



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES DHAKA 35.3°C 27.7°C MYMENSINGH 36.2°C 28.0°C CHITTAGONG 34.4°C 26.3°C SYLHET 36.5°C 26.8°C RAJSHAHI 37.1°C 27.1°C RANGPUR 36.6°C 27.0°C KHULNA 36.6°C 28.0°C BARISAL 36.2°C 26.6°C COX'S BAZAR 34.2°C 26.5°C



## Help Ruponti fight cancer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fourteen-year-old Ruponti has been suffering from blood cancer.

She has been undergoing treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) since May this year, says a press release.

A sixth grader of Kotiadi in Kishoreganj, Ruponti is the only child of Abdur Rahman Topu and Selina Khanader.

Her treatment involves a huge sum of money which is impossible for her parents to bear as they have already spent a lot since she was diagnosed with the disease six years ago.

Therefore, her family made a fervent appeal to the generous people of the society to extend their helping hands to save her life.

Aid can be sent to Selina Khanader AC:

01701272727, Dutch Bangla Bank, SWIFT: DBBLBDH101, Selina Khanader AC:

020000295906, Agrani Bank or bkash no:

0911495373.

For further information anyone can call at 01760249496.

## Police officer

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League leaders met the RPM commissioner and complained to him on the same day.

Contacted over the phone, the SP said Mridul was caught with his motorycle because he was driving an unregistered vehicle. But he denied pulling party members into the act to file any case against him, he said.

"I exchanged heated words with some ruling party men, but there was no incident of beating."



Empty baskets and garbage lay scattered right under Mayor Hanif flyover. After selling fruits, vendors dump the waste here. This practice has been going on for a while, thanks to the negligence of the authorities concerned. The photo was taken in the capital's Jatrabari intersection yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Go for non-fire bricks

Urge ALRD, Nijer Kori, BELA seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming brick factories a major cause of deforestation, environmental activists yesterday urged the government to control their expansion to prevent pollution and loss of arable land and forests.

They also called for forcing owners to use modern technologies to minimise pollution and formulating a policy making mandatory the use of alternatives like non-fire and concrete bricks.

The Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), Nijer Kori, and Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) made the call at a joint seminar organised at Jatiya Press Club marking World Environment Day, observed on June 5.

Citing an international study, BELA Chief Executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan said around 30 percent of the brick kilns in the country used firewood, requiring 1.9 million tonnes of wood annually. This is one of the main

reasons of deforestation, she said.

According to a 2016 ALRD study, 17.4 percent of arable land is destroyed due to brick kilns and the remaining 80 percent by unplanned urbanisation.

ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda said, "The gradual expansion of brick kilns is sending us towards disasters through burning trees and destroying arable land."

So construction of brick kilns should be stopped, and a roadmap must be prepared to use alternative non-fire bricks, he said.

Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushali Kabir said, "There is a law to control the brick kilns, but there are some gaps in the act and its implementation."

The authorities should enforce laws strictly and find localised solutions, she added.

Director of Housing and Building Research Institute Mohammad Abu Sadek and economist-researcher Dr Swapna Adnan also spoke among others.

## Female overseas job seekers need capacity to fight abuses: Experts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The women seeking overseas jobs need to have skills and language proficiency so that they could protect themselves against various abuses including non-payment of salaries, labour migration experts said yesterday.

Speaking at a consultation, they also demanded prompt government action to address complaints from migrants against employers or brokers.

The discussion was organised by Bangladesh Women Migrant Workers Association (BOMSA) at the expatriates' welfare and overseas employment ministry.

According to the ministry, 1.18 lakh women went abroad, mostly to the Middle East, in 2016, which is 15 percent of the total number of women in the labour force.

"It is surely a good job, but the problem is we receive frequent allegations of abuses. It may be physical or sexual abuse and overwork or non-payment," said BOMSA Director Sumaiya Islam in her keynote presentation.

The women do not need to pay for migration, but the intermediaries are still

charging them illegally, she said, and suggested legalising the middlemen to make them accountable.

Executive Director of Manusher Jonno Foundation Shaheen Anam said, "Some of the women...remain ill-prepared and don't have the capacity to negotiate."

So it is important that they have a certain level of education and language skills, and cultural orientation should.

Shaheen Anam also said the Bangladeshi embassies in the labour-receiving countries were not sufficiently staffed to handle thousands of workers, suggesting recruitments at the labour wings.

Shameen Ahmed Chowdhury Noman, joint secretary general of the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (BAIRA), said they often received complaints from the female workers that they were made to work in two to three houses, which became almost impossible for them.

As a result of the lack of capacity among the labour-receiving countries, the workers should be allowed to have a mobile phone, but the employers do not allow it, he said. "Sometimes the female workers are forced to return home."

Acknowledging that the one-month residential training for the would-be female migrants is not up to standard, Expatriates' Welfare Secretary Begum Shamshunnah said they were trying to improve.

Expatriates' Welfare Minister Nurul Islam said the government planned to establish more safe homes for the female migrants. It also has set up a call centre, Probash Bondhu, and anyone can call it to complain, he said.

"We will address the problems. If the problems are not solved, please come to me. My door is open," he said.

Ministers and asked the finance ministry for incentives to migrant workers for increasing remittances.

In response to a question, he said the present diplomatic stand-off between Qatar and some Arab countries would not affect the labour recruitment from Bangladesh because it was not war.

Catherine Cecil, team leader of PROKASH Project of British Council, Ali Haider Chowdhury, former leader of BAIRA, and SK Rumana, general secretary of BOMSA, also spoke.



### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কর কমিশনারের কার্যালয়

কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা

৭১/২, পাইওয়েন্নার রোড, কারোইল, ঢাকা

২০১৭-২০১৮ কর বৎসরের জন্য আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৪ ধারা অনুযায়ী অগ্রিম আয়করের ৪৪ কিস্তি পরিশোধ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

- কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা আবিষ্কৃতাধীন সকল ব্যক্তি করদাতা, ফার্ম এবং কোম্পানি ও ইহার পরিচালকগণের ২০১৭-২০১৮ কর বৎসরের জন্য প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়করের ৪৪ কিস্তি প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ১৫ জুন, ২০১৭ইঁ।
- প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর সংশ্লিষ্ট সার্কেলের উপ কর কমিশনারের অনুকূলে প্রে-অর্ডার অথবা ত্রুটি দেকের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করিতে হইবে আব্দা কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা অনুকূলে কোম্পানি করদাতার জন্য প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ১-১১৪১-০০২৫-১০১০ কোডে এবং ব্যক্তি করদাতাদের জন্য প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ১-১১৪১-০০২৫-০১১১ কোডে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকে জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে।
- নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করা না হইলে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ১২৫ ধারা অনুযায়ী প্রদেয় আয়করের সম্পরিমাণ অংক জরিমানা হিসাবে এবং ৬৯, ৭০ ও ৭৩ ধারা অনুসৰে ১০ শতাংশ হারে সরল সুদ আরোপ করিবার বিধান রাখিয়াছে।
- কর অঞ্চল-৬, ঢাকা আশা করে যে, এই কর অঞ্চলের সম্মানিত করদাতাগণ নির্ধারিত তারিখে অব্দা ইহার পূর্বে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করিবেন।
- অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদান অব্দা এন্টিদিবিয়ে কোন তথ্যের প্রয়োজন হইলে এই কর অঞ্চলের অতিরিক্ত কর কমিশনার জন্য আবু হামান দেলওয়ার হোসেন (ফোন: ৯৩৫৯০৩০৫, মোবাইল: ০১৫৫২০৩০৭৪৯৯), জনাব আহসান হাবিব (ফোন: ৯৩০৫০৩০২২, মোবাইল: ০১৭১৫০৬০১১১১), যুগ্ম কর কমিশনার জনাব শেখ মোঃ মানিরজ্জামান (ফোন: ৯৩০১৮০৩, মোবাইল: ০১৭১১৪৩২৬৩০) এবং বেগম সেলিমা সুলতানা (ফোন: ৯৩১৮৬৩, মোবাইল: ০১৫২০২৬২৯১৭) এর সহিত যোগাযোগ করা যাইতে পারে।

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Rickshaws ply a road in Dhamondi area. In the month leading to Eid-ul-Fitr, the number of rickshaws increases on Dhaka streets. Many poor people from the rural areas flock to the capital to make some money by pulling rickshaws ahead of the festival. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

### অসহনীয় গরমে চাই ডিশন এসি



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