

YESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 27.0 | MYMENSINGH 15.0 | CHATTOGRAM 26.5 | SYLHET 14.5 | RAJSHAHI 27.3 | RANGPUR 15.5 | KHULNA 28.2 | BARISHAL 14.24 | COX'S BAZAR 11.5 |

Weather may remain dry with temporary partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 24 hours till 6pm today. UNB reports quoting the Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:02pm and rises tomorrow at 6:18am.



Within six months of setting up LED lamp posts on the Lalkhan Bazar to Shah Amanat International Airport route with taxpayers' money, authorities have decided to remove them for the construction of an elevated expressway. The photos were taken at North Patenga in Chattogram on Thursday.

N'GANJ SEVEN MURDER CASE 4 convicts file appeals seeking acquittal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four convicts of the Narayanganj seven murder case yesterday filed separate appeals with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, seeking acquittal from all charges.

Then commanding officer of Rab-11 in Narayanganj Lt Col Tareque Sayeed Mohammad, company commanders Maj Arif Hossain and Lt Commander Masud Rana of the battalion and expelled Siddhiganj Awami League leader and former Narayanganj City Corporation (NCC) councillor Nur Hossain -- filed the appeals with the apex court challenging a High Court verdict that sentenced them to death.

The HC on August 2017 upheld the death penalty of 15 persons, including the four petitioners, for their involvement in conspiracy, abduction and murder.

The court also commuted the capital punishment of 11 others to life imprisonment. It fined them Tk 20,000 each, in default of which they have to spend two more years in prison.

The apex court is yet to fix any date for hearing the appeals.

Earlier on January 2017, a Narayanganj court sentenced 26 persons, to death and also sentenced nine others to different terms in jail in connection with the case.

Narayanganj City Corporation councillor Nazrul Islam along with his three companions and driver were kidnapped by a team of Rab-11 on April 27 in 2014.

Senior lawyer Chandan Sarker and his driver Ibrahim were also picked up by the same team as they witnessed the abductions.

Subsequently, seven bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya river.

Two cases were filed in this connection -- one by Nazrul's family and the other by Chandan's family.

8 Bangladeshis in Street Child Cricket WC

CITY DESK

The first Street Child Cricket World Cup Tournament, organised by Street Child United, will take place ahead of the 2019 ICC Cricket World Cup in England and Wales. British Council Bangladesh and Local Education and Economic Development Organization (LEEDO) organised its launch event at British Council Bangladesh head office in Fuller Read yesterday.

Four girls and four boys between the ages of 14 and 17 were chosen from Bangladesh to participate in the tournament, scheduled for May 2019. The event was attended by Kanbar Hossein-Bor, British Deputy High Commissioner to Bangladesh; Sebastian Pearce, Director Examinations, British Council Bangladesh; Mike Sheriff, Chair of Friends of Street Children; and Forhad Hossain, Executive Director of LEEDO were also present.

An exhibition on street children of Dhaka was also held on the occasion.

DEATH OF 5 IN THAKURGAON Nipah virus found in victim's body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) has found presence of Nipah virus in one of the five family members who died in Baliadangi upazila of Thakurgaon early February.

"Samples of one of the deceased were collected, and investigators detected presence of Nipah virus there," said IEDCR Director Meerjady Sabrina Flora in a statement yesterday.

IEDCR formed two committees, which conducted investigations at Baliadangi Upazila Health Complex, Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital, Rangpur Medical College Hospital and various places of Baliadangi upazila between February 25 and March 1.

During the time, investigators also collected samples of hospital doctors, nurses, health workers and family members of the victims, neighbours and villagers.

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'Break the evil cycle'

Law minister tells district registrars

BSS, Dhaka

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq yesterday ordered sub-registrars and district registrars to "break the evil cycle" of corruption at their respective offices.

"Please break that evil cycle. My ministry is ready to provide all kinds of support in this regard. You people work in grassroots, not me. So you have to take steps to break the syndicate of corruption," he said.

The minister made the call while addressing a views-exchange meeting with officials of Directorate of Registration at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) in the capital.

Presided over by Inspector General of

Directorate of Registration Khan Md Abdul Mannan, the meeting was also addressed by Senior Secretary of Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division Mohammad Shahidul Haque, Law and Justice Division Secretary Abu Saleh Sheikh Md Zahirul Haque and Joint Secretary Bikash Kumar Saha.

Urging sub-registrars to stay corruption-free, the law minister said, "If you act honestly, none will be able to harass you."

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina wants to establish rule of law. She waited for 21 long years to get justice after the killings of her family members. She finally got justice after continuing the trial for 14 years. As long as she is with us, no step would be taken against the rule of law," the law minister added.



Guests pose with the eight children selected for Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019.

TAJKATHI CANAL CLOGGED UP FOR YEARS

Locals start clean-up on their own

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Fed up by continued indifference from authorities, a group of youngsters voluntarily started cleaning Tajkathi canal in Barishal city on Saturday.

The 1.35km canal, stretching from Radio Centre area to Putiakhali canal, is filled with all sorts of garbage and the situation, according to locals, has remained this way for around three years.

This situation causes waterlogging in Rupatoli Housing, Rupatoli bus stand, Bashundhara Housing, Arifat Housing and Kalijira areas during the rainy season, said Rubel Molla, a resident of Basundhara Housing area.

"As Barishal City Corporation has failed to remove the garbage in the last two years, we started cleaning the canal on our own," said Rubel, president of Bashundhara Housing Youth Students Welfare Association.

"We are using bamboo and sticks in the cleaning drive. We have already cleaned 15 percent of the canal and will be able to finish the rest of the work in the next seven days," said Arifat Hossain, secretary of the association.

"We informed the BCC authorities and ward councillors, but they did nothing. Last year, the entire housing



A group of youths in a drive to clean Tajkathi canal in Bashundhara Housing area of Barishal city yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS
area was flooded with dirty water," he said.

While talking to The Daily Star, many complained about skin diseases due to the situation.

Niaz Rahman, another resident of Bashundhara Housing area, said, "We got tired of enduring this problem and decided to do something about it."

According to the association, a

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group of youths first started the cleaning drive under its banner and later others joined them.

They said at least 25 volunteers and five day-labourers hired by them are working on this.

Dr Rabiu Islam, acting conservancy officer of the BCC, however, said they also began cleaning drains and

Free accessories for physically challenged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Wheelchairs and other specialised accessories were distributed among persons with disabilities in Savar yesterday.

Using funds from Local Governance Support Programme (LGSP), Swanirvar Dhamshona Union Parishad (UP) distributed the accessories at a programme held at UP premises where State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief, Dr Enamur Rahman was present as chief guest.

Some 14 wheelchairs, six hearing aids, six sunglasses and other equipment were distributed among 29 beneficiaries.

One of them, Akash Jaman Tareq, said, "This wheelchair will be very helpful."

Saiful Islam, chairman of the UP, said, "We're always trying to make the lives of physically challenged people better, and this initiative was part of that."

"In the future, we will work on more projects like this," he added.

Dr Enamur Rahman said distribution of special equipment among the physically challenged is a good initiative. Every Union Parishad should take such initiatives, the state minister added.

Three killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three persons, including a child, were killed in separate road accidents across the country yesterday.

Eight-year-old Shahana Khatun was killed after being hit by a brick-loaded trolley on Raniganj-Choumohani road under Chilmari upazila in Kurigram, reports our correspondent.

She was daughter of Saiful Islam, resident of Sardarpura area in Thanahat union under the same upazila, said Manjur Islam, chairman of Raniganj union parishad.

The accident took place around 9am, when the victim along with her mother was going to the nearby Shahopara village, Manjur Islam, officer-in-charge of Gomostapur Police Station.

Injured rickshaw-puller Rabiul Islam was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, the OC added.

The trolley driver managed to flee and no case has been filed in this regard, said Aminul Islam.

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Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

Invitation for International Re-Tender

Date: 03/03/2019.

Memo No-44.01.0000.058.03.023.18/525

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/suppliers/Local agents in their official pad for supply of Arms & Ammunition as required by Bangladesh Police in FY 2018-2019.

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Police.
3. Procuring Entity Name	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police.
4. Invitation for	To Purchase Arms and Ammunition for Bangladesh Police.
5. Invitation Ref. No.	44.01.0000.058.03.023.18/23(2018-2019)
6. Date	03/03/2019

Key Information

7. Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope (International)
Funding Information	
8. Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)
Particular Information	
9. Tender Publication date	04 March 2019
10. Tender last selling date	01 April 2019
11. Tender closing date and time	02 April 2019 at 14:00 hrs
12. Tender opening date and time (Technical offer only)	02 April 2019 at 14:30 hrs

Name & address of the office

13. Name & address of the office	Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka.
Selling tender document	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
Receiving tender document	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
Opening tender document	NCCOM Building (5 th Floor), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
14. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	13 March 2019, at 14:00 hrs. NCCOM Building (5 th Floor) Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15. Eligibility of Tenderer	1) Up to date Export license 2) Written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the tender in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Principal 3) Affidavit confirming the legal capacity and financial capability 4) Original full Brochure of products of the Principal 5) Other requirements described in the standard tender document (PG 5A).
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16. Brief description of goods.	SL No. Description of Good Quantity Price of tender document (Non refundable)
1. 9 mm Pistol (Special Operation)	2,000 Pcs 2,000/-
2. Random Movement Tear Gas Grenade	5,000 Pcs 2,000/-

Procuring Entity Details

17. Name of official inviting tender	M. A. Jalil
18. Designation of the official inviting tender	Assistant Inspector General (Arms & Ammunition).
19. Address of official inviting tender	Assistant Inspector General (Arms & Ammunition), Room No-508 (4th Floor) 6 Phoenix Road, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
20. Contact details of official inviting the tender	Phone: 02-47120270 FAX: 02-9585304. E-mail: aiga_a@police.gov.bd

Special instructions

22. a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date.
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason.
c) The Procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from the tender.
d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue.
e) Evaluation will be on item by item basis.
f) Date of financial offer opening will be duly informed to the Technically Responsive Tenderers and their local agents.
g) The Tenderer must comply with all requirements as per the tender data sheet provided with the tender schedule.
h) The Tender Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable bank guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh.

i) The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2008.

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