

WEATHER

FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S  
TEMPERATURES

DHAKA  
H 34.8 L 26.6

MYMENSINGH  
H 32.8 L 25.5

CHITTAGONG  
H 33.0 L 26.0

SYLHET  
H 33.6 L 25.2

RAJSHAH  
H 34.8 L 26.6

RANGPUR  
H 33.3 L 26.6

KHULNA  
H 33.0 L 26.5

BARISAL  
H 32.4 L 26.5

COX'S BAZAR  
H 30.5 L 25.0

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Khulna, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka and Mymensingh divisions 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 06:13pm and rises tomorrow at 5:42am.

# No Laguna in Dhaka city: DMP chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human hauliers, better known as Laguna, will not be allowed on the streets of the capital, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia yesterday.

"Lagunas are not supposed to be in the city. These vehicles will ply outside the city, on the feeder roads, where they have been given route permits," he said at a press conference, held to announce DMP's month-long special traffic management campaign, set to kick off today.

The modified vehicles are posing threats to commuters, as mostly underage drivers -- with no licence -- keep taking extra passengers. There have been allegations against law enforcers and ruling party men for allowing these vehicles on major roads.

People regularly commuting in Lagunas, however, urged the authorities concerned to come up with alternative means of transport as they are dependent on these vehicles.

A total of 5,156 registered human hauliers are in the city, according to a statistics of Bangladesh Road Transport Authorities.

At the briefing at DMP Media Centre, Asaduzzaman hoped that there will be visible changes in the traffic system following the drive, aiming to generate awareness among commuters and transport workers.

It is not possible to change the traffic situation overnight; mismanagement has been prevalent for years, he said, adding that the main issue is people's tendency to violate rules.

More vehicles than the capacity of roads, frequent digging of roads for development projects and narrow roads are some other major factors which contribute to the traffic chaos, he said.

Traffic rules will be enforced strictly to bring discipline on the roads, he said, adding that rules apply to everyone.

"We have requested the filling station owners not to sell fuel to bikers without helmets," Asaduzzaman said.

Police would strictly enforce traffic rules on the seven kilometre road stretching from Gulistan Zero Point to Jahangir Gate on a month-long pilot basis.

Apart from police, several hundred volunteers including members of scouts would be engaged in the programme

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Hapless commuters of Farmgate-Mohammadpur and Farmgate-Jigatala routes stand by long rows of parked Lagunas (human hauliers) on Indira Road. Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday declared that no human hauliers will be allowed to ply the streets within the metropolitan area.

PHOTO:  
PALASH KHAN

# 'Govt tainted its image by arresting Shahidul'

Says Anu Muhammad at exhibition of the photographer's works

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government tainted its image by arresting Shahidul Alam, Prof Anu Muhammad said yesterday at the inauguration of a photo exhibition of the detained photographer.

"Government considers him a threat as it thinks his remarks tarnished its image. But the way it is conducting its activities are enough to ruin that image," said the professor condemning the arrest of the photographer.

Drik organised the photo exhibition titled, "A Struggle for Democracy -- A Photo Journey by Shahidul Alam", to protest the photographer's

imprisonment, and also to mark its founding anniversary at Drik Gallery in the capital.

Noted researcher Professor Meghna Guhathakurta said that the way government wants to portray Shahidul is entirely wrong.

"Democracy means talking for the people, and Shahidul spoke on behalf of the people through his photography," she said, urging to raise more voices to release the photographer.

Rights activist Khushi Kabir criticised judges who felt "embarrassed" to hear Shahidul's bail petition at the High Court earlier in the day.

Terming Shahidul's work a "struggle

for democracy", Rahnuma Ahmed, director of Drik, called on the government to release the photographer.

ASM Rezaur Rahman, curator of Drik, Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua and politician Zonayed Saki also spoke at the event.

The photography exhibition, displaying Shahidul's work over the last 40 years, covers themes like natural disasters, anti-government movements, lives of migrant workers and sex workers, human rights abuses, enforced disappearances and more. It will continue till September 10 from 3:00-8:00pm every day at the venue.

From left, Rahnuma Ahmed, Zonayed Saki, Anu Muhammad, Khushi Kabir and Meghna Guhathakurta visit the exhibition.



PHOTO: STAR

# Bangladesh Japan's 1st choice in South Asia for skilled manpower

Says research by APFS and Rikkyo University

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Relationship between the Japanese and Bangladeshis living in Japan has been bolstered significantly in recent years, resulting in the growth of Bangladesh's labour market there, speakers said at a press conference yesterday.

Asian People's Friendship Society (APFS), a Tokyo-based rights organisation, organised the press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

The Japanese increasingly prefer Bangladeshi professionals over other South Asians. Such preference could help Bangladesh set its new destination for labour export in Japan, speakers said at the event.

Speakers, from both Bangladesh and Japan, made the remarks based on a recent research on Japan-Bangladesh friendship and migration, jointly conducted by APFS and Rikkyo University in Japan.

The elderly population in Japan is growing remarkably. To fulfil the demand for labour, the country has to import skilled manpower and its first choice is Bangladesh, said Masud Kamal, the chief coordinator of the research.

"We interviewed many Japanese for our research. Most of them said they prefer Bangladeshi workers over those from other South Asian countries," he said.

The Japanese government has recently -- after several years of efforts by APFS -- eased the terms and conditions for Bangladeshi workers to stay in the country, added Masud, former secretary general of APFS.

APFS President Yoshinari Katsuo, Prof Mizukami Tetsuo and Prof Noro Yoshiaki from Rikkyo University, and Waseda University [in Japan] lecturer Nakayama Yuka also spoke at the programme.

# Defence claims criminal conspiracy charges against Babar false

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The defence lawyer for former state minister for home affairs Lutfozzaman Babar yesterday told a Dhaka court that the charges of criminal conspiracy brought against his client were false.

Advocate SM Shahjahan made the plea while placing arguments on points of law for over two hours at the special court set up adjacent to Dhaka Old Central Jail.

During yesterday's hearing, Shahjahan said the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) did not include his client's name while submitting the first charge sheets against 22 people, including former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu.

But later CID included Babar's name in the supplementary charge sheets on the basis of second confessional statements given by Huji leader Mufti Abdul Hannan.

Moreover, the charges of holding meetings with militants at Hawa Bhaban and BNP leader Abdus Salam Pintu's Dhanmondi residence were not proved.

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## DUCSU POLLS Lawyer's notice warns DU of contempt charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Supreme Court (SC) lawyer yesterday sent a notice to the Dhaka University vice-chancellor, proctor and treasurer for taking steps to hold Dhaka University Central Students Union (Ducusu) election within seven days.

Advocate Manzill Murshid served the notice saying a case for contempt of court will be filed against the respondents if they do not take step in seven days for holding the Ducusu election.

On January 17 this year, the HC directed the respondents to hold Ducusu election in six months, following a writ petition filed by 25 DU students.

The court also ordered the home ministry to provide necessary assistance to DU authorities to maintain law and order during the polls.

The HC order was officially sent to the respondents in February this year,

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