

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 27.5°C | L 13.1°C MYMENSINGH 26.5°C | L 10.0°C CHATTOGRAM 27.7°C | L 13.5°C SYLHET 27.8°C | L 13.3°C RAJSHAHI 25.9°C | L 08.4°C RANGPUR 24.9°C | L 11.4°C KHULNA 26.5°C | L 11.1°C BARISHAL 27.8°C | L 09.3°C COX'S BAZAR 28.8°C | L 14.0°C

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country, having chances of light rain over Cox's Bazar & Bandarban districts in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:26pm and rises tomorrow at 6:43am.

9th accused in Noakhali rape case arrested from Feni

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Police yesterday arrested one more accused in connection with the gang-rape of a mother of four in Noakhali's Subarnachar upazila early December 31.

A team of the district detective branch arrested Salahuddin, the ninth accused in the rape case, from Sultanpur area in Feni Sadar in the morning.

With Salahuddin, eight people have so far been arrested in the case filed by the husband of the 35-year-old victim.

Meantime, a Noakhali court yesterday placed seven people, including a former Awami League leader, on five-day remand each in connection with the case.

Judge of Cognisance Court-2 Nobonita Guha passed the order after police produced them before it around 1pm with seven days remand prayer for each of them, said Ibrahim Khalil, inspector (investigation) of Char Jabbar Police Station and also the investigation officer of the case.

The remanded accused are Md Sohel, Swapan, Ibrahim Khalil Bechu, Badsha Alam Bashu, former union parishad member and recently sacked Subarnachar Upazila unit AL publicity secretary Ruhul Amin, Jashim Uddin and Hasan Ali Bulu.

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Clockwise from left, A couple, who just arrived from Singapore, walk towards Banani from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday as garment workers blocked the airport roundabout, demanding Tk 16,000 as minimum wage. Thousands of commuters had to suffer the same way. The four-hour blockade caused a long tailback going as far back as Khilket.



One killed, five injured in Meghna launch collision

Waterway at risk due to poor navigability

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

At least one passenger was killed and five others were injured in a collision between two Dhaka-bound launches in Meghna river early yesterday.

The collision took place at Kaliganj point in Mehendiganj upazila around 12:45am when "Adventure-9" got stuck in a shoal and another launch, "MV Sundarban-6", collided head-on, according to Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Association (BIWTA).

BIWTA said the incident occurred due to foggy weather and poor visibility.

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Both launches reached Dhaka eventually. "We have formed a probe committee to investigate the incident," said Ajmol Huda Mithu, deputy director of BIWTA, Barishal.

In winter, many rivers face navigability issues, and water transports get stuck in shallow water, at times resulting in accidents.

The situation on the Meghna river is worse at a number of points where larger vessels are sometimes getting stuck for hours. Those include Miarchar under Hija upazila, Bheduria

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Probe irregularities in Barishal freedom fighters' allowance

HC directs Liberation War affairs ministry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned of Liberation War affairs ministry to form a committee in four weeks and probe why one month's allowance was not paid to freedom fighters in Barishal.

The court also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the ministry and deputy commissioner of Barishal to explain why their inaction to pay one month's allowance to 6,456 freedom fighters in 2014-2015 fiscal should not be declared illegal.

The HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahsan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader came up with the directive and rule after hearing a

writ petition filed by Advocate Amit Dasgupta in this regard.

The bench also ordered the authorities of Liberation War affairs ministry to submit a probe report before it after the inquiry is complete.

On January 2, Bangla daily Prothom Alo published a report claiming a total of Tk 4 crore, amounting to 1 month's allowance of over 6,000 freedom fighters from Barishal, have not been paid to them.

The next day, Advocate Amit submitted the writ petition seeking necessary orders on the respondents and challenging the non-payment.

Deputy Attorney General ABDullah Al Mahmud Bashir represented the state.

Man held for sexual assault on teenager

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police on Saturday arrested a man in Neharipara of Sylhet, in a case filed over sexually assaulting a teenage boy.

The arrestee is Rahim Miah, 26, a neighbour of the victim, said Zedan Al Musa, additional deputy commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

He was produced before a Sylhet court yesterday and sent to jail, the ADC said.

The case was filed with Kotwali Police Station on Friday by father of the victim, accusing Rahim and his cohorts of assaulting his 15-year-old son.

The victim is undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, the ADC added.



A mangled truck after it hit an SUV, which ended up ramming a car, inset. The accident happened on Eskaton Road near Bangla Motor in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Apex court clears way for Ducusu polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday cleared way for holding the election to Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu).

The apex court lifted its chamber judge's order that stayed a High Court (HC) verdict directing authorities concerned to hold the Ducusu election in six months.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, passed the order during hearing of an appeal filed by Dhaka University (DU) authorities challenging the HC verdict.

Following a writ petition, the HC on January 17 last year directed the authorities concerned of DU and the government to hold the Ducusu election within six months.

The HC also directed the home ministry to provide necessary assistance to DU authorities for holding the polls.

Following an appeal filed by DU authorities, the SC chamber judge on October 1 last year stayed the HC verdict. In the appeal, the DU authorities said that they had decided to hold the polls by March 15 this year.

Yesterday, the Appellate Division kept the appeal of DU authorities stand-over (pending for hearing) till March 30.

Writ petitioners' counsel Advocate Manzill Mursild told The Daily Star that DU authorities have to hold the Ducusu polls by March 15 following yesterday's SC order.

During hearing yesterday, Attorney General Mahbubul Alam told the apex court that the DU authorities have already decided to hold the Ducusu election by March this year.

SC scraps bail of suspended Shahzadpur mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday scrapped a High Court verdict that granted bail to Halimul Haque Miru, the suspended mayor of Shahzadpur municipality in Sirajganj, in journalist Abdul Hakim Shimul murder case.

A four-member bench of the SC's Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, directed the trial court to finish proceedings in six months, and asked it to grant bail to Miru if it cannot finish the trial by the time, said Miru's lawyer AM Aminuddin.

Shimul, Shahzadpur correspondent of the daily Samakal, was shot when Miru allegedly opened fire during a clash between Awami League factions on February 2, 2017. He died the next day.

Shimul's wife filed a murder case with Shahzadpur Police Station against Miru, his two brothers and 15 others. On November 4 last year, HC granted bail to Miru.

Swiss envoy deplores polls-time violence

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Switzerland yesterday deplored the violence that occurred before and during the December 30 general election, and stressed the need for addressing electoral irregularities in a fully transparent manner.

Ambassador of Switzerland to Bangladesh René Holenstein stated this when he met Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque yesterday.

According to a media release available in the Swiss embassy website, the ambassador told the foreign secretary that Switzerland took note of the results of 11th parliamentary election and commended all parties for their participation in the process.

He condemned the violence that occurred before and during the elections, causing unnecessary suffering and pain.

Ambassador Holenstein referred to reported accounts of intimidation, irregularities and obstacles to a level playing field throughout the process, which have tainted the electoral campaign and the vote, and underlined the need to address these reports in full transparency and according to the rule of law.

The ambassador stressed that Switzerland trusts that the new government of Bangladesh will uphold the democratic values it was elected upon, and that it will support the people's will to move towards democracy in full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

He assured the foreign secretary that Switzerland looked forward to its continued partnership with Bangladesh.



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