



This is the Joynabari canal in Savar today. Once it was linked with the Dhaleshwari river and locals used to fish here and transport their goods through it. But not anymore, thanks to indiscriminate grabbing and dumping of industrial and household waste. The photo was taken on Monday.

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## Tobacco kills 7m a year: WHO

Warns on environmental and economic costs on eve of World No Tobacco Day

AFP, Geneva

Smoking and other tobacco use kills more than seven million people each year, the World Health Organization said yesterday, also warning of the dire environmental impact of tobacco production, distribution and waste.

The UN agency said tougher measures were needed to rein in tobacco use, urging countries to ban smoking in the workplace and indoor public spaces, outlaw marketing of tobacco products and hike cigarette prices.

"Tobacco threatens us all," WHO chief Margaret Chan said in a statement.

"Tobacco exacerbates poverty, reduces economic productivity, contributes to poor household food choices, and pollutes indoor air," she said.

In a report released ahead of World No Tobacco Day today, WHO warned that the annual death toll of seven million people had jumped from four million at the turn of the century, making tobacco the world's single biggest cause of preventable death.

And the death toll is expected to keep rising, with WHO bracing for more than one billion deaths this century.

"By 2030, more than 80 percent of the deaths will occur in developing countries, which have been increasingly targeted by tobacco companies seeking new markets to circumvent tightening regulation in developed nations."

## Tigers crumble

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Tigers' Champions Trophy opener against England tomorrow; rather the results in the warm-up matches made it abundantly clear that the Tigers will need to drastically improve in both departments.

Bangladesh's batting department had no answer against the Indian pace attack and were eventually bowled out for 84 runs to suffer the heavy defeat. Captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza and inform Tamim Iqbal were rested for the match.

India used just one over of spin as their pacers shared nine wickets to shatter the Bangladesh batting lineup.

Bangladesh scored over 300 against Pakistan the other day but they were nowhere near their first warm-up match performance in reply to India's 324 runs. They were 22 for 6 in no time and after that it was merely a formality for India's bowlers.

Bangladesh's top order lacked the capacity to handle the movement from Umesh Yadav and Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who claimed three wickets each.

Only one of the top seven managed to get into double digits, while three of them -- Sabbir Rahman, Mahmudullah Riyad and Mosaddek Hossain -- fell for ducks. The Tigers would not have made it as far as they did were it not for a 30-run partnership between Mehedi Hasan and Sanjamul Islam.

Earlier, bolstered by Dinesh Karthik's 94, India posted a challenging total of 324. There were early encouraging signs for Bangladesh after Rubel Hossain had sent Rohit Sharma back in the second over. Sanjamul came in four overs later to remove Ajinkya Rahane to leave India at 21 at two, but a 100-run partnership between Shikhar Dhawan, who scored a 67-ball 60 with seven boundaries, and the aforementioned Karthik steadied India.

Hardik Pandya also made a sublime effort with the willow, scoring a 54-ball 80 punctuated by six fours and four sixes.

## BAN ON SALE OF CATTLE

# No need to follow Centre's order

Says West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata

PTI, Barrackpore

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday told her administration officials that there was no need to follow the Centre's notification banning the sale of cattle for slaughter at animal markets till the state government issued a direction to that effect.

She, however, asked the police to take steps to stop cow smuggling in the border district of North 24-Parganas "at any cost".

Speaking at an administrative review meeting, Mamata said, "Cow smuggling has to be stopped at any cost. The police should take stern action to put an end to it."

Cattle smuggling in North 24-Parganas district bordering Bangladesh is a sensitive issue with the BJP accusing the Trinamool Congress (TMC) government in the state of not doing enough to put an end to the illegal trade.

Banerjee asked the police "to deal sternly with communal flare-ups", while accusing the BJP of "making efforts to incite communal violence" in the state.

"The police should keep its eyes and ears open. If someone tries to incite communal violence, beat up both the parties. Do not spare anybody, irrespective of the person's political affiliations. The BJP is trying to incite communal violence in the state," she said.

Speaking on the ban on sale and purchase of cattle at animal markets for the purpose of slaughter, she asked the district administration to ensure that no one followed the Centre's notification in that regard.



"The holy month of Ramadan is on. Everybody has the right to observe religious festivals. Just like Durga Puja, Kali Puja and Christmas, Eid is also observed in our state.

"What one will eat is his or her choice. No one has the right to dictate it. Do not follow that [Centre's] order, the state has not issued any such order," she said.

The administration should ensure that there was "no confusion" regarding the issue, the TMC supremo told the officials at the meeting, adding that till the state government issued an order to that effect, there was no need to follow the Centre's notification.

On Monday, she had denounced the Centre's notification banning the sale and purchase of cattle at animal markets for slaughter, saying it was a "deliberate attempt to encroach on the states' rights and destroy the federal structure".

Mamata had also said her government would challenge the notification.

## Meet Ozzie

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Evans, President and owner of the lion preserve measuring 34,000 square meters with its 36 lions, dozens of birds and house artist Ozzie, told EFE.

The animals there are accustomed to living peacefully together. Neither the lions' roars nor children on field trips bother Ozzie while he paints.

In his habitat, surrounded by a fence where the curious station themselves, Ozzie moves around with a brush in his mouth, calmly using it to paint on various canvases that will be fastened to the fence for others to admire.

The paintings consist of a disorganized conglomeration of colourful lines - some might call it "abstract art" at its finest - and each one is about 20x25 cm (8x10 inches) and sells for \$40, although larger ones measuring 40x50 cm fetch up to \$300.

Ozzie eats up to 20 kg of vegetables each day, snacking on Brussels sprouts and chunks of cauliflower in exchange for returning the paintbrush to his caretaker after each artistic foray.

Ozzie arrived at the lion sanctuary when he was eight months old. Since then he has been honing his talents, says Evans, whose lion preserve is visited by an average of 3,000 people each month.

He says the giraffe "works" on his paintings during three sessions each day, painting a maximum of two works per session, and he doesn't mind having his picture taken with his fans.

The artwork is sold at the ranch's store, along with other items such as T-shirts, hats and scarves.

## Court for action

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The court however rejected his prayer. While passing the order, the magistrate said Habibur, a neighbour of the child and the dead man, filed the case against the two though he had known both of them.

Marufur showed neglect while pressing the charges against them. So, legal action should be taken against them, the magistrate said.

The SI, after an eight-month-long probe, pressed charges against Rubel, Arifur and 21 others. He was suspended by the police headquarters on May 14.

In his statement, Marufur said after the case was filed, the police visited the scene, recorded witnesses' accounts and interrogated the neighbours.

"Once the incident was found to be true, I have submitted the charge sheet, but accusing a toddler and a dead man was an inadvertent mistake," reads his statement.

Complainant Habibur was supposed to give an explanation before the court yesterday for accusing an infant and a dead man in the case. But he sought seven days in this regard.

## SC clears

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by 22.7 percent.

While announcing the gas price hike on February 23, BERC said the prices would be increased again by Tk 150 in the second phase. Therefore, the monthly gas bill for a double burner will be Tk 950 and for a single burner Tk 900 from June 1.

All other consumers such as CNG (compressed natural gas) users, commercial users, power plants, users of captive generators, fertilizer companies, industries, tea gardens and households using metres will also have to pay more due to the increase for the second time.

Architect Mubassher Hossain, convenor of the national complaints' handling committee of CAB, had filed the writ petition challenging the legality of the price hike. He argued that the authorities could increase gas prices once a year under the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission Act 2003.

The two-phase increase means households and commercial users would see a 50 percent increase in their monthly gas bills this year.

Gas prices for households have been doubled over the last eight years.

This time, the CNG price has gone up to Tk 38 per cubic metre from Tk 35. It will be Tk 40 from June 1. The gas price for power plants will go up to Tk 3.16 per cubic metre from Tk 2.99 now.

The industries that use generators for producing electricity from gas will have to pay Tk 9.62 per cubic metre from June 1, up from Tk 8.98 at present.

The price hike comes at a time when all consumers, including households and industries, are experiencing a shortage of gas supply.

In August last year, trade bodies, rights groups and energy experts opposed the government move to increase gas prices at public hearings on the distributors' proposals for increasing the prices.

While announcing the price hike, BERC Chairman Monowar Islam in February said the prices would be increased in two phases so that consumers didn't feel a sudden squeezing of their purchasing power.

Advocate Subrata Chowdhury and advocate Mohammad Saiful Alam appeared for CAB.

Saiful Alam told The Daily Star that although there was no bar to increasing the gas prices, he and Subrata would present arguments against the hike during Monday's hearing.

## 12 female students

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fellow students in a road accident on the Dhaka-Aricha highway near C&B bus stand area in Savar on Friday.

Dispersed by police action with rubber bullets and teargas shells on Saturday afternoon, agitating students laid siege to the vice-chancellor's residence to know why such an action was taken against them.

When the syndicate meeting was going on inside the VC's residence around 10:00pm, around 200 policemen entered the campus and surrounded the protesters.

Police then picked up 42 students, including the 12 females, and the detainees were then showed arrested in a vandalism case.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, several female students shared the ordeal and harassment they went through.

"It was so ridiculous that policemen started coming in front of the thana [police station] lock-up at regular intervals to count our numbers. The way they came and went was totally irritating and tantamount to harassment," said Suchana.

"At one stage of their counting, we told the policemen that we are 12 in number. You don't need to count again and again," she said.

"It also happened that policemen appeared before the lock-up at 4:00am and 5:00am to count us. Was it a part of their duty or to have fun and harass us?" she questioned.

Several other arrested female

students echoed the same.

Puja Biswas, of international relations department, said they were kept in a very small room where hardly four to five people could stay.

Another female student said some policemen personally asked for their mobile numbers, saying they would help them out later.

"I could never think that I will have to go through such an experience," she said, wishing anonymity.

Several female students alleged that police had behaved with them very rudely and even hurled abuse when they were being taken inside a microbus to the police station.

Another female student alleged that she was pushed and slapped by a policeman while getting into the microbus.

The students said police even seized their mobile phones while they were in the microbus. Most of them could not contact their families or friends.

Around 11:00am on Sunday, all female arrestees were taken to Ashulia Police Station from Dhamrai Police Station. They were then produced before a Dhaka court and the court granted them bail.

Contacted, Rezaul Haque, officer-in-charge of Dhamrai Police Station, said the students' allegations were baseless.

"Some of them behaved very roughly with the on-duty officer when he asked for their names and addresses for registration. I couldn't imagine how a university student behaved so badly," the OC said.

## Indian rights lawyer

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said. The other two members are Harvard-trained Sri Lankan lawyer Radhika Coomaraswamy and Australian consultant Christopher Dominic.

Some 75,000 Rohingya fled north-western Rakhine state to Bangladesh after the Myanmar army carried out a security operation last October in response to attacks by Rohingya insurgents on border posts in which nine police officers were killed.

A UN report from February, based on interviews with some of the Rohingya refugees, said Myanmar's security forces have committed mass killings and gang rapes of Rohingya in a campaign that "very likely" amounts to crimes against humanity and possibly ethnic cleansing.

The UN Human Rights Council adopted a resolution to set up the mission in March. It was brought by the European Union and supported by countries including the United States that called for "ensuring full account-

ability for perpetrators and justice for victims".

China and India distanced themselves from the resolution.

Aung San Suu Kyi, the de facto leader of Myanmar's civilian government and also its foreign minister, has said she would only accept recommendations from a separate advisory commission led by former UN chief Kofi Annan. Any other input would "divide" communities, she has said.

Myanmar diplomats have rejected the move as "not acceptable" and "not in harmony with the situation on the ground and our national circumstances". They asked for time for its national investigation to conclude its findings.

Jaising drafted India's first domestic violence act, allowing women to bring civil and criminal suits against attackers for the first time.

The mission will present an oral update to the UN Human Rights Council in September and a full report in March 2018. The members will meet in Geneva in the coming weeks to plan their work.

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
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**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০১/২০১৭-২০১৮**

"The Public Procurement Rules-2008" মোতাবেক ২০১৭-১৮ অর্থ বৎসরের ১ম কোয়ার্টারের জন্য শরীয়তপুর জেলা পুলিশ রেশন স্টোরের রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয়/সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে নিম্নলিখিত শর্তাধীনে সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।
২	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩	ক্রয়/সংগ্রহ স্বত্বাধিকারীর নাম	পুলিশ সুপার, শরীয়তপুর।
৪	ক্রয়/সংগ্রহ স্বত্বাধিকারীর জেলা	শরীয়তপুর।
৫	আহবানকৃত কাজের নাম	রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয় (মগুর ডাল, সয়াবিন তৈল, জ্বালানি কাঠ, পোলাওর চাউল সরবরাহ, গম পেয়াই এবং চাউল-গম উত্তোলন ও নামানোর কুলি খরচের কাজ)।
৬	দরপত্র আহবানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	২৫৯০/ই তারিখঃ ২৮/০৫/২০১৭খ্রিঃ।
৭	ক্রয়/সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
৮	বাজে ও তহবিলের উৎস	পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স হইতে বাজেট বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে।
৯	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	পুলিশ রেশন স্টোর, শরীয়তপুর।
১০	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৮/০৬/২০১৭খ্রিঃ তারিখ আফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১১	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, শরীয়তপুর।
১২	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৯/০৬/২০১৭খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১৩	দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৯/০৬/২০১৭খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৪	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	২০/০৬/২০১৭খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকা।
১৫	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর নাম ও পদবী	সাইফুল্লাহ আল মামুন পিপিএম, পুলিশ সুপার, শরীয়তপুর।
১৬	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে	(ক) হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (খ) আয়কর সনদপত্র (গ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন (ঘ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সী এবং (ঙ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজে অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করতে হবে।

১৭	মাল্যমালের বিবরণঃ				
ক্রম-	আইটেমের নাম	স্থান	দরপত্রের মূল্য	দরপত্র জামানত	কার্যকালীন মেয়াদ
ক্রম-১	উন্নতমানের মগুর ডাল	পুলিশ রেশন স্টোর, শরীয়তপুর	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা(অফেরতযোগ্য)	৬৫,০০০/- (পঁয়ষট্টি হাজার) টাকা	৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর/২০১৭ পর্যন্ত
ক্রম-২	সয়াবিন তৈল	ঐ	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)	৭৫,০০০/- (পঁচাত্তর হাজার) টাকা	৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর/২০১৭ পর্যন্ত
ক্রম-৩	জ্বালানি কাঠ	ঐ	৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)	৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা	৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর/২০১৭ পর্যন্ত
ক্রম-৪	পোলাওর চাউল	ঐ	৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)	৩,০০০/- (তিন হাজার) টাকা	৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর/২০১৭ পর্যন্ত
ক্রম-৫	গম পেয়াই	ঐ	৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)	১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকা	৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর/২০১৭ পর্যন্ত
ক্রম-৬	কুলি খরচ (লোড-আনলোড)	ঐ	৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)	২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা	৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর/২০১৭ পর্যন্ত

বিবেশ্য  
নির্দেশনাঃ

১। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে সকল বা আংশিক দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।  
২। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী সিডিউলে বর্ণিত রহিয়াছে।

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পুলিশ সুপার, শরীয়তপুর  
ফোনঃ ৬১৬৪০, ফ্যাক্সঃ ৬১৬৬৯

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