

# WEATHER FORECAST

| YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES | DHAKA         | MYMENSINGH    | CHATTOGRAM    | SYLHET        | RAJSHAHI      | RANGPUR       | KHULNA        | BARISHAL      | COX'S BAZAR   |
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Rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty wind may occur at many places over Barishal & Chattogram divisions and at a few places over Khulna division and at one or two places over Mymensingh, Dhaka & Sylhet divisions in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:20pm and rises tomorrow at 6:05am.

## Left in the dark

### No one to look after Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover

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It opened to the public a year ago to this week, with promises of breathing life into suffocating traffic in one of the more congested parts of the capital. But the Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover has been left in the darkness -- literally and figuratively -- for months on end, putting commuters at risk and no one to be held liable.

Only a few months after it was opened to traffic, signal lights on the 8.7km flyover have stopped functioning, as have the street lights and even CCTV cameras -- thanks to petty theft of cables.

Commuters are compelled to move along the flyover every night risking their lives. Besides, with the traffic lights installed at key points non-operational added to the recent withdrawal of traffic police from it, the flyover has been left highly prone to accidents.

DMP undertook a project worth Tk 35 lakh to bring the flyover under CCTV surveillance in late 2017, in an attempt to monitor traffic movement and criminal activities, but thieves also stole the cables connecting these cameras.

A day after Communication Network Solution (CNS) Bangladesh installed fibre optic and electric cables from Moghbazar to Sattara on midnight of April 1, thieves stole wires worth Tk 10,000.

CNS filed a case with Tejgaon Industrial Police



Three sets of traffic signal lights on the Rajarbagh-Shantinagar intersection of the flyover, none of which are turned on, nor are the overhead street lights. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## EVM won't be used if both sides agree: EC

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The Election Commission (EC) will try its best to "accommodate any political understanding" following the much-hyped dialogue between ruling Awami League and Jatiya Oikyafront.

"We will try our best to accommodate every political understanding that comes as a result of the dialogue [between AL and Oikyafront] in light of the electoral laws, Election Commissioner Rafiqul Islam told reporters at his office at the Nirbachon Bhaban in the capital's Agargaon.

He also said if the two sides come to a consensus over not using electronic voting machines (EVM) in the next election, the EC will not go for using those despite their all-out preparation in this regard.

AL on Monday announced that the party would invite Jatiya Oikyafront leaders to dinner on Thursday at the Gonobhaban, for talks over the next general election.

The talks will be held at the Prime Minister's Office at 3:00pm on November 1.

The AL move came a day after Dr Kamal Hossain, a key figure of the Jatiya Oikyafront, wrote to the prime minister, urging her to take an initiative for talks between the alliance and the ruling party.

Meanwhile, the EC will sit in a meeting on November 3 to discuss electoral code of conduct and

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## US support for Bangladesh's development will continue: Bernicat to PM



The outgoing US Ambassador calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhaban. PHOTO: BSS

UNB, Dhaka

The United States will continue its support to Bangladesh for its overall development, its outgoing Ambassador Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat said yesterday.

Bernicat made the assurance when she made a farewell call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhaban.

PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting.

He mentioned that both the Prime Minister and the US Ambassador expressed satisfaction over the existing bilateral relations between the two countries.

Bernicat highly praised the Prime Minister's hard work for the development of Bangladesh, and said education is very important for all.

The US envoy described Bangladesh's young people as "extraordinary" and expressed her firm belief that they will carry forward the country's development.

The Prime Minister told the US envoy that her main aim is to develop the country and ensure the welfare of its people.

Sheikh Hasina recalled that she visited every corner of the country after her return from exile in 1981, and based on that experience, she planned how the country would be developed.

Mentioning her government's steps for the development of agriculture, the Prime Minister said previously vegetables were not available beyond the [winter] season. "But now we're getting vegetables round the year," she said.

Hasina said this has been possible due to the contributions of researchers and agricultural scientists.

PM's Principal Secretary Md Nojibur Rahman was present on the occasion.

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