

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind lightning flashes is likely to occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions, at a few places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB quoting Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:48pm and rises tomorrow at 5:22am.

DU students push for proctor's resignation

STAR REPORT

The call for resignation of Dhaka University proctor is getting louder as a group of DU students yesterday demonstrated on campus for the second consecutive day with the demand.

They submitted a memorandum to the vice chancellor (VC) demanding resignation of proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani for his failure to ensure security on campus.

Under the banner of 'Students against repression', the students brought out a rally from Aparajeyo Bangla and marched towards the VC's office.

Abu Raihan Khan, a third-year student of mass communication and journalism, submitted the memorandum on behalf of the students.

The students also submitted details of 14 Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists who were involved with recent spate of attacks on quota reformists, and demanded they be brought to justice. They identified the BCL men and encircled their faces on printed out photos of attacks.

In response, DU VC Prof Akhtaruzzaman said the memorandum will be sent to the probe committee that will decide on the allegations. He also said if there is any allegation against someone, it should be submitted to him in writing.

Meanwhile, students of physics department formed a human chain in Mukarram Bhaban area on the campus, protesting attacks carried out by BCL men.

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A demonstrator there said some goons beat up Mithu, a student of the department, at Shahbagh on July 2. He is still sick and the university authorities are not bearing the expense of his treatment.

They also demanded immediate release of the detained quota reform leaders and vowed not to join classes until the attackers are punished.

PROTEST AT JU

A section of students of Jahangirnagar University's philosophy department yesterday also protested the recent series of attacks.

The students boycotted their classes and staged a sit-in at their department.

They also demanded immediate publication of the gazette notification bringing reformation in the quota system.

Meanwhile, students of government and politics department of the university formed a human chain on the campus, protesting a "rape threat" allegedly issued by BCL men on one of their fellow female students.

The student had filed a complaint to the university authorities on Sunday, demanding punishment for several BCL men who allegedly made the rape threats on Facebook.

QUOTA LEADER REMANDED

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Tariqul Hassan, a leader of quota reform movement, on a one-day remand in a case filed over assaulting police and vandalising vehicles on April 9.



A student speaks to the vice chancellor of Dhaka University, while handing over a memorandum demanding resignation of the university's proctor. Inset, students of government and politics department of Jahangirnagar University form a human chain on their campus, protesting alleged rape threat to a student of the university.

PHOTO: STAR

Don't be dependent on social safety allowance: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said allowances being provided under the social safety net programmes are not meant for running the whole family or making one dependent on allowances.

"These allowances are just to ensure that no one suffers from starvation, but nobody should stay away from work," she said.

The premier was speaking at the inauguration of electronically distributing allowances to 115,088 beneficiaries under the safety net programmes of the social welfare ministry through a videoconference at Gono Bhaban.

She said those who are getting the money and have the capability to work

must work for earning. "We will give you a certain amount that will ensure food, but you also have to work. Otherwise, people will get dependent on the allowances."

The PM said the government will help people become self-dependent and the allowances would be given for any crisis moment so that they do not suffer.

State Minister for Social Welfare Nuruzzaman Ahmed spoke on the occasion and Social Welfare Secretary Md Zillar Rahman made a powerpoint presentation.

Later, Hasina talked to the beneficiaries in Gopalganj, Narsingdi, Kishoreganj and Chapainawabganj through the videoconference.

She said the government has been implementing various programmes to

protect the poor and ensure their basic needs.

Mentioning that the country has now been brought under a digital network, she said more than 1.40 crore mothers are receiving stipend in their mobile accounts.

Primarily, 115,088 beneficiaries under four districts would receive allowances in their bank accounts under the Government to Person (G2P) system.

Officials at the Ministry of Social Welfare said the allowance distribution activities through G2P would be expanded to 10 more districts during the current fiscal year.

The number of beneficiaries to get allowances through electronic fund transfer system would be increased to 66 lakh in phases, they added.

10-yr-old, 2 others die in Dhaka road accident

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A schoolboy and two others were killed while 15 others were injured yesterday morning when a bus ran over a human haulier in Goran Chatbari area in Dhaka.

The 10-year-old student succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital, said Sheikh Mohammad Shah Alam, officer-in-charge of Rupnagar Police Station.

The two other deceased are Hannan, 22, driver of the human haulier; and a 65-year-old unidentified man, said Sub-Inspector Bachchu Mia of the police outpost at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A critically injured man, 30 years of age, is undergoing treatment at the hospital, Bachchu also said.

Locals and fire service personnel rushed to the scene and sent all the injured to nearby hospitals, said Shafiqul Islam, a Fire Service and Civil Defence officer at Uttara station.

The fire service official said the Savar-bound bus of "Mayer Doa Paribahan" crashed head-on into the human haulier, commonly known as Leguna, around 7:30 in the morning.

Eyewitness Imran Hasan, an apparel firm employee, told The Daily Star that both the vehicles flipped over following the collision.

By the time police seized both the vehicles, the bus crew managed to flee the scene, said Abdul Aziz, a sub-inspector of Rupnagar Police Station.

JUBO LEAGUE LEADER RASHED MURDER Five identified from CCTV footage

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police investigating the murder of Jubo League leader Kazi Rashed has identified five youths -- including Yusuf Sarder Sohel, joint convenor of Jubo League's Banani Thana unit -- seen in CCTV footage while dumping the body around 2am on Sunday.

Others are four close associates of Sohel, prime suspect of the murder.

Sohel is the joint convenor of Jubo League's Banani thana unit, and is also accused in cases of shooting at a rickshaw-puller and a Jubo League ward leader. Locals and police sources allege that he is also involved in extortion.

Police raided Sohel's house on Amtoli School Road, Mohakhali and seized a shotgun and some papers, Banani police sources said.

The police investigation team said four people from Sohel's office were seen lowering the body in the footage. In the footage,



Kazi Rashed

Sohel was also seen coming down from the building.

RAB and police showed the 11-minute footage to neighbours of Sohel and the victim Rashed. Locals identified the four who lowered the body.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Gulshan zone) Rafiqul Islam said they received some footage, and after careful examination identified some individuals. Attempts are on to arrest them.

Rashed's sister Fatema Akhter Lovely told The Daily Star that Sohel is their neighbour and a distant uncle of Rashed. She said Sohel had been threatening them for quite a while, but they did not dare protest.

Lovely said Sohel had committed several crimes previously and managed to get away, but they hope this time justice would be meted out.

Morgue sources said there were five bullet marks on Rashed's body.



State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak takes a selfie with the six mathletes who represented Bangladesh at the 59th International Mathematics Olympiad in Romania along with Munir Hasan, general secretary of BdMOC; Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury, president of BdMOC; Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid; and Mahbub Majumdar, coach of the team. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Mathletes receive grand reception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The six-member Bangladesh team, a member of which that brought Bangladesh's first gold in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) this year, were felicitated in a grand event yesterday.

Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee (BdMOC); Prothom Alo, and Dutch Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL) jointly organised the reception at the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) auditorium in the capital.

Apart from the gold medal won by Ahmed Zawad Chowdhury, three others won bronze medals and two received "honourable mentions". Bangladesh secured 41st place among 107 participating countries at the 59th edition of IMO.

Zawad, from Cantonment English School and College in Chittagong, scored 32 out of 42 to secure his medal.

Tamzid Morshed Rubab, Joydeep Saha and Tahmin Noor Samin, all from Notre Dame College are the bronze medal recipients, while Rahul Saha from Dhaka College and Soumitra Das from Police Lines High School, Faridpur won honourable mentions.

Speaking at the programme, Zawad said it was his teacher who introduced him with mathematics olympiad in 2011.

"The achievement was possible because of the efforts of

During the discussion, Khaleda raised questions about the actual number of Liberation War martyrs saying, "There are controversies over how many were martyred in the Liberation War. There are also many books and documents on the controversies."

ZIA CHARITABLE TRUST GRAFT CASE

A Dhaka court yesterday extended the bail of Khaleda Zia until July 24 in Zia Charitable Trust graft case.

Judge Md Akhteruzzaman of the Special Judge Court-5 passed the order after Khaleda's lawyer Sanaullah Mia submitted a petition seeking extension of the bail.

On July 10, the same court extended her bail till yesterday in the case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission with Tejgaon police in August 2011 accusing Khaleda and three others of abusing power to raise funds for the trust from unknown sources.

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'DEFAMING' MARTYRS, BANGABANDHU Khaleda denied bail in Narail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Narail court yesterday denied bail to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a defamation case filed over her alleged derogatory remarks on martyrs of the Liberation War and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports UNB.

Judge Jahidul Azad, senior judicial magistrate of Narail court, passed the order. On July 2, the court concluded the hearing and kept the delivery of verdict pending.

On June 5, Judge Sheikh Abdul Ahad of the District and Sessions Judge's Court denied bail to Khaleda.

Raihan Faroque Imam from Naragati filed the case with the Cognisance Court on December 24, 2015, reacting on remarks made by the BNP chief at a discussion at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh on December 21 the same year.

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