

## Rajuk Drive on ASK Civil society members express deep concern

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nagorik Samaj, a platform of civil society members, has expressed deep concern over a Rajuk mobile court drive on November 14 that fined and ordered Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) to leave its Lalmatia office within two months for operating in a residential area.

“Such penalisation of a rights body like ASK will hamper the development of freedom of speech and human rights... In this case, the punishment seems to be intentional and harassing, which is a matter of serious concern,” the platform said in a press statement yesterday. Condemning the incident, the civil society members further said that such behaviour by the mobile court will restrict the independent activities of different citizens’ platforms.

The platform alleged that the ASK authorities were threatened with arrest by the mobile court, although they presented all the essential documents and stated that ASK is not a commercial organisation.

The platform members who signed the press statement include Hameeda Hossain, Sultana Kamal, Khushi Kabir, Iftekharuzzaman, Sara Hossain, Zakir Hossain, Shamsul Huda, Shaheen Anam, Ranjan Karmakar and Sanjeeb Drong.

## One more EC staff arrested in NID scam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Officials of Counter Terrorism unit of Chattogram Metropolitan Police yesterday arrested another staff of the Election Commission, in a case filed over NID scam involving Rohingya.

The arrestee Md Najim, is a peon of Chattogram Regional EC office, said police. With this, 11 persons including nine EC staff were arrested in the case filed on September 17 with Kotwali police station.

Investigation Officer of the case Inspector Rajesh Barua of CT unit said, “Najim’s name came to light in the confessional statements of three arrested EC staffers -- Joynal, Mostafa Faruk and Shah Nur Mia.”

Joynal is the ringleader of an NID forgery gang while Shah Nur allegedly ran another group from Dhaka, said police. In the

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## No one present to testify in Dipan murder case

JuU CORRESPONDENT

None of the summoned witnesses were present to testify in the Dipan murder case as the prosecution failed to produce them before the tribunal yesterday.

Advocate Golam Sharuar Khan, assistant public prosecutor of the Anti-terrorism Special Tribunal of Dhaka, said, “Three witnesses were earlier summoned but none of them appeared before the tribunal yesterday.”

Razia Rahman, the victim’s wife who was summoned to appear yesterday, claimed that she was not notified.

“On October 13, the tribunal sent a summon letter to Pallabi Police Station for producing Razia Rahman before court, and sent two letters to Shahbagh Police Station for producing Mursalin Ahmed and Anowar Hossain,” said Ruhul Amin, a bench assistant of the tribunal.

“Police’s duty is to inform the court if they are not able to communicate with witnesses after the summon letters are issued,” he said. “But the tribunal did not get any response in this regard.”

OC Nazrul Islam of Pallabi Police Station said, “I will look into the matter and inform the authorities concerned.”

Judge Md Majibur Rahman set December 1 for the next testimony.

# Still reeling from shock

## Case filed against absconding Ctg building owners; probe committee visits blast site



Members of the probe committee inspecting the blast scene yesterday morning.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

A sense of fear has gripped residents of port city’s Patharghata Brickfield Road, following the massive gas explosion at a house on Sunday morning, which left seven people dead and at least 15 wounded.

Like the probe committee, they want to know reason behind the blast and demand proper investigation so that such incidents do not reoccur.

Meanwhile, a case was filed with Kotwali Police Station, accusing two owners of “Barua Bhaban”.

Yesterday, the probe committee formed by the Chattogram District Administration visited the spot, collected evidence and recorded statement of an injured person.

Assistant Commissioner (Kotwali) Nobel Chakma said, “Wife of blast victim Mahmudul Haque, a rickshaw-puller, filed the case.”

Officials said building owners -- Amal Kanti Barua (48), and Titu Barua (40), sons of late Dharmapal Barua -- were sued over their negligence, which eventually killed and injured people.

The Barua brothers, who are on the run, used to reside on the top floor of the building, said Ismail Bali, councillor of Patharghata ward. The

building has been vacated, he added. A two-storey building, next to Barua Bhaban, was also vacated.

Around 8:40am on Sunday, seven passers-by -- two women and five men -- were crushed to death as concrete walls fell on them following the explosion, which took place on the ground floor of the five-storey building.

Fire fighters and explosives experts said the blast occurred due to a leak in gas pipe riser, but Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd officials refuted it.

Additional Deputy Magistrate AZM Sharif Hossen of the district administration, in-charge of the probe committee, said, “We have visited the spot... spoken to Sandha Nath, who used to stay on the ground floor.”

“It’s still not clear why the blast occurred... We did not find any sign of burns there. But a resident of the building [ninth-grader Arpita Debnath] sustained burn injuries... We will visit the spot tomorrow [today] again,” he added.

The official said they have included two members of the district administration and explosives department in the committee.

Visiting the area yesterday, this correspondent found that people

were panicked. Many were seen gathering in front of the building trying to make sense of the situation.

Parvin Akhter, a local, said, “My house was also affected by the massive blast... We demand investigators unearth the reason behind this incident so that others don’t have to face such catastrophe.”

Ali Akbar of New Market area said, “I saw the incident on television, but up front you can sense the magnitude of the damage.”

**BUILDING CODE BREACH**

Officials of Chattogram Development Authority (CDA) and city corporation had also visited the spot.

Shahinul Islam, chairman of CDA’s Building Authorisation Committee, said, “The building was constructed violating the CDA code... The gas riser was installed inside the house, which is also a violation of the code.”

“A septic tank was built right under the house where the accident occurred... the owner put up the boundary wall, on part of the road.”

“The area is densely populated and has old buildings... As per the masterplan, the road should be 40-feet wide. But we have found it 20-feet wide as most land owners built buildings on parts of the road,” he said.



Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal members protest the continuous price hike of onion and other daily essentials in front of the Ashwini Kumar Town Hall in Barishal city yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Ahsania Mission launches ‘Shastho Surokkha Forum’

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

“More people can be provided better healthcare if NGOs take initiatives,” said MP Saber Hossain Chowdhury at the launching ceremony of Dhaka Ahsania Mission’s “Shastho Surokkha Forum”, held at the mission’s head office in the capital yesterday.

To ensure healthcare services for the underprivileged, the forum will collect donations from members. The funds will be disbursed through the mission’s health events.

Sharmeen Rahman, senior programme officer of mission’s health sector; DNCC Chief Health Officer Brig Gen Mominur Rahman Mamun; Second Century Ambassador of Lions’ Club International Prof M Fakrul Islam and Ahsania Mission President Kazi Rafiqul Alam also spoke.

## Death anniv of ATM Walie Ashraf

CITY DESK

Today marks the 25th death anniversary of ATM Walie Ashraf, a freedom fighter and ex-MP from Brahmanbaria-6.

To mark the day, milad and doa mahfils will be held at his residence in Kamlapur and in Bancharampur of Brahmanbaria.

Ashraf was a popular political leader and journalist.

## Seven killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Seven people, including two minors, were killed in separate road accidents in Naogaon, Nilphamari, and Noakhali on Sunday, report our correspondents.

In Naogaon Sadar upazila, two minors among three were killed when a bus ran over them near Bot Tola area of Naogaon-Rajshahi highway early morning. All three were waiting to board a bus.

Of the three, Adori Begum (35), and her daughter Shompa (6), died on the spot while Sumi (8) died from injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Police seized the bus but the driver and helper managed to escape. A case was filed with Naogaon Sadar Police Station in this regard.

Meanwhile in Noakhali, Sharifuzzaman Didar (40), a traders’ leader, and his brother-in-law Asif Iqbal (32), sustained critical injuries after their motorcycle collided head-on with an unidentified microbus on Dimla-jaldhaka road in Dimla upazila around 8pm.

Locals rushed them to Dimla Upazila Health Complex where Sharif succumbed to his injuries, Mofizuddin Sheikh, officer-in-charge of Dimla Police Station, informed The Daily Star.

In Sonaimuri upazila of Noakhali, three men died on the spot in a head-on collision between a motorcycle and bus in Bojra Bazar area around 11pm.

The deceased was identified as Tipu, Jabel, and Harun, Officer-in-Charge of Sonaimuri Police Station Abdus Salam told this newspaper. Another injured, Mashuk, was taken to Noakhali General Hospital in a critical condition.

### CAUGHT ON CAMERA

## Court staff suspended for taking bribe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

An office assistant of the speedy trial tribunal in Barishal was suspended on Sunday afternoon, after a video of her demanding and taking bribe from a service-seeker went viral on social media.

The over six minutes video, uploaded on Thursday, showed Rekha Rani Das was taking bribe from applicants for receiving certified copies of legal documents. It showed, Rekha was engaged in an altercation with an applicant while demanding Tk 1,000 from him for certified copy of a bail bond, even after he paid the necessary court fees.


Advocate AKM Jahangir Hossain, public prosecutor, said Judge AHM Mahbubur Rahman of the tribunal issued the suspension order.

The applicant, Muniruzzaman Munir, said the district judge on November 6 granted him bail in a case. He went to the tribunal office on November 11 in court area with an application for the bail order.

The court staff member, Rekha, demanded Tk 1,000 from him. As he refused, she started arguing with him. Meantime, she took money from other applicants.

Amid the commotion, Munir recorded the incident and eventually uploaded the video on social media.

Rekha, however, denied taking bribe. “I only took money for copying documents. I had to copy a large amount of paper, related to the case.”

<div></div> <div><b>বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক</b> প্রধান কার্যালয় ঢাকা</div> <div>ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালয়</div>		
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<b>রূপালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এ ‘সিনিয়র অফিসার’ এর ২৮৩টি পদে নিয়োগের উদ্দেশ্যে লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান নির্বাচনের ই-টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি</b>		
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২	যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা	সরকার কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত উচ্চ শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান/প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট/কনসাল্টিং ফার্ম যাদের বিগত ০৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের মধ্যে টেন্ডার দাখিলের তারিখ হতে) এক বা একাধিক কার্যদেশ/চুক্তির আওতায় একক অয়োজনে সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থা/ব্যাংক বা আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানে কমপক্ষে ৫,০০০ (পাঁচ হাজার) জন প্রার্থীর নিয়োগ পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ ও ফলাফল তৈরীর অভিজ্ঞতা রয়েছে এক্ষিপ প্রতিষ্ঠান।
৩	নির্দেশিকা ও সিডিউল	বিস্তারিত নির্দেশনা ও শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত দরপত্র সিডিউল বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইট <a href="http://www.bb.org.bd">www.bb.org.bd</a> এর e-Tender-এ পাওয়া যাবে।
৪	অংশগ্রহণ কার্যক্রম	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে ই-টেন্ডারিং-এ অংশগ্রহণে আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটে ( <a href="http://www.bb.org.bd">www.bb.org.bd</a> ) রেজিস্ট্রেশন সম্পন্নকরতঃ নিজ নিজ ক্ষেত্রে প্রবেশ করে আর্থিক প্রস্তাবের নির্ধারিত ফরম পূরণপূর্বক যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা ও সংশ্লিষ্ট যাবতীয় কাগজপত্রাদির সত্যায়িত কপি আপলোড করতে হবে। দরপত্র সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রামাণ্য যাবতীয় কাগজপত্রাদি ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালয় এর মহাব্যবস্থাপক মহোদয়ের অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বক্সে দাখিল করতে হবে।
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<b>Invitation for Tenders for Hiring Microbus for NSDA</b>			
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance.	
2	Agency	Finance Division.	
3	Procuring entity name	Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP).	
4	Procuring entity code	None.	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
6	Invitation for	Hiring Microbus for NSDA.	
7	Invitation Ref. No.	FD/SEIP/PS-03/488/2019/2960	
8	Date	18.11.2019	
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering (National).	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
10	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh and ADB.	
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Asian Development Bank.	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	5-0901-5014	
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP).	
14	Tender package No.	PS-03	
15	Tender package name	Hiring Microbus for NSDA.	
16	Tender publication date	19.11.2019	
17	Tender last selling date	02.12.2019	
	Date	Time	
18	Tender closing date and time	03.12.2019	2:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	03.12.2019	2:30pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	-Selling tender document	Project Officer, Skills for Employment Investment Program (SEIP), Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Probashi Kallyan Bhaban (Level 15), 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000. Phone: 55138753-5 (PABX), Fax: 55138752.	
	No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents		
	- Receiving tender document	Room # 238, Building # 7, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
	- Opening tender document	Room # 238, Building # 7, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.	
21	Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Date	Time
		27.11.2019	11.00am
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>			
22	Eligibility of tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The tenderer should be from ADB-member countries as listed in Appendix-F of the tender document.</li><li>Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract under the applicable law.</li><li>Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh.</li><li>Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.</li><li>Other eligibility criteria as stated in the tender document.</li></ul>	
23	Brief description of services	Microbus Hiring for NSDA.	
24	Price of tender document (Taka)	1,000.00.	
25	Package No.	Identification of package	Location
	PS-03	Hiring Microbus for NSDA	Mainly Dhaka city with occasional travelling outside Dhaka
		Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months/days
		BDT 1,20,000.00	24 months
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
26	Name of official inviting tender	Jalal Ahmed.	
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Project Director.	
28	Address of official inviting tender	SEIP Project, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance.	
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. + 88-02- 55138753-5 (PABX)	Fax No. + 88-02-55138752
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.		
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