

WEATHER FORECAST



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA

H 26.5 | L 15.6

MYMENSINGH

H 26.0 | L 13.3

CHITTAGONG

H 27.0 | L 14.8

SYLHET

H 25.5 | L 15.5

RAJSHAHI

H 22.2 | L 10.4

RANGPUR

H 25.0 | L 11.0

KHULNA

H 26.5 | L 15.5

BARISAL

H 27.0 | L 13.0

COX'S BAZAR

H 28.0 | L 15.8

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Go for capital dredging of rivers: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister yesterday directed the authorities concerned to take steps for capital dredging first and then the regular ones to protect the country's rivers.

"We've to protect our rivers. Our rivers have not been dredged for many years. This is why, we frequently ask (to take steps) for capital dredging," she said.

The prime minister gave the directive while delivering her introductory speech during a presentation of a model of the proposed pilot project on "Comprehensive Plan for Stabilisation of the Jamuna-Padma River and Pilot Intervention for Land Reclamation" at her office.

Sheikh Hasina also said commodities can be transported at a cheaper cost by keeping the river routes operative through dredging.

Presidential polls Feb 18

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday announced that the presidential election will be held on February 18.

The CEC announced the election schedule at a press briefing at the capital's Nirbahan Bhaban.

The last date for submission of nomination papers is February 5 while that for withdrawal is February 10. The papers will be scrutinised on February 7.

The tenure of President Abdul Hamid, who took charge on April 24, 2013 will expire on April 23 this year.



Speakers along with winners of a debate competition at a conference on migration at the capital's Bangabandhu International Conference Center yesterday. Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit organised the event.

PHOTO: STAR

Ensure wellbeing of migrant workers

Conference urges government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a programme yesterday called upon the government to formulate a long-term plan for the safety of Bangladeshi migrant workers overseas as well as the wellbeing of their families at home.

Although the remittance earned by the migrant workers has significant contribution to the country's economy, little has been done to ensure that they are not abused or harassed at the country's airports or at their workplaces abroad, they observed.

Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) organised the programme titled "Obhibashon o Sonar Manush Sammilan 2018" at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the capital.

Migrant workers and their family members from across the country also attended the event.

RMMRU awarded different stakeholders --

including migrant workers, their family members, sub-agents, recruiting agencies, and government officers and institutions -- for their contribution to the sector.

RMMRU Founding Chairperson Prof Tasneem Siddiqui during her speech proposed that the government should declare years 2020 to 2029 as "migration decade". And also, it should adopt a long term plan for upto 2030 for curbing irregularities in the sector, worker harassment and the exorbitant cost of migration.

"We have to make sure that the migrant workers are getting the benefits of their migration and not used as a tool for development," she added.

The chief guest of the morning session, Hossain Zillur Rahman, former adviser to a caretaker government, said the sector has flourished for the risk-taking poor workers and measures need to be taken to ensure their dignity when they come home.

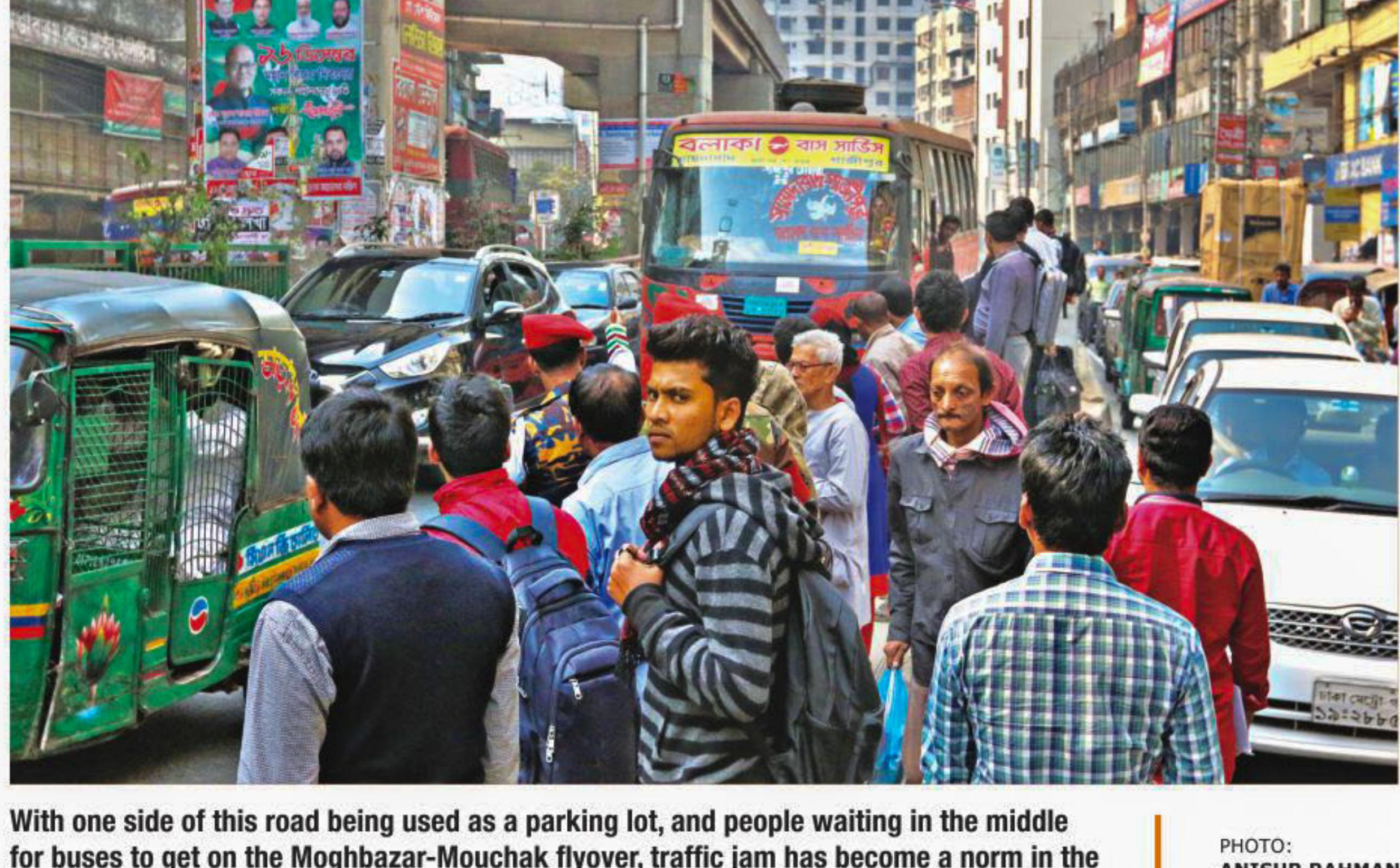
Planning Commission Member and Senior Secretary Shamsul Alam said when preparing a national plan for the sector, the commission will try to incorporate RMMRU's recommendations placed at the programme.

The chief guest of the closing session, Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam, said his ministry is working to ensure a safe, regular and systematic approach for aspiring migrant workers.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam, the guest of honour, said the government has been working to introduce a birth registration process for non-resident Bangladeshis.

A debate session, between two student teams from Jahangirnagar University and Dhaka University, was also held in the afternoon. The former came out as the winner.

Jane Edmondson, head of DFID Bangladesh, among others, spoke.



With one side of this road being used as a parking lot, and people waiting in the middle for buses to get on the Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover, traffic jam has become a norm in the area. The photo was taken near Moghbazar Wireless Gate area around 1:00pm yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Sajjadul Hasan made acting secy of PMO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Additional Secretary Sajjadul Hassan, who was personal secretary-1 to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, has been promoted to acting secretary of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

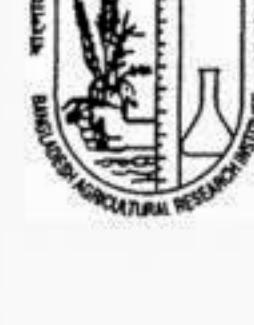
He was appointed with immediate effect, according to a gazette notification issued yesterday.

Sajjadul Hassan replaced Suraiya Begum, senior secretary to PMO.

In another gazette notification, Tofazzel Hossain Miah, director general-1 of PMO, was made personal secretary-1 to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Besides, Md Raisul Alam Mondal, director of environment directorate (additional secretary), has been promoted to acting

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10.38 lakh Rohingyas

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Saudi Arabia. The JS committee also expressed concern as a number of Rohingyas in different areas in Cox's Bazar outnumbered the locals. The JS body therefore recommended relocating several lakh Rohingyas to Sonadia Island under Hatia, Noakhali.

Asked, Fakhrul Imam said the locals, who once welcomed the Rohingyas, are now annoyed due to their prolonged stay as they (Rohingyas) are putting pressure on their (locals) livelihoods and causing environmental degradation.

The committee recommended ensuring alternative fuel arrangement for the Rohingyas to save the environment.

They also asked the home ministry to form a special police station for the security of the Rohingya.

Muhib, a man respected

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political poles, but he is acceptable to both his party and the opposition. In his speech, Muhib said, "Your love is a big achievement for me. I am amazed to get such wishes."

Eminent writer Syed Manzoorul Islam, historian Muntasir Mamun, essayist and researcher Nuh-ul-Alam Lenin, Prothom Alo Deputy Editor Anisul Hoque, former BGMEA president Atiqul Islam, economist Abul Barakat, and Somoy Prokashon proprietor Farid Ahmed, also spoke.

Conference on Bengal

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Prof Anisuzzaman said Bengal studies should focus not only on literature but also on history, culture, philosophy, politics as well as anthropology. A total of 250 researchers from 20 countries presented their papers.

2nd edition

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NEWS IN brief

HC asks govt to give MPO facilities to 13 teachers in two districts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to give monthly pay order (MPO) facilities to 13 teachers of three private educational institutions in Patuakhali and Jamalpur.

The bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and Justice KM Kamrul Kader passed the order after hearing two separate writ petitions filed by the 13 teachers in December last year, seeking necessary order on the government to give them MPO facilities.

The institutions are Engineer Faruk Talukder Women's Degree College in Baufal upazila in Patuakhali and Jamalpur High School and Badua High School.

The HC delivered the verdict on the ground that the deprived teachers have fulfilled all the conditions for getting the MPO facilities, he added.

Khaleda's adviser Taimur freed on bail in 2 vandalism cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's Adviser Taimur Alam Khondaker was released from jail hours after the High Court and a Narayanganj court granted him bail in two separate vandalism cases yesterday.

Taimur's daughter Barrister Mar-e-um Khondaker told The Daily Star that her father walked out of jail in Narayanganj around 5:00pm. Taimur got released on bail two days after he was arrested in Narayanganj city in connection with the cases filed for vandalising and torching vehicles on January 19, 2015 during the BNP-led alliance agitation, she said.

Five more arrested over Ctg girl gang rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police early yesterday arrested five more persons including three teenagers in a case filed for the murder of a nine-year madrasa girl after rape in Chittagong city on January 21.

The arrestees are Belal Hossen alias Bijoy, 18, Robiul Islam alias Rubel, 16, Hasibul Islam alias Liton, 26, Aksan Mia alias Hasan, 18, and Sujon, 20.

With the latest roundup, the total number of arrestees is now six. Earlier, police arrested Monirul Islam Monu, 48, the caretaker of the building, where the girl was raped.

The second grader of a local madrasa was raped by seven persons in a flat of the building, Ayesha Mamta Mahal, and was later strangled when she cried for help.

Rakhine not ready yet

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our efforts." Forsyth said it would be "premature" to send back these traumatised children at this moment seeking steps to improve situation in Rakhine.

"They miss their homes back in Myanmar but they don't feel safe to go back. We couldn't sleep at night at Rakhine State but we can sleep here," he said, quoting one of the Rohingya children.

Forsyth said improved security and unimpeded humanitarian access in Myanmar are essential before Rohingya children can be sent back from Bangladesh.

He mentioned that some 58 percent of the refugees are children, many of whom are still traumatised by their experiences of violence.

The Unicef official also talked about the challenges that more than 520,000 Rohingya children living in overcrowded camps and informal settlements might face during monsoon seasons. He visited Cox's Bazar on Wednesday and yesterday to see the situation of Rohingyas.

Since late August, more than 688,000 Rohingyas have arrived in Cox's Bazar alone, marking the largest mass refugee movement in the region in decades.

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