

WEATHER  
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 31.3 L 27.8	MYMENSINGH H 32.5 L 27.4	CHITTAGONG H 31.2 L 26.1	SYLHET H 33.3 L 26.2	RAJSHAHI H 33.6 L 27.5	RANGPUR H 34.2 L 26.4	KHULNA H 31.2 L 27.5	BARISAL H 31.0 L 26.2	COX'S BAZAR H 31.8 L 26.0
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Light to moderate rain/thundershowers accompanied by temporary wind may occur at most places over Chittagong, Barisal, & Khulna divisions and at many places over Sylhet, Mymensingh, Dhaka, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions with moderate to heavy falls at places over the area in next 24 hours till 6:00pm tomorrow, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:47pm and rises tomorrow at 5:23am.

## 'Pro-BNP' JU teachers to skip work today

Protesting BCL attacks on teachers, students

JU CORRESPONDENT

A section of Jahangirnagar University teachers will go for a daylong work stoppage today, protesting the spate of BCL attacks on teachers and students involved in quota reform movement.

"Jatiyatabadi Shikkhak Forum", which claims to be pro-BNP, also demanded reformation of the existing quota in civil service.

Pre-scheduled examinations will be beyond the purview of their strike, said a press release of the forum yesterday.

The teachers also criticized JU Teachers' Association for keeping mum about such oppression on teachers and students. Such silence contradicts its constitution and tradition, they said.

The forum also urged the government to implement the prime minister's

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## THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

A man drinks sherbet at a roadside stall in Dhaka's Gulistan area. With source of water unknown, such sherbet and juice are prepared and served in unhygienic conditions. Oblivious to health hazard these drinks bring, many parched commuters consume them. The photo was taken on Friday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## NEWSINbrief

### Siemens Bangladesh partners Buet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Siemens Bangladesh partnered Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) to sharpen its focus as employer of choice.

An event conducted by Siemens included plenary and engagement sessions on driving business growth, the workforce of tomorrow, diversity, digitalisation era and compliance, says a press release.

The event was attended among others by Buet Vice Chancellor Prof Saiful Islam, German embassy Deputy Head of Mission Michael Schultheiss and Siemens Bangladesh Ltd Managing Director Prabal Bose.

### Man arrested with 41,390 yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Rapid Action Battalion arrested a drug peddler with 41,390 yaba pills at a bus in Chittagong city's Natun Bridge area early yesterday.

The arrestee -- Hamidul Islam Kajal, 21, son of late Jomir Hossain -- is from Ramu in Cox's Bazar, said Mimitanur Rahman, senior assistant director (media) of Rab-7.

Kajal was carrying the pills from Cox's Bazar to sell those in Dhaka, he said in a press release. A case was filed with Bakalia Police Station in this connection.

## Housewife 'gang-raped', three held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A housewife was allegedly gang-raped in Karnaphuli upazila in Chittagong district early yesterday, police said. Three men were arrested in this connection.

The detainees are Md Imran, 30; Md Shahjahan 32, and Kowsar Halim Munna, 18, said Deputy Commissioner (DC) (Port) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police Syed Abu Sayem.

According to the case statement, at 2:00am yesterday the victim aged around 40, left her home in Charlaksha area in the upazila, following an altercation with her husband.

Soon after, she was spotted on the street by four youths, who dragged her to an isolated place and gang-raped her, said the DC.

The victim then returned home and told her husband about the incident.

Her husband filed a case in the morning with Karnaphuli Police Station accusing the four youths.

Police conducted drives and arrested three out of the four accused, the DC said, adding, another accused Nurul Amin, 27, is absconding.

Meanwhile, the victim has been sent to One Stop Crisis Centre at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

## Robbers kill night guards, loot 3 shops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A group of armed robbers yesterday killed two night guards and looted valuables worth Tk 27 lakh from three shops at a market in Bandar upazila in Narayanganj, police said.

The victims Raihan Miah, 65, and Motaleb Hossain, 55, were killed in Lakshmankhola Madrasa market area. Police recovered the bodies and sent them to Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy.

Shahin Mondal, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bandar Police Station, said the two were killed for resisting the robbery.

They were attacked with locally made weapons. One of the victims died on the spot and the other was injured critically, the OC added. The latter succumbed to his injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

The robbers broke into Bismillah Battery Store, Satata Mela Battery, and Satata Battery Servicing Centre and looted cash and valuables worth Tk 27 lakh, the OC said quoting the owners.

No case was lodged till filing of this report yesterday. However, police are trying to arrest the robbers.

## DU running too many evening programmes

### Students, teachers fear of falling education quality

UNB, Dhaka

What began in 2001 as an evening course under Dhaka University's (DU) business studies faculty for developing skills of professionals, has witnessed an exponential growth over the past 17 years.

DU now offers dozens of evening postgraduate, certificate, diploma and other professional courses, at times jeopardising its core and regular academic activities. Currently, as many as 40 departments and institutions of the university are running such evening courses, while more are in the offing.

Such phenomenal growth in mostly short-term evening courses is now testing the capacity of the university, as DU is running short of additional human resources to run so many evening programmes.

Noting that a large number of evening courses is hampering regular academic activities of DU,

many studies and teachers fear that unless the situation is brought under control, the university's regular academic curriculum will be compromised.

The DU authorities first approved evening master's courses of business faculty in October 2001, when Vice Chancellor Prof Dr AK Azad Chowdhury was at the helm of the affairs.

The logic employed to rationalise the move was to spread

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## CITY CORPORATION ELECTIONS 2018

### RAJSHAHI

## BNP conspiring to foil city election

### Says AL mayor candidate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Awami League's mayor candidate yesterday alleged that BNP was conspiring to foil the city election.

According to a complaint filed by BNP candidate Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul with the returning officer, at least three AL lawmakers -- Ayen Uddin, Abdul Wadud Dara and Shafiqul Islam Shimul -- violated the electoral laws by taking part in Liton's campaign on Thursday.

The complaint mentions that AL workers were pressing the employees of Rajshahi City Corporation to vote for AL, armed miscreants were threatening BNP men and damaging election offices.

The complaint also says that none of BNP's complaints made with the returning officer were attended to.

AL mayor candidate AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, while campaigning in Beldarpara area, told reporters that BNP started making complaints intentionally from the very beginning of the campaign.

"They failed to run the city corporation in the last five years and they are not being able to face the people during campaign. Now, they want to foil the election and are trying to find ways to withdraw from it," Liton said.

Meanwhile, independent candidate Murad Morshed published his election manifesto at Moonlight Garden Hall, making a 16-point promise.

Supported by Gana Samhati Andolan and Rajshahi Ganamancha, Murad said that if elected, he would turn the city corporation's focus on improving the citizen's status and ensure providing services without harassment.

His other promises include stopping toll collection from vehicles and footpaths, preserving nature and environment, developing the education, recreation and cultural sectors.

## MC COLLEGE HOSTEL ARSON

## Investigation took five years.

## How long to start the trial?

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

After the arson attack at the lone hostel of MC College, different units of police investigated and reinvestigated the case for almost five years. But none of them could specify who might be behind the torching.

Finally, the court handed the case over to a magistrate to run a judicial investigation. After five months, the one-person committee filed the investigation report late last year, implicating 29 student leaders and activists -- 10 from Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Shwechhasebak League (SL) and Jubo League (JL) and 19 from Islami Chhatra Shibir. Accordingly, police also filed a charge sheet against the 29 accused. But the case is yet to go to trial.

On the evening of July 8, 2012, a clash broke out between BCL and Shibir activists. In the middle of the clash, a fire was seen engulfing three blocks of the hostel. The blaze left 42 rooms gutted and 70 others partially burnt. The one-storey tin-roof hostel has 252 rooms in six blocks and houses more than 1,000 students.

Five days after the arson, on July 13, then hostel supervisor Bashir Ahmed filed an arson case with Shahporan Police Station, accusing a group of unnamed miscreants. Later, police filed two more cases -- for the arson and the clash.

Initially, the police station conducted an investigation but found no one behind the arson and their inquiries remained inconclusive. The court then assigned the Criminal Investigation Department. On October 31, 2013, CID filed a report citing that three Shibir activists were involved in the torching. However, the court rejected it, and ordered reinvestigation.

Later, on August 9, 2015, CID submitted a revised investigation report, which was also turned down by the court as it did not add any new information or any other names as accused. The court then gave the task to the Police Bureau of Investigation, but PBI too failed to find new details and the case apparently hit a snag. The PBI investigators could not turn in a report up until May 2017.

Eventually, the court settled on a judicial investigation and assigned Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Umme Sharaban Tahura on May 31 last year.

She filed the probe report on November 15 last year, accusing the 29 activists. After hearing the case next day, the court ordered arrest of all 29.

The main accused were Debangshu Das Mithu, general secretary of Sylhet city unit of Shwechhasebak League and then president of BCL Sylhet Government College unit; Pankaj Purkayastha, former president of Sylhet district unit of BCL; Jahangir Alam, former organising secretary of the same unit; and Abu Sarkar, former president of Sramik League.

Among the accused, 10 BCL, JL and SL leaders and activists, including the above mentioned four, got bail after surrendering on January 15 this year. The rest 19 Shibir activists remained absconding.

Talking to The Daily Star, Mahfuzur Rahman, additional public prosecutor of the Sylhet Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, said police filed the charge sheet against the 29 men, but the trial was getting delayed due to the fugitives.

He, however, said the case can go to trial

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## Reunion of admin, police service associations held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A reunion was held between Bangladesh Administrative Service Association (BASA) and Bangladesh Police Service Association (BPSA), said a press release.

The event was organised by BPSA at Rajarbagh Police Lines in the capital on Thursday.

In the programme, leaders of both associations agreed to work in harmony and with mutual cooperation for serving the national interest.

Md Nojibur Rahman, principal secretary to Prime Minister's Office; Md Abul Kalam Azad, principal coordinator (SDG Affairs) to Prime Minister's Office; Abdul Malek, BASA president and secretary to the information ministry; Mohammad Javed Patwary, inspector general of police; and Asaduzzaman Mia, BPSA president and Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner were present among others.

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পরিবহন ভবন

২১, রাজউক এডিনিউ, ঢাকা-১০০০

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	:	সড়ক পরিবহন ও সেতু মন্ত্রণালয়।
২.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	:	যোয়ারদ্যান, বিআরটিসি।
৩.	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
৪.	কাজের বিবরণ	:	বিআরটিসি'র চট্টগ্রাম ট্রাক ডিপোতে ৩ (তিন) তলা ভিতসহ একতলা মার্কেট ভবনে ৩৯টি লোকান নিজ ব্যয়ে নির্মাণসহ ১০ (দশ) বৎসর মেয়াদে একক বরাদ্দ প্রদান।
৫.	সূত্র	:	বিআরটিসি-০৩/২০১৮-২০১৯।
৬.	দরপত্র যোগ্যতা	:	সরকারি/আধাসরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের ১ম শ্রেণীর তালিকাভুক্ত নির্মাণ ঠিকাদার এবং প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী।
৭.	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	:	নির্মাণ বিভাগ, বিআরটিসি, পরিবহন ভবন, ২১, রাজউক এডিনিউ, ঢাকা-১০০০।
৮.	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৯/৮/২০১৮ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়।
৯.	সিডিউলের মূল্য	:	প্রতি সেট দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
১০.	দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	:	৩০/০৮/২০১৮ তারিখ দুপুর ২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নির্মাণ বিভাগ ৮ম তলা, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা-১০০০/ম্যানেজার (অপাঃ), মতিবিল বাস ডিপো/কল্যাণপুর বাস ডিপো।
১১.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	:	৩০/০৮/২০১৮ তারিখ বিকাল ৪-০০ ঘটিকায় নির্মাণ বিভাগে দরদাতা উপস্থিত (যদি থাকেন) সামনে খোলা হবে।
১২.	দরপত্র জামানত/অর্নেস্টিম্যান	:	অর্নেস্টিম্যান ৫,০০,০০০/- (পাঁচ লক্ষ) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) হিসেবে চেয়ারম্যান বিআরটিসি'র অনুকূলে যে কোন রপ্তায়ুক্ত সিডিউল ব্যাংক থেকে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাক্ট এর মাধ্যমে জমা করতে হবে। সফল দরদাতা কাজ নিতে অপরাগতা প্রকাশ করলে উক্ত টাকা বিআরটিসি এর অনুকূলে বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হবে। অর্নেস্টিম্যান ব্যতিরিক্ত দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
১৩.	কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা	:	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।
১৪.	নির্দেশনা	:	সিডিউলের সাথে সিডিউল ক্রয়ের রশিদ দাখিলতব্য দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে এবং ইহা দরপত্রের অবিচ্ছেদ্য অংশ হিসেবে পরিগণিত হবে। নির্ধারিত টেন্ডার বাস্তবে সীলমোহরকৃত একটি খামে দরপত্র ফেলতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে কর্পোরেশনের নীতিমালা/২০০৭ এ বর্ণিত দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রোগেশন "BOOT" এর নির্দেশনাসমূহ অনুসৃত হবে।
১৫.	বিবিধ	:	অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে অন্তর্ভুক্ত থাকবে।
১৬.	টেন্ডার সংক্রান্ত তথ্য	:	টেন্ডার সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর/ম্যানেজার (অপাঃ), চট্টগ্রাম ট্রাক ডিপো হতে জানা যাবে।

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বিআরটিসি

জিডি-১৭৮৩

Bangladesh Public Relations Association (BPRC) celebrates its 39th founding anniversary by cutting a cake at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh Institute of Press Director General Shah Alamgir, Economic Reporters Forum President Saif Islam Dilal, BPRC President Mostafa-E-Jamil and General Secretary Moniruzzaman Tipu were present.

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