

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 28.6 L 15.8	MYMENSINGH H 26.2 L 14.6	CHITTAGONG H 27.0 L 16.3	SYLHET H 26.0 L 15.5	RAJSHAHI H 29.5 L 12.0	RANGPUR H 25.5 L 14.0	KHULNA H 30.1 L 15.2	BARISAL H 29.6 L 13.6	COX'S BAZAR H 27.0 L 16.8
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Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, said the Met office. Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins & adjoining area and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere over the country during mid-night till morning. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:47pm and rises tomorrow at 06:38am. Highest and lowest temperature recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Prof Nurul Amin made Emeritus Professor
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Dr ATM Nurul Amin has been bestowed with the title of Emeritus Professor of Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), an internationally reputed institution of higher learning and research at master's and PhD level.

AIT President Prof Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai announced it on Thursday, following its approval by the AIT board of trustees, said a press release.

The award is conferred on those who have achieved outstanding international professional status and have made significant academic contributions to the institute through teaching, publications and



Foreign visitors look at photo exhibits with narrations of the 1952 Language Movement that the students started at Dhaka University. The International Mother Language Institute has been witnessing a large number of visitors from home and abroad on the occasion of International Mother Language Day this month. The photo was taken in the capital's Segunbagicha yesterday. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Amid hunger strike 8 community health workers suspended

UNB, Dhaka

Eight community health care providers (CHCPs), including the convener and chief adviser to the central committee of Community Health Care Providers Association (CHCPA), were suspended on Saturday.

The order came as they remained absent from their duties while they were staging a hunger strike demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

Community Based Health Care (CBHC) Director Dr Abul Hashem Khan issued the suspension letters citing "long absence from work and influencing others" for strike as the reasons.

The suspended CHCPs are Sahidul Islam, working at Dohar as well as the convener of the central committee; Kamal Hossain Sarkar of Kapasia in Gazipur and chief adviser to the committee; Asad Uddin Liton, Mohiuddin, Salma Yesmin, Mokammel Haque, Sahin Sarkar and Mahmuda Khanam Shimu.

Sahidul Islam told the news agency that "this is the most heinous incident for the CHCPs of Bangladesh".

Meanwhile, the hunger strike of CHCPs stepped into its fourth day yesterday, asking for nationalisation of their jobs. The strike came in sequel to their five days' sit-in in front of Jatiya Press Club.

The agitating workers said they will continue the strike till their demand is met.

ICT fixes March 15 for probe report submission
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday directed the prosecution to submit an investigation report, if any, on March 15 in a case filed against a Jessore man for allegedly committing crimes during the Liberation War in 1971.

Yesterday was fixed for submitting the report but Prosecutor Zead Al Malum sought three more months.

Accused Siddiqur Rahman Gazi, 68, from Harergati village in Jessore's Monirampur upazila, is now in jail.

Siddiqur, an alleged sub-commander of Razakar Bahini under Monirampur Police Station, was shown arrested in the case on December 15, 2016. The probe against Siddiqur started on August 22, 2016 and the case's investigation officer already "found his involvement" in killing during the Liberation War. Siddiqur's name was in a Razakar list prepared by the district administration, the prosecution said.

JUBO LEAGUE MAN HARUNUR MURDER

No visible progress in 2 months

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

Two months have passed since Jubo Dal leader Harunur Rashid Chowdhury was shot to death by a group of alleged Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jubo League activists in Chittagong city on December 3 last year, but there is no significant progress in the case as of now.

Even the investigators are yet to recover the firearm used in the murder, much to the frustration of the family members.

Police said the investigation has been going on at a slow pace as they could not arrest the suspects -- the 10 suspects whose names were mentioned by family members during filing the murder case, have secured anticipatory bail from the High Court (HC).

Talking to The Daily Star, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Sadarghat Police Station Mohammed Nezam Uddin said, "All the 10 suspects in Harunur murder case have secured anticipatory bail from the HC after the case was filed; therefore, police could not arrest or interrogate them."

"The firearm is yet to be traced out; however, we are investigating the case from a different angle to dig out the motive behind the murder and recover the firearm," said the OC.

Meanwhile, the family expressed discontent at the current status of the case.

Harunur's brother Humayun Chowdhury filed the murder case against 10 named and some unnamed persons with Sadarghat Police Station.

According to the case statement, the suspects are Md Alamgir, 30; Md Kaiser, 25; Md Nur Nabi, 34; Md Hridoy, 28; Mosharraf Hossain Liton, 28; Md Sarif, 35; Md Jasim, 29; Tanvir Hossain Shaon, 30; Towkir Hossain Sejan, 30; and Hazi Md Salauddin, 40.

Of the suspects, Mosharraf Hossain Liton is a resident of the city's Moriccha Para area and backed by expelled city BCL leader Saiful Alam Limon and local councillor Golam Mohammed Jobayer, said locals.

Police sources said Alamgir allegedly provided the firearm to be used in the killing mission. The others are involved with the politics of either BCL or Jubo League. After the murder, police arrested Jasim on December 17 in connection with the murder, but he later walked out from jail securing bail in the murder case.

Another person named Faisal was also detained from the city's Halishabar on December 31 in the murder case scrutinising the footage of the murder incident. But he was later released as his involvement was not found, said police.

Technology adding a new flavour

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providing the readers with e-book facilities in this year's book fair.

Bengal Publication is one such publisher. They have an app called "Bengal e-Boi".

The app requires opening up an account. "With the account, anyone can read at least 200 e-books for free while some of the books require purchasing through bKash or banking system," said Mohammad Riyad, a volunteer at the stall.

However, many readers are still not accustomed to e-books.

"I use e-book when I travel... at times reading e-books hurt my eyes. So I still prefer physical books," said Sazia Afrin, a former student of Dhaka University.

Suriya Jesmine, a private job holder, was looking for books for a friend. "E-book is nice but you cannot gift an e-book to your friend. Besides, there's something special about holding a new book, the way it smells..."

The e-book publishers are using various payment methods for the books while price range also varies.

For example, the app "Boi Ghar" is free to download with around a thousand books in their collection. The price of the books ranges from Tk 10 to Tk 25. Payments can be made through Banglalink or Robi SIM cards.

Zakir Hasan of "Sheiboi" app said the reason they had set up a stall at the book fair is to interact with the readers, especially the youth.

Meanwhile, many publishers, who do not have e-book services, have introduced online delivery facilities. One such is "Muktadhara", one of the oldest publication houses. They deliver books through Rokomari.com.

The government is also utilising technology for encouraging the youth to read.

In front of "Burdwan House", there is a stall of the government's a2i programme, promoting a website called "Kishor Batayan" -- dedicated to children where they can learn, play and share creative ideas.

Jalal Ahmed, member secretary of the book fair arrangement committee, said, "Technological advancement has added a new dimension to the fair."

"In near future, the book fair will adapt more technology. But it won't affect the spirit of the fair. We will always uphold our culture through the fair," said Jalal, also a director of Bangla Academy.

Soil not healthy

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acknowledged the dip in organic substance in the soil.

The government needs to carry out the recommendations given in the research report, he suggested.

Agricultural scientist Prof Zahurul Karim told the news agency, "If we keep relying on chemical fertilisers, the condition of the soil will deteriorate quickly."

He advised taking good care of the soil and using less fertilisers to keep its health in check.

Jamuna Oil Company Limited
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong

Invitation for Tenders: 55/2017-18

Jamuna Oil Company Limited hereby invites tender from reputed contractors/construction firm for civil construction of work following PPR-2008.

01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
02. Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
03. Procuring entity name	Managing Director, Jamuna Oil Company Limited.
04. Procuring entity code	N/A.
05. Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
06. Invitation for	Renovation of 4-storied Officer's Quarter as Office Building at Baghabari Depot, Shahjadpur, Sirajganj.
07. Invitation Ref. No. & date	28.24.0000.600.04.001.17, 19-12-2017
08. Completion time of work	180 days.

KEY INFORMATION

09. Procurement method	One step two envelop system.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and source of funds	Company's own fund (POCL, MPL, JOCL).
11. Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Tender publication date	05-02-2018
13. Tender last selling date	26-02-2018
14. Tender closing date and time	27-02-2018 03.00pm
15. Tender opening date and time	27-02-2018 03.15pm

16. Name & address of the office(s)

-Selling tender document	a) Cash Section, Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. b) DGM (DLO), Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Plot No. 2, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
-Receiving tender document	Special Assignment Department, Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban (Ground Floor), Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17. Eligibility of tenderer

a) Contractors/construction firms who have minimum 5 (five) years of general experience of construction works.
b) Having experience in successful completion of minimum 01 number of civil construction/maintenance work in Bangladesh under government/semi-government/autonomous organisation during last 5 (five) years of minimum value Tk 50 lac in a single contract.
c) VAT registration certificate, up-to-date trade licence, up-to-date tax clearance certificate and up-to-date enlistment as 1st class contractor in any government/semi-government/autonomous organisation in Bangladesh is to be submitted with the tender.
d) The required average annual construction turnover shall be minimum Tk 85 lac over the last 3 years.
e) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or sanctioned credit facilities of tenderer shall be Tk 50 lac.
f) The original money receipt of purchasing tender document must include with original tender document.

18. Brief description of works
Brickwork, MS grill, plaster, painting, CC, RCC, tiles, electric & sanitary works etc. at Baghabari Depot, Shahjadpur, Sirajganj.

19. Brief description of physical services
N/A.

20. Tender security
Tk 2,25,000.00 (Taka two lac twenty-five thousand only) in the form of PO/DD favouring Jamuna Oil Company Limited.

21. Price of tender schedule
Tk 2,000.00 (Taka two thousand only) non-refundable.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22. Name of official inviting tender, address & contact details	Md. Shamsul Arefin, DGM (Special Assignment), Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. Phone No. 031-717435, Fax: 031-713289 E-mail: info@jamunaoil.gov.bd Website: www.jamunaoil.gov.bd
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23. Due to any unavoidable circumstances if the tender cannot be dropped on the closing date of tender the same can be dropped and opened on the following working day at the same time & venue.

24. Jamuna Oil Company Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Newly appointed Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain paying a tribute to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing a wreath at latter's portrait in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi Road 32 in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Barbed-wire fences

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said the government has formed 25,605 anti-drug committees in educational institutions across the country.

"The Department of Narcotics Control, Police, BGB and Rab along with other law enforcement agencies have been working to control drug related crimes following the prime minister's instruction."

In 2016-17 financial year, the DNC formed 3,675 anti-drug committees in educational institutions and held 6,313 anti-drug discussions, rallies and human chains, he added.

Give the best

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He also advised the labour attachés to explore untapped foreign labour markets for the Bangladeshis.

Skilled and disciplined workers are in high demand abroad and without increasing the number of workers, the country's earnings can be multiplied by sending skilled and experienced workers overseas, Gowher added.

Talking to the journalists on the sideline of the conference, Sayedul Islam, labour counsellor at Bangladesh high commission in Malaysia, said the small workforce at the mission there is incapable of handling all queries by Bangladeshi workers.

Expatriates' Welfare Ministry Secretary Dr Nomita Halder and the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training Director General Selim Reza also spoke at the conference.

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