

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 28.8 L 17.6	H 28.5 L 15.3	H 28.0 L 17.4	H 29.4 L 16.3	H 28.3 L 14.3	H 29.2 L 15.4	H 29.5 L 17.0	H 29.0 L 15.2	H 29.0 L 17.2

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the 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. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:11pm and rises tomorrow at 6:20am.



Winter is a good time for Shutki (dried fish) businessmen, as dry weather during November to March helps them produce the largest stocks of dried fish. As the season has set in, the Bastuhara area on the bank of river Karnaphuli in Chittogram has sprung back to life with workers sorting and processing fish for open-air drying. The photos were taken on Friday.



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SNAPS & snippets

Justice Imman to discharge CJ's duties till Nov 27

BSS, Dhaka
Justice Muhammad Imman Ali will discharge duties of the head of judiciary till November 27, in absence of Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, said a statement by the law ministry.

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain will be traveling abroad during this time. President Abdul Hamid handed over the responsibilities to the Supreme Court judge, under article 97 of the constitution of Bangladesh. Justice Imman will discharge all duties till the chief justice takes his office.

Ammo, explosives to be destroyed on Dec 13: ISPR

UNB, Dhaka
The Central Ammunition Depot of Rajendrapur Cantonment will destroy useless ammunition and explosives on its demolition ground in Mawna of Gazipur on December 13.

The ground is beside Dhaka-Mymensingh highway. The destruction of the ammunition and explosives will be held from 7:00am to 6:00pm, said an Inter Service Public Relation (ISPR) media release. During the period, movement of people and domestic animals has been prohibited within a 4km radius.

Advocate Nazmul Hasan receives Sher-e-Bangla Gold Medal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Advocate Nazmul Hasan received the "Sher-e-Bangla Gold Medal 2018" recently for his outstanding contribution to the country's law fraternity, said a press release yesterday.

Former information secretary Syed Margub Morshed handed over the award to Advocate Nazmul at a programme organised by Sher-e-Bangla Sangskritik Jote at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC).



PHOTO: COLLECTED
The construction of Shwopnochura Shafat Memorial School was initiated on Friday in Ashulia. The school is being built by non-profit organisation Heroes for All, in memory of its Vice President Qazi Shafat Ahmed, who died of cancer in 2017. Shafat's family, friends and executives of the organisation were present.

6 more vessels for BSC fleet approved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The government has approved the addition of six more vessels to the fleet of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), said Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan yesterday.

He was addressing the 41st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BSC at Shaheed Mohammad Fazlur Rahman Munshi Auditorium in Chattogram port. "The vessels would be added after importing six ocean-going ships from China by 2019," he added.

The minister said the government has planned to purchase various sizes and types of water-vessels for transportation of fuel oil, coal and LNG, to develop the power sector. "The ships will carry the national flag to different ports of the world. Therefore, it is necessary to continue the development of BSC," said the minister.

In the AGM, the board of directors also approved six percent cash dividend for shareholders. Secretary of the shipping ministry Abdus Samad and BSC Managing Director Yahya Syed were present, among others.

More research needed to harness potential of blue economy

Says Dr Gowher Rizvi

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Dr Gowher Rizvi yesterday stressed the need for conducting research and developing skilled manpower, aiming to reap the optimum benefits from the emerging "blue economy" of the country.

"We need to give more importance to research. We have made great strides... we want to fully utilise the opportunities [blue economy]. Without research, without building human resource capacity, without developing skills, we will not be able to do that," he said.

Dr Rizvi was addressing a discussion on "Potential of Blue Economy in Transforming Future Bangladesh" at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh in the capital.

Bangladesh Agricultural Economists Association (BAEA) organised the discussion with its President and PMO Secretary

Sajjadul Hassan in the chair. Secretary (maritime affairs unit) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Rear Admiral (ret'd) Md Khurshed Alam made a powerpoint presentation while BAEA Secretary General Prof M Kamruzzaman also spoke at the discussion.

Marine scientists, researchers and scholars from Dhaka University and Bangladesh Agricultural University, and representatives from the ministries of fisheries and livestock, power, energy and mineral resources and civil aviation and tourism also took part in it.

Dr Rizvi said stakeholders concerned need to work in an integral way to unlock the true potential of blue economy. "Ocean is offering its bounty to us and we must find out a way of accepting that," he added.

He also emphasised creating a structure, which will be able to coordinate the management of blue economy. "Unless, you will be

able to do that, I don't believe we will be able to avail the maximum advantage," he said. He also stressed the need for focusing more on domestic tourism.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Emeritus Sattar Mondol highlighted deepening academic engagement, boosting research activities, reorientation of the Ministry of Fisheries and blue economy aspects and engaging private sector to avail the opportunities of blue economy.

In his powerpoint presentation, Rear Admiral (ret'd) Md Khurshid Alam termed the Bay of Bengal the third neighbour and highlighted some of the aspects of blue economy like marine aquaculture, blue biotechnology, marine genetic resource, maritime transport shipping, coastal shipping, and introduction of long-line fishing, cruise line tourism, offshore wind energy and seabed mining.

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Manipuri women perform rasa dance at "Maharasaaleela", one of the largest festivals of the community which has a rich and colourful tradition, with dance being the most flourishing branch. The festival on the Jora Mandap premises in Madhabpur upazila, Moulvibazar started on Friday night and ended yesterday.

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Democracy disrupted after Bangabandhu's murder

PM tells European Parliament delegation

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said democracy in the country was disrupted after the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975.

The premier said this when a visiting six-member European Parliamentary delegation, led by Giuseppe Ferdinando, met her at her official residence Gono Bhavan in the evening.

The Prime Minister's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting. He said delegation members were highly impressed knowing the history of Bangladesh and the family of the premier.

Hasina said the country had been put under the military rule for a long time after 1975 when the military rulers misguided the young generation and provided them with arms and money.

She said Bangabandhu had a dream of turning Bangladesh into a hunger and poverty-free country. "The Father of the Nation throughout his life struggled for the welfare of people of Bangladesh. We've been working relentlessly to materialise the dream of Bangabandhu,"

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Two held with five stolen auto-rickshaws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Detectives of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested two men and recovered five stolen CNG auto-rickshaws from a garage in the port city early yesterday.

The arrestees Md Sumon, 24, and Md Arafat, 24, are members of a group who stole auto-rickshaws from different districts, detectives claimed.

Tipped off, law enforcers raided a garage in the area and arrested the duo - both mechanics by profession -- and recovered five stolen CNG-run auto-rickshaws worth Tk 17.50 lakh, said Inspector Elias Khan of DB, adding that during primary investigation, the arrestees admitted that the vehicles were stolen.

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