

## WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 32.0 | L 22.2

MYMENSINGH H 31.0 | L 21.5

CHITTAGONG H 32.5 | L 22.5

SYLHET H 33.1 | L 20.8

RAJSHAHI H 33.0 | L 22.4

RANGPUR H 32.0 | L 22.0

KHULNA H 33.5 | L 24.5

BARISAL H 31.6 | L 20.6

COX'S BAZAR

H 33.8 | L 24.5

CITY

Rain/thunder showers with gusty/squally wind may occur at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions with hails at isolated places over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm tomorrow, said the Met office. The sun sets on the capital today at 6:17pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43am. Highest and lowest temperatures recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

# Tanzil one of world's rising young leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi youth Tanzil Ferdous among 10 others from around the world will be honoured by the US Department of State as outstanding young leaders on May 2.

The 10 recipients of the third annual "Emerging Young Leaders Award" will be acknowledged in a public ceremony at the State Department for their efforts as part-



Tanzil Ferdous

ners for peace and drivers of economic growth, reads a press release issued by the US Department of State on April 5.

The 2018 awardees are Sara Abdullah Abdulrahman, Iraq; Diovio Alfath, Indonesia; Ece Ciftci, Turkey; Tanzil Ferdous, Bangladesh; Zina Salim Hassan Hamu, Lithuania; Dania Hassan, Pakistan; Nancy Herz, Norway; Isasiphinkosi Mdingi, South Africa; Jose Rodriguez, Panama; and Firuz Yorgbekov, Tajikistan.

The award is given in recognition of the positive role young people play in building sustainable peace, according to the US Department of State.

Aged 24, Tanzil actively works towards youth and community development and women's rights in Bangladesh, while simultaneously challenging traditional gender norms in the country.

As the President of Volunteer for Bangladesh, Chittagong in 2015 -- the largest platform for youth volunteerism in Bangladesh -- Tanzil organised numerous successful events for community development, engaging hundreds of youth in volunteerism.

Currently, Tanzil is working with the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, to help them not become victims of extreme violence. Her work has helped support a safe space for 500 refugee children with the Jaago Foundation in the Rohingya camps.



Recipients of Ananya Shirshadash award with guests at a ceremony in Abdul Karim Sahitya Bisharad auditorium of Bangla Academy in Dhaka yesterday. Ananya, a fortnightly magazine, gave the award to 10 women -- Prof Dr Sadeka Halim (education), Dr Mosammat Nazmanara Khanom (administration), Farjana Chowdhury (woman entrepreneur), Nabonita Chowdhury (journalism), Swapna Rani (self-empowerment), Nadira Khanom (transgender rights worker), Mahfuza Aktar Kiron (sports organiser), Nazia Jabin (social worker), Sharmin Sultana (music) and Maria Manda (sports).

PHOTO: STAR

## Nabanna to be celebrated nationwide

Just like Pahela Baishakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is planning to observe Nabanna Utsab at the national level on Pahela Agrahayan (November 15) with an aim to promote and protect the country's heritage and culture.

A cultural affairs ministry official said they have already sent a proposal to the cabinet division. Around Tk 1 crore might be needed for its implementation.

The ministry will also celebrate Pahela Baishakh (Bangla New Year) at the national level for the first time on April 14.

The government staff get 20 percent festival bonus on the occasion.

No such decision has been taken regarding Nabanna Utsab, he added.

In 2015, the ministry advised different district offices to celebrate Nabanna Utsab, involving eminent personalities, said the official. The festival is being observed at district and upazila levels, he added.

Meanwhile, the cultural affairs ministry has undertaken various programmes to celebrate the Bangla New Year, reports BSS.

The president will host a reception for eminent personalities, national award winners, writers, poets and litterateurs, said an official release yesterday.

The prime minister will issue a message. National dailies will pub-

lish special supplements. The day will be a public holiday.

Besides, cultural events, discussions and fairs would be organised throughout the country.

Improved diets would be served in jails, hospitals and orphanages.

To mark the day, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will hold a three-day event. Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Bangla Academy and Sonargaon Loko O Karu Shilpa Foundation will organise traditional fairs. Museums would remain open for all without any entry fee.

Educational institutions and Bangladesh missions abroad will also observe the day.



A section of the 20-kilometre-long human chain formed by students and locals, demanding road safety on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway. The photo was taken at Sitakunda yesterday morning.

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Material Manager

**Request for Proposal**  
Hereby JSC ASE informs about public multistage request for proposals in non-electronic form for the right to sign the Contract on construction of "Free access zone workshops 00UST" on turnkey basis under Integral Lot No. 1301 for Power Units Nos. 1-2 of the Rooppur NPP. The documentation is available at Rosatom State Corporation official web-site <http://zakupki.rosatom.ru>, procurement No.? 180403/1065/100

## HSC EXAMINATIONS

### 'Unable to cheat', students vandalise magistrate's jeep

STAR REPORT

The HSC examinees of Farakkabad Degree College in Chandpur vandalised a jeep of a magistrate at Farakkabad High School centre yesterday afternoon.

They allegedly vandalised the vehicle for not getting a chance to resort to unfair means during the exam, reports our Chandpur correspondent.

Abhishek Das, the on-duty magistrate and assistant commissioner (land) of Chandpur Sadar upazila, said he stayed at the hall from beginning to end of the exam. "So, the examinees did not get a chance to do anything unfair."

He said out of anger, they vandalised the jeep of the LGED ministry around 1:00pm. No one was inside the vehicle at that time. "The on-duty police official could not arrest any of the examinee," he added.

Sub-inspector Jahangir Hossain, in-charge of Puran Bazar Police Outpost, said it was not possible for one police official to arrest the agitated examinees.

Hasan Ahmed, principal of Farakkabad

Degree College, said 350 examinees of the college sat for the exam at that centre. He said the students could not concentrate properly as the magistrate was there the entire time.

He claimed that it might have been the guardians who became agitated and vandalised the jeep. "We will repair the vehicle," he added.

On information, Deputy Commissioner of Chandpur Mazedur Rahman Khan visited the spot. He directed UNO Kaniz Fatema of Chandpur Sadar upazila to form a three-member investigation committee to look into the matter.

Confirming the incident, Superintendent of Police Shamsunnahar said, "Legal actions would be taken if a case is filed in this connection."

Meanwhile, two college teachers of Pirojpur's Indurkani College -- Abdul Malek and Amirul Islam -- were sentenced to jail for preparing answers of English second paper and supplying those to the examinees.

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## Ananya honours 10 women

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ananya, a fortnightly feminist magazine, yesterday awarded 10 women for their outstanding contributions to their respective areas.

The ceremony of the award titled "Ananya Shirshadash 2017" was held in the capital's Bangla Academy.

The recipients are Prof Sadeka Halim (education), Dr Mosammat Nazmanara Khanom (administration), Farjana Chowdhury (woman entrepreneur), Nabonita Chowdhury (journalism), Swapna Rani (self-empowerment), Nadira Khanom (transgender rights worker), Mahfuza Aktar Kiron (sports organiser), Nazia Jabin (social worker), Sharmin Sultana (music) and Maria Manda (sports).

The awardees shared their experience during the ceremony.

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## Give Baishakhi allowance to journalists

### DUJ urges all media houses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) has urged all the media house owners to give Baishakhi festival allowance to their employees.

In a statement, DUJ President Abu Zafar Surja and General Secretary Sohel Haider Chowdhury said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina asked the government, non-government and private organisations to give the allowance.

Complying with the directive, some of the newspapers, news agencies, television channels and online news portals have been giving the allowance for the last two years.

"As per the prime minister's directive, we request you [all the owners] to give your employees Baishakhi allowance, 20 percent of their basic salary," reads the statement.

## বন অধিদপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ

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