

# NEWS IN brief

## Six lakh Yaba pills seized in Ctg

Members of Bangladesh Coast Guard (east zone) yesterday recovered a total of 6.4 lakh Yaba tablets, worth Tk 32 crore, from the Bay of Bengal near Sitakunda coast in Chittagong.

The law enforcers, however, could not arrest anyone in this connection.

On information that a Yaba carrying boat from Myanmar was waiting to unload the Yaba tablets near the outer anchorage, Coast Guard members conducted a drive in the area and chased the boat, said Lieutenant Commander of Coast Guard Omar Faruk.

However, the crew of the boat threw the Yaba tablets, kept inside four sacks, into the sea and sped away near

## Road crashes kill two, injure 15

Two people were killed and 15 others injured in road accidents in three districts yesterday and on Sunday.

In Chittagong, a truck driver was killed as his vehicle hit another vehicle from behind near North Sonapahar area on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Mirsharai upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Md Hashem, 40, of Barguna.

In Jessore, Dilip Das, 20, of Gabrapur village was killed as his three-wheeler turned turtle after he lost his control over the vehicle at Shiardah intersection in Shiardah village under Jhikargachha upazila on Sunday.

In Mymensingh, at least 15 people were injured when a bus skidded off the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway while it was overtaking another bus in Trishal

## More traffic rules violators sued

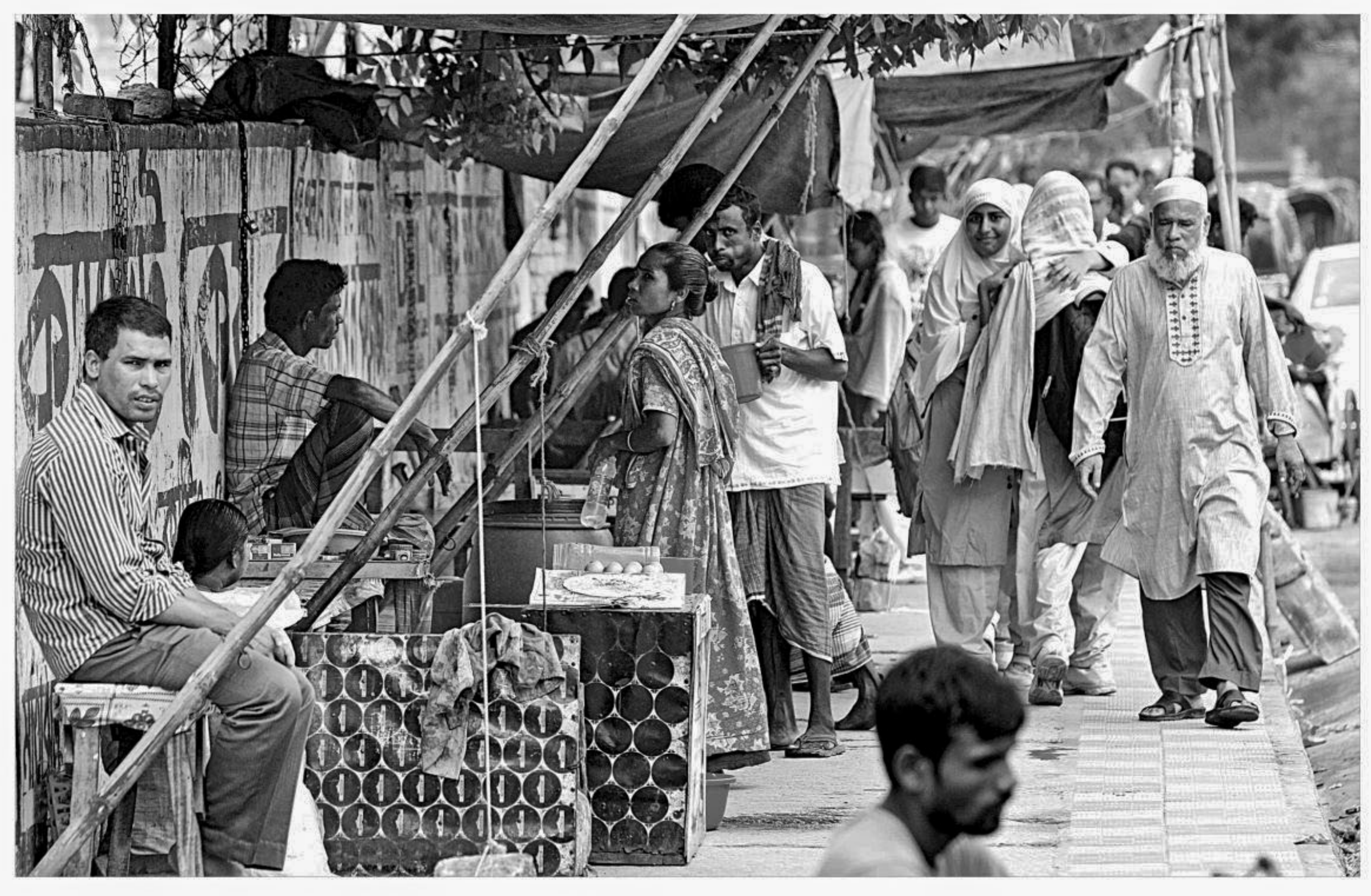
The traffic department of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) filed a total of 809 cases against the same number of vehicles for violating traffic rules in the city in the 24 hours from 6:00am on Sunday, says a press release.

A total of 41 vehicles including three CNG-run auto-rickshaws were seized for plying without proper documents. The traffic department also realised a total of Tk

## Obituary

Koribun Nesa, mother of Daily Jugantor Barlekha upazila correspondent Abdur Rob, died of cancer in his residence in Pachim Dakshinavag area under the upazila of Moulvibazar on Friday. She was 73.

She left behind two sons and four daughters. She



Vendors occupy part of the walkway in front of Motijheel Government Girls' High School with their makeshift shops, which not only hinder pedestrian movements but also remain a major reason behind making the footpath dirty. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

## Canada supports flood victims

Canada is providing CAD 250,000, equivalent to over Tk 1.5 crore, through the Canadian Humanitarian Assistance Fund (CHAF) in support of CARE Canada's humanitarian response for Bangladesh's flood victims.

The six-month project from August 15, 2016 to February 15, 2017 will provide non-food item kits and unconditional cash transfers for up to 10,000 flood-affected people in Kurigram.

The overall CHAF budget for this project in Bangladesh is CAD 333,333, said Canadian High Commission in Dhaka.

Besides, Canada is providing CAD 30,000 through the Emergency Disaster Assistance Fund (EDAF) in support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies humanitarian response to the flood.

The recent flood in the country is caused by heavy rainfall in the northern and north-east part of Bangladesh as well as in the Indian states of Assam and Meghalaya.

# Air quality index yet to get ministry clearance

Two years past being sent to the environment and forests ministry, a draft national air quality index (AQI), giving real time information about rising and health-endangering pollution levels in major cities, is yet to get clearance, said senior officials of the Department of Environment (DoE) which prepared it.

"We will be able to start work on announcement of AQI after finalising the standard for measuring air pollution," said Dr Manzurul Hannan Khan, a joint secretary at the ministry.

He alleged that the policymakers do not have adequate knowledge about air pollution although it has been posing adverse effects on public health.

"The air pollution issue does not get priority. We prepared an AQI long ago but we could not announce it for lack of political willingness. We have been asked not to announce the AQI," a DoE senior official told the news agency preferring anonymity.

He said the first step to introduce an

AQI was taken during a tenure of BNP but the initiative fell flat.

According to him, top government officials and political leaders fear that announcing the AQI would expose the hazardous scenario of air pollution and subsequently discourage foreigners from visiting Bangladesh.

Dr Khan, also the project director of DoE's Clean Air and Sustainable Environment (CASE) project, said an inter-ministerial meeting involving various stakeholders will be held after Eid-ul-Azha to discuss the air pollution issue and finalise a national standard of it.

The CASE project, being implemented with World Bank support, is currently generating AQI daily on an experimental basis using data from 11 air monitoring stations in Dhaka, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Chittagong, Barisal, Khulna, Rajshahi and Sylhet.

The data showed the air relatively cleaner during the monsoon in June when average wind speed and precipitation increased.

The average concentration levels of the most critical pollutants, particulate matter (PM) of 2.5 and 10 micrometres or less in diameter, in 24-hour periods were 19-31 µg/m<sup>3</sup> (microgram per cubic metre) and 40-93 µg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively.

Previously during the dry season in February, these were found to be 109-153 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 165-317 µg/m<sup>3</sup> respectively.

Other pollutants such as nitrogen oxides and sulphur dioxides also exceeded the limit values of local standards.

According to World Health Organization's air quality guidelines, the permissible level of PM<sub>2.5</sub> was 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup> annually and 25 µg/m<sup>3</sup> a day (24-hour), while PM<sub>10</sub> 20µg/m<sup>3</sup> and 50µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

A 2011 study says air pollution causes about 15,000 premature deaths in Bangladesh.

"PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> are severely injurious to health. If we can check air pollution, we can save lives and cut cost of treatment of diseases caused by air pollution," Dr Khan said.

## Accused held in N'ganj policeman murder case

Police arrested an accused in the Sonargaon Police Station constable Arifur Rahman murder case in Nabiganj area of Bandar upazila in Narayanganj on Sunday.

The arrested is Langra Selim, 45, of Nabiganj.

Rezaul Karim, sub-inspector of the police station, claimed to have gleaned vital information from him about the killing.

On August 3, the constable was killed by an angry mob after betel leaf shopkeeper Matin of Sonargaon upazila drowned after the constable and Assistant Sub-inspector Fakhru Islam gave chase suspecting Matin to be a drug peddler. Police later filed the case against 35 named and unnamed people.

However, a probe committee was formed following a court order to investigate the incident.

The committee yesterday submitted its report to the authorities concerned, which claimed to have found Fakhru guilty in the incident, said Sonargaon police sources.

## A message

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satisfied with the decision, observing that it opened a new path for fair politics and improved her image.

He said to have been pursuing the decision since 2008. "I suggested observing the event one day before or one day later, he said.

BNP yesterday evening organised a doa mahfil at its Nayapalton headquarters. BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir told journalists that they prayed for Khaleda, Senior Vice Chairman Tarique Rahman and late Arafat Rahman Koko.

**পুট বিক্রয়**

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Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: August 31, 2016.

For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website <http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and [www.bdjobs.com](http://www.bdjobs.com)

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Garbage piled up on Dhanmondi Road 5 in the capital for the last couple of days though the city corporation is supposed to remove such wastes every day. The photo was taken on Sunday. PHOTO: STAR

**১৭ তম মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী স্মরণে**

১৯৯৯ সালের আজকের এই দিনে তিনি ইন্তেকাল করেন। আমরা গভীর শ্রদ্ধাভরে স্মরণ করছি **উত্তরা গ্রুপ অর কোম্পানীজ** এর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা চেয়ারম্যান ও ম্যানেজিং ডিরেক্টর মরহুম মোখলেছুর রহমানকে এবং আল্লাহর কাছে তার বিদেহী আত্মার মাগফেরাত ও শান্তি একান্তভাবে কামনা করছি।

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**World Health Organization**  
Country Office for Bangladesh

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids from interested Organizations/Companies registered in Bangladesh for the following services:

- RFP/BAN/2016/016: Media Monitoring Service related to Health Topics/ issues for WHO Bangladesh. Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 31 August 2016.
- RFP/BAN/2016/017: Scientific calibration of laboratory equipment and process machines at the National Control Laboratory (NCL) for Drugs and Vaccines of the office of Director General of Drug Administration. Deadline for Submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 31 August 2016.
- RFP/BAN/2016/018: Development of Health National Adaptation Plan (H-NAP) for Bangladesh. Deadline for the submission of RFP: 14:00hrs, 31 August 2016.

Interested institutes/NGOs/companies/experts can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <http://www.searo.who.int/bangladesh/procurement/tender/en/> Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents in the tender box kept in the Reception of **WHO- Country Office for Bangladesh, United House, 10 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.**

**বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়**

**Project for Establishment of Ship Model Testing Centre (Towing Tank) at BUET**

তারিখঃ ১৩/০৮/১৬

**নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের Project for Establishment of Ship Model Testing Centre (Towing Tank) at BUET শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের জন্য সম্পূর্ণ অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে প্রকল্প মেয়াদকালীন সময়ের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত পদে একজন লোক নিয়োগ করা হবে।

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