

# Young writers find

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narrates various aspects of complexities in modern relationship. Abdullah Al Imran, who is also known for investigative journalism at a private TV channel, said that everyone has a "Hridayer Dokhin Duar" (door to the heart) and while someone can open that door, some cannot. Many wait throughout the year for the biggest book fair in the country to make their debut as writers. "When I submitted the manuscript of my debut novel 'Shomeshwari' to Desh Publication, the publisher encouraged me immensely and launched my book at this year's fair," said Lubna Zerlin Laboni, a student of marketing department at DU. Depression and suicide are serious issues of our times, and the message of my novel is that life is beautiful, whatever the circumstance might be. "Book fair creates a link between writers and publisher. Here, new writers get together almost every day and I'm still learning from senior writers," she added. Meanwhile, Daily Star Books, the books wing of the daily, has published four new books at the fair this year. The books are: "Bangladesh Style of Citation of Legal Authorities" by Md Rizwanul Islam, Nauriin Ahmed and K Shamsuddin Mahmood; "Abul Mansur Ahmad-er Jibon Darshan o Srijon Bhubon" by Dr Md Genghis Khan; "Bangali Musolman-er Buddhibratik Bibhrom o Biswasheenota" by Syed Abul Maksud; and "Abul Mansur Ahmed-er Prashongikota" by Emran Mahfuz.



RU VC Prof Abdus Sobhan places a wreath on the grave of martyred teacher Prof Dr Shamsuzzoha. Prof Zoha was shot dead by Pakistani army on February 18, 1969, when he tried to stop them from attacking students. RU yesterday asked that the government declare the anniversary of his death as National Teachers' Day. PHOTO: COLLECTED

# NEWS IN brief

## Jatka Protection Week begins on March 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
"Jatka Protection Week 2019" will begin on March 10 and continue till March 16, across 37 districts in the country. The decision came in a meeting of the national taskforce on hilsa development held at the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock at the secretariat in Dhaka, said a press release. During the protection week, use of illegal net for catching hilsa will be strictly prohibited and government will also conduct various awareness building programmes against fishing jatka (young hilsa less than nine inches in length). State Minister for Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock Ashraf Ali Khan Khoshru presided over the meeting while Secretary Raisul Alam Mandal was present.

## Chevron distributes warm clothes among underprivileged

CITY DESK  
The Bangladesh chapter of Chevron's XYZ Network and Policy, Government and Public Affairs (PGPA) department have collaborated on a winter clothing collection drive, says a press release. Cash donations from employees of Chevron's Dhaka office and three gas fields of Bibiyana, Jalalabad and Moulvibazar and cash contribution from PGPA were used to purchase around 1,300 blankets. These blankets, along with voluntary donations of assorted winter clothes, were distributed at separate events among underprivileged communities in Dhaka, and near Chevron's three gas fields.

## Joy turns to sorrow

### Schoolboy dies as picnic bus plunges into roadside ditch in Panchagarh

STAR REPORT  
A bus, with 65 students and 10-12 teachers of a high school, was going to a picnic spot in Panchagarh yesterday. On the way, one of the students of Rosea High School lost his life instantly as the bus fell into a roadside ditch in Kalitala Rowshonpur village. The deceased, Sajib Singh (12), was a class six student. Twenty-four were also injured in the accident, said police. The accident happened around 11am as the driver of the bus lost control over the vehicle, said Jahurul Islam, officer-in-charge of Tentulia Police Station. During the accident, the vehicle was plying on a clay road, he added. On information, firefighters rushed to the spot, rescued the injured and took them to a local hospital.

## GAS CRISIS IN CTG

### Rush at restaurants and electric appliance stores

MOHAMMAD SUMAN, Ctg  
Gas supply remained suspended in one-third area of port city for the third consecutive day yesterday, intensifying public distress and forcing many to buy food from restaurants. A large number of people are also buying electric kitchen appliances and gas cylinders, prompting traders to allegedly hike up prices. Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDC) published an announcement in local daily newspapers on Sunday about the supply suspension but the authorities did not mention when they will be able to resume the supply. The gas supply was suspended after an excavator of Chattogram City Corporation mistakenly made a hole in the pipeline during digging work in Maiteeli canal beside Akmal Ali Road on February 16 afternoon. M Shakil Ahmed, a Customs official from Bashundhara residential area adjacent to Halishahar, told The Daily Star that it was difficult to manage food since Saturday due to shortage of gas in the area, adding that he had been compelled to buy gas cylinder and burner for cooking. "I bought a gas cylinder which cost Tk 2,500; it was being sold at Tk 2,100 before the gas crisis," he said. Rafiqul Islam, gas cylinder and electric kitchen appliances trader at a shop adjacent to Enayet Bazar Mosque, admitted to charging extra, claiming that wholesalers had increased prices due to high demand. Mohammad Sohel, a resident of Port Colony, said they were depending on food from restaurants for the past three days, adding that there were long queues and sometimes the eateries run out of food too. Like Shakil and Sohel, residents of several other areas described similar ordeal to this newspaper. Upon visiting some electronic shops, it was found that demand of electric ovens and rice cookers have increased.

## CEC instructs law enforcers

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"EC will use EVMs in every Sadar upazila of the country during polls," Helal told reporters at Nirbachan Bhaban. The first of the five-phase polls will be held in 87 upazilas on March 10, while 124 upazilas will go to polls in the second phase on March 18. The third phase election of 127 upazila parishads will be held on March 24. EC officials said they are planning to hold the next two phases of the election on March 31 and June 18 respectively.

## 29.60 acres of Dhaleshwari River grabbed: survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A survey report by Manikganj district administration revealed that a total of 29.60 acres of the Dhaleshwari River in the district have been encroached by land grabbers. The district administration yesterday submitted the report to the High Court (HC) bench of Justice Moeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraf Kamal, through the office of the attorney general. According to the report, two private companies, a non-government organisation and 46 individuals have grabbed the land. Two illegal structures have been built in the area and rampant sand-filling is also taking place. The HC on October 23 last year ordered the district administration to submit a survey report following a writ petition filed by rights organisation Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh. Advocate Manzill Murshid yesterday submitted another petition to the court seeking necessary orders on the government to evict all grabbers from the river. The bench fixed February 25 for hearing and passing order.

## APPEAL FOR HELP



STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
Nawar Khan Rushan, 8, has been suffering from cardiac ailments since his birth. Doctors say he needs open heart surgery in India. His family has already spent Tk 20 lakh. Now Tk 30 lakh more is required for his treatment. Aid can be sent to Nazia Hasan Rupa, A/C No: 127-101-260317, Dutch-Bangla Bank, Barishal Branch. bKash: 01631-853351.

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## Writ petition demands appointment of doctors in jail hospitals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT  
A writ petition was filed with the High Court yesterday seeking a directive on the government to appoint doctors to fill the 120 vacant posts at 68 jail hospitals across the country. Supreme Court lawyer JR Khan Rabin submitted the petition and prayed to the court to ensure adequate living facilities for the inmates. According to the petition, only nine doctors are providing treatment to 89,000 inmates in 68 jail hospitals across the country -- while 120 posts are vacant. "Treatment to inmates is being hampered due to shortage of doctors in jail hospitals," the lawyer also argued.

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