

Detecting drunk drivers

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device shows “YES” on the display, with the level of the alcohol, and then police can file a case against him under section 144 of the Motor Vehicle Ordinance,” said Inspector Bimal.

“There is a built-in printer inside the device. If anyone is found positive in the test, the driver’s name, vehicle number, his licence number and other information would be put in it and printed out as a slip,” he further said, adding that although drinking is not too prevalent among drivers in Bangladesh, some drivers of the hilly district (Rangamati, Bandarban, Khagrachhari) sometimes consume locally-brewed alcohol.

Sub-inspector Mujibur Rahaman of the outpost -- who got training to use the device -- told The Daily Star, “The device is able to detect alcohol level within an hour of consumption.”

“It cannot detect drugs like yaba or marijuana,” he added.

Md Malek, a truck driver who was coming from Cox’s Bazar to Chattogram and passed the test, told this correspondent, “This is a good initiative. Now, drivers will be cautious to not consume alcohol before driving.”

Assistant Superintendent of Police Shafiqul Islam Sikdar of Cumilla Highway Zone, said, “Highway police are using the devices to conduct drives in different parts of the highway round the clock.”

“It will minimise road accidents on the highway as drivers will be more careful,” the ASP added.

I need to be

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complete the formalities within shortest possible time.”

Fiyaz, an HSC student, told The Daily Star over phone, “Abrar used to be my guardian in Dhaka. I don’t want to stay here without him. I need to be with my parents now... I need to be home.” He said he will leave for his hometown soon.

Abrar, a second-year student at Buet, was beaten to death by Bangladesh Chhatra League men at his university dorm on October 7. Later, his father filed a murder case against 19 Buet students, mostly BCL leaders, and several other unnamed accused with Chawkbazar Police Station. A total of 19 people have been arrested over the murder.

Khulna

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around 25,000 families.

Visiting different roads in wards-6, 7, 9, 21 and 19, The Daily Star found almost all the roads and alleys were free from battery-run rickshaws.

Only six to seven such rickshaws were plying Dackbanga and Picture Palace intersections. There was no rickshaw on 9km Dackbanga-Daulatpur road.

Many had to remain stranded at Sonadanga Bus Terminal after getting off buses. The same scenario was seen on Ferry Ghat intersection.

Maruf Sheikh, who came from Barishal with his three family members, was one of them.

He said, “I was looking for rickshaw to go to my Tutpara residence, but to no avail.”

“Several easy bikes remained parked, but they were charging extra,” he added.

Faruq Hossain Talukder, senior licence officer of KCC, told The Daily Star that they gave licence to 17,000 rickshaws that were turned into battery-run ones later. Now, the number has risen to 25,000, he added.

The number of legal rickshaws is not more than 200, he further said.

Newborn rescued

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The baby had been shaking when he was rescued, the woman took him in her arms for warmth and he was saved, the OC informed quoting locals. Later, the baby was cleaned. Locals informed police about the incident.

On information, police rushed to the spot around 9am and admitted the baby to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for treatment.

There was a fracture in his left hand and an X-Ray was done at the hospital yesterday afternoon, said Prof Dr Md Anwar Hossain, head of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of MMCH. The fracture is not serious and the baby’s condition is good now, said the doctor.

Onion prices soar again

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apparently good ones to minimise the loss, they said.

Terming the arat owners’ allegations just “lame excuse”, Magistrate Towhidul said only 5-10 percent of onions from Myanmar could have gone bad during transport. Importers and commission agents are taking advantage of the situation, he said. He said they are collecting names of importers and agents -- who are making the market unstable.

Mentionable, around 8,500 tonnes of onion have been imported from Myanmar in last 15 days, which entered the country through Teknaf, said Bikash Ranjan Barua, assistant revenue officer of Teknaf customs.

1 in 7 Bangladeshis

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The proportion of undernourished population dropped to 14.7 percent in 2018 from 16.9 percent in 2011. But prevalence of wasting -- or acute malnutrition -- among children under five years rose to 15.7 percent in 2012 from 12.5 percent in 2002. It decreased to 14.4 percent last year, according to the GHI.

Mostafa Amir Sabbih, senior research associate of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), said Bangladesh was able to make notable improvement in reducing hunger during the last two decades by successfully reducing the prevalence of stunted growth by nearly half and child mortality rate by nearly three times.

Yet, challenges still remain with regard to reducing the proportion of undernourishment and prevalence of wasting among children under five years of age, he said.

The 2018 GHI said Bangladeshis consume a diet that centres on rice, from which they receive about two-thirds of their calories. It said besides rice, vegetables and fish are

important components of the diet for some people, yet for many others, dietary diversity is low and micronutrient deficiencies are widespread.

Muhammad Shahadat Hossain Siddiquee, a professor of economics at Dhaka University, said women and children in the vulnerable segment of the population are mostly affected by malnutrition and undernutrition.

“Hunger still persists at a high level. Micronutrient deficiencies in Bangladesh lead to hidden-hunger, which requires special attention for the fulfilment of vitamin and mineral needs,” he said.

Anwar Faruque, former agriculture secretary, said agriculture is the main livelihood in rural areas but farmers are not making profit from crops. As a result, farmers cannot spend enough for buying diverse foods, he said.

“Nutrition situation in rural areas will not improve unless agriculture brings profit,” he said, adding that the poor in urban areas have to spend more on non-food items such as housing and education.

Shortage of human resources in coastal district clinics: CPD

CITY DESK

There is shortage of skilled human resources at community clinics and health centres in the country’s coastal region, speakers told a dialogue in Barguna yesterday.

The event, titled “Healthcare in the Coastal Areas: The Effectiveness of Public Service Delivery” was organised by Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and Oxfam, in association with Jago Nari, under a project supported by European Union (EU), said a press release.

Senior research fellow of CPD Towfiqul Islam Khan said the number of government-appointed doctors is inadequate for the population of Barguna.

As it is a coastal district, most government-assigned physicians are unwilling to stay there. About 15.3 percent of women in Barguna conceive before the age of 18 and infant mortality is about 27 per 1,000 live births, he added.

Barguna deputy commissioner Mustain Billah, civil surgeon Dr Md Humayun Shaheen Khan, chief executive of Jago Nari Hosne Ara Hasi, and programme manager at Oxfam Dr Khalid Hossain spoke at the event, chaired by Prof Mustafizur Rahman, distinguished fellow of CPD.

Accused on 4-day

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Dhamrai municipality councillor Shaheb Ali, said police. On information from Ali, police arrested the accused.

MAN HELD FOR RAPING 5-YEAR-OLD

A 50-year-old man was arrested early yesterday on the charge of raping a five-year-old girl in Islampur area of Dhamrai.

The arrestee was identified as Golam Mostafa, hailing from Netrakona district.

Dipok Saha, officer-in-charge of Dhamrai Police Station, said they arrested Mostafa after the father of the child filed a case against him on Monday night.

Quoting victim’s family members, the OC said the child’s parents are garment workers and were at work, leaving the child alone at their rented house on Monday. Mostafa, their neighbour, took the child to his room -- luring her with candy -- and raped her.

After threatening the victim not to disclose the matter to anyone, Mostafa let her go, the OC said. The incident came to light in the evening, as the victim disclosed the incident to her parents when they returned home.

The accused was sent to a Dhaka court after seeking a five-day remand, he added.

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HC questions legality

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notification. The Supreme Court on August 20 cleared the way for the government to publish it. The apex court stayed for eight weeks the HC order that issued status quo on its publication.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain passed the order following a petition filed by the government, seeking stay on the HC order. Attorney General Mahbubey Alam represented the government while Advocate AF Hasan Arif appeared for Noab.

On August 6, the HC issued the status quo for two months. The court also issued a rule asking the respondents to explain why the unilateral finalisation of the award without giving the stakeholders opportunity to raise objections should not be declared illegal.

On Monday, the SC bench fixed yesterday for passing the order.

The government on January 29 last year constituted the ninth wage board to propose enhanced salary and other benefits for journalists and other employees of newspapers and news agencies.

On July 25 this year, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said a cabinet committee has finalised its report for endorsement. Quader, who heads the seven-member cabinet committee, had told newsmen that “after the final approval [by the cabinet], a gazette will be published” for its implementation.

Stories from the transgender

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government has recognised hijras as the third gender in 2013 and all other rights of this community will be established step by step.

Nasima said that she would propose the government to draft a law regarding protection of hijra community as early as possible.

In her speech, Samina Luthfa, associate professor at Dhaka University’s sociology department, said that outlook towards hijras should change in order to establish their rights as human beings.

UNDP Bangladesh’s Resident Representative Sudipto Mukerjee and Bangladesh National Museum’s Director General Professor Shamsuzzaman Khan also spoke at the programme.

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Renew migrant

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He also said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is likely to inaugurate e-passport programme in December while e-passports will be issued from January next year.

Saying that inefficient government officials are being selected in many cases for overseas visits, the committee asked the foreign ministry’s top officials to be cautious in this regard.

JS BODY TO VISIT 4 COUNTRIES

The parliamentary committee will go to Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia later this month and early November to gain support of the government of those countries regarding repatriation of Rohingyas to Myanmar as early as possible.

During the visit, the JS body members will hold meeting with their counterparts, speakers of parliaments and foreign ministries of the four countries, said Faruk Khan.

Freedom

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