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Light to moderate rain/thundershowers with gusty/squally wind may occur at most places over Khulna, Barisal, Chattogram, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Rajshahi & Sylhet divisions and at many places over Rangpur division with moderate to heavy falls at places over Khulna, Barisal & Chattogram divisions in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:35pm and rises tomorrow at 5:55am.

Digital Security Act 'an anti-people law'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government enacted the Digital Security Act 2018 in a bid to bolster its "power" through curbing the freedom of press and freedom of speech in the country, journalist leaders said at a sit-in yesterday.

They termed the act "anti-people" and said such law does not exist in any other country. They also demanded immediate repeal of the act.

Factions of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) jointly arranged the sit-in in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital, according to a press release.

In a symbolic protest against enactment of the law, photojournalists and camerapersons put down their cameras while demonstrators also covered their mouths.

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Demanding immediate repeal of Digital Security Act, a group of journalists stage a protest in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

NEWSIN brief

Muggers kill truck driver

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

A group of muggers stabbed and killed a truck driver in Sitakunda upazila on Chattogram-Dhaka highway early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Sarwar Alam, 46, hailing from Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah district, police said.

Sarwar was driving his truck to Chattogram when the gang stopped the truck in Mandaritolta area around 6:00am, said Delwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sitakunda Police Station, quoting locals.

They stabbed Sarwar in the thigh and snatched Tk 15,000 from him before leaving the spot, the OC said.

He was rushed to a local hospital where doctors pronounced him dead around 7:00am, the OC added.

RMG factory fined for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

The Department of Environment (DoE), Chattogram yesterday fined a garment factory Tk 3.36 lakh for polluting the environment by discharging untreated effluents.

The factory is Vanguard Garments Limited located in Agrabad area of the port city, said Sanjukta Dasgupta, assistant director of DoE, Chattogram.

She said they have also warned the factory authorities to maintain the effluent treatment plant properly, otherwise tough action would be taken against them.

BNCC Naval Wing of CU celebrates silver jubilee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

The silver jubilee programme of Chittagong University unit of Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) Naval Wing was held amid great enthusiasm on Wednesday.

As part of the event, a rally, discussion and cultural programme were held on the campus.

Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, Pro-VC Prof Shireen Akhter and CU Naval Wing's Prof Under Officer Dr Mohammed Towhid Hossain were present on the occasion.

A magazine named "Nongor" (anchor) was published to mark the event.

Korean Film Festival begins today

UNB, Dhaka

A five-day film festival titled "Dhaka Korean Film Festival 2018" begins today. The opening ceremony will be hosted by the South Korean embassy in Dhaka at 4:00pm at Bangladesh National Museum.

South Korean Ambassador-designate in Dhaka Hu Kang-il will attend the opening ceremony, followed by the premiere of "The Admiral".

The film festival is open to all and is free of charge.

22-DAY HILSA BAN Fishermen demand compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Fish Workers' Alliance yesterday demanded a monthly allowance of Tk 8,000 per family as compensation during the 22-day ban on hilsa fishing that began on October 7.

They said each of the family is entitled to 40 kilogrammes of rice under the Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme during the ban, but many of them get 25 to 30 percent less than that.

They were speaking at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.

The government has issued ID cards to fishermen, but 40 percent of those are given to people not involved in fishing, they alleged. Thus, the community is being deprived of their entitlement, said a press release.

Mizanur Rahman Bahadur of Cox's Bazar Fishing Boat Fish Workers' Union, said there are about 6,000 fishermen who live in Cox's Bazar Sadar area, but only 2,500 are registered. "None of them has received any ration or VGF support yet," he said.

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Govt working to steer Bangladesh towards prosperity: PM

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the aim of her government is to steer the country towards prosperity, as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"We have to change the fate of people living in remote areas, which was the dream of the Father of the Nation. That is our target. We're putting in our best efforts to achieve this goal," she said.

The Prime Minister said this while inaugurating 33 development projects in 20 districts across the country through videoconferencing from her official residence Gono Bhavan.

She inaugurated seven newly constructed bridges, one jetty, extended

administration buildings and hall rooms of nine upazila parishad complexes, six newly constructed maternity clinics, and ten healthcare centres.

Sheikh Hasina said the government, as per its election manifesto, launched the charter of change after returning to power through the 2008 general election.

She mentioned that the aim of the government is to make the country developed and prosperous through eradicating poverty.

After assuming power in 1996, she said, the AL government tried to materialise the dream of the Father of the Nation to bring smile to faces of the people and improve their living standard.

She recalled the "horrific days of

the BNP-Jamaat regime" from 2001 to 2006 when there were widespread killings, corruption and militant activities.

In 2008, she said, the people of the country voted Awami League into power again and just after forming the government, it initiated numerous projects for the country's sustainable development.

"As a result, Bangladesh gained recognition from the world as a developing country," she said.

Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain also spoke at the programme.

Later, the prime minister talked to a cross-section of people in eight districts through videoconference.

Curtain falls on Rajshahi's last silver screen

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Upohar Cinema Limited, the last-standing cinema hall of Rajshahi city, closed its doors to cinephiles last night rather unceremoniously, with sparsely-seated screenings of Shakib Khan-starrer horror thriller "Naqaab".

"On the last day, we sold 70-75 tickets for matinee and evening shows," Tapan Kumar Das, manager of the cinema hall, told The Daily Star.

According to Abdul Momin, councillor of ward-13, the owner of the cinema hall recently leased out the property to a group of developers from Chapainawabganj, and the builders would construct a multi-storeyed complex in its place. "I learnt it from the developers," he said.

Sajid Hossain Chowdhury, owner of the cinema hall, could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

Protesting the closure, cultural organisations and personalities of the town, including eminent litterateur Hasan Azizul Haque and lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha took to the streets and requested that it not be shut down.

Locals formed human chains at Shaheb Bazar on Sunday and in front of Upohar Cinema on Monday.

Rajshahi city had four cinema halls, and 50 others

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The 1,000-seater cinema hall, that has become a landmark in Rajshahi city, screened its last show yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Road accidents kill 6

STAR REPORT

At least six people were killed in road accidents across three districts yesterday.

In Barisal, bus helper Liton Rari, 42, and an unidentified person aged around 52, were killed on spot after the bus lost control and fell into a roadside ditch in Gournadi-Baichkhola road, reports our correspondent.

The incident also left twenty persons injured, said Sheikh Atiar Rahman, Officer in Charge of Gournadi Highway Police Station.

The injured were rushed to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital and Gournadi General Hospital, he also said.

In Faridpur, a Magura-bound truck lost control and collided with a three-wheeler in sadar upazila on Dhaka-Khulna Highway, killing construction worker Sujon Patoyari, 22, on the spot, police said.

Ten others, including school headmaster Azizul Islam, 45, were injured in the incident, and rushed to Faridpur Medical College Hospital, where Azizul succumbed to his injuries.

Meanwhile in Rajbari, Ripon Kazi, 32, and Monir Ahamad Mollah, 43, were killed on the spot when the driver of a car lost control over the vehicle and fell into a roadside ditch in Kalukhali upazila, reports our correspondent.

No further details were known immediately.

GRENAD ATTACK CASES Verdict has established rule of law: Menon

BSS, Dhaka

Social Welfare Minister Rashed Khan Menon yesterday said the August 21 grenade attack cases verdict has established rule of law in the country.

He was addressing a programme organised by Labour Welfare Foundation at Institution of Diploma Engineers in Dhaka.

Terming the verdict "historic", Menon said BNP had hoped that they would be able to smoothly execute the evil design of killing then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina and perpetrators would be spared.

The programme was chaired by Building Construction Labour Union President Rabiul Islam.



UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up One permanent post of Assistant Professor in the Department of Theoretical and Computational Chemistry in the pay scales of TK. 35,500-67,010/-. (N.P.S. 2015)

Qualification for Assistant Professor:

Candidates must have minimum first division or in case of GPA 4.25 out of 5.00 scale in S.S.C and H.S.C. examinations and minimum first class or in case of CGPA 3.50 out of 4.00 scale in Honours in Chemistry and Master's degree in Computational Chemistry or an equivalent degree from any foreign university. Candidates must have research experience in the field of Computational Chemistry at MS / MSc / PhD level. Candidates should have at least three years of teaching and research experience in any recognized university together with research publications in standard journals. In case of candidates having Ph.D degree in computational chemistry, the period of active service in teaching may be relaxed. Experience and performance as a teachers as well as significant contribution to different areas of University activities especially in guiding the overall educational and co-curricular activities of the students will also treated as qualification.

Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, grade sheets/mark-sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay Order / Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 750/- (Seven hundred fifty) only, payable to the Registrar, should reach him on or before 01/11/2018. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 02 (two) permanent posts of Assistant Professor in the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka in the Pay Scale of TK. 35,500-67010/-.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION: Candidates must have minimum first class in case of CGPA 3.50 out of 4.00 in Honours & in Master's degree in International Relations or an equivalent degree from a foreign University with minimum First divisions in case of GPA 4.25 out of 5.00 in S.S.C. & H.S.C. Examinations. They should have at least 3(three) years' teaching experience in a University and 3 (three) research publications in recognized journals. The above requirements may be relaxed in the case of those who have Ph.D. degree. Experience and performance as a teacher as well as significant contribution to different areas of University activities especially in guiding the overall educational and co-curricular activities of the students will also be treated as qualification.

Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, mark-sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 750/=(seven hundred fifty) only, payable to the Registrar, should reach him on or before 25.10.2018. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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