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After coming across the story of battery-rickshaw driver Fatema Begum on The Daily Star, young entrepreneur Maruf Ahmed decided to help her out knowing of her struggles. Yesterday, the two met each other at the capital's Malibagh Chowdhury Para, where Maruf gifted her a brand new battery-rickshaw. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Appoint 29 doctors for prisons immediately: High Court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the government to appoint doctors to remaining 29 posts at the prisons as early as possible to provide treatment to prisoners.

The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Mostafizur Rahman passed the order verbally during hearing a writ petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Md JR Khan Robin on February 18 in 2019.

Shafiqul Islam, lawyer for the IG prisons, submitted a report to the HC, saying that 112 physicians have already been appointed at 68 prisons and 29 posts of doctors at prisons are now lying vacant.

Man held over making fake NIDs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday arrested one Zia Uddin (32) for making and selling fake National ID cards, birth registrations, and character certificates from the port city's Jalalabad.

The arrestee is the owner of Bakhtiar Traders, a computer composing shop at Zila Parishad Residential area.

OC Md Kamruzzaman of Beyeid Bostami Police Station said, "Sazzad Hossain, personal assistant of ward councillor Sahed Iqbal Babu, caught Zia while he was preparing the fake documents at his shop and informed police." A case was filed.

Awareness on vaccination stressed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

People especially in remote areas are yet to be aware about Covid-19 vaccination, said speakers at a meeting in Khulna yesterday. Health department and CARE Bangladesh organised the programme at School Health Clinic Conference room.

Addressing as chief guest, Jasim Uddin Hawladar, director (health), Khulna division, said, "We need to be aware about two issues -- vaccination and following health guidelines -- to curb coronavirus."

Civil Surgeon Niaz Mohammad chaired the programme.

1 killed, 15 hurt as bus falls in ditch

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A passenger was killed and 15 were injured as a bus fell into a ditch in Kalihati upazila of Tangail yesterday.

Sayed Ali Khan (60) from Kochpur in Porsha upazila, Naogaon died on the spot, said police.

Aminul Islam, one of the injured passengers, said the Dhaka-bound bus from Naogaon was being driven recklessly.

At one stage, the driver lost his control over the steering at a turning point in Narandia, causing the accident, he said.

Mohammad Alauddin, assistant director of fire service in Tangail, said, on information, they rescued the injured and took them to a hospital.

METRO RAIL 2 held for stealing project materials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab arrested two members of an "organised theft gang" on Monday on charges of stealing materials of Metro Rail project in Dhaka.

The elite force also recovered materials worth around Tk 5 lakh, a pickup, and an auto-rickshaw during the raid at Pallabi, said Joyita Shilpi, deputy director of Rab-4, yesterday.

The arrestees are Ashique (19) and Harun (40). Rab members came to know about the gang while investigating a case filed with Turag Police Station following the death of one Nazmul (18), who turned out to be a member of the gang, Joyita told The Daily Star.

Nazmul died from electrocution on September 6 while cutting wire at the project with fellow gang members.

Meanwhile, detectives claimed to have arrested seven theft gang members on Monday -- who used to break into office buildings in Dhaka and loot cash and valuables -- from the capital's Demra and Cumilla's Kandirpar.

Mahbub Alam, joint commissioner (DB South) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, confirmed it yesterday during a press briefing at DMP media centre.

The arrestees are Jamal Uddin, Shafiq Bhuiyan alias Bacha, Shafiq's wife Mukta Akter, Jasim Uddin, Kader Kibria alias Babu, Shakil and Al Amin.

CHILD MURDERED AFTER RAPE

SC affirms death penalty of 2 convicts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday affirmed the death sentence of two convicts for killing a child after abducting and raping her in Patuakhali in 2005.

A five-member bench headed by the chief justice dismissed the appeals filed by the convicts, challenging the HC verdict that confirmed their death sentence. According to the case statement, convicts Nur Alam Howlader, Md Miraj Khalifa and Zafar Gazi from Gachiani village under Dashmina upazila killed Tanya after abducting and raping her on September 20, 2005.

The HC delivered the verdict in 2012. During case proceedings, Zafar died.

Destroying forest

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the move of leasing out a forest and not utilising it for the cause it was given.

"I went to the spot where I found two tin-shed structures. Sometimes in the name of development, we don't hesitate to sacrifice forests," he said.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, executive director of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA), said the dormitory has to be demolished and the CVASU authorities must be asked for compensatory afforestation.

"The lease must be revoked. They must afforest the area three times the forest they damaged," she said.

Contacted over phone, Dr Mohammed Nurul Absar Khan, dean, faculty of fisheries and also in-charge of the facility, told The Daily Star that the research institute was "still in review" and that the hatchery was in its final stages. When asked why there was a dormitory in violation of the lease, he said, "I don't owe you an explanation in this regard."

Meanwhile, Cox's Bazar Forest Division (South) declined to comment on the construction of the dormitory.

About the status of the case filed against CVASU authorities, Sheikh Nazmul Huda, deputy director of DoE (Cox's Bazar), said he joined at the end of 2019 and was not aware of the issue.

"We will look into the matter," he said.

Contacted, Land Minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury told The Daily Star that he was unaware of the issue and that he would also "look into it."

Workplace sanitation still a far cry for them

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Environment and Human Development (SHED), who conducted a survey on tea workers in 2015-16, said, "There is no sanitary latrine in any of the workplaces at the tea gardens even though there is a clear provision to arrange lavatory and washroom services under section-51 of Labour Rules 2015."

He said section-50 of the rules also emphasise arranging fresh water for workers.

Mohammad Mahbubul Hasan, deputy inspector general of the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments in Sreemangal, confirmed that there are no toilets in the tea garden sections (workplaces) except a couple of exceptions. "Tea garden owners or managers have repeatedly been asked to provide the service. Even notices have been issued, but to no avail," he informed.

He also said there is no provision in the Bangladesh Labour Act to impose a fine in this regard. Hence, garden authorities are repeatedly making excuses and getting away with it.

Even the state-owned gardens lack this facility for workers, he added. Rambhajan Kairi, immediate-past general secretary of Bangladesh Tea Workers' Union, said, "We have discussed the issue with tea garden authorities but to no avail. They [authorities] don't seem to understand that a healthy worker will work more productively... the law must be implemented," he said.

Contacted, a top official of Bangladesh Tea Association (BTA), the representative

body of the tea estates in the country, said they have toilet facilities and access to clean water for workers at factories but not at the gardens where they work in the open.

About the labour law to ensure toilet facility at workplaces, the official said the law is for the general purpose of the country's industries. "This [tea sector] is over a century-old sector, which used to have a different set of laws, and is still tradition-oriented."

However, if any organisation is interested in setting up the facilities such as mobile toilets, they can send their proposals in writing about their plans regarding implementation, support and maintenance, the official said, adding that they will look into it then.

Dr Mohammad Ali, director of Bangladesh Tea Research Institute, said, "There are no toilets in the tea gardens' work sections. However, we are providing toilets and potable water to the tea workers' residences. There are plans to do so in the workplaces as well."

Asked, Maj Gen Md Jahurul Islam, chairman of Bangladesh Tea Board, said they will look into the matter first and then respond. He suggested contacting the officials responsible for tea gardens in the division.

A PENDING RTI APPLICATION

To get more evidential data about sanitary latrines, this newspaper applied to the divisional office of the labour department in Sreemangal, Bangladesh Tea Workers' Union and Bangladesh Tea Board, under the Right to Information (RTI) act on April

4 this year.

In the application, detailed data on availability of sanitary latrines at the tea gardens and data on legal obligations in this regard were sought.

In response, the office of the labour department informed that they do not have any such data; the union denied receiving such application (mailed through the post office), and the tea board is yet to provide any information.

OF EFFORTS AND HURDLES

Meanwhile, some non-government organisations are working to change the situation at tea gardens.

The Institute of Development Affairs (IDEA), under the project Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), has been working to ensure sanitation for tea workers.

However, they continue to face challenges.

Pankaj Ghosh Dostidar, manager of the project, said, "We've been trying to make the garden owners and managers understand the issue of workers' health safety, but mostly in vain. We even tried to convince them to permit us to work in this regard, but they turned us down."

Contacted, Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC), said, "This issue must be included in the discussion on the overall protection of tea workers. The owners must come forward in this regard."

Besides, the government will also have to play a vital role to ensure the health safety of the women tea workers' considering their

contribution to the sector's development," said the eminent economist.

However, there are notable exceptions within the industry which prove that changes for the better are not just possible, but also profitable.

The Ispahani Group, for instance, have ensured sanitary latrines at work sections in all their three tea gardens.

Md Syduzzaman, senior manager of Mirzapore Tea Estate in Moulvibazar, said that this has led to increased productivity among workers.

"This also reduced diseases among workers notably. Earlier, 20 percent of female workers used to be absent due to illness, which has reduced to 10 percent," he said.

The correspondents visited Mirzapore Tea Estate recently and saw the two toilet facilities beside a "resting shed" for workers. "We also provide potable water to workers," Syduzzaman said.

About the issue, Tahsin A Choudhury, chief operating officer-estates of Finlay Tea, said each of their labour quarters has been constructed with toilet facilities.

He said the public health department (Sreemangal) has taken a programme to bring all the tea workers under toilet facilities by the next two years. They have already started working in this regard.

"Besides, we have already introduced a mobile toilet under cooperation of Unicef Bangladesh on a trial basis," he added. About setting up toilets at workplaces, he said, "It's a good initiative, which may be forwarded through BTA."

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An opportunity to loot

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excessive price, making decisions to import and building infrastructures without being held accountable."

Eminent rights activist Sultana Kamal said it's a "black law" because it does not allow anyone to raise questions even when the actions may be anti-people.

She questioned whether the government is running the state for the interest of the people or for someone else. Buet Prof Dr Ijaz Hossain argued, "The extension of the special act must mean that the crisis situation is still going on. In that case, the government should apologise to the nation for failing to manage the crisis for the last nine years."

The country has power generation capacity of 21,000-22,000 MW when at most 13,000 MW is being used in a day, he highlighted, pointing out that for this overcapacity, the government is paying more than Tk 14,000 crore as rent to quick rentals. "It is absurd," he said.

Architect Mubasshar Hussein, CAB adviser (energy) Prof Shamsul Alam, Barrister Tureen Afroz and DU professors MM Akash and Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan also spoke at the event. CAB chairman Gulam Rahman conducted the webinar.

We're assessing

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we will take our decision."

But, he said, Bangladesh by now has decided to offer humanitarian assistance to Afghan people by sending materials like medicines, responding to a call by the UN secretary general.

He, however, recalled that in recent past some Bangladeshis went to Afghanistan and got involved in militant activities after return. "We have uprooted militancy in Bangladesh with a 'zero tolerance' policy against any kind of terrorism and will not allow them in our soil," he said.

DEATH OF STUDENT

HC issues rule on Prothom Alo over compensation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a rule, asking the Prothom Alo to explain why it should not be ordered to pay Tk 100 crore compensation to Dhaka Residential Model College and family of its student Naimul Abrar Rahat, who was electrocuted in 2019.

The HC bench issued the rule, following a petition filed by the college and Abrar's father. Petitioners' lawyer SM Abdur Rauf said his clients filed the petition in June, seeking HC directive on Prothom Alo to pay Tk 50 crore to the college and Tk 50 crore to Abrar's family.

On November 1, 2019, Abrar was electrocuted during the anniversary programme of Prothom Alo's youth magazine Kishor Alo on the college premises.

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e-Tender ID	Name and Description of Works	Last Date of Tender Document Selling and Downloading	Closing & Opening Date & Time
611489	Reconstruction of Boundary wall in plot no: F-4 of road No: 04, CDA Residential area, Chattogram. The Works consist of Box cutting & Sand filling, RCC work, Brick work, Barbed wire, Cement plaster, White washing etc.	06-10-2021 up to 11:00 AM	06-10-2021 at 03:00 PM

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Re-ROEI: Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for hiring Consulting firm (National).

- Name of Procuring Entity** : GCF RPSP Project Implementation Unit, Sustainable Finance Department, Bangladesh Bank.
- Expression of Interest (EOI)** : Selection of Consulting Firm.
- EOI Ref. No. & Date** : SFD(GBMS)1003/6/2/2021-2350 Date: 21 September 2021
- Procurement Sub-Method** : Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
- Budget and Source of funds** : Foreign Grant.
- Project Title** : Up scaling regulatory landscape of Green Banking for Shariah Based Banks and Financial Institutions in Bangladesh.
- Assignment Title** : Hiring Consulting Firm (National) for Development of Training Manual and Comprehensive Training Program for Bangladesh Bank Officials on Shariah Based Green Banking.
- EOI Closing Date and time** : 11 October 2021 at 05.00 pm.
- Brief Description of the Assignment** : Bangladesh Bank (BB) has received financing from Green Climate Fund (GCF) to implement a policy framework or a white paper on Shariah based green financing. To carry out the project successfully, consultancy service is needed to develop training manual and arrange comprehensive training program for Bangladesh Bank officials on Shariah Based Green Banking, including Sustainable Financing.
- Qualifications and experience** : Consultant firm should be locally enlisted. The firm should have established credible credentials, expertise, and track record in undertaking comprehensive development of training manuals on Shariah Based Green Banking, including Sustainable Finance, for banking and financial sector. The experts employed by the firm for the project should demonstrate experience and knowledge of Islamic finance and financial regulatory landscape of Bangladesh.
- Other Details** : Expected term of the assignment is 08 (eight) months. The prospective consulting firm shall submit all supporting documents (in person, or by mail, or by email) to the address below. Interested candidates may obtain "Terms of Reference (ToR)" from the website of Bangladesh Bank (<https://www.bb.org.bd/aboutus/tenders/tenders.php>). Application/proposal will not be accepted after EOI closing time.

Procuring Entity Details

- Name of the Official Inviting EOI** : Khondkar Morshed Millat.
- Designation of the Official Inviting EOI** : General Manager (Project Director).
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- Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI** : Phone: 9530320, E-mail: gm.sfd@bb.org.bd

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