

# 4,300 acres of hills, forests

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month, and each Rohingya family uses on an average 60 bamboo culms to construct their temporary shelters.

It said due to the indiscriminate hill-cutting to provide shelters to the Rohingyas, the terrain of the hills has lost their natural setting causing a potential risk of landslides.

The report also found thousands of shallow tube wells as threats to aquifers. Air pollution has risen due to increased vehicular traffic and smoke from firewood burned by refugees, and due to a lack of recycling, polythene bags and plastic bottles are piling up in various parts of the area, it said.

Sudipto Mukerjee, country director of UNDP Bangladesh, said the Rohingya influx has been putting immense pressure on scarce natural resources in the area, resulting in degraded natural forests, barren hills and an emerging water crisis. "This situation demands immediate investment in restoring the environment and ecosystem, as part of the Bangladesh government's response in Cox's Bazar."

Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, said the government should focus on alternative fuel use to address the fuel crisis. She also suggested rainwater harvesting to address the water crisis in the area.

"I urge the government to stop dis-

tributing kerosene at individual levels, as it may cause fire to break out at any time in the highly-dense camp," she said, adding that the government can apply for the Green Climate Fund to address the issue.

Mohammad Mohsin, additional secretary of Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, said only addressing the ecological and environmental problems will not bring any sustainable result. Rather, it requires a holistic approach by all stakeholders to address the Rohingya issue.

Mohammed Shaiful Alam Chowdhury, chief conservator of forests, said immediate action should be taken to reduce pressure on forests by providing alternative fuel.

Anisul Islam Mahmud, minister for environment, forests and climate change, said the problem is not a simple one that can easily be managed.

"We tried rice husk and LPG as alternative fuel, but those did not get much success. Open kitchens or block kitchens can be a solution to the fuel problem," he added.

The minister said the Rohingya issue is not going to be over in the next few years, so a well-thought and well-managed approach is needed to address the fuel crisis.

Anisul, however, said the water scarcity problem is the biggest issue there, as there will be no water there after a certain time.

He questioned whether donor agencies will come to restore the environment in Bangladesh after the Rohingyas leave for their homeland.

## ACC to sue 6 DMCH

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commission has decided to file cases against the six after receiving the inquiry reports prepared by DAD Nurul.

The ACC inquiry found that before his dismissal, between 2009 and 2013, DMCH emergency in-charge Azizul had collected a total of 8,38,668 tickets from the hospital authorities.

Azizul misappropriated Tk 15.59 lakh as he deposited only Tk 66.15 lakh in the hospital accounts, although he had sold the tickets for Tk 81.75 lakh.

Moreover, he misappropriated another Tk 14.91 lakh as he deposited only Tk 23.47 lakh out of a Tk 38.38-lakh collection received from the admission of patients at the emergency.

Before being dismissed from the job, Azizul destroyed accounts records and other relevant documents to conceal his crime.

Another member of the staff, Shahjahan, received a total of 15,000 tickets, each worth Tk 10, between 2009 and 2010.

However, Shahjahan did not deposit Tk 1.5 lakh to the accounts and he destroyed relevant documents, said sources at the ACC.

Another staffer, Abu Hanif Bhuiyan, sold around 28,000 tickets to patients, but did not deposit Tk 2.8 lakh in the hospital's accounts.

Staff member Harunur also sold a total of 1.15 lakh tickets between 2009 and 2013, but did not deposit Tk 11.5 lakh in the accounts.

Alamgir sold 28,000 tickets to patients and misappropriated Tk 2.8 lakh between 2010 and 2012.

Similarly, Baten pocketed Tk 10 lakh after selling 1 lakh tickets between 2009 and 2010, said the ACC official.

## Petition filed

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Akond, an independent aspirant for Barishal-5 constituency by-polls, filed the petition, after he failed to secure signatures of one percent voters in the constituency in his nomination form.

In his petition, he argued any citizen over the age of 25 can contest the elections, as per the constitution.

But the Representation of People's Order (RPO) that requires signature from one percent voters in cases of independent aspirants is arbitrary and contrary to the constitution, he added.

Following the petition, the HC issued a rule questioning the legality of RPO provision.

## State obligated

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should be allocated accordingly for them.

Sultana Kamal, chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), said, "We wanted to see an independent nation where no one would be depending on others."

Referring to a government committee's recommendation of abolishing quota system for class-I and class-II jobs in civil service, she said,

"We need to see what measure would be taken for people with disabilities."

Nazma Ara Popi, general secretary of Visually Impaired People's Society (VIPS), stressed the need for leadership of women with disabilities. Leadership and participation of women with disabilities in social activities should be ensured since their contribution is necessary for inclusive growth, she said.

Ashrafunnahar Misti, executive director of the WDDE, in her keynote speech emphasised equal rights for people with disabilities in terms of education, health, employment, rehabilitation and legal access to justice.

# NEWS IN brief

## Nadia Anwar new AIUB chairperson

CITY DESK



Nadia Anwar was nominated the chairman of the Board of Trustees of American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), in the 136th board meeting on September 13, said a press release.

She is one of the founder members and the vice president of student affairs of the university.

Nadia is also a director of American Dairy Ltd (ADL) and Chemlube Ltd, the sole distributor of MAK Lubricant of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd in Bangladesh.

## FBCCI mourns Akram Hussain

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Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) expressed deep shock at the demise of Alhaj Muhammad Akram Hussain, a former president of the organisation.

Akram Hussain passed away yesterday at United Hospital, aged 70, said a press release. He was the president of FBCCI from 1990 to 1992. Akram Hussain will be buried after a namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Zohr prayers.

## Madrasa teacher

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marks by sharp weapons on the bodies.

Filing of a case was underway, the OC said.

Ibrahim has been serving as the superintendent of the madrasa for the last two years, and used to live in a room at the madrasa with his wife and her nephew. There are over 50 students at the madrasa, many of whom were taken home by their parents following the incident.

Gazipur Metropolitan Police Commissioner YM Belalur Rahman said an investigation is in progress, and hoped that the murder mystery will be solved soon.

## বিয়াম ফাউন্ডেশন

৬৩, নিউ ইকার্টন, ঢাকা।

### মুদ্রণের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিয়াম পরিচালিত শিক্ষা অভিযানসমূহের জন্য নিয়ামাকারীর দ্বারে সংরক্ষিত সিভিল মোতাবেক ২০১৮ সালের জন্য বই, খাতা ও ডায়েরি মুদ্রণের নিমিত্ত ৫টি প্যাকেজ / ফ্লেগ ((ফ্লেগ-ক-বই), (ফ্লেগ-খ-ডায়েরি), (ফ্লেগ-গ-অক-খাতা), (ফ্লেগ-ঘ-বালো খাতা) ও (ফ্লেগ-ইংরেজ ও অন্যান্য খাতা)) নিম্ন বর্ষিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী প্রিন্টস/ দ্বারা তার নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

#### শর্তাবলী ৪

১। ২৩.০৯.২০১৮ থেকে ০৭.১০.২০১৮ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিয়ামাকারীর অভিযান হতে নিয়ামাকারীর মূল রাখার সম্পর্কিত দরপত্রের সিভিল নগদ ১০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকা মূল্যে ত্রুট করা যাবে এবং ০৮.১০.২০১৮ তারিখে অপরাধ ০২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিয়ামাকারীর অভিযান কক্ষ সংরক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তু উত্তে দরপত্র জমা দিতে পারবেন।

২। দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার সময় প্রতি প্যাকেজ/ ফ্লেগ সিভিলে উল্লিখিত পরিমাণ সিক্রিটরিটি মানি জমা দিতে হবে।

৩। নির্বাচিত তিকানারের কার্যালয়ে দেয়ার সময় উচ্চত মূল্যের ২০% হারে পে-অর্ডার পারকরেমেস সিক্রিটরিটি হিসেবে জমা দিতে হবে।

৪। কার্যালয়ে দেয়ার ১৫ দিনের মধ্যে দরপত্র দাতাকে (বই, খাতা ও ডায়েরি)-এর ১ম প্রক্ষ/ ভায়ি এবং তার পরবর্তী ০৭ দিনের মধ্যে ২য় প্রক্ষ/ ভায়ি সরবরাহ করে পাত্তলিপি অপারেটরগণ কমিটির অনুমতি নথিপত্র সংগ্রহ করতে হবে। অপরাধের পরবর্তী ১৯ দিনের মধ্যে অর্ডার কার্যালয়ে দেয়ার তারিখের পরবর্তী ৮০ দিনের মধ্যে মূল্য সামগ্রী সরবরাহ নিশ্চিত করতে হবে।

৫। বিকারিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি [www.biam.org.bd](http://www.biam.org.bd) এবং বিয়াম ফাউন্ডেশনের শিক্ষা শাখায় পাওয়া যাবে।

৬। সর্বক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিক্রিটাই ছড়াত বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

পরিচালক (শিক্ষা)

বিয়াম ফাউন্ডেশন, ঢাকা।

## Introducing Breadfruit

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can grow over 80 feet tall. The backyard of the air force housing was not large, and if left there, the plant would outgrow the available area. Another fear was that the officers, who would occupy the house subsequently, would not know what it is and might remove it thinking it to be a useless tree. Dr. Zasimuddin of Dhaka University's Botany Department was asked if he would be interested to take it for research and propagation. The department authority was enthusiastic enough to come and take it away, and plant it in the department's garden.

After several years, this writer was invited by the department to see the tree -- now handsome, medium sized -- and the fruits it bore, which were quite delicious. This only proves that Bangladesh is suitable for breadfruit cultivation. Hopefully, the Botany Department of Dhaka University can evolve method of tissue culture for its rapid propagation. It can become an alternative food in Bangladesh.

## BSD concerned

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repressive law incorporating sections like Official Secrets Act.

He demanded to stop the move of passing the law.

Khalequzzaman also said chances of its misuse will be increased as the proposed law is going to give power to the police to conduct raids and arrest a person just based on permission from the director general of Digital Security Agency, and without any arrest warrant.

"In reality, steps are being taken to turn this country into a police state through this law," said Khalequzzaman.

## Compensation, not

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in the Himalaya to the north and sea level rise in the Bay of Bengal to the south," he said, adding, "As a result of India's unilateral withdrawal of three transboundary rivers, saline water intrusion into Bangladesh's inland will be massive."

Bangladesh has already instituted a USD 400 million national climate fund to tackle the challenge with local resources, he said.

## Madrasa

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she was told that the boy was in the bathroom.

Amir Hossain made similar excuses in the next two days, she said.

The incident came to light yesterday after Siam had fled the institution and explained the matter to his uncle Sirajul Islam.

Hafez Mohammad Selim, head of the madrasa, said the accused teacher escaped from the institute yesterday. He was unaware of the incident as the student did not inform him of the matter.

With marks of injuries, Siam was admitted to Kapasia Upazila Health Complex, said its Doctor Sama Begum.

As per the instruction of UNO Maqsudul Islam, the family was preparing to submit a written complaint to him in this regard.

## Issue gazette

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back to their studies.

He urged the authorities to ensure security on the campus as the students involved in the quota movement have been staying outside the campus due to lack of security over the past three months.

The reformists at the rally also demanded withdrawal of all "false and fabricated cases" filed against them and punishment for those who attacked them.

After the beating of Tarikul Islam Tarek, a joint convener of the platform, by activists of BCL during a demonstration of the reformists at the main gate of the university on July 2, reformist leaders have been staying off campus.

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR PREQUALIFICATION

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