

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 27.0 L 16.6	MYMENSINGH H 26.0 L 13.5	CHATTOGRAM H 29.6 L 19.2	SYLHET H 26.0 L 15.3	RAJSHAHI H 26.2 L 11.5	RANGPUR H 24.5 L 12.5	KHULNA H 26.0 L 18.0	BARISHAL H 27.0 L 16.8	COX'S BAZAR H 29.8 L 20.4
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Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 24 hours till 6pm today, UNB said quoting the Met office. **The sun sets in the capital today at 6:02pm and rises tomorrow at 6:20am.**

TANGENTS

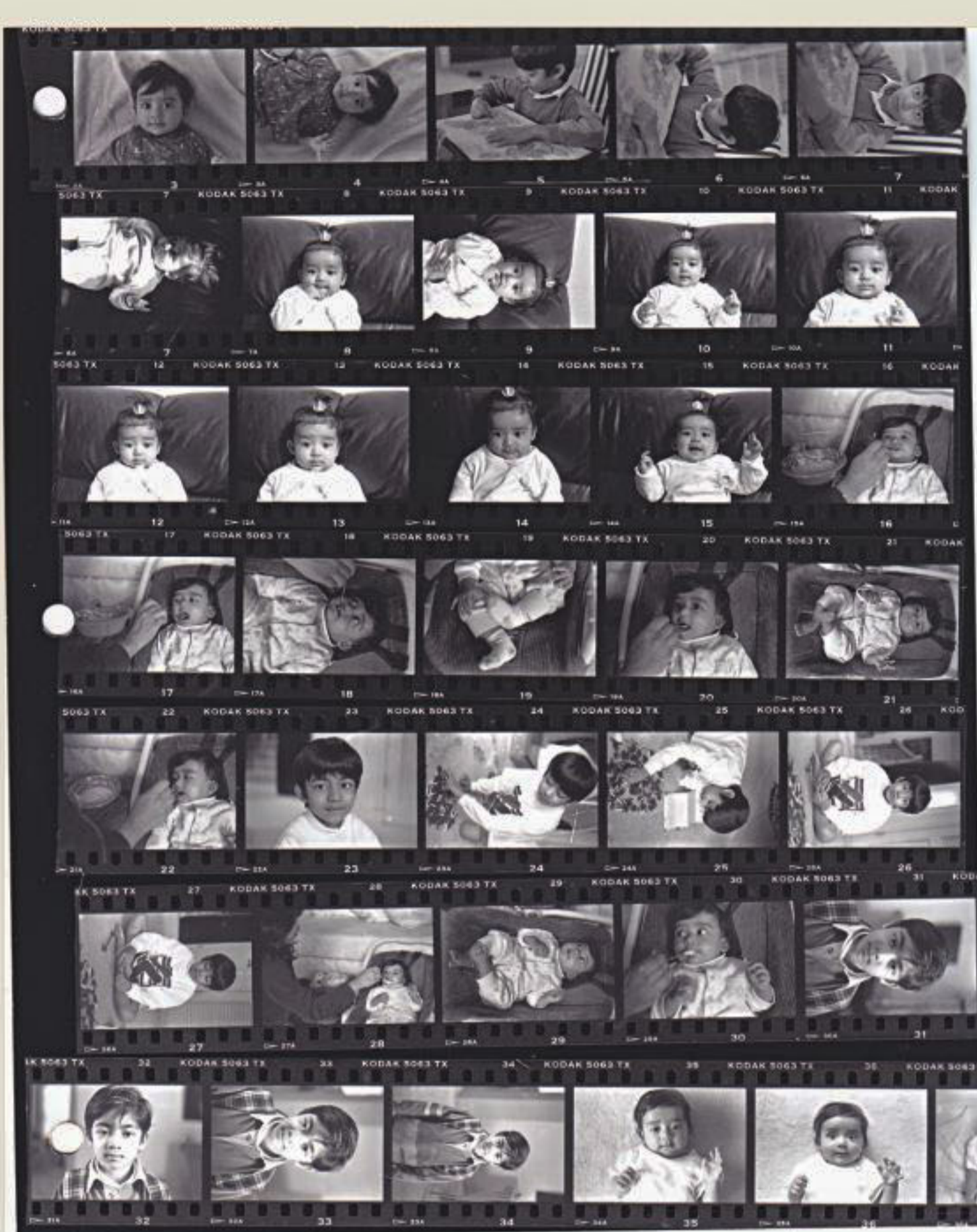
BY IHTISHAM KABIR

Chimping and Other Digital Distractions

The first twenty years of my photographic life were spent with black and white film. Finding your subject, you set one or two camera functions, composed the photograph, pressed the shutter and moved on to the next photograph. If the subject was static and you had time, you "bracketed" your photograph, that is, you took several pictures varying the exposure. If the subject was a portrait, you took a few because she or he may have blinked. But every photograph cost money and you never wasted film.

After you had finished the film roll, you went to the darkroom and processed it (or "souped" it as we used to say.) Washing the film, you hung it to dry. Then you cut it in strips of five negatives.

Now the excitement started building. You placed the strips on a sheet of photographic paper, exposed it under the enlarger, and developed the paper by immersing it in a tray filled with Dektol, a developer. You held your breath under the dim red light of the darkroom as the pictures magically came alive on the paper. This was the *contact sheet*.



Contact sheet from film days. PHOTO BY: IHTISHAM KABIR

Seeing the result of your work on the contact sheet was the most exciting moment, the moment of truth, the revelation of surprises. Here was the essence and joy of photography. "Expose for the secrets, develop for the surprises!"

Fast forwarding, the second twenty years of my photographic life have been digital, accompanied by remarkable benefits - no film costs, no messing with chemicals, and no prints to store.

But digital has its distractions. For example, *chimping*, the habit of checking the back of the camera every time the photographer takes a picture.

The term derives from what happens afterwards. The "oohs" and the "aahs" and the gesturing towards friends to look - I guess it (unkindly) reminded someone of chimpanzee behaviour!

My complaint with chimping is that it distracts my attention from the subject at hand. It takes half a second or less for a bird to take flight, and I will miss it if I check the last picture I took. Also, running the display unnecessarily consumes battery.

But my biggest issue is that chimping takes away the surprise and joy of photography.

So I have turned off the automatic display on my camera back, and use it only if I really need to check something for correctness - the exposure, focus or composition.

Another digital problem is shutter diarrhoea. You keep taking pictures - "spray and pray" - because you think one will come out right. After all, it's free, isn't it?

Wrong. You get a good picture

because you thought about it, because you can compose it, because you understand photographic technique.

Then there are those who think they can take a sloppy picture and fix it later in software. But if you underexpose a photograph, no matter how much Photoshop you apply, it will not have the sparkle of a correctly exposed photograph.

Still, I love digital photography. I don't have to worry about chemicals. And I can take pictures I could only dream of taking with film. Just don't ask me to start chimping!

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Three killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three persons including an Indian national were killed in separate road accidents in the last two days.

Biker Sazedur Rahman Hira, 35, was killed and his co-rider Ayan Kabir was injured as a bus hit their bike in Ghoraghat upazila of Dinajpur yesterday, reports our correspondent.

Quoting witnesses police said the accident took place in Nurjahanpur area, when the two were returning to Bogra from Ghoraghat upazila in Dinajpur, killing Sazedur on the spot.

Locals rushed the injured to Ghoraghat Upazila Health Complex.

In Narayanganj, mill worker Lal Mia, 35, was killed in Dapa area under Fatullah Police Station area yesterday, police said.

A truck loaded with iron plates hit Lal Mia. He was later taken to Narayanganj 300-bed hospital, where doctors declared him dead, said Manzur Kader, officer-in-charge of the police station.

After the accident, law enforcers seized the bus but the driver fled. The body was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy, said the OC.

Meanwhile, Indian national Sudana Bewa, 69, succumbed to her injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital yesterday, after she suffered critical injuries in an accident on Thursday.

Assistant Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Iftekhyar Alam said she was admitted to RMCH on Thursday after being run over by an unidentified vehicle in Sonaidighi area under Godagari upazila.

Govt working as servant rather than ruler: Speaker

BSS, Rangpur

Jatiya Sangshad Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday said the government is working as the servant rather than the ruler, to ensure people's welfare.

"The only goal of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is development of the country and peace for its people," she said at a citizens' reception accorded to her by residents

Pirganj on Pirganj Government Shah Abdur Rouf College premises, marking her election as the House speaker for the third consecutive time.

Shirin Sharmin said the country's people joined the Liberation War irrespective of their race, religion, caste and creed at the call of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Nobody wants a monarchy

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as an autocratic one, he said it will not leave power easily unless people come up with a united and strong resistance against it.

Nagorik Oikya convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna said Awami League has snatched people's voting rights on December 29 last by using the state machinery.

"The Awami League which liberated the country under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman doesn't exist in the country. The current Awami League is an associate body of police league," he remarked.

Manna said people on Thursday sent out a message to the govern-

ment that they do not want any election under it, by not going to polling stations to cast their votes in the by-polls to Dhaka North City Corporation's mayoral post.

DU TO OBSERVE FLAG HOISTING DAY TODAY

Dhaka University will observe flag hoisting day on its campus today, with due respect.

Vice-Chancellor (VC) Professor Dr Md Akhtaruzzaman will inaugurate a programme in observance of the day at 10am on the historic Bot-Tala premises adjacent to Arts Building by playing the national anthem, reports BSS.

Later, a discussion will be held on the significance of the day, followed by performance of patriotic songs.



Authorities have taken the initiative to brighten up one of Chattogram's most popular tourist spots, Patenga sea beach. This photo was taken on Thursday. PHOTO: COLLECTED



President Abdul Hamid hands over a crest to Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda in a programme observing National Voters' Day yesterday. PHOTO: PID

Two-month ban on fishing in southern region starts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A two-month ban on fishing at five sanctuaries in nine major rivers in the country's southern region started yesterday.

The government had introduced the ban in 2006 to facilitate safe spawning and increase national fishing wealth by saving fish fries.

Under the ban, nobody can catch any kind of fish by any means from those rivers in six districts - Barishal, Bhola, Patuakhali, Shariatpur, Chandpur and Laxmipur.

A total of 432km stretch of the rivers Ilisha, Meghna, Tentulia, Kalabador, Andharmanik, Gojaria, Lota and Padma are under the purview of the ban.

Bimal Chandra Das, a district fishery officer, said of the stretch 100km is from Shatnol to Char Alexander, 20km in Shariatpur district, 90km from Char Ilisha to Char Pail, 82km from Kirtankhola

Teenager found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police recovered the throat-slitted body of a teenager at Biral upazila in Dinajpur district yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Zakir Hossain, 18, son of Shamsul Islam of Baluadanga area under Dinajpur Municipality area, said ATM Golam Rasul, officer-in-charge of Biral Police Station.

Locals of Kanchan village under Biral upazila spotted the body under a rail bridge and informed police.

Law enforcers recovered the body and sent it to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital in Dinajpur for autopsy, the OC said, adding that the body bore several stab wounds.

Math Olympiad 2019

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Olympiad was held in all 64 districts of the country.

Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad Committee (BdMOC), in association with Bangla daily Prothom Alo and Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited (DBBL), has been organising the event since 2001 to make math more popular among students.

Yesterday, the formalities of the Olympiad began around 9am. Brother Robi Theodore Purification, principal of St Joseph School, along with guests inaugurated the programme through hoisting the national flag and releasing colourful balloons.

Speaking at the event, Prothom Alo Editor and Publisher Matur Rahman said this year's Olympiad is the biggest competition so far as more than 50,000 students participated in the district level.

Addressing the students, Matur

Rahman said that the youngsters were being moulded so that they could earn more honours for the country on international platforms.

BdMOC President Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury said mathematics is very crucial for higher studies, particularly in the areas of science, technology and engineering.

"Our aim is to strengthen the [students'] base of maths. We have become successful in this regard. Fear of math at school level is mostly gone," said Choudhury, also a national professor.

DBBL Managing Director Abul Kashem Md Shirin, Prothom Alo associate editors Abdul Quayum and Anisul Hoque, BdMOC Vice-President Dr Munibur Rahman Chowdhury and its General Secretary Munir Hasan, among others, were present at the event.

Prisoner 'dies by suicide' in Barishal Central Jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

A prisoner allegedly died by suicide in Barishal Central Jail yesterday, authorities said.

The deceased, Kabir Sikder, 40, of Pirojpur district, was serving a 10-year jail term in connection with a theft case.

"He hung himself with a towel in the kitchen of the jail around 2pm," said Proshanta Kumar Banik, Superintendent of the jail.

Spotted by other prisoners, jail authorities rescued Kabir and sent him to Barishal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival, the jail superintendent added.

Kabir was transferred to Barishal Central Jail from Bhola district jail on July 2 last year, Proshanta Kumar Banik also said.

Open

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Transport Authority (BRTA), said since BRTC is a state-owned organisation, they only check fitness of the vehicles when asked by the concerned authorities.

Almas Kabir, deputy general manager of BRTC, said that there is no scope for unfit vehicles to ply the highway.

He however said he did not know the number of buses plying the Khulna-Barishal route or their conditions, and said the depot manager would have the details.

Jamil Hossain, manager of BRTC Barishal depot, could not be reached for comments even after repeated attempts.

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