

### Three kids of a family drown

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Three kids of a family drowned in a pond at Mamunshia village in Kotchandpur upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Ria Khatun, 10, and her younger sister Rima Khatun, 8, daughters of Joynal Mondal, and their cousin Murad Hossain, 12, son of Nani Mia of the village.

Of them, Ria and Murad were students of Class IV, while Rima was a Class III student at Mamunshia Government Primary School.

Quoting the victims' family members, police said the three cousins fell into a pond near their house while playing on its bank and drowned around 11:00am.

After frantic search locals recovered their floating bodies from the pond and took them to Kotchandpur Upazila Health Complex, where the doctors declared the kids dead. Officer-in-Charge Ahmed Kabir of Kotchandpur Police Station said.



Farmer Enamul Haque of Kurigram Sadar upazila poses for photograph in his turmeric field. Like other growers in the district, he expects a bumper yield of turmeric this year.

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### Food aid for 79,853 to save hilsa

31 fishermen jailed for defying ban

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At least 79,853 hilsa fishermen in coastal districts Patuakhali and Barguna, who become jobless during a 22-day ban starting from October 12, will get support under a special VGF (Vulnerable Group Feeding) programme.

Of them, 45,642 will come under the programme in Patuakhali and 34,211 in Barguna, said a fisheries officer.

The programme to support poor and jobless fishermen during the ban has been taken to help smooth breeding and growth of popular fish hilsa, said Patuakhali District Fisheries Officer Md Iqbal Hossain.

One thousand and 597.06 tonnes of rice has already been allocated for the two districts under the programme, he said, adding that 912.84 tonnes has been allocated for Patuakhali and 684.22 tonnes for Barguna.

Under the programme, each fisherman will get 20 kg of rice during the ongoing ban period, said Iqbal.

On the other hand, the programme to support poor and jobless fishermen during the ban on catching hilsa seems inadequate as 22,527 out of 102380 fishermen are outside its coverage, he said.

Meanwhile, a mobile court in Faridpur yesterday sentenced 11 fishermen to 14 days' imprisonment each for catching hilsa in the Padma river during the ongoing ban period, reports our correspondent.

One lakh and 10 thousand metres of current nets, worth about Tk 10 lakh, and 170 kg of hilsa were also seized from the convicts' possession, said District Fisheries Officer Md Nawsher Ali.

According to our Pabna correspondent, 14 fishermen were jailed for one year for defying ban on catching hilsa in Sujanagar upazila.

Away in Chandpur, a mobile court sentenced six fishermen to one year's imprisonment each for defying the ban, reports a correspondent.

### Missing speech impaired girl found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Police recovered the decomposed body of a missing speech impaired girl from a bush near Darabganj shrine in Pirganj upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased was Himu Akhter, 12, daughter of Hossain Ali of Bhelatoir Jamtoil village.

Himu went missing on October 12, said Md Amiruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Pirganj Police Station.

Informed by locals, police recovered the body from a bush in the area yesterday morning and sent it to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

## Farmers see bumper turmeric yield

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Farmers in the district are very happy due to bumper turmeric yield and low expenses in cultivation.

The Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) set a target of turmeric cultivation on 547 hectares of land this year, said Mokbul Hossain, deputy director of DAE, Kurigram.

Last year, farmers cultivated the crop on 520 hectares against the DAE target of 500 hectares, he added.

Farmers are expecting good yield due to use of modern technology provided by agriculture office.

While visiting some areas of Kurigram Sadar upazila recently, this correspondent saw smiles on the faces

of the farmers due to plentiful growth of turmeric plants in their fields.

Enamul Haque, 45, of Shibrum village said, "I cultivated turmeric on 60 decimals of land this year. I have spent around Tk 60 thousand for seeds, ploughing, fertilizers, pesticide and labour till now. I am expecting bumper yield as my turmeric plants are very healthy. I expect to get over 120 maunds, which I might be able to sell for Tk 2,000 per maund."

"I cultivated turmeric on 50 decimals of land last year and got good yield using modern technology. I ploughed and used organic and inorganic fertilizers in the turmeric field according to the need," Enamul added.

Saidur Rahman, 58, of Kaley village said he has been cultivating turmeric for the last 20 years, but only for the last three years using modern technology. The seeds are sown in March-April and harvested in February-March, he said, adding that he cultivated local variety of turmeric and expected good production this year also.

Kurigram Sadar Upazila Agriculture Officer Mohammad Kamruzzaman said turmeric is a beneficial spice crop and it can be grown on abandoned land and high land besides normal land. He said their main aim is to make proper use of abandoned land and asked the farmers to use modern technology in cultivation for bumper yield.



A road in Phulbari upazila of Dinajpur is on the verge of collapse as this large pit has been created next to it due to illegal sand lifting by a local influential person.

PHOTO: STAR

### Physically challenged girl raped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police arrested a man from Baladanga village in Sadar upazila of Jessore early yesterday on charge of violating a physically challenged girl the day before.

The arrestee, Shanto Sarker 35, is son of Santosh Kumar Sarkar of the village. Officer-in-Charge Illias Hossain of Sadar Police Station said law enforcers raided the village and arrested Shanto from his house around 3:00am.

On Sunday evening, Shanto entered the 25-year-old victim's house when none of her family members were present and raped her. Victim's father filed a case with the police station against Shanto the same night, the OC added.

## We're not enemy, corruption is

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violate people's constitutional rights to freedom of speech, thought and organisation.

The president signed to the bill on October 13.

Ugaz, a Peruvian jurist and professor of criminal law, said there were international standards to guarantee the actions of civil society. "When those standards are reduced, when we feel that we cannot really express our opinions and our critiques, we believe that the space for our work shrinks."

The governments of Venezuela and Russia had tried to restrict the TI national chapters' activities, claiming that talking about corruption is synonymous to doing politics, he added.

"In these cases, any attempt to silence those

who have something to say in order to reduce corruption in our environment is an attempt to reduce the liberty of the citizens to have a better life."

The anti-corruption activities have nothing to do with politics, and the TIB is not aligned with any party, Ugaz said, adding that the graft watchdog wanted to free Bangladesh of corruption.

He expected that the space for organisations like the TIB, who are willing to fight corruption for the benefit of people, would not be limited or restricted.

The TI chief said the corruption situation in Bangladesh was very bad, but a vibrant civil society dealing with corruption gave a tremendous hope that things could change significantly.

Bangladesh ranked the

13th most corrupt country in the TI's 2015 Corruption Perceptions Index.

Corruption in Bangladesh is systemic and structural, Ugaz said.

He suggested the government take a comprehensive approach to address the problem. For example, there should be systems to know the sources of money for elections, reduce discretionary space of bureaucracy, monitor wealth and asset declaration of the authorities, ensure transparency of the decision-making process and have access to information.

"We expect you focus on the education system to promote values to avoid corruption," the TI chair said. He stressed the need for the judiciary and the attorney general's office to investigate and sanction the corrupt.

It is observed that corruption has been accepted by people as part of their life, he added.

"We need to change this. People have to understand that this is not the normal way to live -- that corruption denies people's right to health, education, has impacts on human rights."

According to him, it is not a good strategy to target only the minor corruptions.

"We need to go to the top. We need to rectify those who are recurring in the worst cases of corruption and they have to be brought to justice. They have to explain their conducts for justice. If they are found guilty, they should be convicted."

There are examples that big fishes like former Peruvian president Fujimori and his chief of intelligence

were tried and jailed for 25 years, Ugaz pointed out.

"I think that's a way of showing the people that there is a real political will to free the country from this systematic corruption," he told newsmen.

TIB Chair Sultana Kamal and Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman also spoke at the programme.

Ugaz visited Bangladesh on the occasion of the TIB's 20th anniversary.

Since his arrival here on October 15, he met Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Gowher Rizvi, Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Iqbal Mahmood, senior TIB officials, civil society members, journalists and TIB youth volunteers involved in anti-graft campaigns.

He was scheduled to leave Dhaka last night.

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### Invitation for Pre-Qualification

For the Pre-Qualification of an Event Management Firm to provide services at 136th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly 2017 in Bangladesh.

1.	Ministry/division	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.	
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.	
3.	Name of the procuring entity	Senior Assistant Secretary (Administration), Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.	
4.	Procuring entity code	1225	
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6.	Invitation for	Selection of Event Management Firm to provide services at 136th Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly 2017 in Bangladesh.	
7.	Invitation reference No.	11.00.0000.604.07.153.16/113	
8.	Date	13/10/2016.	
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
9.	Procurement method	Pre-qualification Application (OTM).	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
10.	Budget and source of fund	Revenue (GOB).	
11.	Development partner	None.	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
12.	Project/program code	N/A.	
13.	Project/program name	Selection of Event Management Firm to provide services at 136th Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly 2017 in Bangladesh.	
14.	Proposed tender package No.	21/2016-17.	
15.	Proposed tender package name	Selection of Event Management Firm to provide services at 136th Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly 2017 in Bangladesh.	
16.	(i) Pre-Pre-Qualification meeting date & time	Place	Date & time
		Room No-131, North-East Block, Level-1, Administration Section, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat	11:00am 30 October, 2016
(ii) Pre-Qualification application submission date & time	Date	Time	
	10/11/2016	Up to 12:30pm	
17.	(i) Name & address of the officer(s) selling pre-qualification document (principal)	The Senior Assistant Secretary (Administration), Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat, Room No-131, North-East Block, Level-1, Sangsd Bhaban, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1225.	
	(ii) Selling date and time	From 19/10/2016 to 09/11/2016 (3:00pm).	
	(iii) Selling pre-qualification document (others)	N/A.	
	(iv) Receiving pre-qualification document	Office of the Joint Secretary (Administration), Room No-741, East Block, Level-7, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1225.	
<b>INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT</b>			
18.	Eligibility of the applicant	Any related firm having experience in this connection.	
19.	Brief description works	Reception of Guest, Inaugural Ceremony, Engage Manpower, Technical Equipments, Furniture and Transportation, Printing, Decoration, Organizing Meeting, Live Webcast, SIS System, Campaigns/Publicity etc. to arrange the IPU Assembly successfully.	
		As per schedule.	
21.	Price of pre-qualification document	Tk. 5,000.00 (five thousand) cash (non-refundable).	
		Lot No.	Identification of lot
1	As per Serial No. 6	Dhaka Metropolitan City	60 days
22.	Legal issues	For any clarification or interpretation, PPR 2008 amended up-to-date will govern.	
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAIL</b>			
23.	Name of the official inviting pre-qualification	A S M Humayun Kabir.	
24.	Designation of the official inviting pre-qualification	Senior Assistant Secretary (Administration).	
25.	Address of the official inviting pre-qualification	Room No-131, North-East Block, Level-1, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.	
26.	Contact details of the official inviting pre-qualification	Phone: 9125389, 9131100-2188 Fax: Email: sas.admin@parliament.gov.bd, kasmhumayun@yahoo.com	
27.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all pre-qualification without assigning any reason.		

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