

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 34.0 L 26.2	<b>MYMENSINGH</b> H 33.5 L 25.4	<b>CHITTAGONG</b> H 33.0 L 27.3	<b>SYLHET</b> H 34.7 L 24.5	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 33.4 L 25.0	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 31.5 L 25.0	<b>KHULNA</b> H 35.5 L 26.4	<b>BARISAL</b> H 34.5 L 26.0	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 33.0 L 26.5
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Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Barisal & Chittagong divisions and at a few places over Khulna and at one or two places over Rangpur, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Mymensingh and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over southern part of Bangladesh in next 24 hours till 6:00pm tomorrow, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 06:01pm and rises tomorrow at 5:45am.



Volunteers of 'Poriborton Chai' during a cleaning drive at Rabindra Sarobar in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

# Clean up after oneself to clean Bangladesh

*Poriborton Chai's cleaning campaign*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wearing gloves and masks and holding brooms in hands, several hundred students yesterday carried out a cleaning campaign at Rabindra Sarobar in Dhaka's Dhanmondi area to generate public awareness for keeping the country clean.

The students, from different educational institutions in the capital, collected trash including plastic bottles, polythene bags and paper from 20 spots, and dumped those into a designated place.

"Poriborton Chai", a social platform, organised the two-hour campaign that started at 11:00am as a central programme to observe "Let's Clean up the Country Day 2018".

The platform organised the campaign at 164 locations across the country with more than one lakh people voluntarily taking part. The organisers claim to have arranged the biggest cleaning campaign so far in the country.

Sharing her experience, Bangladesh Islami University student Jannatul Mawa Tonni said, "If we dump our own garbage at designated places properly and encourage others to do so, the country will remain

clean always."

Shardul Nowrose Prottoy, a ninth grader of Mirpur Bangla High School and College, said, "If we, the students, start it now, other people will be inspired by us. Then the environment will be clean and safe gradually."

After the campaign, eminent educationist Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed administered an oath to the students, urging them to keep the environment clean and motivate others to do so.

"The world will be clean if we can clean up the dirt from our mind," said Prof Sayeed, also the founder of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro.

Fida Haq, chairman of Poriborton Chai, read out a memorandum addressing Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Sayeed Khokon. In the memorandum, he urged the mayor to take appropriate measures to keep the city clean.

Noted singer Ferdous Wahid and film actress Swagata, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Uttara, Mirpur, Jurain and Farmgate are the other places in the capital where the campaign took place.

## Hasina looks at next generation, BNP at election: Quader

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said BNP does not understand anything but power and such political parties are disastrous for the country.

"Sheikh Hasina's target is the next generation while BNP's target is the next election. They [BNP] don't understand anything except power," he said.

Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, came up with the observation while speaking at the inaugural programme of Awami League's Science and Technology Sub-Committee website at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB).

Mentioning the recent quota movement and protest for safe roads, the minister said, "Some parties and some media spread rumours to stir up the protests in different directions and confuse public."

## Resist Digital Security Bill: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

Terming it a dangerous "black law", BNP yesterday urged people from all walks of life to put up a strong resistance against the Digital Security Bill, 2018.

"A parliamentary standing committee finalised a report on the much-talked-about Digital Security Bill, ignoring the opinions of people from all sections. It's a dangerous black law which will be passed to establish Awami League's full control over the state power," said BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi.

Speaking at a press conference at BNP's Nayapaltan central office, he further said, "Freedom of the press and journalists will be at stake if the bill is passed. We urge all, irrespective of party and opinion, to

create a united resistance against this black law."

On Tuesday, the parliamentary standing committee on Post, Telecom and ICT Ministry finalised its report on the bill.

About the medical board formed by the government for BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's treatment, Rizvi said the doctors who are active in Awami League politics are there on the board but her (Khaleda's) personal physicians were left out.

He alleged that such a medical board was formed to give a report on Khaleda's health condition as per the directives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"We think the medical board was formed dropping our leader's personal physicians as part of the government's evil plan. It's also a mockery of

## An irrecoverable loss for journalism

*Editors' Council recalls Golam Sarwar and Moazzem Hossain*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The recent unexpected deaths of Samakal Editor Golam Sarwar and Editor-Publisher of the Financial Express Moazzem Hossain were a great, irrecoverable loss in a time that is posing many challenges to the print media and journalism.

Both Golam Sarwar and Moazzem Hossain had made significant contributions to journalism through their charismatic leaderships, hard work and professionalism. Those who are in this profession now and will work in the days to come should follow in their footsteps in the greater interests of ethical journalism in this country, members of the Editors' Council said yesterday at a memorial event organised to honour the veteran journalists.

Moazzem Hossain, founding member of Editors' Council, died on August 1 at a city hospital. Golam Sarwar, founding president of the

Council, passed away on August 13 at a hospital in Singapore.

Sarwar had been an untiring crusader for journalistic freedom, including in the recent times in the Council's move to bring changes in the proposed Digital Security Act for freedom of speech.

Sarwar had fought for the rights of fellow journalists all his life. When a colleague got himself entangled in legal procedure for his professional role or was injured or died, he always stood by him and his family, speakers said.

An active member of numerous journalistic bodies, Sarwar also authored five books and helped improve journalistic training as a chairman of the Press Institute of Bangladesh. He was awarded the Ekushey Padak in 2014 for his contribution to journalism.

Moazzem Hossain was one of the pioneers of business journalism,

speakers said, adding that he was the first who proved that a specialised newspaper like the Financial Express could be successful and profit-generating.

Expressing sympathy for the bereaved family members, editors of Bangla and English newspapers said they will tread the path lit up by the two veteran journalists going above greed, financial gains and bias to strengthen the Editors' Council as an institution so that journalism as a whole can reach a greater height in Bangladesh.

Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman, Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, New Age Editor Nurul Kabir, INA Editor Reazuddin Ahmed, Acting Editor of Financial Express Shahiduzzaman Khan, Acting Editor of Samakal Mustafiz Shafi and General Secretary of Jatiya Press Club Farida Yasmin, among others, spoke at the programme.

## MN Larma's dream of a secular country unrealised

*Speakers tell discussion marking his 79th birth anniversary call for full implementation of CHT accord*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manabendra Narayan Larma was not just a leader of the indigenous people but also a national and revolutionary leader who dreamt of a secular Bangladesh and fought to establish it, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

Bangladesh Adivasi Forum organised the programme at Bishwo Shahitto Kendro in Dhaka, marking his 79th birth anniversary.

MN Larma was born on September 15, 1939. He was assassinated on November 10, 1983.

During his lifetime, MN Larma fought for establishing rights of indigenous communities in Chittagong Hill Tracts, said speakers. With that in mind, he formed the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samiti (PCJSS).

The historic CHT Peace Accord signed between the government and PCJSS in 1997 was also an outcome of his struggle, they said.

Speaking at the programme, noted columnist Syed Abul Maksud said, "Throughout his [Larma] life, he wanted to establish a society free from disparity and oppression."

He believed in nationalism that recognises ethnic minorities along with Bengalis, Abul Maksud said, adding that his honesty and humanitarian qualities are nowadays rare among politicians.

Oikya Nap President Pankaj Bhattacharya said, "MN Larma was a leader of all deprived people. He deserved to be honoured as a national leader."

He termed MN Larma a "leader of democracy" and said he wanted constitutional

## Microbus plunges into Hatirjheel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A microbus plunged into the Hatirjheel lake in Dhaka yesterday.

The vehicle fell on the concrete slabs after breaking the railing, and slid into the lake around 5:30am, an eyewitness said.

Its driver Abdul Kalam was rescued and given first aid at a local hospital, he added.

Two fire-fighting units rushed to the spot and pulled out the vehicle around 10:50am, Ershad Hossain, duty officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence headquarters said.

Saiful Islam, owner of the vehicle, said it was going to Basabo when the incident occurred.



Guests at a memorial discussion on Golam Sarwar, founding president of the Editors' Council and editor of Bangla daily Samakal, and AHM Moazzem Hossain, founding member of the council and editor and publisher of The Financial Express, yesterday. Editors' Council organised the discussion at Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka. Moazzem Hossain and Golam Sarwar and passed away on August 1 and August 13 respectively.

PHOTO: STAR



A container carrier tipped over while making a turn underneath the Kuril flyover in Dhaka early yesterday. When this photo was taken at noon, the vehicle and the container were still not removed from the road.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Islamic Democratic Alliance formed

*Will work to strengthen the ruling 14-party alliance*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new alliance named "Islamic Democratic Alliance" (IDA) was formed yesterday, comprising of 15 Islamic and like-minded political parties and organisations, to support the ruling 14-party alliance during the upcoming parliamentary election.

Bangladesh Islami Oikya Jote Chairman Al-Hajj Misbahur Rahman Chowdhury has been named the chairman of the newly-formed alliance while lawmaker and former secretary general of Bangladesh Tarikat Federation MA Awal is its co-chairman.

Advocate Mohammad Nurul Islam Khan, chairman of Gonotantrik Islamic Movement, is the secretary general of the alliance.

Awal announced formation of the alliance during a press conference at a city hotel.

Of the alliance members, Bangladesh Tarikat Federation is a part of the 14-party alliance led by Awami League.

Tarikat Federation is the lone IDA component that is registered with the Election

Commission (EC).

The other alliance members are: Bangladesh Islamic Party, Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP-Bhashani), Bangladesh Democratic Front, Bangladesh Jamiate Darussunnah, Bangladesh Islami Democratic Forum, Bangladesh Gono Kafela, Bangladesh Jonosheba Andolon, Bangladesh Peoples Democratic Party, Bangladesh Islami Peshajibi Parishad, Islami Union Bangladesh, Bangladesh Manabdhikar Andolon, and National Labour Party.

At the press conference, the alliance members said they will work for continuation of the government's development activities.

Reading out a written statement, Awal, also a spokesperson of IDA, said they will work to strengthen the 14-party alliance.

IDA will further work to create mass support for the ruling alliance ahead of the election, he said.

It will hold a rally in the first week of

## Man 'kills' brother to marry sister-in-law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

What may sound like a movie, has allegedly unfurled in real life.

Azmal Haque Mintu, a resident of Korail slum in the capital, allegedly hired three hitmen to kill his own brother.

After the murder, Mintu himself went to Badda Police Station to file a case accusing unknown persons for killing his elder brother Moniruzzaman Monir -- in a bid to dodge law enforcers.

The motive behind the gruesome crime is supposedly Mintu's eight-year long affair with Monir's wife Kajal Rekha.

The matter was disclosed during a press briefing by Mostaque Ahmed, deputy

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