

**WEATHER FORECAST**

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 29.4   L 26.7	H 30.6   L 24.2	H 33.1   L 26.2	H 35.0   L 24.9	H 34.9   L 25.4	H 33.1   L 26.2	H 33.3   L 25.2	H 32.4   L 25.2	H 32.5   L 26.2

Rain/thundershowers with temporary gusty wind and lightning flashes may occur at many places over Mymensingh, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong, Sylhet, Dhaka, Rangpur & Rajshahi divisions with moderate to heavy falls at places over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:38pm and rises tomorrow at 5:12am.

### HC summons two IOs

Delay in completion of probe in militancy cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday summoned the investigation officers of two separate militancy cases to appear before it on May 30 for explaining delay in completing probes and status of the cases.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Shahidul Karim gave the order during hearing the bail petitions of two accused in the cases.

Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik told The Daily Star that seven people were killed in an incident of bomb explosion at a militant den in Darus Salam area of Mirpur on September 5 last year.

Police filed a case with Darus Salam Police Station under the Anti-Terrorism Act, 2009 and arrested Nazrul Islam Shamim, an alleged militant, he said.

Another case was filed with Banani Police Station under the act after police recovered militancy-related books on July 30 last year from a house at Banani, said DAG Amin Uddin.

Police also arrested alleged militant Riasat Elahi Chowdhury, he added.

During hearing the bail petitions filed by Nazrul and Riasat yesterday, the HC judges found that the investigation into the cases filed against them were not completed.

The probes were supposed to be finished within 180 days after the cases were filed, the DAG added.

### Anti-liberation

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punishment for those who had spread rumours during the quota reform protest, stopping recruitment of offspring of war criminals in government jobs, relieving all Jamaat-Shibir activists of different government posts after identifying them, and confiscating all property of war criminals.



Chittagong Metropolitan Police, district administration and Bangladesh Railway in a joint drive demolish some 30 shanties, locally called "gira", which were installed for trading and consuming drugs, at the Barisal Colony yesterday.

## 'Shootouts' can't deter Barisal Colony peddlers

On the Ice Factory Road, just a stone's throw away from Chittagong Railway Station, lies Barisal Colony, a housing area for low-income people. Locals know it as the dark underbelly of the port city's drug trade for nearly three decades. The first instalment of this two-part special report looks at the current scenario of the drug haven, amid the ongoing crackdown on yaba peddlers.

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

Two alleged drug dealers were killed in a "shootout" with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) at Chittagong's Barisal Colony last Thursday (May 17), but business has not remained suspended even for a day.

Police arrested three drug peddlers from the area on Sunday (May 20) in possession of a foreign-made pistol, a magazine loaded with four rounds of bullet, three machetes and 623 yaba pills, just two days after the gunfight.

Locals and police sources said fearing "shootout", the listed drug traders of the area have gone into hiding, and awaiting a suitable time to return. However, their junior accomplices have continued selling drugs.

Detectives also seized around 500 bottles of Phensedyl from Bastuhara Colony, a part of Barisal Colony, in the early hours of yesterday.

Police, Chittagong District Administration and Bangladesh Railway (BR) in a joint drive yesterday



also demolished around 30 shanties, locally called "gira", that were installed for trading and consuming drugs.

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) (south) Shah Md Abdur Rauf said, "The listed drug dealers and their associates have gone into hiding, after launch of the nationwide drug crackdown."

"Police are alert in the area and no one will be spared in this connection," he said.

"The drug syndicates are determined to keep hold of their position in the colony area, and are now carrying firearms in anticipation of a police raid and attack from opponent groups," ADC Rauf told The Daily Star.

According to BR sources, there are 230 different quarters in the Barisal colony. But along with the quarters, around a thousand shanties have been illegally made by a section of influential people which thrives on the drug trading.

#### SHIFTING CONTROL BETWEEN TWO GANGS

According to investigators, after law enforcers launch a drive in the area, leaders of the controlling gang go into hiding, and their rival gang takes over the business. The gang in hiding then waits for the next drive when their opponents will be driven out, so they can regain control of the business. This cyclic changing of hands has been going on for 28 years, but the drug business is going uninterrupted here for the last 28 years, they said.

Law enforcement agencies were attacked on many occasions during their drives, while drug dealers were also killed in internal clash over power and territory.

### 57 robbers from Sundarbans surrender

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A total of 57 robbers, operating in the Sundarbans and nearby areas, surrendered to Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal at Labonchora in Khulna yesterday.

The robbers, belonging to six groups, surrendered along with 58 firearms and 1,284 rounds of bullets at the Rab-6 office, said Khandaker Rafiqul Islam, its commanding officer.

The minister also handed over a cheque for Tk 1 lakh each to another 58 robbers who had earlier surrendered to law enforcers. The money was donated for their rehabilitation as per the prime minister's instructions.

From 2016 till this month, Rab has arrested Sundarbans-based 572 robbers and seized 1,542 firearms and 33,186 rounds of bullets.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Narayan Chandra Chanda and Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed were also present.

### BCL 'kidnaps' CU shuttle train operator

Services halted for a day

CU CORRESPONDENT

Shuttle train services between Chittagong University (CU) and the port city were halted since Tuesday night, as a faction of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at the university abducted the operator of the train.

A BCL faction led by former CU BCL leader Rakib Hossain allegedly abducted the shuttle train operator as part of their blockade programme on the CU campus.

The operator, Ali Riaz, was picked up from Sholoshohor rail station around 9:20pm, said Station Master Shahab Uddin.

Police rescued Ali Riaz from Pahartoli area in Chittagong city two hours later, he added.

Train operators suspended the shuttle operations "fearing recurrence of such incidents," said Jahangir Hossain, divisional manager of Bangladesh Railway (east zone).

Following the vice chancellor's assurance of providing police protection, the operators agreed to resume the shuttle operations from today as per schedule, he told The Daily Star last night.

CU Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury told journalists that former CU BCL leader Rakib and his sister Rezwana Benazir Bonna on Tuesday had "threatened to enforce a strike at the university" after their demand -- of recruiting 13 people at the university under third and fourth grade categories -- was refused by VC Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury.

CU authorities are scheduled to hold a syndicate meeting on May 31 to recruit third and fourth grade employees for the university.

They made the demand to the VC after handing over a list of the 13 people in a letter with BCL letterhead, the proctor said, adding that Rakib is accused in a number of cases filed with Hathazari Police Station for various criminal offences.

Rakib hung up a call when he was contacted over phone for comments.

### DHAKA-CTG HIGHWAY Stop 'extortion by tampering weighing scale'

Transport business assoc warns of indefinite strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Transport business owners yesterday demanded that the authorities concerned take measures to stop "realising extortion" by "tampering weighing scale" in Axle Load Control Station on Chittagong-Dhaka Highway in Bara Darogar Hat area of Sitakunda upazila.

They made the demand at a press conference organised by the Chittagong Transport Business Owners' Association at Chittagong Press Club.

Speaking at the conference, Nurul Absar, president of the association, warned of going for an indefinite strike if their demand is not met.

Saiful Islam, general secretary of the association, alleged that the scale of the

station has been "tampered"; as a result, even though a truck or covered van carries goods within the limit of the approved weight, the scale shows the vehicle carrying goods beyond the permissible limit.

For instance, a truck carries 12 tonnes of goods but the scale at Darogarhat shows it is carrying 14 tonnes. Interestingly, the scale in Daudkandi shows the actual weight, he said.

On this ground, the staff of the Darogarhat station realise Tk 5,000 to Tk 10,000 from each vehicle, he said, adding, "They (the staff) even do not provide any receipt against the money."

"We have been incurring losses for this," he said, adding, "We have informed the administration several times to fix it but in vain."

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The mangled wreckage of a human-hauler. Five of its passengers were killed and seven others injured after it collided head-on with a truck on Natore-Bogra highway near Birgram Agricultural College yesterday morning.

### Road accidents take 12 lives

STAR REPORT

At least 12 people were killed and 20 others injured in road accidents across the country yesterday.

In Bogra, five people were killed and seven others injured in a head-on collision between a truck and a human-hauler on Natore-Bogra highway, reports our correspondent.

The incident took place near Birgram Agricultural College around 9:00am, said Sonatan Chakraborty, assistant superintendent of police (Bogra sadar circle).

The deceased are Anwar Hossain, 50, of Khadash Pashchimpara village; Arifur Rahman Sumon, 32, of Kukrul; Mokhesur Rahman, 52, of Nimgram; Ramjan Ali, 60, of Chakalma; and Faruk Hossain, 30, of Khirkhanda. All were passengers of the human-hauler.

The injured are being treated at a hospital. Of them, four are in critical conditions.

Police seized the vehicles, but the drivers fled away, said Kajal Kumar Nandi, sub-inspector of Kandarhat Highway police outpost. No case was filed.

In Gopalganj, two women and a three-year-old girl were killed and one was injured when a truck hit a battery-run easy bike in Majigati bus stand area around 2:30pm, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

The deceased are Shalina Begum, 48, of

Joynagar village; Akamoni Talukder, 20, of Madaripur town, and her daughter Maisha Talukder, said Himal Rana, sub-inspector of Kashiani Police Station. The injured is driver of the easy bike.

Shalina was the headteacher of Joynagar Government Primary School and Akamoni was a teacher at Charnagura Government Primary School in Madaripur.

In Rangpur, two people were killed and 10 others injured after the driver of a passenger bus lost control over the steering and hit a tree beside Rangpur-Bogra Highway in Pirganj upazila around 3:30pm, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

The deceased could not be identified till filing of the report at 5:00pm. The injured are being treated at a hospital.

In Pirojpur, a member of the district council (ward 6) died after his motorbike was hit by a battery-run three-wheeler in front of Pirojpur fire station around noon, reports our correspondent.

The deceased is Kamruzzaman Sikder alias Mithu, 42. Two passengers of the auto-rickshaw were also injured, said police.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reports, a biker was killed when a truck hit his motorbike on Thakurgaon-Dinajpur highway. The deceased is Raju Mia, 35, of Dinajpur.

### Dr Reyan Anis joins United Hospital

CITY DESK

Renowned cardiologist Dr Reyan Anis, MRCP, FRCP has joined United Hospital. She is now attending doing cardiac procedures at Cath Lab of the hospital, said a press release.

A graduate of Dhaka Medical College, she served at CMH primarily. In 1989 she completed Internal Medicine course from Edinburgh Postgraduate Institute of Medicine in the UK.

In 1994 she joined the cardiology department of BIRDEM. From 1995 to 1997, she worked in Kings College Hospital in the UK and later served as an associate

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### 'Inhumane behaviour'

CMCH guard suspended after patient dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Authorities of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) yesterday suspended a security guard on an allegation of scuffling with a dying patient at Haemodialysis unit of the hospital on late Tuesday night.

The patient, Abu Taleb, 65, hailing from Madam Bibir Hat of Sitakunda upazila, died soon after the incident at the hospital around 10:30pm, said Jahirul Islam, in-charge of CMCH police camp.

Quoting AR Rabbi, son of Abu Taleb, Jahirul said Abu Taleb went under haemodialysis in the unit on Tuesday night. While going home, he felt sick and requested security guard Shah Alam to sit on his seat. Shah Alam allegedly refused and forced them to leave the unit in a hurry, as he said he was already late to "join the duty" at a private hospital.

At one stage, Alam allegedly pushed him, said Jahir quoting Rabbi, adding that Taleb passed away soon after.

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### BRACU teachers get 'Heroines of Health' award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two professors of Brac University James P Grant School of Public Health have received "Heroines of Health 2018" award for their work and dedication to vulnerable population in Bangladesh.

US-based medical conglomerate GE Healthcare and Women in Global Health presented the awards at a ceremony during the World Health Organization's general assembly in Geneva on May 20.

The awardees are Prof Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid and Prof Dr Malabika Sarker, says a press statement of the university yesterday.

### NEWBORN'S BODY IN DUMPSTER Probe body formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Director of Department of Health, Chittagong division yesterday formed a probe committee to investigate into the incident of disposal of the body of a newborn into a dumpster by a private hospital in the port city.

The two-member probe body, headed by superintendent of Chittagong General Hospital Dr Asim Kumar Nath, has been asked to submit a report within two working days, said Azizur Rahaman Siddique, civil surgeon of Chittagong.

The other member of the committee is Dr Pranab Chowdhury, a paediatric consultant of the same hospital, he added.

Authorities of People's Hospital, a private hospital in the port city, dumped the body of a newborn allegedly without consent of the guardians, in a case of serious professional misconduct on Tuesday morning.

The hospital authorities allegedly did not cooperate with the patients' attendants when they asked for the body of the baby, until police interfered.

Later, they collected the body from Chittagong City Corporation's garbage dumping ground and handed it over to the guardians in the afternoon.

**বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক**

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**ঔষধ প্রস্তুতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক মতিঝিল ঢাকা অফিসে বিভিন্ন প্রকারের ঔষধ সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে (০৩ বছর মেয়াদে) তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য প্রকৃত ঔষধ প্রস্তুতকারী কোম্পানি/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হতে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনপত্রের ফরম ও শর্তাবলী বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক মতিঝিল অফিসের কল্যাণ শাখা (প্রথম সংলগ্নী ভবনের ৩য় তলা) হতে নগদ টাঃ ৩,০০০/- (টাকা তিন হাজার মাত্র) (অফেরতযোগ্য) বিনিময়ে ২৮/০৫/২০১৮ তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকা থেকে ১৮/০৬/২০১৮ তারিখ বিকেল ৪.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ক্রয় করা যাবে।

আম্রা ঔষধ প্রস্তুতকারী কোম্পানি/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে তাদের লিখিত আবেদনপত্র ২৫/০৬/২০১৮ তারিখ ৩.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ৩০ তলা ভবনের ৩য় তলায় অবস্থিত উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক (প্রশাসন-১) এর কক্ষে রক্ষিত টেডার বাসে দাখিল করতে হবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ৩.৩০ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকে) টেডার বাজার খোলা হবে। বিদ্যমান তালিকাভুক্ত ঔষধ কোম্পানি/প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকেও নতুনভাবে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে হবে।

তালিকাভুক্তির সময় প্রতিটি কোম্পানি/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে টাঃ ৩,০০,০০০/- (টাকা তিন লক্ষ মাত্র) মহাব্যবস্থাপক, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা এর বরাবরে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে জামানত হিসেবে জমা রাখতে হবে (যা মেয়াদ শেষে ফেরতযোগ্য)। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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