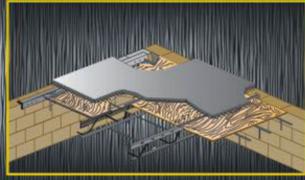


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CNG AUTO-RICKSHAWS

Owners' high daily rent hikes fare

PANKAG KARMAKAR

Most of the owners of CNG-run auto-rickshaws are charging drivers more rent than the government fixed rate, forcing them to collect additional fare from the passengers.

According to a directive by the government, the three-wheeler owners are supposed to charge the drivers Tk 900 per day.

Talking to around 25 drivers at different spots in the capital yesterday, this correspondent found that most of them were paying Tk 1,000 to Tk 1,500 in daily rent to the owners.

Many owners even rent out their CNG-run autos in two shifts. In the first shift, a driver operates the vehicle from morning to evening, while another takes it in the second shift from evening to next morning.

"I drive the auto-rickshaw from 8:00am to 8:00pm and have to pay Tk 1,000 to the owner every day. After I leave the vehicle, the owner rents it to another driver and charges him almost the same," said Lutfur Rahman, a three-wheeler driver who was waiting for passengers in Hatirpool area.

Many owners are now earning around Tk 2,000 from a single CNG-run auto-rickshaw every day. The amount is more than double of the government-set daily amount.

"As we pay additional money to vehicle owners, we have to charge our passengers additional fare to make our profit," said Ramzan Mian, an auto-rickshaw driver, in front of the National Press Club.

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Trees, illegally felled along a two kilometre stretch on Kaamdia-Sura Masjid Road in Gobindaganj of Gaibandha, being carried on rickshaw vans. Around three thousand trees have so far been cut down by local influentials on the stretch. PHOTO: STAR



Zia's brother hosts curious doa mehfil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was a puzzling *doa-mehfil* organised by Ahmed Kamal, younger brother of late president Ziaur Rahman, offering prayers for the salvation of the departed souls of the Zia family members.

Kamal, the only living brother among the five brothers of Zia, organised the *milad-mehfil*, the first such "family affair" on this scale since the demise of his brothers and parents, at the city's Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh, yesterday.

Not a single leader or activist of the BNP or any of its front organisations was seen at the programme, even though the programme was for offering prayers for the departed souls of the father and mother of the BNP founder, his three brothers and youngest son Arafat Rahman Koko.

Before offering the *munajat* at the programme, Kamal in a speech said, "It is out and out our family *milad-mehfil*." But at the

Gayeshwar sent to jail in arson case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent BNP standing committee member Gayeshwar Chandra

Roy to jail after he surrendered before it in an arson case following an arrest warrant issued by the court.

Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after Gayeshwar surrendered before it and sought bail in the case.

On Tuesday, the same court issued arrest warrants for Gayeshwar, Sadeque Hossain Khoka,

Salahuddin Ahmed and 32 others in the arson case filed in December 2013.

The order came after Gayeshwar and 34 others remained absent from the court on that day.

Salahuddin was earlier

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DEFENCE, SECURITY SECTORS

TI sees 'high risk of corruption'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has been placed among countries whose defence and security sectors are at "high risk of corruption", says a Transparency International (TI) survey report.

Among 17 Asia-Pacific countries assessed in the survey, Bangladesh was in "D" band and has been grouped together with India, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Six countries were at the bottom two bands "E and F", exhibiting critical risk of corruption. The countries were China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar. Only New Zealand was in "A" band. Singapore, Australia, Taiwan and Japan were grouped in the "B" risk band.

Bangladesh's highest corruption risk areas were finance, procurement and political while the highest scores and lowest risk area was personnel, said the global anti-corruption watchdog's Government Defence Anti-Corruption Index, 2015 report released yesterday.

Expressing concern over Bangladesh's position, Transparency International-Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said bringing parliamentary accountability to defence and security expenditure is now the call of the hour.

"Despite the absence of National Defence Policy, inadequacies in information relating to the defence purchase and the culture of secrecy is not good for democratic accountability," he said in a statement.

The Government Defence Anti-Corruption Index measured the levels of corruption risk in national defence establishments, and gave scores to each country in bands from A (the best) to F (the worst).

These bands were based on scores on an assessment consisting 77 questions. For each question a government was given scores from zero to four.

Liton slams RU VC for not providing job to party men

RU CORRESPONDENT

AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, president of Rajshahi city Awami League, yesterday came down heavily on the vice-chancellor and pro vice-chancellor of Rajshahi University for not having his party-affiliated men recruited into the university administration.

"We provided you [VC and pro-VC] with a list [of jobseekers] some one and a half to two years ago. Where has it gone?" he said.

"Your qualifications did not make you the VC and the pro-VC. You have become the VC and the pro-VC as you do Awami League [politics]."

"Can't you provide just 150 to 200 pro-liberation boys with jobs [now]?" he asked.

The former mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation was addressing a discussion, marking the jail killing day, organised by RU Chhatra League on the campus yesterday noon.

"...If we direct [our men], it will not

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The restaurant where you pay what you want

MAIL ONLINE

A Florida cafe is changing the face of the restaurant industry by allowing customers to pay what they want for meals.

At Mosaic's Community Cafe in Bartow, there are no prices on the menu - customers pay what they want, what they can, or volunteer for an hour for a free meal.

The community-based sit-down restaurant, which opened on Tuesday, is the creation of Libbie Combee, a former drug addict who also opened a ministry for substance abusers in Bartow several years ago.

The menu offers a variety of choices, including

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SHOOTING A BOY Gaibandha MP denied bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A court here yesterday rejected bail petition of Gaibandha-1 ruling party lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton for the third time in connection with shooting of a class four student.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Moinul Hasan Yusuf denied Liton bail of attempting to murder schoolboy Sourav Mia case, while granted him bail in

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The scene of a cargo airplane that crashed after take-off near Juba Airport in South Sudan yesterday, killing at least 36 people.

36 killed in South Sudan plane crash

AFP, Juba

At least 36 people were killed yesterday when a plane crashed shortly after taking off from South Sudan's capital Juba, rescue workers said.

Police and rescue workers pulled bodies of men, women and children out of the wreckage of the Russian-built Antonov An-12 cargo plane, which smashed into a farming community on an island on the White Nile river, seconds after taking off.

"So far 36 bodies have been collected and brought to hospitals," South Sudan Red Cross official Majju Hillary told AFP, adding that all the victims were on board the ill-fated aircraft.

Two survivors were pulled out of the twisted metal hulk of the plane but one of those later died, with a young boy the only survivor, the Red Cross said, adding the number of dead may still rise.

"We can't assess this is

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Maldives declares emergency

President Yameen gives security forces sweeping powers to arrest suspects

AFP, Malé

Maldives President Abdulla Yameen declared a state of emergency yesterday, giving security forces sweeping powers to arrest suspects ahead of a major anti-government protest rally.

The move, announced on Twitter, follows an alleged attempt to assassinate Yameen and the discovery of a bomb near his official residence.

The declaration comes two days before a planned protest by the main opposition Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP), whose leader Mohamed Nasheed is in jail after a widely criticised conviction under anti-terror laws.

"President Yameen has declared state of emergency to ensure the safety and security of every citizen," his spokesman Muaz Ali tweeted.

Official sources said the declaration of the state of emergency, initially for a period of 30 days, would lead to the automatic suspension of several constitutional provisions including the right of association.

Tensions are high in the honeymoon island nation following an explosion aboard President Yameen's speedboat on September 28 that wounded his wife and two others.

Yameen was unharmed, and the US Federal Bureau of Investigation has said there is no evidence it was caused by a bomb.

But authorities in the Maldives have called it an attempt on his life. On October 24 Yameen arrested his deputy Ahmed Adeen, accusing him of "high treason" and linking him to the boat blast.