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The sun sets in the capital today at 6:09pm and rises tomorrow at 6:04am.



Students in the port city bring out a procession, marking 99th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and National Children's Day yesterday. The city unit of Khelaghar organised the event. The photo was taken in front of the press club.

Govt mulling online reg for St Martin's tourists

MOSTAFA YOUSUF, Chattogram

The government is mulling an online registration system for tourists willing to travel to Saint Martin's Island, in an effort to conserve biodiversity of the unique island.

The Directorate of Environment has come up with the

plan which is now in primary stage, but they expect to begin the registration system by the end of the year. A software will be developed soon as part of the plan.

Dr Sultan Ahmed, director general of DoE told The Daily Star that they finalised a work plan for the project.

The software will be developed to ensure that only tourists who had registered in advance can come to the island, he added.

"We have submitted it [the work plan] to the concerned ministries. There will be a meeting soon at the PMO (Prime Minister on how to save the ecology and environ-Office) where things will be approved," he ment of the island, he said.

DoE is also planning to impose a minimal fee, and to allow only 1,250 tourists per day. At least 4,000 tourists come to the island every day.

DoE said people all over the world willing to visit the island will be able to confirm their

registration online.

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The software will automatically cease to accept registrations once the specific numbers of registrations for the day is reached.

Dr Sultan said biodiversity of the island was in extreme peril, due to lack of awareness of tourists who most

STAR FILE PHOTO

often tend to litter the island with waste. "That is why we also plan to set up an information centre in the island, to raise awareness among tourists of the unique

biodiversity of the area," he added. Tourists will also be given a to-do list,

Uncle expresses 'suspicion', demands autopsy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dr Rajan Karmakar, son-in-law of Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder, died early yesterday, triggering a family feud. His uncle filed a complaint of "mysterious death" and demanded police investigation.

Around 4am yesterday, he was taken unconscious from his Indira road residence to the capital's Square Hospital, where the doctors declared him "brought dead".

Rajan, 39, is an assistant professor of the Faculty of Dentistry at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) and husband of minister's daughter Dr Krishna Rani Mazumder, also an assistant professor of the same university.

Jan-e-alam Munsi, officer-in-charge of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station, told The Daily Star, "Maternal uncle of the deceased Sujon Karmaker filed a written complaint to us, regarding the cause of death. We have sent the body to Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College morgue for

Police is looking into the matter and filing of a case in this regard was under process, according to Munsi.

Doctors at Square Hospital informed journalists that they found no sign of injury in Rajan's body.

Talking to the newspaper, Sujon Karmaker said, "They [in-laws' family] are claiming Rajan died after falling sick; but his wife herself is a physician. So what treatment did she give to him? We have suspicion over his death. They had been going through conjugal feud since their marriage in 2016."

A colleague of Rajan told The Daily Star, "As allegations have arisen, we want autopsy to know the actual reason behind his death."

Meanwhile, Krishna Rani Mazumder and Sadhan Chandra Majumder have both been admitted to Square Hospital after the death of Rajan. The Daily Star couldn't reach them for their comments in this regard.

Food minister's son-in-law dies Journos' rally on Mar 26 against 'abuse' of laws

UNB, Dhaka

Journalists from print and electronic media will hold a rally in the capital on March 26, to realise various demands like ending the "abuse" of different

Sangbadik Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad, a platform of journalists, announced the programme at the Jatiya Press Club at 11am on the

President of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) Molla Jalal yesterday called the programme at a discussion at the press club, marking the 99th birth anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Talking to the news agency about the rally, the BFUJ president said,

"Now, media houses in the country are facing various problems due to the Digital Security Act and some other laws, while the 9th Wage Board is yet to be announced. So, we'll place our demands to the government from the rally to solve the problems."

He said they will also announce some action programmes from the rally to realise their demands.

Earlier, speaking at the discussion, Molla Jalal said the existence of the media industry is now at stake as a group of journalists are working to make their personal gains, instead of protecting the interests of the community.

Stressing the need for forging a unity among the journalists to realise their demands, he said, "No one can

a movement for protecting the interests of the media industry and the journalists. We won't compromise to this end." He called upon journalists to join

suppress us if we get united. We'll wage

their suitable solutions. "As our industry has been facing a crisis, we must now get united to

the rally and discuss the media indus-

try's current problems and work out

overcome it, "Jalal said. BFUJ secretary general Shaban Mahmud said, "We have to realise our

rights through demonstrations and

movements." President of Dhaka Union of Journalists Abu Jafar Surja and Joint Secretary General of BFUJ Abdul Majid

also spoke at the programme.

2 women found dead in Savar **OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar**

Two women were found dead

in separate incidents in Savar yesterday. Police recovered the body

of Shompa Begum, wife of

Kajol Hossain, from their rented house in Emandipur AFM Sayeed, officer-incharge of Savar Model Police Station, said the body of the

28-year-old was found hanging from the ceiling. In another incident, the

law enforcers recovered the body of Eliza Begum, 25, hanging from the ceiling at her house in Bhorari area.

OC Sayeed said the two women might have killed themselves. The bodies were sent to Shaheed Suharwardy Medical College and Hospital for autopsies, he added.

Igniting the spirit of

What started as a two-man endeavour to instil the spirit of

Liberation War among the youth has now become a plat-

and Pranab Kanti Deb, an assistant professor at Sylhet

International University, founded the organisation,

Rezwan Ahmed, a councillor of Sylhet City Corporation,

They believe books are the most powerful weapon to

In last 12 years, 12,413 students from universities, col-

leges and schools in Sylhet have participated in Innovator's

"Boipora Utsab" (Book Reading Festival). In 2017,

Innovator won "Joy Bangla Award", an award that celebrates

A series of events -- book distribution and reading, dis-

The festival starts in month of victory (December) and an

Ekattorer Dinguli by Jahanara Imam, Hangor Nodi

assessment test is held in month of Language Movement

(February). It ends in month of independence (March)

Grenade by Selina Hossain, Namhin Gotrohin by Hasan

Azizul Huq, Jonojuddher Gonojoddha by Maj (retd)

cussion, competition and award ceremony -- are held as part

of the festival. Organisers select books, written in "true"

form to resist anti-liberation elements through reading.

Liberation War

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

Innovator, in 2006.

fight anti-liberation elements.

young innovators and change-makers.

spirit of Liberation War for students.

through an award ceremony.

NSU celebrates Bangabandhu's birth anniversary

North South University (NSU) celebrated the 99th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, said a press release yesterday. On the occasion, NSU held a discussion on the life of Bangabandhu. The programme was moderated by Jamil Ahmed, director of Public Relations Office. Parisa Shakur,

Prime Minister's Media Adviser Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury was present as chief guest at the discussion

NSU trustee board members Azim Uddin Ahmed and Benajir Ahmed, pro-VC (designate) Prof GU Ahsan, Treasurer Prof Gour Gobinda Goswami along with deans, proctor, administrative heads, faculty members, senior officials and students were also present.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

সিনিয়র জেল সুপারের কার্যালয়

চউগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (৩য় বার)		
এজেন্সী/সংস্থা	8	কারা অধিদপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা।
দরপত্রের নাম	8	চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগারের জন্য ০৪টি পাওয়ার লুম মেশিন সরবরাহের দরপত্র।
দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	8	সিনিয়র জেল সুপার, চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার।
দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি বরাত ও তারিখ	8	(১) কারা অধিদপ্তরের স্মারক নং ৫৮.০৪.০০০০.০৩০.০১.০০৫.১৮.৩৭১ তারিখঃ ১৬/৪/২০১৮খ্রিঃ (২) ডিআইজি প্রিজন, চট্টগ্রাম এর স্মারক নং ৫৮.০৪.১৫০০.০৬২.০৩.০০৩.১৮-৫৩৪ তারিখঃ ০৩/০৬/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ
দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নম্বর	8	পাওয়ার লুম মেশিন ক্রয়-০১/২০১৮খ্রিঃ।
ইচ্ছুক দরদাতাদের ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতা	8	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্টে উল্লেখিত শর্তানুযায়ী।
বাজেট ও ফান্ড প্রাপ্তির উৎস	8	জাতীয় রাজস্ব তহবিল।
দরপত্র আহ্বান পদ্ধতি	8	সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
দরপত্র দলিল প্রান্তির স্থান	8	সিনিয়র জেল সুপারের কার্যালয়, চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার।
দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	8	২৭/০৩/২০১৯খ্রিঃ বেলা-২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত।
দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার তারিখ ও সময়	8	২৮/০৩/২০১৯খ্রিঃ সকাল-৯.০০টা হতে বেলা- ১২.০০টা পর্যন্ত।
দরপত্র বাক্স উন্মুক্ত করণের সময়	8	দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন বেলা-১২.৩০টা।
দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটির সভা অনুষ্ঠানের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	8	সিনিয়র জেল সুপারের কার্যালয়, চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার তারিখঃ ২৮/০৩/২০১৯খ্রিঃ বেলা- ২.৩০টা।
দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থান	8	 বিভাগীয় কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, চয়
দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (প্রতিটি)	8	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ টাকা মাত্র)।
বায়নার জামানতের পরিমাণ	8	১,০০,০০০/- টাকা।
কার্যাদেশের সময়সীমা	8	পাওয়ার লুম মেশিন ক্রয়-০১/০৭/১৭ হতে

দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি জানার জন্য চট্টগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার কর্তৃপক্ষের সাথে কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ

৩০/০৬/১৮খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত।

মোঃ কামাল হোসেন সিনিয়র জেল সুপার চউগ্রাম কেন্দ্রীয় কারাগার তেও-৬১০৭৬২ 🚘 ৬৩০৫৮১

দরপত্র ডকুমেন্টে উল্লেখিত শর্তানুযায়ী সকল

সিডিউলের শর্তানুযায়ী দরপত্র দাখিল করতে

director on student affairs, delivered welcome address.

presided over by NSU Vice Chancellor Prof Atique Islam.

Make it easier for

foreign investors

Students gather at Sylhet Central Shaheed Minar to participate in the Book Reading

Says former BB governor Atiur Rahman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Former Bangladesh Bank governor Atiur Rahman yesterday suggested to improve Bangladesh's global "ease of doing business" ranking in order to draw foreign investment. Bangladesh ranked the lowest among

Festival. The photo was taken recently.

South Asian nations in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business index of 2019. "We cannot let foreign investors think

twice on whether they should invest in Bangladesh," he said while addressing a discussion titled "Bangabandhu's Development Policies and Future Bangladesh".

Rajshahi City Corporation mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton chaired the discussion held at Rajshahi Nagar Bhaban's Green Plaza ground to mark the 99th birth

anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Atiur Rahman said Bangabandhu's plans

to create an inclusive economy for local and foreign businesses were hindered due to his murder. His daughter, Sheikh Hasina, later took up similar policies to ensure the country's progress. He said the government can make it

easier for businesses by reducing bureaucratic hindrances. He suggested encouraging investors who are withdrawing from China to invest in Bangladesh, since production costs in China are increasing and the China-US trade relationship is weakening. He said the government should

explore prospects to improve connectivity in the Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) regional network. Before beginning the discussion, littera-

teur Hasan Azizul Haque and lawyer Golam Arif Tipu were accorded a reception for achieving independence and Ekushey awards.

Ensure patientfriendly service

PHOTO:

Minister urges health officials

BSS, Dhaka

Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque yesterday urged health officials to work sincerely for building patient-friendly management system at hospitals.

He also urged doctors to serve patients being inspired with the ideology and philosophy of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

He was addressing a discussion as the chief guest on the occasion of the 99th birth anniversary Bangabandhu and National Children's Day at the auditorium of the National Public Health Institute in the capital's Mohakhali.

Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) organised the meeting with its Director General Prof Abul Kalam Azad in the chair. He said after the independence of Bangladesh

Bangabandhu took the initiative to ensure health services for disadvantaged people of the country. Health Secretary Asadul Islam, President of

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, President of Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad Professor Dr Iqbal Arslan and former secretary general of BMA Prof Dr Sharfuddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

Language hero Osman Gani passes away

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OUR CORRESPONDENT

Advocate Osman Gani, a Language Movement veteran, died at a hospital in Dhaka on Saturday night. He was 89.

He breathed his last at 9:50pm at BIRDEM hospital. He was admitted to the hospital two weeks ago as he was suffering from old-age complications.

He left behind his wife, four sons and three daughters. Osman Gani, then a

student of Dhaka University, took part in the 1952 Language Movement in Dhaka as a member of the committee convened by Language Movement veteran Abdul Matin. With the help of locals, he

founded many educational institutes and organisations. After his namaj-e-janaja

at Rehaichar eidgah in town yesterday, he was laid to rest at the Rehaichar graveyard.

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দরদাতাদের প্রতি বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী