

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES**

<b>DHAKA</b> H 27.0 IL 13.2	<b>MYMENSINGH</b> H 26.5 IL 12.6	<b>CHATTOGRAM</b> H 27.3 IL 15.7	<b>SYLHET</b> H 28.2 IL 13.2	<b>RAJSHAHI</b> H 26.2 IL 10.1	<b>RANGPUR</b> H 24.5 IL 12.5	<b>KHULNA</b> H 26.8 IL 14.4	<b>BARISHAL</b> H 27.2 IL 12.0	<b>COX'S BAZAR</b> H 28.7 IL 17.8
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Weather may remain dry with mostly 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 6:19am.



**Garbage trucks of Chattogram City Corporation ply the port city streets during daytime, violating directives to collect waste from 10pm to 6am, in covered vehicles. The photos were taken on Station Road around 4:30pm yesterday.**

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

# No atmosphere for Cucusu polls: authorities

*Students say administration doesn't want the platform*

MD ABBAS, CU

Amid the ongoing demand for CU Central Students' Union (Cucusu) election, Chittagong University authorities have said there is no congenial atmosphere on the campus to hold the polls.

With Ducusu polls scheduled for March 11, various CU student organisations have been demonstrating over the last couple of months, but the authorities are yet to pay any heed.

Refuting the CU authorities' claim, students said the atmosphere will be created automatically, once the administration "really" wants to hold the election.

Drishon Pradip Chakma, president of CU Chhatra Front unit, alleged, "At present, best atmosphere is prevailing on the campus to hold Cucusu polls. They [authorities] don't want to hold it as the elected body will remain alert to ensure students' interests."

Abid Khondokar, president of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front unit, said, "The authorities are showing reluctance to arrange the polls, fearing a strong student voice."

Fazle Rabbi Sujan, former general secretary of dissolved BCL unit, and Shahidul Islam, general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal unit, echoed the opinions.

While talking to The Daily Star, Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury on Friday said political situation at CU differs from that at Dhaka University. There is coexistence among student bodies at DU, but "here [CU], they fight among each other on a regular basis", he said.

"If they [student bodies] really want Cucusu election, they will have to come to an agreement that they will not hamper academic atmosphere," the VC said. "We don't want any violence centring polls."

"If the student bodies assure us in a judicial stamp paper in front of a magistrate that they will refrain from violence and untoward incidents centring Cucusu election, we will then seek approval and suggestion from the president and prime minister for the election," he added.

When asked if they will arrange any dialogue in this regard, he said they are closely monitoring the upcoming Ducusu election and further decisions will be taken after the polls.

The student bodies, however, said they will comply with the VC's demands but the authorities will have to show some kind of initiative first to hold Cucusu polls.

They also said it is responsibility of the university administration to ensure safety of students.

# Relief from waterlogging in Ctg soon: LGRD minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Tajul Islam yesterday said the people of Chattogram city would get relief from waterlogging soon.

The minister was speaking at a views-exchange meeting on addressing waterlogging and ongoing development works in the city, at Chattogram Circuit House.

"There are 57 canals in Chattogram city; of those, excavation work in some canals have already been completed while work on the remaining ones are ongoing," said the minister.

"All the canals will be excavated step by step... people of Chattogram shall get relief from waterlogging," he said.

The office of Chattogram Divisional Commissioner organised the meeting with

Abdul Mannan, divisional commissioner of Chattogram, in the chair.

Recalling the contribution of former mayor of Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) late ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, Tajul said, "The city was the most beautiful one in the country during the tenure of Mohiuddin Chowdhury, and I expect, the city would be more beautiful under the leadership of his successors -- CCC Mayor AJM Nasir Uddin, Chairman of Chattogram District Administration MA Salam and Chairman of Chattogram Development Authority Abdus Salam."

"We all will have to work together to accelerate the development works of the city," he said.

Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury, AJM Nasir Uddin, MA Salam and Abdus Salam were present, among others, on the occasion.

# Math Olympiad ends on high note

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 17th Bangladesh Mathematical Olympiad, the biggest math competition in the country, ended at St Joseph Higher Secondary School in Dhaka yesterday amid much enthusiasm and excitement.

A total of 84 students out of 1,226 participants were announced winners at the Olympiad, including the top winner - Saumitra Das, an HSC student of Faridpur Government Rajendra College.

He got "Champion of the Olympiad Medal-2019" bagging the highest 64 marks in the quiz, apart from being the champion in higher secondary category.

In the primary category, Nowshin Afia Jahan, a student of Rangpur's BIAM Laboratory School top-scored, while Sudipto Sagor Neel of Udayan Higher Secondary School was the top-scorer

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# Six killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Six people, including a schoolgirl, were killed in road accidents across the country in the last two days.

In Dhaka, transport worker Billal, 35, supervisor of Madhumoti Paribahan, was killed after a bus hit him near Gabtoli terminal in the city early yesterday.

The victim was on his way to work when the accident took place around 5:30am, said Farukul Alam, inspector (investigation) of Darussalam Police Station.

His body was kept at Shaheed Suhrawardy hospital morgue.

In another incident in Dhaka, transport worker Niranjana, 26, died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) after he fell

from a truck at Dayaganj in Jatrabari..

The accident left him critically injured, said Kazi Wazed Ali, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station, adding, he died on the way to the hospital.

An unidentified man was killed and another injured at Banigram union under Banskhali upazila in Chattogram yesterday, reports our correspondent quoting locals.

The accident took place when a Banskhali-bound bus skidded off the road to avoid collision with a three-wheeler on the highway, said Alauddin Talukdar, assistant sub-inspector of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) police outpost.

In Jhalakathi, Jalal Uddin, 65, died after a three-wheeler hit him

on Barishal-Khulna highway yesterday, reports our local correspondent.

Abul Kalam Azad, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Jhalakathi Police Station, said the accident took place while Jalal was crossing the road.

The driver of the vehicle was arrested, and the body was sent to a local hospital for autopsy, he added.

In Manikganj, Farid Hossain, a third-year student of Titumir College, died after his motorcycle hit a roadside bridge at Kherupara area under Harirampur upazila yesterday, UNB reports.

Officer-in-Charge of Harirampur Police Station Aminur Rahman, said Farid and his friend Akash were severely

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# 2 found dead in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Two unidentified bodies -- one of a 30-year-old woman and the other of a 25-year-old man -- were found in separate places in Narayanganj yesterday.

Police suspected the woman was beaten to death and the man was slaughtered.

Locals informed police after noticing the body of a woman at Jamtola area in Fatullah upazila, said Sub-Inspector Fazlul Haque of Fatullah Police Station.

Her hands and legs were smashed, said the police official. They suspect that the body was dumped there after killing her in a different area.

Meanwhile, throat-slit body of the youth was found at Kapurdi village in Sonargaon upazila, said Sub-Inspector Raju Mondol of Sonargaon Police Station.

Both bodies were sent to Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy.

Filing of cases in connection with the incidents were underway.

# BCC starts demolishing illegal structures

*34 risky buildings identified in ongoing survey*

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

As part of a massive drive to demolish illegal and risky buildings, Barishal City Corporation started knocking down the unauthorised portions of a multi-storey building in the city's Line Road area yesterday.

A BCC team comprised of an authorised officer, a building inspector and 40 labourers are enforcing the drive, authorities said.

The owner got approval to construct a nine-storey building, but he extended the dwelling to 11-storey, said Md Shakil, estate officer of BCC, who is leading the drive.

"So, BCC is demolishing the additional floors of the building," he said.

"We notified him [the building owner] before carrying out the drive, but he did not take any steps," he added.

Building owner Altaf Hossain, however, said he was not notified. "We submitted necessary documents to the BCC to extend the building to 11 storeys."

Shakil acknowledged of the application, but said Altaf was yet to get the approval.

BCC Superintendent Engineer Md Anisuzzaman said the city has more than 50,000 structures in total. Of them, over 5,000 are multi-storey, he said.

BCC has been conducting a survey to find out illegal and risky buildings for one month and is taking actions accordingly, said the official. "We will notify the building owners before drives. If they do not demolish the structures on their own, we will do so," he added.

BCC estate department sources said it has already found 34 buildings in bad shape. Once the survey is finished, the number will increase, they added.



Barishal City Corporation starts demolishing illegally extended floors of an 11-storey building in Line Road area yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# 2 RU teachers get 'death threats'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, RU

Two Rajshahi University teachers have allegedly got death threats from "Sarbohara Party" over the phone.

Associate Prof M Aminul Islam of sociology department and Associate Prof Mohtasim Billah of philosophy department got the phone calls on Thursday.

Contacted, Aminul Islam said, "I received the call around 6:52pm. The caller introduced himself as Mithun of Sarbohara Party and said I am among those they are planning to kill."

Then the caller demanded money, he said. "When I refused to comply, he said, 'Get ready. We are coming. We will abduct you and kill you'," Aminul said.

Mohtasim Billah said he got a phone call minutes later from the same number. "The caller introduced himself as Mohiuddin, a commander of Sarbohara Party."

They had a similar conversation, he added. "Our men have been following you," Mohtasim quoted the caller as saying.

The same day, the two teachers filed general diaries with Motihar Police Station.

Officer-in-Charge Shahadat Hossain said they are investigating the incident.

This correspondent tried to call the phone number in question, but found it to be 'invalid'.

# Schoolboy stabbed to death 'by teens'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A schoolboy was stabbed to death allegedly by two teenagers in Savar on Friday evening. Police have detained the two boys, also school students, soon after the incident.

The deceased is Shohag Hossen, 16, son of Shohidul Islam in Chapain area. Shohag was an eighth-grader of a school in the area.

Quoting witnesses, police said on Friday evening Shohag went to visit a local fair. He had an altercation with the two there. At one stage, one of them stabbed Shohag and then both fled the scene.

Shohag was taken to Enam Medical College Hospital (EMCH), where doctors declared him dead.

Later, police raided the area and detained the two.

Talking to The Daily Star, Shohag's father said his son did not have conflict with any one. "He was just 16... a school

boy," he said.

AFM Sayeed, officer-in-charge of Savar Police Station, said the body was handed over to family members after autopsy. Shohag's father filed a case with the police station.

The OC said during primary interrogation, the teenagers admitted the incident. A charge sheet will be filed soon, he added.

Meanwhile, in two separate incidents, two RMG workers were stabbed by snatchers in Savar the same night.

In Bank Town area, Saleh Ahmed, 22, was stabbed while returning home from work. Muggers snatched his phone, belongings and fled, said police.

He is being treated at EMCH. Doctors said he is now out of danger.

In Ulail area, Jahangir Hosen, 35, suffered the same fate. He was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

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