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Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind and lightning flashes is likely to occur at many places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Barisal and Chittagong divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB quoting Met office. Mild to moderate heat wave may continue over Dhaka, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna and Barisal divisions and the regions of Comilla, Noakhali, Sandwip and Sitakunda. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47pm and rises tomorrow at 5:23am.

CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2018

BARISAL

Manifesto doesn't solve problems Says AL hopeful Sadiq

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Awami League mayoral candidate in Barisal Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah yesterday said an election manifesto is not necessary to solve the problems of the city.

"I'm always beside you and you always get me whenever you need. So, you can easily share your problems or demands with me. That's why I didn't place any manifesto," he told journalists during his campaign in College Avenue Road area.

Assuring that he is ready to solve any problem of the city if he gets elected, Sadiq said, "I believe in work and action. The election manifesto does not reflect the reality. I know every corner of the city. I know the problems of my city. I will take necessary steps for solving all the problems considering their merit."

Sadiq also alleged that in the 2013 election in Barisal city, BNP gave a manifesto but could not do anything in line with it.

BNP's mayor candidate Mujibur Rahman Sarwar placed a 28-point election manifesto last week but Sadiq have not made any pledges in the form of a manifesto yet.

"An election manifesto is not very important for a candidate. Nor is it in the election rules. It has very little importance to the people in local government election," said freedom fighter Enayet Hossain Chowdhury, joint secretary of Barisal Citizen Society.

He also said voters are not much worried about the manifesto. Talking to The Daily Star, Prof Maksudur Rahaman Khan, secretary of Barisal Political Science Parishad, said, "The manifesto is not implemented in local government bodies; it cannot be fulfilled and very few voters read it."

He said an elected candidate should work following the demands of his locality.

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RAJSHAHI

Election Commission playing a 'partial role'

BNP mayor candidate alleges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

BNP's mayoral candidate Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul yesterday expressed his concerns over Rajshahi city election amidst the "partial role" of Election Commission and "rampant violation" of electoral rules by the ruling party men and administration.

"The Election Commission is misusing public money, enacting a drama in the name of election," said Bulbul at a roundtable.

Bangla daily Prothom Alo organised the discussion on "What type of election we want" at Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industries auditorium. Sohrab Hasan, joint editor of Prothom Alo, moderated the discussion while deputy editor Lazzat Enab Mohsi gave the welcome speech.

Bulbul said, "The proper atmosphere for a fair election is still absent in the city. The Election Commission is seemingly afraid of taking actions against electoral rule violators."

He alleged that police is harassing his workers, filing seven fresh cases against them on "false charges" of blowing explosives. City corporation employees are being forced to work for the ruling party's candidate and the deputy commissioner of Rajshahi was threatening BNP union chairmen and municipal mayors, asking them not to work for BNP candidates, he also claimed.

He asked the Election Commission to refrain from holding the election if it cannot ensure the security of voters and polling agents on election day.

During his speech at the discussion, Awami League's mayor candidate AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, however, said the situation was not worse than the elections during BNP's rule.

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SYLHET

Candidates get up close with voters

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Mayoral candidates in Sylhet City Corporation election yesterday campaigned in different mosques, considering it was a Friday, to woo voters.

They went to different mosques to reach out to voters, and after Juma prayers campaigned in different parts of the city.

Awami League candidate Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran carried out his campaign in Kayastarail area in the city, after offering Juma prayers at Kayastarail Waqf Estate Mosque. Later in the afternoon, he attended a meeting with a social organisation in Narshingtila area.

BNP candidate Ariful Haque Choudhury offered his prayers at Fultali Pir's mosque in Sobhanighat area. After the prayer, he ran his campaign with Fultali Pir's son Husham Uddin Choudhury Fultali among followers of the Pir family of the area.

Later, Ariful and other leaders spoke at road-side meetings in Sobhanighat, Gotatikor, BSCIC, Sheikhghat, Osmani Medical and Kanishail areas.

Ariful expressed concerns about fair polls, while Kamran promised to work hard to ensure development of the city.

In a street meeting, Ariful Haque Choudhury said, "A huge conspiracy is being planned against me, but with the support of Sylhet citizens, I will overcome the situation."

Addressing attendees of a roadside gathering, Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran said, "When I was in jail, you elected me as mayor, but I might not have satisfied you with my work. I promise to work harder to achieve development of the city."

Islami Andolon Bangladesh (IAB) candidate Moazzem Hossain met and greeted locals in Kadamtali area, after offering Juma prayers at Kadamtali Mosque.

BNP rebel candidate Badruzzaman Selim could not be seen in the campaign yesterday, as he quit his electoral campaign in support of BNP candidate Ariful.

CPB-BSR nominated candidate Abu Jafor continued

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4 of fake note making gang arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives yesterday claimed to have arrested four members of a gang making counterfeit currency in the capital's Kalyanpur area on Thursday night.

The arrestees are Jasim Morol, 30, Abdul Jalil 28, Shri Sagar alias Ripon Das, 30, and Jalal Uddin, 28.

A stash of printed fake Bangladeshi notes worth Tk 32 lakh was seized from their possession, said

Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

During primary interrogation, the four confessed to making and selling fake notes of different currencies for the last six years, he said.



A procession, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Special Olympics, was brought out from Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday. It was part of a series of programmes of Special Olympics Bangladesh to mark the occasion. According to a press release, since 1994, when Bangladesh entered the world's largest sporting event for adults and children with intellectual disabilities, the country's athletes won 250 medals, 201 of them gold, and clinched championship nine times in different tournaments.

PHOTO: STAR

Ex-UP chairman 'kidnapped' in Rangamati

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A former upazila parishad chairman was allegedly kidnapped from his home in Naniarchar upazila on Thursday evening.

Eyewitnesses said Pritimoy Chakma, 50, the chairman of the upazila from 2010 till 2014, was kidnapped at gun point around 7:00pm from his house in Chairmanpara village under Sabekkhong union. They, however, could not identify the kidnappers, who were 10 to 12 in number.

In a press release signed by Niron Chakma, secretary (central committee) of information and publicity of United Peoples Democratic Front (UPDF), claimed the involvement of Parbatya Chattogram Jana Samhati Samity (PCJSS-MN Larma) in the kidnapping.

However, Sudhakar Tripura, central secretary of PCJSS-MN Larma, refuted the allegation, saying, "We don't know about it. Our organisation is not involved in the abduction."

Contacted, Naniarchar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Rowshan Zaman said they heard about the incident, but they were yet to receive any formal complaint in this regard.

NEWS IN brief

2 Indians held with gold chains

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday arrested two Indian nationals with gold chains weighing 450 grammes, 20 lakh Bangladeshi taka and 2,600 Indian rupees.

BGB made the arrests in Amarkhali area of Benapole after they were alerted that the two -- Sudhir Chao, 35, and Sada Nondo, 27 -- would attempt to smuggle out a large quantity of gold to India, said Lt Col Ariful Haque, commanding officer of 49 battalion of BGB.

A case was filed with Benapole Port Police Station after BGB handed over the arrestees to the police station.

Rebeka Walie's death anniv today

CITY DESK

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Rebeka Walie, wife of late ATM Walie Ashraf who was a freedom fighter, lawmaker of Brahmanbaria-6 and founder editor of the Janomot Newsweekly, London.

On the occasion, prayers will be held at her Bancharampur grave in Brahmanbaria and a milad and doa mahfil at her Mayakanan residence, says a press release.

Rebeka Walie played an important social role in London for the 1971 Liberation War.



Tea vendor beaten to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A tea vendor was beaten to death allegedly by another vendor in Chittagong city's Ananya Residential area yesterday.

The deceased -- Mohammad Ali, 35, from Nasir Nagar in Brahmanbaria -- used to live in Nayrhat area.

Bayezid Police Station Sub-inspector Abdul Hashem said a brawl ensued between Ali and another tea stall owner Shahidul Islam over selling tea.

Ali was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where he was declared dead, said the SI.

Girls save friend from early marriage

STAR REPORT

Police and local administration saved three teenagers, a boy and two girls, from child marriage in Moulvibazar and Sylhet in the last two days.

They intervened following information from friends and villagers.

In Moulvibazar sadar upazila, a tenth grader was being married off to a 21-year-old youth on Thursday afternoon. On hearing this, three classmates of the 15-year-old girl went to Moulvibazar Model Police Station and asked for help, reports our correspondent.

Officer-in-Charge of the station Sohail Ahmad said the three girls were worried about their friend getting married before 18 years of age. "We could stop the marriage because of their information. I thank the girls."

In a Facebook post, the OC also praised the bravery and intelligence of the three girls, and it went viral on the social media site.

In Osmaninagar of Sylhet, a 15-year-old girl and a 17-year-old boy were about to be married yesterday, but it was stopped by the upazila administration on information from some villagers, reports our district correspondent.

The girl studied up to class IX in a local madrasa, but she dropped out this year due to family pressure. The boy works as a mason's assistant.

Anisur Rahman, upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Osmaninagar, said they took written statements from the parents of both the girl and the boy that they would not marry off their children until they are at the right age.

"Sylhet was declared a child marriage-free division last year, but still some try to marry off their children. We are watchful about the matter," he said.

7 hospitals fined

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Savar Central and Prince hospitals, along with Seba Clinic and Diagnostic Centre, was sealed off.

Abdus Salam, an owner of Seba, was jailed for one year, while its other co-owner Amimul Islam was fined Tk 2.5 lakh for delivering fake medical test reports.

All of the fines were realised on the spot.

ATTACK ON QUOTA REFORM ACTIVISTS 15 eminent citizens express concern over govt role

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Fifteen eminent citizens in Chittagong called upon the government to stop attacking teachers and students across the country, and expressed grave concern about the silent role of the government in the issue.

The citizens expressed their concern about harassment of quota reform movement activists, through a joint statement issued on Thursday night.

They also termed the attack on university teachers as an impending disaster on democracy, and said the government was expected to handle the situation with more prudence and insight.

The signatories to the statement are former President of Bangladesh Economic Association Prof Dr Moinul Islam; Poet and Journalist Abul Momen; Bangladesher Mukti Sangram O Muktiyuddho Gobeshona Kendro Chairman Mahfuzur Rahman; Forum for Planned Chittagong member

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RESTAURANT a drug front

STAR REPORT

A restaurant owner, who is also a madrasa principal, and three of his associates were arrested yesterday on charges of peddling drugs at his restaurant in Sirajganj's Solonga area, reports our Pabna correspondent.

Tipped-off, a team of Rapid Action Battalion arrested the owner of Joba Food Garden Hotel from his house at Dadpur village around 2:00pm, said Additional Police Superintendent Sakibul Islam Khan, Rab-12 commander of Sirajganj camp.

The three others were arrested from the restaurant beside Dhaka-Bogra highway, he added. Rab also seized 560 yaba pills from their possession.

The arrestees are owner Jillur Rahman, 55, also principal of Muradpur Fazil

Madrasa; Nasir Uddin, 25, restaurant manager; Nasir's brother Masud Rana, 20; and Abdul Barek, 40, a grocer in the area, said a Rab press release.

"Jillur was running a drug business for a long time. He used to sell the pills to drivers and their helpers through Barek and used the restaurant as a cover," said the Rab commander.

3 HELD WITH YABA

Detective branch of police in Bogra arrested three persons with 4,000 yaba pills yesterday, reports our Bogra correspondent.

The arrestees are Habibullah, 40, of Bogra; Solaiman, 35, and Rubel, 22, of Naogaon, said police. Habibullah was arrested with 2,500 yaba pills in Nataipara area while Rubel and Solaiman with 1,500 yaba pills in Godarpara Bazar area.

Road accidents

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him while riding a motorbike on Panchagarh-Tentulia highway on Thursday night, said police. Yasin Ali, 52, was general secretary of Moidandighi union unit BNP.

In Faridpur, an unidentified vehicle hit a motorcyclist on Dhaka-Barisal highway in Bhanga upazila on Thursday. Abdur Rahman Khan, 45, died instantly.

In Chittagong, RMG worker Rabeya Aktar Sumi, was killed and another injured when a lorry hit them in Navy Gate area yesterday. The injured, Jannat, 22, was admitted to a hospital.

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