YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with gusty wind and lightning flashes may occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka & Sylhet and at a few places over Barisal, Chittagong, Rajshahi & Khulna 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 6:39pm

#### DEATH IN ATM BOOTH Former coworker confesses to murder

A former security guard of an Eastern Bank ATM booth yesterday confessed to the murder of Sheikh Towhidul Islam, an incumbent security guard of the booth inside Dhaka

Cantonment.

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Metropolitan Magistrate Sattyabrata Shikder recorded the confessional statement of Rassel Sheikh Nayon, after Sub-inspector Md Asaduzzaman of Cantonment Police Station produced him before the

After recording his confessional statement, the magistrate sent Nayon to jail.

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# Advance Eid train ticket sale pushed ahead to June 1

7 special trains to carry holidaymakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Railway will begin the sale of advance train tickets from June 1 ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr and seven special trains will be operated during the Eid rush, to ensure hassle-free journey for the public.

Railway Minister Mujibul Haque yesterday made the announcement while briefing reporters at Railway Bhaban. Earlier, a "preliminary" decision was taken to sell advance train tickets on June 2.

Each year, thousands of homebound people throng ticket counters at Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka for the advance tickets. A large number of them even start forming queues the night before the counters open.

This year, railway may face more

TICKET SELLING DATES	<b>DEPARTURE DATES</b>
June 1	June 10
June 2	June 11
June 3	June 12
June 4	June 13
June 5	June 14
June 6	June 15
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TICKET SELLING DATES	<b>DEPARTURE DATES</b>	
June 10	June 19	
June 11	June 20	
June 12	June 21	
June 13	June 22	
June 14	June 23	
June 15	June 24	

pressure due to poor condition of some major highways, officials said. Now, advance tickets for travelling on

June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 would be sold on June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively, the minister said. Return tickets for June 19, 20, 21,

22, 23, and 24 will be open for sale on June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 correspondingly at Rajshahi, Khulna, Rangpur, Dinajpur and Lalmonirhat stations, he said. Tickets will be sold at 26 counters at

Kamalapur Railway Station from 8:00am every day. Two among those will be for females only. One person will be eligible to buy a maximum of four tickets.

Five special trains will be added to SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

Iftar for people from

Rubel Hossain, a student of World University, had to have

iftar alone at his East Razabazar mess in Dhaka on the first

two days of Ramadan as none of his roommates were home.

So he decided to go to Tejturi Bazar Jaam-e mosque on the

third day where several hundred people come to break fast

moving to Dhaka I feel lonely when it's time to break my

Mohammad Shafiqul Islam and Masum Billah -- who live

back. It's difficult to have iftar alone, as I'm used to breaking

fast with my family during Ramadan," said Shafiqul.

"I've always had iftar at home in Bogra, but since

Same feelings were shared by students of IAB --

"I moved to Dhaka from Khagrachhari only four months

Mosque is a place where Muslims come to say their

Carrying out the trend, Tejturi Bazar Jaam-e mosque

prayers, and almost all the mosques in Dhaka arrange free

authorities also arrange ifter for around 550 people every

day during Ramadan; a good number of college and univer-

Apart from students, low-income people, some traders of

The committee of the mosque arranges iftar that includes

TOSHIBA Panasonic. TOSHIN OGENERAL

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Karwan Bazar and adjoining markets, security guards of

different offices and commuters join the iftar at the mosque.

dates and other fruits, piaju, potato chop, jilapi, beguni,

all walks of life

HELEMUL ALAM

together.

fast," said Rubel.

in a mess at nearby Farmgate.

iftar for people from all walks of life.

sity students take part in this mass iftar.

#### REDUCING ROAD CRASHES Drivers, passengers both have to be aware

Says Arefin Siddique DU CORRESPONDENT

Former Dhaka University (DU) vice-chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique yesterday said only public awareness can reduce the number of road accidents.

He said this while addressing a human chain in front of the National Museum in the capital. Under the banner "Deepta Slogan", a section of DU students formed the human chain demanding road safety.

"To cut the rate of road accidents, both drivers and

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## Hindu family living in fear

Alleges that local Jubo League president giving death threats

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A minority family from a remote village in Habiganj alleged that the district Jubo League president and his men have been giving them death threats for five months for protesting torture of their neighbours.

The Hindu family alleged that Ataur Rahman Selim and his men have tried to evict Hindu residents of Sunaru village, under Baniachang upazila, several times. They also attempted to grab their lands and pressured them to convert, the family added.

They sought Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's prompt intervention in the matter.

The family also demanded that Jubo League, the youth front of Awami League, immediately remove Ataur from his post and take organisational action against him.

Pro-Liberation War organisation, Genocide Bangladesh,

arranged the press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Sushanta Dasgupta, a member of the family, said that

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Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader hands out leaflets to bus passengers urging them to call the national emergency helpline 999 and report any harassment by bus drivers or anyone else. The minister volunteered in the campaign when he went out to inspect mobile court operations of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority on Manik Mia Avenue in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

### 'Killings of drug peddlers not extrajudicial'

Says Obaidul Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Avenue in the capital.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said drug peddlers are being killed in "encounters" with law enforcers which should not be counted as "extrajudicial

killings". "We don't support extrajudicial killings, but drug peddlers have a syndicate. They have ties with terrorists and armed criminals. When police go to arrest them [drug peddlers], they fight them [police] with arms. Encounters take place.

You can't call it an extrajudicial killing," Obaidul said. He was talking to journalists after inspecting a drive against traffic rule violators conducted by mobile courts of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) on Manik Mia

Obaidul, also the general secretary of ruling Awami League, said the drive is being carried out for the sake of people's interest, and people are happy with the drive.

Asked whether any action will be taken against ruling Awami League lawmaker Abdur Rahman Bodi, whose name came in several intelligence reports as a godfather of yaba trading, Obaidul did not give any direct answer.

He said as per the directives of prime minister, action will be taken against those who are involved in the narcotics trade, regardless of how powerful they are.

"An MP can't be arrested instantly. Action must be taken

#### Cases Against Khaleda HC to hear bail pleas Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday fixed Sunday to hear the petition filed by BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia seeking bail in a murder

The HC bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice JBM Hassan fixed the date after hearing on the arguments concluded.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said the bench will also hear two other bail petitions by the BNP chief in cases filed in Comilla and Narail.

All three orders are likely on the same day if the hearings are concluded, he added.

During the hearing yesterday, the attorney general opposed the bail petition as there is a trial pending against Khaleda in connection with a murder case at a Comilla court.

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### Rohingyas at imminent risk of landslides HRW urges their quick relocation to safety

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Tens of thousands of Rohingya refugees in camps in Bangladesh are at imminent risk of landslides, Human Rights Watch has said in a new online video. Bangladesh authorities, with the

assistance of the United Nations and other humanitarian agencies, should urgently relocate refugees to safer grounds, the New York-based organisation urged.

Thousands of hand-built tarpaulin and bamboo shelters are threatened by strong winds and cyclones during the coming monsoon season. Rohingya refugees living on the steep, deforested slopes of sand and clay in the Kutupalong-Balukhali camps face added dangers of landslides, according to the video released Wednesday.

Altogether over 700,000 recent Rohingya refugees from Myanmar are living in camps in Bangladesh.

"The situation in the Rohingya camps is a disaster waiting to happen," said Bill

Frelick, refugee rights director at Human Rights Watch. "Already, after a few bouts of rain, some shelters were blown away and the narrow paths are slippery and dangerous."

A landslide on May 18, 2018, in a densely packed area in Camp 11, washed away a hut that housed three families, numbering a total of 17 people. However, they were unharmed.

Nobi Hassan, the head of one of those families, told Human Rights Watch that he asked the appointed local leader to relocate them to a safer place, but was told they had to stay in the same block. He said there is no space left in that block and all the other huts were also precariously situated.

"Many Rohingya want to return to Myanmar if their rights and identity are respected, but sadly that won't happen anytime soon," Frelick said. "In the meantime, people like Nobi Hassan and his family desperately need a safe place to live."

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A still from HRW's recent online video on the parts of Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, which are at risk of landslides in the coming monsoon.



Mr. Iftekharul Islam, the Vice-Chairman; Director Badrunnessa Sharmin Islam & Mr. Mohammed

Rabiul Hossain - the Managing Director and other directors also attended the meeting.

