

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 34.1 L 27.4	MYMENSINGH H 33.0 L 25.7	CHITTAGONG H 27.0 L 25.2	SYLHET H 28.7 L 25.8	RAJSHAHI H 35.1 L 26.4	RANGPUR H 30.3 L 25.0	KHULNA H 33.8 L 26.2	BARISAL H 30.5 L 26.8	COX'S BAZAR H 30.6 L 25.6
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Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at most places over Rangpur, Mymensingh, Chittagong & Sylhet divisions, at many places over Rajshahi, Dhaka & Barisal divisions and at a few places over Khulna division 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 06:05pm and rises tomorrow at 5:44am.

## DUCSU ELECTION Contempt petition filed against DU VC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A contempt of court petition was filed with the High Court yesterday against the vice-chancellor, proctor and treasurer of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu) election. Advocate Manzill Murshid submitted the petition on behalf of Sumitra Das, a former student of DU, praying to the HC to issue a rule asking the VC, proctor and treasurer to explain why they should not be penalised for violating its directive. The lawyer told The Daily Star that the HC may hold hearing on the contempt of court petition on Sunday. On September 4, Manzill sent a legal notice to the VC, proctor and treasurer to take steps to hold the Ducsu election within seven days.

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BNP standing committee member Khandker Mosharraf Hossain addresses a party rally in front of the IEB (Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh) Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

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## People won't allow polls with Khaleda behind bars

Say BNP leaders at token hunger strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders yesterday said people will not allow anyone to hold the 11th parliamentary elections without the release of Khaleda Zia. They also vowed to free Khaleda from jail through a strong movement. "People and different political parties have now reached a consensus that the next election must be fair and participatory. Our foreign friends are also saying the same," said BNP standing committee member Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain. He was speaking at a token hunger strike programme on the premises of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in Dhaka. Demanding Khaleda's release from jail and proper treatment, BNP arranged the event from 10:00am to 12:00pm. The election will not be participatory without the participation of BNP and its Chairperson Khaleda Zia, he added. "We will not allow holding such polls. We will join the election after freeing our leader," he said, adding that the government has kept Khaleda in jail convicting her in a false case. Holding banners, festoons and placards, hundreds of party leaders and activists joined the programme. A large number of law enforcers were deployed near the venue to maintain law and order. At the event, Mosharraf said, "It's the government's responsibility to provide her [Khaleda] with treatment since she is in jail. But it is not taking any step in this regard."

## Public transportation in Dhaka deplorable

RHD engineer tells workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Public transportation service in Dhaka city is deplorable in terms of quality and reliability, said a senior government road engineer at a workshop in the capital yesterday. "A lot has to be done in regard of enhancing quality and resolving horrendous congestion to improve the public transport system," said Noor-E-Alam, superintending engineer of Roads and Highways Department (RHD), in his presentation on the state of Dhaka's urban transportation. He was speaking on the opening day of a two-day international workshop on "Sustainable Urban Transport Index (SUTI)", organised by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Dhaka Urban Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) and RHD.

Participants from Bangladesh, China, India, Iran, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Nepal and Vietnam, along with Asian Development Bank, World Bank, UNDP, Jica and Armed Forces Division are taking part in the workshop. Public transport system, in which bus service holds the highest modal share of more than 56 percent, is most widely used in Dhaka metropolitan area but with serious public dissatisfaction, Noor-E-Alam said. "It is shameful that liveability in Dhaka remains one of the poorest in the world despite various developments taking place," said Ebne Alam Hasan, chief engineer of RHD. DTCA Executive Director Khandakar Rakibur Rahman said a ten-member committee led by south Dhaka mayor is working on rationalisation of 152 bus routes

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## Road digging for BRT to be halted till December

Says Obaidul Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road digging work for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project between Gazipur and Shahjalal International Airport started in early 2011. Seven years later, only 20 percent of the job has been completed although the current deadline ends in December, according to project documents. Besides, the original estimated project cost has already more than doubled to Tk 4,264 crore from Tk 2,040 crore. Quader yesterday said, "As the work will be little late, what is the problem if it starts four months later? The project is already there." Other work of the project, except road digging, will continue, he said. The minister said there is a four-kilometre elevated part in the project near Tongi Bazar. "If I want to do this work, then the entire road will be clogged ahead of the election. Not only the Awami League

men, but also leaders and activists of all other political parties will go to different parts [using the road]. Journalists will go for covering events," Obaidul, also the general secretary of ruling Awami League, continued. "If the road sees five to seven hours of traffic jam at that time, it would be a disaster. So, the work, which can cause public suffering, will remain suspended till election in December," he said. He said they will deploy more manpower in January so that the project can be completed within a reasonable time. He also directed authorities concerned to take initiative for smooth operation of the road. OTHER ISSUES Quader said Rajuk has allocated 7 acres of land to DTCA to build a bus depot in Purbachal New Town area, and delimitation work for the land will start soon.

The proposed Road Transport Act 2018 will be placed before the parliament today, Road Transport and Bridges Ministry said yesterday. The cabinet on August 6 passed the proposed law keeping maximum punishment of five years' imprisonment for causing death to a person by reckless driving, drawing strong criticism from road safety campaigners who termed the sentence insufficient to end anarchy on roads. At a programme yesterday, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said he would place the proposed law before the parliament on Sunday. It would then be sent to a parliamentary standing committee and will hopefully be passed in the last session of parliament in October, Quader said. However, later in the day, the ministry said the proposed law will be placed before the parliament today, instead of Sunday.

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## Tarana's bus ride home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Like thousands of Dhaka dwellers, State Minister for Information Tarana Halim yesterday used public transport as the means of commuting from office to home. Around 12:30pm, she got out of her secretariat office, went to the nearby Purana Paltan area and boarded a bus from in front of the GPO like any other passenger. She reached her Gulshan residence in the afternoon after a two-hour trip, due to traffic jam. Tarana did not take any police protocol. She was accompanied by an assistant private secretary of the ministry and her personal officer. Enayet Hossain, the ministry's public relations officer, said the state minister boarded a "Number 6" bus. She got off at Gulshan-1 intersection and walked home. Such decision of a government high-up surprised passengers as well as the driver and helper of the bus, Enayet quoted her as saying. She took the decision as people often blame ministers, state ministers or lawmakers of not paying heed to the ongoing traffic chaos which commuters have to face on a regular basis, he said. "They [commuters] hope that MPs and ministers would use public transport like others..." he said. He also said from now on Tarana would use public transport whenever she gets a chance.





For a day she becomes one of them -- bus passengers who often face overcrowding, traffic jam, and if female, sexual harassment. State Minister for Information Tarana Halim takes a ride from Gulistan to Gulshan, sitting on the greasy, unclean seat of a city bus of route 6. The photo was taken when she was on her way back home from work yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## PURCHASE COMMITTEE MEETING Govt approves 14 proposals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet purchase committee yesterday approved 14 proposals including buying electric poles to distribute electricity in rural areas and import shotguns for Ansar and VDP men. A total of Tk 1,505 crore will be spent in this regard. The committee approved the proposals in a meeting at the secretariat, presided over by Finance Minister AMA Muhith. After the meeting, Additional Cabinet Secretary Mustafizur Rahman briefed journalists of the outcome. The committee approved Tk 419.91 crore to the Power Division to buy 2,04,990 electric poles, as part of extension of electricity in rural areas of the country. These will be used for extending electricity in Rajshahi, Rangpur, Khulna and Barisal divisions. Another proposal to import of 30,000 shotguns and 30,00,000 cartridges for Bangladesh Ansar and VDP [Village Defence Party] for Tk 109 crore and Tk 38.44 crore respectively also got the committee's nod. The committee also approved the import of 75,000 tonnes of urea fertiliser worth Tk 199.63 crore, under three proposals by the industries ministry. A Singapore-based company will supply 50,000 tonnes while 25,000 tonnes will be imported from Qatar. Among others, the committee also approved a proposal worth Tk 127.75 crore to build a 13-storey and another 4-storey building for providing residence facilities to government officials.



Sampadak Parishad (Editors' Council) is going to organise a memorial meeting in honour of its

**Founding President**  
**GOLAM SARWAR**  
Former Editor of Samakal and  
Founding Member

**A. H. M. MOAZZEM HOSSAIN**  
Former Editor of The Financial Express on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 4:00 pm at the National Press Club (VIP room)

Colleagues and admirers are requested to kindly join the memorial meeting.

## 'Movement will continue'

Say quota activists, pressing their 3-point demand including publication of reform gazette

DU CORRESPONDENT

A day after the government issued circular for 40th BCS examination, quota reformists yesterday demonstrated on the Dhaka University campus in protest. On Tuesday, at a press conference at DU, they had demanded that the government publish the gazette on reforms to civil service recruitments before the issuance of the circular. But around two hours after the programme, Bangladesh Public Service Commission released the circular for 1,903 civil service jobs. At around 10:30am yesterday, around 400 protesters under the banner of Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Adhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad brought out a procession, which paraded through different streets on

the campus before ending at the base of Raju memorial sculpture. They held a brief rally there and vowed to continue the agitation until their three-point demand, including swift publication of the gazette notification, is met. The other demands are withdrawal of cases against the quota reformists and ensuring punishment of those who attacked them. "We did not want abolishment of quota system, we demanded its reform. The prime minister announced its abolishment at the parliament," said Nurul Haque Nur, joint convener of the Parishad, which is spearheading the quota-reform movement. "If the premier wants, she can abolish the quota system... but if the government wants to reform it, it should be done in light of our demands," he added.

Muhammad Rashed Khan, another joint convener of the Parishad, said, "We were tortured in remand and false cases were filed against us but that could not distract us. We know and will show how to realise our demands by taking to the streets." In April, students of public and private universities across the country took to the streets demanding reform in the quota system. The protesters blocked key points in the capital and roads and highways elsewhere. In the face of mass protests, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on April 11 announced in parliament scrapping of the quota systems. On July 2, the government formed a seven-member committee to "review, reform or cancel" the quota system

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**পাইলুস, ফিস্টুলা, কোষ্ঠকাঠিন্য, আমাশয়, কোলোনস্কপি, পলিপ, কোলোন, রেকটাম ক্যান্সার ও ল্যাপারোস্কপি**

পেটের খাদ্যনালী ও মলদ্বারের (Colon, Rectum and Anus) বিভিন্ন সমস্যা যেমন- মলত্যাগের পর রক্ত যাওয়া, মলদ্বারের বিভিন্ন সমস্যা, ফিস্টুলা, এনালফিসার, রক্ত আমাশয় (Ulcerative Colitis), বিনা অপারেশনে পাইলুস চিকিৎসা, মলদ্বার না কেটে সর্বাধুনিক লংগো পদ্ধতিতে

পাইলুস অপারেশন, মলদ্বারে বারে বারে অপারেশন ব্যর্থ হওয়ার কারণ, বাধাগ্রস্ত মল ত্যাগের জন্য (Obstructed Defecation) STARR অপারেশন, পেটের ভেতর খাদ্যনালীর ক্যান্সার (Colon Cancer), Colonoscopy, পায়ু পথ ক্যান্সারে (Rectum Cancer) মলদ্বার না কেটে অত্যাধুনিক ট্যাপলিং পদ্ধতিতে পেটে ব্যাগ না লাগিয়ে অপারেশন, শিশুদের পায়খানার সাথে রক্ত যাওয়া ইত্যাদির অত্যাধুনিক ও বিশ্বমানের চিকিৎসা সম্পর্কে জানতে হলে বইটি পড়ুন।

বইটি লিখেছেন বাংলাদেশের এবং উপমহাদেশের প্রথম কলোরেকটাল সার্জন কলোরেকটাল সার্জারিতে বিশ্বব্যাপী সর্বাধিক সংখ্যক সফল অপারেশন সম্পাদনকারী ডাঃ **অধ্যাপক ডাঃ এ. কে. এম. ফজলুল হক**

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