



Due to siltation and emergence of shoals, vessels plying Kirtankhola river in Barishal continue to face navigability problems. In addition, an absence of planned dredging causes gradual decrease in its flow. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anita Rani, 26, wife of Bijoy Tigga, has been suffering from kidney disease for the last couple of years.

She is currently undergoing treatment at Kidney Foundation Hospital and Research Institute in Dhaka, said a press release.

As per doctor's suggestion, she needs transplanting both her kidneys which are completely damaged.

The transplantation and subsequent treatment costs will be around Tk 7 lakh. Her family is unable to arrange the money. They have requested all to come forward to save Anita.

Financial assistance can be sent to: Bijoy Tigga, A/C No. 1501102588352001, Gulshan Branch, Brac Bank. The family could be reached at 01723417272.

Early marriage

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Bandopadhyay of Radiation Oncology department at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Prof Syed Abdul Hamid, director of Institute of Health Economics of Dhaka University, urged the authorities to increase treatment facilities at government hospitals.

AFM Alamgir, governor, Rotary International District 32281, and singer Samina Chowdhury also attended the event.

DU accounting alumni reunion held

DU CORRESPONDENT

The 11th reunion of Dhaka University Accounting Alumni Association was held on the university campus yesterday.

The daylong programme was inaugurated by DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Akhtaruzzaman on the field of Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) at 9:30am.

Several thousand alumni attended the event and met their old friends and peers.

Musharraf Hossain, a BBA graduate from the 10th batch, said it is a great opportunity to meet friends and peers.

Swadesh Ranjan Biswas, president of the alumni, presided over the programme, while AK Azad, president of Dhaka University Alumni Association and Prof Riazur Rahman Chowdhury, chair of accounting department, attended.

Ctg residents

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should be increased," he said.

Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, chairman of Bangladesher Mukti Sangram O Muktijuddho Gobeshona Kendro, said, "Water is a basic need of people and it should be supplied at the lowest possible price."

Contacted, AKM Fazlullah, managing director of CWasa, said they were compelled to increase the rate as the production and maintenance cost have increased.

"Our production cost is Tk 14 per thousand litres and we supply the same to people at Tk 9.42 at present," he said. "We have taken loans from foreign agencies, which we will have to pay with interest."

"Moreover, the rate of electricity and chemicals has increased; we have no other alternatives but to increase the price," he said.

Regarding system loss, Fazlullah said, it has increased recently due to leaks in pipes as a result of some ongoing projects.

"System loss is a common phenomenon... system loss in Dhaka is over 22 percent while that in Karachi is 40 percent. It is also over 25 percent in India and Singapore," he claimed.

He said they tried to reduce the system loss but they need more time as most pipes are very old. A project is underway to replace the pipes, which will be completed by 2020, he added.

5 jail guards suspended for assaulting journo

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Five guards of Barishal Central Jail were suspended yesterday for beating a journalist inside the jail.

The suspended guards are Ujjal Mia, Abu Bakor Siddique Khokon, Sayeed, Abul Khair and Kawsar, said Prashanta Kumar Banik, superintendent of the jail.

The incident took place in the afternoon when Shamim Ahmed, a photojournalist of Bangla daily Jugantor, on information that government-sanctioned food grains belonging to the jail were being taken away from the jail for selling at local markets, went to the area.

Shamim, after seeing two rickshaw-vans loaded with 11 sacks of wheat in front of the jail gate on Sadar Road, started taking pictures.

"Suddenly, five to six persons swooped

on me. They dragged me inside the jail and started hitting me," Shamim told The Daily Star. He said he received primary treatment at Barishal General Hospital.

When the news spread, local journalists rushed to the spot and rescued him, he added.

The jail superintendent said, "We have investigated the matter and found involvement of our men in the beating. So, we suspended them." Filing of a case is underway, he added.

When asked about the wheat sacks, he said those were being taken from the guards' mess for selling. He did not elaborate any further.

Meanwhile, Barishal Reporters' Unity and Sangbadik Union condemned the incident and demanded punishment for those involved.

Will provide constructive criticism of govt: GM Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party co-chairman and deputy leader of the opposition in parliament GM Quader yesterday said they will offer constructive criticism to help the government rectify its mistakes.

"People of the country don't like destructive politics. That's why Jatiya Party will offer constructive criticism to help the government understand its mistakes. We will help ensure

a government with accountability," he said.

The Jatiya Party leader came up with the remarks at a reception programme accorded to him and JP Secretary General Moshir Rahman Ranga.

Mohammadpur Thana Unit of JP organised the reception programme at a community centre in the capital.

GM Quader said as opposition MPs, JP lawmakers will speak in favour of the

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Climate change may cause

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Referring to temperature rise, salinity intrusion into inland rivers, erratic rainfall, tidal surge and river bank erosion, he said that loss of traditional habitat and livelihood may lead to mass migration.

Though at present Bangladesh is reasonably prepared to tackle natural disasters, the country is not ready to face the increased scale of disasters to be caused by climate change in the next three decades, he said.

Brig Gen (retd) Ali Ahmed Khan,

director general of Fire Service and Civil Defence, said that Dhaka is one of the cities most vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters, thanks to unplanned urbanisation, unregulated building construction and destruction of wetlands.

Hitoshi Hirata, chief representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency in Bangladesh, said, "We must continue to increase capacity for resilience to climate change."

Hiroyasu Izumi, ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh, also spoke at the inaugural session.

Trucker responsible

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Earlier on Wednesday, Ahona was driving home from Old Dhaka around 4am when a sand-laden truck hit her car in Uttara sector-7.

Ahona came down from the car and charged the trucker. At one stage of the altercation, the truck driver tried to drive off, and the actress tried to climb on the vehicle.

He sped off with Ahona hanging by the door and snaked the vehicle at high speed to throw her off for around one kilometre. She was severely injured when the truck flipped over and some stones fell on her at Uttara sector-12.

Ahona is currently undergoing treatment in Uttara Crescent Hospital. "I'm suffering from severe pain and the doctors have asked me to stay here for a few more days," Ahona told The Daily Star yesterday.

SNAPS & snippets



Prof Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, vice chancellor of Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur, being decorated with the rank and badges of major by Brig Gen Abdul Baten Khan, director general of Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) and Lt Col Towfique Nowshad, director (training) of BNCC, at BNCC Headquarters in Dhaka recently.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

M Mansur Ali's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 16th death anniversary of M Mansur Ali, a former minister.

On this occasion, M Mansur Ali Smriti Sangsad will hold a discussion on his life and a doa mahfil at Satkhira Zila Samity Office 44, F/7 (3rd floor) in the capital's Panthapath area, says a press release.

He served as the textile minister in 1979 and was the president and general secretary of Khulna Bar Association.

Friends, relatives and admirers are requested to attend the programme.

Freedom fighter Kabir Ahmed dies

CITY DESK

War wounded freedom fighter Kabir Ahmed passed away on January 11, at his residence in Dhanmondi, said a press release.

He left behind his wife, two sons, four siblings and grandchildren to mourn his death.

Kabir, director of Popular Advertising Ltd, was buried yesterday with guard of honour at his family graveyard in East Bashikpur, Feni, after a namaz-e-janaza.

Legal Notice

IN SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 386 OF 2018

An application under section 228 read with section 229 of the Companies Act, 1994.

IN THE MATTER OF:

- Royal Footwear Limited bearing Reg. No-C-113811, Date-30/01/2014, House No.407, Road No.29, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka, Represented by its Managing Director Md. Zakir Hossain Patowary.
- JBM Knitwear Limited bearing Reg. No- C-63002, Date-30/07/2006, 49, East Tejuri Bazar, Tejgaon, Dhaka, Represented by its Chairman Md. Billal Hossain.

-Versus- Petitioner
Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhaban, 6th Floor, 1 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 228 read with section 229 of the companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioners for amalgamation of both the companies as per Sub-clause 8 of Clause III of the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner No. 1 Company and sub-clause 33 of Clause III of the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner No. 2 Company. Upon preliminary hearing of the Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division comprising of Mr. Justice K.M. Kamrul Kader was pleased to admit the said application on 27.12.2018 and the matter is fixed for hearing on 14.01.2019 any person interested in the said application may appear for hearing either himself or through his advocate before Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

Syed Al Asafur Ali
Advocate
Supreme Court of Bangladesh

Chamber: Suite No.7/D (7th Floor), Meherba Plaza, 33, Topkhana Road, Paltan, Dhaka

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