

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 34.8 L 27.4	H 32.5 L 26.0	H 33.0 L 25.8	H 34.2 L 25.7	H 35.2 L 26.6	H 33.0 L 26.5	H 34.0 L 26.5	H 33.0 L 26.5	H 31.2 L 25.0

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at a few places over Rangpur, Chittagong & Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately 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 06:08pm and rises tomorrow at 5:43am.

We're ready
Says IGP about tackling polls-related anarchy

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Mohammad Javed Patwary yesterday said his forces are ready to prevent any sort of anarchy centring the upcoming general election.

"I want to say that any move to create anarchy, chaos and act of sabotage or attempt to make the country unstable in the name of movement will be dealt with a strong hand," he said while replying to a query after attending a programme in Dhaka.

He said law enforcers are capable of tackling any situation and have taken enough preparation to this end.

At the programme at Police Staff College in Mirpur, the IGP handed over crests, certificates and

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Winners of the essay competition on "The present day relevance of litterateur Abul Mansur Ahmad" with the judges and distinguished guests.

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Abul Mansur Ahmad still relevant

Speakers say at award giving ceremony of essay competition on the litterateur

Litterateur Abul Mansur Ahmad reflected his contemporary society and time through his dexterous writing -- providing insight into the history of the region, said National Prof Rafiqul Islam at a ceremony yesterday.

The event was held to give away awards among the winners of an essay competition on the relevance of Abul Mansur Ahmad in current times. Abul Mansur Ahmad Smriti Parishad organised the programme at Bangla Academy's Abdul Karim Sahitya Bisharad auditorium, marking the 120th birth anniversary of the litterateur.

Speaking as chief guest, Prof Rafiqul said, "His [Abul Mansur Ahmad] prolific knowledge of history is rare among writings of politicians."

"Abul Mansur Ahmad is still relevant," he added. "To understand the workings of society, one has to read his writings."

At the event, the organisers handed over crests, certificates, books and prize money among 11 winners in three categories -- literature, journalism and politics.

In total, 110 individuals participated in the competition.

National Prof Anisuzzaman said, "Abul Mansur Ahmad spoke on behalf of people when he was active in politics. Through his writings, he highlighted the discrepancies in the society."

The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam called upon youths to learn more about Abul Mansur Ahmad's works and uphold his values.

Columnist Syed Abdul Maksud, Rabindra University, Bangladesh Vice Chancellor Prof Biswajit Ghosh and Prof Mizanur Rahman

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Pakistan wants to be like Bangladesh: Nahid

Referring to a recent Pakistani television talk show where civil society members praised Bangladesh's development, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said many countries including Pakistan want to follow Bangladesh as a role model.

The Pakistani scholars and civil society are now requesting their newly elected Prime Minister Imran Khan to make Pakistan like Bangladesh within 10 years, he said, adding, "Pakistan had dominated and ruled us. But now we are ahead of them in many sectors."

The minister came up with the remarks while speaking as chief guest at an international seminar marking the seventh death anniversary of celebrated writer Syed Ahmadul Huq, popularly known as

"Banglar Rumi".

Allama Rumi Society Bangladesh organised the daylong programme at Professor Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium of Dhaka University.

On the talk show, a Pakistani civil society member drew upon Bangladesh's economy and commented that if Imran-led PTI does everything right, it will take 10 years for Pakistan to achieve the same status as Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Nahid urged the young generation to inculcate moral values and achieve higher education to contribute to the country's prosperity.

"Confusion was created among the youths through misinterpretation of religion. We should immediately stop the spread of this kind of misconception and move forward by uprooting communalism from the country," he said.

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No longer want to remain 'domesticated opposition party'

Jatiya Party chief HM Ershad yesterday said they no longer want to continue as "domesticated opposition party". Rather, they want to go to power with the strength of the party's leaders and activists and love of the countrymen.

"We no longer want to continue as domesticated opposition party... We want to go to power. We're ready for that," he said at a joint meeting of Jatiya Party (JP) at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.

Grassroots-level and central leaders, and activists of the party joined the meeting.

Ershad, also special envoy to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said, "We have gained strength, we are now prepared to go to power."

He also said at the meeting that JP will hold a rally at Suhrawardy Udyan on October 6 where the party will reveal

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Jatiya Party President HM Ershad addresses a party meeting at the Institution of Engineers auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

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A scenic location in Rangamati, Bangladesh.

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Bangladesh can become an 'extended destination' for global tourists

Member states agree to take concrete steps to promote intra-Bimstec tourism

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh can attract global tourists - mainly from China -- visiting India and Myanmar by offering its attractive locations as an extended destination, say industry insiders.

China is giving much importance to cross-border tourism under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) as proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping.

India is also promoting its Buddhist Circuit to attract tourists from China as the latter provides the biggest outbound visitors in the world (144 million a year), officials said.

On the other hand, Chinese people have been the second biggest tourist group in Myanmar.

"We have huge potential to attract the tourists who are visiting India and Myanmar, making Bangladesh an extended destination for them," Taufiq Rahman, director of Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (TOAB) said.

He said both the government and private sector have roles to play to make it happen so that Bangladesh's tourism sector grows further.

Talking about the government's role, he said easing visa on arrival, immigration, customs issues and visa on arrival through sea and land ports can help encourage foreign tourists to consider Bangladesh as an extended destination.

Rahman said the private sector players need to have broader engagements with tour operators in India and Myanmar in this regard, adding that a new opportunity has emerged in the tourism sector through ocean cruise to which Bangladesh needs to give serious attention.

INTRA-BIMSTEC TOURISM

Meanwhile, according to an official at the foreign ministry, the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (Bimstec) member states at the recently held 4th Summit in Kathmandu, Nepal agreed to take concrete steps to promote intra-Bimstec tourism.

Officials said the member states will task the relevant authorities to devise strategies considering the emerging opportunities and building on the past initiatives, including the "Plan of Action for Tourism Development and Promotion for the Bimstec Region" adopted and reinforced earlier.

The member states agreed to take tangible measures to facilitate tourism by ensuring safety and security of tourists, and smooth transport connectivity.

They reaffirmed their commitment to developing and promoting Buddhist tourist circuit, temple tourist circuit, ancient cities trail, eco-tourism and medical tourism and welcome the

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