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Hatirjheel opens today

Project to ease Dhaka's traffic; BGMEA building illegally stays in the lake

TAWFIQUE ALI

The much-hyped Hatirjheel-Begunbari integrated development scheme in the capital opens to public today.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to formally inaugurate the site, despite the fact that the 15-storey illegal building of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) stands boldly in the middle of the Begunbari canal.

The public facilities developed under the development scheme include a 9-kilometre east-west connecting express road, 8km service roads, 477-metre bridges, 9km foot-path, 10km lakeside walkway, 260-metre viaduct, 400-metre overpass, an integrated drainage management connecting Begunbari canal with the Gulshan-Banani lakes, a sewer network, an aesthetic public space, and waterfronts. The scheme is also

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An aerial view of Hatirjheel-Begunbari project site in the capital. The long-awaited project opens today while 15-storey BGMEA building, inset, built illegally in the middle of a canal, remains intact. The photos were shot yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Four die as boat sinks in Meghna

STAR REPORT

At least four people drowned and two others were missing as a boat drowned in the Meghna after hitting a jetty amid dense fog in Chandpur yesterday.

Earlier on Monday, one person was killed and five others were hurt when two speedboats collided head-on due to poor visibility on the Titas river in Brahmanbaria.

In the Chandpur incident, three of those dead were identified as Zia, Sohag and Bidyut. They were aged between 15 and 20, reports our Chandpur

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State incurred Tk 300cr loss

Audit watchdog finds anomalies in Petrobangla's granite mining project

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

The country lost Tk 152.95 crore after the Maddhapara Granite Mining Company failed to recoup liquidated damages from a North Korean contractor for its failure to complete the mining work even after the deadline was extended thrice.

In another case, nine other companies of the Petrobangla allotted Tk 149.55 crore among employees and officials although they were not entitled to it, an audit report shows.

"This unlawful practice should stop immediately," commented the audit report of the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (OCAG).

According to the report, the country lost more than Tk 374 crore in 2007-08 and 2008-09 after the Petrobangla

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BSF kills 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Indian Border Security Force shot dead two Bangladeshi cattle traders on Bujruk border in Thakurgaon early yesterday.

The deceased are Nur Islam, 28, and Moktar Dai, 27, of Haripur upazila, said Major Muntasir Mamun Siddique, operations officer of Border

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DUBIOUS HOUSING BUSINESS

Realtors want no Rajuk action

TAWFIQUE ALI

Real estate developers' association Rehab in a letter has asked Rajuk not to "interfere" in its five-day housing fair that opens in the city today.

Real Estate Housing Association of Bangladesh (Rehab) is holding the fair at

the city's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Abdul Mannan Khan, state minister for housing and public works, is scheduled to open the fair this morning.

Rehab in its letter mentioned the mobile court drives by Rajdhani Unnayan

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WAR CRIMES TRIAL

Witness saw Kamaruzzaman with arms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness yesterday testified that he had seen Jamaat-e-Islami leader Muhammad Kamaruzzaman carrying arms on his shoulder at Mymensingh District Council Rest House during the Liberation War.

"I don't know [who was the Al-Badr commander of Mymensingh district and town during the war] but I know that Kamaruzzaman Saheb was a leader of Al-Badr," Dabir Hossain Bhuiyan told the International Crimes Tribunal-2.

Dabir, one of the detainees of the camp and the fifteenth prosecution witness in the case against the Jamaat assistant secretary general, said this when he faced cross-examination by

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Celebrations turn deadly

65 killed on New Year's day around the globe

AGENCIES

At least 65 people were killed and hundreds more were injured during New Year celebrations around the globe yesterday.

Tragedy struck Ivory Coast when at least 61 people died and dozens more were injured as a crowd that had gathered for New Year's fireworks stampeded in the economic capital Abidjan, officials said.

An AFP journalist saw many injured children, while images broadcast by RTI television showed bodies stretched lifeless on the ground outside the city's main stadium.

The head of military rescue workers, Lieutenant Colonel Issa Sako, told journalists at the scene that 61 people had died. Another rescue official had earlier said that at least

200 people were wounded. Witnesses said the stampede had broken out after the fireworks ended, though the cause remains unclear. It erupted near the stadium's main entrance, where security had set up tree trunks as crowd control barriers.

Most of the dead are believed to be children aged between eight and 15. The death toll is expected to rise.

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ঢাকা (পূর্ব), ঢাকা

জাতীয় জীবা পরিষদ (এনএসসি টাওয়ার), ১৯ তলা

৬২/৩, পুরানা পল্টন, ঢাকা-১০০০

তারিখঃ ২৭-১২-২০১২খ্রিঃ

নথি নং- ৪/মসক(১৯) পূর্ব কমিঃ/পরিঃ/মুঃ সফঃ ও হিরঃ সংঃ/২০১২/৫২৯

৫০ লক্ষ টাকা বা তদুর্ধ্ব রাজস্ব প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের মূল্য সংযোজন কর সংক্রান্ত দলিলাদি ও হিসাবপত্র সফটওয়্যারের মাধ্যমে সংরক্ষণ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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গ) UY Systems Ltd, House: 289, Road: 19/B, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206.

ঘ) Ennovia Technologies Ltd, House # 279 (GF), Road # 19, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206.

ঙ) Dhruadi Techno Consortium Limited, House # 375/A (1st Floor), Road # 28, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206.

ঢাকা পূর্ব কমিশনারেট-এর অধিক্ষেত্রস্থ বার্ষিক ৫০ লক্ষ টাকা বা তদুর্ধ্ব রাজস্ব প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের উল্লিখিত তালিকাভুক্ত সফটওয়্যার নির্মাণকারী ও সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের সাথে যোগাযোগপূর্বক মূল্য সংযোজন কর সংক্রান্ত দলিলাদি ও হিসাবপত্র সফটওয়্যারের মাধ্যমে সংরক্ষণের প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করে কাস্টমস, এক্সাইজ ও ভ্যাট কমিশনারেট, ঢাকা (পূর্ব), ঢাকা-কে অবহিত করতে হবে।

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think that the government and the main opposition should take immediate step to hold a dialogue to resolve the ongoing political crisis?

Yes (83%)
No (16%)
No Comments (1%)

TOTAL VOTES: 253

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the technical evaluation committee of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission's recommendation to increase power price by 3

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Source: Islamic Foundation

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Md. Motazzaroul Islam, Director, North's Egg Limited has received the Highest Tax Payer of the Country Award for the Year 2009-2010 from Hon'ble Finance Minister Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhit on 31st December, 2012. Mr. Islam was awarded with a crest in an auspicious occasion attended by various dignitaries. We convey our heartfelt appreciation and congratulate him for achieving such prestigious award. From the team of North's Egg Limited, we wish him all the success and prosperity in coming years.