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FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind and lightning flashes is likely to occur at most places over Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Sylhet Rangpur and Mymensingh divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:36pm and rises tomorrow at 5:14am, says Met Office.



Garment Workers' Trade Union Centre members hold a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, protesting 'intentional delay' in the activities of the readymade garment workers' minimum wage board. The demo also raised demands for setting minimum wage of an RMG worker at Tk 16,000, payment of Eid bonus equivalent to basic pay by 20th Ramadan, and clearing of all dues.

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Engineer remains missing for 26 days

Police looking into 'militancy link'

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

It has been 26 days since a mechanical engineer from Chittagong has remained missing.

On April 23, the 25-year-old left his residence in the port city's Dewanhat area for morning prayers and has been traceless ever since, according to family members.

The same day, his father filed a general diary with Double Mooring Police Station.

The youth is Md Sadman Soumik, son of Md Abdul Awal, 54, hailing from Balahar of Barisal, said police.

Abdul Awal is an officer at Bangladesh Railway in Chittagong. The family resides in Postarpar area of Dewanhat.

Sadman used to work as an assistant manager (technical) at "Prantik Marine Service" in Agrabad. He completed his BSc degree from Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST) in Dhaka, according to police.

Police said the Counter Terrorism and

Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit and Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP)'s counter terrorism unit have been investigating the incident.

"An investigation is going on to find out if there is any militancy link," Polash Kant Nath, CMP additional deputy commissioner (operation), told The Daily Star.

The ADC added, "A day before Sadman went missing, he resigned from work. He also left all his belongings. Furthermore, all the data on his phones and laptop had been erased."

According to the GD filed by the family, on April 23, Sadman left home for morning prayers. As he did not return, the family members started looking for him around 9:30am. They failed to trace him since he did not take his phone with him.

His father also went to his office the same day and found out that he had resigned on April 22 saying that he got a job at another company.

Asikur Rahman, assistant commissioner

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Sadman Soumik

TANGAIL DOUBLE MURDER

Police say property was the motive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Police yesterday said retired Tangail school teacher Anil Kumar Das and his wife Kalpana Rani Das were killed in July last year by the teacher's step brother over property.

Anil's step brother Swapan Soumitra hired five men and killed the elderly couple to take control of 60 decimals of land belonging to him, said Sanjit Kumar Roy, Tangail's superintendent of police (SP), revealed as the outcome of their investigation yesterday at a press conference at his office.

Four of the five hired men have been arrested while the fifth accused and the mastermind, Swapan, are still on the loose.

On the night of July 27, 2017, Swapan along with five men entered Anil's house at Rasulpur village in Tangail sadar, and pressured him to sign a deed handing over the property.

As Anil refused to comply, the six men smothered the 70-year-old to death using a

pillow, the SP said, adding that they killed Anil's wife Kalpana, 55, in a similar fashion as she walked in on them.

Their bodies were recovered the next morning from a covered well next to their house. The killers had attached weights to the bodies, SP Sanjit said. The couple's son Nirmal Kumar Das filed a case with Tangail Model Police Station, accusing unnamed people.

On May 12, investigators tracked down two of the killers -- Jahidul Islam, 32, and Mohammad Farhad, 33, both from Rasulpur. The arrestees admitted their involvement in the killings in confessional statements before a court, SP Sanjit said. Based on their information, police arrested the two more Rasulpur residents -- Moniruzzaman Bhuiyan, 48, and Manjunul Islam, 33 -- and placed them under remand for interrogation.

The SP said they were conducting raids to arrest the others.

Tea workers: Poorest of the poor

Daily wages Tk 85, three times less than a farm worker's

MINTU DESHWARA

Almost a century ago, tea workers in Sylhet left their gardens and started a journey back to the lands of their origin -- Bihar, Odisha and Assam. It was a protest march they called "Mulluke Cholo" (Let's go back home). The protest was against the inhumane working conditions and torture at the hands of British owners.

This incident took place on May 20, 1921.

Since then, in the last 97 years, little change has come into the lives of tea workers. Today they could barely live by the wage they earn, many of them go to bed half-fed, and their families cram into small quarters lacking any sanitation facilities.

All their sufferings are related to their meagre income -- Tk 85 a day (barely equivalent to \$1). It is more than three times less than the average farm worker earns daily -- Tk 300.

The tea workers in the country have long been demanding a raise to make their income on par with labourers of other sectors, but their call almost always went unheard. Five years back, their daily wage

stood at Tk 55 while they demanded Tk 120 at the time. This year, they want their income to be fixed at Tk 300.

Mohon Bauri, 43, a tea worker of Khadimnagar tea garden in Sylhet sadar upazila, said, "Our living standard has not improved because we get very low wages."

"We start working in the tea garden from childhood but we get a meagre Tk 2,550 every month," said Koloti Robidas, 46, of a Sreemangal garden in Moulvibazar.

He compared their incomes with that of a farm labourer and shed

light on how a tea worker's family could survive with this small amount.

"We work for protecting the tea industry but the salary is too scanty to provide minimum requirements for the family," said Gita Rani Kanu, central president of Bangladesh Tea Workers Women Forum.

"Most of the tea workers are passing days half-starved. We can hardly meet our family needs, including children's education."

"The tea companies have been making millions of takas every year while we live an inhumane life,"

she added.

Faruque Mahmud Chowdhury, president of Shushasoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan), Sylhet chapter, gave the same observations as the workers.

"A day labourer gets Tk 200 to Tk 400 in the agriculture sector -- none can imagine a day labourer getting less than Tk 200 a day," he said.

"How can the garden owners pay such extremely low wages? And it is not understood how the government could approve this wage?"

Radha Moni Munda, convener of Cha Sramik Sangha, Sylhet chapter, said, "We demand Tk 300 per day along with a provision for revision of the wage every six months considering inflation."

"We want the government to intervene and give a permanent solution," said Makhon Lal Kormokar, president of Bangladesh Tea Workers' Union.

"We demand an industry-wise fixed wage for maintaining a minimum living standard, shade and toilet facilities, and pension benefits," he added.

He said the tenure of the last agreement on the pay structure expired in

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A worker collecting tealeaves at Shamshernagar garden in Kamalganj upazila, Moulvibazar.

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১	CTG-2-62/2017-18/KA-1	198013	Works: At Hospital Colony Chittagong-Thorough repairs to Pucca Quarter No. E-20 A to M 13 units and E-51 A to E 5 units total 18 units including roof treatment drain and other allied works.	OTM, NCT	07-Jun-2018 13:00pm
২	CTG-2-66/2017-18/KA-1	197992	Works: At Kadomtali Chittagong-Thorough repairs to SSAAE-Works-Chittagong office with roof treatment and Godown No. 7 and 8 providing zinc aluminum alloy coated in roof including drain and other allied works.	OTM, NCT	07-Jun-2018 12:30pm
৩	CTG-2-611/2017-18/KA-1	197969	Works: At Filter bed Pahartali-Repairing and Reconstruction of filter bed sludge disposal RCC covered drain as per drawing.	OTM, NCT	07-Jun-2018 12:00pm
৪	CTG-2-64/2017-18/KA-1	198026	Works: At Ticket Printing Colony Pahartali-Repairs to Pucca Qrt No. 800-AB 806-AB 711-AB 832-AB total 10 units including damaged compound wall and other allied works.	OTM, NCT	07-Jun-2018 13:30pm
৫	CTG-2-63/2017-18/KA-1	198041	Works: At Ambagan Chittagong-Repairs to Pucca Quarter No. 723-AB 724 725 and 726 AB 727-AB total 8 units including roof treatment and other allied works.	OTM, NCT	07-Jun-2018 14:00pm
৬	BE-E-32/2017-18/KA-5	198086	Works: At Sitakunda Railway Station-Changing of CI Sheet by zinc alloy coated sheet and petty repairs including repainting of steel works of platform shed size 300x31-0	OTM, NCT	07-Jun-2018 14:30pm
৭	CTG-1-21/2017-18/KA-1	198255	Works: On CN branch line at Jawtala Station-Through repairs to S type Pucca Quarter No. CN-1 10 units including roof treatment sanitary works and drain repairs with construction of new 200 rft Drain and 220 rft Boundary wall and other allied works.	OTM, NCT	07-Jun-2018 14:30pm

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Ensure safety

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Member Secretary of the committee Nirmal Kumar Chatterjee demanded recovery of the lands of minorities, Swashan (crematory) and mandir (temple).

"We want to live in a liberal country," he said while seeking safety for the community.

Speaking as chief guest, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said that there is no such provision in the constitution that the value of a vote from a Hindu is less valuable than that of a Muslim.

Calling upon the minorities to stay united, he said, "Everyone has the right to vote. Do not think of yourselves [Hindu community] as weak."

Ensuring the community about their concern on safety and other issues, he urged the members of the Hindu community to keep faith in the government.

Indian High Commissioner Harsh Vardhan Shringla hoped that the people will keep up their brotherly attitude towards each other, regardless of religion and race.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Narayan Chandra Chanda, State Minister for youth and sports Biren Sikder MP and President of BPUP Joyanta Sen Dipu were also present.

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2	RF35030MIF	Repair and Maintenance of Mariners Road from Notun Bridge to Firingi Bazar at 35 No. Boxhirhat Ward.	197396	31/05/2018 13.00	31/05/2018 15.30
3	HB30005-IIP	Construction of toilet and other works at 30 No. East Madarbari City Corporation Girls High School.	189599	27/05/2018 12.00	27/05/2018 14.00
4	BC31003-NIF	Re-construction of damaged culvert with approach road at Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam Road at 31 No. ward.	197960	27/05/2018 12.00	27/05/2018 14.03
5	RF30006-IIF	Development of Majhirghat Road adjacent Noor Mia Master Lane with RCC drain at 30 No. East Madarbari Ward.	198463	03/06/2018 12.00	03/06/2018 14.00

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