



Chaos ensues on the highway as heavily loaded trucks take the lane that is kept for speedy vehicles, while three wheelers take the left lane. This causes traffic jam and increases risk of accident. The photo was taken yesterday in Sitakunda's Bhatiari area.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

Minni files another bail plea

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aysha Siddika Minni yesterday sought bail from the High Court (HC) again, in connection with the murder of her husband Rifat Sharif.

Her lawyer Advocate ZI Khan Panna placed a petition seeking her bail before the HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mustafizur Rahman in connection with a case filed over the murder. The bench said the bail petition will be included in today's hearing list.

Earlier on August 8, another HC bench led by Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman refused to grant bail to Minni in the case, upon which

Minni's lawyer withdrew the bail petition from the bench, saying he would move the petition before another bench.

In the petition, Minni said she was innocent and not involved in the murder in any way.

She also said that she had been made accused with an ulterior motive and on the instructions of a vested quarter.

Earlier, two courts in Barguna rejected Minni's bail petitions on July 22 and July 30. Police arrested Minni after a daylong interrogation on July 16, after which a court placed her on a five-day remand the following day. Three days later, a Barguna court recorded her statement.

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Flood-hit farmers to be rehabilitated

Assures agriculture minister

UNB, Dhaka

The government will rehabilitate flood-affected farmers and provide them with free fertilisers and seeds for the next Rabi crop cultivation, Agriculture Minister Dr Abdur Razzaque said yesterday.

He came up with the announcement at the Secretariat while exchanging Eid greetings with officials.

The minister said there has been little agricultural damage during the recent flood as there was no crop on croplands. "But seedbeds suffered damage. Seeds have been sent to the affected areas so that farmers can achieve

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JOURNALIST SHIMUL KILLING

Hearing on charge framing deferred again

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi Speedy Trial Tribunal yesterday rescheduled for the second time the date for hearing on charge framing in a case filed over killing of Sirajganj journalist Abdul Hakim Shimul.

One of the 36 accused, who are out on bail, was arrested in Chapainawabganj on Saturday and could not be produced before the court, said Public Prosecutor Entajul Haque.

directed the superintendent of railway police to file a First Information Report (FIR) against the accused under the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act, 2013.

Two probe committees, formed by Railway Police Headquarters and Pakshey Railway Police, interrogated the police officials accused of the rape, and also took statements from the woman's family members.

Two of the accused, including the OC and an SI of the Government Railway Police Station, were also withdrawn and attached to the Pakshey Police Lines.

Later, the woman filed a case against the five policemen, including the officer-in-charge of Government Railway Police (GRP) station Osman Gani Pathan, Sub-Inspector Nazmul and three others on August 9.

Family members of the woman claimed to The Daily Star that they were being harassed by plainclothes men, and threatened over the phone to settle the matter outside the court.

Meanwhile, the incident has sparked outrage in Khulna, with rights activists demanding fair investigation and justice.

He said the court set August 25 for the hearing.

Meanwhile, Judge Anup Kumar rejected the bail petition of Halimul Haque Miru, the prime accused and suspended mayor of Shahzadpur municipality.

On February 2, 2017, Shimul, Shahzadpur correspondent of the daily Samakal, was shot in the head with a gun owned by Miru, while covering a clash between two groups of Chhatra League in

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Dr Ferdous Bin Jalil passes away

CITY DESK

Dr Ferdous Bin Jalil, senior economist at Ontario Medical Association and adjunct professor at York University, has passed away.

After a major heart attack, he was on life support for six days and met his tragic demise on August 11 at Toronto General Hospital.

He left behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives, admirers and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Ferdous obtained his PhD in Economics from

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Bodies of Bangladeshis killed in Kolkata accident arrive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

The bodies of two Bangladeshis, who were killed in a road accident on Saturday in Kolkata, were brought to the country through Benapole immigration check post yesterday noon, after all formalities were completed.

The deceased are Mainul Alam, 36, an employee of Grameenphone in Dhaka; and Farhana Islam Tania, 30, manager of City Bank's Dhanmondi, Dhaka branch. They went to India on August 14 for medical care.

Kolkata Shakespeare Police arrested Parvez Arsalan, son of the owner of Arsalan restaurant in Kolkata -- who was driving the speedy car -- in connection to the accident.

Police filed a case against him under multiple sections of the Motor Vehicles Act. The Bangladesh High Commission in Kolkata also filed a case.

Alomgir Hossain, officer-in-charge of Benapole Port Police Station said they



Mainul Alam Farhana Islam Tania

received the bodies and handed them over to their families.

Kazi Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury, Mainul's cousin, who was with them, said a speedy car collided with another on Shakespeare Sarani of the city around 1:50am. At one stage, one of the two cars hit the two victims who were waiting beside the road stuck amid heavy rainfall, leaving them critically injured.

Later, they were rescued and taken to the hospital where doctors pronounced them dead.



The holes in Sylhet's Airport-Badhaghat road have collected so much water that it has become indistinguishable from the water body right beside. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Friends of the neighbourhood

Youth group working for the local disadvantaged

AMIR HASAN SHAHRIAR, Ctg

With an aim to help the underprivileged in their respective neighbourhoods cope with difficult situations and overcome crises, a group of students in the port city have been working under the banner of "Rise of Youth Community (RYC) Bangladesh" since 2017.

"There are many organisations working with bigger agendas for the underprivileged in the country. But despite that, a lot of people living below the poverty line often remain under the radar. We thought of identifying them in our neighbourhoods with an intent to help them as much as we can," said Dipro Prattoy, founder and chief executive of the organisation.

It all started in mid-2017, when Dipro and some of his friends came up with a plan of doing something for the people deprived of various civic amenities and education.

Though the urge to help was strong, the team members -- all being O-level students -- struggled to start their endeavour due to lack of proper funding and planning.

A year passed away as they collected more members, funds from their close ones and set out their goals.

In June 2018, they implemented their first campaign by providing iftar to impoverished people, most of whom were rickshaw-pullers in the city.

In December the same year, the organisation's members gave away pens and notepads to all the students of Charulata Bidyapith, a school for orphans and underprivileged children.

"We tried to continue our work with small steps. It helped us learn to work as a team and also taught us to evaluate the real problems disadvantaged people of the locality were facing," said Dipro.



Members of the "Rise of Youth Community Bangladesh". They have been helping the underprivileged through various initiatives since 2017.

The effort was indeed getting stronger, as volunteers launched a hand-wash campaign earlier this year in the slums and shanties beside Ashkar Dighi in the city to raise awareness among the slum-dwellers -- many of whom suffer from waterborne diseases like diarrhoea and cholera.

RYC volunteers distributed soap and handwash among 200 families and also showed the slum-dwellers several instructional videos on good hygiene practices.

RYC's biggest campaign so far was on dengue -- held this month. With the ongoing dengue outbreak

across the country, the organisation's members distributed leaflets, explaining the procedures to prevent and treat dengue fever, at several places in Chattogram.

They also distributed eco-friendly mosquito coils among over 100 families in the slums of Ashkar Dighi area.

"It would be better if we could help more people but budget constraints are always there. That, however, won't stop us."

"Our work will continue and we want more youths to join us and help the society to the best of their abilities," said Dipro.

Five-year-old raped in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a man on charge of raping a five-year-old girl in port city's Panchlaish area on Saturday night.

The arrestee is Md Soheli (18), son of Abul Mannan hailing from Bahubal upazila of Habiganj district, said police sources.

Soheli is a tea seller at Sholokbahar area and police arrested him from Panchlaish area after receiving complaint from the victim's family, said Officer-in-Charge (OC) Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Panchlaish police station. Quoting the case statement, OC Abul Kashem said Soheli took the child to his house at Bhora Pukurpur after she went to his shop to buy candies on August 15 afternoon and raped her.

Later noticing the physical condition of the victim, family members rushed her to Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) on Saturday evening where the doctors referred her to One Stop Crisis Centre of the hospital, said the OC.

On information from locals, police rushed to Chattogram Medical College Hospital and recorded the victim's statement.

Based on her statement, police arrested the culprit from his house, said OC Abul Kashem.

A case has been lodged in this connection with the police station.



Barishal City Corporation

Barishal

Memo No. BCC/Planning/CCAUDP/73/2019/83

Date: 17.08.2019

Vacancy Announcement

An investment (Infrastructure Development) project titled as "Climate Change Adapted Urban Development (CCAUD) Programme for Barishal Component, Phase-1" under agreement BMZ No: 2014 67 984 got approved by the Local Government Division (LGD) of Government of Bangladesh. The Project will be implemented by the Barishal City Corporation (BCC) supported by Implantation Consultants (International) and will be funded by KfW Development Bank and Government of Bangladesh (GoB) for the period of four (4) years. For the well execution of the Project, we are looking for professionals with passion, dedication and commitment to excellence and innovation who are interested in contributing to national and regional development in the following post/positions match with respective education, experience, roles and responsibilities. The recruitment will be valid only for this project as per mentioned man-month period as outsourcing and will be terminated automatically with the completion of this project without prior notice. The salary will be provided as consolidated align with the scale of GoB and with respect to negotiation.

Sl No.	PMU Post/Position	Required qualification and experience	No. of Post/Position	Total input in man-month
1.	Project Manager-2: Canal re-excavation	B.Sc in Civil Engg with having 5 years of relevant experience	1	54
2.	Assistant Project Director	B.Sc in Civil Engg with having 3 years of relevant experience	1	54
3.	Resettlement Officer	BSS or equivalent with having 5 years experience of relevant experience	1	24
4.	Town Planner	BURP or equivalent with having 3 years of relevant experience	1	54
5.	Accountant	BBA (Acct) with having 5 years of relevant experience	1	54
6.	Office Assistant cum Computer Operator	Bachelor degree with having 2 years relevant experience	1	54
7.	Car Driver	SSC with having 2 yrs of relevant experience	1	54

Interested persons should submit their resumes with attested copies of academic and professional certificates to Chief Executive Officer, Barishal City Corporation, Barishal by the deadline dated 05.09.2019 at 5:00pm with a non-refundable Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Mayor, Barishal City Corporation, Barishal @ Tk. 1500.00 for SI No. 1, @ Tk. 1000.00 for SI No. 2-4, @ Tk. 800.00 for SI No. 5 and @ Tk 500.00 for SI No. 6-7.

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