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Rain/thunder showers is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur & Rajshahi divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. Light fog may occur at isolated places over the country during



Leaders and activists of Chhatra Dal bring out a procession on Dhaka University campus yesterday after placing their seven-point demand regarding Ducsu polls to the vice chancellor.

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Postpone Ducsu polls for three months: JCD

Chhatra Dal seeks time for campaigning, brings out procession after 9 years at DU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), a pro-BNP student organisation, yesterday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus after about nine years, ahead of the March 11 Ducsu election.

JCD stopped organising events on the campus after January 18, 2010, following a clash with pro-Awami League student body Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), and later fearing arrest and harassment.

JCD also submitted a memorandum to Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman, demanding a safe environment for all student organisations and called upon the authorities to postpone the Ducsu election for three months in this regard.

Afterwards, over a hundred leaders and activists of Chhatra Dal, led by its president Rajib Ahsan, brought out a procession from the VC's office to TSC.

Rajib said a safe environment is needed for campaigning on the campus, ahead of the polls. "We need at least three-month time before the election so that our activists can campaign safely and properly," he added.

JCD's other demands include creating a peaceful and congenial atmosphere for all student organisations and setting up poll-

ing centres in academic buildings instead of dormitories. They also asked the university authorities to ensure security of candidates during campaigning.

Asked, the VC said Chhatra Dal submitted their demands and he told them that Ducsu polls will be held according to its constitution and electoral code of conduct.

At a separate programme yesterday, Progressive Students' Alliance demanded setting up polling stations outside dormitories and ensuring a safe environment for the long-awaited polls.

Meanwhile, top leadership of BCL held a meeting with some central leaders of ruling Awami League last night at AL head office on Bangabandhu Avenue.

After the meeting, BCL general secretary Golam Rabbani told The Daily Star that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina wanted to know about the upcoming Ducsu polls and related issues. He said they have also informed the central leaders about their preparations.

"We told them [central leaders] that we have faith in our 'Netri' [Sheikh Hasina] and we will accept whoever she nominates as VP and GS," Rabbani said.

AL Joint General Secretary Jahangir Kabir Nanak and Organising Secretary Bahauddin Nasim were also present at the meeting.

Massive drive underway to clean Barishal sewers

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

To improve the drainage system and avoid waterlogging during the upcoming monsoon, Barishal City Corporation (BCC) has started a massive drive to clean all of the city's sewers.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Chief Executive Officer of BCC Khairul Hasan said the drive started on February 2 and will continue till mid-February.

"We already cleaned 22km of drains filled with garbage," said the CEO.

Most of the city's sewers got blocked with solid and liquid waste, collapsing the entire drainage system, said Khairul Hasan.

The BCC authorities started the drive to get rid of waterlogging during the rainy season, he added.

Dr Rabiul Islam, in-charge of the conservancy department of BCC, said at

least 100 workers are engaged in this operation. "The works on Sadar Road, Hospital Road, Bazar Road and Bagura Road areas have already been finished."

According to BCC, the total length of the city's sewers is 376km -- 212km is made of concrete and the rest is natural.

Waterlogging has been a common problem of the city due to unplanned waste disposal and improper waste management, said Manabendra Batabayel, 75, a resident of College Raw area.

"BCC failed to remove total garbage from the concrete drains in the last 10 years. Eventually, those have got silted," said 70-year-old Anyet Hossain Chowdhury from Parara Road area.

During a visit to different areas, this correspondent found most of the sewers filled with plastic objects, bottles, rags and other garbage.

City dwellers welcomed the drive.

Anowara Begum, 70, from Kawnia area said, "I did not see any worker of BCC cleaning the drains in the last seven years."

Dirty drains often overflow to adjoining roads, creating an unhygienic situation.

Das Gupta Asis Kumar from Bagura Road and Shipra Rani Das from Hospital Road areas hope that they would not face such nuisance while taking their children to schools after the drive.

Dr Monwar Hossain, civil surgeon of Barishal, said dirty water coming from the drains contributes to spreading of waterborne diseases.

Shuvongkar Chakrabary, secretary of the district unit of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, said, "We demand such cleaning drive continue round the year."

Evicted workers, owners want rehabilitation

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Cg

Owners and workers of various business establishments, cooperating with Chattogram District Administration in the ongoing eviction drive along Karnaphuli river, urged the authorities concerned to ensure their rehabilitation.

Yesterday was the fourth day of the drive that the administration initiated on Monday to knock down illegal structures, following a High Court order.

According to officials, over 200 structures would be demolished from Majhirghat to Berek Building intersection in the first phase.

So far, 170 structures have been demolished, said Tahmilur Rahman, assistant commissioner (land) of Patenga, who is supervising the demolition. He said seven acres of land have been freed from occupiers so far.

Of the structures, 40 were removed by the grabbers themselves.

Workers of the demolished business estab-

lishments, including salt factories, warehouses of fertilizers, sugar, rice and salt, claimed that over 10,000 of them had become jobless due to the drive.

Payer Ahmed Chowdhury, proprietor of M/S Janani Salt Factory, said over 100 workers of his factory became unemployed after his factory was demolished Tuesday.

"We are cooperating with the authorities but we did not get enough time to shift our valuables, raw materials and finished products," alleged Payer. "They [authorities] asked us to move our valuables on Friday and started the eviction on Monday."

"I have over Tk 2 crore stuck in the market... As we cannot supply products, clients are not paying us," he added. "If the government takes initiatives to rehabilitate us, we can survive," he said.

Abu Shahadat Chowdhury, proprietor of Khaza Baba Salt Factory, said he had been running the factory since 1989.

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BADAL FARAJI HC seeks explanation from govt in a week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the government to explain in a week why Badal Faraji should not be produced before the court to satisfy that he was not detained illegally.

The HC bench of Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan and Justice KM Kamrul Kader came up with the rule following a writ petition filed by Ain o Salish Kendra, Deputy Attorney General ABM Abdullah Al Mahmud Bashar told The Daily Star.

The rights group challenged the legality of Badal Faraji's detention.

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HSC examinee pulls rickshaw at JU to pay off dues

MD ASADUZ ZAMAN, JU

When most students are preparing for the HSC exam, which is just a couple of months away, a 19-year-old is toiling away on Jahangirnagar University campus to pay off the money he borrowed from a lender for the exam's registration fees.

Rayhan Islam will take part in the HSC exam from humanities group in April from Boda Pilot Model School and College in Panchagarh under Dinajpur Board.

This correspondent met him on the campus last week.

He said he came to the campus last month from Panchagarh with others from his area in search for work. They are also pulling rickshaws on the campus, he said, adding that they helped him rent a rickshaw so that he could start working right away. He is also staying with them in Ambagan area near the campus.

"I borrowed Tk 3,100 from a lender in my area to pay my registration fees for the HSC exam. I have to pay off the loan with interest, which is now Tk 4,900, within three months," he said.

"I earn around Tk 300 after pulling rickshaw for over eight hours a day. After expenses, I make around Tk 150 per day."

Rayhan, from Balavir village in Boda upazila, said, "My father is a day labourer. It's hard for my family to support my education expenditure. I have a younger brother and sister. My brother could not continue his education, while my sister is in ninth grade."

"I have completed my SSC exams in 2016. I got GPA 3.64 (humanities). I did not receive any stipend due to low attendance. I had to work then too."

"I want to continue my education so that I can change my fortune and eventually support my family," he said.

But the month-long hard labour also took its toll on Rayhan. While talking to this newspaper over phone yesterday, Rayhan informed that he went back to his home to take some rest.

This correspondent also spoke to Rayhan's mother, Rehana Parveen.

"His father didn't want him to continue his education, rather start working to support the family... but Rayhan always wanted to pursue education. He used to collect old books from other students," she said.

"My son has been working hard to fulfil his goal... I pray to God that he becomes successful," said his proud mother.



PHOTO: STAR

Rayhan Islam pulling a rickshaw on Jahangirnagar University campus.

World must not turn away from Rohingyas: Angelina Jolie

UNB, Dhaka

UNHCR special envoy and Hollywood superstar Angelina Jolie has said the world must not turn away from the nearly 1 million Rohingyas who have fled from Myanmar to Bangladesh.

Jolie, who left early yesterday concluding her Bangladesh visit, also sought continued support for those who have been displaced, until the Myanmar authorities show the genuine commitment needed to end decades-long cycle of violence and displacement.

The special envoy's visit came just ahead of a new funding appeal, the 2019 Joint Response Plan (JRP), to be launched next week by UNHCR, along with other humanitarian agencies, said the UN refugee agency yesterday. It seeks to raise more than US\$920 million to assist Rohingya refugees and affected local communities this year.

Jolie held official meetings with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen on Wednesday.

While in Dhaka, Jolie also visited Liberation War Museum and Bangabandhu Memorial Museum.

Jolie began her three-day visit on Monday in Chakmarkul and Kutupalong Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar, where she heard testimonies of Rohingya women, children and men.

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Angelina Jolie receives a souvenir from Liberation War Museum trustee Dr Sarwar Ali, Ziauddin Tariq Ali, Rabiul Hussain and Aly Zaker, during her visit to the museum on Wednesday.

College student dies in road accident

STAR REPORT

A college student and a two-year-old girl were killed and another was injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Pirojpur, a motorcyclist was killed and his co-rider injured as his bike hit a roadside tree in Baro Biraljhuri village of Kawkhali upazila.

Abdullah Al Sany, 17, son of Mamun Hossain from Joykul village, was a student of Shaheed Abdur Rab Serniabat Textile Engineering College.

Kawkhali police said Sany was going to his village with a girl from Kawkhali upazila headquarters.

The accident happened as he lost control over the bike.

The identity of the girl could not be known immediately.

In Gopalganj, two-year-old girl was killed after a battery-run auto-rickshaw hit her while she was crossing Gopalganj-Tungipara road in Gimadanga area of Tungipara upazila.

Nadia Akter, daughter of Nazmul Sheikh of Gimadanga village, was going to a shop, said her uncle Bipul Sheikh.

She was declared dead at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Police seized the auto-rickshaw and detained its driver.

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মিলের ০২ নং ফটক হতে বিদ্যুৎ অফিস পর্যন্ত পুরাতন ১২২৫ ফিট (BFS) রাজ্য সংস্কারে আরসিসি ঢালাই কাজের জন্য সরকারি, আধাসরকারি, যাবতশালিত ও প্রতিষ্ঠিত বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানের ১ম শ্রেণীর তালিকাভুক্ত প্রকৃত অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন পূর্ত ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত তফসিলে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আবেদন করা যাইতেছে।	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা	৬০,০০০/- (ষাট হাজার) টাকা	৬০ (ষাট) দিন	০৩-০৩-২০১৯খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
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