

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA
H 33.9 | L 26.8

MYMENSINGH
H 33.5 | L 26.3

CHATTOGRAM
H 33.2 | L 28.4

SYLHET
H 33.0 | L 25.4

RAJSHAH
H 34.7 | L 25.8

RANGPUR
H 33.7 | L 26.0

KHULNA
H 34.5 | L 26.5

BARISHAL
H 34.5 | L 26.3

COX'S BAZAR
H 33.3 | L 26.5

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at a few places over Chattogram & Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Khulna, Barishal, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:53pm and rises tomorrow at 5:47am.



Participants at the workshop titled "Situational Analysis on Access of the Persons with Disabilities in the Infrastructures of Public Service Institutions" at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

An accessible Dhaka for all

Organisation for people with disabilities urges authorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most public transport, like buses and trains, as well as stations and launch terminals in Dhaka city are not accessible to people with disabilities, a recent study finds.

Wheelchair and crutch users cannot use these transports and stations as there are almost no ramps or apt arrangement for them. There is no tactile and audio signal or sign language support for the visually impaired people either, the study said.

Bangladesh Society for the Change and Advocacy Nexus (B-SCAN), an organisation of persons with disabilities, in association with Plan International Bangladesh conducted the study in May this year after visiting a total of six places and different transports in the city. Airport railway and bus station in Uttara and Sadarghat launch terminal are among the places.

The findings of the study were unveiled at a roundtable held at The

Daily Star Centre in the capital yesterday.

The study found that the waiting rooms, platforms, counters and parking bays of the stations are mostly inaccessible. In most cases, there is no accessible toilet for people with disabilities. Even the condition of existing toilets was very unhygienic, it said.

Presenting the study findings, B-SCAN General Secretary Salma Mahub said, "Platform to board launches and trains are extremely inaccessible for persons with disabilities, and the toilets are very narrow for us."

To overcome the situation, she recommended the authorities concerned to build standard ramps at all stations and terminals, ensure accessible toilet facilities for all people with disabilities, and set up tactile guideline, guide rails and audible signals where necessary.

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Writ petition seeks probe into cases against BNP activists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three pro-BNP lawyers yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking its directive on the government to form a high-powered commission to probe into the authenticity of the cases against the leaders and activists of BNP and other political parties.

Advocate Khandker Mahub Hossain, Advocate Naitai Roy Chowdhury and Advocate Sanaulah Mia collectively filed the petition saying that 4,000 "fictitious and malafide" cases were filed against the country this month against 3 lakh leaders and activists.

They were sued to create panic among them ahead of the next parliamentary elections likely to be held at the end of December, said the lawyers, who were accused of some of the cases.

In the petition, the lawyers prayed to the HC to order the authorities concerned of the government not to harass the people by filing such cases and to take actions against those responsible for doing so.

Lawyer Khandker Mahub Hossain told The Daily Star that the BNP office recorded the information of the "fabricated and fictitious" cases against them.

The HC may hear the petition today, he added.

Shahidul's bail hearing unlikely today

Says his counsel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The bail petition of internationally-acclaimed photographer Shahidul Alam has been included in today's High Court cause list.

It has been listed as item No 355 in the cause list of the HC bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Abu Taher Md Saifur Rahman.

However, the hearing of the petition may not be held today as it is not possible for the bench to reach item No 355 if the judges hear other items serially, Advocate Dr Shahdeen Malik said.

This is Shahidul Alam's second plea moved before the HC seeking bail in the same case.

Shahidul submitted the petition to the HC on September 18 seeking bail in a case filed under section 57 of ICT Act for "spread-

ing propaganda against the government".

In the petition, he said the allegations brought against him do not fall under section 57.

Earlier on September 10, his lawyers moved another petition for bail in the case filed with Ramna Police Station.

After hearing the appeal, HC directed the lower court concerned to dispose of the bail application by September 11. The lower court rejected the petition on the same day.

Shahidul was picked up from his residence on August 5. A case was lodged against him and he was produced before a Dhaka court the following day. He was then placed on a seven-day remand.

On completion of his remand, Shahidul was denied bail and sent to jail by a Dhaka court on August 13.

Sand essential for biodiversity of rivers

Speakers tell discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a symposium yesterday said proper enforcement of law and enhanced monitoring system by the government are required to stop unauthorised sand extraction from river beds.

Dredging on waterways is required to ensure navigability while sand collection is also necessary for infrastructural development. However, unplanned sand extraction has been posing threat to biodiversity and causing river erosions in different parts of the country, they said.

Riverine People, an organisation campaigning for safe rivers, arranged the symposium on "Sand Extraction and Our Rivers" in the capital's Cirdap auditorium, marking World Rivers Day 2018.

Each year, the day has been observed globally on the last Sunday of September.

Like water, sand is essential for ensuring biodiversity of rivers, said Disaster Forum Member Secretary Gowhar Nayeem Wahra.

Specific instruction should be in place to determine from which part of the river sand can be extracted from, he said.

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Save country's lifelines

Speakers tell events marking World Rivers Day

STAR REPORT

Due to encroachment, sand and stone lifting, and pollution, most of the country's rivers are struggling to survive. The government must take strict and effective steps to save these vital lifelines for the sake of environment and people's livelihood. Everyone should also come forward in this regard.

This was how speakers at various programmes in Bagerhat and Rangpur yesterday urged all to save the rivers, marking World Rivers Day 2018.

BAGERHAT

A human chain was formed by the banks of the Pasur river in Mongla around noon demanding protection of all rivers in and around the Sundarbans, from various forms of pollution. Pasur River Waterkeeper organised the event.

Speakers said sand extraction from the Pasur must be stopped.

"Some politically influential people are

polluting the rivers and killing fish by poisoning the water," said Noor Alam Sheikh, coordinator of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Pasur River Waterkeeper in Bagerhat. "Some government officials are also involved with them," he alleged.

The government should conduct drives to stop unplanned industrialisation and clean the rivers, said Nazmul Haque of Bapa.

RANGPUR

Riverine People of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur unit arranged a discussion at Rangpur Government Girls' High School, chaired by its head teacher Farida Yasmin.

Speakers urged the government to restore water flow of dying rivers.

Prof Tofayel Hossain of Carmichael College, and Tuhin Wadud, associate professor of Begum Rokeya University and director of Riverine People, were present.

'Corrupt' SK Sinha making up new story: Law minister

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said former chief justice Surendra Kumar Sinha has made a new story by writing a book one year after his stepping down.

"His fellow judges of the Appellate Division had refused to sit with Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha in the court to discharge judicial functions, saying he is corrupt. Without finding an alternative, he (Justice Sinha) resigned from the office of chief justice," he said.

The law minister made the remarks while talking to reporters after attending a function for laying foundation stone of an eight-storey building at Narayanganj District Bar Association premises.

Anisul said what Justice SK Sinha has written in his book is totally false.

The minister said the Anti-Corruption Commission is examining corruption allegations against Justice Sinha, and will file a case against him when it sees fit. The government will not interfere in ACC's proceedings, he said.

"A Broken Dream: Rule of Law, Human Rights and Democracy", an autobiography of Justice SK Sinha -- who is now in the US -- came out on September 16 where the former CJ claimed that he stepped down in the "face of intimidation and threats".



The International Day of Peace was observed on September 21 by Junior Chamber International (JCI), Bangladesh, a worldwide organisation of young professionals and leaders. A roundtable discussion titled "Non-Violence & Rebuilding Peace: Challenges And Way Forward" was arranged at The Daily Star Centre. The dialogue focused on how to cope with violence and credible policies that could be implemented in order to rebuild and sustain peace in Bangladesh. Renowned personalities from various fields including researchers, academicians, youth activists, lawyers, civil society leaders, law enforcers and journalists attended the event.

PHOTO: STAR

BCL men beat up pharmacy owner

DU CORRESPONDENT

Two Bangladesh Chhatra League activists allegedly beat up a pharmacy owner near Dhaka Medical College Hospital last night, who happens to be an Awami League leader.

Amir Hamza, joint general secretary of DU's Shaheed Sergeant Zahurul Haque Hall, and Delowar Jahan Jhantu, school students' affairs secretary of Salimullah Muslim Hall, used iron pipes to hit shop owner Shahidul Rob Penu, an organising secretary of Sirjiddikhan pazilla unit of AL, over buying of medicine, said witnesses. The AL leader was later admitted to DMCH and got eight stitches on his head.

Contacted, Amir said "Instead of giving me the medicine, he [owner] hurled abusive words at me, which prompted me to engage in a scuffle."

DU BCL promptly wrote to its central unit, recommending expulsion of Amir and Jhantu.

25TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

The 25th death anniversary of late Begum Shakera Banu, wife of late Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman, will be observed today **Monday, the 24th September 2018.**

All her relatives, friends and acquaintances are requested to pray for her eternal peace.

IUB int'l debate tournament ends

CITY DESK

A three-day international English debate tournament titled "IUB Ascension 2018" ended at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on Saturday, said a press release.

IUB held the competition from September 20 to 22. The grand finale and award giving ceremony was held on Saturday.

A total of 116 teams from different educational institutions participated in the tournament including contestants from India, Malaysia, Taiwan and Nepal. The adjudicators came from the UK, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines.

became runners-up in three separate categories.

Rashed Chowdhury, former chairman, board of trustees, IUB; and Vice-Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman distributed trophies and other prizes among the winners.



Debate Network Nepal Team receiving the award.

IUB pro-VC Prof Milan Pagon and Registrar Brig Gen (ret'd) Anwarul Islam also distributed awards. Towhid Bin Muzaffar, head of the Department of English at IUB, delivered the formal vote of thanks.

Murder accused brought back from Dubai

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A man accused in rape and murder of a sixth-grade school girl was brought back yesterday from Dubai with the help of Interpol.

The accused, Abu Sayeed, 22, was handed over to Fatullah Model Police Station in Narayanganj.

On September 17, Sayeed was arrested in Dubai, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), after an arrest warrant was issued for him through the Interpol, said Inspector (investigation) Mohammad Shahjalal of the police station.

Earlier, on February 2, Sayeed allegedly raped and killed Monalisa Akter, a student of Haji Uzir Ali High School and daughter of Shaheen Bepari, as his marriage proposal was rejected by Monalisa and her family.

Monalisa's father filed a murder case against Sayeed on February 3.

UAE expatriate Sayeed had returned home several months back and got married to a different girl after his proposal to Monalisa was turned down.

Soon after the killing, he fled to the UAE.

Sayeed is from Paschim Deobhog in Baro Ambagan area of Fatullah and Monalisa was his neighbour, said police.

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