



LAUNCH CAPSIZE

# 25 missing in Padma

A CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

At least 25 people went missing after two launches fastened to a pontoon in the Padma capsized due to river erosion in Shariatpur's Nariya yesterday morning.

MV Mahanagar was operating on Shariatpur-Dhaka route, and Nariya-2 between Shariatpur and Narayanganj, and they were at Chairman Launch Terminal.

MV Mouchak-2, which was also at the terminal, drifted away and was found half submerged near a char.

Six launches were anchored at the terminal when the incident happened around 5:00am. Rescue operation could not be conducted due to bad weather.

Visiting the spot, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) Chairman Commodore Mozammel Haque said 11 divers of navy could not dive into the river due to strong currents. Two teams of firefighters from Faridpur and Shariatpur were also kept ready at the spot for the rescue operation, he said.

All the preparations for the operation were taken, and it would start when the situation improved, the BIWTA chairman added.

Rescue Ship, Prottoy, reached the spot, but could not go for the operation due to inclement weather, he added.

The office of Shariatpur deputy commissioner prepared a list of 16 missing people, most of whom are staffers of the launches.

Soon after the launches capsized, three people were rescued. They are: Sarwar, a cabin boy of launch Sureshwar-2, Mohammad Ali, a passenger, and Noor Islam, a cook of a

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Half of these chairs, called Kitkots, in Cox's Bazar's Kolatali Sea Beach should be free for tourists and marked with red stickers by order of the High Court. There is a notice of a suo moto issued by the High Court on November 30, 2016 on the beach, *inset*, but no one really cares for the HC rule. To sit on these chairs, relax and have a view of the beautiful sea, tourists need to pay high rents. The photos were taken on Sunday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Talks on polls now to end next month

EC sets new timeframe

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The Election Commission is going to extend the September 20 deadline for wrapping up talks with political parties.

"We won't be able to complete talks with all political parties within the stipulated time as there was Eid vacation and Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda will be visiting Afghanistan this month for a week to join an international conference," acting EC secretary Muhammad Helaluddin Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday.

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## India to start 5 major river-linking projects

Dhaka voices concern, says they would cause water crisis here

STAR REPORT

India has planned to start working on five major projects to connect its rivers, raising concern here that any human intervention in the course of trans-boundary rivers will change the ecosystem and push Bangladesh into an acute water crisis.

"I have decided to start five big river connectivity projects costing Rs 50,000 crore within three months," said Indian Union Minister Nitin Gadkari recently as quoted by Financial Express.

In the recent cabinet reshuffle, Gadkari, who holds the transport portfolio, was given additional charge of the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

"The project of river connectivity was always close to my heart and I used to discuss it with Vajpayeeji [former Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee]. There are different situations in India -- while some people are affected by the floods, at the same time, at another place people walk eight kilometers to fetch water.

"The project to take water from Ganga to Kaveri was deliberated about in the country."

Gadkari also said the work on the development of inland waterways in the Ganga and the Brahmaputra rivers was going on.

"It will be completed by 2018 with 40 river ports... We are working on inland waterways running

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## 'Machines will replace teachers within 10 yrs'

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Inspirational teachers of the future will be intelligent machines rather than humans, the influential head of one of Britain's most famous public schools predicts.

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## Irma floods Florida cities

Moves into Georgia as a tropical storm; ten deaths reported in Cuba

REUTERS, Miami

Downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm, Irma flooded several northern Florida cities with heavy rain and a high storm surge yesterday as it headed out of the state after cutting power to millions and ripping roofs off homes.

Irma, once ranked as one of the most powerful hurricanes recorded in the Atlantic, hit a wide swath of Florida over the past day, first making landfall on the Florida Keys archipelago and coming ashore south of Naples before heading up the west coast.

Now a tropical storm with sustained winds of up to 70 miles per hour (110 km per hour), Irma was

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A woman walks through debris caused by Hurricane Irma on Brickell Avenue in Miami, Florida, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

### BGMEA-BUFT JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP 2016-17

**BGMEA and BUFT are jointly arranging the BGMEA-BUFT Journalism Fellowship 2016-17** to encourage constructive in-depth reports on the country's RMG sector and to help develop required professional skills of journalists working in Bangladeshi media. **Applications are invited from journalists working in TV channel, Bangla daily, English daily, Radio, Online Media, Magazine and Photojournalism.** Each of the six journalists rewarded with the Fellowship will be offered a consolidated amount of Taka One Lac and a certificate. Those who were selected as Fellows in the previous BGMEA-BUFT Fellowship programs will not be eligible for applying this time. Please visit the website [www.bgmea.com.bd](http://www.bgmea.com.bd) for details regarding fellowship area, eligibility criteria, selection procedure etc. Application for the fellowship along with required documents should be sent to BGMEA, BGMEA Complex 23/1 Panthapath Link Road, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka 1215 with the superscription "Application for Journalism Fellowship 2016-17". **Last date for receipt of application: 12 October 2017.** For any query : Mr. Omar Gias, Joint Secretary, BGMEA, phone : 01738-301102, can be contacted.

## Mahmudur cleared of arson case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Finding the charges brought against Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of Bangla daily Amar Desh, groundless, a Dhaka court yesterday discharged him from a case filed for torching a taxicab in March 2013.

But the court framed charges against 10 others including the then Jubo Dal President Saiful Alam Nirob and former Dhaka City Corporation Ward Councilor Anwaruzzaman alias Anwar accused in the same case.

First Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate

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### জনকল্যাণে আয়কর

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
কর কমিশনারের কার্যালয়

কর অঞ্চল-১১, ঢাকা

৯, তোপখানা রোড (৩য় তলা), সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।

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## ২০১৮-২০১৯ কর বৎসরের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়করের ১ম কিস্তি প্রদান সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

কর অঞ্চল-১১, ঢাকার অধিক্ষেত্রাধীন সম্মানিত করদাতাদের জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৪ ধারা মোতাবেক যে সকল করদাতার সর্বশেষ নিরূপিত আয় ৪,০০,০০০/- টাকার বেশী তাদের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদান বাধ্যতামূলক। আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬৫/৬৬ ধারা অনুযায়ী সর্বশেষ নিরূপিত (সাধারণ অথবা সার্বজনীন স্বনির্ধারণী পদ্ধতিতে) আয়ের ভিত্তিতে ২০১৮-২০১৯ করবর্ষের অগ্রিম আয়করের ১ম কিস্তি ১৫/০৯/২০১৭খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে পরিশোধের বাধ্যবাধকতা রয়েছে।

যথাসময়ে অগ্রিম কর পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ করদাতাগণ এর ক্ষেত্রে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৭০/৭৩ ধারা অনুযায়ী সরল সুদ এবং ১২৫ ধারা অনুযায়ী জরিমানা আরোপের বিধান রয়েছে। সকল সম্মানিত করদাতা/প্রতিষ্ঠানকে সরল সুদ ও জরিমানা এড়ানোর লক্ষ্যে অতিসত্বর ২০১৮-২০১৯ করবর্ষের অগ্রিম আয়করের ১ম কিস্তির অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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