

# Vegetables, meat pricier

## Wide gap between wholesale and retail prices in Chittagong

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Prices of vegetables and meat have soared in kitchen markets despite no reasonable change in wholesale prices in the port city.

Vegetables at the nearest wholesale market were being sold at nearly half the price yesterday.

At the Nayabazar kitchen market, cucumbers were being sold at Tk 50 per kg, while at Pahartali Bazar -- only 1.4 kilometres away -- they were going for Tk 35 per kg.

Brinjals were being sold at Tk 60, papayas at Tk 70, tomatoes at Tk 50, and carrots at Tk 60 per kg at Nayabazar, while prices of these vegetables were Tk 50, Tk 35, Tk 35, and Tk 35 respectively at Pahartali Bazar.

According to market sources, prices of brinjals, papayas, tomatoes and carrots were Tk 40, Tk 35, Tk 40 and Tk 40 respectively before Ramadan.

Mohammad Momin, a vendor at Pahartali bazar, said traders of all the kitchen markets around the area come to the market to purchase vegetables.

"Rickshaw fare between Nayabazar and Pahartali Bazar is Tk 40 at most. There is no reason for prices to go up that much," said Momin, adding that prices of vegetables were stable at the wholesale market.

Mohammad Alamgir, a customer at Nayabazar said though the daily consumption of vegetables



Since Ramadan began, prices of meat and vegetables have shot up. The photo was taken in Kazir Dewri Kitchen Market last evening.

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decreases in Ramadan, they are needed for iftar.

"Even the price of potatoes has increased in Ramadan," he said.

Potatoes are being sold at Tk 22 per kg; prior to Ramadan, the price was Tk 18 and wholesale price of the produce is Tk 15.

At Kazir Dewri kitchen market, the scenario was the same. Vegetable prices here range from Tk 50 to 60.

Showkat Ali, a customer at Kazir

Dewri and a school teacher by profession, said, "Except for green chillies, prices of all other vegetables are unreasonably high."

Price of green chillies was Tk 30, somewhat reasonable compared to its wholesale price Tk 24.

The retail prices of beef and broiler chicken were also high. Boneless beef, which was Tk 500 per kg before Ramadan, was being sold at Tk 600 per kg. Price of beef with

bones was Tk 550, previously sold at Tk 450 per kg. Price of broiler chicken was Tk 150, which was previously Tk 135.

Swapan Kumar, a vegetable retailer, told The Daily Star that the demand for vegetables is high in Ramadan, causing a spike in prices.

In Kazir Dewri fruit market, bananas were being sold at Tk 60 per dozen; prior to Ramadan the price

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## HINDUS SEEK SECURITY

### Habiganj SP directed to settle issue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has directed the superintendent of police (SP) of Habiganj to dispose of an application submitted for providing security to the Hindu people of Sunaru village in Baniachang upazila of Habiganj.

The SP has been asked to comply with the order within one month on receipt of the order.

The bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and Justice KM Kamrul Kader passed the order on May 14 following a writ petition filed by Sushanta Das Gupta, a resident of Sunaru village, seeking its direction on the SP to dispose of his application.

Sushanta Das Gupta submitted the application to the office of the SP on April 19.

He said in the application that a vested quarter, particularly local Jubo League leader Ataur Rahman Selim, is torturing the Hindu people of Sunaru village in different manners in order to occupy their properties.

Sushanta also said the vested quarter has threatened him and his family members over cellphone, saying that they will kill them if they do not convert to Islam.

## NEWSIN

### brief

## Petition filed challenging case against 103 BNP men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP-backed mayoral candidate for Gazipur City Corporation election, Hasan Uddin Sarker, yesterday filed a writ petition with the High Court challenging the legality of proceedings in a vandalism case against 103 BNP men.

In the petition, he prayed to the HC to stay the trial and issue a rule asking government to explain the legality of the proceedings.

The HC may hold a hearing on the petition next week, said Hasan Uddin's lawyer Barrister Sanjid Siddique.

## Obituary

CITY DESK

Dr Hafiz G A Siddiqi, former Director of Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka passed away yesterday (May 22) in the capital after a protracted illness. His namaz-e-janaza will be held today at the Gulshan Society mosque after Zohr prayers.

Dr Siddiqi began his teaching career at IBA and taught there for 20 years in various capacities. He was the first academic Vice Chancellor at North South University and served there for over 19 years. At the time of passing, he was Professor Emeritus at BRAC University.

Dr Siddiqi authored 14 books and wrote regularly for popular dailies.

## Boy killed in Manikganj accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

An eight-year-old boy was killed as a truck hit him while he was crossing Dhaka-Aricha highway in Uthali bus stand area of Shivalaya upazila in Manikganj on Monday.

Sagar Hossain, son of Shahidul Islam of Uthali village, died on the spot, said Yamin-ud-Dowla, in-charge of Barangail Highway Police Outpost.

# Khulna polls saw 'peaceful rigging'

## Observes Shujan, slams EC for failure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As the recent Khulna City Corporation elections were marked by "peaceful rigging", there is no scope to term it free, fair and flawless, Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) said yesterday.

Reading out a written statement at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity, Dilip Kumar Sarkar, central coordinator of Shujan, a civil society platform working for good governance, said, "We feel the Khulna City Corporation election was a questionable one."

People's confidence and the credibility that the Election Commission had gained following the Rangpur City Corporation elections has dissipated in the KCC election, Dilip Kumar added.

For some candidates, the KCC polling atmosphere was frightening even though

there were no noticeable incidents of violence or cases of mass irregularities, he said at the event.

This is why voter presence was very low, at only 62.19 percent, he added.

After holding three good city corporation elections -- Narayanganj, Comilla and Rangpur -- an example of non-transparent and faulty election was set through the Khulna election, said Dilip.

Dr Tofail Ahmed, a local government expert, said a new model was set up during the election, where no chasing, counter-chasing or snatching of ballot boxes took place. Rather, the election was done under peaceful rigging.

The EC had no control over the law enforcers, said Shujan President M Hafizuddin Khan while speaking at the press conference.

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## DEATH OF RAJIB

# Compensation order stayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday stayed the High Court order that had directed two bus operators to provide Tk 1 crore in compensation to the family of Rajib Hossain.

The apex court also asked the HC to form an independent committee to assess the liabilities of the parties involved in the accident and calculate the compensation.

The committee will submit the assessment report to the HC by June 30 and then the court will pass an order, the SC said.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain, passed the order following two separate petitions filed by Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) and Sajan Paribahan.

Rajib, a student of Government Titumir College, lost his right hand after it got stuck between two speeding buses trying to overtake each other in Bangla Motor area in Dhaka on April 3.

After two weeks in coma, Rajib died on April 17.

On May 8, following a petition, the HC ordered the bus authorities to pay Tk 1 crore to Rajib's family.

# MJF condemns killings of two Tripura girls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) yesterday strongly condemned the killings of two teenage girls at Tripura Polli in Sitakunda of Chittagong on May 18.

MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam in a statement also urged the administration to take necessary measures for ensuring swift delivery of justice to the families of the victims.

On May 18, Suklota Tripura, 15, and her friend Chhobi Rani Tripura, 13, were found dead in Chhobi's house in Sitakunda.

Abul Hossen, the key accused in the case filed by Suklota's father Suman Tripura, confessed to killing the young girls after he was arrested the next day.

Abul had been stalking Suklota for a while and had made advances on her when she was visiting Chhobi. According to

police, Abul and three of his cohorts strangled Suklota and then killed Chhobi as she was a witness to the crime.

Expressing deepest condolence to the bereaved families, the MJF executive director said "reasonable doubts" have arisen in ensuring justice to the victim families as two out of the three perpetrators are still on the loose.

Shaheen Anam also urged the administration to play its due role without being influenced by any quarters.

Meanwhile, issuing a different statement, rights organisation Naripokkho also condemned the killings of the Tripura girls and demanded punishment for the perpetrators.

The country at present is plagued by such crimes, including rape and sexual violence, due to the absence of rule of law, Naripokkho also said.

# Battle of banners



PHOTO: COLLECTED

Encircled by police, Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul stages a sit-in in front of the foot-bridge in RDA Market area yesterday.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Long before the election of Rajshahi City Corporation, the incumbent mayor and his predecessor have got involved in conflict over hanging campaign banners.

Tensions arose when followers of Mayor Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul and former mayor Khairuzzaman Liton took positions near the foot-bridge on Monday night. However, no untoward incident occurred due to the presence of police.

More than a year ago, the Rajshahi city unit of the Awami League had hung a banner on the foot-bridge in front of RDA Market, the city's busiest shopping centre. Recently, the worn-out banner was blown off, according to local shop owners. They said the banner projected portraits of the ruling party bigwigs and highlighted its development activities.

Three days ago, on Saturday, RCC staff hung a new banner with greetings from Mayor Mosaddek to the city residents on the occasion of Ramadan.

All was well until Monday night when Mayor Bulbul, also the president of the Rajshahi city unit BNP, noticed that his banner was replaced by one of former mayor Liton. Also president of Rajshahi city AL, Liton greeted city dwellers for Eid and asked for votes in the upcoming city elec-

tion, which is due this year.

The same night, an infuriated Bulbul sat on the road, in front of the bridge, protesting removal of his banner and stayed there for almost three hours till midnight yesterday. He had altercations with police and city AL men, sparking tensions.

The mayor called off the night-time sit-in announcing that he would come back in the morning with his family. In the morning he found his house surrounded by police, and had to stay put in his house for nearly an hour and a half. Later he got out and arrived at the foot-bridge area and started a second sit-in.

During his three-hour stay, AL leaders and activists gathered on the other side of the road, while police kept the mayor encircled. Though there was tension in the area, no unwanted incident followed.

Talking to The Daily Star, Mayor Bulbul said, "They (AL men) think that the entire country is their ancestors' property."

On the other hand, police are serving the ruling party instead of the people, he said.

The mayor said the corporation reserves the legal right for hanging banners in public places and gives permission to people who need to hang banners. But the ruling party did not take any permission.

When contacted, former mayor Liton

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## Why no damages for Nizam's family

### HC asks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain in four weeks why they should not be ordered to pay Tk 1 crore in compensation to the family of Dhaka Tribune official Nizam Uddin.

The home secretary, roads and bridges secretary, inspector general of police, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police and owners of Manjil Paribahan and Srabon Paribahan have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench of Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury and AKM Zahirul Hoque issued the suo moto rule following newspaper reports.

Nazim Uddin, a senior executive of the advertisement department of English daily Dhaka Tribune, was killed after being knocked down and run over amid a race between two buses of on Mayor Hanif Flyover in Dhaka on May 18.

SC lawyer Advocate ABM Golam Mustafa placed the reports yesterday before the HC bench for necessary order.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court placed Ohidul and Kamal, driver of Srabon Paribahan and helper of Manjil Paribahan respectively, on one-day remands each in the case filed over the death of Nazim Uddin.

However, no lawyers on behalf of the accused were present in the court.

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সরকারি শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা) চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।				
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১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	সমাজকল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়	
২.	এজেন্সী	ঃ	উপতত্ত্বাবধায়কের কার্যালয়, সরকারি শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।	
৩.	সংগ্রাহকসত্তার নাম	ঃ	মহাপরিদর্শক, সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর, ঢাকা এর পক্ষে উপতত্ত্বাবধায়ক, সরকারি শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।	
৪.	সংগ্রাহকসত্তার জেলা	ঃ	চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।	
৫.	যে কাজের দরপত্র	ঃ	২০১৮-২০১৯ অর্থ বছরে সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর পরিচালিত সরকারি শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জের নিবাসীদের জন্য খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুযায়িক এবং শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী এবং বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরাহ।	
৬.	দরপত্র নম্বর তারিখ	ঃ	৪১/০৬/২০১৮ তারিখ ১৬.০০০.১৮.৯০ তারিখঃ-২০/০৬/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ	
৭.	দরপত্র প্রচারের তারিখ	ঃ	২১/০৬/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ কিংবা এর পরে	
৮.	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ও.টি.এম)	
৯.	বাজেট এবং তহবিল উৎস	ঃ	রাজস্ব বাজেট (জি.ও.বি)	
১০.	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ	ঃ	০৩ টি	
১১.	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ নাম	ঃ	২০১৮-২০১৯ অর্থ বছরে সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত সরকারি শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জের নিবাসীদের জন্য খাদ্য, খাদ্যানুযায়িক এবং শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী এবং বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরাহ।	
১২.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	ঃ	২১/০৬/২০১৮ থেকে ০৪/০৬/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় (সকাল ৯.০০টা হতে ৩.৩০ মিঃ)	
১৩.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৬/০৬/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।	
১৪.	দরপত্র,খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৬/০৬/২০১৮ খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।	
১৫.	কার্যালয়ের নাম ও ঠিকানাঃ	ঃ		
ক.	মূল দরপত্র দাখিল বিক্রয়	ঃ	উপতত্ত্বাবধায়ক, সরকারি শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।	
খ.	দরপত্র দাখিল গ্রহণ	ঃ	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয় ও উপপরিচালক, সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ এর কার্যালয়।	
গ.	দরপত্র দাখিল খোলা	ঃ	জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।	
১৬.	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ	(১) বৈধ সরকারি কর্মচারী প্রতিনিধি (২) সিডিউল ক্রয়ের টেন্ডারী চালানের মূল কপি, পূর্বে কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র,হালনাগাদ ট্রেন্ড লাইসেন্স, ব্যাংক পঞ্জীকৃত সনদ এবং ভাট প্রদান(২০১৬-২০১৭) জমা দিতে হবে।	
১৭.	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	ঃ	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য টেন্ডারী চালানের মাধ্যমে কোড-১-২৯৩১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ (অফিসরযোগ্য) জমা দিতে হবে।	
এম	সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ		সিডিউলের মূল্য	টেন্ডার সিডিউলের পরিমাণ
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ঙ	বিবিধ মালামাল		২০০.০০	সিডিউল মোতাবেক
১৮।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম ঃ মুকুল ইসলাম			
১৯।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী ঃ উপতত্ত্বাবধায়ক।			
২০।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা ঃ সরকারি শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।			
২১।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগ নম্বর-০১৭৩৮-৪৪৩৯৭০/০১৭০৮-৪১৪৪২৬।			
২২।	শর্তাবলীঃ			
ক)	পিপিএ-২০০৬ এবং পিপি আর-২০০৮ (সংশোধিতসহ) এ প্রদত্ত ক্রয় সনদপত্র পদ্ধতি যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে।			
খ)	গৃহীত দরদাতার নিকট হতে উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটির অর্থ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে।			
গ)	“ঙ” এমপের ক্ষেত্রে বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে।			
ঘ)	কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র ব্যতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।			
ঙ)	দরপত্র ক্রয়ের তারিখ হতে দরপত্র খোলার তারিখের নির্ধারিত সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র দাখিল করা হবে।			
চ)	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা ঃ বিস্তারিত তথ্য দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত আছে।			
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