

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 34.0 L 20.5	MYMENSINGH H 32.5 L 18.4	CHITTAGONG H 33.0 L 23.5	SYLHET H 34.0 L 19.6	RAJSHAHI H 33.8 L 20.4	RANGPUR H 32.0 L 20.2	KHULNA H 34.2 L 19.4	BARISAL H 34.0 L 20.7	COX'S BAZAR H 35.0 L 24.0
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Rain/thunder showers with gusty wind may occur at one or two places over Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet and Comilla & Noakhali and weather may remain dry with cloudy sky elsewhere over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm tomorrow, said the Met office. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:14pm and rises tomorrow at 5:50am.** Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

QUESTION LEAK Lawyers rebuked for defending accused

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday criticised lawyers for moving a bail petition for an accused held over his alleged involvement in leaking Dhaka University D-unit admission test questions. Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka lambasted Advocate Anisur Rahman and two others who moved a bail petition for Mohammad Maruf Hossain, 24.

The judge told the lawyers that they should not stand with the question leaksters as such people damage the talent of the students.

The judge said that the accused have confessed to his crime and after getting bail he will again do the same act.

On December 9 last year, Criminal Investigation Department (CID) detained Boni Israel, 23, and Mohammad Maruf, 24, from Rajshahi.

They were remanded for quizzing about the question leak and they confessed to their crime under section 164 in December last year.

On October 20 last year, a full set of the question paper for the test for the 2017-18 academic session was leaked,

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Schoolgirl 'raped' by uncle

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A school girl was allegedly raped by her uncle in Jessore town on Saturday.

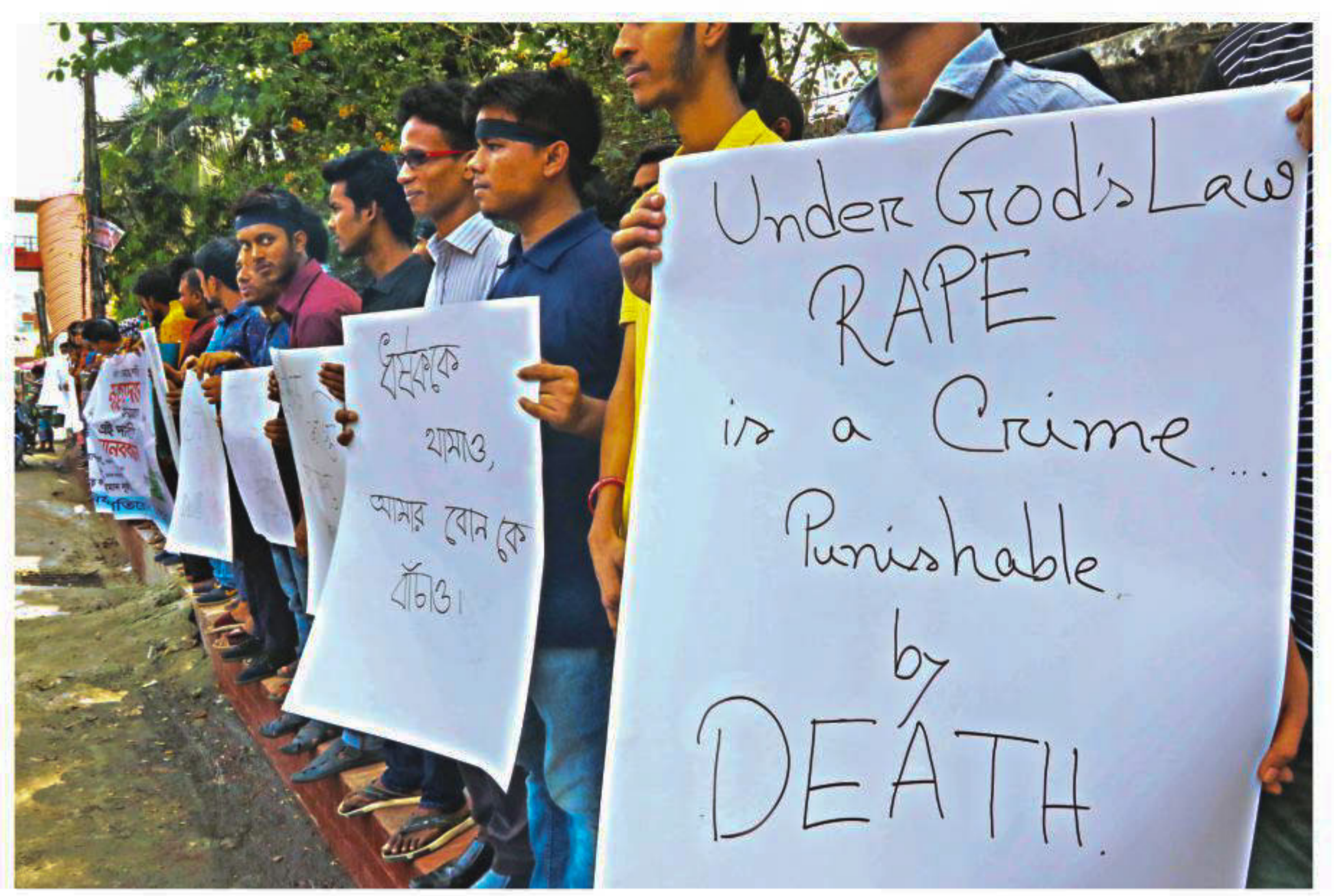
The alleged rapist Alamin, 36, raped the child in a mahogany garden in Kholadanda area in the town.

After the incident, he threatened to kill her if she disclosed the incident to anyone, the girl alleged.

She, however, told her mother and maternal grandmother about the incident the same night, said the girl's mother.

The grandmother of the child reported the incident to Kotwali Police Station, and admitted the girl to a

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Demanding that the death penalty should be the only punishment for a rape convict, "the national committee on prevention of oppression" forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday. According to a press statement issued by Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) on Saturday, at least 187 women were raped and 29 women faced sexual harassment across the country in the last three months.

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7 trade union men sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent seven people, including general secretary of Trade Union Centre (TUC) to jail after rejecting their bail in a case filed over assaulting officials and employees of BGMEA in January.

The court, however, granted bail to Advocate Montu Ghosh, president of the union.

The accused are: TUC General Secretary Jolly Talukder, Organizing Secretary KM Mintu, International Secretary Monju Moin, Bangladesh Communist Party (CPB) Central Committee Member Sajedur Rahman Shamim, TUC Gazipur District Unit General Secretary Jalal Howlader, Savar-Ashulia unit Lutfor Rahman and its Central Committee Member Mohammad Shahjahan.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mazharul Haque passed

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LOSING EYESIGHT AFTER SURGERY

Why not pay Tk 20cr to victims

HC asks director, physician of Chuadanga health centre

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the director and a physician of the Impact Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre (IMHMCHC) in Chuadanga to explain why they should not be directed to give Tk 20 crore in compensation to 20 people who lost their eyesight following surgeries at the health centre on March 5.

Director of IMHMCHC Hasib Mahmud and its physician Mohammad Shahin, who reportedly conducted the eye surgeries on 20 poor people, have been asked to give the explanation in two weeks.

In the rule, the court asked the authorities concerned of the government and IMHMCHC to show causes why inaction of Hasib and Shahin in adopting proper safety measures while conducting the eye operations should not be declared illegal.

The court in the rule also asked the authorities to come up with an answer why legal action should not be taken against Hasib and Shahin for their reported misdeed and negligence in conducting unsafe eye operations during a three-day eye camp.

The health secretary, home secretary, director general of the directorate of the health services, civil surgeon of Chuadanga, deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Chuadanga, director of IMHMCHC Hasib Mahmud and its physician Shahin have been made respondents to the rule.

The bench of Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir came up with the rule following a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Advocate Amit Das Gupta seeking a HC directive on IMHMCHC.

The bench asked the petitioner to place the matter before it on May 6 for hearing the rule.

Advocate Amit Das Gupta yesterday submitted the petition as a public interest litigation based on a report of the daily Samakal on March 29.

The report says 20 persons have lost their eyes following the surgeries on March 5 as the authorities did not adopt appropriate safety measures.

HAIJ REGISTRATION Deadline extended for 25,000 pilgrims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 25,000 hajj aspirants failed to complete their registration before the deadline ended at 8:00pm last night.

So far, around 1,02,000 of the aspirants have completed registration to perform this year's hajj that is likely to be held on August 21, subject to moon sighting, said sources at the religious affairs ministry.

In a bid to fill up the quota of 1,27,198 hajjis, the ministry will now consider a second list of pre-registered aspirant hajj pilgrims today and 25,000 more hajj aspirants, based on their serial numbers, will be given the opportunity to complete registration, Anisur Rahman, secretary-in charge of the ministry, told this paper.

The aspirants from the new list will have to complete their registration by April 5, he also said.

This year, the final registration of the pilgrims under government management started on March 1 while the process under private hajj management began on March 6.

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