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A white lotus in full bloom is a sight for sore eyes. This photo was taken from a pond beside Barishal city's Raja Bahadur Road recently. According to locals, the bloom season for these flowers lasts till July. The waterbody is fondly known as "pond of the white lotus".

'Won't let it happen this time'

Says Ctg district admin about price hike during Ramadan; starts drive

Chattogram district administration yesterday launched a drive in kitchen markets across the port city to contain price hike of essentials during Ramadan.

At Khatunganj wholesale market, a date seller was fined Tk 2,000 for not displaying price list.

Another seller was fined Tk 10,000 for preserving dates in an unhygienic way.

At Riazuddin Bazar, a grocery and a broiler chicken shop were also fined for not displaying price lists.

At a recent meeting with businessmen, administration officials asked them to hang price list, properly preserve food commodities and issue sale receipts to customers. They were also warned of punitive measures upon failure to follow the procedures.

Mohammad Delwar Hossen, additional deputy commissioner of Chattogram district administration, told The Daily Star that they formed four teams to conduct drives. "Every day, the teams will go to different kitchen markets so that traders cannot hike the prices of essentials.

He said it has become a trend whenever a special event approaches, prices of commodities go up.

Unscrupulous traders increase prices of food items during Ramadan and take advantage of the high demand of certain food items, the ADC said.

"We won't let it happen this time," he added.

Minister for research to increase forest land

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Md Shahab Uddin asked the forest academy officials to engage in intensive research to increase forest land in the wake of illegal deforestation.

He emphasised research while discussing as chief guest at a meeting organised by Bangladesh Forest Research Institute at Sholoshahar yesterday.

He said the environment would be in good health if forests were conserved.

"BFRI is already engaged in several research projects where they are doing good work. I hope their research helps us rejuvenate extinct species of flora and increase forest land," he said.

He also ordered forest officials to stop illegal felling of forest trees.

'A pre-planned murder'

PBI presses charges against six for killing student couple in Rajshahi hotel

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Turning down previous police findings and forensic reports, Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) yesterday pressed murder charges against six persons for the deaths of a student couple in a hotel room in Rajshahi in 2016.

Investigation Officer Mohidul Islam submitted the case's charge sheet with the Chief Metropolitan Court in the afternoon, PBI and court officials said.

Among the accused, four were university and college students -- Ahsan Habib; Rahat Mahmud; Borhan Kabir Utso; and Al Amin. Md Bokhtiar and Nayan Hossain, were hotel staffers.

The four students gang-raped the girl, tortured and murdered the couple in their hotel room while the two staffers assisted the killers by leading them into the couple's hotel room, according to the charge-sheet.

The IO said the couple was murdered out of jealousy as the girl broke up with Rahat.

"The investigation was tricky as our findings were not corroborating with some experts. But the facts we uncovered proves they were murdered in a pre-planned way," he said.

On April 22, 2016, police recovered the bodies of Mizanur Rahman, 22, a student of Rajshahi University and his fiancée Sumaiya Nasrin, 20, a student of Pabna University of Science and Technology, from a room of Hotel

Nice International in the city's Shaheb Bazar.

Sumaiya's father, a member of police, filed a murder case with Boalia Police Station, accusing unidentified persons.

Ten months later, police submitted final report stating that Mizanur hanged himself after raping and killing Sumaiya, on the basis of autopsy reports.

A Rajshahi court did not accept it after the public prosecutor said the inquest report and evidence was contradictory.

On April 17, 2017, the court asked PBI to reinvestigate.

IO Mohidul said police earlier reported Mizanur posted a note on social media before hanging himself, but PBI's Cyber Crime Unit found out he did not.

PBI analysed photographs taken by its crime scene unit (CSU) and saw that Mizanur's body was found hanging from the ceiling with hands tied with Sumaiya's scarf.

"Our findings contradict police and autopsy reports that claimed Mizanur killed Sumaiya and then died by suicide. He could not have killed himself with hands tied," the IO said.

CSU found Sumaiya's body on the bed with her face buried under a pillow.

The pillow cover had blood-stained fingerprints but Mizanur's hands were found clean, according to

the charge sheet.

Also, the autopsy report mentioned non-continuous ligature marks around Mizanur's neck, proving that he died by suicide, it said.

But the report avoided mentioning continuous ligature marks and blood-clogged bruises on both sides of his neck, the charge sheet added.

Besides, butts of four cigarette brands were found in the room, ensuring presence of other people, PBI said.

PBI also analysed victims' call records, which was not done previously.

After investigation, PBI arrested Habib and Utso, who gave confessional statements in courts admitting their involvement.

Later, another accused Nayan gave judicial confession.

Bribing hotel staffers, the four entered the couple's room, cutting a window grille beside the air conditioner, said the IO.

They found Sumaiya alone and forced her to call Mizanur, the PBI official said, adding that once Mizanur arrived, the four raped her and killed them.

The charges, however, avoided bringing allegations of flawed police investigation and forensic findings. PBI officials said those were "not part of their investigation".

"It [previous investigation] was an evidential error. We weren't asked to investigate that," the IO said.

Doctor held on charge of raping minor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A doctor from the capital's Dakkhin Khan was arrested by police yesterday, for allegedly raping a minor girl at his clinic on April 23.

The fourth grader of a madrasa in Uttarkhan was allegedly raped by the LMF doctor when the girl went to his clinic with his father.

The victim is now undergoing treatment at the One-Stop Crisis Centre of Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Uncle of the victim told this newspaper that the girl went to the clinic at Chalabon of Dhakkhin Khan with an eye problem. The doctor asked her father to bring a medicine immediately.

As her father looked in vain for the uncommon medicine for one and a half hours, the doctor raped her by sedating her through an injection, said the uncle.

The doctor even gave her father Tk 50 to purchase the medicine, but he failed to find it even after frantic efforts, he added.

The father found her daughter in a drowsy state at the clinic upon return, and took her home. The girl spoke



Uber Eats set for launch in Dhaka tomorrow

Uber Eats, the food delivery app by ride-sharing company Uber, will be available in Dhaka from 12pm tomorrow.

Uber Eats is an on-demand food delivery app that helps bring food to customers in a convenient and reliable manner from restaurants in their neighbourhood, according to a press release.

At the moment, the app has 150 restaurants on board. In the launch phase, Uber Eats will be available for consumers in Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara.

"The introduction of Uber Eats in Dhaka is a major step towards Uber's commitment to Bangladesh. With the technology that Uber is known for, we aim to create a marketplace that is bringing value to our consumers, restaurant partners and delivery partners," said Bhavik Rathod, head of Uber Eats India and South Asia.

The app allows users to schedule an order and live track it through every step of the process. The food will be brought by delivery partners on a bike. Customers can pay using cash or credit card.

As a launch offer, consumers can avail 50 percent off their first two orders with a delivery fee of Tk 1.

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Corrigendum

This is to notify that due to unavoidable circumstances Tender ID Nos. mentioned below is corrected as follows :

Tender ID No.	Previous			Corrected		
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301619	15/04/2019 19:00	29/05/2019 16:00	30/05/2019 14:00	29/04/2019 19:00	12/06/2019 16:00	13/06/2019 14:00

All other conditions will remain unchanged as previous tender notice and it will be integral part of the tender.

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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এপিবিএন এবং বিশেষায়িত ট্রেনিং সেন্টার খাগড়াছড়ি

উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (OTM)

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০৬/২০১৮-২০১৯ তারিখঃ ২৭/০৪/২০১৯খ্রিঃ

২০১৮-২০১৯ অর্থ সালের অন্যান্য মেরামত ও সংস্কার খাতের অর্থ ঘারা দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা/২০০৮ ও সংশোধনী/২০০৯ মোতাবেক এপিবিএন এবং বিশেষায়িত ট্রেনিং সেন্টার খাগড়াছড়ি'র নিম্নবর্ণিত মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজের জন্য যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তি/ঠিকাদারী/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত শর্তানুযায়ী কোটে রেটে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইবেহে।

ক্রঃ নং	সম্বন্ধক সত্তা ও তথ্যাদির বিবরণী	অন্যই দরদাতাদের জ্ঞাতব্য ও যোগ্যতার বিবরণী
০১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২	সংস্থা/বিভাগ	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
০৩	ক্রয়ের/সম্বন্ধকর স্ফূটিকারীর নাম ও জেলা	কমান্ড্যান্ট অতিরিক্ত ডিআইজি, এপিবিএন এবং বিশেষায়িত ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, খাগড়াছড়ি।
০৪	দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	এএন্ডএসটিসি খাগড়াছড়ি'র সূত্র নং-০৬ তারিখঃ ২৭/০৪/২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
০৫	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (OTM)।
০৬	দরপত্র জারির তারিখ	এএন্ডএসটিসি খাগড়াছড়ি'র স্মারক নং-১০৪২ তারিখঃ ২৭/০৪/২০১৯খ্রিঃ
০৭	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	২০/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ অফিস সময় পর্যন্ত।
০৮	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	২১/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
০৯	দরপত্র খোলা ও মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	২১/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা এবং মূল্যায়ন ১৪.০০ ঘটিকা।
১০	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	কমান্ড্যান্ট (অতিরিক্ত ডিআইজি) এর কার্যালয়, এএন্ডএসটিসি খাগড়াছড়ি, ৬ এপিবিএন মহলাছড়ি, খাগড়াছড়ি, ডিআইজি চট্টগ্রাম রেঞ্জ কার্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, চট্টগ্রাম।
১১	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর অফিস, দরপত্র দাখিল, খোলা ও মূল্যায়নের স্থান	কমান্ড্যান্ট (অতিরিক্ত ডিআইজি) এর কার্যালয়, এএন্ডএসটিসি খাগড়াছড়ি।
১২	দরপত্রের প্রাথমিক যোগ্যতা বা দরপত্রের সহিত যে সকল তথ্য উপাত্ত দাখিল করতে হইবে	হালনাগাদ ড্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, আয়কর সনদ, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদ, অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ, ব্যাংক স্টেটমেন্ট (Liquid Asset), জাতীয়তা সনদ, অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ, প্রতিষ্ঠান কালো তালিকাভুক্ত নহে মর্মে সনদ যাহা ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রতীক্ষাকরিত হইতে হইবে। অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকিবে।
১৩	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম ও পদবী ঠিকানা এবং যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	মোঃ আওরাজ্জব মাহবুব পিপিএম, কমান্ড্যান্ট (অতিরিক্ত ডিআইজি), এএন্ডএসটিসি, খাগড়াছড়ি। ফোন-০৩৭১-৬২৮৬৫ মোবঃ ০১৭৬৯-৬৯০৯৩২

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০২	পানির সৌবাচার টিনের চালা মেরামত ও সংস্কার কাজ	৪৫,০০০/-	৫০০/-	কার্যদেশের পর থেকে ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিন।

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Mahfuz Ullah laid to eternal rest

UNB, Dhaka

Senior journalist Mahfuz Ullah was laid to eternal rest at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' graveyard yesterday.

Family members, relatives, colleagues and well-wishers bid him a final farewell at the graveyard around 7pm.

Mahfuz Ullah, who had been on life support at Bumrungrad International Hospital in Thailand, passed away there on Saturday morning. He was 69.

A flight of Thai Airways carrying his body reached Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 12:42am.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held after Zohr prayers at Dormitory Jame Mosque in Green Road area.

His body was then brought to Jatiya Press Club where his second namaz-e-janaza was held around 5:30pm. His colleagues, political leaders and different organisations paid homage to him by placing wreaths at his coffin.

Mahfuz Ullah's son Mostafa Habib Antu said they will organise a milad mahfil at Jatiya Press Club after Asr prayers on May 1, seeking divine blessings for his father's departed soul.

New policy urgent for public libraries

Say speakers at workshop

CITY DESK

Department of Public Libraries and British Council's Libraries Unlimited Programme held "National Policy Workshop on the Development of Public Libraries" at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs KM Khalid was present as chief guest. AJM Abdullahel Baki, director, Department of Public Libraries; Andrew Newton, deputy director, British Council; and Kirsty Crawford, programme director of Libraries Unlimited, were present as guests of honour.

Ashish Kumar Sarker, director general of Department of Public Libraries, presided over the event, says a press release.

KM Khalid said formulation of a strong, comprehensive public library policy is a must to ensure modern, demand-based and effective library services.

Abdullahel Baki said formulation of a new policy for public libraries will help the sector perform its roles.

Andrew Newton said British Council is supporting the government to develop a national library policy.

Kirsty Crawford said, "The British Council's Libraries Unlimited Programme has been advocating for a new policy for the sector since 2017, and we wish to continue this work to support a draft national policy."