

WEATHER
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHATTOTGRAM	SYLHET	RAJSHAH	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISHAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 36.1 L 28.1	H 34.5 L 26.2	H 34.5 L 26.5	H 34.2 L 24.2	H 36.0 L 24.4	H 34.4 L 26.0	H 36.5 L 25.5	H 35.4 L 25.7	H 32.2 L 26.1

Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at one or two places over Barishal, Chattogram and Sylhet divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Chattogram division in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:51am.



A three-wheeler plies an eroded portion of the approach road to Badaghat Bridge over Chengerkhal river in Sylhet. The road has been left unrepaired for the last two years. As a result, the bridge now also runs the risk of being damaged. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

BCC mayor threatens to resign on Oct 4

Blames 'political pressure and non-cooperation of city officials'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

The outgoing Barishal City Corporation (BCC) mayor, whose term expires on 23rd of this month, yesterday said he would resign from the post on October 4 as officials concerned do not cooperate with him. Mayor Ahsan Habib Kamal, during a press conference at his residence in the afternoon, said, "If the situation persists and I cannot be of any service to citizens in BCC area [due to the non-cooperation], I've decided to resign on October 4."

Even though there is a large sum of money in the BCC accounts, he is unable to make any payments due to political pressure and non-cooperation from BCC officials, the mayor alleged.

"Since I was elected mayor from an opposition party [BNP], I cannot

specify the reasons or names of the persons responsible for this situation."

Signatures of the mayor and the chief executive officer (CEO) are required on payment orders and cheques for contractors or suppliers of BCC, but the CEO has been refusing to sign those, Mayor Ahsan complained.

This correspondent was unable to reach Israil Hossain, the acting CEO of BCC, for his comments regarding the mayor's claim despite repeated calls on his cellphone.

In the latest polls to BCC held on July 30, Awami League candidate Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah was elected mayor amid allegations of massive vote rigging and irregularities. Serniabat is supposed to take office after Ahsan's term expires.

The EC has started investigation into alleged irregularities in 30 voting centres during the polls.

Rab arrests three 'JMB members'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Rapid Action Battalion in separate drives at Shiddhirganj in Narayanganj and Demra in Dhaka has arrested three suspected operatives of banned militant outfit JMB.

It also recovered arms, ammunition, militant books and leaflets from the arrestees.

Rab-11 Commander Russel Ahmed Kabir disclosed the information at a press conference at its headquarters in Adamjee yesterday noon.

The elite force arrested Rezaul Karim, 28, of Kaunia area in Barisal, and Zahurul Islam Palash of Bakerganj in Barisal as they were holding a secret meeting at Madani Nagar in Shiddhirganj on Sunday evening. They recovered a pistol two bullets, a knife, a large number of militant books and leaflets from their possession.

Based on information gleaned from the two, Rab raided Pashchim Hajinagar area in Demra and arrested Shahnaz Akter Sadika, 25, from Faridganj in Chandpur.

Rab said the arrestees during primary interrogation admitted to being JMB operatives.

Legal action will be taken against them, the Rab commander said.

CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS SC upholds ACC notices to quiz Amir Khasru

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld the notices issued by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) asking BNP leader Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury to appear before the commission for quizzing over corruption allegations.

The apex court dropped a petition filed by Amir Khasru from its hearing list, that sought stay on the HC order that rejected his writ petition challenging the ACC notice.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain passed the order after hearing arguments from counsels for Amir Khasru.

Amir Khasru's lawyer Barrister Moudud Ahmed told the court that his client has not received the HC order on the writ petition.

Amir Khasru will move a leave-to-appeal petition with the SC against the HC order after receiving its certified copy, he added.

ACC lawyer Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan told The Daily Star that there is no legal bar for the ACC to conduct an inquiry into the corruption allegations against Amir Khasru following the SC order.

Meanwhile, the same SC bench yesterday upheld HC orders that granted bail to Amir Khasru in two separate cases filed over recent student protests.

The bench dismissed two petitions filed by the government against the HC orders of bail. The cases were filed in Dhaka and Chattogram on charges of provoking the student protests for safe roads, and conspiring to destabilise the country.

The HC in first week of September granted bail to Amir Khasru in the cases.

Man held with 500 SIM cards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was arrested yesterday from Riajuddin Bazar area in the port city with 500 pre-activated SIM cards in his possession.

The arrestee is Mizanur Rahman, 27, said Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC - Operations) Polash Kanti Nath of Counter Terrorism unit at Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP).

Acting on a tip off, a team of law enforcers arrested Mizanur from Siddique Enterprise, located on the 1st floor of Royal Plaza in Chattogram and recovered the SIM cards of various operators, ADC Polash said.

"The SIM cards were illegally registered," he said, adding that many are involved in the business of selling pre-activated SIM cards to criminals and Mizanur is a suspect in the illegal trade.

A case was filed with Kotwali Police Station in this connection.

Ensure fisheries sector is free from human rights violations

Speakers urge all stakeholders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers yesterday underscored the need for effective collaboration and continuous dialogue among all stakeholders for ensuring human rights of those involved in marine fisheries, saying that the sector has made significant contribution to alleviation of poverty and ensuring the country's food security.

"Effective collaborative efforts of all stakeholders, including the government and non-government organisations, should be ensured to improve human rights and good governance for Bangladesh's fishermen communities," said Md. Nazrul Islam, a member of Bangladesh Human Rights Commission, while addressing the concluding session of a seminar.

The two-day multi-stakeholder seminar on 'The contribution of human rights to the sustainable development of coastal fisheries and poverty alleviation in Bangladesh' was held on the occasion of the launching of a 30-month research project, supported by the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR), says a press release.

Jointly implemented by Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF), Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) and COAST Trust, the project aims to develop good practices, tools and guidance to identify, address and monitor the human rights implications and impacts of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors in Bangladesh.

Drawing attention to the widespread violations of women's rights in the fisheries sector, MJF's Executive Director Shaheen Anam urged for immediate introduction of human rights-based approaches in the sector to alleviate sufferings of the community.

The concluding session was also addressed by Dr AKM Aminul Haque, director (Marine), Department of Fisheries, Chattogram and Prof Dr Hossain Zamal, Institute of Marine Sciences and Fisheries, University of Chittagong.

LECTURE SERIES

Abdur Razzaq Foundation calls for dissertations

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Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation (GARF) is inviting scholars with unpublished PhD dissertations to present their research through a series of lectures that will be organised on a monthly basis, starting in November.

The dissertations can be in any language or from any university and must be related to Bangladesh, from social sciences and

humanities perspective. An honorarium will be paid to every lecturer, according to a press release. It is expected that the lectures will be published in an anthology through the auspices of GARF.

Abstracts of about 200 to 300 words should be sent by October 22 to info@abdur-razzaq-foundation.org or abdur.rahman@abdur-razzaq-foundation.org.

More details can be found at www.abdur-razzaq-foundation.org.



National Prof Anisuzzaman receives a crest from the representatives of United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) on the occasion of International Day for Older Persons at his residence yesterday. Every year UNAB honours three senior citizens who embody peace, tolerance and humane values. Eminent painter Murtaja Baseer and language movement veteran Rawshan Ara Begum were also honoured yesterday.

Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC)

BMRC Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) is going to offer 7 (seven) consecutive workshops on "ResearchMethodology" (5 days), "Biostatistics" (5days),"Scientific writing/How to write a Manuscript"(5 days), "Data analysis (SPSS)" (5 days), "HINARI" (5 days),"Editing of a Manuscript and How to Prepare a Manuscript"(5 days) & "Research Methodology through learning by doing Approach (Formulate a Research Project; Statistics, Use & Implementation; Practical Data Collection; SPSS, Scientific writing)"(8 weeks) respectively.The workshops will be started in November, 2018 (Tentative) at BMRC.

Applications are invited through proper channel from the interested Doctors, Post Graduate Doctors & Post Graduate Medical Students. Applications along with copies of all educational certificates, detailed bio-data and one copy of passport size photo should be submitted to the undersigned on or before 31st October, 2018.

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Reshuffle in judiciary; 274 judges transferred

UNB, Dhaka

In a major reshuffle in the judiciary, some 274 judicial officials have been transferred and given new postings.

The Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry issued a notification yesterday in this regard.

It said the Bangladesh Judicial Service officials have been transferred in consultation with the Supreme Court.

Those transferred and given new postings include assistant judges, senior assistant judges, judicial magistrates, senior judicial magistrates and metropolitan magistrates.

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"Corrigendum"

As per decision of DPDC authority, the EOI Notice EOI Ref. No.: 87.402.105.01.00.182.2018.335, Date: 26/09/2018 is amended as follows:

EOI Notice Sl. No	Published	Replaced by
14. (v)	Three (3) signed copies of EOI along with 1(one) original shall be submitted in a sealed envelope mentioning "Selection of international consultancy firm to conduct feasibility study to improve voltage profile and power factor of distribution network of DPDC through installation of appropriate size capacitor banks at optimum locations." on top of the sealed envelope and shall be submitted to the following address by 12 : 00 hours BST, Date: 25/10/2018 . Address: Office of the Chief Engineer, Planning & Design, DPDC, 11 th Floor, Bidyut Bhaban, 1 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka -1000, Bangladesh.	Three (3) signed copies of EOI along with 1(one) original shall be submitted in a sealed envelope mentioning "Selection of international consultancy firm to conduct feasibility study to improve voltage profile and power factor of distribution network of DPDC through installation of appropriate size capacitor banks at optimum locations." on top of the sealed envelope and shall be submitted to the following address by 12 : 00 hours BST, Date: 14/11/2018 . Address: Office of the Chief Engineer, Planning & Design, DPDC, 11 th Floor, Bidyut Bhaban, 1 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka -1000, Bangladesh.

All other terms and conditions of the EOI Notice will remain unchanged.

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