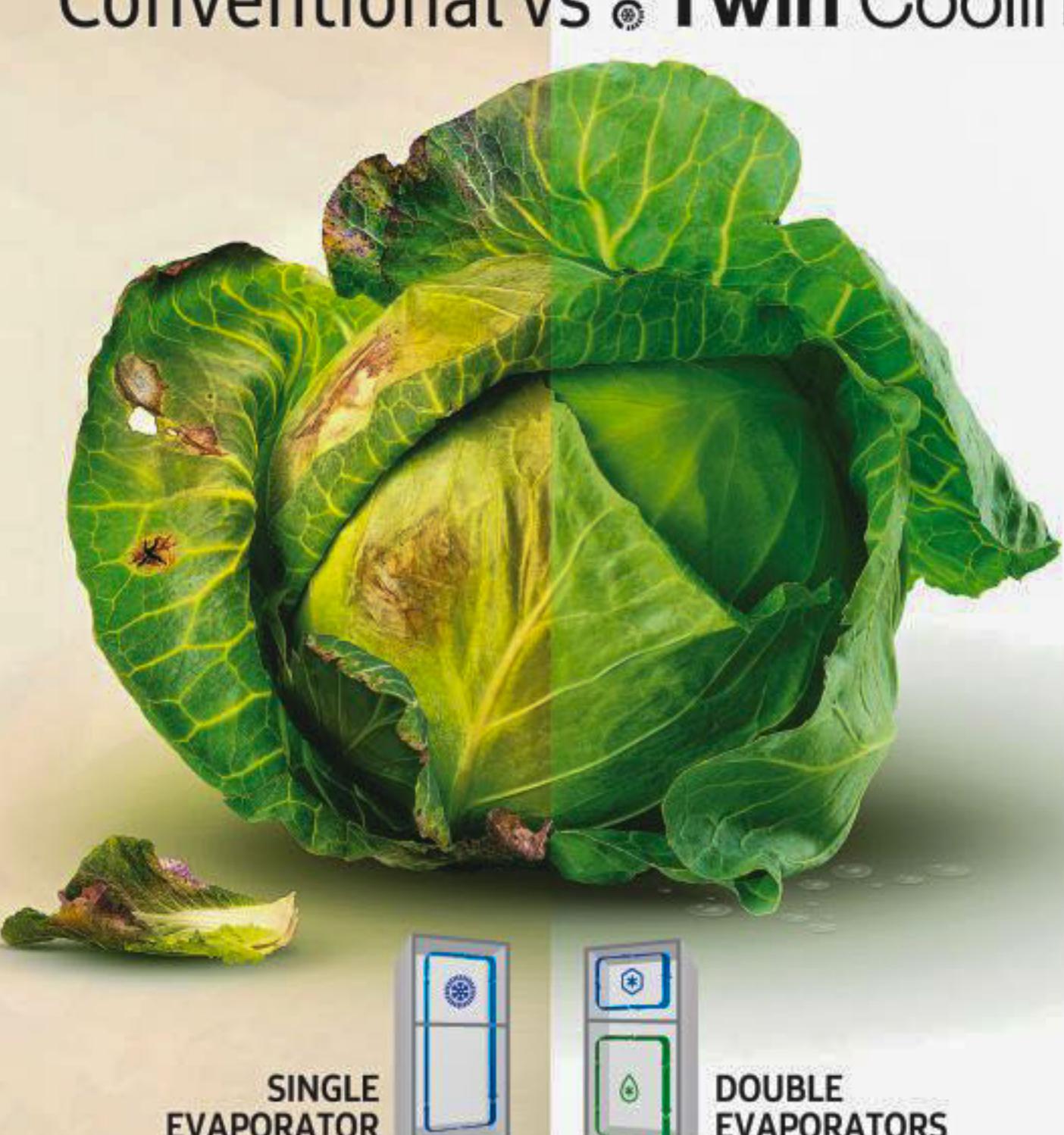
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**Vendors continue to occupy almost the entire footpath in front of the capital's Home Economics College to sell their goods. The makeshift stores also remain a much sought-after place for students, especially females, looking for cheap deals. The photo was taken in Azimpur area yesterday.**

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