

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 34.0   L 27.5	<b>MYMENSINGH</b> H 27.6   L 26.8	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 31.0   L 25.5	<b>SYLHET</b> H 30.0   L 25.0	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 32.8   L 26.0	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 31.6   L 24.6	<b>KHULNA</b> H 33.8   L 26.6	<b>BARISAL</b> H 32.9   L 26.5	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 31.5   L 25.2
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Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with gusty wind may occur at most places over Rangpur, Mymensingh & Sylhet divisions, at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka & Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Khulna & Barisal divisions with moderate to very heavy falls at places over northern part of the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 06:06pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am.

# Put pressure on Myanmar for Rohingya repatriation

Speakers tell roundtable

It has become extremely necessary to increase international pressure on Myanmar for facilitating immediate repatriation and giving citizenship to Rohingyas who fled to Bangladesh fearing persecution in Rakhine State, speakers said yesterday.

They were addressing a roundtable titled "One year of Rohingya problem" organised by Bangla daily Prothom Alo, in association with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef) at the newspaper's office in Dhaka.

"It is also necessary to provide real history, as the Myanmar army is branding Rohingyas as Bangalees", they said.

Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdul Qayyum moderated the session.

"Government is taking steps to repatriate Rohingyas but the process may get delayed as we are getting bad signals," said Social Welfare Minister Rashed Khan Menon while addressing the programme as the chief guest.

"One lakh Rohingyas were shifted to Bhashanchar; what about the remaining 10 lakhs? We have to bring the issue to everyone's attention," he added.

Md Nizamul Haque, a retired judge of the High Court and chief law adviser of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), said criminal activities, injustice and irregularities in Rohingya camps are at the risk of rising, and stressed on the need of improving law and order situation at Rohingya camps.

Prof Amena Mohsin of Dhaka University said, "Myanmar in their first constitution gave citizenship to Rohingyas but they brought changes later. This will have to be documented in research and writing."



Outgoing US Ambassador Marcia Bernicat calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhavan yesterday. During the meeting, the ambassador assured the prime minister of playing a strong role in the upcoming UN General Assembly regarding the repatriation of Rohingya refugees to Myanmar.

## 9TH WAGE BOARD 45pc dearness allowance for journalists

UNB, Dhaka

The government has directed all news media outlets, including print media and news agencies, to provide 45 percent dearness allowance to their staff, including journalists and other employees, under the 9th wage board.

The information ministry issued a notification yesterday with the directive. It said the order will come into effect from March 1 of this year.

The interim benefit will be adjusted with the salary structure later.

State Minister for Information Tarana Halim sought cooperation of all to implement the directive.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina would hand over financial aid to journalists in hardship, and to the families of dead and sick journalists at her office on September 19, she said.

## Parliamentary body of OIC lauds Bangladesh

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A 16-member delegation of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States (PUIC) called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahrir Alam yesterday to discuss probable role of the OIC parliaments in addressing the Rohingya situation.

The members along with the PUIC secretary general expressed gratitude to Bangladesh for providing food, shelter, medical care and other humanitarian services to more than 1 million forcibly displaced Rohingyas.

The Bangladesh state minister requested OIC member countries to extend their assistance in their engagements during the forthcoming UN General Assembly. The delegation will visit Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar today, says a foreign ministry press release.

## AMIR KHASRU'S WRIT PETITION HC order on Sept 16

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday fixed September 16 for delivery of order on a writ petition filed by BNP leader Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury against the notices issued by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

The ACC in those notices had asked Amir Khasru to appear before it for quizzing over graft allegations against him.

The BNP leader was scheduled to appear before the anti-graft body on September 10, but he did not appear before it, saying that a writ petition in this regard is pending with the HC.

His lawyers said the writ petition filed by the BNP leader on September 3 sought stay on the ACC notices as those were not issued in accordance with the law.

However, the bench of Justice Borhanuddin and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman refused to hear the writ petition and cleared the way for the ACC to interrogate him.

Yesterday, following the refusal, the BNP leader moved the petition to the bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice KM Hafizul Alam.

The HC bench held a brief hearing and fixed September 16 for passing the order.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed appeared for Amir Khasru while Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan represented the ACC.

On August 16, the ACC sent a notice to Amir Khasru, asking him to appear before it on August 28 for interrogation over graft allegations.

That day, the BNP leader made a time petition to the ACC for collecting necessary documents.

## Former Dhaka central jail to be turned into museum, park

Ecneec approves 18 projects involving Tk 17,787cr

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to set up a museum, an amusement park and a mall on around 22 acres of land of the former central jail on Nazimuddin road in Old Dhaka.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) yesterday approved a Tk 607-crore project titled "Preservation of history and historic building of Old Dhaka Central Jail and development of surroundings" at a meeting at the NEC auditorium of the planning ministry.

In 2016, the over 200-year-old jail was shifted to Keraniganj.

"Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was detained in this jail on several occasions. The prison cell to which he was confined will be preserved. The cell where our four national leaders were killed will also be preserved," said Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal at the meeting.

Besides, a park and amusement centre, a playground and a shopping mall will be set up there, he added. According to the proposal, the project will be completed by 2020.

Yesterday, Ecneec approved a total of 18 projects involving Tk 17,787 crore.

The other projects include Rural Transport Improvement Project-2 at a cost of Tk 4,819 crore, of which World Bank will finance Tk 3,034 crore; completion of a girder bridge on Lohalia river in Patuakhali at Tk 102 crore; Arial Kha river bank preservation and dredging in Faridpur; agricultural development in Noakhali, Feni, Laxmipur, Chittagong and Chandpur at Tk 69.43 crore; development of electricity distribution in Chittagong at Tk 1,421 crore; and expansion of Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) in five districts at Tk 51.45 crore.

Besides, Tk 480 crore for development of Pabna University of Science and Technology; Tk 1,136 crore (including ADB financing of Tk 896 crore) for Urban Primary Healthcare Services Delivery Project (second phase); Tk 612 crore for developing infrastructure of eight municipalities in Jamalpur; Tk 347 crore for Pachuria-Faridpur-Bhanga railway rehabilitation and construction; Tk 332 crore for Jamalpur-Dhanua-Kamalpur-Roumari-Dantbhanga road development; Tk 920 crore for rural infrastructure development in Barisal; and Tk 442 crore for preserving the killing grounds and building memorial mausoleums were also approved.

## KHALEDA'S TREATMENT Hearing on petition deferred again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The hearing of a writ petition, filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia with the High Court seeking its directive on the government to send her to United Hospital in Dhaka for treatment, was deferred once again yesterday.

The petition will be included in the cause list of the HC bench of Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif and Justice Ahmed Sohel on September 16, when the bench resumes its functions, Deputy Attorney General Mokhlesur Rahman told The Daily Star.

The writ petition filed by Khaleda on September 9 was included in yesterday's hearing list, but the HC bench did not hear it as Khaleda's lawyer Barrister Kayser Kamal sought time from the bench.

DAG Mokhlesur told the court that the government has taken an initiative to form a medical board for the treatment of Khaleda Zia.

The hearing had been deferred earlier on September 10 as well with the same HC bench, following another time prayer moved by Barrister Kayser Kamal.



President Abdul Hamid, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid and UGC Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan with award recipients at the UGC Gold Medal award ceremony at Sonargaon hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

## Ensure accountability in universities

President tells UGC

UNB, Dhaka

President Abdul Hamid yesterday asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) to play an active role to ensure accountability at all universities as well as the quality of education.

The president made the call at the UGC Gold Medal awarding ceremony at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the capital.

"Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman took the breakthrough decision of establishing the commission to promote higher education across the country. The number of public and private universities in the country has now reached 150, with more than 39 lakh students enrolled there. Considering the number of students at the university level, Bangladesh has now achieved fourth place in the world after China, India and Indonesia," said the president.

"This is a huge achievement."

Praising the government's initiatives, he said, "The field of higher education in the country is now broader than previous times. I think this was achieved due to the time-befitting education policy with far-reaching plans and implementation of these on time," said the president.

"However, we have to put more emphasis on not only in numbers but also on higher education so that our students can progress successfully in the global competition and ensure their place," he said.

Hamid said the role of the private universities for increasing the sphere of higher education is praiseworthy.

"But commercialisation in the name of education will not be accepted," he said.

Some thirty-five academics received the UGC Gold Medal for their research works and publications.

Among them, 18 teachers were given the award for the year 2016, and 17 for 2017. Each of them received Tk 50,000 for their books and Tk 30,000 for their articles as honorarium, along with a certificate and a gold medal.

UGC Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan presided over the ceremony with its member Prof Dr Dil Afroza Begum delivering the welcome address.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid was present as the special guest.

Last month, the UGC changed the name of the UGC Award to UGC Gold Medal.

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Sl. no. in the Notice	Item	Description					
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6	Invitation Ref. no.	87.402.105.01.00.182.2018.27(106), dated: 08/07/2018					
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**Admission Test**

November 09, 2018	Time	Venue
	03:00 PM to 05:30 PM	1. Dhaka Regional Centre (Adjacent to Dhaka Teachers Training College, Dharamond) 2. Chittagong Regional Centre (Beside M. A. Aziz Stadium, Chittagong)

**Subjects & Marks Distribution**

General Awareness - 30	English Language-50
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Total = 200 Marks	

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