



A phenomenal change has occurred to the Dhaleshwari River in the last two decades. For the people, who did not see the river before, it would be almost impossible to think that the vast field stretched to the tree line on the horizon was the river's bed before, and it used to be full of water. Even only five years ago, water would reach the abandoned jetty (the metal structure on the right). Now all that remains of the river is a channel, narrow enough to be called a canal. Siltation is blamed for the drying up of the river. The photo was taken in Elasin area of Tangail's Delduar upazila on Thursday.

PHOTO: MIRZA SHAKIL

## THEFT OF BANGLADESH BANK MONEY BNP points finger at govt, bank officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two senior BNP leaders yesterday alleged that the Tk 800 crore, which was stolen from Bangladesh Bank's account in the US Federal Reserve Bank, was skimmed with the help of the government and central bank officials.

BNP standing committee members Moudud Ahmed and Goyeshwar Chandra Roy raised the allegation in two separate programmes in the capital.

They demanded that a fair and credible investigation be carried out into the incident, saying the ministers and MPs and bank officials who were behind the heist can be identified through a proper probe.

The BNP leaders, however, did not elaborate or mention names of any individuals.

"Nobody believes that it is possible for hackers to loot money from the central bank's reserve without the help of the officials of the bank," Moudud Ahmed said at a discussion.

Moshiur Rahman Jadu Mia Jatiya Memorial Committee organised the programme at Jatiya Press Club marking the 37th death anniversary of the BNP co-founder.

"An anarchic situation has been created at present due to an absence of accountability of the government. Besides, there is no democracy... A political vacuum is prevailing. Under this situation, militancy, extremism and fundamentalist forces will rise," said Moudud.

Earlier, speaking at another discussion at the same venue organised by Jatiyatabadi Karmajibi Dal, Goyeshwar warned that the government will have to bow out amid public wrath if it fails to recover the public money.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was hacked and \$100 million was taken out from the Bangladesh government's account last month. The sensational heist surfaced after a Philippines newspaper published a report on it.

## SHOOTING OF CABLE GUY Suspended ASI remanded

Cops say pistol seized from him was used, citing ballistic test

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court placed suspended assistant sub-inspector Shamim Reza of Bangshal Police Station on a five-day remand yesterday in a case filed over shooting a cable TV operator staff the day before in Khilgaon.

A metropolitan magistrate passed the order after Khilgaon police produced the ASI before the court seeking a 10-day remand.

A ballistic test found that the pistol seized from ASI Shamim was used to shoot the cable TV man, the OC of the police station said.

On Friday, Al Amin, 26, an employee of Dhaka East Cable Vision, was shot by ASI Shamim during an altercation over the payment of monthly service charge. Later, police arrested Shamim in Bangshal after an attempted murder case was filed by the victim, and seized the pistol and a bullet from his possession. Shamim was suspended following the incident.

## Pay journo

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General Omar Faruq and DUJ President Shaban Mahmud and General Secretary Sohel Haider expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her appeal to pay allowance on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh, a festival of the Bangladeshes.

The journalist leaders called upon the owners to declare the allowance in their respective houses immediately.

## Protesting encroachment on Surma River with music

Bapa, Surma River Water Keeper host programme on river bank

MINTU DESHWARA, Sylhet

Environmental activists yesterday held a music event on the bank of the Surma to raise voice against grabbing and pollution of the river.

They also demanded freeing of Surma, Khowai and other rivers and canals from grabbers.

Some of the songs performed were "Kun Mestory Naw Banailo, Kemon Dekha Jai" by Baul Abdul Karim, "Manush Agun Lagaya Dili Poraner Sundorbone" by Nagarnat, "Horinera Ki Jane, Bhalobasi Tomare" by Kafil Ahmed, and "Akasher Joto Kotha Noditike Bolechilo" by Ahmed Bablu.

The Sylhet chapter of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Surma

River Water Keeper organised the programme in Chadnighat area in Sylhet city.

Addressing the programme, Sylhet City Corporation executive Enamul Habib said, "We express solidarity with the initiative and will intensify the environment movement together."

Singers of traditional Sylhet songs Uzzal Chakrabarty, Arup Das and their group Nagarnat also performed.

General Secretary of Bapa's Sylhet chapter Abdul Karim Kim said because of encroachment at its source, Surma was getting disconnected from the Borak River.

Surma is severely damaged at many places in Sylhet, while illegal sand and

stone extractions are damaging the Piain, Sari, Dholai, Jadukata, Chalti, and Rangpani rivers, he said.

Most of the rivers are now the targets of the sand extractors, Kim said. "If this continues, it will cause a massive destruction to the country."

Turning to pollution, he said the Surma, Kushiara, Khowai, Monu, Sutang, Sonai, Balvadra, and Meghna rivers were being polluted.

He underscored the need for saving the rivers of Sylhet to protect the environment.

Referring to the shortage of water in Bangladeshi rivers, he said the government should create pressure on India to solve the issues of trans-boundary rivers.

## CU student loses foot in shuttle train accident

CU CORRESPONDENT, Cig

A student of Chittagong University lost his right foot after he slipped under the wheels of the university shuttle train while getting down hurriedly on Friday night.

Aminul Islam, a fourth year student of Bangla, was talking to his younger sister over the phone when getting off the slowly moving train at Chittagong Railway Station, said his father Abdul Hai, a union parishad councillor in Langdun of Rangamati.

His right foot was cut off at the ankle at Chittagong Medical College Hospital. His left foot was also crushed, and he suffered injuries in the head, said doctors.

Vice Chancellor Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury visited Aminul at the hospital and assured his family that the university authorities would bear all treatment costs for him.

## Hasina urges

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never fade out; that's why it has secured its position as one of the best speeches of the world."

Journalist and columnist Abul Momen presented the keynote paper on "Timeless Speech: Preparation and Impact", while Dr M Mashur Rahman, a sociology professor of Dhaka University, and cultural personality Ramendu Majumder took part in the discussion.



Artists perform "songs of the struggle for rivers" on the bank of the Surma in Sylhet city yesterday, to raise voice against grabbing and pollution of the rivers and canals of Sylhet. Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Surma River Water Keeper jointly organised the programme, ahead of International Day of Action for Rivers 2016 tomorrow.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## NEWS IN brief

### Qatar emir's adviser seeks Dhaka's support for becoming Unesco DG

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Qatar Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani's Cultural Adviser Dr Hamad Bin Abdulaziz Al-Kawari has sought Bangladesh's support for his election to the post of director general of Unesco. The election will be held in October 2017.

Doha officially sought Dhaka's support when Bangladesh Ambassador to Qatar Ashud Ahmed was invited by the adviser to his office, according to a message received in Dhaka on Friday. Ashud said Bangladesh would definitely consider extending its support. Kawari said he would visit Bangladesh sometime in the coming months.

### Boy dies from electrocution in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 13-year-old boy died from electrocution when he attempted to climb an electric pole to get on a wall while he was playing with other children in the capital's Azimpur yesterday.

Sixth-grader Mir Bayezid Islam lived with his parents in Mouchak Colony area. He fell to the ground after he touched a high voltage live wire, his elder brother Touhidul Islam, 25, quoted Bayezid's friends as saying. Locals rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors pronounced him dead, he added.

### British Council organises national youth summit

CITY DESK

British Council Bangladesh organised a national youth summit under its youth focused project Promoting Democratic Inclusion and Governance through Youth at Bangla Academy yesterday, said a press release.

The summit, an initiative to enrich the youths of Bangladesh with knowledge and skills to grow into productive and visionary members of the workforce, was organised jointly with different organisations including Democracywatch, Shushilan, The Hunger Project, Uttaran, and Wave Foundation.

**Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh**  
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### Tender Corrigendum Notice

Invitation Ref. No.: CAAB/Com(12-3)/Part-1/436 Dt. 26-01-2016

This is to notify that the tender for supply, installation, testing and commissioning of Voice Communications Control System (VCCS) and VHF Communication System for Shah Amanat International Airport at Chittagong on turnkey basis (Tender No. CEMSU/Com-02/2015-16) is hereby amended as follows:

NIT Sl. No.	Existing field	To be amended
17	Tender last selling date & time: 09/3/2016	Tender last selling date & time: 10/4/2016
18	Tender closing date & time: 10/3/2016 at 2.00pm	Tender closing date & time: 11/4/2016 at 2.00pm
19	Tender opening date & time: 10/3/2016 at 2.15pm	Tender opening date & time: 11/4/2016 at 2.15pm

The tenderers who have already bought tender schedule is requested to collect corrected schedule from procuring entity office (CEMSU) free of cost within the extended time. Corrigendum will also be available in the website of CAAB, www.caab.gov.bd.

The remaining conditions of earlier NIT and tender specification will remain same.

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## Section of 3-wheeler

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of appointment letters or identity cards to drivers.

As per rule, a driver has to pay Tk 900 daily as a deposit money or operating charge to owners. But the drivers demanded minimising the rate.

On the other hand, another section of CNG-run auto-rickshaw workers differ with the strike.

"Those, who have called the strike, should discuss with the government authorities concerned to solve the issue. If the negotiation fails, they can launch their movement," said Hanif Khokon, general secretary of the Dhaka Auto Rickshaw Sramik Union.

"The drivers, who are involved with our union, will operate the auto-rickshaws. We urge the law enforcers to take action against those who would try to resist our drivers," Khokon told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, another organisation of auto-rickshaw workers at a press conference yesterday demanded immediate implementation of the government's pledge to give permission to workers for introducing new 5,000 CNG-run auto-rickshaws in the capital.

Although the government gave the pledge in 2013, it is yet to be implemented, said Ashraful Alam, a leader of CNG Auto Rickshaw Driver and Cooperative Federation, while addressing the press conference at Jatiya Press Club.

He also threatened to launch a tougher movement, if the demand was not met immediately.

Around 13,000 CNG-run auto rickshaws ply in the capital and around a dozen of workers' organisations are working in this sector, according to workers.

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### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	ক্রয়কারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড লিমিটেড, বাংলাদেশ নৌ বাহিনী, খুলনা।
২।	ক্রয়তব্বা মালামাল এবং পরিমাণ	Reconditioned Car-01(one) Complete Set. Model: 2012-2015 Brand: Toyota Corolla/Axio (G) Condition: Fresh, Colour: White/Pearl Reconditioned Ambulance-01(one) Complete Set. Model: 2011-2015 Brand: Toyota Hiace (Micro with Ambulance Accessories) Condition: Fresh, Colour: White/Pearl
৩।	সরবরাহের শর্ত	(১) সরবরাহকারীকে ক্রয়াদেশ প্রাপ্তির পূর্বে খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড লিমিটেডে ঘুরা চট্টগ্রাম/মোজা বন্দরে গাড়ী সরেজমিনে পরিদর্শন করতে হবে। পো-কমের গাড়ী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। (২) বিদেশ হতে আমদানীর সকল মূল ডকুমেন্ট (বিল্ড/ভাট প্রদানসহ) গাড়ীর সাথে হস্তান্তর করতে হবে।
৪।	দরপত্রের নথি নাম	বাবি-২৩/১০৬৩/২০১৫-১৬
৫।	তারিখ	০৯ মার্চ ২০১৬
৬।	ক্রয়ের প্রক্রিয়া	খোলা দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে।
৭।	উৎস	নিজস্ব তহবিল।
৮।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ	১৩ মার্চ ২০১৬
৯।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	২২ মার্চ ২০১৬
১০।	দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ সময়	২৩ মার্চ ২০১৬ সময়ঃ সকাল ১১:১৫ ঘটিকায়।
১১।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৩ মার্চ ২০১৬ সময়ঃ সকাল ১১:৩০ ঘটিকায়।
১২।	দরপত্র বিক্রয় ও গ্রহণের স্থানঃ	
ক।	দরপত্র প্রাপ্তি স্থান	(১) খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড লিমিটেড এর হিসাব বিভাগ (ক্যাশ শাখা), খুলনা। (২) এনএসএসডি ঢাকা, ফিল্ডেড নামা পাড়া, ফিল্ডেড, ঢাকা।
খ।	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড লিমিটেড, খুলনা।
গ।	দরপত্র খোলার প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	(১) খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড লিমিটেড, খুলনা (২) দরদাতা এবং অনুমোদিত প্রতিষ্ঠান দরপত্র খোলার সময় উপস্থিত থাকতে পারবেন।
১৩।	টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্টের মূল্য	টায় ৫০০/- (টাকা পাঁচশত) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)
১৪।	যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	ফোনঃ ০৪১-৮১৩৯৭৫/৭২০০০৩ ফ্যাক্সঃ ৮৮-০৪১-৭২০৪০৪
১৫।	বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী	খুলনা শিপইয়ার্ড কর্তৃক কোন কারণ দর্শনা ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন/সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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