

WEATHER
FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA H 28.7 L 17.4	MYMENSINGH H 28.2 L 14.7	CHITTAGONG H 30.0 L 17.7	SYLHET H 27.8 L 16.6	RAJSHAHI H 28.9 L 14.2	RANGPUR H 27.4 L 15.0	KHULNA H 30.0 L 17.5	BARISAL H 29.5 L 16.0	COX'S BAZAR H 29.1 L 18.0
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Weather may remain dry with partly cloudy sky over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. Light to moderate fog may occur at places over the country during late night till morning, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:18am.

Coordination must for climate resilient cities

Speakers say

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lack of coordination among various government authorities is a key barrier to ensuring climate resilient cities, said climate change experts on the final day of a three-day national conference in the capital yesterday.

"In absence of a designated urban affairs ministry, various ministries and agencies intervene in the urbanisation process without coordination - leading to haphazard and isolated development," said Hasina Mushrofa, head of Brac Urban Development Programme.

Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network with International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) of Independent University, Bangladesh organised the third national conference on urban resilience to climate change at Institute

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Water does not always save life. It may do quite the opposite if it is not clean. And this glass of cloudy water which most likely is unhygienic and may even carry pathogens was found in an unlikely place -- Bangladesh Railway Hospital in Chattogram. Story on Page 16. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

NEWSIN
brief

Two poachers held with 50 turtles

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday arrested two persons and recovered around 50 turtles from their possession in Batiaghata upazila in Khulna.

A team of Rab-6 led by ASP Bazlur Rashid conducted a drive in Batiaghata bazar and arrested Ram Proshad Roy, 50, and Ranjon Bairagi, 40, while poaching turtles.

Later, the arrestees and the turtles were handed over to the forest department.

Man arrested with firearm, yaba

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Detectives arrested a man and recovered a firearm and yaba from his possession in Mymensingh city's Akua area early yesterday.

The arrestee is Abdullah Al Mamun, 45, said Shah Kamal Akanda, officer-in-charge of Detective Branch of police in Mymensingh.

A team led by DB Sub-Inspector Habibur Rahman arrested Mamun and recovered a gun, two rounds of cartridges and 60 yaba tablets.

He is accused in four cases including one for drug-peddling, claimed the OC.

Mamun was produced before a court yesterday with a seven-day remand prayer.

However, the hearing was not held and the judge sent him to jail.

Freedom fighter Prafullah Kumar dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Prafullah Kumar Barman, a freedom fighter, died at his residence in Thakurgaon on Tuesday at the age of 70.

He left behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

He was given the state honours before being cremated at the cremation ground of Laututhi Makhonpara village in Sadar upazila.

Leaders of different political and social organisations expressed deep shock at his death.

Shamsul Haque's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 3rd death anniversary of freedom fighter and former lawmaker Alhaj Maj Gen (ret'd) M Shamsul Haque, says a press release.

The first director general of Medical Corps of Bangladesh Armed Forces, Shamsul Haque died on this day in 2015.



Armed Forces Day today

BSS, Dhaka

The Armed Forces Day will be celebrated today marking the founding of army, navy and air force during the 1971 Liberation War.

The day's programme will begin with offering special prayers after Fazr at all mosques in cantonments, naval and air force bases throughout the country, seeking divine blessings for the well-being and prosperity of the nation and progress of the armed forces, an ISPR statement said.

President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages greeting members of the armed forces on the occasion.

As part of the day's programme, the president and the premier will lay wreaths at the Shikha Anirban at Dhaka Cantonment, paying homage to the martyred armed forces members.

This will be followed by Army Chief General Aziz Ahmed, Navy Chief Admiral Nizamuddin Ahmed and Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal Masihuzzaman Serniabat paying respects on behalf of their respective forces.

The PM will meet family members of the Bir Shresthos and other gallantry award winning 1971 veterans at the Armed Forces Division at Army Multipurpose Complex in Dhaka Cantonment. She would confer peace award for 2017-18 on nine army, one navy and three air forces men.

The premier will host a reception at Senakunja in the afternoon.

Various programmes have also been chalked out at different army garrisons, naval ships, installations and bases of the air force across the country outside Dhaka.

Public security top priority during nat'l election

Says Ctg divisional commissioner after meeting of Law and Order Committee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chattogram Divisional Commissioner Md Abdul Mannan yesterday said the administration has placed top priority on law and order and public security during the upcoming national election.

"Different quarters may hatch conspiracies to create unrest during election... We are working to keep a congenial atmosphere for election by maintaining law and order in every district so that the people feel free to cast votes," he said.

He made the statements after holding a special meeting on law and order situation at the port city's Circuit House. Deputy commissioners (DCs), superintendents of police (SPs), returning officer (RO), assistant returning officers (AROs) and other election officials of 11 districts under the division were present.

Talking to reporters, Manan said, "We are on alert so that no one can create anarchy ahead of the national election, which is scheduled for December 30... and, ensuring public security is our main aim."

Admitting that sometimes legal and licensed firearms are used illegally during election, Mannan said, "We are preparing a list of legal arms owners, and directives were given to law enforcement agencies to intensify drives to recover illegal firearms and ammunition. We will also check whether the legal arms are now in possession of their owners."

Asked about the risky constituencies in Chattogram, the divisional commissioner said the administration will identify the

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SEAT NEGOTIATIONS IN GRAND ALLIANCE, OIKYAFRONT

Smaller parties want AL, BNP to give up 5 seats each

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Political parties contesting the 11th national election under the grand alliance, led by the Awami League, are seeking to persuade the alliance to allocate a minimum of five seats out of the 16 constituencies in Chattogram.

On the other hand, parties under the umbrella of Jatiya Oikyafront, dominated by the BNP, are also pushing for the same number of seats in the district for the polls.

Jatiya Party, the largest of the parties after the AL in the grand alliance, currently has two lawmakers in Chattogram -- Anisul Islam Mahmud, a presidium member of JP and also the minister for environment, forest and climate change in the present government; and Zia Uddin Ahmed Bablu, the party's former secretary general.

In 2014 election, Anisul was elected in the parliament from Chattogram-5 while Bablu from Chattogram-9 under the grand alliance.

JP, this time, will strongly solicit the alliance's endorsement to keep both of them as contestants while it will also seek to approve the candidacy of Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury for Chattogram-16, party sources said.

Contacted, Bablu said his party wants him to contest the polls in Chattogram-9 constituency again.

In Chattogram-2, Tariqat Federation

Youth held for killing woman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth was arrested yesterday for stabbing a woman to death in Chattogram city's Akbar Shah area, police said.

Shahina Begum, 35, was from the area, said Assistant Sub-Inspector Alauddin Talukdar of Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) Police Outpost.

The arrestee -- Md Shahjahan, 25 -- was the private tutor of Shahina's daughter, said Sub-inspector Md Sayem of Akbar Shah Police Station.

Locals first detained Shahjahan while he was stabbing Shahina on the road beside a mosque around 3:30pm, the SI said.

Quoting locals, the SI said Shahina told Shahjahan to stop giving tuitions to her daughter as she found that he had an affair with the girl.

This incident led to the killing, suspect the SI.

JP leader sued under Digital Security Act

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

A Jatiya Party (JP)-backed student leader yesterday filed a case against a JP leader under the Digital Security Act, 2018 allegedly for spreading false and objectionable information through Facebook about the party's secretary general.

Fazlul Haque, president of Sonargaon upazila unit of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, the associated student body of JP, filed the case against Onanna Hossain Mousumi, general secretary of the central committee of Jatiya Mohila Party, the women's wing of JP.

Mousumi, through her Facebook post, has been spreading "false, objectionable, misleading and derogatory" information about party General Secretary ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader, according to the case statement.

Such activities have hurt his dignity; besides, rivalry and hatred have been created among party men because of the Facebook post, and it may cause deterioration of the law and order situation, the statement said.

The plaintiff, Fazlul, is a follower of Liyakot Hossain Khoka, incumbent JP lawmaker of Narayanganj-3. Rivalry is going on between Khoka and Onanna as the latter wants to contest in this constituency and bought party's nomination form, said local JP leaders.

Contacted, Mousumi said the case was filed following the directive of Khoka as she has bought the nomination form.

Denying the allegation, plaintiff Fazlul said, "I have filed the case on my own initiative, not on anyone else's directive. Even Khoka does not know about this."

CJ calls full court meeting tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain has convened a full court meeting tomorrow with all High Court judges, to take decisions on issues including promotion of lower court judges.

The meeting will be held at 3:30pm at Administration Building-4 of the Supreme Court (SC), Barrister Md Saifur Rahman, special officer of the SC, said yesterday.

The meeting may take a decision on relaxing conditions for the promotion of lower court judges, Saifur added.

নিলুফার মান্নান-এর প্রথম মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী স্মরণে

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