

## WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

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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. Light to moderate fog may occur at places over the river basins of the country during late night to morning. The sun sets in the capital today at 05:44pm and rises tomorrow at 6:41am.

## SSC QUESTION LEAK

## No one involved will be spared: Rab DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) has scaled up intelligence operations to prevent question paper leak ahead of the upcoming SSC examinations, scheduled to begin on February 2.

As part of it, the elite force will increase cyber monitoring and conduct undercover drives across the country, said Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed at a press conference at its media centre in Dhaka's Karwan Bazar yesterday.

"We will conduct cyber patrols alongside undercover drives to put an end to question paper leak..." he said. "Rab has already started working in this regard, and you will see results in a day or two."

In its action plan, Rab with the help of mobile courts will monitor coaching centres so that those stay shut during the SSC exams as per the government directive. All coaching centres are to remain closed from January 27 to February 27.

Meanwhile in a directive yesterday, Dhaka Metropolitan Police barred unauthorised entry of people within 200 yards of exam centres in Dhaka during exams.

The government along with law enforcement agencies is taking these measures as last year's SSC exams witnessed a spate of question leaks. Mostly the multiple choice questions were leaked and found online in Facebook and WhatsApp groups, at least an hour before the exams.

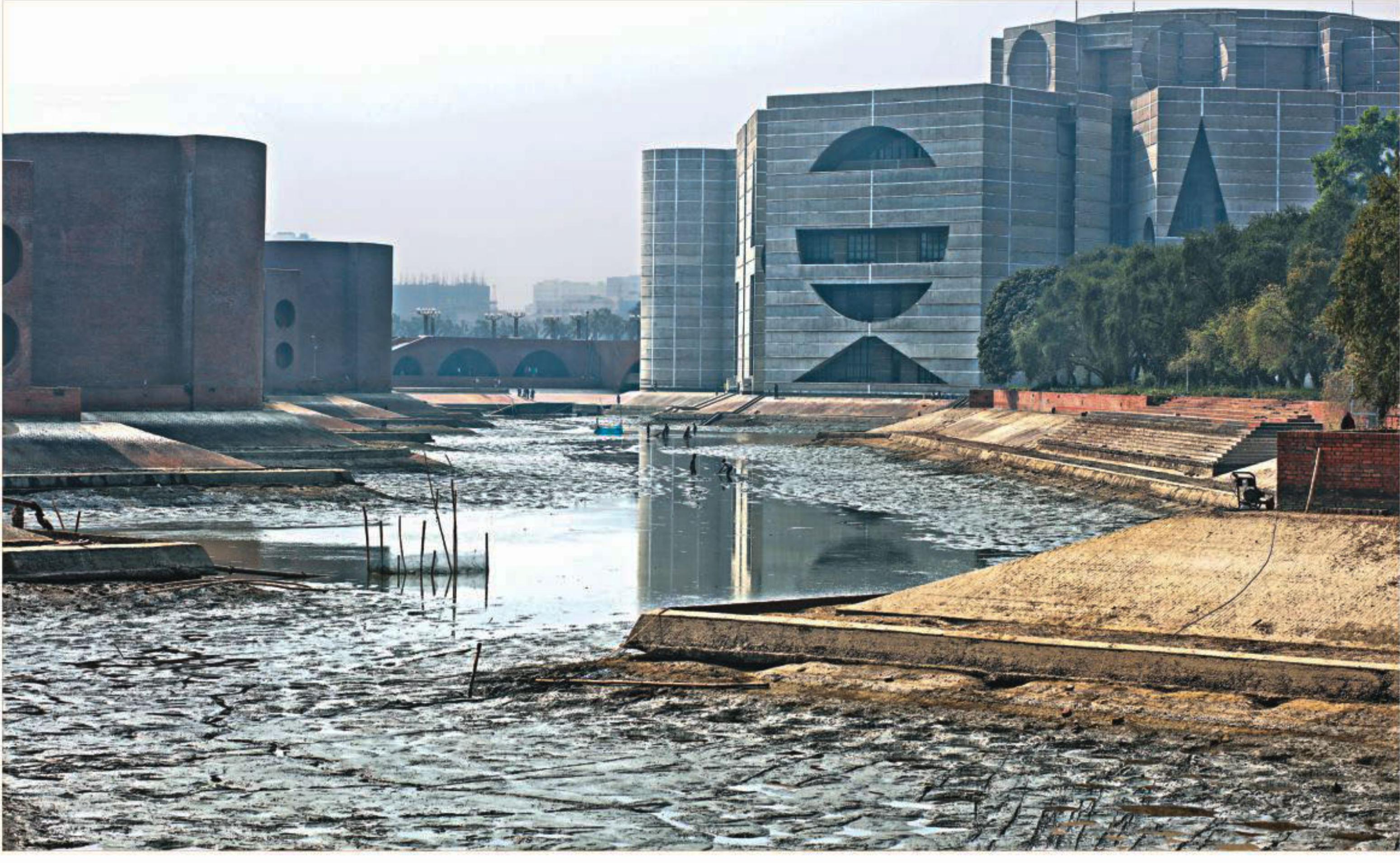
Referring to the legal actions taken against 128 people including 15 teachers last year, the Rab chief also warned of tougher action this time.

"Be it students or guardians or teachers or others, no one will be spared if found guilty," he warned. The Rab requested guardians and students not to pay heed to rumours regarding question paper leaks.

"I urge you, guardians, not to look around for leaked question papers. And to teachers, I say, do not get involved in such things," Benazir said.

During the exams, Rab members will visit and monitor all examination centres, he said.

Meanwhile in Satkhira, Rab detained an 18-year-old in the town's Stadium area for his alleged involvement in selling fake question papers on Facebook, reports our correspondent quoting Lieutenant Commander BNMM Zahidul Kabir, deputy director of Rab-6.



Water being drained out from the lake surrounding Sangsad Bhaban, to clear the layer of mud underneath and check for cracks on the concrete lake floor, as part of a restoration project. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## One-stop service for rail passengers planned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Railways Ministry and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division have joined hands to launch a one-stop digital service to avail seamless, easy and quick services for rail passengers.

Once the "One-Stop Digital Railway Passenger Service System" and mobile app are launched, expectedly in April next year, a service-seeker can avail all railway services using their mobile phone.

A nine-member committee was formed yesterday with Pronab Kumar Ghosh, additional secretary of Railways Ministry, to implement the project. The committee will hold its first meeting today.

The decision came following a views-exchange meeting at Rail Bhaban in the capital. Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan and State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak were present at the meeting.

Nurul Islam Sujan said passengers, at present, can avail several services including booking of tickets online and through SMS. Once the proposed service is implemented,

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## DSCC mayor launches dust control initiative

## 51km roads to be sprayed with water

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following a High Court order to conduct mobile courts twice a week against those responsible for air pollution in the capital, Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday said they will conduct drives soon to reduce dust in DSCC areas.

He made the comment while launching a water-spraying programme at Bangla Academy ahead of the Ekushey book fair.

As part of the programme, DSCC will spray water on 51km primary roads in its areas to reduce dust during dry season.

"We will start spraying water on roads, complying with the directives of the High Court," Khokon said.

The High Court on January 28 ordered the director general (DG) of Department of Environment (DoE) to take actions against

those responsible for air pollution in Dhaka.

In response to a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, the court also asked the DG of DoE to submit a report in four weeks.

The court directed the authorities concerned to act within 15 days so that on-going development and repair works at construction sites in Dhaka do not further pollute the air. It also directed the authorities concerned to spray water twice a day at the dust affected areas in the city.

The mayors of the two city corporations and their chief executive officers have been directed to submit a report after complying with this order in two weeks.

Urging residents to spray water at their own construction sites, the mayor said dust generates due to construction activities.

## No representation of people in the House

## LDA says at protest rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is no representation of people in the 11th parliament and a "fresh election under a non-partisan supervisory government" is urgent, said leaders of Left Democratic Alliance (LDA) at a rally.

They also said that those who were involved in the "December 30 voting coup" will be "tried in a special tribunal".

They were speaking yesterday in front of Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka as part of their protest procession and black flag rally in all divisional and district towns, marking the first session of the 11th parliament.

"The December 30 election has broken all previous records of vote rigging. Awami League no more has the right to criticise Ershad or BNP," said LDA Coordinator Shah Alam.

"There is no alternative to a united movement for a neutral, caretaker government which will arrange a fresh election to restore the rights to vote and stop oppression," he added.

Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganoshamati Andolon, said, "It [December 30 election] was a coordinated coup by the administration, law enforcing and intelligence agencies... We demand an election through which people can exercise their franchise."

He also demanded constitutional amendments to end "the autocratic power structure" of the government.

In the 47 years of independence, people have never seen instances of 30-50 percent votes being cast the night before election, said Saiful Haque, general secretary of Biplobi Workers Party.

He also said the "farcical election" has made a mass upsurge inevitable, akin to the election in 1970 that provoked people to fight the Liberation War.

He criticised the celebration of election victory by different government bodies and said, "The invitation for a tea party on February 2 by the Prime Minister is nothing but adding salt to wound. We have rejected it already as part of our movement."

The most difficult circumstance of this election was that the police and civil administration jointly rigged vote more than the AL men this time, said Abdus Sattar, who contested in election from Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh from Barishal-5. He also alleged that some 1.86 lakh farmers were sued in different cases centring the election.

Speakers also said the announcement of "zero tolerance against corruption" doesn't suit the government, as they have nominated "corrupt persons" in the government.

They also blamed the government of "failing to solve the crisis with Myanmar and Teesta issue with India".

Leaders of LDA including Abdus Salam, Hamidul Haque, and Bazlur Rashid Firoz, spoke at the programme.

## Collective effort must to save environment

## Dr Tanzimuddin Khan says at solo lecture

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Collective effort is needed to save the country's environment as the government, in the name of development, has legitimised "anti-environment" activities of various "aid" organisations, said Dhaka University teacher Dr Tanzimuddin Khan at a solo lecture yesterday.

Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq Foundation arranged the lecture on "Bangladesh-e Bon Sangrakhaner Rajnoitik Protibesh: Nishorgo Prokolpo-er Prashongikota" at RC Majumdar auditorium of DU, said a press release.

It was part of the foundation's lecture series on unpublished PhD thesis.

Dr Tanzimuddin submitted a thesis on "The Project in Bangladesh: Gas, Forest and Livelihood" to the University of New England in Australia in 2014, which helped him earn his doctoral degree from the university. Yesterday's lecture was based on the thesis. In his lecture, the associate professor of International Relations said the USAID-funded forest conservation project, "Nishorgo", was initiated in Bangladesh in 2000.

The project continued as "Integrated Protected Areas Conservation" between 2008 and 2012. From 2013 to 2018, it continued as "Climate-Resilient Ecosystem and Livelihood" for the conservation of 25 out of the country's 35 forests and wetlands, he said.

Evidence of "Nishorgo" project turning "anti-human" and "anti-nature" could be found through analysing official documents, publications, and emails related to it, he alleged.

He also alleged that while undertaking projects for forest conservation, authorities concerned make various promises but in the end, business interests of local and international groups involved in the projects gets priority.

## পাইলস, ফিস্টুলা, কোষ্ঠকাঠিন্য, আমাশয়, কোলোনক্ষপি, পলিপ, কোলন, রেকটাম ক্যান্সার ও ল্যাপারোক্ষপি

পেটের খাদ্যনালী ও মলতারের (Colon, Rectum and Anus) সমস্যা বেষ্টন-মলতারের পর রক্ত যাওয়া, মলতারের বিস্তৃত সমস্যা, ফিস্টুলা, এবং অমাশয় (Ulcerative Colitis), বিনা অপারেশনেন পাইলস চিকিৎসা, মলতারে না কেটে সর্বাধিক লঁজো প্রক্রিয়তে পাইলস অপারেশন, পাইলস চিকিৎসা সম্পর্কে জানতে হবে বইটি পান্তি।

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We fondly remember Late Aziz H. A. Sattar, the founding Managing Director of GMG Group of Industries, on his 26th death anniversary. He was a pioneer and a role model of industrialization in this country. His unfathomable depth of knowledge, vision, uphill struggle and firm determination may inspire all of us. Today we solicit doa for his departed soul.

Family members, well wishers & employees

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GAUTAM DAS MURDER  
HC upholds life term for five, acquits four

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday upheld the life imprisonment of five convicts and acquitted four others in the journalist Gautam Das murder case.

The bench of Justice AKM Abdul Hakim and Justice Fatema Najib delivered the verdict after hearing appeals filed by the convicts challenging the lower court verdict.

The convicts are: Asif Imran, Siddiqur Rahman Miah, Asad Bin Kadir, Abu Taher Mohammad Mortuza Ahsan and Tamzid Hossain Babu.

The four acquitted are Asif Imtiaz Bulu, Kamrul Islam Apon, Rajib Hassan Miah and Kazi Murad.

The government will move an appeal before the apex court challenging the HC verdict that acquitted the four accused, said Deputy Attorney General Harun-Ar Rashid.

According to the case statement, on November 17, 2005, assailants killed journalist

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