



This covered van overturned on Akhtaruzzaman flyover in Chattogram city yesterday morning, reportedly while overtaking a CNG-driven auto-rickshaw. The auto-rickshaw driver was injured in the accident, while the van was moved a few hours later by police, resuming traffic movement on the flyover.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

# Increasing fish production in Kaptai Lake

PM to inaugurate country's first research vessel today

MOHAMMAD SUMAN and ARUN BIKASH DEY, City

Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (CVASU) is set to launch a research vessel today to conduct study for increasing fish production in Kaptai Lake -- the biggest artificial lake in South-east Asia -- located in Rangamati district.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate country's first research vessel via video conference today, said Prof Dr Goutam Buddha Das, vice-chancellor of CVASU.

Prof Das said, "The research vessel will conduct study on fishes, biodiversity and pollution in Kaptai Lake and researchers would have the opportunity to closely monitor aquatic environment, pollution level, topography, and stock of fishes."

"According to studies by different organisations and institutions, during 1965-1966, over 80 percent of total fishes were carp whereas now almost 90 percent are little fish like kachki and chapila," he said.

"The size of the lake is around 68,000 hectare but only 10,000 tonnes of fish are produced per year. The same amount of fish can be produced in a 3 hectare pond. So, it's easy to increase fish production by tenfold," he added.

According to CVASU sources, the research vessel has three laboratories and a total of 12 researchers would be able to conduct study at a time in the vessel with residential facility. The vessel will be operated under the faculty of fisheries of CVASU.

The faculty dean Dr M Nurul Absar Khan said, "The vessel would facilitate researchers to conduct study on the reason behind decrease in the number of carp fish in the lake," he said, adding, "Through research, they would explore how the species can be revived."

"Although the lake was created in a bid to produce hydroelectric power, it has also been playing a role in agriculture, communication, fisheries and tourism sectors for decades," he said, adding that the lake was created due to construction of a dam on the river Kamaphuli in Kaptai upazila of the district in 1962.

He said, different species of fish have already disappeared from the lake over the last 20 years and many more are now endangered. Mohashol, pipla shol, bagha ayer and nandina have disappeared while around 18 species including bachua bacha, vangon bata and sarputi are endangered.

Dr Khan added that the lake was once a breeding ground of carp fish but it has become inhospitable due to pollution.

## MISAPPROPRIATION OF RELIEF RICE HC asks former BNP whip to surrender

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's adviser and former BNP whip Shahidul Huq Jamal to surrender to the trial court in seven days, in connection with a case filed on charge of misappropriating 10 tonnes of rice allotted for relief.

The HC issued a rule asking Shahidul and the government to explain in four weeks why the lower court order that exempted him from the charges should not be scrapped.

The bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice KM Hafizul Alam came up with the order and rule following a revision petition filed by Anti-Corruption Commission, challenging the lower court's exemption order.

Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik told The Daily Star that ACC filed a case with Banaripara Police Station in Barishal on June 25, 2009 against Udaykathi Union Parishad member Sukumar Bairagi, on charge of misappropriating 10 tonnes of rice allocated for storm and tidal wave-affected people in 2006-2007 fiscal.

Later, ACC submitted a charge sheet to the lower court on August 1, 2012 also implicating Shahidul in the case.

The court of Barishal Divisional Special Judge on September 23 this year framed charges against Sukumar and exonerated Shahidul, DAG Manik added.

## Road accidents kill six

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed in road accidents across the country in the last two days, our correspondents and news agencies report.

In Narayanganj, Ahmed Ali (65) was killed after a bus ran him over on Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Rupganj yesterday.

Quoting witnesses, police said Ali was crossing the highway near Bhulta flyover. Locals rescued Ali and took him to a hospital where doctors declared him dead.

The body was sent to Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy. Police said they were trying to arrest the driver.

Meanwhile, three people were killed in the capital in the last two days.

In Gandaria, an unidentified rickshaw-puller was killed after a truck ran him over around 3:30am yesterday, said police.

He was rushed to a hospital with injuries, where doctors pronounced him dead. The body was kept at the hospital's morgue for autopsy, police added.

In Gulshan, security guard Shamsuzzaman (42) was killed after a car hit him around 11:30pm on Tuesday.

He was on duty at a restaurant in the area when the accident occurred, said police.

He succumbed to his injuries around 12:15am while undergoing treatment at a hospital. The body was kept at the hospital's morgue for autopsy, they added.

In Rampura, Bashar Ali (26) was killed after a car hit him when he was crossing a road around 1am on Tuesday, said police.

Critically injured Bashar was taken to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Police arrested the car driver.

In Nilphamari, Kamrunnahar Begum (40) was killed after a three-wheeler carrying her collided with another at Boro Bhita Point in Jaldhaka upazila on Tuesday night, said police, quoting locals. After the collision, the vehicle carrying Kamrunnahar overturned, injuring the passengers.

Firefighters rescued her and admitted her to the upazila health complex. She succumbed to her injuries the same night.

An unnatural death case was lodged in this connection.

In Munshiganj, one Anik Islam was killed after his motorbike collided with another one in Moricha Bridge area of Sirajdikhan on Tuesday afternoon, said police.

Anik died while being taken to a hospital. The injured were admitted to Sir Salimullah Medical College and Hospital in Dhaka.

## Journos worried over death threat to peer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) and Crime Reporters' Association Bangladesh (CRAB) have expressed concerns over alleged death threats to Rafiq Majumder, senior reporter of online news portal Jagonews24, for publishing a news.

DRU president Ilias Hossain and general secretary Kabir Ahmed Khan in a joint statement demanded that law enforcers identify the perpetrators and bring them to book.

CRAB president Abul Khair and general secretary Ilias Hossain said they were worried over the death threat to their peer.

They said, "The death threat to Rafiq Majumder is a serious concern for all journalists in Bangladesh. We demand that the law enforcers should take immediate steps to identify the perpetrators and bring them to book."

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## ALTERING MURDER CASE FIR HC to deliver verdict on petition Dec 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday set December 1 for delivering its verdict on a writ petition that challenged the alleged manipulation of the first information report (FIR) of labour leader Nurul Islam murder case in Rajshahi.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman set the date after concluding hearing on the petition.

Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua appeared for the writ petitioner, while Attorney General Mahbubey Alam represented the state.

According to the writ petition, an election to Puthia Motor Sramik Union was held on April 24 this year and Nurul Islam contested the election for the post of general secretary.

The following day, the polls results showed that Abdur Rahman Patal was elected general secretary of the Sramik Union.

Nurul filed a case with a Rajshahi court on June 9 claiming that he bagged 602 votes against Patal's 520, but the latter was declared elected illegally.

The court on the same day issued an injunction, restricting Patal and three others from taking up the posts of the Sramik Union. The order was imposed on them on June 10.

Nurul went missing around 8pm that day and his body was recovered from SS Brick Field the following day.

Nurul's daughter Nigar Sultana filed a murder case on June 11 against eight people, including Patal.

In the FIR of the case, she alleged that the then officer-in-charge (OC) of Puthia Police Station Shakil Uddin Ahamed was involved in manipulating the election results in favour of Patal.

Police later submitted an FIR of the murder case to the trial court in Rajshahi, dropping the names of the eight accused.

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### Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

1. Ministry	Ministry of Shipping.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Land Port Authority (BLPA).
3. Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Land Port Authority represented by Director (Audit) BLPA.
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5. Expression of Interest for Selection of	Audit firms for conducting audit of the Accounts of BLPA for the Financial Year 2017-2018 & 2018-2019.
6. EOI Ref. No. & date	18.15.0000.019.04.008.19-04 dated: 18/11/2019

**KEY INFORMATION**

7. Procurement method	Least Cost Based Selection (LCBS).
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

8. Budget and source of fund	Revenue Budget of BLPA.
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**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

9. EOI closing date & time	12/12/2019 before 5.00pm.
10. Name and address of the office(s) receiving of EOI	Office of the Director (Audit), Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT**

11. Brief description of assignment	Preparation, examination and audit (পরীক্ষা ও নিরীক্ষা) of the Accounts of BLPA (Head Office, Benapole, Burimari, Bhomra, Naogaon, Akhaura, Tamabil & Sonahat Land Ports) for the Financial Year 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 & Preparation of Management and Audit Report.
12. Experience, resources delivery capacity required	i) Firms should be registered with ICAB. ii) Adequate manpower, logistics and financial capability. iii) Principal and/or partners should have professional qualifications. iv) Auditors and staff should have appropriate professional qualifications & experience. v) Firms should have up-to-date income tax return certificate. vi) Audit experience of minimum two financial years of any statutory public authority.
13. Other details	Interested firms are invited to provide the following information, document & evidence: (a) Background with brochure and areas of expertise; (b) Description of similar assignment with documents; (c) Experience in similar activities; (d) Manpower, logistic and financial capability; (e) Successful bidder will be selected in accordance with Public Procurement Rules, 2008. Interested applicants may obtain further information by applying to the address below during office hour.

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

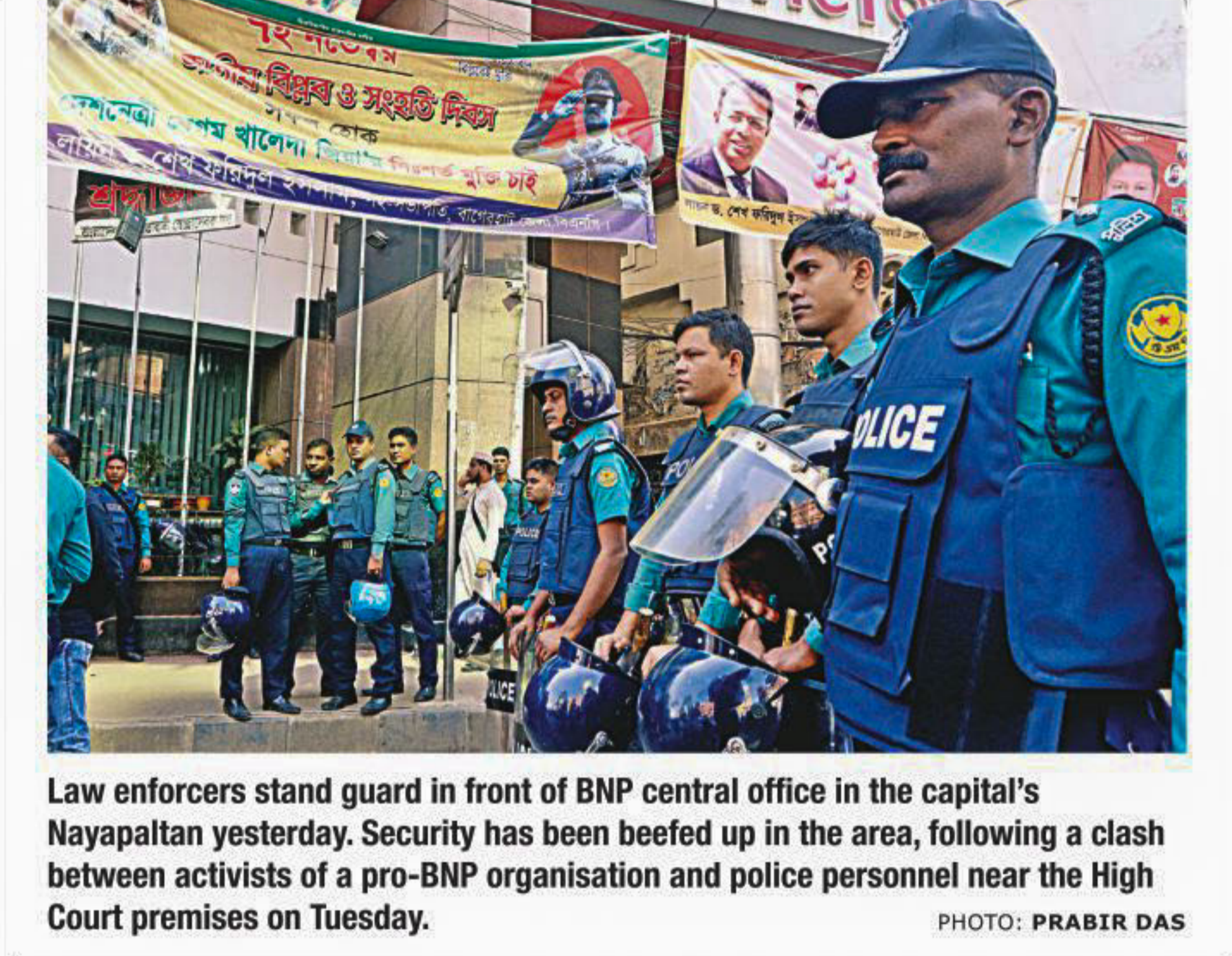
14. Name of official inviting EOI	Director (Audit).
15. Designation of official inviting EOI	Director (Audit).
16. Address of official inviting EOI	Bangladesh Land Port Authority, TCB Bhaban (5 <sup>th</sup> Floor), Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
17. Contact details of official	02-55013829

**Special Instruction**

18. i) Request for Expression of Interest for abovementioned assignment to be clearly marked on the top of envelop. ii) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any EOI.
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Law enforcers stand guard in front of BNP central office in the capital's Nayapaltn yesterday. Security has been beefed up in the area, following a clash between activists of a pro-BNP organisation and police personnel near the High Court premises on Tuesday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## CYCLONE BULBUL EU to give 140,000 euros for victims

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union is allocating 140,000 euros (around Tk 1.32 crore) to provide humanitarian assistance to families affected by cyclone Bulbul that struck many parts of the southern Bangladesh in early November.

The aid will directly benefit 17,500 people in some of the hardest-hit areas in the districts of Barguna, Bhola, Pirojpur, Bagerhat, Khulna and Satkhira, according to a statement by the EU delegation in Dhaka yesterday.

This funding supports Bangladesh Red Crescent Society in delivering much-needed assistance through distribution of dry food items and shelter materials, such as tarpaulins and blankets, to those who have lost their homes and belongings.

More than 720,000 people were affected when Bulbul ripped through the southern region on November 10.

An estimated 110,000 houses sustained damage, while nearly 118,000 hectares of croplands and numerous fish enclosures -- the main source of livelihoods for many -- were ravaged.

## Star journo awarded

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are Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury of Jugantor, Shahed Shafique, of Bangla Tribune, Jashim Uddin Harun of The Financial Express, Ziadul Islam of Kaler Kantho, Tarek Mahmud of Prothom Alo and Tapan Das of Samakal.

Shafique Shahin of NTV, Adnan Khan of Ekattor TV and Morshed Hasib Hasan of Channel 24 got awards in the television category.

The ceremony was presided over by DRU President Ilias Hossain, while former president and jury board chairman Shahjahan Sardar, Jatiya Press Club President Saiful Alam and DRU general secretary Kabir Ahmed Khan were also present.

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### e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocare.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following goods:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Package Reference No.	Description	Tender/proposal last selling date & time	Tender/proposal opening date & time
01	389998	Package GD 13A	Procurement of Equipment for Research with Installation	11 Dec 2019 at 16.00pm	12 Dec 2019 at 12.00 Noon
02	390085	Package GD 13B	Procurement of other Equipment	11 Dec 2019 at 16.00pm	15 Dec 2019 at 12.00 Noon

The other necessary information for submission of e-Tender is as follows:  
a) This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.  
b) Registration of these interested tenderers with the National e-GP Portal is a must for the submission of tenders.  
c) The required fees have to be deposited in the registered bank through online system for downloading the e-Tender documents.

The interested tenderers may visit National e-GP (<http://eprocare.gov.bd>) and e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocare.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocare.gov.bd)) for further information and guidelines.

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