



PHOTO: STAR
This 1,800-watt solar panel set in the Teesta basin area at Nayarhat Bazar in Paschim Haldibari village of Hatibandha upazila under Lalmonirhat district has appeared as a boon for the residents of the backward area, facilitating them of modern amenities, including easy use of TV and mobile phone.

Solar power brightens life of Teesta char people

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With the installation of an 1800 watt solar panel at Char Nayarhat Bazar in Paschim Haldibari village, the lives of residents of Teesta River char, three kilometres from the mainland in Lalmonirhat's Hatibandha upazila, suddenly look brighter. "We can now charge our mobile phones without going to the mainland," says local Zahurul Islam, 52. "The solar connection has made it possible." "We can watch television," says farmer Rehanat Mahmud, 55. "So people

stay in the bazaar these days, into the night." According to teashop owner Idris Ali the situation is now better than on the mainland. "We never have load shedding," he says, "but on the mainland it's common." The solar panel, installed by the local government engineering department (LGED) at a cost of Tk 11.86 lakhs, provides electricity to six premises in Char Nayarhat Bazar including two grocery stores, as well as illuminating 10 light poles for safety and security. A four-member sub-committee has been formed

to manage the facility. Shamsul Miah, a member of the local council and also the sub-committee's president, says the solar power installation will bring new opportunity. "People now gather everyday in the bazaar," he says, "They understand the importance of the electricity facility and will undoubtedly take good care of it." "This solar connection offers hope to locals' lives," says the managing director of Sustainable Power Ltd, Abu Naser, who works as a renewable energy specialist for the LGED's solar connection programme for rural

areas nationwide. "Two shops have been given free connection on condition they run TVs to bring news and televised entertainment to the villagers." "A week ago I never kept my shop open after evening," says local grocer Bayen Mahmud, 48, whose shop was connected last week. "Now I stay here until 10 p.m. every night." His is one of the shops running a TV. According to the project's contractor Alamgir Hossain Babu, Char Nayarhat Bazar is now a model of sustainable energy connectivity in the district.



PHOTO: STAR
Mangoes arrive in the market before their full maturity as the delicious summer fruits are falling off trees amid the ongoing drought-like situation. The photo was taken at Puratan Bazar in Chapainawabganj town yesterday.

ALLEGED MANIPULATION IN PSC SCHOLARSHIP RESULTS

Guardians demonstrate in Jaldhaka, demand action

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Around a hundred agitated guardians of the candidates of Primary School Certificate (PSC) examinations 2015 of different schools in Jaldhaka upazila demonstrated in front of the office of upazila primary education officer yesterday protesting 'intentional delay' in re-examination of the answer scripts of their children. They alleged that a number of deserving students were deprived of getting scholarship due to corruption by a section of education department officials. Earlier, they submitted applications before 26 April deadline for re-examination of scripts of their children. The primary scholarship results were published on April 19.

manipulated in exchange of money. "My son appeared in the PSC exam from reputed Dundibari Adorsho Government Primary School in Jaldhaka town. He secured the second position getting average 90% marks in the model test throughout the upazila held a few days before the PSC examinations. But my son's name was not found even in the list of general scholarship achievers," Bulbul Ahmed, father of Istiaq Ahmed Sami alleged. Another guardian Dr Shakhawat Hossen Shahin said, "My daughter Sayema Hossen Sabah was the first position holder in Class V of Anirban Bidya Tirtho Government Primary School. She did not get scholarship, not even in general quota, although she was able to get admission to famous Vigarunnisa Noon Girls' High School in Dhaka this year with own merit."

primary education officer, assistant primary education officers), they alleged. The aggrieved guardians mentioned that 35 students of Gar Dharmopal Government Primary School, a low quality school of a remote area, got scholarship in talent pool out of a total 103 achievers in the upazila, making the school the first position holder in the upazila. The 'impossible' thing happened through bribery, the guardians alleged. Visiting the school at 11:00am yesterday, it was found that the students were playing and running during the school hours. "At least five teachers are needed for over 500 students of the school and but now only two including him working here as the third one enjoying maternity leave," said the headmaster. However, the headmaster claimed that the outstanding result of his students in the PSC examinations is an outcome of his hard labour. On the other hand, several locals seeking anonymity said the school is running in a chaotic situation. Assistant District Education Officer Shahidul Islam said, "I will investigate the matter as guardians made complaints. Stern action will be taken if irregularities are detected."

The bodies of two people, who had gone missing after a sand-laden trawler capsized in the Padma River in Shibalaya upazila on Sunday, were recovered yesterday. The deceased were identified as Kuddus Pramanik, 55, of Char Tarapur village under Pabna Sadar upazila, and Rahiz Uddin, 50, son of Moslem Uddin of Tarapur village in the same upazila. Mahmud Alam, station officer of Manikganj Fire Station, said the rescue team of Bangladesh navy and fire fighters recovered the floating body of Kuddus from the river near Paturia ghat in the morning, while the body of Rahiz was recovered from the spot in the afternoon. Earlier, the sand-laden trawler capsized as it hit the landing ghat during a nor'wester on Sunday evening. Six workers, except Kuddus and Rahiz, managed to swim ashore. The bodies were handed over to their families, Mahmud Alam said.

WDB engr lands in jail for corruption

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A former executive engineer of Pabna Water Development Board (WDB) was sent to jail yesterday after his surrender before a Pabna court in a case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) for misappropriating state fund in 2015. Judge Mohammad Abdul Kuddus rejected the bail prayer of engineer Shahidul Islam Talukdar after he surrendered before the court yesterday morning and ordered sending him to jail. Mohammad Jalal Uddin, deputy assistant director of ACC in Pabna, filed the case with Bera Police Station on August 27, 2015 against 16 people.

Bera municipality Mayor Abdul Baten, nine councillors, Shahidul Islam Talukdar, the then executive engineer, and Mahbub Hossain Bablu, leaseholder of Karamza Haat, were made accused in the case. In 2015, the commission filed three separate cases against the mayor and 20 others for embezzling Tk 6.78 lakh from the state fund. According to the case statement, Mayor Abdul Baten and his men leased Karamza Haat at C&B Bazar and embezzled the money instead of depositing it to the government fund. The case statement also says that the accused have been occupying the haat since 2002 and did not even deposit the lease money.

Natore Jubo League leader murdered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

A local Jubo League leader was killed by unidentified criminals in Natore town early yesterday. The deceased, Abdur Razzak, 32, was the vice-president of Ward No-8 unit of Jubo League under Tebaria union, youth front of the ruling Awami League. Officer-in-Charge Mizanur Rahman of Sadar Police Station said police detained four people from different areas for interrogation. Being informed by locals, police recovered Razzak's throat-slitted body from a place near Yasinpur Rail Station in the morning and sent it to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Razzak, son of Abdul Matin of Tebaria village in the upazila, might have been killed by his rivals over business related issues, the OC said.

TRAWLER CAPSIZE

Bodies of two missing men found in Padma

UNB, Manikganj

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Classes hampered as storm damages school in Bhaluka

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Students of Medila Adarsha High School in Bhaluka upazila of the district cannot attend classes as the tin-roofed school was badly damaged by a falling tree during a nor'wester on Wednesday night. The school was established in 1986, and the teachers came under Monthly Payment Order (MPO) in 1994, but it has not received any government assistance for infrastructure development so far, school sources said. The school has been running with the financial contributions of local people and school teachers. There are around 350 students in the school and seven classrooms. The storm damaged four classrooms, creating much inconvenience for students and teachers, said Md Khairul Bashar, headmaster of the school. "We informed the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Bhaluka about the damage to the school, but no financial help has yet been allocated. We have also sought financial help from the government on various other occasions, but to no avail," the headmaster said.

Around Tk 2 lakh is needed to repair the damaged section, the headmaster added. Monirul Haque Faruq Reza, project implementation officer (PIO) of Bhaluka, visited the school on Monday afternoon to assess the damage, school sources said. Janom Mistri, president of the school's managing committee, said the students are facing problems in continuing their classes in such a situation. Ali Asgar Emon, first boy of Class X, said, "Our trial examinations will start in October and now is the time to complete the syllabus. But we cannot attend classes due to the shortage of classrooms." Sadia Afreen and Saila Akhatr of the same class said "It will be difficult for us to attend classes under the open sky during the coming rainy season." Contacted, Kamrul Ahsan Talukder, UNO of Bhaluka, said, "I asked the PIO to visit the spot and submit a report on the damage. Necessary financial help will be allocated in the monthly meeting of the upazila administration for immediate repair of the school."



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Storm-damaged Medila Adarsha High School in Bhaluka upazila under Mymensingh district.

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Invitation for Tender
Urgent Procurement of Car & Microbus
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA)
2 Agency	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka.
3 Purchaser Name	Rector, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre, Savar, Dhaka-1343
4 Purchaser Code	Not Applicable
5 Purchaser District	Dhaka
6 Invitation for	01) 01 (One) No. Car 02) 01 (One) No. Microbus.
7 Invitation Ref No	11/2015-2016
8 Date	03/05/2016

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
10 Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh
11 Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12 Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13 Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14 Tender Package No.	01 & 02
15 Tender Package Name	01) 01 (One) No. Car 02) 01 (One) No. Microbus.
16 Tender Publication Date	04.05.2016
	Date: Time:
17 Tender Last Selling Date	19.05.2016 05.00 PM
18 Tender Closing Date and Time	22.05.2016 12.00 NOON
19 Tender Opening Date and Time	22.05.2016 03.00 PM
20 Name & Address of the office(s)	Address
- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Assistant Director (Purchase & Store), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
- Selling Tender Document (Others)	N/A
- Receiving Tender Document	1) Office of the Director (Administration), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343 2) Deputy Director, RPATC, 49 New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.
- Opening Tender Documents:	Office of the Director (Administration), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka- 1343
21 Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Director (Admn.) Conference Room (Rojonigandha) Not Applicable

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22 Eligibility of Tenderer	Manufacturers/Sole Distributors of new Vehicles having authorization from the manufacturer.
23 Brief Description of Goods	Authorization from the manufacturer. 01) 01 (One) No. Car 02) 01 (One) No. Microbus.
24 Brief Description of Related Services	Required
25 Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 6,000/= (Six thousands)
26 Package Identification of	Location Tender Security Completion Time in
No. Package	Amount (Tk) Weeks / Months
01 01 (One) No. Car	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka 85,000/- 10 days
02 01 (One) No. Microbus.	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka 1,10,000/- 10 days

Purchaser DETAILS

27 Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Mohammed Amjed Hossain
28 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy Director (Finance), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
29 Address of Official Inviting Tender	BPATC, Savar, Dhaka-1343
30 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	7746617 Fax-7745029
31 The Purchaser reserves the right to	reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings

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