



HOUSING ROHINGYAS

Govt okays Tk 2,312cr project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is going to build settlements in Bhasanchar island of Hatiya upazila for temporarily accommodating one lakh of more than 10 lakh Myanmar nationals sheltered in Bangladesh.

The housing facilities for the Rohingyas will be set up under a Tk 2,312-crore project titled "Ashrayan-3" with the country's own resources.

The fast-track project was approved at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The approval came five days after Dhaka signed an "arrangement" with Naypyitaw on Rohingya repatriation.

Bangladesh Navy will start implementing the project next month and complete it by November 2019.

Under the project, 1,440 houses and 120 shelter stations will be built in 120 cluster villages.

Emerging from the Ecnec meeting, Planning Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal told reporters that the project was taken up for temporarily accommodating the Rohingyas.

The facility will be used for rehabilitating the homeless in the country after the repatriation of the Myanmar nationals.

More than six lakh Rohingyas have crossed into

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Natore priest goes missing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

The assistant parish priest of Jonail Catholic Church in Baraigram upazila has been missing since Monday afternoon.

Officer-in-Charge Shahriar Khan of Baraigram Police Station said Father Walter William Rozario, 40, went missing after he had left his Bonpara home for the Jonail Catholic Church around 4:00pm on Monday.

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Mrs. Bilquis Iqbal Dada Director of Chittagong Grammar School passed away at 12:35pm, 28th November 2017. May Allah grant her Jannah. Ameen.

Chittagong Grammar School
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Locals and labourers remove the manhole cover to clean a clogged drain in Haji Khorshed Ali Sardar Road in the capital's East Jurain on Monday. Locals had to step in as the Dhaka South City Corporation remained indifferent to the waterlogging problem in the area.

PHOTO: COURTESY

CLEANING AT JURAIN
Locals take it upon themselves

HELEMUL ALAM

Fed up with the authorities' failure to solve the prolonged waterlogging problem at Haji Khorshed Ali Sardar Sarak in the capital's East Jurain, locals have taken matters into their own hands.

They are cleaning the clogged drains and sewers of the 3km road with bamboo sticks and shovels. They have also installed pumps to remove the stagnant water.

The situation has started to improve.

Locals said the road along with nearby Rishipara and Kalamia Sarak had been submerged for around the last one-and-a-half years, causing immense sufferings to more than one lakh residents of the area under Ward 53 of the Dhaka South City Corporation.

They blamed the authorities concerned, especially the DSCC, for taking no prompt action in this regard.

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Donkeys jailed for 4 days in UP

NDTV ONLINE

In Uttar Pradesh's Jalaun district, convicts of a different kind walked out from the Urai jail on Monday. A herd of eight donkeys.

Their crime was a costly one for they destroyed expensive plants outside the jail compound.

The four-legged criminals had to spend four days behind the bars for their offence. The plants reportedly cost jail authorities several lakhs.

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Why extra fees for SSC exams?

HC asks Habiganj school amid allegations schools across the country charge additional fees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid allegations that schools charge SSC examinees more than the board-stipulated fees for signing up for the public tests, the High Court yesterday questioned the legality of extra fees taken by Gazipur School and College in Habiganj.

The court issued a suo moto rule asking the authorities concerned and the school to explain as to why the extra fees should not be declared illegal.

It also ordered the Sylhet Education Board chairman to submit a report to the court by January 4 on steps taken against the school's principal, and the president and secretary of its managing committee for charging the students extra.

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Army may not be given power of arrest

EC committee drafts 31 proposals to amend RPO

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The army is unlikely to get back the power to arrest anyone for violating electoral laws on the polling day.

In its draft proposals to amend the Representation of Peoples' Order (RPO), an Election Commission committee did not include the armed forces in the definition of the law enforcement agency, sources at the EC secretariat said.

During recent talks with the EC on the next national polls, the majority of the 40 registered political parties demanded deployment of army with the power of arresting lawbreakers to maintain law and order.

If the armed forces are included in the definition of the law enforcement agencies, army personnel, just like the policemen, will have the power to arrest offenders on the polling day.

The armed forces were given the power before the

2008 parliamentary elections. The power was scrapped through amending the RPO in 2009.

The EC committee, headed by Election Commissioner Kabita Khanam, drafted 31 proposals, including introduction of Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) in the next Jatiya Sangsad elections, scheduled to be held in early 2019.

The proposals have been drafted based on the recommendations by political parties, civil society members, election officials and other stakeholders.

Once finalised, the proposals will be sent to the government to translate them into a law by amending the RPO.

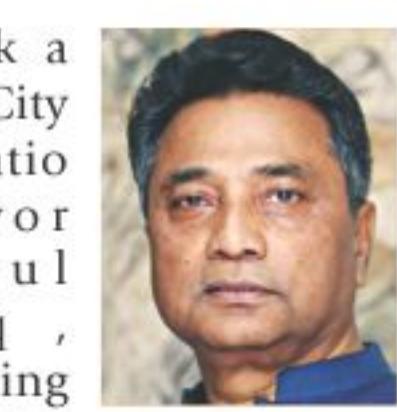
During talks with the EC, the ruling Awami League placed proposals to introduce EVM and not to include the armed forces in the definition of law enforcement agency. But the BNP took an opposite stance on these two key issues.

Asked about inclusion of the armed forces in the

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Annisul Huq moved to ICU again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



D. H. A. North City Corporation Mayor Annisul Huq, undergoing treatment in a London hospital since August, has been taken back to the intensive care unit.

Familiy members requested all his admirers and well-wishers to pray for his quick recovery.

Annisul has been suffering from a neurological ailment (dizziness and lack of balance) for some time.

He was admitted to a neurology hospital in central London on August 13

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Cop held with 1,000 Yaba pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police arrested two people, including an assistant sub-inspector of police, in possession of 1,000 Yaba pills at the city's Maijartek early yesterday.

The arrestees are: Anwar Hossain, ASI of the Detective Branch of CMP, and Ujjal, said police.

Chittagong district police, however, said Anwar was recently transferred to Naval Police.

Kazi Shahabuddin, assistant commissioner

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Bismillahir Rahamanir Raheem

OBITUARY



Mrs. Bilquis Iqbal Dada wife of Mr. Mohammed Iqbal Dada passed away on 28th November, 2017 (Inna lilahi wa inna ilahi Rajiuun). At the time of her death, she left behind her husband, two daughters and a son, a daughter-in-law and sons-in-law, six grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Her Namaz-e-Janaza will be held at the Forest Research Institute Mosque Chittagong after the Zohr prayers on Wednesday 29th November, 2017. We humbly request all friends and family to attend the namaz-e-janaza and pray to Almighty Allah for her departed soul. Dada Family

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