



State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman gives away a prize to a winner of Shishu Ananda Mela competition organised by the National Press Club in the city yesterday while the press club leaders look on.

Housewife beaten to death

BSS, Rajbari

A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband over a family feud at Jahar Panturia village in Baharpur of Baliakandi upazila on Thursday.

Local people said Asma Begum, 27, was beaten up by her husband

Badsha Mia. When her condition became critical, the family members poured poison into her mouth in a bid to show the death as suicide.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Rajbari Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with Baliakandi police station.

In another incident,

Sakirunnesa, 60, wife of Ansar Uddin of village Matiyabari under Jamalpur union in Baliakandi upazila, committed suicide by hanging herself from the ceiling on Thursday. The cause of the suicide could not be ascertained immediately.

Her body was sent to Rajbari Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Allergies may raise blood cancer risk

Says study

REUTERS, New York

In contrast to some earlier reports, allergic conditions appear to increase, rather than decrease, the risk of leukaemia and lymphoma, according to a Swedish study.

Depending on the root cause of allergies, theories predict that allergic conditions may either reduce or raise the risk of cancer, researchers explain in the medical journal BMC Public Health.

While several studies have looked at the allergy-cancer relationship by comparing people who have cancer to those who do not, there have been few studies that looked at a representative segment of the general population.

To investigate any connection between allergies and blood cancers, Dr Karin C Soderberg, from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, and colleagues analysed data from a group of 16,539 Swedish twins who were born between 1886 and 1925.

The presence of allergic conditions was assessed with questionnaires administered in 1967. The group was followed from 1969 to 1999, and cases of cancer were

identified through the Swedish Cancer Registry.

Analysis of the data indicated that hives and asthma appeared to increase the risk of leukaemia by 2.1- and 1.6-fold, respectively. Similarly, eczema during childhood was linked to a 2.3-fold higher risk of lymphoma.

As mentioned, the results run counter to past studies, and the team suggests several possible reasons for the disparity. Perhaps new treatments for allergies and asthma also affect the chances developing cancer, for example.

Whatever the reason, they point out that it's important to clarify "if and how" allergic conditions are connected to blood cancers, since the prevalence of allergies is increasing.

Bailey bridge collapses in Comilla

UNB, Comilla

A Bailey bridge on Comilla-Brahmanpara-Mirpur highway near Sahebabad Bazar in Brahmanpara upazila collapsed yesterday, disrupting vehicular movement on the road.

Local people said the bridge caved in when a rice-laden truck was crossing it. The truck was carrying rice for the government food godown at Brahmanpara.

Nine more trucks carrying rice from Dinajpur remained stranded following the collapse of the Bailey bridge.

No initiative was taken till yesterday evening to repair the bridge.

12-hour transport strike in Bhairab today

UNB, Bhairab

Bhairab bus owners and transport workers' associations called a 12-hour transport strike in Bhairab today protesting the assault on a bus association leader.

The strike will be enforced from 6.00am to press for the stoppage of 'Jatayat Pribahan Pvt. Limited' buses in Bhairab.

Rafiqul Islam, president of Bhairab Bus Owners Association, was assaulted allegedly by 'Jatayat Paribahan' authorities.

The bus owners and the transport workers held a protest meeting at Bhairab bus terminal yesterday afternoon with Rafiqul Islam in the chair. Later, they brought out a procession in the town in support of the strike programme.

Death anniversary



Today is the 33rd death anniversary of Shaheed Lt. Abu Mohammad Ashfaq Samad, Bir Uttam, says a press release.

He embraced martyrdom in a battle with the Pakistani forces at Joymanirhat in Kurigram during the War of Liberation.

Qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at Joymanirhat after Asr prayers today.

Obituary



says a press release.

He was also the president of Bangladesh Society of Agronomy and chairman of Krishi Foundation.

He is survived by his wife and two sons. He hailed from Rahmatnagar in Sitakunda, Chittagong.

His qulkhani will be held at his residence at 1049 East Monipur, Mirpur, after Maghrib prayers on November 21.

Dr Hafez Md Ataur Rahman



Dr Hafez Md Ataur Rahman, a member of board of governors of Bangladesh Academy of Family Physicians, died in Dhaka on November 14, says a press release.

He is survived by three daughters and one son.

The Academy of Family Physicians expressed deep condolences at his death.

AL leader arrested at Uzirpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An Awami League (AL) leader was arrested from Uzirpur upazila of the district in the early hours of yesterday.

Police recovered from Jamal Hossain, secretary of Barakota union AL, one pipe gun with four rounds of ammunition.

Abdur Rob, officer-in-charge of Uzirpur police station, said Jamal, a convict in previous cases, was arrested on the basis of a secret information and sent to jail.

Jamal's family members claimed that he was arrested at the behest of a local BNP leader Khabir Hussein who had an altercation with the victim over the formation of a Madrasa managing committee.

Police also recovered an abandoned revolver from the garden of one Kasem Bepari of Ota village under the same upazila on Thursday night.

Notorious robber held in B'baria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Police arrested a notorious robber from Nagarbari area of Brahmanbaria pourasava on Thursday.

Acting on a tip off, police raided the house of one Israfil and arrested Manik Mia alias Kukkya Manikkyia, from a birthday party.

According to police, Manik is directly involved in Kalishrepara robbery and Shreemangal inter-city train robbery.

He is also an accused in several murder cases.

On hearing the news of Manik's arrest, local traders brought out a procession demanding his immediate punishment.

Manik was sent to jail custody, police added.

Death anniversary of Major Jalil observed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The 15th death anniversary of Major M A Jalil, a valiant freedom fighter, was observed yesterday.

Barisal district command of Muktiyoddha Sangsad organised memorial discussion, milad mahfil and prize giving ceremony at the Ashwini Kumar Hall in the morning.

Presided over by Abdul Majid Khan, a commander of the liberation war, the discussion was participated by Nurul Alam Farid, joint convenor, and Muid Khan Khokan, member-secretary of the sangsad, Nuru Mia, Israfil Pandit, Rezaul Karim Ferdous, Bazlur Rahman, Mojibur Rahman, Mohsin Morshed and Abdul Latif Biprotik.

The speakers called for naming Barisal Airport Major M A Jalil Bimanbandar and giving him a posthumous state honour.

Later, prizes were given to the winners of an essay competition arranged on this occasion.

Uzirpur upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad and Major Jalil Smriti Parishad also organised discussion to mark the occasion.

Milad and doa mahfils were also arranged by the family members at the village home of Major Jalil at Barakota in the afternoon.



Prithak Nirbachan Bastabayan Parishad formed a human chain in front of the High Court in the city yesterday demanding 50 reserved seats for minority communities in the Jatiya Sangsad.

Electronic eye to help blind cross roads

REUTERS, London

An "electronic eye" that can be fitted to a pair of glasses could help the blind cross roads more safely, scientists said yesterday.

Researchers from the Kyoto Institute of Technology in Japan developed the system, which uses a camera and computer to detect the location of a pedestrian crossing, its width and the color of any related traffic lights.

"The camera would be mounted at eye level, and be connected to a

tiny computer. It will relay information using a voice speech system and give vocal commands and information through a small speaker placed near the ear," Professor Tadayoshi Shioyama, one of its developers, said in a statement.

The camera devised by Shioyama and Mohammad Uddin is described in the journal Measurement Science and Technology, published by Britain's Institute of Physics.

"They have combined these three things in one camera and one computer," said a spokesman for the

institute. "The camera can now give these bits of information at once and that gives every piece of information needed to cross the road safely. That is why it is such a big breakthrough."

In tests of the system, the scientists said it successfully detected the location of crossings 194 out of 196 times. In two cases it mistakenly said there wasn't a crossing where there was one.

The scientists are now working on the best way to incorporate the device into a comfortable pair of glasses that a blind person can wear.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Sherpur Road Division
Sherpur

Invitation for Tenders

Tender Notice No. 02/EE/SRD-2004-2005

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Communication, Road & Road Transport Division.
2. Agency	Roads & Highways Department.
3. Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, RHD, Sherpur Road Division.
4. Procuring entity code	Not used at present
5. Procuring entity district	Sherpur/Mymensingh
6. Invitation for	Works
7. Invitation Ref. No.	4-9/1329(25)
8. Date	01-11-2004
KEY INFORMATION	
9. Procurement method	Open tendering method
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10. Budget & source of funds	GOB (Zila Road Project) V GOB
11. Development partners (if applicable)	No applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12. Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	No applicable.
13. Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	GOB (Zila Road Project).
14. Tender Package No.	02 of SRD/RHD of 2004-2005.
15. Tender Package Name	Construction of RCC box culvert, widening of existing pavement, carpeting & seal-coat in/c earth work of Nakla-Shibbari Road under Sherpur Road Division during the year-2004-2005.
16. Tender publication date	Date 21-11-2004
17. Tender last selling date	19-12-2004
18. Tender closing date & time	Date 20-12-2004, time-12:30 P.M.
19. Tender opening date & time	20-12-2004, time 3:30 P.M.
20. Name & address of the office(s)	Address, EE, RHD, Sherpur Road Division.
Selling tender document (principal)	
Selling tender document (others)	

Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Bridge Design Division-1 (East), Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Planning & Design Division, Chittagong Zone/Khulna Zone/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Comilla/Rajshahi/Barisal/Rangpur/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Sherpur/Jamalpur/ Mymensingh/Tangail/ Kishoreganj/Netrakona/Executive Engineer, RHD Bridge Design Division-1 (East), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD Planning & Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD Road Sub-Division-1/2, Sherpur.

Executive Engineer, RHD, Sherpur Road Division, Sherpur. The tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the opening of the tender. Sherpur Road Division/7-12-2004/Time-11.00 AM.

Date 7-12-2004 V 11-00 AM.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

Eligibility of tenderer All tenderers regardless of whether enlisted or not enlisted with the employer may submit tenders provided that they are otherwise qualified. Tenderers of the categories specified in the tender data sheet (TDS) in section 2 of standard tender document are eligible to participate in the tender.

23. Brief description of goods or works Construction of RCC box culvert, widening the existing pavement, carpeting & seal coat in/c earth work at 1st, 2nd & 3rd (P) km of Nakla-Shibbari Road under Sherpur Road Division during the year 2004-2005.

24. Brief description of related services No applicable.

25. Price of tender document (Tk) As per lot list.

Lot Number	Identification of lot	Location	Price of tender document in Taka	Tender security amount in Taka	Time for completion in weeks/month	Remarks
A	Construction of RCC box culvert, widening the existing pavement and seal-coat earth work of Nakla-Shibbari Road under Sherpur Road Division during the year-2004-2005	1st, 2nd & 3rd km	1000/-	Tk. 2,90,000/-	4 (four) months	

27. Name of official inviting tender Syed Moshahed Ali.

28. Designation of official inviting tender Executive Engineer, RHD, Sherpur Road Division.

29. Address of official inviting tender Sherpur Road Division, Sherpur

30. Contract details of official inviting tender Phone No- 0931-61821 (Office).

31. a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

b) The tenderer submit the tender document in sealed condition.

c) The tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

d) All other terms and conditions as stated in the Public Procurement Regulation-2003 will remain valid.

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