

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 32.5 L 20.8	H 31.7 L 21.0	H 33.5 L 22.8	H 33.3 L 20.6	H 32.1 L 20.0	H 32.2 L 21.0	H 33.2 L 21.5	H 32.3 L 20.8	H 32.2 L 23.3

Light to moderate rain/thunder showers with temporary gusty/squally wind and lightning flashes may occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rangpur, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls and hails at isolate places over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. UNB reports quoting Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:28pm and rises tomorrow at 5:22am.

CITY CORPORATION POLLS
Shujan worried over candidates' profession, qualification
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most mayoral and councilor contestants of Khulna and Gazipur city corporations are businessmen by profession, while educational qualifications of many councilor candidates are under the secondary level, Shushasoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) said yesterday.

The analysis on the councilor and mayoral candidates of KCC and GCC was revealed at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

The civil society platform urged the Election Commission to verify authenticity of the information provided by the candidates in their affidavits.

According to the Shujan analysis, three out of seven mayoral candidates of GCC are businessmen, as are 219 out of 345 councilor candidates.

Pointing to the income of councilor candidates of GCC, Shujan said the annual income of 193 councilors is between Tk 2 lakh to Tk 5 lakh. There are two councilor candidates in GCC who earn Tk 2 crore yearly.

In KCC, three out of five mayoral contestants are involved with business while the number stands at 126 out of 192 for councilor aspirants. The yearly income of 80 councilors is between Tk 2 lakh to Tk 5



A mobile court led by DMP Executive Magistrate Mohammad Moshir Rahman in the capital's Shahbagh area sent a bus to dumping grounds and sentenced its driver to 15-day jail yesterday, after the driver failed to provide fitness papers of the vehicle and his driving license. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

SNAPS & snippets
City Dental College of Dhaka signs MoU with Japanese University
 CITY DESK

Dental department of Health Sciences at the University of Hokkaido in Japan and City Dental College of Dhaka signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) recently at a city hotel.

Under the MoU, Health Sciences of University of Hokkaido will facilitate the students of City Dental College for post-graduation.



Prof ASM Badruddoza, project director of City Dental College, and Prof Takashi Saito, dean of Health Sciences at University of Hokkaido, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

Dr Mustaq Hasan Satter, a professor of City Dental College; Dr Gazi Shamim Hassan, dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University; Dr Humayun Kabir Bulbul, general secretary of Bangladesh Dental Society; Prof Dr Rakiba Sultana and high officials of the Japanese embassy in Dhaka, were also present at the event.

Court to hear Farhad Mazhar's criminal appeal June 28
 COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has re-fixed June 28 for hearing a criminal appeal filed against the acceptance of the final report of the writer and poet Farhad Mazhar abduction case.

Last Monday, Judge Mohammad Atabulla of the Special Judge Court-10 passed the order after Farhad's lawyer Zaynal Abedin Meshbagh submitted a petition.

On December 7 last year, Metropolitan Magistrate Khurshid Alam accepted the report and asked the Adabar Police Station OC to file the case against Farhad and his wife. In January, the couple filed the criminal appeal.

Questions arise over death of schoolgirl
Case filed against six, one held

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

Police are trying to find out answers of several questions over the mysterious death of Tasfia Amin, a ninth grader of Sunshine Grammar School and College in Chittagong, whose body was recovered from the Naval Road area of Patenga on Wednesday morning.

Adnan Mirza, 16, a friend of Tasfia was detained on Wednesday night for interrogation, while victim's father Md Amin filed a murder case accusing six persons - including Adnan - with Patenga police station.

Police have shown Adnan arrested in the case, and are also probing into the role of other accused in the incident, Arefin Jewel, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) (Port Zone) told the Daily Star.

The court of 5th Additional Metropolitan Session Judge and Juvenile court Jannatul Ferdous sent Adnan to jail in the case, after he was produced before it with a 10-day remand prayer, said Assistant Commissioner (AC) (Prosecution) Kazi Shahbuddin of CMP.

Adnan is also a ninth grader at the Elementary School in the city. The other accused are Sohail, 16, Sowkot Miraz, 16, Asif Mizan, 23, Intiaj Sultan Ekram, 24, Firoj, 30.

According to police, Tasfia went missing on Tuesday after she left her house to meet Adnan. Her body was later found on the concrete block of Karnaphuli River at Naval Road area the next day, with multiple injury marks on her knees and forehead.

"Adnan earlier studied at Sunshine Grammar School and college and later shifted to Elementary School. Adnan developed relationship with Tasfia through Facebook five months ago," ADC Arefin Jewel told the Daily Star.

"After leaving her residence on Shab-e-Barat (Tuesday), Tasfia met Adnan met at CRB area in the evening, and went to Greedy Guts restaurant located at Aziz Stadium. The duo then went to Afan restaurant in Sholoshahar area, from where they again went to China Grill restaurant at Gol Pahar area in the city," said the ADC.

"During primary interrogation, Adnan

Six get life-term for murder
 STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced six persons to life-term imprisonment for killing a businessman in Rangunia upazila around 14 years ago.

The court also fined them Tk 10,000 each, in default of which they will suffer one more year in jail, said Assistant Public Prosecutor Ajoy Bose Rinku.

The convicts are Bachhu Miah, Rahim Ullah, Ismail Hossain, Arif Hossain Sabuj, Manirul Islam and Abu Tayeb. Bachhu, Rahim and Ismail are behind the bar and the rest on the run. According to the case statements, Bacha Miah had a cassette shop at Khetro Bazar in Safarbhatai. On July 20, 2014, Bachhu and five others attacked him and his employee with knives at the shop following a dispute over cassettes. Later, Bacha succumbed to his injuries. On July 23, Bacha's elder brother filed a murder case with Rangunia Police Station.

War crimes evidence found against Rajshahi BNP leader
ICT probe agency tells press

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal yesterday said to have found evidence against a senior BNP leader over his alleged involvement in crimes committed during the 1971 Liberation War.

Abdul Momin Talukder alias Khoka, 66, is an assistant organising secretary (Rajshahi division) of BNP and a former lawmaker from Bogra.

He was involved in an act of genocide and killing at least 19 people, abduction, confinement, looting and arson under Adamdighi upazila in the district in 1971, agency's Coordinator Abdul Hannan Khan said at a press conference at its Dhanmondi office.

The tribunal issued an arrest warrant against him on May 18 last year but police could not arrest him yet. The agency officials believe he is still inside the country.

Hannan Khan said the investigation

agency found involvement of both Momin and his father Abdul Majid Talukder in war-time crimes but they did not include Majid's name in the probe report as he had already died.

Agency's Co-coordinator Sanaul Huq said Majid was the president of Convention Muslim League of Adamdighi and later became the chairman of Adamdighi Peace Committee. Both Muslim League and Peace Committee worked against the Liberation War. Majid was elected a lawmaker from BNP thrice.

Momin was his father's associate and joined Razakar Bahini to become its commander of Adamdighi, he said. "He directly took part in atrocities and shot people dead," said Sanaul.

A case was filed against both of them after the Liberation War, but the case was withdrawn later, said the agency's Coordinator Hannan.

Momin joined BNP in 1978 and eventually became Chatiangram

union parishad chairman twice, president of Adamdighi upazila BNP and vice president of Bogra district BNP, Hannan said. He was elected a lawmaker from Bogra in 2001 and 2008.

The incidents he was allegedly involved in are: an act of genocide in Kalshabazar, Rathbari and Tiyarpara areas where seven Hindu people were killed on April 22, 1971 and three others were killed at Tiyarpara in a separate incident but on the same day; killing five people at Kashimala village in between October 24 and 27; and killing four freedom fighters in between October 25 and November 13 in Adamdighi upazila.

ZM Altafur Rahman, the case's investigation officer, said he will hand over the probe report and other documents to the chief prosecutor's office soon. The prosecution will scrutinise the documents and if found satisfactory, then press charges against him, he added.

RESTRICTION ON MIGRATION
It may affect Bangladesh
Says IFPRI in its annual report

UNB, Dhaka

Increased restrictions on international migration by the host countries may exacerbate food security in high-migrant source countries like Bangladesh, an international food policy think tank alerted yesterday.

The think tank -- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) -- launched its flagship annual publication, 2018 Global Food Policy Report, at a hotel in the capital.

The report said, "Rise of isolationism and protectionism, visible in the US withdrawal from multilateral trade and climate agreements, the UK's 'Brexit' from the EU, and growing anti-immigration rhetoric in developed countries threatens to slow progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals and improved food security and nutrition."

At the report launching event, Akhter Ahmed, IFPRI country representative for Bangladesh, said, "Foreign remittances from migrant Bangladeshi workers play a key role in the domestic economy and help ensure food security for migrant source families. Any drastic changes in international migration policies in host countries with large Bangladeshi population may pose a challenge to food security of those families."

The Washington-based think tank surveyed over 1,000 individuals in 105 countries to know public perception about food security and globalisation. Seventy six per cent of them said tighter borders and migra-

tion restrictions will impact food security.

Sixty-six per cent of the respondents think recent antiglobalisation policies and rhetoric will harm the hungry and impoverished. Of the respondents, 72 per cent are dissatisfied with food policies in their own regions while 55 per cent are dissatisfied with global food policies.

"Enacting policies to leverage the benefits of globalisation while minimising the risks that fuel antiglobalisation will be critical to meet the Sustainable Development Goals to end hunger and poverty by 2030," said Shenggen Fan, director general of IFPRI.

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury and Prime Minister's Economic Affairs Adviser Dr Mashiur Rahman addressed the programme as the chief and special guests.

The discussion panelists included former caretaker government adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman; CPD Executive Director Dr Fahmida Khatun; Krishi Gobeshona Foundation Executive Director Dr Wais Kabir; and BIDS senior research fellow Dr Nazneen Ahmed.

Emeritus Professor Dr MA Sattar Mandal chaired the session.

In this year's report, IFPRI stated that food systems in South Asia are at a crossroads and climate change is the most pressing issue the region is facing.



Traffic congestion on Chittagong's Dewanhat overpass is escalated on a busy Thursday noon, as buses stop in the middle of the street to pick up passengers. The photo was taken in front of the Double Mooring police station. PHOTO: RAJIB RAHMAN