

WEATHER FORECAST



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 30.0 | L 26.2

MYMENSINGH H 30.0 | L 25.0

CHITTAGONG H 32.5 | L 23.4

SYLHET H 28.8 | L 24.0

RAJSHAHI H 34.0 | L 24.0

RANGPUR H 33.0 | L 24.5

KHULNA H 32.0 | L 26.5

BARISAL H 32.3 | L 24.0

COX'S BAZAR H 32.2 | L 24.3

Light to moderate rain or thundershower 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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TANGAIL DOUBLE MURDER Police say property was the motive

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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 Sanjuk 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 Sanjuk 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 Sanjuk said. Based on their information, police arrested the two more Rasulpur residents -- Moniruzzaman Bhuiyan, 48, and Manjurul 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 Kholi 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 taka every year while we live an inhumane life,"



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

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she added.

Faruque Mahmud Chowdhury, president of Shushasone Jonno Nagarik (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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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. Boxirhat 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 Majhirhat 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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