



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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MYMENSINGH H 31.0 L 26.2

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KHULNA H 32.0 L 25.0

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COX'S BAZAR H 28.8 L 25.5

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with gusty wind may occur at most places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions with moderate to very 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 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:25am.

Govt medicines at wholesale market

34 shops fined, six jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mobile court yesterday fined 34 drug stores in a wholesale market at Mitford in old Dhaka, jailed six owners, and seized stolen, unauthorised medicines worth Tk 3 crore.

The mobile court was conducted by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-10 with the help of the drug administration. Executive Magistrate Sarwoer Alam led the court, which raided the shops at Janani Medicine market from noon. The drive was going on till filing of this report at 9:30pm.

The shops were found to have stored medicines meant for free distribution at government hospitals, counterfeit drugs, illegally imported medicines from

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A man scavenges from a huge pile of discarded vegetables left on the street, in front of the Janata Tower in Karwan Bazar. Due to inadequate garbage disposal facilities near the biggest wholesale kitchen market of the capital, traders often throw the biodegradable waste on the road near this spot. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Monitor medical colleges

Stresses president for ensuring quality education

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday stressed the need for monitoring public and private medical colleges to ensure quality education.

He said this when a delegation of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) made a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban.

President's Press Secretary Joynal Abedin quoted Hamid as saying, "There is no alternative to ensuring quality medical education. Monitoring is a must so that students can attain efficiency in medical science."

Hamid focused on monitoring the country's medical colleges to ensure quality education so that students can complete their studies with excellence at all public and private medical institutions.

BSMMU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Kanak Kanti Barua led the 13-member delegation.

Appraising the president about the university's curricula, training, research, medicare services and infrastructural development, the VC said a total of 1,774 research works have been accomplished successfully from 2001 to June 2018.

He also an Institute for Paediatric Neurodisorder and Autism was set up at the hospital for the treatment of children.

President Abdul Hamid assured the delegation of cooperation and further support. Secretaries concerned to the president were present at the meeting.

ACC sues 2 former BCBL officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) on Monday filed a case against two former officials of Bangladesh Commerce Bank Ltd (BCBL) for allegedly misappropriating Tk 2.19 crore from the bank.

ACC's Deputy Director Sheikh Md Fanfillah filed the case with Kotwali Police Station in the port city accusing Moinuddin Ahmed, former executive officer, and Monirul Islam, former cash officer.

According to the case statement, taking advantage of his position, Moinuddin transferred Tk 2.14 crore from the accounts of 39 clients, with help from Monirul.

The duo also misappropriated Tk 5 lakh from a client's payment order.

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'Support from govt needed to win gold'

International Biology Olympiad participants say

MATHEWS CHIRAN

Anticipation was running high as the clock was ticking. A group of four Bangladeshi contestants at International Biology Olympiad (IBO) 2018 nearly stopped breathing as they eagerly waited to hear their country's being called out on the winning list.

However, that excitement began to turn to disappointment when after announcement of 40 countries, there was no mention of Bangladesh. The team was giving up hope of getting any award this year.

Suddenly, to their surprise, the name of Bangladesh was announced and along with it, the name of Auddithio Nag (an O-level student of SFX Greenherald International School in Dhaka) was declared as a bronze medal winner.

"It was one of my proudest moments," said Auddithio, who participated in the competition for the first time.

His teammates were Prokriti Projukti, from Viqarunnisa Noon School and College in Dhaka; Bayezid Mia, from International Turkish Hope School in Dhaka; and Tamzid Hossain Tanim Government MM City College in Khulna.

A press conference was held yesterday at Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) where Auddithio expressed his gratitude to his team members who helped him throughout the journey.

Under the guidance of a committee of Bangladesh

OLYMPIAD	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	HONOURABLE MENTION/MERIT AWARD
International Mathematical Olympiad	1	6	22	27
International Physics Olympiad	0	1	6	10
International Biology Olympiad	0	0	1	4

Biology Olympiad (BdBO), the team competed in the event from July 15 to 22.

"My teammates helped me a lot. Even before the exam day, they helped me with solving problems," said Auddithio.

Lauding their success, President of BdBO, Shahidur Rashid Buiyan, said, "It is a significant success for us, as we have managed to win bronze within couple of years. With more support from the government, the next team may even

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Case filed over death of NSU student

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

A case was filed yesterday with Gazaria Police Station in Munshiganj in connection with the death of Saidur Rahman Payel, a student of North South University, who went missing early Sunday.

Payel left Chittagong for Dhaka on a Hanif Paribahan bus on Saturday night, along with his friend Akibur Rahman Ador, family members said.

He got off from the bus when it was caught in traffic near Meghna Bridge to relieve himself around 4:30am, but never came back.

Police recovered his body from a canal on Monday, a day after he went missing.

Some criminals may have killed him and dumped the body into the canal, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Gazaria Police Station Harunur Rashid.

According to the case, the bus driver's assistant Johny's statement is suspicious as he has given conflicting information, claimed Payel's uncle Golam Sorwardy Biplob.

Johny first said Payel went down when the bus was stuck near Meghna Bridge. Later he again said the place where Payel got down was Madanpur in Nayanganj, Biplob said. Hanif Paribahan authorities also could not explain why the bus set off leaving a passenger behind, he added.

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Deal inked for new dual gauge rail lines

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday signed an agreement for setting up 3rd and 4th dual gauge train lines on Dhaka-Tongi and doubling of dual gauge line on the Tongi-Joydebpur section.

"The agreement was signed under Indian Line of Credit (LoC) for installing the railway tracks on Dhaka-Tongi and Tongi-Joydebpur sections," Railways Minister M Mazibul Hoque said this while witnessing the signing ceremony as the chief guest at Bangladesh Railway (BR) Bhaban in Dhaka.

He said this project is very important for Bangladesh Railway, adding, "Currently, only two railway lines are used for entry and exit to the capital from Tongi. If there are two more lines, trains can run smoothly."

The minister said Indian companies Afcons and Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited (KPTL) would construct the railway lines jointly.

Additional Director General of BR Kazi M Rafiqul Alam and vice president of AFCON Anup Kumar Guru signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

Under the deal, the company will complete the work within 36 months, and the contract will cost an estimated Tk 1,393 crore 78 lakh 90 thousand.

Railways Secretary M Mofazzel Hossain, director general M Amjad Hossain and representatives of contracting companies and officials concerned were present at the signing ceremony.



Ministry of Science and Technology and Bangladesh Science and Technology Museum yesterday accorded a reception to Ahmed Zawad Chowdhury, the first gold medal winner at International Mathematics Olympiad for Bangladesh, along with the entire team that competed in the event. Bangladesh's first medal winner at the recent International Biology Olympiad, Auddithio Nag, was also accorded reception there.

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400 youths to co-create 'Youth Manifesto'

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), the country's first leadership institute, is hosting the fifth Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) to empower youth, develop their leadership capabilities, and engage them in political processes so that their priorities are heard and reflected in national policies.

With the theme "Desh Amar Dayitto Amar" (My Country, My Responsibility) the summit will bring together 400 young people of diverse backgrounds and professions from all over Bangladesh for three days of leadership training, discussions on social issues, and collaborative activities.

The event will be held at Bangabandhu Conference Center in Dhaka from

September 27 to 29.

BYLC is currently accepting applications for the Youth Leadership Summit 2018. Students studying at any accredited university in Bangladesh, and young professionals up to the age of 30 are eligible to apply. The last day to apply is August 16.

The summit will feature knowledge sharing plenaries on issues that affect youth including public leadership, gender equality, peace and inclusiveness, education, and employment.

Competitively selected through a rigorous application process, the YLS delegates will have the opportunity to lend their voices on youth development in Bangladesh by co-creating a "Youth Manifesto".

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Obey the laws to prevent child labour

State minister for labour and employment says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Labour and Employment Mujibul Haque Chunnun yesterday urged people to abide by laws and policies related to eradicating child labour and protecting the rights of domestic workers.

"Many are not interested in learning about the laws and obeying them," said Mujibul, urging people to change such mind-set. The government formulated Domestic Workers Protection and Welfare Policy in 2015, but the policy could not be that effective due to a lack of public interest, he added.

The state minister made the remarks at a consultation meeting on eradicating child labour, organised by Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF) in association with Terre des Hommes Netherlands and Global March Against Child Labour at the Daily Star Centre in Dhaka.

Speaking as the chief guest, Mujibul said the government will



Speakers at the meeting.

PHOTO: STAR

soon ratify the recommendations from two conventions of International Labour Organization (ILO) -- C138 and C189 -- regarding minimum age for employment and decent work for domestic helpers.

He also said that the ministry is going to launch a mega project very soon to protect children who are involved with hazardous child labour [transport and tannery sectors, for example] and to rehabilitate them.

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10th grader dies 'after falling from stairs'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 10th-grade female student of Uttara Rajuk Model School and College died yesterday, reportedly from injuries she received on school premises.

School authorities rescued the girl, Nafisa Nawaz Ethika, when she was found seriously injured inside the school at around 10:45am. She was rushed to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) where she breathed her last, said Paritosh Chandra, inspector (investigation) of Uttara Model Police Station.

He said school authorities informed him that Ethika slipped from the stairs of the fourth floor, and became seriously injured. "We will investigate how she fell."

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The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative

Aquaculture Business Proposal Announcement (ABPA) 2018

WorldFish is implementing an aquaculture program titled **Feed the Future Bangladesh Aquaculture and Nutrition Activity** funded by USAID. The goal of the Activity is to achieve inclusive aquaculture sector growth through a market system approach. The Activity is announcing its first Call for Proposal (CFP) applications from registered Bangladeshi Private Organizations/NGOs.

Activity Name	Feed the Future Bangladesh Aquaculture and Nutrition Activity
CFP Issue Date	25 th July, 2018
CFP Submission	Interested applicants are requested to submit their application to wfbanaproject@cgiar.org
Submission Deadline	6 th August 2018; by 5.00pm (Bangladesh Time)
CFP Application Form and Guidelines	Please visit WorldFish website for detailed guideline and application form: www.worldfishcenter.org
For queries	wfbanaproject@cgiar.org