

# TANGENTS

BY IHTISHAM KABIR

## Indian Spotted Eagle

It all started when I overheard my friend Niaz speaking with Shafiq at the Bird Club. "See you on Friday morning!" My ears perked up. Where were they going? Niaz said they were going to Keraniganj. An Indian Spotted Eagle had been seen there. I said I would very much like to join.

And so early one Friday morning in summer 2017 we started out from Gulshan. After picking up Shafiq, we crossed the Postgola Bridge over the Buriganga. Turning left after about two kilometres we followed a narrow road through a few villages before stopping in front of a large *Dighi*.

The eagle appeared as soon as we alighted from our car as if it was waiting for us. It scrutinized us from the distance while flying circles around a sprawling jackfruit tree growing on an island in the *Dighi* before flying off into the distance.

It was the first time I had seen this bird, called *Guti Eegol* in Bangla. It was reddish brown with white spots on its wing. Its head and face were dumber than kites, and a distinctive yellow band lined its beak.

Over the next few weeks I observed and learned more about the eagle. With its mate it had built a nest of sticks high in a Deodar tree in the middle of yet another pond, reachable only by boat. The couple was raising a youngster there. Every morning the parents left the nest and returned one, two, or even three hours later, carrying food for their baby.

On that first day, a parent brought the chick of another bird in its mouth for its baby. Another day, I saw a frog. Still another time it was a lizard.

The juvenile eagle practiced flying, initially making short hops to nearby large trees where it would set down on the canopy, rock back and forth with wings



Indian Spotted Eagle, Keraniganj.

PHOTO: IHTISHAM KABIR

outstretched to balance itself and finally settle down. Sometimes it flew with the parents. Sometimes it walked on the ground looking for food, but always in hard to reach places.

The area, called Arakul, had many other birds as well, including various kites, kingfishers, jacanas, shrikes and woodpeckers. The eagles lived above most of them, but crows and kites often tormented the youngster when it left home, buzzing or pecking at it. Once a crow chased it in flight and I could see fear on its face as it kept turning its head looking behind.

Then I went abroad for two weeks. When I returned the eagles were gone. Since then, they have been seen only sporadically in Arakul. I haven't returned there. Nor have I seen other Indian

Spotted Eagles.

Last week, however, I saw a bird high up on a tree in a tea garden in Habiganj. Even from far away, I recognized it immediately as an Indian Spotted Eagle. Approaching it surreptitiously, I was able to take some pictures as it sat on the canopy of a large shade tree. I crouched among the tea bushes and waited for it to make a move. After some time, its body became taught and I thought it might fly. It flipped its wings up vertically and swooped down from the canopy, stabilizing itself into horizontal flight in a second or two. Then it was gone.

I felt the same thrill one feels finding a long-lost friend. The eagle made my day.

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## Employee withdrawn for 'taking drugs at office'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Mymensingh District Administration has withdrawn the head clerk of Phulpur upazila land office on Thursday night after a video of him taking drugs at office went viral on social media.

Sher Mahub Murad, additional deputy commissioner (revenue) of Mymensingh, said the withdrawn employee Samir Kumar Chakraborty, who was also an accountant at the office, was seen taking yaba inside the office building in a video.

The clerk was withdrawn in the evening and the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO) of Phulpur was asked to submit a report regarding the matter within a short period, said the ADC.

The clerk has been shifted to the deputy commissioner's office, informed the ADC.

UNO of Phulpur Md Saiful Islam said he has already started investigating the matter and departmental action will be taken if Samir is found guilty.

The head clerk could not be contacted as his phone was found switched off.

## BRAHMANBARIA TRAIN ACCIDENT

### A mother's search for her sons continues

MASUK HRIDYOY, Brahmanbaria

Four days have passed since the gruesome accident on early Tuesday in Brahmanbaria; brothers -- Nurul Islam and Badal Mia -- still remain missing.

Clutching their photos to her chest, on Thursday, their mother Sahara Begum was seen frantically asking strangers near the Mandobagh Railway Station if they know of her sons' whereabouts.

"On Sunday, I spoke to my sons. They sent me Tk 500 through bKash and told me that they would take the train home the following day. But they didn't," said an inconsolable Sahara.

Masons by profession, Nurul and Badal -- hailing from Dengura village of Islampur upazila under Jamalpur district -- were working at a construction site in Moulvibazar town. They were returning from Sreemangal early Tuesday on Udayan Express.

"They fell asleep in the train and missed Akhaura station. They told me over phone that they will get off at the next stoppage," she said.

The following day, Sahara heard the news of the train accident and tried to call her sons over phone but they remain unreachable.

Talking to this correspondent at the railway station, she said her husband died about four years ago. Nurul and Badal have been keeping the family afloat.

"What will happen now? How will I go on?" Sahara broke down. "I looked for them at hospitals in Cumilla and Brahmanbaria but there is no trace of them."

In search of her sons, on Friday, Sahara even went to Moulvibazar where her sons used to work but she was told that the brothers got on the train to go home.

Around 3am on November 12, a Chattogram-bound train from Sylhet -- Udayan Express -- was changing its track to allow Dhaka-bound train Turna Nishita Express from Chattogram to pass by Mandobagh Railway Station.

As 11 of the 14 coaches of Udayan got on the loop line from the single track, Turna Nishita coming from the opposite direction rammed its 12th coach.

Three coaches of Udayan went off the track on impact and got mangled, trapping many passengers inside. Nine of them died on the spot and scores of others were injured.

## PM flies to Dubai today

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will leave for Dubai today on a four-day official visit to attend Dubai Air Show 2019 and other programmes.

The premier will visit the UAE at the invitation of its ruler Sheikh Mohammad bin Rashed al Maktoum.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the UAE Mohammad Imran will receive the premier at Dubai International Airport.

This Sunday, Sheikh Hasina will attend the opening ceremony of Dubai Air Show 2019, one of the largest and most successful air shows in the world and the biggest aerospace event in the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

As many as 87,000 participants and 1,300 exhibitors from all over the world are expected to gather at Dubai World Central.

"During the prime minister's visit, two bilateral cooperation documents and a protocol are expected to be signed between Bangladesh and the UAE," Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen told a news briefing on Thursday.

The foreign minister also said Sheikh Hasina on Monday will inaugurate the Election Commission's

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## 2 'Ansar al Islam' men held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two alleged activists of banned militant outfit Ansar al Islam from Shibrampur Bus Stand area in Faridpur Sadar upazila around noon yesterday.

The arrestees are Rajib Biswas (25) from the upazila, and Nayan Sheikh (24) of Rajbari Sadar.

Md Mohiuddin Faruque, company commander of Rab-2, said on information from an arrested Ansar al Islam member, a Rab-2 team conducted a drive in the area and arrested the two. They also seized two knives and a book on how to make bombs, among others, the official said.

## 2 Bangladeshi youths set to conquer Yala Peak

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two young Bangladeshi mountaineers have set a mission to conquer Yala Peak, a 5,732 metre summit of the Himalayas, in Nepal.

The mountaineers -- Asaduzzaman (27), and Hiba Sharafuddin (30) -- will start the expedition in the Langtang region of Nepal from November 21 and their expedition is expected to end on December 5.

Rope4 Outdoor Education, a non-government organisation, which arranged the mission, made the announcements at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The organisation leaders also handed over the country's flag to the expedition team.

In her speech, Marufa Haque, chairman of Rope4, said they organised the event as part of their "Mission Himalaya 2019" project in order to generate interest in mountaineering among the country's

youths.

"After holding several trainings and competitions among 68 interested people in July, three mountaineers have been selected to participate in the expedition," said Marufa.

One of the selectees -- Neel Hurerjahan -- was unable to join due to his exams, she added.

Marufa said six others including Mohiuddin Mahi as team leader and Abu Sayed Md Rajib as coordinator will join the expedition to support the youths.

Among others, mountaineering trainer Mir Shamsul Alam, mountaineer Ahmed Riad and Fuad Ahasan Chowdhury were present at the press conference.

The Daily Star is the media partner of the expedition. Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, Peak69 and Living with Forest are its mission partners, said organisers.



PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

A gantry crane occupies substantial part of the road connecting to Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Flyover in port city's Muradpur area. Though the overpass was opened more than a year ago, this heavy equipment, used during construction, is yet to be removed. Vehicles getting on or off the flyover have to zigzag through the road to avoid collision. The photo was taken on Thursday.

## Seven-year-old killed in N'ganj road crash

STAR REPORT

A seven-year-old madrasa student was killed and her sister injured after a battery-run auto-rickshaw hit them in Ramnagar area of Fatullah upazila in Narayanganj yesterday.

The deceased is Haspi Akhtar Apu, daughter of Al-Amin. She was a second-grader at a local madrasa, said Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge of Fatullah Model Police Station.

Quoting witnesses, the OC said the accident occurred while the two children were walking to a shop around 5:30pm. The auto-rickshaw ran over Haspi, killing her on the spot, while colliding with her sister Mansura (5).

Locals took the injured to a nearby hospital. The driver fled after the accident.

On information, the child's body was recovered and sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Attempts to arrest the driver are underway, and legal action will be taken in this connection, the OC said.

In Kishoreganj, two people died after a train hit their motorbike at Mondolbagh village in Katipadi upazila around 1:20pm yesterday, said railway police, quoting locals.

The deceased are Abdul Hamid (50), an assistant teacher of Mirzapur

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### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ০৩/২০১৯-২০

২০১৯-২০২০ অর্থবছরের ৩য় কোয়ার্টার (জানুয়ারি-মার্চ/২০) এর বেপন সামগ্রী ক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত নি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা/২০০৮ ও সংশোধনী/২০১০ অনুসারে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তসমূহে সীলমোহরকৃত নামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

১।	মহাপালায়/বিভাগ	ফার্মা মহাপালায়/পুলিশ বিভাগ।
২।	সেবা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩।	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী গ্রহণ	পুলিশ সুপার, ফরিদপুর।
৪।	কি কারণে দরপত্র আহ্বান	জেলা পুলিশের বেপন সামগ্রী ক্রয়।
৫।	দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর	স্মারক নং-৫৭৯৯/ই
৬।	তারিখ	১২-১১-২০১৯খ্রিঃ।

কাজের বিবরণ

৭।	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
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৮।	বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক বাত	রাজস্ব বাত।
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৯।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ	০৩ দিনের মধ্যে।
১০।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	০৩/১২/২০১৯খ্রিঃ, বেলা ১৪:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১।	দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/১২/২০১৯খ্রিঃ, সময় ১২:০০ ঘটিকা।
১২।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/১২/২০১৯খ্রিঃ, সময় ১০:০০ ঘটিকা।

অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা:

১৩।	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিস	১। ডিআইসি, ঢাকা রেঞ্জ কার্যালয়, ঢাকা। ২। পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, ফরিদপুর। ৩। পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, রাজবাড়ী। ৪। পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, গোপালগঞ্জ।
	দরপত্র প্রকৌশলী/অফিস	পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, ফরিদপুর।
	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, ফরিদপুর।
১৪।	সি-টেন্ডার সকার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, ফরিদপুর ০৫/১২/২০১৯খ্রিঃ ১০:০০ ঘটিকা।

দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত তথ্য

১৫।	দরপত্রসকার ব্যোজা	(১) হাফমান ট্রাং হাইস্পেড (২) আয়কর সনদ (৩) জাতি রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ (৪) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদ (৫) অন্যান্য ব্যোজা যা টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল (PG-2/PG-3) এ উল্লেখ আছে।
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ক্রমিক নং	মালামালের বিবরণ	পরিমাণ (টন)	দরপত্র মূল্য (টাকা) (আনুমানিক)	নিরাপত্তা জামানত (টাকা)	কাজ সম্পন্ন সময় (দিন)
(ক)	উন্নতমানের সেশী নকরের ডাল (হেট সাদা)	৪০০০০ কেজি (কম/বেশি)	(২) কেজি ও ১.৫ কেজি পলি প্যাকে সরবরাহ করতে হবে	১০০০/-	১,১০,০০০/- ৩ মাস
(খ)	সরাবিন চেল	৩৬৫০০ লিটার (কম/বেশি) (২) লি: প্লাস্টিক কল্টেইনার		১০০০/-	১,১০,০০০/- ঐ
(গ)	পোল্যাকার উন্নতমানের সেশি	১৮০০ কেজি (কম/বেশি)		৪০০/-	৫,৫০০/- ঐ
(ঘ)	জ্বালানি কয়	৪৫০০০ কেজি (কম/বেশি)		৪০০/-	৮,০০০/- ঐ
(ঙ)	পুষ্কান্ত বস্তা	ছাদার বস্তা ৫০ কেজি-৩০০০টি ছাদার বস্তা ৩০ কেজি-৫২০০টি প্লাস্টিক বস্তা ৫০ কেজি-৪৭০টি (কম/বেশি)		৪০০/-	৬,০০০/- ঐ
(চ)	গম পেমাই	১,৫০,০০০ কেজি (কম/বেশি)		৭৫০/-	১,০০,০০০/- ঐ
(ছ)	পরিবহন	৪৮৫৪০ কেজি (কম/বেশি)		৭৫০/-	৫০,০০০/- ঐ
(জ)	সুঁচি (সোডা-আলোসোড)	৪৮৫৪০ কেজি (কম/বেশি)		৪০০/-	১৫,০০০/- ঐ

দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর বিবরণ

১৬।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	মোঃ আদিলুজ্জামান, বিপিএম-সেবা।
১৭।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	পুলিশ সুপার।
১৮।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, ফরিদপুর।
১৯।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার মোবাইল নাম্বার	ফোনঃ ০৬৩১-৩৩০৭৭, ফ্যাক্সঃ ৬৩০৮৯ মোবাইঃ ০১৭১৩৩৭৩৫০

২০। বিশেষ নির্দেশনা:

ক) নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর আর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না;  
খ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতকৈ কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন;  
গ) দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকৈ যে কোন আইটেমের পরিমাণ সূচি অথবা ক্রয়ক্রমের বিধানে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে;  
ঘ) ডাউনের প্যাকেটের গায়ে পুরের ওজন, উপাদানের তারিখ ও সোয়াল উন্মুক্তকৈ তারিখ উল্লেখ করতে হবে;  
ঙ) দরপত্র সিডিউল/২০০৮ ও সংশোধনী/২০১০ মোতাবেক সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।

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### Admission Announcement

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**Class Schedule:** 9:00am-12:00 noon on Fridays and Saturdays.

**Course Fee:** Tk. 25,000 (Full payment to be made before enrollment).

**Admission Procedure:** Application forms can be collected from and submitted to the office of the Department from 9:00am-5:00pm on working days during **November 17-December 5, 2019** at a cost of Tk. 500. Classes will tentatively begin from January 3, 2020.

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