

Tk 10.12 crore projects of SCC ahead of polls

New candidates say it aims at benefitting incumbent councillors

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With only four weeks before the Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) polls, the SCC authorities have floated tenders for development schemes amounting Tk 10.12 crore.

Demanding immediate suspension of the tenders, several new candidates for the SCC councillorships have said such practice is contradictory to the election rules.

The schemes were intentionally kept pending only to give extra benefits to the incumbent ward commissioners and others concerned, the new candidates said.

An SCC official, however, said

the tenders were processed before the announcement of the election schedule and the tenders were processed by June 30 as the schemes were taken up during the recently ended fiscal year 2007-08.

On June 25, the SCC authorities called tenders for 29 schemes to be implemented with Tk 9.81 crore from the government fund and 14 schemes worth Tk 31.1 lakh funded by the ADB, SCC and the government.

Proposals for the schemes are scheduled to be received on July 23.

When contacted, SCC acting mayor Azam Khan said the schemes under the said tender processing will not influence the

upcoming elections as implementation of those will begin after the polls.

"However, we will look into the matter soon," he said.

Chief executive officer of the SCC, Kazi Abdul Nur told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon, the tenders were processed weeks ago, even before the announcement of the election schedule.

"However, we will not go beyond the election rules. The date for receiving tenders will be extended within a day or two through a corrigendum and the new date will be after the elections," he added.

UNIDENTIFIED DISEASE IN KHULNA 2 children die, 44 in hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An unknown disease has claimed lives of two children in last one week at Barakpur union under Digholia upazila in Khulna district while 44 children are now under treatment at Upazila Health Complex.

The two deceased were identified as six-year-old Faisal Kabir, son of Israil Sheikh, and eight-year-old Masuma, daughter of Junmun Sheikh of Nikaripara village under the same upazila.

Faisal died on the night of June 29 and Masuma died on the eve

ning of July 2 while undergoing treatment at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Digholia Upazila Health Officer Ataur Rahman said the disease is suspected as 'viral encephalitis' and it has created panic among the people of the upazila.

A six-member medical team was formed on Sunday with Digholia upazila Medical Officer Dr Jotirmoy Saha as its head to monitor the situation.

The upazila administration has arranged announcement through microphones, advising people to

consult physicians immediately after a child is attacked with high fever.

Most of the victims of this disease are children between four to ten years of age, Dr Jasmin Sultana, a member of the medical team, said.

People of the affected area had been advised not to eat any kind of meat, especially fowl, she said.

UNO Mohammad Daud Mian said adequate measures have been taken to prevent spread of this disease and victims are being provided with proper medicare services.



Mizanur Rahman being taken to jail

Former OC sent to jail in wife murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A court in Satkhira yesterday rejected a bail prayer from former officer-in-charge Kazi Mizanur Rahman of Patkelghata police station and sent him to jail in the case for allegedly murdering his wife Sabiha Akhtar.

He appeared before the Satkhira court as per directive of High Court (HC). Earlier on May 21, the accused appeared before the HC for bail.

Judge Ashish Ranjan Das of the District and Session Judge's Court passed the order and fixed July 14 for more hearing of the bail prayer, court sources said.

Sabiha Akhtar, second wife of Kazi Mizanur Rahman, while being taken to Dhaka on March 6, succumbed to injuries allegedly caused by her husband two days earlier. The victim's mother Tayebunnessa filed a case with Motijheel police station in Dhaka on March 9 as she was unable to come to Satkhira because of lack of funds.

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Release Hasina, try war criminals

Thakurgaon Jubo League demands

Thakurgaon district committee of Jubo League in its first meeting since allowing indoor politics yesterday demanded permanent release of Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina and withdrawal all 'false' cases against her.

It also demanded withdrawal all cases against Jubo League president Jahangir Kabir Nanak and secretary Miza Azam.

At the meeting, Jubo League leaders urged the government to lift emergency for creation of a congenial atmosphere for holding a free fair and credible election.

They said an election under emergency would not be accepted by the people.

They also criticised the government for failing to control price hike of essentials. People were happy during the tenure of Awami League government as prices of essentials were within their reach.

Expressing concern at spiraling food prices, they said the government's recent decision raising fertiliser and fuel prices will push the price level higher. Aman production is being affected due to fertiliser price, they said.

The meeting also demanded trial of war criminals. Government only can try them as they committed crimes against the state during the Liberation War, they said. The caretaker government should at least initiate steps for the trial, even if it can not be completed during its tenure, speakers at the meeting said.

District unit president and central committee member Arunangshu Datta Tito presided over the meeting, held at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

The meeting was also addressed by former lawmaker Ramesh Chandra Sen.

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Villagers repair embankment voluntarily as Teesta swells



Locals rendering voluntary service yesterday to repair a one-kilometre embankment on the Teesta at Nilpar in Gangachhara.

religion and party identity took part in the gigantic work, assisted by CARE, Bangladesh.

Chairman of Mornea Union Parishad Shamsul Alam said, repair of on the embankment will save about 20,000 families of Mornea, Haragachh and Kounia. The area will also be protected from flood as Teesta is swelling for the last two days.

Teesta began to rise from Sunday evening. The river rose

about 35 cm above the danger mark at Dalia in last 24 hours.

The UP chairman said the flood protection embankment at Nilpar was damaged by last year's flood, inundating the whole area and affecting about 20,000 families. Crops on 3000 hectares were also damaged.

The decision to repair the embankment by volunteer labour with the technical support of CARE Bangladesh was taken earlier.

General of Police AKM Shahidul Haque and Mobile Phone Operator Bangladesh Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Rashid Khan spoke on the occasion, among others.

Following distribution of potatoes among 20 distressed people, the adviser inaugurated the daylong fair on the Stadium premises by releasing balloons.



Child artistes performing a dance at a cultural function arranged on the occasion of road show Eso Bangladesh Gori in Chittagong yesterday.

Ex-AL MP Dilu asked to submit wealth statement

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) here sent a notice to immediate past lawmaker and president of District Awami League (AL) Md Shamsur Rahman Sharif Dilu asking him to submit his wealth statement within seven days of receipt of the notice.

Earlier, ACC conducted a primary investigation into his wealth, said ACC deputy director Md Abdul Gaffer. ACC is also probing wealth of six others.

They are district BNP president and former lawmaker Sirajul Islam Sardar, Pabna municipality chairman and BNP leader Kamrul Hassan Mintu, Ishwardi municipality chairman and BNP leader Mokhlesur Rahman Bablu, Pabna Sonali Bank CBA leader Abdul Ehsan Bapli, district BNP leader Abdul Mannan Tipu and Zakaria Pintu.

7 outlaws get life for murder

RU CORRESPONDENT

A Rajshahi court yesterday sentenced seven outlaws to life term imprisonment in a triple murder case in Pabna. The convicts are Hannan, Golger Hossain, Shafi Uddin, Joyal Abedin, Anis, Delwar Hossain and Abdul Malek.

Judge ATM Mesboudouh of Rajshahi Speedy Trial Tribunal acquitted eight others in the case.

The outlaw shot and slaughtered the three persons at in Dhanua Para village in Faridpur thana in Pabna district on December 25, 2003.

Only arrested Hannan was on the dock during delivery of the verdict while the rest six were tried in absentia, court sources said.

Tiger kills fisherman

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

A tiger killed a fisherman at Hakhati canal in the Sundarbans yesterday.

Local people recovered the body of Thakurpada Mondal, 40, of Mirganj village in Shyamnagar upazila in the evening, police said.

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A six-day annual urs sharif of Sultanul Hind Garib-e-Newaz Hazrat Khaza Moinuddin Chisti, Hasan Sanzar Ajmeri (RA) began at Garpara Enam Bari Darbar Sharif in Manikganj on Saturday, according to a press release.

Programmes included feteha, ziarat, milad mahfil, discussion on life of Khaza Baba, kawali, samah mahfil, sabina khatam, discussion on tasauf, offering of munajat and distribution of tabaruk. The main programme will be held on Thursday.

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২০০৮-২০০৯ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এবং ডিপ্লোমা-পর্যায়ের অন্যান্য শিক্ষাক্রমে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ কারিগরি শিক্ষা বোর্ড কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত দেশের সরকারি পলিটেকনিক ইন্সটিটিউট, মনোডেকনিক ইন্সটিটিউট এবং ডিপ্লোমা শিক্ষাক্রম পরিচালনাকারী বেসরকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহে ৪ বছর মেয়াদি (১) ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং, (২) ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-টেক্সটাইল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ও (৩) ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-এগ্রিকালচার এবং ৩ বছর মেয়াদি (১) ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-হেলথ টেকনোলজি এবং সার্টিসেস ও (২) ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-ফরেস্ট্রি শিক্ষাক্রমে ২০০৮-২০০৯ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তির জন্য নিখিল দেশব্যাপী আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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৩.২ মেধা, কোটা ও আবেদনপত্র বর্ণিত পছন্দের ভিত্তিতে ভর্তির নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তি করা হবে। ৩.৩ তথ্যবিবরণী এবং সর্বমুঠ শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের অফিসে যোগাযোগ করে ভর্তি বিষয়ে বিস্তারিত জানা যাবে। ভর্তি সংক্রান্ত তথ্যাদি বোর্ডের নিজস্ব ওয়েব সাইটে দেখা যাবে (Website: www.bteb.gov.bd)

Prepare to face climate change, raise food production

Adviser CS Karim tells Eso Bangladesh Gori meeting

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Agriculture and Water Resources Adviser Dr CS Karim yesterday said the nation should get ready to deal with challenges from nature amid climate change and frequent flood, cyclone and other disasters.

He was addressing a discussion organised by Chittagong district administration on the occasion of Eso Bangladesh Gori 'road show carnival' at Chittagong MA Aziz Stadium.

Eighty lakh tonnes of potato was harvested this year against 50 lakh tonnes of the previous year and the practice of taking potato along with rice everyday would help lessen pressure on rice, he said.

General of Police AKM Shahidul Haque and Mobile Phone Operator Bangladesh Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Rashid Khan spoke on the occasion, among others. The guests also handed over prizes among the winners of essay and debate competitions held on the occasion of the road show.

Following distribution of potatoes among 20 distressed people, the adviser inaugurated the daylong fair on the Stadium premises by releasing balloons. He visited the stalls opened by different ministries.