

Rajshahi Dev Authority formulates 20-year master plan

BSS, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Development Authority (RDA) has formulated a 20-year master plan aiming to ensure planned development in the city and its adjacent areas in that time.

Around 364 square kilometres of two adjacent municipalities and 12 union parishads are included in the mega plan, said Prof Bazlur Rahman, chairman of RDA.

He said the main goal of RDA is city planning and also to ensure planned growth and development of the metropolis.

Just after its establishment in 1978, RDA started preparing its first master plan for 20 years. The plan was implemented in 1984 in an area of 127 square kilometres.

After invalidation of the first master plan, RDA prepared a new master plan named Rajshahi Metropolitan Development Plan (RMDP).

During preparation of the plan for the first time in Bangladesh, RDA used modern planning techniques and tools like GPS, Total Station, RTK and GIS software.

A detailed socio-economic, transport and physical feature survey along with contour and RL record were done. All of the collected data and information were preserved as a data bank in digital format.

"We are very optimistic about doing better work under the present master plan," said Prof Rahman.

In an effort to make the plan a total success, RDA held a coordination meeting with other relevant organisations and public representatives yesterday.



Admission seekers and guardians demonstrate before the High Court in the capital yesterday demanding judicial probe into the alleged question leak of the admission test into public medical and dental colleges. PHOTO: STAR

ASSAULT BY GAZIPUR VILLAGE ELDER Victim woman's family 'threatened'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

The family of Josna Akter, who was beaten by a village elder in Gazipur last week, is passing days in fear because of threats from the accused.

She was assaulted for refusing to attend an arbitration meeting over land disputes with her younger brother, Hossain Khan, 43, at Chhoto Latifpur village in Kaliakoir upazila.

Jalal Uddin Matabbar, who was supposed to arbitrate in the dispute, dragged the woman by hair out of her house and clobbered her with a stick on October 5.

The next day, the family sued three people -- Jalal Matabbar, Hossain Khan and neighbour Amena Khatun.

Police arrested Hossain Khan on Wednesday, while the prime accused, Jalal, is absconding. Amena Khatun is on bail. After his arrest, Hossain Khan threatened the victim's elder son Nayan Mia, saying he would see how far it goes, when the two met at Kaliakoir Police Station, said Nayan.

Nayan now escorts his younger brother, Hridoy Ahmed, 13, an eighth-grader, to and from school. No GD was filed.

Govt to rehabilitate 57,000 more homeless families

BSS, Dhaka

The government has targeted to rehabilitate 57,000 more landless and homeless families at the cost of Tk 515 crore by 2016, especially the people falling victim to natural disasters including cyclone, river erosion and flood.

"The Ashrayan project under the Prime Minister's Office is working to alleviate poverty of the landless and homeless families of the country by focusing on human resource development," M Zahirul Haque, project director of Ashrayan-2 Project to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), told the news agency yesterday.

He said the project was working directly on civil and human rights of the target population and intervening in order to improve their living conditions, education, health and earning opportunities.

The Ashrayan campaign already rehabilitated 1,32,000 landless and homeless families and provided training to many family members so that they can generate income, Haque said.

The project is to improve the standard of living ensuring basic education, healthcare and skill development on income generating activities of the landless, homeless, distressed and rootless people.

Earlier, the government has also extended the tenure of Ashrayan-2 Project till June 30, 2017, and increasing spending under it to Tk 2,204 crore, with a view to alleviating poverty by providing residential facilities and creating employment for the landless and marginalised people, the project details said.



A faction of the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) forms a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday demanding restart to media houses which were shut and announcement of the ninth wage board for journalists. PHOTO: STAR

Malaysia healthcare week starts in capital

BSS, Dhaka

The "Malaysia Healthcare Week-2015" started in the capital yesterday to create awareness among the public about healthcare opportunities in Malaysia and promote medical visits to Malaysia by Bangladeshi patients.

Different campaigns on healthcare travel to Malaysia, including free consultation sessions with specialist physicians, health talks, healthcare exhibitions, road-shows or rallies and seminars will be organised in the capital.

Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC), a Malaysian government owned organisation, and its counterpart GD Assist Ltd, a subsidiary of Green Delta Insurance Co Ltd, organised the seven-day programme which was inaugurated through a press conference at Jatiya Press Club.

MHTC General Manager Suriahni Abdul Hamid, Chairman of GD Assist Ltd and founder Managing Director of Green Delta Insurance Nasir A Chowdhury, Director of GD Assist Ltd Farzana Chowdhury and Regional Director of Oceania, Europe, and South and Central Asia affairs of MHTC Kobita Mathuve were present on the occasion.

Suriahni Abdul Hamid said doctors of several premier healthcare institutions from Malaysia, namely KPJ Healthcare and the National Heart Institute, would provide free consultation sessions for the patients of cardiology and gastroenterology on the occasion.

Gazipur woman hammered for dowry sues husband, parents-in-law

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Kulsum Akter, who was tortured and beaten with a hammer for a dowry of Tk 2 lakh on September 23 in Gazipur, filed a case against her husband and parents-in-law on Friday.

Poran Mia, 25, his father Intaj Ali and mother Sufia Begum are absconding, said Sreepur police.

Kulsum earlier in June filed a similar case against Poran but he was released on conditional bail.

She was treated at a clinic in Mymensingh for 13 days especially for her left eye which was hurt when the trio slapped her with shoes.

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UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 1 (one) temporary post of lecturer against 1 (one) vacant post of Associate Professors in the Department of Oceanography in the pay scale of Tk. 11,000-490x7-14,430-E.B.540x11-20,370/-

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Sust teachers suspend

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Returnee

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Tasneem Siddiqui, founding chair of RMMRU.

The portal will significantly contribute to linking the workers and employers, she added.

Addressing as chief guest, Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Secretary Khandker Iftekhar Haider said around 90 lakh Bangladeshi workers have so far been sent abroad from 1976.

But the government has no data on how many returned, he said, adding that the government was working on preparing a database on returnee migrants.

Officials of organisations including BGMEA and returnee migrants attended.

NEWS IN brief

Five pharmacies fined, five sealed off for selling unauthorised drugs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A mobile court yesterday fined five pharmacies a total of Tk 82,000 and sealed off five others for selling government medicines as well as unauthorised medicines in Chittagong city.

Jahan Pharmacy and Madina Pharmacy at Notun Chaktai, and Maa Medical Hall, Mina Pharmacy and Mukta Pharmacy at Hafeznagar Tulatoli were fined while Mohsen Awlia Pharmacy, Kalyan Pharmacy, Milon Pharmacy, Rony Pharmacy, and Maa Pharmacy in Hafeznagar Tulatoli were sealed off as the owners fled sensing the mobile court's presence, said the executive.

Manju urges global leaders to enact law to fight climate change

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Environment and Forests Minister Anwar Hossain Manju has said the world leaders needed to adopt a law to save the earth from the risk of climate change.

"It is a global crisis. None of the developing and developed nations will be able to avert the risk of climate change. All need to be united to solve the problem," he said.

The minister made the comments recently during the annual Innovation for Cool Earth Forum (ACIF) conference in Tokyo, Japan, attended by over 1,000 delegates including ministers from 70 countries, says a press note.

Manju said Bangladesh with its limited resources has been working to tackle the risks of climate change.

Man killed 'by roommate' in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A construction worker was stabbed to death allegedly by his roommate in their rented house at Badsha Miyar Bari in Madyam Sonapara of Mirsarai upazila in Chittagong on Friday night.

Police arrested Rokon Uddin, of Barguna, who during primary interrogation confessed that he had killed Nurul Afsar alias Asrar, 34, of Swandip upazila, because Nurul a few days ago slapped him as he could not pay his portion of monthly expenditure.

Prisoner dies at Rajshahi jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An elderly prisoner, sentenced to life-term imprisonment in a murder case, died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital yesterday.

Nur-e Alam Khokon, 65, of Bodolgachhi upazila of Naogaon, died around 6:00am, said Shahadat Hossain of Rajshahi Central Jail, adding that he was taken to the hospital the previous day after he suffered a heart attack.

Worker burnt in burner explosion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

An iron foundry worker suffered around 25 percent burns after, what police say, water entered a gas burner, causing it to burst in East Madarbari under Sadarghat Police Station in Chittagong last evening.

Monir Hossain Noyon, 22, of Bismillah Foundry is undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Police said three to four other workers escaped unhurt.

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01.	DPDC/PD(PPMP-5 NOCS)/2015/01, date: 14/06/2015	Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Prepaid Meters at NOCS Khilgaon, Kazla, Razarbag, Tejgaon & Swamibag with Related Service on Turnkey Basis	13/10/2015	22/11/2015	Submission: 14/10/2015, 12:00 Noon Opening: 14/10/2015 03:00PM	Submission: 23/11/2015, 12:00 Noon Opening: 23/11/2015 03:00PM

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