

## AG not working for state: SCBA president

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Outgoing president of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) Advocate Zainul Abedin yesterday said Attorney General Mahbub Alam is working for the government, and not for the state. Zainul, a vice-chairman of BNP, said every time the High Court granted bail to Khaleda Zia in a case, the attorney general's office filed a petition with the apex court seeking stay on the HC order. He was addressing a press conference at the SCBA auditorium. Zainul demanded immediate release of his client Khaleda Zia and said the government is pushing her towards death day by day. The outgoing SCBA executive committee will hand over responsibilities to the new committee led by Advocate AM Aminudin tomorrow. Elections to SCBA's executive committee was held on March 13-14.

## Free flow of information must for agri advancement

Speakers tells dialogue STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The agriculture sector can be revolutionised if a free and open flow of information is ensured, particularly among farmers and journalists, said speakers at a dialogue yesterday. The sector has improved a lot in recent decades. It will advance further if the government keeps farmers updated about new agricultural innovations, helping them increase productions, they said. The dialogue -- "Agro-based Media Dialogue 2019" -- was organised by Agriculture Information Service of the agriculture ministry in Dhaka. Agriculture Minister Abdur Razzaque was chief guest at the event. Dhaka University Associate Prof Shameem Reza, Agriculture Ministry Secretary Md Nasiruzzaman, AIS Director Nurul Islam and journalists spoke at the dialogue.

## Aspirants gear up for 1st M'singh city polls

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

With date for submission of candidature approaching, aspirants for the maiden election to Mymensingh City Corporation (MCC) have already started working in their respective areas. The election to MCC will be held on May 5, Election Commission announced on March 25. As per schedule, EC set April 8 for submission of nomination papers, April 10 for scrutinising those and April 17 for withdrawal. Meanwhile, city unit of Awami League (AL) on Tuesday sent a proposal of six mayoral aspirants to the central committee. They are: city AL president Ehteshamul Alam, its secretary Mohit-ur-Rahman Shanto, vice president Ekramul Haque Titu, executive member AKM Sajjad Hossain Shaheen, member Faramarge Al Noor Rajib and former general secretary Sadek Khan Milky Toju. Ekramul, former mayor of Mymensingh municipality, is the incumbent administrator of MCC. Except for him, all are new faces, AL sources said. Other parties are also gearing up for the polls. Abu Musa Sarker, joint secretary of Jatiya Party's district unit, has joined the race for mayoral post. His posters are pasted in different areas of the city. Monira Begum Anu, district unit member of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) and president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad's Mymensingh district unit, announced her candidature as per party's decision. For many residents, Ekramul is a known figure as he started his career as a councillor of Mymensingh municipality, then became a panel mayor, and later was elected mayor. Among other AL nomination seekers, Alam and Shanto have strong grassroots support, according to party sources. Shanto is son of former minister for religious affairs Principal Motiur Rahman.

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## 'Save us from pollution'

Savar residents urge govt at discussion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Residents at a discussion yesterday urged the government to take immediate steps to curb pollution as living conditions in Savar have deteriorated due to indiscriminate waste dumping.

They said different factories, including those located in Dhaka export processing zone, and the newly relocated tanneries, continue to dump waste in rivers, canals and other waterbodies in Savar, posing health risks to locals.

Over a 1,000 people and high officials from the government and non-government organisations participated in the discussion, where people spoke about their concerns.

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD), Nijera Kori, Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and Nodi O Poribesh Unnyan Parishad organised the event at Savar Golf Club auditorium.

Lawmaker Saber Hossain Chowdhury, chief of parliamentary standing committee on environment, was present as chief guest. Lawmaker Rezaul Karim Bablu



Garbage remains piled up beside Kornopara canal.

PHOTO: STAR

and Khodeza Nasrin Akhter Hosen, both members of the committee on environment, and Dr Sultan Ahmed, director general of Department of Environment, were present as special guests.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela; Shamsul Huda, executive director of ALRD; Ifekharuzzaman, executive director of TIB; and Shamsul Haque, president of Nodi O Poribesh, were present, among others.

Savar. Dumping of tannery waste is spreading toxic gas in adjacent areas.

Alamgir Hossen, a resident of Tannery area, said his family members have been facing breathing problems since the tanneries were shifted there.

Abdul Halim, a resident of Ashulia, said, "We used to catch fish in Dholai Beel, one of the largest waterbodies in Savar. Its water has become severely polluted due to liquid waste."

Sohel Ahmed, a resident of Baliapur, said Dhaka city corporations are dumping waste in the area polluting the environment.

Urging authorities to take steps, Jesmin Akter, a resident of Savar municipality area, said waste is being dumped beside the highways and roads.

Hazi Abdul Goni, mayor of Savar municipality, urged the government to save Bongshi river from pollution and grabbers.

Assuring residents, Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, "I will discuss the issues in today's parliamentary meeting." A monitoring cell can be formed to address the concerns, he suggested.

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## 1,700 lives lost in passenger vessel capsized in 27 years

Shipping Department DG tells discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Accidents in the country's river routes have claimed over 3,600 lives between 1991 and 2018, Shipping Department Director General Commodore Syed Ariful Islam said yesterday.

Of them, some 1,700 lives were lost due to capsizing of passenger vessels, he told a discussion at the capital's Cirdap.

The Shipping Department arranged the discussion, marking Maritime Safety Week-2019 that began on March 30.

Ariful said the department arranged a public hearing to learn about the causes behind the accidents.

People pointed to overloading, bad weather, human error, poor management of river routes and inland ports, lack of awareness among passengers and owners, lack of navigability, unauthorised ship-building and negligence in vessel maintenance as

some of the reasons behind accidents on rivers, he said.

Accidents mainly occurred due to overloading, collision, inclement weather, fire and explosion, and bottom damage, he claimed.

Ariful said passenger vessel accidents were comparatively low considering overall river route accidents. March to May is a risky period for river routes, as most accidents occurred during this time. The month of May saw the most number of accidents.

He said the department has taken multiple measures to reduce accidents on the rivers.

"At present, we thoroughly check design of a ship during its building," he added.

He said some three to four lakh people travel on the country's river routes each day. Of them, some 50,000 passengers travel from Dhaka alone.

This number increases four to five times during long weekends and other

holidays, he said, adding that the country has five large terminals, six medium terminals, and 133 small launch terminals.

Prof Mir Tareque Ali, head of the department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at Buet, said to reduce accidents on rivers, unauthorised vessels like speedboats should be brought under certain rules.

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury said the ministry is working to ensure safety at launch terminals and enhance passenger services.

Chief Whip of the National Parliament Noor-e-Alam Chowdhury said an elaborate time-bound plan is required to turn the shipping sector into a profitable one.

Shipping Secretary Md Abdus Samad and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority Chairman Commodore Mahub-ul-Islam, among others, spoke at the event.

## RAPE AT SUBARNACHAR

## Mahila Parishad demands justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) yesterday demanded justice for the woman in Noakhali's Subarnachar, who was raped after Sunday's upazila election. Her campaigning for an upazila vice chairman candidate, as reported earlier, made her the target of supporters of the rival candidate.

The rights organisation at a press conference expressed concern over the gang rape victim receiving justice, following a visit to the area by a five-member team of BMP the day before. They spoke to the victim at Noakhali General Hospital and the district civil surgeon. The team also met the district superintendent of police and the deputy commissioner, and handed them a memo-

andum seeking justice and protection of the woman, BMP said in a press statement.

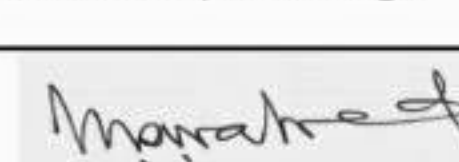
The administration should be able to work without being politically influenced, said Ayesha Khanam, president of BMP.

The victim -- a mother of six -- told BMP that she campaigned for Tajuddin Babar.

Supporters of his rival candidate Farhad Hossain Chowdhury Bahar hurled abuse at her on her way back home after casting vote.

As she and her husband set off for home on a motorbike later that evening, seven to eight people intercepted them and beat her husband up. Three people -- Bechu Majhi, Fazlu and Abul Bashar -- then raped her.

Both Farhad, winner in Sunday's polls, and Tajuddin, are supporters of Awami League.

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House # 6, Road # 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212	
Tender Ref. no 42.06.2626.101.06.001.19.-0589	Date : 02 April, 2019
<b>Invitation of Tender for Construction of CEGIS Office Building (Civil Construction) for CEGIS Bhaban at Plot No. F-14/E, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka</b>	
1 Name of Organization	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS)
2 Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, CEGIS Office Building Construction Project
3 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
4 Invitation for	Tender for Procurement of Works
5 Invitation Ref No. & Date	42.06.2626.101.06.001.19.-0589, 02 April, 2019
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>	
6 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>	
7 Source of Fund	CEGIS Fund
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>	
8 Project name	CEGIS Office Building Construction Project
9 Tender Package Name	Tender for Construction of the CEGIS Office Building (Civil Construction) at Plot No. F-14/E, Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar
10 Tender Last Selling Date	02 May, 2019
11 Tender Closing Date & Time	05 May, 2019, by 03:30 p.m.
12 Tender Opening Date & Time	05 May, 2019, 04:30 p.m.
13 Name & Address of the office for Selling, receiving & opening of Tender Document	Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services House # 6, Road # 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212
14 Place, date and time of Pre-tender meeting	Conference Room, CEGIS, House 6, Road 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 Date: 28 April, 2019, Time: 10:30 a.m.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>	
15 Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	Tenderers shall have the following minimum level of eligibility and qualification criteria: (a) Successfully completed construction of a 10 storied building with 3 basements within the last 7 years under single contract, with a minimum value of Tk. 20 (Taka Twenty) crores, (b) Tenyears general experience in construction works. (c) The average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk. 12 (twelve) crores over the best 3 years of the last 5 years (d) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 3 (three) crores (e) The minimum Tender capacity shall be Tk. 18 (Eighteen) crores and other criteria specified in Tender Documents.
16 Brief Description of Works	Construction of CEGIS Office Building (Civil Construction as per tender document)
17 Price of Tender Document	Tk. 5000.00 (Taka Five thousand) only (non-refundable)
18 Tender Security	Tk.50.00 (fifty) lac. in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favor of CEGIS
19 Completion Time	24 (twenty four) months
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>	
20 Name, Designation and Address/Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Sarfaraz Wahed, Project Director, CBCP CEGIS, House # 6, Road # 23/C, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 Phone # 88-02-58817649-52, E-mail: mswahed@cegisbd.com
21 Tenderers having quoted the tender price more than 10 (Ten) % above or below the official cost estimate, the tender will be treated as non-responsive	
22 The Tenderers not fulfilling the criterion mentioned in Sl. No. 15 shall be treated as non-responsive	
23 The lowest responsive Tenderers fulfilling the criterion mentioned in Sl. No.15 shall be awarded, if no arithmetical anomalies are found in the amount bid	
24 The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	
 Md. Sarfaraz Wahed, Project Director, CBCP	

## PUSHED TO DEATH Wasim's body exhumed for autopsy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The body of Wasim Adnan -- a Sylhet Agricultural University student who was pushed off a bus and run over last month -- was exhumed for autopsy yesterday, as per a court order.

A Moulvibazar court had issued the order on Tuesday, said Sub-inspector Gius Uddin of Moulvibazar Police Station, investigation officer of the case.

Moulvibazar Additional Superintendent of Police Md Rashedul said after the incident, his family members had initially decided to bury the victim without autopsy.

Moulvibazar Model Police Station OC Sohel Ahmed said Moulvibazar Chief Judicial Magistrate Kazi Bahauddin sent bus driver Jewel Ahmed, 30; and his helper Mashuk Mia, 31; to remand. After remand, they were sent to jail through court.

Wasim, a fourth-year student of the biotechnology and genetic engineering department of the university, was run over by a bus after its helper pushed him off the vehicle at Sherpur in Sadar upazila of Moulvibazar on March 23.

On March 25, SAU authorities filed a case against the bus driver, his helper and supervisor over Wasim's death. The driver and helper were arrested shortly after the incident, and during primary interrogation, both confessed to their involvement.

## DEATH OF RAJIB Hearing on compensation rule April 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday set April 10 for hearing on a previous rule issued on May 8 last year, over compensating Tk 1 crore to the family of Rajib Hossain, who died after losing his hand that got stuck between two buses in the capital on April 2018.

Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Md Khairul Alam set the date following a prayer by writ petitioner Barrister Ruhul Quddus Kazal, seeking a date for the hearing.

On April 3, 2018, the third-year student of Government Titumir College lost his right hand after it got stuck between two speeding buses of BRTC and Sajan Paribahan, which were trying to overtake each other in Bangla Motor area in Dhaka.

On April 4 last year, HC directed owners of the buses to bear all treatment costs of Rajib, and issued a rule asking the government and bus owners to explain why they should not be directed to pay Tk 1 crore in compensation.

Rajib died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on April 17, after two weeks in coma. On May 8, HC ordered the bus companies to pay Tk 1 crore to Rajib's family as compensation. BRTC and Sajan Paribahan challenged the HC order.

On May 22, the SC stayed the HC order and asked it to form an independent committee to assess the liabilities.

The committee in its report said reckless driving was the "primary cause of the accident" and blamed Sajan Paribahan for the incident. Deputy Attorney General Motaher Hossain Sazu represented the state.




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