



It's guava season, and growers of the fruit are busy picking the ripe ones in Chattogram's Chandanaish upazila. A grower is seen meticulously putting the picked guavas in his sack, top right. He will join others in carrying the fruits to the wholesale guava market beside Chattogram-Cox's Bazar highway to sell them, bottom right. The photos were taken from the upazila's Shopnonagar and Kanchonagar on Tuesday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

ACC files cases against district registrar, surveyor in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed two cases against five persons, including a district registrar and land surveyor, on charge of embezzling Waqf state land worth Tk 130 crore, amassing wealth worth Tk 64.24 lakh beyond known sources of income, and concealing information.

The accused are Md Lutfur Rahman, Nilphamari district registrar; Trisha Bhattacharia, advocate and deed writer of Court Hill of Chattogram; Md Jakir Hossain, deed receiver; Md Ataul Karim Osmani, witness of deeds; and Md Abdul Gafur, land surveyor of Rangamati District Administration.

ACC Assistant Director (AD) of Chattogram-1 Humayun Kabir filed a case with ACC's Chattogram office accusing Abdul Gafur of amassing wealth worth Tk 64.24 lakh.

Deputy Director (DD) Shahin Ara Mamtaz also filed a case accusing Lutfur Rahman and three others of embezzling 1.184 acres of Waqf state land, belonging to Hazi Gani Sowdagar, in 2012.

DD Lutfur Kabir Chandan said upon receiving information, the anti-graft watchdog has started investigation against the five to find any irregularities during their service.

"As part of our next course of action, the accused will be arrested in connection to the cases," Lutfur said.

Read more about Bangabandhu to foster nationalism

Speakers urge youngsters at discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh will not be able to move forward and progress if its citizens do not nurture the ideologies of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and uphold the spirit of the Liberation War, speakers said at a discussion yesterday.

They urged youngsters to read more books and articles about Bangabandhu -- not only to know the founder of the nation better, but also to foster nationalism and the spirit in them.

Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, a pro-liberation organisation, held the discussion at National Museum auditorium in the capital on the occasion of 44th death anniversary of Bangabandhu. Speaking at the event, Shyamoli

Nasrin Chowdhury, vice-president of Nirmul Committee, said many on various occasions chant the slogan "Joy Bangla". But she wondered how many of them truly grasp the meaning of the slogan.

"This generation needs to read more about Bangabandhu, and the spirit of Liberation War will grow among them," Shyamoli said.

"This country will not run without the ideologies of Bangabandhu and the spirit of Liberation War," she added.

Shahriar Kabir, president of Nirmul Committee, said the root of anti-liberation forces still remains in the country, although many of them died or were hanged.

We have to stop their activities before uprooting them, he added.

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Authorities' indifference, as well as lack of foresight and responsibility have left the Khulna city bypass connectivity road in a sorry state, at the expense of local residents and inter-district buses passing through it.

The asphalt on the surface of the 50ft wide road has long been gone, and large potholes have emerged. Due to a lack of drainage, rainwater often accumulates on it, creating a thick layer of muck. Passengers of buses and pedestrians have a hard time using the road, while vehicular movement also becomes extremely slow.

Kazi Md Nurul Islam, president of Khulna Motor Workers Union, told The Daily Star that buses to 18 districts -- including Dhaka, Barishal, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Pirojpur, Jhalakathi -- and a number of upazilas in Khulna ply from Sonadanga bus terminal.

"Every day, at least 10 to 15 minor accidents occur due to the poor condition of the road," he said, adding, "We have been seeking a solution to this for years but none of Khulna Development Authority (KDA), Khulna City Corporation (KCC), Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) or district administration have paid heed to repair the road."

GM Alamgir Kabir, a banker who lives in the neighbourhood, said, "Traveling along this road is outright dangerous. At least two to three thousand people use it every day amid risk of accidents. There is not even any footpath here."

There are three privately-owned educational institutions along the road -- a high school, a college and a university. This correspondent found a large number of students commuting on the road, on foot and on other vehicles.

BAD PLANNING

KDA sources said construction of the 2.16km road from Sonadanga bus terminal to the Joy Bangla intersection of the Rupsha bridge highway was completed in June 2013, at a cost of Tk 20.5 crore.

However, no renovation or repair work has been done on the road since.

Kazi Sabirul Alam, chief engineer of KDA and project director of the road, told The Daily Star that around 800 metres of the road -- from

Sonadanga bus terminal to Mayur bridge -- was handed over to the estate department of KCC in December 2013. Besides, KDA sent a letter to LGED the same year to take charge of another part of the road from Mayur Bridge to Joy Bangla intersection.

"Now it is the responsibility of the two authorities to repair the road," said Sabirul Alam.

Asked why the road has no drainage facilities or footpaths, he said at the time of construction, they did not consider that the road would become so busy.

WHO'S THE CUSTODIAN?

Although KDA claims to have handed over the road to respective authorities, neither KCC nor LGED have held up their end.

Mashiuzzaman Khan, executive engineer of KCC, claimed that they were not informed by their estate office that the road was under their jurisdiction, until recently.

"We have already dumped sand and brick to make the road suitable for movement," he added.

He also said a project to construct drains on the road was being discussed. "The road will be renovated soon after the drain is constructed."

However, upon a visit to the spot earlier this week, this correspondent found the road to be in pretty bad shape.

Merely a hundred steps from Sonadanga Model Police Station, a big hole on the middle of the road has become a headache for roadside shop owners and pedestrians.

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AUGUST 21 GRENADE ATTACK CASES

Hearing on death references may start this year: law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said the High Court hearing on the death references and appeals of the August 21 grenade attack cases may start this year, as their paper books will be prepared within two to four months.

"The work for preparing the paper books of the August 21 grenade attack cases has already started. We are trying so that the hearing of the death references and appeals of the cases start as soon as possible," he said while talking to reporters at his secretariat office.

A paper book contains all the details of a case, trial proceedings, statements, evidence, verdicts and other documents. It is necessary for the HC to hear and dispose of a death reference and an appeal.

Once the paper book is ready, an HC bench hears and disposes of its death reference and appeal.

According to the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), if a lower court awards death penalty, the verdict is examined by the HC for confirmation of the punishment.

Yesterday, the law minister said, "I can say that the relevant process for preparing the paper books have already started. The prosecution will see to it that the paper books of the August 21 grenade attack cases are readied quickly. The paper books of these cases will be quite big as there are 225 witnesses."

Replying to a question, the minister said the government is working to bring all the fugitive convicts of August 21 grenade attack cases, including BNP acting chairperson Tarique Rahman, back to the country to execute the court verdict.

"There are some complexities in bringing the fugitives back and the government is trying to resolve the problems in this regard," he said.

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Buses to and from 18 districts -- including the capital -- enter and exit Khulna city through the road, that is neither suitable for vehicular movement, nor pedestrians'. PHOTO: STAR

Auto-rickshaw driver returns lost phone

Gets reward from Rangpur DC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Hanif Mia, an auto-rickshaw driver from Rangpur's Dangirpar, found a smartphone on the street in front of the Deputy Commissioner's residence at around 7:30am on August 13.

He frantically searched for the phone's owner in nearby areas, but failed. He could not determine the identity of the owner either, as the phone was locked.

But where there's a will, there's a way. After a few days, Hanif took the phone to one Abdul Awal, a master's student of Carmichael College. Awal couldn't unlock the phone, but he took out the memory card and tried to identify the owner from there.

From a few pictures on the phone, they realised that the phone must belong to someone from the DC office.

Last Sunday, Hanif took the phone to the DC office in search of its owner. Within 30 minutes, he found out that

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Nurul Abedin passes away

CITY DESK

Md Nurul Abedin, former secretary and chairman of BIWTA, died at United Hospital on August 20 at the age of 78, says a press release.

His namaz-e-janaza was held at Azimpur Chhapra mosque after Zohr prayers yesterday. Later, he was buried at Azimpur graveyard.

Anwar Ali's death anniv

CITY DESK

Today marks the 31st death anniversary of Dr Syed Anwar Ali, a freedom fighter, says a press release.

On the occasion, prayers will be offered at his Banani grave in Dhaka.

Anwar Ali, a founder of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, was also one of the broadcasters of the proclamation of independence of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 26 in 1971 from Kalurghat in Chattogram.

Two boys killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Two boys were killed in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Joypurhat, a sixth-grader was killed after a truck hit him on Joypurhat-Dhamuirhat road in the town's Khanzanpur area.

The deceased -- Tasnimul Islam, 13, son of Bellal Hossain from town's Adarshapara area -- was a student of Khanzanpur High School.

Protesting the incident, students of the school blocked the road for an hour.

In Kurigram, another boy was killed after a bus hit him on Kurigram-Bhurungamari highway at RDRS Square in Nageswari upazila.

The deceased was identified as Rayhan Kabir, 10, son of Shahidul Islam from Banurkhamar village in Nageswari municipality.

Police said Rayhan died on the spot. Similar protest was held on the highway, disrupting traffic for one and half hours.

The driver managed to escape. Police seized the vehicle, said Rawshan Kabir, officer-in-charge of Nageswari Police Station.

Youth hacked in Cumilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

A youth was indiscriminately hacked by some masked miscreants at Comilla Victoria Government College's intermediate campus on Tuesday evening.

The victim is Supriptom Roy Pritul, 21, from Puratan Chowdhuripara of Cumilla town.

Pritul was taken to Cumilla Medical College Hospital after the incident and was later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. His condition is critical.

His father Sonjoy Roy said, "The incident occurred when Pritul was visiting the college campus. The attackers were masked, so it was pre-planned."

Anwarul Haque, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Model Police Station, said, "After hearing about the incident, we sent police there immediately. The family is yet to lodge a complaint." The attackers had already fled by the time police got there.

DEATH BY ALCOHOL POISONING

Fake liquor-making gang busted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chattogram police yesterday busted an organised gang that manufactures adulterated liquor and sold them using fake labels of foreign brands, arresting five people from different parts of port city in possession with liquor-making materials.

Law enforcers claimed that three persons who died in the city's Kaiballadham area of Akbar Shah on August 15 -- fell sick after drinking toxic alcohol made by the gang.

The arrestees are Nasim Uddin, 23, Ekramul Haque, 23, Swapan Pal, 51, Imran Faisal, 21, and Jahedur Rahman Arju, 30.

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বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক লিমিটেড

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বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর ম্যানেজিং ডিরেক্টর পদে চুক্তি ভিত্তিক নিয়োগের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট থেকে আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

- আবেদনকারীকে ব্যাংকিং পেশায় সক্রিয় কর্মকর্তা হিসেবে কমপক্ষে ১৫ (পনেরো) বছরের কর্ম অভিজ্ঞতা এবং ব্যাংকের ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক/সিইও এর অব্যবহিত পূর্ববর্তী পদে অথবা উভয় পদ মিলিয়ে কমপক্ষে ০১ বছর ০৬ মাস কর্ম অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
- স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে ন্যূনতম স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রিধারী হতে হবে। অর্থনীতি, ব্যাংকিং ও ফিন্যান্স কিংবা ব্যবসায় প্রশাসন বিষয়ে উচ্চতর প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক শিক্ষা অতিরিক্ত যোগ্যতা হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে।
- আবেদনকারীর স্বপ্ন প্রদান ও আদায় দক্ষতা এবং ব্যাংকের কার্যাবলীর নিবিড় পরিবীক্ষণ ও ব্যাংকের হিসাব সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে পারদর্শিতা বিশেষ যোগ্যতা হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে।
- ১৫/০৫/২০১৯ তারিখে সর্বোচ্চ ৬০ (ষাট) বছর বয়সের প্রার্থী আবেদন করতে পারবেন।
- চুক্তিভিত্তিক নিয়োগের মেয়াদ হবে সর্বোচ্চ ০৩ (তিন) বছর এবং বেতন-ভাতাদি বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী ব্যাংকের পরিচালনা পর্ষদ কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত হবে।
- আত্মপ্রার্থী আবেদনপত্র, জীবন-বৃত্তান্ত, শিক্ষাগত/পেশাগত সনদপত্রের ফটোকপি, ২ কপি রঙিন পাসপোর্ট সাইজ ছবি এবং যোগাযোগের বিস্তারিত ঠিকানাসহ হার্ডকপি ও সফট কপি উভয়রূপে চেয়ারম্যান, পরিচালনা পর্ষদ, বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক লিমিটেড বরাবর নিম্নের ঠিকানায় প্রেরণ করতে হবে, যা অবশ্যই ০১/০৯/২০১৯ তারিখ রবিবার দাপ্তরিক সময়ের (সন্ধ্যা ৬ঃ০০টা) মধ্যে পৌছাতে হবে।

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