

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	MYMENSINGH	CHATTOGRAM	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	RANGPUR	KHULNA	BARISHAL	COX'S BAZAR
	H 24.8 L 12.9	H 24.0 L 10.5	H 25.7 L 15.0	H 26.0 L 12.3	H 22.8 L 07.6	H 23.0 L 09.4	H 25.5 L 11.0	H 24.8 L 08.8	H 26.7 L 15.2

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today. UNB said quoting the Met office. Severe cold wave is sweeping over Panchagarh district. Mild to moderate cold wave is sweeping over Rajshahi and rest part of Rangpur divisions and it may continue. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:25pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am.



NEW ATTRACTION FOR DHAKA RESIDENTS

The two and a half centuries old Nimtoli Palace has been turned into a museum showcasing the culture, heritage, and socio-economic conditions of Dhaka between 1700 and 1900 when the Nawabs of the Mughal era and the British ruled Bengal. Photographs, artefacts, written documents, brief sketches of rulers, and digital media are used to present the history in the Asiatic Society Heritage Museum. Clockwise from left, the gatehouse of the palace, which was renovated as part of the museum. One of the main attractions is a diorama depicting the royal court of Nawab Nusrat Jung. A few collectibles and some images. The museum, which was inaugurated yesterday, is open for visitors every Friday and Saturday, from 10:30am to 4:30pm.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Ensure justice for Noakhali rape victim

Prof Mesbah Kamal urges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"People of the country know that Awami League activists raped a mother of four, so the ruling party should take the responsibility and ensure capital punishment for the rapists," noted educationist Prof Mesbah Kamal demanded yesterday, while speaking at a human chain in front of the National Museum in Dhaka.

Around 60 people under the banner of "Students' Community against Rape and Sexual Violence" formed the human chain, demanding justice for the victim who was gang-raped hours after the December 30 general election, as according to her, she refused to vote for the "boat" symbol.

Prof Kamal said AL had abused its power during the 11th parliamentary election and the incident of gang-rape in Noakhali's Subarnachar on election day was a "blatant demonstration" of that.

Mesbah Kamal, a professor at Dhaka University's history department, also claimed that various cultural platforms in the country are playing a "biased role" and that is why they are now silent instead of protesting the injustice.

"Activists of a party in power, that claims to uphold the spirit of Liberation War, raped a woman -- this is a shameful episode in the history of the country," he said.

Prof Kamal also demanded punishment for those who had wanted to save the perpetrators, exercising the power of AL.

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Refrain from making fictitious allegations: Inu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, a component of Awami League-led 14-party alliance, yesterday called upon BNP-led alliance members, who have won in the national election, to take part in the oath as members of the parliament.

"They should refrain from making fictitious allegations of irregularities in the election and accept the result. I call upon them to take part in the rest of the parliamentary process," said JSD President Hasanul Haq Inu.

He said this at a views-exchange meeting with journalists at JSD's party office in Gulistan.

"They rejected election in 1996 and 2008 when it was held under caretaker governments. They're rejecting it now. Whenever BNP loses in the election, they reject it," he said.

He claimed that BNP did not put focus

on the election; rather they were busy with conspiracy.

"I was astonished to not see their candidates in their respective fields. Their candidates were enjoying the comforts of Dhaka," he said.

About the 14-party alliance's victory, Inu said, "The massive success has generated huge expectations."

Inu said the alliance will work to abolish corruption and resolve the issues from the previous terms in the next five years.

The JSD president dedicated the victory in the election to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Four candidates of the JSD contested in the election with the party symbol "torch" while three candidates contested with the "boat" symbol.

Of them, Inu won from Kushtia-2 and JSD General Secretary Shirin Akhter from Feni-1. Both participated in the election with Awami League's symbol "boat".

BNP's Shariatpur-3 candidate arrested from Dhaka hospital

He is accused in a case filed over distributing money to influence polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP candidate for Shariatpur-3 constituency was arrested yesterday in connection with a case filed over the recovery of Tk 8 crore days before the 11th general election.

According to Rapid Action Battalion, the money was about to be used to influence polls as part of an evil design to deteriorate law and order situation and tilting the election in favour of a certain quarter.

Rab arrested Mia Nuruddin Apu from Dhaka's United Hospital in the afternoon, where he had been undergoing treatment, Sarwar-Bin-Quasem, commanding officer of Rab-1, told The Daily Star.

Apu will continue to receive treatment at the hospital under Rab custody until the hospital authorities release him, Sarwar said, adding that they would go for the next course of legal action after his recovery.

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Conjoined twins fly to Hungary today

PREPARATION FOR SEPARATION SURGERY



Conjoined twins Rokeya and Rabeya at DMCH yesterday. PHOTO: STAR SHAHEEN MOLLAH

The conjoined twins Rokeya and Rabeya, who are fused at the skull, are flying to Hungary today to receive preparatory treatments before the final surgery for separation.

Doctors say the sisters may live normal lives as two separate individuals after the operation, which will take place in Bangladesh six or seven months later.

The twins were born joined at the head on July 16, 2016, to primary school teachers Taslima Khatun and Rafiqul Islam in Pabna.

They can talk and walk now and are under supervision at Sheikh Hasina Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Prof Abul Kalam Azad, head of the burn institute, said, "The chance of survival in these cases is 20 percent because the operation is very risky."

The twins have been receiving treatment for the last one year with government support; they are being sent to Hungary as part of the treatment to separate them, he said.

The twins along with their parents will stay in Hungary for 90 days where they will undergo primary surgeries required for the separation. Later, the final surgery will take place at the institute in Bangladesh six to seven months later, said Prof Azad.

Dr Samanta Lal Sen, national coordinator at the burn institute of DMCH, said they conducted two operations to separate nerves and tissues that maintain blood circulation in the brains of the twins. They are conjoined with skins, bones and some parts of their brains, he said.

Though there is a huge risk to separate them, they will carry out the operation in the burn institute as per the desire of their parents, he said.

The twins are being sent to Hungary to stretch the skin and tissue of their heads, which is necessary for the final operation; doing these in Dhaka is risky because of the high chances of infection, he said.

A joint team of neurosurgeons and plastic surgeons from Hungary, Germany and

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Another mistake by BNP

Says Quader about its decision to not take oath

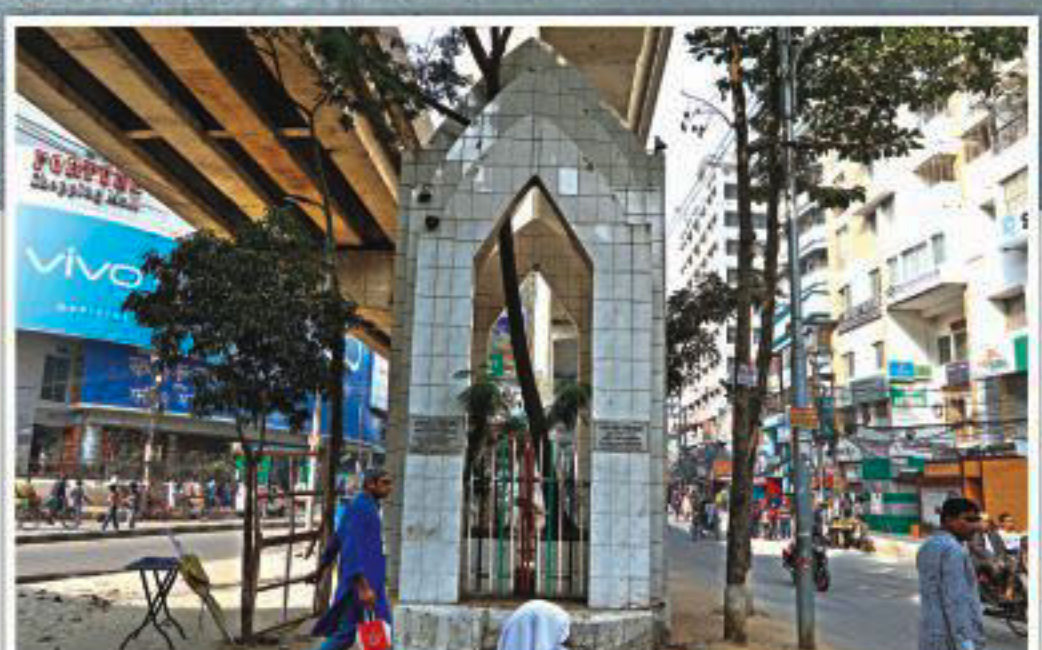
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Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said BNP's decision of not taking oath was the repetition of its mistake.

"BNP made a mistake in 2014 by boycotting the general election. Yesterday, the party made another mistake by taking the decision to not take oath as members of parliament," he said.

The road transport and bridges minister came up

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Local residents form a human chain at Mouchak intersection yesterday protesting the construction of a garbage station near the graves of two Liberation War martyrs, inset. Dhaka South City Corporation has recently started building the structure under Malibagh-Mouchak flyover. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

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