



A mobile court team examines the fitness certificate of a bus at Kamalapur in the city yesterday as part of a crackdown on old vehicles, aimed at easing traffic congestion.

## Climate change threatens food security in S Asia

BSS, Dhaka

Melting Himalayan glaciers and other climate change impacts pose a direct threat to the water and food security of more than 1.6 billion people in South Asia, according to the preliminary findings of a new study financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Analysing current trends and scenarios based on projected temperature increases, the study warns that four countries in South Asia—Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Nepal—are particularly vulnerable to falling crop yields caused by glacier retreat, floods, droughts, erratic rainfall and other climate change impacts.

Produced by the International Food Policy Research Institute, the study, "Addressing Climate Change in the Asia and Pacific Region: Building Climate Resilience in the Agriculture Sector", will officially be launched by the ADB on the sidelines of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change meeting in Bangkok in late September.

The study warns that if current trends of climate change persist until 2050, the yields of irrigated crops in South Asia will decrease significantly with 17 percent fall in maize production, 12 percent in wheat and 10 percent in rice yield.

"Almost half of the world's absolute poor live in South Asia, where they tend to depend on rain-fed agriculture and live in settlements that are highly exposed to climate variability," the study said.

The study outlines a range of agricultural adaptation measures that can significantly reduce the region's vulnerability to climate change impacts.

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## Female doctor commits suicide in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female doctor of Uttara Women's Medical College in the city allegedly committed suicide at her East Rampura residence in the early hours of yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Dr Nusrat Sharmin, 33, a lecturer of the college and wife of Dr ANM Badruddoza alias Dipu of the United Hospital in Gulshan.

Nusrat, mother of two kids, obtained her MBBS degree from the same college in 2003 and was studying at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) for Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree.

Members of Nusrat's father-in-law's family rushed her to Apollo Hospital at around 3:30am when the doctors on duty declared her dead.

Police said they came to know about the death when the hospital authorities informed them but the cause of committing suicide could not be ascertained immediately.

According to family members and relatives, unhappy conjugal life of the couple might have led to the incident.

## AL cadres ransack house of Prothom Alo reporter in Chuadanga

STAR REPORT

Local cadres of the ruling Awami League ransacked the house of Chuadanga correspondent of the Prothom Alo Shah Alam last night.

A gang of 20 to 25 cadres stormed the house by breaking open the door at 10:30pm and ransacked households.

During the attack, Alam was not in his residence, while his wife with their minor son managed to escape from the scene through the backdoor.

Witnesses said local Jubo League cadres led the hour-long attack.

Alam, who was in the capital, alleged that he made repeated calls over cellphone requesting the local police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) to take action, but to no avail.

However, the members of police and Rab went to the spot after the newspaper's head office in Dhaka contacted top officials of the law enforcement agencies.

The victim's neighbours could identify one Ahad, a former driver of AL lawmaker from Chuadanga Sadar constituency Solaiman Haque Zoarder.

Earlier on Tuesday night, a false case was filed against Shah Alam and the daily Amar Desh correspondent Dalim Hossain in connection with a clash between activists of local BNP and Jubo League.

Alam said he was implicated in the case as the Prothom Alo ran a report on the activities of the lawmaker and Municipality Mayor Reazul Islam Zoarder on its August 28 issue.

On Tuesday, followers of the lawmaker also torched the copies of the two dailies.

## COMBATING SWINE FLU Govt to use SMS message to inform people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to instruct private mobile phone operators to send their users SMS text messages containing information about swine flu symptoms and treatment facilities, said prime minister's health adviser yesterday.

Prof Syed Modasser Ali said this at a seminar, adding that the government will also set up a 'focal point' from where people will get all kinds of data regarding swine flu.

The focal point will involve the experts from epidemiology, medicine and public health, behaviour change communication (BCC) specialists, and scientists, said the health adviser.

Syed Modasser Ali was addressing as chief guest the seminar on 'Swine flu: duties for its prevention', jointly organised by the daily Bhorer Kagoj and Desh TV at the Jatiya Press Club in the city.

Meanwhile, 12 fresh cases of swine flu were detected yesterday raising the number of infected to 259 across the country.

Swine flu experts are conducting research worldwide to find out whether any unknown virus is being

formed jointly by swine flu, bird flu and seasonal flu, said Dr M Mushtaq Husain, senior scientific officer, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR).

As part of international monitoring, the IEDCR has tested the samples, he added.

IEDCR however stopped its testing facility for detecting swine flu but it is testing samples collected from the patients admitted to different city hospitals with the severe symptoms of swine flu.

According to experts, Bangladesh has already crossed danger level 2. Though it has not turned into an epidemic, the situation is not far off.

Shyamol Dutta, editor of the daily Bhorer Kagoj, moderated the seminar. Among others, Dr Biswas MK Zaman, national professional officer (epidemiology) of World Health Organisation, Shamsuddin Ahmed, communication specialist of Unicef, Dr Abul Kalam Azad, national consultant of Food and Agriculture Organisation, Dr Khairul Islam, country representative of Water Aid Bangladesh, addressed the seminar.

## 1,580 more held, 15 arms seized

UNB, Dhaka

The police arrested 1,580 people on various charges in separate drives across the country in the last 24 hours as of 6:00am yesterday.

Fifteen firearms and 25

bullets were also seized during the drive, said a release of police headquarters. Seven cases were filed in this connection.

Besides, 56 motorbikes were seized for not having valid documents and 247 cases filed in this connection.

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