

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 33.2 L 23.6	MYMENSINGH H 31.6 L 21.7	CHATTOGRAM H 32.4 L 23.0	SYLHET H 32.5 L 21.0	RAJSHAHI H 33.0 L 22.6	RANGPUR H 21.2 L 22.0	KHULNA H 34.0 L 25.0	BARISHAL H 32.5 L 23.2	COX'S BAZAR H 32.5 L 22.2
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Weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky 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 05:27pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59am.



Nirapad Sarak Chai Chairman Ilias Kanchan conducts an awareness campaign at Kadam Phul fountain intersection near Jatiya Press Club yesterday, ahead of National Road Safety Day today. October 22 has been given the recognition following years of campaign by actor Ilias Kanchan and his organisation. He started the movement in 1993 after the death of his wife in a road accident on this day.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

'GHA' UNIT QUESTION LEAK Students continue demo, DU says it will review results

DU CORRESPONDENT

A section of Dhaka University students yesterday demonstrated on the campus demanding cancellation of "Gha" unit admission test, as the university authorities said it would review the results and take actions if necessary.

From a rally held at the base of Raju Memorial Sculpture, some 50 students also demanded resignation of Sadeka Halim, dean of the social science faculty, over her failure to prevent the question leak.

The students held the teachers concerned responsible for the question leak, saying it could not have happened without their involvement.

They also threatened to wage tougher protest if the university authorities do not hold fresh admission exams to Gha unit.

Expressing solidarity with the protesting students, Prof Asif Nazrul of law department questioned why are the authorities not cancelling the test as they admitted the leak.

Demanding that the test be held again, he also urged the authorities to remove Sadeka Halim from the post and hand over the duty to someone who could hold the responsibility and take stern actions to nab those involved in the scandal.

Meanwhile, the university authorities

yesterday issued a statement saying stern actions would be taken if they find any irregularities in "Gha" unit entry test result and admission process.

It also said the chief coordinator of "Gha" unit admission test would review the result, and take necessary steps if any discrepancy is found.

If any further decision is required, the university authorities would take further actions upon recommendation from the coordinator, the statement added.

Earlier on October 16, the DU authorities published the result of "Gha" unit entry test amid huge criticism, acknowledging that the question paper was leaked prior to the exam.

Law enforcers have found evidence that hand-written question paper of "Gha" unit admission test was leaked 43 minutes prior to the exam, and circulated by two admission information centres in Bogura.

Six people, including an admission seeker and his father, were arrested on October 13 in connection with the incident.

The "Gha" unit admission test, held on October 12, saw a surprising pass rate of around 26 percent, the highest in the unit in the last five years.

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Abdullah Abu Sayeed, Samanta Lal Sen honoured

HRPB recognises their contributions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bishwo Shahitto Kendro founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed and National Coordinator of Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery Dr Samanta Lal Sen were honoured yesterday for their contributions to their respective fields.

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), a rights organisation, gave the HRPB Award-2016 to Dr Sen for his contribution to healthcare, and HRPB Award-2017 to Prof Abu Sayeed for his contribution to education.

The organisation handed mementos to them at a programme held at Supreme Court bar auditorium in the city yesterday afternoon.

Speaking there, Prof Abu Sayeed cited

media reports on the growing number of rich people in the country, and stressed the need for empathetic human beings for nation building.

Dr Sen in his speech recalled his early professional life as a plastic surgeon, and said the untold sufferings and distress of burn patients motivated him to be a doctor for burn victims.

He expressed hopes of working for the burn patients till his last breath.

Speaking at the programme, National Human Rights Commission Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque, magician Jewel Aich, and actress Sarah Begum Kobori highlighted the awardees' contribution to nation-building and service to people.

HRPB President Advocate Manzill Murshid presided over the programme.



Bishwo Shahitto Kendro founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed receives the HRPB Award during a ceremony at the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium in Dhaka yesterday. The other honouree at the programme was eminent surgeon Dr Samanta Lal Sen.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Sixth victim of Uttarkhan fire dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Another victim of Dhaka's Uttarkhan house fire succumbed to his injuries early yesterday, raising the death toll to six.

Sagor, 12, a seventh grader at a local school, died at the burn unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) around 1:30am, said Dr Partha Shankar Paul, a resident surgeon of the unit. He had suffered 66 percent burns, he added.

Sagor used to live with his mother Purnima, 35, and grandmother Sufia Begum, 60, both of whom died while receiving treatment at the burn unit.

His body was handed over to one of his relatives.

They were among eight people burnt after their three-bedroom flat in Beparipara area caught fire on October 13. They all were related to each other and originally from Pabna.

On the day of the fire, Azizul Haque, 27, a worker at a poultry feed factory, and his wife Muslima Aktar, 20, died at DMCH. Their relative Dablu Mondal, 33, a rickshaw-puller, succumbed to his injuries later.

Dablu's wife Anjuara Begum, 30, with six percent burns and their six-year-old son Abdulla Sourav with 12 percent burns, are still under treatment at the burn unit.

Fire officials suspected that the blast and the fire occurred due to a gas leak in the kitchen.



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রেমিট্যান্স খাতে প্রায় ১ মূল ধরে শীর্ষে থাকা ইসলামী ব্যাংক ২০১৭ সালেও সর্বোচ্চ রেমিট্যান্স আহরণের জন্য বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক রেমিট্যান্স অ্যাওয়ার্ড অর্জন করলো।

আমরা কৃতজ্ঞ প্রবাসীদের কাছে, যাদের স্রমে ও যামে এগিয়ে যাচ্ছে বাংলাদেশ



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Dr Zafrullah gets bail in Savar cases

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail to Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury in two cases filed in Savar on charges of grabbing land and demanding extortion.

The HC bench of Justice Muhammad Abdul Hafiz and Justice Mohi Uddin Shamim passed the order, when Dr Zafrullah appeared before the court and sought bail.

Senior lawyer Advocate Zainul Abedin said the HC granted bail to Dr Zafrullah till submission of police reports in the cases.

Both the cases were filed with the Ashulia Police Station last week, accusing Dr Zafrullah and a number of named and unnamed persons.

VERBAL ABUSE ON MASUDA BHATTI Senior journo ask Mainul to apologise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fifty-five eminent editors and senior journalists have called upon Barrister Mainul Hosen, former adviser to a caretaker government, to apologise publicly for hurling abusive words at journalist Masuda Bhatti and terming her "characterless" at a television talk show on Tuesday night.

Condemning Mainul for humiliating Masuda Bhatti, the journalists' group in a statement on Saturday night said no one has the right to say such things in response to a journalistic query.

When independent journalism and freedom of media are under threat in many ways, such behaviour is not acceptable from Mainul, who himself is a politician and a lawyer, the statement said.

The signatories to the statement include Matur Rahman, editor, Prothom Alo; Muhammad Shafiqur Rahman, president of Jatiya Press Club; Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, prime minister's media affairs adviser and editor, The Bangladesh Observer; Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher, The Daily Star; Naem Nizam, editor, Bangladesh Protidin; Zafar Sobhan, editor, Dhaka Tribune; Naimul Islam Khan, editor, Amader Notun Somoy; Shyamal Dutta, editor, Bhorer Kagoj; Toufique Imrose Khalidi, editor-in-chief, bdnews24.com; and Syed Ishtiaque Reza, editor-in-chief, GTV.

On October 19, fifteen eminent citizens of the country had also demanded that Barrister Mainul apologise for his remarks.

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