

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA 33.0 | L 26.8 MYMENSINGH 31.0 | L 26.3 CHITTAGONG 33.0 | L 25.6 SYLHET 31.5 | L 26.2 RAJSHAHI 34.4 | L 26.9 RANGPUR 32.5 | L 27.2 KHULNA 32.8 | L 26.5 BARISAL 32.0 | L 26.6 COX'S BAZAR 28.3 | L 25.0

Two more sued under section 57

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Two persons including a journalist were sued under section 57 of ICT act on Thursday night in Pirojpur.

They are Ajmol Haque Helal, senior reporter of daily Shokaler Khobor and former vice president of Dhaka Reporters' Unity, and Nurul Amin Rasel, a local from Mathbaria upazila of the district.

They were sued over making comments on Facebook about a local lawmaker, said Bikash Chandra Dey, sub-inspector of Mathbaria Police Station.

On Thursday night, Faruk Hossain, a lecturer of Dr Rustom Ali Farazi College, founded by Pirojpur-3 constituency lawmaker Rustom Ali Farazi, filed the case with the police station.

Bikash, also the investigation officer of the case, said on Wednesday, Helal and Rasel made unpleasant comments on their Facebook accounts against Rustom Ali. So, Faruk Hossain filed the case, he said.

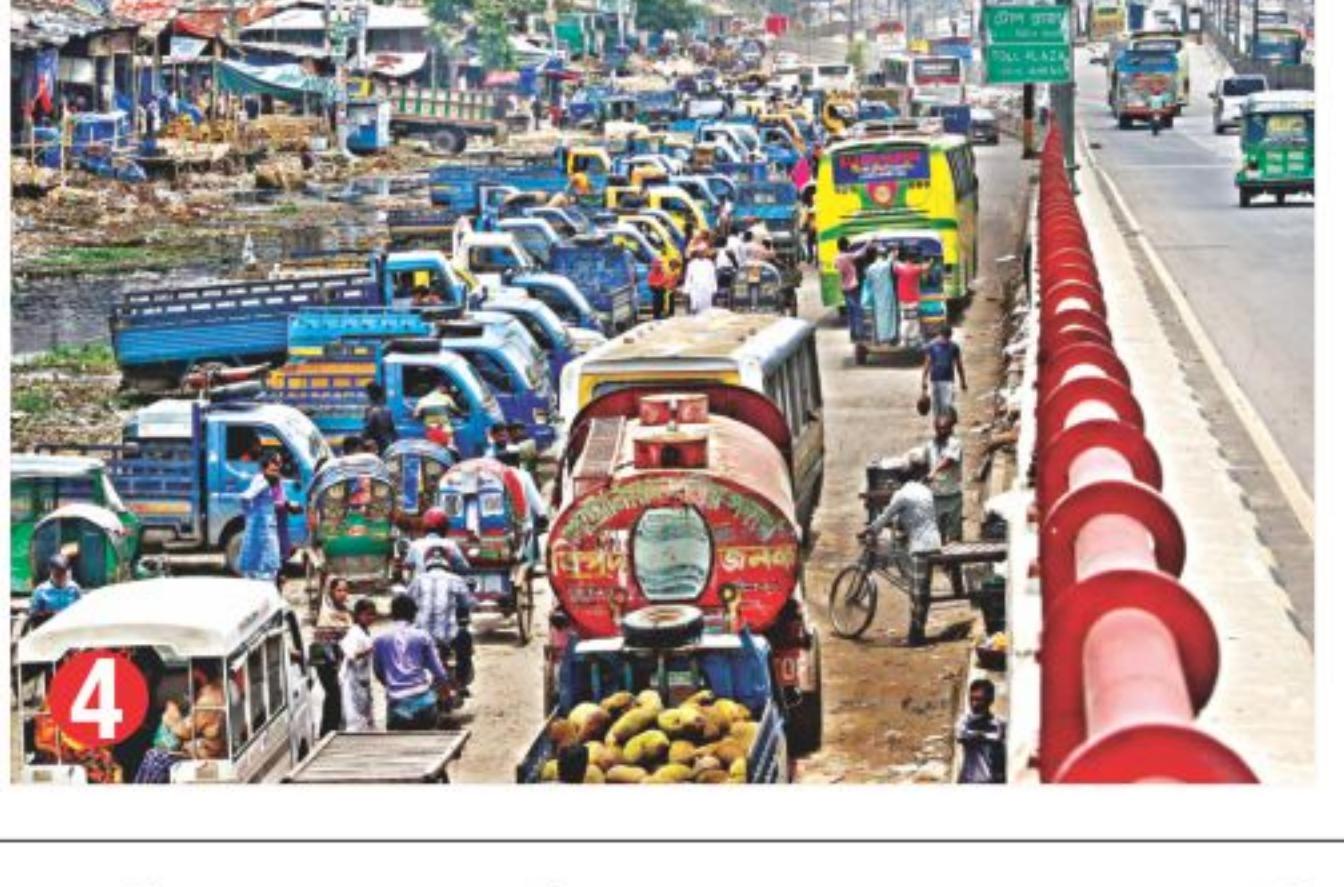
On Tuesday, locals brought out a procession against Rustom Ali Farazi for allegedly embezzling Tk 30 crore of the LGED without doing any development work in the constituency.

Both Helal and Rasel commented about the allegation and posted photographs of the procession on Facebook.

Contacted, Helal said the news on the procession against Rustom Ali was published in different media. "I just made a comment over the issue as a citizen of a free nation."

"I pray for the intervention of the prime minister to scrap section 57 to save journalists and others from harassment," he said.

The IO said they were investigating the matter.



NEGLECT UNFATHOMABLE

As if the development of Jatrabari, the eastern gateway of the capital, has been traded off against the construction of Mayor Hanif Flyover in the area. Over Tk 200 crores of taka had been spent on the modern flyover. But the authorities appear to have turned a blind eye to its due maintenance through developing and managing infrastructures around it. (1) In the absence of any functional waste management system, shopkeepers from the nearby wholesale kitchen market have turned the void beneath the ramp of the flyover into a garbage dump. (2) People cross knee-deep murky water on the dilapidated road between the flyover and the market. (3) More than half of the road remains unusable with waste from the market, large ditches and parked trucks. (4) The free-moving exit ramp of the flyover (on right) and the congested portion of the road that is virtually a truck stand now.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Bibir Pukur lies neglected

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barisal

Located in the heart of Barisal city, the 200-year-old Bibir Pukur remains in an awful state due to negligence of the authorities concerned.

Even a portion of the boundary grille of the pond had collapsed around a year ago, but the authorities are yet to start its repair work.

While visiting the area recently, it was seen that most of the fountains beside the reservoir have been damaged and the collapsed grille remained unfixed.

"Due to the damaged grille, we don't use the walkway anymore," said Rebeka Sultana, a resident of the area. Nurul Alam Farid, an elderly resident, echoed her.

Back in August 2016, a heavy billboard was set up near the banks, which fell on the grille due to heavy wind. The billboard ultimately blocked the walkway and ruined the beauty of the pond owned by the Barisal City Corporation (BCC).

Though the billboard was eventually removed, the fence is yet to be repaired.

In 2012, a beautification project for the reservoir was undertaken at a cost

of Tk 1.1 crore. Fountains, fences and walkways were built surrounding the pond for the city dwellers and for its protection.

The pond, located near the Sadar Road (Ward-17), is not just a recre-

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ational place for city dwellers, it is also a part of their heritage, said many of the locals.

The legend goes that during the middle of the 18th century, Jannat Bibi, adopted daughter of missionary William Carey, one of the scholars who tirelessly worked for the improvement

of Bangla prose, took the initiative to dig up the reservoir. Jannat wanted people of the city to have a source of drinking water.

But due to a lack of proper maintenance, the over two-acre pond is now in death throes.

Akkas Hossain, a freedom fighter, said, "The water has become toxic as people continue to dump waste in it."

Linkon Bayen, Barisal district unit co-coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said, "Except for monsoon, the pond remains a dirty water body. The water also emits bad odour."

Aktaruzzaman Hiru, councillor of Ward-17, said the BCC is working to restore the pond. They have already stopped leasing out the water body for fish cultivation.

Contacted, BCC Mayor Ahsan Habib Kamal said, "A project has been finalised to revive the water body. We are awaiting approval of the department of local government in this regard."

When asked about removing or repairing the damaged grille fence, the mayor reiterated his previous statement.

State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak said the EY has been asked to make a partnership with leading academic institutions of the country to launch the ACMP for enhancing skills of the managers.

"Reputed academic institutions' partnership with their international counterparts will be a quick win for the industry," the ICT state minister said.

The training will be held on social, mobile, analytics and cloud (SMAC), networking and security, big data analytics, enterprise resource planning (ERP), customer relationship management, robotics, artificial intelligence (AI) and internet of things, project management, customer management, people management skills, said Bidyut Thakur, EY project director of business advisory services.

LICT Project Director Md Rezaul Karim said the ACMP programme will cover 200-hour training for each batch.



The 200-year-old reservoir, Bibir Pukur, located in the heart of Barisal city, has been left in a deplorable condition for a long time. Its water has become polluted due to dumping of waste and a lack of maintenance by the authorities concerned. While a portion of the boundary grille that collapsed last year still awaits repair.

PHOTO: STAR

Rain accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely to occur at a few places over Rangpur, Khulna, Barisal, Rajshahi, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6:00pm today, reports UNB. Day temperature may rise slightly and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country, says Met office. The sun sets in the capital today at 6:50pm and rises tomorrow at 5:18am.

NEWS IN brief

Language hero Humayun dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

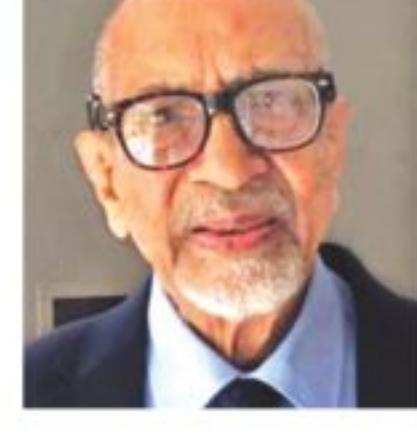
Dr Humayun KMA Hye, a language movement veteran and a freedom fighter, died from cancer in a UK hospital on Thursday night. He was 87.

He breathed his last at 11:45pm at the hospital in Manchester, said a press release.

He left behind a daughter, a son and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death. His body will be brought to the country soon and will be buried beside his wife's grave at Banani graveyard.

Humayun played a significant role during the Language Movement in 1952, and later took part in the 1971 Liberation War as a medical officer of Z-Force, said the release.

All of his friends, relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Fire at Railway Bhaban doused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A fire that broke out on the ground floor of Bangladesh Railway building in the capital yesterday was doused within an hour.

The fire originated from an electric short circuit at the generator room around 10:00am, said Tanharul Islam, senior station officer. Two units of firefighters doused it around 11:03am, he added.

Fire service officials said the fire damaged valuable worth around Tk 1 lakh.

Railways Minister Mujibul Haque visited the spot immediately after the incident.

NYAB ad hoc committee formed

CITY DESK

An ad hoc committee for National Young Academy of Bangladesh (NYAB) has been formed at a joint meeting of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) and Global Young Academy (GYA) members and alumni at the BAS office in the capital.

Prof KMS Aziz, immediate past secretary of BAS, chaired the meeting, said a press release yesterday.

The committee will initiate the membership drive and thereafter form a full-fledged executive committee.

Prof M Manjurul Karim, Department of Microbiology, University of Dhaka, is the convener of the ad hoc committee of which members are Prof Abdullah Shams Bin Tariq, Rajshahi University; Dr Monir Uddin Ahmed, Primeasia University; and Dr Nova Ahmed, North South University.

WARPO Water Resources Planning Organization

WARPO Bhaban

72 Green Road, Dhaka-1215

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST(EOI) FOR PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST

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| 1. Ministry/Division | Ministry of Water Resources |
| 2. Agency | Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO) |
| 3. Procuring Entity Name | Director General, WARPO |
| 4. Procuring Entity Code | Not used at present |
| 5. Procuring Entity District | Dhaka |
| 6. Expression of Interest for Selection of | Individual Consultant (Time-Based) |
| 7. Title of Service | Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Procurement Specialist for Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering Design of Brahmaputra Barrage |
| 8. EOI Ref. No. | 42.102.007.47.00.036.2017-584 |
| 9. Date | 05-07-2017 |
| KEY INFORMATION | |
| 10. Procurement Sub-Method | Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC) |
| FUNDING INFORMATION | |
| 11. Budget and Sources of Funds | GOB |
| PARTICULAR INFORMATION | |
| 12. Project/Programme Name | Feasibility Study and Detailed Engineering Design of Brahmaputra Barrage |
| 13. EOI Closing Date and Time | 24 July 2017 16:30 hours |
| INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT | |
| 14. Brief Description of Assignment | The overall objective of the services shall cover, but not limited to the following scope: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation of tender documents, EOI, RFP etc as per government guideline (PPA-2006, PPR-2008) for the specific procurement packages; Bid Evaluation, assessing short listing of Firm, evaluation of RFP; Exposure to both operational and strategic procurement activities; |
| 15. Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering/Water Resources Engineering; Minimum 20 Years working experience in which he should have at least 12 years work experiences in the field of public procurement or have had responsibilities with a substantial content of his position in the procurement area; Specialized knowledge and significant experience in 2-3 substantive areas/aspects of procurement (e.g. procurement of goods, works, various services; public procurement policies; practices); In depth knowledge of technical, commercial and legal aspects of procurement in development projects, financed by government is preferred; Fully conversant and possessing skills in MS word, Excel and other software application on procurement system. <p>The Project Director invites eligible Individual Consultant as Procurement Specialist to indicate their interest in providing the aforesaid consultancy services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested individual consultant may obtain further information about detail TOR at the WARPO's website: www.warpo.gov.bd Expression of interest (hard copy) must be delivered to the address below in three sets (1 original + 2 copies) and clearly marked "Expression of Interest for Procurement Specialist". |
| 16. Other Details (if applicable) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 (One) person will be appointed The consultant shall perform the service for about 180 days up to June 2020 commencing tentatively from August 2017 or any other period as may be subsequently agreed by the party in writing Interested Applicants should provide complete CV with detail information about employment history with duties and responsibilities, current remuneration, academic details with certificate copies, contract address including telephone number and e-mail The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs |
| PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS | |
| 17. Name of Official Inviting EOI | Dr. Md. Aminul Haque |
| 18. Designation of Official Inviting EOI | Project Director |
| 19. Address of Official Inviting EOI | Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO) WARPO Bhaban, 72 Green Road, Dhaka-1215 |
| 20. Contract Details of Official Inviting EOI | Phone: 02-44819012, Fax: 02-44819002 Email: pso_wr@warpo.gov.bd |

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