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Weather may remain 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 and light to moderate fog elsewhere over the country during mid-night till morning. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:49pm and rises tomorrow at 06:36am. Highest and lowest temperature recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

COMMUNITY CENTRE IN PARK

Greens decry DSCC move

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nineteen green organisations yesterday formed a human chain in front of Iatiya Press Club protesting Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) decision to construct a community centre in a park at Nawabganj.

They also demanded DSCC mayor Sayeed Khokon to cancel the decision and maintain the park properly.

The leaders of Save the Environment Movement and 18 others said DSCC is going to construct a multi-storey building which will destroy the park.

This is the only park in ward 23 for residents to get some fresh air, said locals who attended the human chain.

Many people specially children

use the park every day. This high-rise building in the name of community centre will destroy the park, locals added.

If the DSCC wants to build community centre then they will have to follow the relevant laws and regulations, they said.

According to the Playground, Open Space, Park and Wet Land Protection Act-2000, changing the character of a park is totally prohibited.

Among others, chairman of Save the Environment Movement, Abu Naser Khan, former additional director of Department of Environment, Abdus Sobhan and president of Purano Dhaka Nagorik Udyog, Nazim Uddin addressed the human chain.

JUBO DAL LEADER HARUNUR MURDER

Arrestee confesses to killing

Another held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

Police yesterday arrested two more persons in connection with the killing of Jubo Dal leader Harunur Rashid Chowdhury in Chittagong city and one of them confessed to killing.

The two -- Md Mamun Hossen, 28, and Md Alamgir alias Sarbat Alamgir, 30 -- were arrested from the city's Sadarghat area in the morning.

Assistant Commissioner (AC) (prosecution) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Kazi Shahabuddin said Metropolitan Magistrate Mehnaz Rahman recorded the confessional statement of Mamun.

He said the court sent Sarbat Alamgir to jail and hearing of his remand prayer will be held later.

During primary interrogation, Mamun and Sarbat Alamgir admitted to be involved in killing Harunur as the Jubo Dal leader beat up one Alamgir and Sarbat Alamgir over a mugging incident earlier, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) Nezam Uddin of

Sadarghat Police Station.

Mamun gave a confessional statement before a magistrate admitting the killing, the OC said, adding that around 11 persons took part in the killing mission.

Harunur was shot dead from a tail of a procession organised by Sadarghat thana Jubo League and Awami League to celebrate the Unesco's recognition of historic March 7 speech of the Father of the Nation on December 3 last year.

"On November 26, 2017, one Alamgir and Sarbat Alamgir jointly snatched away Tk 28,000 from a truck driver in Kadamtali area. Later, Harunur called the duo to his office and asked them to return the money, triggering a brawl," OC Nezam told The Daily Star.

"At one point, Harunur slapped Alamgir and beat Sarbat Alamgir. Later, the local transport leaders mitigated the incident. But Alamgir planned to take revenge," said the OC.

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Wall collapse near Dhaka airport kills worker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A day labourer was killed as a wall partially collapsed on him near Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday morning.

Colam Mostofa, 40, along with his co-workers was repairing a drain when a part of the adjacent wall of the customs C&F building collapsed on them, said Nure Azam Mia, officer-in-charge of Airport Police Station.

Hearing screams, locals pull out Colam from under the debris. He was declared dead at a local hospital.

Later, five fire fighting units and a Rapid Action Battalion team joined the rescue operation that was called off around 2:00pm. The injured workers took first-aid at different hospitals.

Saleh Uddin, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence, told reporters that many day labourers joined in works without earning expertise which causes such incident.



KILLING IT, SLOWLY... One by one the priceless water bodies, both natural and manmade, are being destroyed in and around the city, sometimes by the very authority that is supposed to protect those. The pond inside Gulistan Park in the capital is no different. It is slowly being destroyed by dumping of waste, bathing and washing clothes by vagrants, locals and visitors alike. Even the workers of the city corporation doing renovation work in the park are drying it up by extracting water from it. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

SSC QUESTION LEAKS Punishment for leak-sters demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Chhatra Front activists yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University (DU) campus, demanding punishment for those involved in leaking SSC question papers.

The procession that started from Madhur Canteen ended in front of central library after parading through different streets of the campus. Later, a brief rally was held.

At the rally, the Chhatra Front central unit's general secretary Rokhsana Afroz Asha alleged that although it has transpired that government officials are involved in question leak, govt is yet to take any steps against its officials.

She also demanded resignation of Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid if he fails to punish the question leak-sters.

Despite measures taken, question papers of the ongoing SSC examination were allegedly leaked on the night before the exam through social media.

Former BNP MP's jail term upheld

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The HC judges came up with the verdict after hearing an appeal filed by Hafiz challenging the trial court judgment on him.

The trial court order that had sentenced Mafruza to three years' imprisonment for aiding and abetting her husband in accumulating illegal wealth will remain in force, as the HC did not say anything about it, ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star.

He said Mafruza had been absconding after the case was filed during the regime of military-backed caretaker government in 2007.

The ACC will move an appeal before the Supreme Court's Appellate Division against the HC verdict that acquitted Hafiz of the charge of amassing illegal wealth, said

Khurshid, adding that Mafruza had not moved any appeal before the HC against the trial court verdict on her.

On June 19, 2008, a special court sentenced Hafiz to 13 years in prison for amassing wealth illegally and concealing information on assets in the wealth statement submitted to the ACC. It also jailed Mafruza for three years for aiding and abetting her husband in accumulating illegal wealth.

The court also fined the BNP leader Tk 1 crore for the offences and said he would have to serve one and a half years more in prison if he failed to pay the amount.

Mafruza was also fined Tk 1 crore. In default, she would have to spend six months more in jail. The court also ordered the authorities concerned to confiscate Mafruza's properties.

Indian citizen among 7 killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least seven people, including an Indian citizen were killed and 25 injured in separate road accidents in Dhaka and Faridpur yesterday.

An Indian and two others were killed and 25 others injured when a Dhaka-bound bus of Eagle Paribahan hit a roadside tree at Dhuldi Railgate area on Dhaka-Khulna highway, reports our local correspondent.

The Indian man was identified as Sushanto Molla, 50, of Barashat area under West Bengal. He died on spot. The two others could not be identified, Nijamul Islam, Sub-inspector of Karimpur Highway

Police Station told The Daily Star.

The two other died while under treatment at Faridpur Medical College Hospital (FMCH), while 25 injured were also admitted.

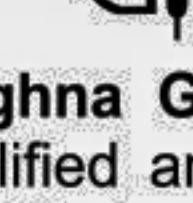
Earlier in the day, another accident took place on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Bhanga Upazila which killed three brick kiln labours.

The deceased were Milon Molla, 28, Chan Sheikh, 26, and Md. Rinque, 30, reports our correspondent quoting locals.

Office-in-charge (OC) of Bhanga Highway Police Station Azazul Islam said, "The accident took place when a truck hit a stone loaded truck in the upazila killing

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