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Khulna Citry Corporation regularly cleans the drains to ease waterflow. “It’s a continuous process,” he said.
The cleaning drive for all 2,187 drains is sometimes interrupted due to manpower shortage, he added.
Besides, the city dwellers dump solid waste in those sewers, said Anisur Rahman, adding that this malpractice has to be changed to assist KCC in resolving the crisis.
Sheikh Ashrafuzzaman, secretary general of Greater Khulna Unnayan Sangram Committee, said, “The city’s drains and canals have lost their navigability and waterflow due to encroachment and continuous garbage dumping, causing such waterlogging.”
When contacted, city Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque said during high tides in the Bhairab and Rupsha around the city, the sewers cannot properly drain water to the rivers.
“Tidal water also enters the city’s drainage channel. In addition, rain aggravates the situation,” he further told this newspaper.
“KCC has taken steps to repair and construct drains as well as excavate 22 canals at a cost of Tk 823 crore,” said the mayor.



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Local NGOs

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Bimol Chandra Dey Sarker said local NGOs have very little participation in ISCG programmes due to linguistic and systematic barriers.
He said that CCNF was proposing proportionate funding from CERF for local, national and International NGOs since the beginning.
“UN have formed LTF (Localisation Task Force) and assigned CPJ (Centre for Peace and Justice) of BRAC University to formulate a road map on localisation. It has been almost two years but there is little result. International NGOs and UN agencies often questioned the capability of local NGOs, but now is the time to exchange or coordinate our capabilities. They should know that the local NGOs would not disband even if they don’t get any funds and they will remain here as part of the local community,” said Sheuly Sharma, executive director of Jago Nari Unnayan Shongstha.
Speaking there, Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, one of the co-chairs of CCNF said Rohingya and the host communities have the right to raise questions on how much aid is received for refugees. “The government should protect the interest of local NGOs, host community and the rohingya refugees by and ensuring transparency of fund and management,” he said.

Amanul Islam Chy no more

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AKM Amanul Islam Choudhury, former adviser to a caretaker government, died from coronavirus at a hospital in Dhaka yesterday. He was 83.
He breathed his last at Uttara Crescent Hospital at 1pm, says a press release.
He served as communications, power, energy, water and mineral resources adviser in 2001.
Brother of prominent educationist and intellectual Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury, Amanul stood first in first division from electrical engineering department at Ahsanullah Engineering College in 1952. He also obtained first position from engineering in the public service commission exam in the then undivided Pakistan.
He served as additional director general of Bangladesh Railway, port trust chairman and chairman of DESA. He retired as additional secretary.
Amanul Islam was born in 1934 in Baroikhali village in Sreenagar, Bikrampur.



Flow of cattle

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selling the cattle in different markets while maintaining social distance and following health guidelines,” the DG said.
Robiul Alam, secretary general of Bangladesh Meat Traders’ Association, said the demand for sacrificial cattle this year would be around 80,000, which is normally 1.15 crore to 1.25 crore every year.
While visiting the Dhupkhola cattle market in the morning, these correspondent saw that temporary sheds and lights have been set up all over the playground. But the number of cattle remains poor.
Md Azmal, a trader from Jhenidah who brought 10 cattle to Dhupkhola cattle market, said, “Eighty percent traders in our area did not bring their bulls to the market fearing loss as they heard most people will not sacrifice animals due to financial crisis or coronavirus.”
Rafiqul Islam, another trader at the haat, said he reared 50 bulls this year targeting Eid, but brought only 20 fearing loss.
“I will rear the 30 others for next year... hopefully the situation will improve by then,” he said.

Monsur Ali, a trader at Aftab Nagar cattle market, however, remains optimistic. “I brought 11 bulls out of 30 from Chuadanga. If there’s enough buyers and I’m able to sell all, I will bring the rest before Eid.”
“I have a loan of Tk 5 lakh, which I’ll have to pay by selling the bulls. If I don’t get a good price from the market, I will have to sell those to meat traders after Eid,” he further added.
Tofazzal Hossain, a cattle trader of Gabtoli cattle market, echoed him.
FEWER BUYERS ADD TO TRADERS’ WOES
The number of buyers is also significantly less at the cattle markets this year.
Shakhawat Hossain, a trader from Kushtia who brought a bull at Kachukhet market, said, “I was offered Tk 1.20 lakh for a bull weighing around seven maunds. But I came here hoping to get a better offer.”
As of yesterday, he was unable to sell the animal.
The capacity of purchasing sacrificial animals is less this year as many have lost their jobs or faced huge losses in their businesses.

Mohammad Noman, a market representative of a private firm at Farmgate, had never skipped sacrificing animals during Eid. But things are different this year as he has been out of a job for the last four months.
“It’s tough to run my three-member family these days. I don’t think I’ll be able to sacrifice animals this year,” he said.
At the same time, many people who used to sacrifice multiple animals have reduced the number of cattle while those who sacrificed animals on their own are doing so in shares.
“I did not get bonus this year... I along with other locals are sacrificing a bull together,” said Mohammad Shajahan, a private job holder at Mirpur.
On the other hand, many residents of the capital are avoiding sacrificing animals due to the ongoing pandemic situation.
“We have never missed sacrificing animals during eid. But this time we decided not to, considering the risk of coronavirus,” said Mohammad Akhter, a resident of Pallabi in Mirpur.

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to stop entry of harmful steroid and hormonal medicine for animals through borders before Eid-ul-Azha, SM Rezaul Karim said, “Border security is not under my ministry. We urged authorities concerned to stop animal entry from India, Myanmar or any country as sufficient numbers of animals are being produced here in Bangladesh.”
Livestock offices in bordering areas were asked to be alert as no animal can enter Bangladesh illegally.
Answering a question about the livestock ministry’s step to stop rawhide smuggling, the minister said BCB will supervise this issue.
“We don’t want a single rawhide going out through the border,” he said.
“The commerce ministry will see if it is necessary to export rawhide or not; we want fair price for it,” Karim said.

Share true

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Bazlur Rahman’s wife and chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on agriculture ministry Matia Chowdhury was also present at the dais.
LWM introduced the award in 2008, with financial support from family members and friends of the late eminent journalist.
This year, Iraj Ahmed, a reporter of Gazipur-based Daily Mukto Sangbad, and GM Faisal Alam, a reporter of Channel 24, received the award.
They received crests and Tk 1 lakh each as prize money.
Hailed from Mymensingh, Bazlur Rahman was an eminent journalist, freedom fighter and children’s organizer. He passed away in 2008.
He was conferred with Swadhinata Padak, Bangladesh’s highest civilian honour, for his contribution to journalism in 2012 posthumously.
He was editor of Daily Sangbad, and founder editor of the weekly Ekota -- mouthpiece of the Communist Party of Bangladesh.
Bazlur Rahman participated in the 1971 Liberation War and also edited a magazine titled ‘Muktijuddha’ during the period.
He was also the chairman of Khelaghar, one of the country’s reputed children’s organisations.

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Hospital on Monday afternoon and later shifted to Evercare Hospital at 1:52am as his condition deteriorated.
He left behind his wife, a son, daughter and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.
Babu was a former student of Dhaka University’s marketing department and also general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.
He was buried at his family graveyard in Laxmipur’s Ramgati after Asr prayers, following a second namaz-e-janaza held there.
BNP acting Chairman Tarique Rahman and BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir expressed shock at his death.
Earlier, his first namaz-e-janaza was held in front of BNP’s Nayapaltn central office in the capital, attended by many party leaders and activists.
After the janaza, Fakhrul paid last respect to Babu on behalf of the party, by placing a wreath at his coffin.

BLAST AT CTG POLICE BOX

‘Neo JMB’ man arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of Counter Terrorism (CT) unit of Chattogram Metropolitan Police claimed to have arrested an active member of the militant group Neo JMB early yesterday, in connection with a bomb blast at a traffic police box in the port city that injured five people, including two policemen, on February 28.
The arrestee is identified as Md Shahed Hasan of Padua Bazar in Lohagara upazila of Chattogram.
He was arrested from Harbang under Chakaria upazila of Cox’s Bazar, said Palash Kanti Nath, additional deputy commissioner (ADC).
“He is a carpenter by profession and his name came to light when three other Neo JMB men -- arrested earlier -- gave confessional statements,” the police official added.
Police on May 4 arrested the three Neo JMB men, including a Chittagong University student, for allegedly carrying out the bomb attack at a traffic police box in the city’s Sholoshahar Gate-2.
Sergeant Arafat, Assistant Sub-Inspector Atauddin and three pedestrians were injured when

the bomb went off in the area on the night of February 28.
Several days after the incident, IS claimed responsibility of the attack, according to SITE Intelligence Group which tracks online activities of jihadists.
However, police ruled out the IS link.
Talking to The Daily Star at police custody yesterday, Shahed said, “One Shahjahan hailing from Lohagara upazila, who is now a Saudi expatriate, instigated militancy in the name of Tabligh-Jamaat.”
Shahjahan and one Jahir developed a good relationship with him and used to visit him at his furniture shop in Padua Bazar, he said.
“Later, I was introduced to Selim and Akib. On the day, Abu Sadek and Habib -- two JMB operatives -- brought the IED device to the town from Lohagara, inside a Chanachur packet, which exploded inside the traffic box.” He claimed that he along with other recce the police box area but he did not know about the blast.
Asked, ADC Palash Kanti Nath said they are looking into his claims.

18pc people

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respondents said they are dependent on television to stay updated. Facebook is the second most popular news source: 9.4 percent respondents follow the website for news.
The picture is frustrating for the newspaper industry.
Only 8.4 percent said newspapers were their main source of news, and five percent said they follow online news portals.
According to the survey, only 4.8 percent respondents have high news literacy. They have sound and compound knowledge on content and mechanisms of news media.
The study found that younger people tend to be more news literate than those older.

A rare lack

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tickets’ for a higher price from third party dealers.
Launch owners claim that they’re getting less than half the passengers this year. “Only a few days left till Eid, but there’s no rush to buy tickets in advance,” they said.
Debashish Saha, staff of Sundarbans Navigation Company, said that Sundarban 10 and 11 will be plying during Eid time. However, there are no additional launches or double trips.
The two launches’ capacity is 400, but only 20 per cent of tickets could be sold for the dates July 28-30.
“The fare remains unchanged, but there aren’t enough customers. This launch is usually one of the most sought-after during Eid,” said launch supervisor Zakir.
The situation is similar for Parabat, Tipu-3, Manami and Adventure launch.
According to Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), 18-20 launches usually operate on the Dhaka-Barisal route during Eid, with more than 12,000 cabins.
“Passengers aren’t keen on travelling due to the pandemic,” said Ajmol Huda Mithu, BIWTA’s Joint Director (Port and Transportation) in Barishal.
Saidur Rahman Ritu, vice president of Bangladesh Launch Owners’ Association said, “The business has suffered huge loss due to the pandemic. Low sales during Eid is contributing to this loss.”

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e-Tender Notice No. 02/2020-21

e-Tenders are invited on the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following work under Gazipur district.

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of work	Tendering method	Tender proposal/document last selling/submission date & time
01	480775 & FDR/GAZ/19-20/UNR/W09	Rehabilitation of Board Ghor R&H-Dariapur Bazar Road from CH. 00-3300m under Kaliakoir Upazila, District: Gazipur. (Road ID: 333323011) [Salvage 9,92,019.00 BDT]	(OSTETM)	31-Aug-2020 16:00 & 01-Sep-2020 16:00

This is online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branch.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Ticket counters in Barishal remain empty even just a couple of days before Eid-ul-Azha, as people are unwilling to travel amid the pandemic.

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Arrest warrant

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On Monday, two more arrest warrants were issued against Shahed and Masud in two fraud cases filed over laundering Tk 89 lakh. On July 13, another Dhaka court issued two arrest warrants against Shahed in two fraud cases filed for misappropriating Tk 3.67 crore from a businessman.
On July 16, Shahed and Masud were placed on a 10-day remand in a case filed over issuing fake Covid-19 certificates and charging patients for tests and treatment, violating an agreement with the government.
On completion of the remand, Shahed was placed on 38-day remand on Sunday in five cases, while Masud was placed on a 21-day remand in three fraud cases.

‘Future of Education’

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Bangladesh recently organized an online discussion on the ‘Future of Education’. Guests discussed the education sector that has been largely impacted by the Covid-19 situation. They focused on working on innovation in teaching, digital transformation, international standards, the gap between academic & industry expectations, entrepreneurship, and different education policies.
DMoE Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP was present and distinguished guests were Md. Ahsanul Hoque Bashar, Country Manager, ACCA Bangladesh, Prof. Dr. Md. Sazzad Hossain, Member, University Grants Commission of Bangladesh (UGC); Prof. Dr. Munaz Ahmed Noor, Vice-Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University (BDU) and others.
Video link: <https://www.facebook.com/ACCA.Bangladesh/videos/1672448463616040/>