

## WEATHER FORECAST



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 29.4°C | MYMENSINGH 27.7°C | CHITTAGONG 13.6°C | SYLHET 29.0°C | RAJSHAHI 29.4°C | RANGPUR 14.8°C | KHULNA 28.0°C | BARISHAL 30.2°C | COX'S BAZAR 11.0°C | H 30.2°C | L 15.2°C

Rain/thunder showers is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur &amp; Rajshahi divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country in next 24 hours 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 Ducusu polls to the vice chancellor.

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## 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 Rawarea.

"BCC failed to remove total garbage from the concrete drains in the last 10 years. Eventually, those have got filled," 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 Chakrabarty, 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, Ctg

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 Barek 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 Chwodhury, proprietor of M/S Janani Salt Factory, said over 100 workers of his factory became unemployed after his factory was demolished yesterday.

"We are cooperating with the authorities but we did not get enough time to shift our valuable, 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 Hasan 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 Bashir 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."



PHOTO: STAR

## 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.



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 Maman Hossain from Joykut 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.

## গুল আহমদ জুট মিলস লিঃ কুমিরা, সীতাকুণ্ড, চট্টগ্রাম দরপত্র বিভাগ

কাজের বিবরণ	প্রাপ্তিষ্ঠান দরপত্র তত্ত্বাবধারীর মূল্য (অর্থনৈতিক প্রয়োগ)	দরপত্র জামানত (ব্যবসায়িক প্রয়োগ)	কাজ সম্পর্কের সম্পর্কীয়া	দরপত্র জমান তারিখ ও সময়
মিলের ০২ নং ফটক হতে বিদ্যুৎ অফিস পর্যবেক্ষণ প্রক্রিয়ান মুল্য ১২২৫ ফিট (BFS) রাজা সংস্কারে আরমাসিস ঢালাই কাজের জন্ম সরকারি, আধারসম্পর্কীয়, রাষ্ট্রসম্পর্কীয় ও প্রাতাম্বিক প্রযোজনীয় প্রক্রিয়া প্রক্রিয়া প্রতিষ্ঠানের মুক্ত দ্বিতীয় কাজের নির্দেশ হতে নির্ধারিত কাজসিলে সীলনোহরণকৃত দরবার কাজের স্থানে করা যাইতেছে।	৭৫/- (সাধারণ প্রযোগ) টাকা	৬০,০০০/- (ব্যাপ্ত হাজার) টাকা	৬০ (ষাট) দিন	০৩-০৩-২০১৯ মুক্ত ১২,০০ টাকাক প্রযোজন।
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Rayhan Islam pulling a rickshaw on Jahangirnagar University campus.