



This is not a landfill, but a huge pond that is filled with garbage dumped by nearby tanneries in Rayerbagh in the capital. The unregulated waste disposal has not only destroyed a conservable water body but also polluted the environment of the entire area. And instead of being a place of beauty, the pond will continue to be an eyesore as long as the government has not completed relocating tanneries out of the city. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

NEWS IN brief

Fires gut 50 houses, kindergarten, factory in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Around 50 tin-shed houses and a kindergarten were damaged in a fire in a colony at Bhogra bypass intersection of Gazipur city yesterday afternoon.

The fire originated from an oven, said fire officials, adding that fire fighters doused the fire after over an hour and they could not estimate the damage immediately.

Meanwhile, another fire originating from an electric short circuit generator room gutted Sahzahan Spinning Mills LTD at Sreepur of Bokultola. Fire fighters doused the fire after half an hour's effort.

Four held over RMG worker's rape

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four workers of an automobile workshop in Begunbari Siddique Master Dhal in Tejgaon Industrial Area were detained by police last night after a garment worker filed a complaint saying one of them raped her while the others stood guard and recorded it on a cellphone.

An acquaintance of the victim, Shuvo, 25, took her to his residence in the area yesterday evening where Soheli Mia, 25, raped her while Shuvo and Babul, 45, recorded it, Mizanur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Tejgaon Industrial Area Police Station, quoted the victim as saying.

Another person, Miraz, 20, was present, he said, adding that a forensic test would be conducted on the victim today.

Road crashes kill 4 including child

CITY DESK

Four people were killed, including a 10-year-old girl, and 12 others were injured in road accidents yesterday and Sunday.

Our Cox's Bazar correspondent reports, three people were killed and 12 others, including a one-year-old child were injured in a head-on-collision between a salt-laden truck and a microbus at Barbang Goalmara of Chakaria upazila in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent adds, a student of class-III, Payel Akhter Sumi, 10, daughter of late Babul Hossain, died when a battery-run auto-rickshaw hit her at Kaliaganj Kazipara village in Boda upazila of Panchagarh on Sunday afternoon.

Boy, woman die trying to board launch from boat in Buriganga

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A five-year old boy and a woman died while her husband and two others were injured after the boat they and three more persons were using to board a launch in the Buriganga river sank last evening.

Md Selim and Laizu Begum, 35, were headed for Lalmoan of Bhola. The injured were admitted to Mitford Hospital.

Injuries on Laizu's body indicate she had been hit by a propeller, said Abul Hasan, officer-in-charge, Kotwali Police Station.

Updated voter list to see unusual growth

Election Commission predicted 24 lakh new voters but enumerators collected details of 39.28 lakh prospective fresh ones; 6.36 lakh voters will be deleted as they died

UNB, Dhaka

The country's voter list is going to see an "unusual" growth as data of some 39.28 lakh people have already been collected against the Election Commission's estimate of 24 lakh fresh voters.

The commission in last July started updating voter lists expecting that some 24 lakh fresh voters will be enrolled with a 2.5 percent growth of the existing 9.62 crore voters.

According to field-level data received by the EC Secretariat as of September 21, enumerators collected the statistics of 39,28, 644 people in 546 upazilas, showing a 4.09 percent growth.

Of them, 30,66,882, including 15,93,002 men and 14,73,882 women, have been registered as new voters.

EC officials said the number of fresh

voters might be even higher once all the people in the remaining 150 upazilas, which also cover the densely populated capital Dhaka, are enlisted.

Though 2.5 percent growth was estimated, the rate is more than 4 percent in 310 upazilas out of some 400 where all possible voters were included as of September 21, a day before the data collection process ended.

The highest growth rate of 8.71 percent was recorded in Ramganj upazila of Laxmipur, followed by 8.48 percent in Chunarughat of Habiganj, 8.40 percent in Bhedarganj of Shariatpur, 8.28 percent in Madhabpur of Habiganj, 8.27 percent in Kamalnagar of Laxmipur and 8.00 percent in Companyganj of Noakhali.

However, the scenario is quite different in term of under-18 nationals as

data of only 23 lakh youths have been collected against the commission's estimated 48 lakh youths.

This year, the commission collected the data of the under-18 nationals aiming to list them as voters in 2017 and 2018 when they will turn 18.

EC Secretary Sirazul Islam said the main reason behind the high growth may be that many dropouts are now more interested to be voters for having the national identity cards.

He said they will examine why some upazilas got much higher growth rate compared to others.

Data of some 6.36 lakh dead voters were collected which will be erased from the voter list.

The commission will publish the final updated voter list on January 31, 2016 after disposing of complaints, if any.

BNP too rules out Cricket Australia's militancy fears

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday ruled out Australia's "militancy fears", as had the government, but accused Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu and some others of spreading "false information", saying it had prompted Cricket Australia to delay their arrival for a two-match Test series due to begin next month.

BNP, as had the home and commerce ministers and Bangladeshis, say that there is no militancy in Bangladesh, Spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon told a press conference at its Naya Paltan headquarters.

The party was concerned over the delay at a time when the Bangladesh cricket team was performing at its best, he said.

The Australians' observations have raised the question on how a religiously tolerant Bangladesh will face the challenge of "the propaganda", he said, urging all to brand Bangladesh afresh.

As per the original schedule, the Australian contingent was supposed to arrive here yesterday. They were scheduled to play a three-day warm up match against BCB XI in Fatullah on October 3 before the two Test matches -- October 9-13 in Chittagong and October 17-21 in Dhaka.

Another Jessore suspect held

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Shamsuddin and his son Mainul Islam Pias told the tribunal that the lawyer representing Shamsuddin in court informed them on Sunday that he would not move the case anymore.

When they sought time to appoint a new lawyer, the tribunal deferred the date for charge framing to October 4.

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 No: BDP/Procurement She Buffalo/GD-11/2015/432 Date: 22/09/2015

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry	Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock.			
2	Agency	Department of Livestock Services.			
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Buffalo Development Project(Component-A), Department of Livestock Services (2nd Floor), Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.			
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
5	Invitation for	Procurement of She Buffalo.			
6	Invitation ref No. & date	No: BDP/Procurement She Buffalo GD-11/2015/432 Date: 22/09/2015			
KEY INFORMATION					
7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM-NCT).			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
8	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB Dev).			
9	Development partner	N/A.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
10	Project code (if applicable)	7053			
11	Project name	Project Director, Buffalo Development Project(Component-A), Department of Livestock Services (2nd Floor), Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.			
12	Tender package No.	GD-8.			
13	Tender package name	Procurement of Lab Equipment & AI Instruments.			
14	Tender last selling date	14.10.2015 up to 5.00pm.			
15	Tender submission date & time	Primary place: 15.10.2015 up to 12.00 noon. Secondary place: 15.10.2015 up to 12.00 noon.			
16	Tender opening date & time	15.10.2015 at 3.00pm.			
17	Name & address of the office(s)	Address			
Selling tender document (principal)					
1) Office of the Project Director, Buffalo Development Project (Component-A), Department of Livestock Services (2nd Floor), Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.					
Selling tender document (others)					
2) Office of the Deputy Director (Central Store), Livestock Department, 48, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.					
Receiving tender document					
Primary Place					
1) Office of the Project Director, Buffalo Development Project (Component-A), Department of Livestock Services (2nd Floor), Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.					
Secondary place					
2) Office of the Deputy Director (Central Store), Livestock Department, 48, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.					
Opening tender document					
Primary place: Buffalo Development Project (Component-A), Department of Livestock Services (2nd Floor), Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.					
18	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
19	Eligibility of tenderer	As stated in tender document.			
20	Brief description of goods	Procurement of Lab Equipment & AI Instruments.			
21	Brief description of related services	N/A.			
22	Price of tender document (Tk)	Taka 1,000 (one thousand only) for each package.			
23	Package No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount(Tk)	Completion time in days
GD-11	Procurement of She Buffalo.	Fakirhat, Bagerhat	Tk 3,91,500.00	6 months	
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
25	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Md. Takabbar Hossain			
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.			
27	Address of official inviting tender	Project Director, Buffalo Development Project (Component-A), Department of Livestock Services (2nd Floor), Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.			
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone No. 02-9103316, Fax. 02-9103316 Email: thossain1958@gmail.com			
29	Special Instruction.	a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. b) Due to unavoidable circumstances, if tender can't be received & opened in due time, the same will be shifted to the next working day.			

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President of Inter Parliamentary Union Sabar Hossain Chowdhury addressing the plenary session of the UN Sustainable Development Summit on Friday in New York.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Komor Uddin Shah, a teacher and publisher of Bogra, died of old-age complications at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital in Bogra Sadar yesterday. He was 80.

He left his wife, three sons and a daughter. He was buried in his family graveyard.

Mir Altaf Ali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Mir Altaf Ali, an advocate, of Guptapara area in Rangpur city died due to a cardiac arrest at Rangpur Medical College Hospital early yesterday. He was 87.

He left behind his wife, two sons and two daughters. He was an artist and dramatist of Bangladesh Betar Rangpur office and former president Raja Ram Mohan Club in the city. He was buried in Nurpur Graveyard in the city.

Illegal kitchen market creeping

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He said the club itself built a club building too. "All illegal structures must be demolished."

The councillor said he was putting pressure on the authorities concerned and police to remove the illegal structures from Dhaka city's fields, roads and footpaths.

Yasin, however, said the market was being run by poor people.

Some 400 poor men operate 140 shops without paying rent, he said.

He also claimed that local residents wanted the kitchen market at the place.

The Daily Star talked to several locals, and no-one chose a market over open space.

The kitchen market should be removed because it is destroying the environment,

said Selina Begum of Adabor, who regularly strolls around the playground.

She said at least 50 people walked there at a time every Friday morning.

Chief Executive Officer of DNCC BM Enamul Haque said they would recover the space.

He said NHA owned the land but DNCC was its custodian.

Several hundred children play in Shyamoli Club Playground, and there is also a cricket academy under which around 100 cricketers practice there every day.

Iftekhar Hossain, joint secretary of Shyamoli Club, said the playground produced national players like footballer Sabbir and cricketers Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu and GS Hasan Tamim.

Retest demand grows louder

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However, a University Grants Commission (UGC) official was arrested and suspended on the exam day when allegations of question leaks spread. In addition, the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) detained seven people including three doctors in Rangpur city for their alleged involvement in leaking out question papers of medical admission test. Three of them were directors of two coaching centres.

Abdul Qader Zilani, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station of Rangpur, told The Daily Star yesterday that the arrestees were sent to jail, and they would attend a bail

hearing today.

A candidate said, "On one hand, the government is saying there was no leak; on the other they are arresting people on allegations of question leaks. This shows that the questions were leaked, and our movement is justified."

In the statement, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said, "The stance of a section of the government would only save the main perpetrator... which is not acceptable."

He, however, urged protesters to refrain from any activities that may hamper daily public life.