

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 32.8 | L 24.3

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CHITTAGONG H 32.6 | L 25.5

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RAJSHAHI H 31.7 | L 24.6

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KHULNA H 27.5 | L 24.5

BARISAL H 31.1 | L 23.0

COX'S BAZAR H 31.7 | L 25.4

Light to moderate rain or thundershowsers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind and lightning flashes is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Dhaka divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Sylhet and Mymensingh divisions and at one or two places over Rangpur division till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:33pm and rises tomorrow at 5:16am.



Vehicles avoid a few feet of the road along the footpath as rainwater floods Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue yesterday, after a brief spell of rain. Inset, a similar situation was seen on the Moghbazar-Bangla Motor road as well. While the two main thoroughfares experience frequent waterlogging like this, it is easily conceivable what happens to the narrow streets of the city.

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Law needed for kidney donation

Says Gonoshasthaya Kendra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Gonoshasthaya Kendra will be able to make kidney transplants and dialysis more affordable if it does not have to navigate through bureaucratic tangles, it said marking the first founding anniversary of Gonoshasthaya Dialysis Center yesterday.

An implementable law should be put in place so that a person can donate kidney if he is willing. VAT, tax should be lifted from the health sector as the services should not be treated as commercial ones, said a presentation.

A hospital before starting its operation gets registered with the

Directorate General of Health Services and then the registration is renewed periodically. The mechanism should be easy, effective and efficient, speakers said at the programme, organised at Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital in Dhanmondi with Rashed Khan Menon, social welfare minister, as the chief guest.

With support from the government, Gonoshasthaya can reduce the cost of a kidney transplant to only Tk 1.5 lakh.

In the first year of operation, the dialysis centre carried out 63,125 sessions of dialysis on 1,266 patients at a cost of minimum Tk 534 to maximum Tk 2,500. It segregates patients into six

categories from very poor to rich, thus charging them for the services according to their financial status.

About 7.74 percent of the patients who were very poor had been given the dialysis service completely free of charge, according to a press release issued by the centre.

The services are available round the clock. The centre has sustained a loss of Tk 4 crore in one year, but as per an estimation, Gonoshasthaya has saved Tk 11 crore of patients.

A big chunk of the expenditure is on the use of electricity and water and the centre has to pay bills as a commercial

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Carrying a giant national flag, students under the banner of Shadharan Chhatra Odhikar Sangrakshan Parishad bring out a procession on Dhaka University campus yesterday, demanding a gazette notification on the abolition of quotas in all government jobs as announced by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on April 11. Following a series of demonstrations for quota reform, the premier declared its abolition but there has been no gazette notification in this regard yet.

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Bar Council election today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The election to Bangladesh Bar Council, a statutory regulatory body for the country's lawyers, will be held today to elect its 14 executive members.

The voting will be held from 10:00am to 5:00pm at the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) in Dhaka and at all district civil courts as well as Bajitpur, Ishwarganj, Durgapur, Bhanga, Chikandi, Patia, Satkania, Fatikchhali, Sandwip, Hatia, Nabinagar and Paikgachha thanas.

Bar council sources said a total of 59 lawyers are contesting the election in which over 43,700 lawyers, registered with the council, will cast their votes.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, the ex-officio chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council, told The Daily Star yesterday that all preparations for the election have been completed.

Meanwhile, a HC bench yesterday fixed May 17 for passing an order on a writ petition filed, challenging the legality of the process for holding the Bangladesh Bar Council election.

The bench of Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir set the date for passing the order after concluding hearing on the petition.

On May 10, another HC bench cleared way for holding the election after dropping the same writ petition from hearing list.

Advocate Eunus Ali Akond, a Supreme Court lawyer, submitted the petition on March 14, challenging the legality of the election schedule announced by the council.

In the petition, Eunus also said there are anomalies in the list of the council's existing voters and some candidates are contesting the election under white and blue panels -- a violation of the constitution.

60k MW power needed to be a developed country

Nasrul tells Harvard conference
BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh has been working to increase power generation as it needs 60,000 megawatt (MW) of electricity to be a developed country by 2041, said State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid yesterday.

"Currently the power generation capacity of the country has reached 16,046MW while the government is working to take it to 24,000MW by 2021 to be a middle income country," Hamid was addressing a session on "Power for Human Development" at the "Rising Bangladesh" conference at Loeb House of Harvard University in Boston, US.

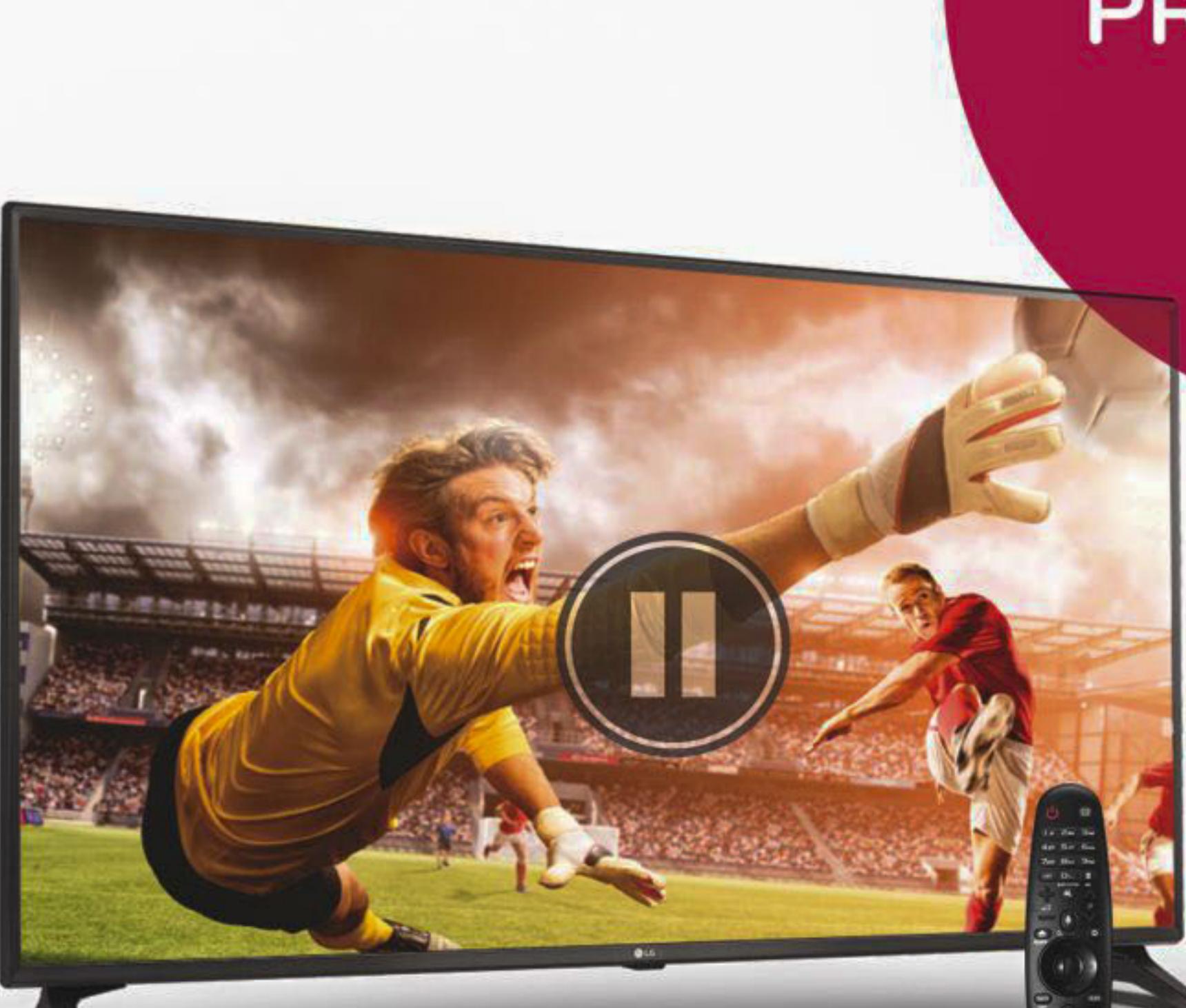
International Sustainable Development Institute of Florida and Centre for International Development of Harvard Kennedy School and Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute of Harvard University jointly organised the conference.

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