



Transport workers stage a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding repeal of the newly passed Road Transport Act, which provides for a five-year jail sentence for killing a person by reckless driving.

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## Global warming above 1.5C threatens SDGs

Experts say at seminar in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the global community are unlikely to be achieved in case the target of limiting global warming to 1.5-degree Celsius fails permanently, climate experts said at a seminar in Dhaka yesterday.

"Though extremely difficult, we must make every effort to cap the global warming at 1.5 degree Celsius, or development would be extremely difficult," said Thomas Hirsch, chief executive of Germany-based Climate and Development Advice.

By 2030, a 1.5C rise in global temperature would still put 120 million more people in poverty posing a real threat to the SDG of no poverty, he said in a presentation at the seminar on sharing a report on climate change by ACT Alliance, a global coalition of churches.

ACT Alliance, German Protestant development agency Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World), and Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh organised it at The Daily Star Centre.

In the light of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's special report, finalised this month, on the impacts of the 1.5C rise above pre-industrial levels, he said restricting the rise to 1.5C would save 40 million people from hunger compared to 2C. The success of achieving the target would also protect 270 million people against water scarcity, he said.

The current emission level of annual greenhouse gases at

42 gigatons globally must fall to at least 30 gigatons by 2030 to make way for the 1.5C target, said Thomas, lead author of the ACT Alliance report. "But in view of the current climate deal compliance, most countries are not on the track."

While Asia and Africa are projected to suffer most from climate change impacts, half of the 90 percent of the population exposed to climate vulnerability are in South Asia, he said.

In the present realities of compliance with Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement, however, limiting warming to 2C would be a great achievement, as the world is heading for a 3C rise, said Fazle Rabbi Sadeque Ahmed, a director of Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF).

Unless the globally promised fund for climate adaptation and mitigation is released as expected, Bangladesh as one of the least developed countries should go ahead for development the way the developed world has done it, he said.

Failure to stay at 1.5C would foil climate adaptation and resilience initiatives, said Md Shamsuddoha, an author of the ACT Alliance report, in his presentation.

If global warming exceeds the target, the consequent sea-level rise would cause salinity intrusion and permanent inundation of territories, coastline and infrastructure, he said.

M Asaduzzaman, a distinguished fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, also spoke at the seminar while PKSF Chairman Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman moderated it.

## AL delegates to visit dev projects in China

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A 16-member delegation of the ruling Awami League is going to China today on invitation of the Communist Party of China to visit important development projects of the Chinese government.

The delegation led by AL presidium member Faruk Khan will also meet several Chinese ministers and the communist party leaders.

Other team members are Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Dr Shammi Ahmed, Delwar Hossain, Abdus Sobur, Shamsunnahar Chapa, Faridunnahar Laily, Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury, Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, Biplob Barua, Parvin Zaman Kalpana, Anwar Hossain, Merina Jahan, ABM Reazul Kabir Kawser, Raymond Areng and Tarun Kanti Das. They will return home on November 4.

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constituencies if BNP does not participate in the polls. We will have other plans, if BNP joins the election," he also said.

Ershad, also a special envoy to the prime minister said slogan of JP for the next election will be: "Again in state power holding hands of pallibandhu [Ershad]."

Ershad said nomination board of JP will be formed shortly. "Quality candidates will be given nomination after taking interviews. Jatiya Party will achieve good results in the next election." About the digital campaign, Ershad said the party's activities will be placed before 4.5 crore people everyday through the digital campaign; 40 IT experts will work in three shifts round the clock.

## Gonoshasthaya

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Sheikh Alamgir, administration officer of Gonoshasthaya Kendra, said they filed a written complaint but police were yet to record it. "If police don't take our complaint, we will go to court for justice."

Javed Masud, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Ashulia Police Station, said they are investigating the incident. But he denied receiving any written complaint from the Gonoshasthaya officials.

Meanwhile, Limon filed a written complaint with the police station yesterday, accusing two men and 12-13 unidentified persons of attacking him. Limon said police assured him of looking into the matter but they did not give him any document that they have received his complaint.

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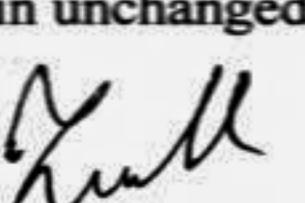
## CORRIGENDUM

Due to unavoidable circumstances IFT for supply of OT equipment & self leveling epoxy on floor & wall has been amended as under:

| Clause No. | Present Schedule                                       | Amended Schedule  |
|------------|--|---|
| 06.        | Schedule available - up to 31 October 2018             | Schedule will be available - up to 06 November 2018       |
| 08.        | Last date of dropping - 01 November 2018 at 12.00 Noon | Last date of dropping - 08 November 2018 up to 12.00 Noon |
| 09.        | Tender opening- 01 November at 12.30 Noon              | Tender opening 08 November 2018 at 12.30 Noon             |

Interested bidders may collect the amended schedule in the light of prebid meeting held on 24 October 2018.

All other terms and condition of the schedule will remain unchanged.

  
Prof. Zafar Ahmed Latif  
Director General  
BIRDEM General Hospital

## Probe body

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The committee, headed by Additional District Magistrate Ehtesham Reza, has been asked to file a report within three days. Highway police are also investigating the incident.

The DC gave Tk 20,000 each to the deceased's family and Tk 10,000 each for treatment of the injured, who are undergoing treatment at Panchagarh Sadar Hospital and Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

A case was filed with Panchagarh Police Station yesterday, said OC Abu Akhter Ahmad. Police are yet to detain the drivers.

Meanwhile, two people were killed after their motorbike was hit by a pick-up in Mohischar area of Madaripur around 7:00pm on Friday, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

The deceased are Kabir Khan, 35, of Shariatpur, and Mejbah Habibullah, 35, of Faridpur. Mejbah was a fireman of Madaripur Fire Service.

## NEWS IN brief

### Ayub Hossain fighting severe neurologic condition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Freedom fighter, author and journalist Ayub Hossain has been suffering from cervical myelopathy, a serious neurologic condition, for last two years, said a press release.

He is currently undergoing treatment at the neurology department of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital. His doctors have advised him to move to India for better treatment. Ayub is renowned for his editing of Aroj Ali Matubbar's books.

He is the president of Jono biggan foundation. He regularly organises science fair all over the country.

### Naripokkho condemns Buddhist temple vandalism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Condemning the attack on a Buddhist temple in Khagrachhari on October 22, Naripokkho in a statement yesterday said a judicial investigation should be conducted to find out and punish those behind the incident.

Miscreants vandalised Jatobon Buddhist Temple and a seven-foot Buddha statue at Kukichara village in Guimara upazila on Monday night, a day before Prabbarana Purnima.

In a democracy, it is the duty of the government to ensure security for all, irrespective of their caste and creed, the statement added.

### Rape of Rabi Das community girls protested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, RU

A human chain was formed in Rajshahi yesterday, demanding exemplary punishment for the accused, who raped two Rabi Das community girls in Gaibandha Sadar upazila on October 24.

Leaders and activists of Indigenous Students' Council and Rabidas community of Rajshahi formed the human chain in Saheb Bazar Zero point area.

### Discussion on expats' investment

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A discussion on the scope of expatriates' investments in Sylhet was held yesterday at the conference hall of Chamber Building in the city.

Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) arranged the discussion. Former governor of Bangladesh Bank Dr Mohammed Farashuddin was the chief guest.

The meeting was presided over by SCCI President Khandaker Shiper Ahmed while the keynote was placed by Dr Fazle Elahi Mohammad Faisal of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust).

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| 1. Ministry/Division                       | Ministry of Education/Secondary and Higher Education Division |
| 2. Agency                                  | Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education                 |
| 3. Client Name                             | Project Director  |
| 4. Client District                         | Dhaka   |
| 5. Expression of Interest for Selection of | Procurement Consultant  |
| 6. EOI Ref No                              | DSHE/ICTP-II-56/2018/SD/605                                   |
| 7. Date                                    | 25 October 2018   |

## KEY INFORMATION:

### FUNDING INFORMATION

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| 8. Source of Funds      | Government of Bangladesh |
| 9. Development Partners | N/A                      |

### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

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| 10. Project/Programme Code    | 224016600  |
| 11. Project/Programme Name    | ICT for Education in Secondary and Higher Secondary Level Project (Phase II) |
| 12. EOI Closing Date and Time | 11 November 2018 2:00 pm   |

### INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

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| 13. Brief Description of Assignment |
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