

NEWSINbrief

Dhaka Club distributes warm clothes among cold-hit people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Club Ltd (DCL) distributed warm clothes among the cold-hit poor people in two upazilas of Kurigram on Friday.

The club members distributed blankets, jackets and sweaters to the needy people in Kurigram Sadar and Ulipur upazilas in response to a call made by DCL President Afzal Rahman Sinha (Kaiser).

During the distribution, DCL Secretary Commander Zahurul Alim, Upazila Nirbahi Officer Al Amin Parvez and Union Parishad Chairman Mahbubur Rahman were present.

BSBMB elects new leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Haseena Khan and Prof Hossain Uddin Shekhar of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Dhaka University have been elected as president and general secretary of Bangladesh Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BSBMB), says a press release.

The executive committee of BSBMB for 2018-2019 term was elected on Saturday at the annual general meeting of the organisation held at Dhaka Club.

Prof M Anwar Hossain chaired the programme.

Birth anniversary of Mohiuddin Ahmed today

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Today is the 93rd birth anniversary of Mohiuddin Ahmed, a Language Movement veteran and 1971 Liberation War organiser.

To mark the day, different political and cultural personalities, and Mohiuddin Ahmed Jatiya Smriti Sangsad have chalked out programmes, including discussions and doa mahfils in the capital's Dhanmondi and Mothbaria upazila in Pirojpur.

Wreaths will be placed at his grave at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' graveyard at 10:30am, says a press release. The veteran parliamentarian was born on January 15, 1925 in Pirojpur.



Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Prof MA Raquib will be held at 150 Nawab Road, Kajalshah, Sylhet after the Zohr prayers today.

Prof MA Raquib, former principal of MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital and founder president of Sylhet Diabetic Hospital, died on Tuesday, aged 82.

He left behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.



Criminals kill autorickshaw driver in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals killed a CNG-run autorickshaw driver in the capital's Sher-e Bangla Nagar area yesterday and stole his vehicle, police said.

Police recovered the body of Insan Hawlader, 45, from a drain in Agargaon area around 7:45am, said Gopal Ganesh Biswas, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sher-e Bangla Nagar Police Station.

Insan used to live in Maddha Badda. He went out Saturday around 5:00pm. The OC said his mobile phone was switched off near Khamarbari, Farmgate at 11:30pm Saturday.

Insan's body was sent for autopsy. Police could not trace the autorickshaw until filing of the report at 8:00pm yesterday.

MAGURA SCHOOLGIRL MURDER

Death penalty of three convicts commuted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday commuted the death sentence of three convicts to life imprisonment in a case filed for killing schoolgirl Purnima Samaddar in Magura in 2010.

The three, now in jail, are -- Yusuf Joarder, Zillur Rahman and Akkas Sheikh.

According to the prosecution, Yusuf, Zillur and Akkas abducted Purnima Samaddar, 14, a student of Char Mashishpur High School at Ghoshial village in the upazila, while she was returning home around 1:30pm on August 4, 2010.

They took Purnima, daughter of Manojit Samaddar, to a jute field and tried to rape her. As she cried for help, they strangled her.

Yesterday, the HC bench of Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Bhishmadev Chakraborty delivered the verdict after hearing the case's death reference and appeals.



GREEN GOODNESS... A variety of vegetables on display at the three-day National Vegetable Fair 2018 yesterday. The event is being organised by the agriculture ministry and the Department of Agricultural Extension at Krishibid Institution in the capital. This year's fair has 82 stalls and four pavilions. Inset, visitors at a stall.

Vegetable yield inadequate

Production has to be tripled to meet demand, speakers tell national fair seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Despite a rising trend in annual production, only one third of the country's vegetable consumption can be met with the present amount of its production.

Therefore, "... to meet the demand of consumers, the [vegetable] production should be increased three times or more," Dr Md Harunur Rashid, vice chancellor of Patuakhali Science and Technology University, said at a seminar in the capital yesterday.

Dr Harunur said this while presenting a keynote paper on securing year-long vegetable cultivation in a changing climate to ensure nutrition safety and to alleviate poverty.

The seminar was organised in the auditorium of Krishibid Institution,

Bangladesh on the occasion of the 3rd National Vegetable Fair 2018, being organised by the agriculture ministry and the Department of Agricultural Extension.

The objective of the three-day vegetable fair is to create awareness about the importance of having sufficient vegetables and to encourage growers to increase its production.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan was present as the chief guest at the programme while Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury was a special guest.

Dr Harunur in his keynote paper said only a tenth of the country's total cultivable land is used for vegetable production.

The annual demand for vegetables in the country is 13.25 million metric tonnes, whereas the annual production is only 3.73 million metric tonnes.

An adult in the country on an average consumes only 60 to 70 grams of vegetables (except potato) each day, which is about one third of the amount (220 gram) recommended by the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), he said.

Quality seeds are necessary for ensuring production of quality vegetables and vegetable varieties capable of tolerating climate change and salinity should be invented for higher yields, he also said.

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Mizanur Rahman, director of the Horticulture Wing of Department of Agricultural Extension, said there are around 150 varieties of vegetables in the country, but the people are only aware about around 30 of those.

Ministers, MPs meddle in TCB dealer selection

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around half of the dealers of Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) were appointed as per the recommendations of ministers, state ministers, and MPs, a parliamentary committee was informed yesterday.

Of the total 2,861 dealers, 1,345 got appointed following the recommendations of ministers, state ministers, and lawmakers, shows TCB statistics.

In November last year, the parliamentary standing committee on commerce had asked TCB to give the number of dealers appointed through such recommendations.

At that meeting the JatiyaSangsadboddy had expressed disappointment over various irregularities of TCB dealers. The committee also expressed resentment because the dealers were not selling goods in open markets properly as per the guidelines of TCB.

At yesterday's meeting, TCB officials said that out of 1,345 dealers, 691 were appointed through direct recommendations of ministers, state ministers and MPs.

The remaining 1,471 dealers got appointment after their information was verified by the respective deputy commissioners, says a release of the parliament secretariat.

Tajul Islam Chowdhury, chairman of the parliamentary watchdog, presided over the meeting.

SC stays

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structures seeking a stay on the HC order.

Advocate Prabir Neogi, a lawyer for the owners of 10 structures, told The Daily Star that the authorities cannot demolish the structures following the stay order.

The apex court stayed the HC order on the ground that the HC directive for demolishing the structures was "very extreme", as a rule over this issue was pending, he added.

The chief judicial magistrate of Gazipur in October last year submitted a probe report before the HC, saying that 30 structures were set up illegally along the foreshore, Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) lawyer Manzill Murshid was quoted as saying.

The HRPB had filed a writ petition with the HC on November 7, 2016, a day after The Daily Star ran a report headlined "Time to declare Turag dead".

Following the petition, the HC on November 9, 2016 year directed the government to stop earth-filling, encroachment and construction of structures along the foreshores and also issued the rule upon the authorities concerned to explain as to why their inaction in stopping such activities should not be declared illegal.

While hearing the rule, the court on January 5 last year directed the chief judicial magistrate to probe into the matter and submit a report.

12 aspirants

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In the last election of the DNCC held on April 28, 2015, Tabith Awal, the candidate endorsed by BNP, ran the mayoral race against AL-backed contender Annisul Huq.

Tabith boycotted the polls on the voting day, alleging widespread rigging.

The BNP-led 20-party alliance decided to nominate one mayoral candidate from the alliance, while the AL is to decide on the issue after a discussion with its 14-party alliance partners at a meeting today.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

'Ecosystem Based Development, Management and Conservation of the Saint Martin's Island' Project  
Department of Environment (DoE)  
E-16, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207  
www.doe.gov.bd

No. 22.02.0000.039.14.018.17-14

Date: 10/01/2018

Request for Expressions of Interest (Eoi)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment and Forests.
2	Agency	Department of Environment (DoE).
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director of 'Ecosystem based development, management and conservation of the Saint Martin's Island' Project.
4	Procuring entity code	N/A
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting firm Video Documentary and TV Spot making and telecast.
7	Title of service	Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Consulting firm for Video Documentary and TV Spot making and telecast.

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement method/sub-method	Selection Based on Consultants Qualifications (SBCQ).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budge and sources of funds	GoB
10	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project/programme code (if applicable)	5004
12	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Ecosystem based development, management and conservation of the Saint Martin's Island.
13	Eoi closing date and time	Date: 01/02/2018 Time: 12.00 noon.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

14	Brief description of assignment	Selected firm will be responsible for the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A video documentary of 10-15 minutes length highlighting the importance of Saint Martin Island with Dos and Don'ts to be followed by all the stakeholders including the tourists, the hotel owners, the managers, the local administrators, the researchers, the operators of the vessels, etc. towards conservation and sustainable use of this unique ecosystem.</li><li>A one minute abridged version of the documentary to be developed as TV spot and broadcasted into 5 numbers of the TV channels (at least).</li><li>The production must be rich with high quality picture and voice over.</li><li>No secondary video clips/back projection will be used in the production process.</li></ul>
15	Qualification & experience required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>At least five years working experience of documentary development with the facility of own media-house and broadcasting channel along with the experience on making video documentary on Saint Martin Island will be given preference.</li><li>The firm should have the valid trade license, TIN, VAT registration number and financial solvency certificate from any scheduled bank (if applicable).</li></ul>
16	Other details (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Brochure of the firm should be submitted.</li><li>A list of accomplished works/services should be submitted as experience.</li><li>Valid trade license, TIN, VAT registration number and financial solvency certificate from any scheduled bank should be submitted.</li><li>Script of the documentary and TV spot have to be submitted by the firm along with the Eoi.</li></ul>

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**e-Tender Notice No: e-GP-02/2017-18(LTM)**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following works:

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Last Selling Date and Time	Closing Date and Time
1	151487, 151488, 151489, 151491, 151495, 151496, 151497, 151498, 151499, 151500, 151501, 151502, 151503, 151504, 151505, 151506, 151507, 151508, 151509, 151510, 151511, 151512, 151513, 151514, 151516, 151517, 151708	29 Jan. 2018 17:00	30 Jan. 2018 12:00

This is an online tender, where only e- tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no office/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP portal is required. The fees for downloading the e-tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branch upto 29-Jan.-2018 17:00. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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