

Barishal city

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“We acknowledge the weakness and incompetence of the BCC project profile team. We have already showed cause them. Hopefully this situation will not exist in the future,” Mostafa Zaman, personal secretary of the BCC mayor, said on his behalf.

Contacted, Md Anisuzzaman acknowledged that some projects could not be finished in time, there were other projects that might have been completed if they were approved.

He cited a development project as an example. “We submitted the project with a budget of Tk 1,182 crore to the LGRD ministry. After receiving their advise five times, we revised the plans are submitted a final project amounting to Tk1,100 crore. But then the development project was canceled in the Ecne meeting held in January this year due to various reasons.”

“We resubmitted the project, cutting down the budget to Tk 683 crores in February, but as of this day, we are not aware of its status,” he added. If such complications did not arise, the performance of the city corporation wouldn’t look as bad on paper, Anisuzzaman said.

Upon hearing the news, residents of the city demanded that the city corporation identify weaknesses of its operations and start considering citizens’ opinions.

“BCC development plans do not reflect the citizens’ demands,” claimed Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal Barishal district convener Imran Habib Rumon.

Shah Sajeda, convener of “Socheton Nagorik Committee”, said there was a time when Barishal was a pioneer in education and culture. But the glory days have started to fade as the city is being deprived of development due to lack of proper planning.

“No major development projects of BCC has been implemented for the last two years, while implementation of old projects is very slow,” she said.

Development organiser Rafiqul Alam said, “That BCC is at the bottom of the list proves the development of the city has come to a standstill. It proves the incompetence of the city corporation.”

Although Barishal is a city corporation, 90 percent of its roads are dilapidated and in broken condition, he said.

Turtles tangled in fishing nets dying on Cox’s Bazar beach

Says fact-finding committee

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Around 40 turtles were found dead on Cox’s Bazar sea beach in mid-July, due to injuries after being entangled in fishing nets, said a fact-finding committee.

It said when the turtles get entangled, fishermen usually hit them with sharp objects which was one of the main causes behind such death.

However, about 132 turtles were rescued and released back into the ocean, said the committee formed in July, when the longest sea beach was suddenly covered with tonnes of wastes.

It has submitted a report with 10 recommendations to Cox’s Bazar Deputy Commissioner recently, saying floating glass bottles, plastic materials, torn nets and other wastes created a bewildering nature that poses a serious threat to the beauty and biodiversity of the beach.

The committee said sometimes fishermen cut the nets leaving the entangled turtles inside and threw them into sea, after that the turtles might have been wandering in the waste area.

“The turtles died due to intestinal

infection, loss of appetite and starvation for a long time,” according to the autopsy report, said the committee.

Of the waste, 91 to 92 percent was inorganic including plastic, electronic waste and nylon nets, said the committee, emphasising awareness among tourists, fishermen, locals and public representatives to control the pollution.

The fact-finding committee was convened by Mohammad Ashraful Afsar, additional deputy commissioner (revenue) of Cox’s Bazar.

“We submitted the report last month, we tried to recommend only how we can prevent the pollution, nothing else,” ADC (revenue) told The Daily Star this month.

“A detailed study is needed under the Bangladesh Oceanographic Research Institute to identify the location, size and depth of waste reservoirs in the coastal areas and figure-out the total impact of wastage in Bay of Bengal. We need a waste management plan under Cox’s Bazar DC to identify and source of waste like canals or rivers falling into the sea,” said the committee.

The committee recommended forming a joint committee on “Marine Waste Management” with the neighbouring countries so that the respective countries can properly manage their coastal waste and control the sea pollution.

They also recommended establishing a Marine Life Hospital and a modern laboratory to give treatment to the turtles and dolphins which come up on shore.

When asked, DC of Cox’s Bazar, Kamal Hossain said, “We got the report. Initiatives will be taken to implement the recommendations mentioned in the report.”

Meanwhile, Environment People -- an environmental voluntary organisation -- demanded a speedy implementation of the inquiry committee’s recommendations.

Chief executive of the organisation, Rashedul Majid, said in a statement recently that organic and non-organic wastes were falling directly into the sea through several canals and rivers due to inadequate waste management. Besides, various marine animals including dolphins, sharks and turtles are dying due to the lack of awareness of fishermen.

British Council resumes IELTS test

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After a brief pause, taken to cooperate with government directives and to aid in minimising the spread of Covid-19, British Council has resumed conducting computer-delivered IELTS and paper-based IELTS exams.

Since venue capacity might be reduce due to physical distancing measures, British Council will offer IELTS tests with more test dates per month to meet the demand of examinees, said a statement issued on Sunday night.

Stating how British Council is ensuring safety measures at their test centres, Zunayed Aahmed, director operations examinations, said with the resumption, they are ensuring the safety and hygiene measures that are recommended by their global standards and Bangladesh government guidelines.



“Our test-takers are communicated beforehand regarding the precaution they need to maintain, such as signing a document confirming health issues, wearing a mask that covers mouth and nose and the temperature checking mechanisms that are available in the centres,” he said.

He also emphasised that the entire centre including furniture, equipment, stationery etc are all meticulously sanitised before every test and all their staff and examiners wear protective gears during the test as well.

During the interim period when tests were cancelled, test-takers could still access free online materials, preparation video and resources on tips on IELTS essential skills, practice tests, dos and don’ts and expert advices on the four segments of IELTS.

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They are now resuming tests in Dhaka, Chattogram and Sylhet and soon will be resuming in Khulna, Cumilla, and Rajshahi, in phases, the statement said.



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Corrigendum Notice

Project Name: Custody Transfer Flow Meter with Supervisory Control at ERL Tank Farm  
Invitation Ref No. ER/CTFM-01/2020  
Tender Package Name: Single Lot Turnkey Basis  
Brief Description of Plant & Equipment: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Custody Transfer Flow Meter with Supervisory Control at ERL Tank Farm.

Reference	Description	Previous Text	Revised Text
17	Tender last selling date	<30-09-2020>	<15-10-2020>
18	Tender closing date and time	<09-10-2020>	<21-10-2020>
19	Tender opening date and time	<09-10-2020>	<21-10-2020>
21	Pre-tender meeting place/date/time	<26-09-2020>/ 10.00am	<30-09-2020>/ 10.00am
31	Designation of official inviting tender	<DGM SCP> In-charge CTFM Project	Project Director <DGM SCP>

All other terms and conditions of the Tender Documents and Invitation for Tender <IFT> shall remain unchanged.

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Surma riverbank

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increasing number of vehicles. But we are preparing a proposal to acquire designated land for parking and hope that the problem will be resolved.”

Faruk, however, said that SCC owns small plots of land scattered across the city. It is not necessary to park all vehicles together at a large location, and so, they should utilise the areas.

To fully appreciate how important it is to protect this location, knowing about its history should provide the proper perspective.

The present-day Sylhet city flourished on this riverbank, where Chandni Ghat was the gateway of the city. In 1874, Zamindar Ali Ahmed Khan of Moulvibazar built a

majestic clocktower near the ghat, called “Clocktower of Ali Amjad”, named after his son.

In 1933, the then Assam Province Governor Michael Kean started construction of an iron bridge over Surma, right beside the ghat and clocktower. It was opened for all in 1936.

Sylhet’s first cultural and community hall, Sarada Hall, named after Saradacharan Shyam was constructed beside the clocktower in 1936, and Circuit House was established near the bridge in 1954.

Last year, a memorial was also erected below the bridge, marking 100 years since Rabindranath Tagore’s Sylhet visit.

‘Stalker’ stabs

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The victim’s family alleged that Mizanur, a 12th-grader student, had professed his interest to be romantically involved with Nila several times, adding that they informed Mizan’s parents about the matter but they did not take any action.

Saiful Islam, inspector (investigation) of Savar Model Police Station, told The Daily Star that around 6pm on the day, Nila and her brother left home to meet Mizan at a restaurant in Savar.

The inspector added, “Somehow Mizan took the girl to his father’s abandoned house and around 8pm, stabbed her with a sharp weapon and left. Nila was taken to hospital around 8:20pm, and she died minutes later.”

Speaking to The Daily Star, many residents of area alleged that the abandoned house is a crime hub and Mizan and other criminals gather regularly there.

SC upholds Khalidi’s bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld a High Court order that granted anticipatory bail to Toufique Imrose Khalidi, editor-in-chief of online news portal bdnews24, in a graft case.

It dismissed a petition filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) seeking a stay on the HC bail order.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Muhammad Imman Ali came up with the dismissal order after hearing arguments on the petition.

Lawyers Shafique Ahmed, Abdul Matin Khasru and AM Amin Uddin appeared for Khalidi while Khurshid Alam Khan argued for ACC.

Khurshid told The Daily Star that Khalidi will remain on bail following the apex court order, but investigation will go on into the corruption allegation against him.

The ACC filed the petition with the Appellate Division on August 27, challenging the HC order that granted anticipatory bail to Khalidi in the corruption case.

Death penalty

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Court in Dhaka, showing 40 people as prosecution witnesses.

The Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge’s Court of Dhaka framed charges against five members of banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) in the case on July 20, 2016.

Of the accused, Zikrullah alias Hasan, Ariful Islam alias Mushfiq and Md Saiful Islam are now behind bars, while two others -- Akram Hossain Hasib alias Abdullah and Junayed alias Taher -- are on the run.



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No. P6/Bearing/Source Enlistment/2020 20/09/2020

**Corrigendum-2**


The following amendment is being carried out in respect of the "Last Date of Selling, Closing Date & Date of Opening" of this office OTM (ICT) Tender No. P6/Bearing/Source Enlistment/2020 date: 01/07/2020:

	Read	For
Last date of selling:	12/10/2020	21/09/2020
Tender closing date:	13/10/2020	22/09/2020
Date of opening:	13/10/2020	22/09/2020

All the other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unaltered.

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