



Mango flowers have started blooming early this year in Sylhet. In a single walk in the city, more than a hundred mango trees could be seen bearing buds. The photo was taken at Supply Road of Ambarkhana area yesterday.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Cumilla univ teacher relieved from course

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Cumilla University teacher Md Ali Rezwan Talukder, head of English department, has been relieved from all academic activities of evening master’s course, after a female student of the programme accused him of sexual harassment.

University authority decided to investigate the matter through it’s sexual harassment prevention cell.

Yesterday afternoon, a three-member probe committee was formed, headed by Kamrun Nahar Shila, assistant professor of Bangla department, confirmed Registrar Dr Abu Taher.

Earlier, a female student of the evening master’s course filed a written complaint to Dr Habibur Rahman, director of the evening programme, and the sexual harassment prevention cell against Md Ali Rezwan, saying he sexually harassed her and destroyed evidence saved in her cellphone.

At a press conference on Sunday afternoon, the accused teacher denied all allegations. He claimed the student was lying and blamed teachers’ internal politics for the “conspiracy” against him.

Meanwhile, the complainant student said she filed a general diary with Cumilla Sadar South Police Station.

Road crashes kill 3

STAR REPORT

A cattle trader was killed after a “Nasiman” (locally-made battery-run three-wheeler) carrying him plunged into a roadside ditch in Baliadangi of Thakurgaon on Sunday.

The victim, Giasuddin (45), was a resident of Duosuo Amtala village, reports our Thakurgaon correspondent.

Md Hasibul Islam, OC of Baliadangi Police Station, said a group of 13 traders were going to Nekmarad Bazar with their cattle in the afternoon. They were traveling on the Nasiman through Ranisan kail-Baliadangi road.

The vehicle plunged into a nearby ditch after a wheel came off, leaving fifteen people -- including the driver and his helper -- as well as the cattle injured.

On information, firefighters went to the spot and took them to Baliadangi Upazila Health Complex. From there, 10 of the injured were shifted to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital. Giasuddin succumbed to his injuries in the evening.

In Dinajpur, a rickshaw-van puller was killed after being run over by a truck yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Jahangir Alam (36), reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

Law enforcers said Jahangir was going to Phulbari area when he got hit by the truck on Dinajpur-Gobindaganj road in Baraihat area of the upazila. Jahangir died on the spot.

The truck driver managed to flee the scene, police added.

ER Khan passes away



CITY DESK

ER Khan, managing director of Phoenix Insurance, passed away at the capital’s United Hospital yesterday around 11am, said a press release of the company.

Board of directors, members and employees of the company deeply mourned his demise.

They also conveyed condolences to his grief-stricken family.

Bill placed at JS to open 49pc BRTC shares to public

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill was placed in parliament yesterday, aimed at offering 49 percent shares of the state-owned Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) to the share market, and modernising the transport sector of the country.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader placed the bill -- titled “Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation Bill 2020” -- in the House, which was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the respective ministry for scrutiny. The committee was asked to submit its report to the House within 14 working days.

In the bill, a new provision has been incorporated among the functions of BRTC. Under it, BRTC will have to render transport services during situations like strike, blockade, national emergency or disaster, Biswa Ijtema, freedom fighters’ rally and emergency need of the state.

The bill was placed to update an ordinance promulgated in 1961, which included a provision to offload BRTC shares to the capital market.

The authorised capital of BRTC will be Tk 1,000 crore, which will be divided into 100 crore general shares with Tk 10 being the base price per share. The authorised capital of the corporation under the existing law is Tk 6 crore.

The paid-up capital of the corporation is Tk 3 crore in the existing law. Its new amount will be fixed after BRTC’s annual general meeting or special general meeting. Its paid-up capital cannot exceed the authorised capital.

Authorised capital is the amount for which a company can issue shares to shareholders, while paid-up capital is the amount received from shareholders for the shares allotted to them.

PRESS ENJOYING FULL FREEDOM: INFO MINISTER

Newspaper and electronic media are enjoying full freedom, while the government has also ensured free flow of information to enhance national development, Information Minister Hasan Mahmud told the House yesterday.

In reply to a query from lawmaker Afzal Hossain, he said approval was given to set up 44 private television channels, 22 FM radios and 33 community radios as part of the “media-friendly government’s moderate broadcast policy.”

In a written answer, Mahmud said the government is not interfering in the freedom of newspapers and transmission of news independently in electronic media.

The minister said so far 3,597 online media has applied for registration since the process began in December 2015.

‘Genocide not just about number of people killed’

Dr Ashis Nandy tells IR conference

DU CORRESPONDENT

A two-day long international conference on “Revisiting International Relations (IR): Critical Reflections on 100 Years” concluded yesterday at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban Auditorium of Dhaka University (DU).

While delivering the valedictorian speech, Dr Ashis Nandy, fellow of Centre for the Study of Developing Societies spoke about genocide, massive brutalisation of minorities, and nationalism.

“Genocide is not only about how many people were killed. It is also about what brutality the people faced; what was the impact on that group of people,” he said.

Nandy, a political psychologist, social theorist and critic, also drew distinctions between nationalism and patriotism.

“Patriotism is sentimental and nationalism is an ideology... Tagore wrote over 200 poems imbued with the spirit of patriotism but rejected nationalism,” Dr Nandy said.

Addressing the session, former Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque said the recent Rohingya crisis gave the state a chance to see who is its friend and who is not.

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Tender No. ISDSD(Services)-12(66)/2020

Date: 19 January 2020

Invitation for Tenders

Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka

1	Ministry/Division	Not applicable.
2	Agency	Not applicable.
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Bank.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	The Procurement of IT Equipment for Bangladesh Bank.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	ISDSD(Services)-12/(66)/2020
8	Date	19 January 2020.

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Own source.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/program code (if applicable)		
13	Project/program name (if applicable)		
14	Tender package No.	ISDSD(Services)-12(66)/2020	
15	Tender package name	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and related services of Network Data Cabling and Node Installation at Bangladesh Bank offices.	
	Date		
16	Tender publication date	19 January 2020	
17	Tender last selling date		
	Date	Time	
18	Tender closing date and time	17 February 2020	04:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	17 February 2020	04:15pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	- Receiving tender document	BB website eTender System and one Hard Copy document.	
	- Opening tender document	Information Systems Development and Support Department (ISDSD) Bangladesh Bank, 28th Floor, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka	
		17 February 2020	04:15pm

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21	Brief eligibility of tenderer	Tenderers having 5 years overall business experience and minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods of at least one contract of similar nature successfully completed within the last one year.			
22	Brief description of goods or works	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and related services of Network Data Cabling and Node Installation at Bangladesh Bank offices.			
23	Brief description of related services	UTP Node Installation with 1 year warranty and 3 years support & maintenance service.			
24	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months from the date of contract signing
	A	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and related services of Network Data Cabling and Node Installation at Bangladesh Bank Offices	ISDSD	40,000/-	08 weeks

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

25	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Amir Hossain Pathan.			
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Systems Manager.			
27	Address of official inviting tender	Information Systems Development and Support Department (ISDSD), Bangladesh Bank, 28th Floor, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.			
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9530161 Fax: 9530481 E-mail: <a href="mailto:amir.pathan@bb.org.bd">amir.pathan@bb.org.bd</a>			
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings				

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Shut 231 illegal factories along Buriganga: HC

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court yesterday asked the Department of Environment to shut 231 factories set up along the Buriganga River without environmental clearance.

Following a writ petition by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh, the bench of Justices Gobinda Chandra Tagore and Mohammad Ullah asked DoE to submit a report by February 22, and asked Wasa, Titas Gas and Dhaka Power Distribution Company to sever utility connections after receiving letters.

It directed DoE to submit another detail report in three months if there are any factories in areas around Dhaka without clearance.

On Sunday, DoE submitted a report saying there were 231 factories along Buriganga without environmental clearance.

Shaheed Asad Day observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

The 51st death anniversary of Shaheed Asad was observed in Barishal city yesterday. Marking the day, district unit of Shaheed Asad Parishad organised a programme in front of Ashwini Kumar Hall.

Addressing authorities, speakers demanded the erection of a memorial in front of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where Asad was shot dead by police while leading a protest rally against Pakistani military's oppression on the people of the then East Pakistan.

On January 20, 1969, Asaduzzaman, a student of Dhaka University, sacrificed his life to protest injustice carried out by the then West Pakistan government, sparking the liberation movement like wildfire across the country.

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