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Better hire a consultant

BRTA asks ministry for framing rules for Road Transport Act

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The Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) said it was unable to frame the rules for the Road Transport Act-2018 and asked the ministry concerned to hire a consultant instead.

The BRTA, the state's regulatory body for managing the sector and ensuring road safety, has sought from the road transport ministry Tk 30 lakh (Tk 250,000 per month) to appoint a consultant for a year.

The parliament passed the act on September 19 and the President approved it on October 8. But a gazette making the act effective could not be issued since the act does not have the rules that explains how the law would be enforced, the ministry said.

While the ministry said the lack of rules was the reason for the act not becoming effective, the road safety campaigners blamed it on mounting pressure of transport workers, who wanted some clauses of the act to be amended.

The ministry, however, did not accept the BRTA request for a consultant in October and formed a seven-member committee instead.

The committee, led by BRTA's director of administration, held a meeting on November 20 where the participants observed that skilled, experienced, and full-time employees were needed to prepare the rules.

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Firefighters spray water as thick smoke billows from a plastic factory in Islambagh area of Old Dhaka around 12:40pm yesterday.

PHOTO:
RASHED SHUMON

4th grader 'raped' in Moulvibazar

Father files case after arbitration not held as promised

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A fourth grader was allegedly raped by a man on Sunday in Kamalganj upazila.

The father of the 10-year-old victim on Wednesday filed a case against the accused with Kamalganj Police Station due to a delay in the promised village arbitration by elders.

He said his daughter was studying alone at home on Sunday evening, when Ruson Mia, 32, a local hen trader in the area, went inside and raped her.

When neighbours came running to help after hearing her screams, Ruson allegedly ran away.

The father added that "influential locals and elders" told him not to speak to journalists about the incident or take the

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'AFGHAN LIBRARY' India rebuffs Trump swipe at Modi

AFP, New Delhi

India yesterday rejected US President Donald Trump's comments mocking Prime Minister Narendra Modi for funding a library in Afghanistan, saying that New Delhi has provided \$3 billion in development assistance to the war-torn country.

The US president on Wednesday took a swipe at what he claimed were Modi's frequent comments on building the library: "You know what that is? That's like five hours of what we spend."

"And we're supposed to say, 'Oh, thank you for the library.' I don't know who's

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China rover reaches 'dark side' of moon

AFP, Beijing

A Chinese lunar rover landed on the far side of the moon yesterday, in a global first that boosts Beijing's ambitions to become a space superpower.

The Chang'e-4 probe touched down and sent a photo of the so-called "dark side" of the moon to the Queqiao satellite, which will relay communications to controllers on Earth, China's national space agency said on its website.

Beijing is pouring billions into its military-run space programme, with hopes of having a crewed space station by 2022, and of eventually sending humans to the moon.

The Chang'e-4 lunar probe mission -- named after the moon goddess in Chinese mythology -- launched in December from the southwestern Xichang launch centre.

It is the second Chinese probe to land on the moon, following the Yutu (Jade Rabbit) rover mission in 2013.

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Man killed in 'gunfight' between drug traders'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A man was killed in what police said was a "gunfight" between two groups of drug traders in Buripota village of Meherpur's Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The dead is Musaed Hossain, 38.

According to police, he was a listed drug dealer in the bordering areas of the district.

Rabiul Islam,

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'Why don't you die?'

Australian's fight with a spider sparks police call

REUTERS, Sydney

An Australian man triggered an emergency police response after a noisy exchange with a spider startled a passerby into reporting what sounded like a violent disturbance to the authorities, media reported.

A neighbour was walking past a house in the west coast city of Perth on Wednesday when they

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THE WORM CATCHER

A hungry White Wagtail, known as *Khonjona* in Bangla, catches a worm to feast on in the Mirpur Stadium. This sparrow sized long-tailed songbird is known for its speedy legs when catching insects on the ground.

PHOTO:
FIROZ AHMED

Jubo League man killed in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A Jubo League activist was stabbed to death allegedly by his rivals in Pirojpur Sadar upazila yesterday.

The victim is Shakil Ahmed Ashis, 40, of Daudpur village in the upazila.

His family members said Ashis went to Pirojpur judges' court to appear in a

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Khashoggi murder trial opens in Saudi Arabia

Prosecutor seeks death sentence for five accused

AFP, Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's attorney general sought the death penalty for five of 11 defendants charged with the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi as their high-profile trial opened in Riyadh yesterday.

All 11 accused were present with their lawyers at the opening hearing in the capital, according to a statement by the attorney general carried by the official Saudi Press

Agency.

The attorney general said Saudi Arabia had twice submitted formal requests for evidence from Turkey -- where Khashoggi was murdered inside the kingdom's Istanbul consulate -- but had received no response.

The names of the defendants have not been officially released. Five top officials in Saudi Arabia -- including royal court insider


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PRAYER TIMING JANUARY 4

Fazr Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:30	4:00	5:30
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:15	5:35
	5:35	7:30	

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বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ইলেকট্রনিক ব্যবস্থায় লেনদেন করুন

সাশ্রয়ী, গতিশীল ও নিরাপদ থাকুন

বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক পরিচালিত ৩টি ইলেকট্রনিক ব্যবস্থায় কম খরচে দ্রুত ও নিরাপদে ব্যাংকিং করুন, যেখানে-

- সময় বাঁচবে
- নগদ বহনের ঝুঁকি নেই
- খরচ কমবে
- জাল নোটের ঝুঁকি নেই

১) বাংলাদেশ ইলেকট্রনিক ফান্ডস ট্রান্সফার নেটওয়ার্ক (BEFTN)

এই লেনদেন ব্যবস্থায় কোনো ফি ছাড়াই সহজে আপনি যে সব সেবা পাবেন :

- নিজের ব্যাংক হিসাব হতে অন্য যে কোনো ব্যাংকের গ্রাহকের হিসাবে টাকা পাঠানো;
- প্রতিষ্ঠানের কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের মাসিক বেতন-ভাতা পরিশোধ;
- গ্রাহককে ডিভিডেন্ট, ইন্টারেস্ট প্রভৃতি পরিশোধ;
- গ্রাহকের ব্যাংক হিসাব হতে বিদ্যুৎ, পানি, গ্যাস বিল, ঋণের কিস্তি, বীমা প্রিমিয়াম আদায়।

২) বাংলাদেশ রিয়েল টাইম গ্রুপ সেটেলমেন্ট (BD-RTGS)

এই লেনদেন ব্যবস্থায় আপনি এক মুহূর্তেই নিজের ব্যাংক হিসাব হতে এক লক্ষ বা তার বেশি অঙ্কের টাকা অন্য যে কোনো ব্যাংকের গ্রাহকের হিসাবে পাঠাতে পারেন, যাতে সর্বোচ্চ ফি মাত্র ১০০ টাকা।

৩) ন্যাশনাল পেমেন্ট সুইচ বাংলাদেশ (NPSB)

এই লেনদেন ব্যবস্থায় আপনি ডেবিট কার্ড, ক্রেডিট কার্ড ও ব্যাংক হিসাবের মাধ্যমে যে কোনো ব্যাংকের ATM, POS ও ইন্টারনেট ব্যাংকিং ব্যবস্থা ব্যবহার করে যে সব সেবা পাবেন :

- কোনো ফি ছাড়াই নিজ ব্যাংকের ATM এ নগদ টাকা তোলা, ব্যালেন্স অনুসন্ধান এবং হিসাব বিবরণী সংগ্রহ;
- অন্য ব্যাংকের ATM এ ১৫ টাকা ফি-তে নগদ টাকা তোলা এবং ৫ টাকা ফি-তে ব্যালেন্স অনুসন্ধান ও হিসাব বিবরণী সংগ্রহ;
- কোনো ফি ছাড়াই POS এর মাধ্যমে পণ্য/সেবার মূল্য পরিশোধ;
- কোনো ফি ছাড়াই ইন্টারনেট ব্যাংকিংয়ের মাধ্যমে নিজের ডেবিট কার্ড, ক্রেডিট কার্ড ও ব্যাংক হিসাব হতে অন্য ব্যাংকের গ্রাহকের হিসাবে এক মুহূর্তেই টাকা পাঠানো।

এ বিষয়ে বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য আপনার ব্যাংক শাখায় যোগাযোগ করুন অথবা বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের পেমেন্ট সিস্টেমস বিভাগের মহাব্যবস্থাপক-কে ই-মেইল করুন : gmpsd@bb.org.bd