



Construction to be inaugurated tomorrow

1st flyover at Khilgaon despite WB suggestion otherwise

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite a World Bank recommendation for flyovers to be built at Jatrahari, Mohakhali and Maghbazar, the government inaugurates construction of the country's first fly-over at Khilgaon tomorrow.

Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Local Government Sabir Hossain Chowdhury at a press conference yesterday disclosed the government plan to set up the fly-over at his constituency comprising the city's Khilgaon, Mottijheel and Sabujbagh thanas, three months ahead of the parliamentary polls.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to officially inaugurate foundation stone laying ceremony of the Tk 39.77 project tomorrow. The entire expenditure would be borne by the government.

While replying to queries from the newsmen, Sabir Hossain Chowdhury said construction works for the project is likely to begin within two weeks of the foundation stone laying ceremony. The project implementation time is 20 months.

Earlier, the World Bank suggested that three flyovers be built at Jatrahari, Mohakhali and Maghbazar to ease the city's traffic congestion. Of the three proposed projects, the Jatrahari, the most important city outlet, was to be on top priority.

Development Construction Ltd. of Bangladesh and Uhang General Municipal Construction Ltd. of China were jointly awarded the project work of 598 metres of fly-over covering from Rajarbagh, Malibagh and Sayedabad. All the three approaches will be constructed.

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Civil society urged to step up campaign against tobacco

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for raising mass awareness against the adverse impact of tobacco. She made this call when a delegation of Adhunik, led by its president National Prof Nurul Islam met her at Gombhaban yesterday in observance of the World Tobacco Free Day.

Sheikh Hasina described smoking as burning money and suggested members of the public not to misuse money for smoking. Rather take some fruits instead of cigarettes or bidi, it would be useful for your health, she added.

The Prime Minister asked the civil society and voluntary organisations to step up their campaign against tobacco at all places, especially schools.

Emphasising the need for creating a serious awareness against tobacco, she said, it could help prevent the people from smoking, which gradually affects the human body like slow poisoning.

The Prime Minister said that her government had taken initiative to cultivate fruits instead of ganja and opium at some places of Chittagang Hill Tracts after the historic peace accord.

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Textbook scam

BCF demands action against Beximco firms

DU Correspondent

Left leaning student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF) staged demonstration in front of the National Curriculum and Text Book Board (NCTBB) yesterday demanding action against three publications in publishing board textbooks.

Addressing a rally in front of the NCTBB office BCF leaders said that text book board was 'dilidally' acting against the alleged publications owned by Salman F Rahman.

The rally was addressed by Mohammad Yasin, Uzzal Bala, Abeda Gulrukh, Sanchita Nizam, Biplob and Ratna, among others.

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Thundershowers likely

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today.

Met Office predicted little change in day temperature over the country.

The country's highest temperature was recorded yesterday at 37.0 degree Celsius at Khulna and the lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Ishwardi and Sayerpur.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:42 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.11 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening)

City/Town Temperature in Celsius Humidity in percentage

Dhaka 34.8 26.2 79 91

Chittagong 32.5 24.0 88 79

Rajshahi 34.5 24.6 78 83

Khulna 37.0 27.5 76 62

Barisal 33.6 25.0 84 84

Sylhet 28.7 23.5 100 89

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Programmes on Eid-e-Miladunnabi

BSS, Dhaka The country will celebrate Holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi with due religious fervour on June 5. Ministry of Religious Affairs has chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day. An inter-ministerial meeting on May 21 chaired by State Minister for Religious Affairs Maulana Nurul Islam was held to finalise the programmes.

National flag will be hoisted at all government and private buildings. Important traffic islands and lamp-posts in the capital city will be decorated with national flag and banners inscribed with "Kalema Tayyeba."

Bangladesh Betar and Television will broadcast special programmes highlighting significance of the day.

Bangla Academy, all universities and educational institutions, cultural organizations, Bangladesh Islamic Foundation, Wakf Administration will organise functions and discussion.

Progression Bangladesh Garments Workers Union Council will bring out a procession to drum up support for a day of strike in all garments industries on July 1. Venue: From College Gate, Tongi. Time: 10.00 am.

Meeting The executive committee of Gono Forum will hold a meeting. Venue: Forum premises at 60, Purana Palatan Lane. Time: 10.00 am.

Film show Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen Loulou by Maurice Pialat and Rene la Carre by Francis Girod. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road. Time: 10.30 am. 6.00 pm.

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Scientific seminar Roche Bangladesh Ltd will hold a scientific seminar on "Building a Healthier Heart Through Early Anaemia Correction." Venue: Surma, Hotel Sonargaon. Time 6.00 pm-8.00 pm.

Theatre Prachyanud will stage its fourth production Abul Kalam Azad's Circus Circus. Venue: Public Library auditorium, Shahbag. Time: 7.00 pm.

Inauguration Graeme Software Ltd (GSL) will inaugurate its Autodesk Authorised Training Centre. Venue: Graeme Bank auditorium (2nd floor), Graeme Bank Complex, Mirpur-2. Time: 2.45 pm.

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