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British PM Johnson makes appeal to global leaders to deal with climate change
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FLAWED from the start



Initiated with a lightning fast feasibility study and poor planning, Tk 5,617cr project to ease Ctg's waterlogging falters in almost every step

MOHAMMAD SUMAN, Chattogram

In 2017, the Chattogram Development Authority undertook an ambitious project to solve the perennial waterlogging problem in the country's commercial capital in just three years.

But the Tk 5,617-crore mega scheme to improve the port city's drainage system has been stumbling in almost every step of the way, thanks to a hastily done feasibility study and poor action plan.

The three-year project has now been extended by three more years in two

phases. In the meantime, the estimated cost of some of the project's components shot up by 8 to 38 times, according to sources and documents seen by The Daily Star.

So far, only about half of the work – mainly involving expansion and re-excavation of canals – has been completed, with about 29 percent of the total budget spent.

Although the coronavirus-induced economic slowdown is partly to blame for the slow progress, a government-commissioned study attributed the delay "mainly to the flawed feasibility study,"

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Furniture and other items used by the capital's Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital are left in front of the hospital's outdoor department, shrinking space for patients. As the number of patients at the hospital was high yesterday, they could not maintain social distancing.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

SSC exams likely to start on Nov 14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and its equivalent exams are set to begin on November 14, said a board chairman.

As per the government's decision, the examinees will have to attend exams on three optional subjects. The exams will be held with shortened syllabus and carrying fewer marks.

Bangladesh Madrasah Education Board uploaded an exam routine on its website yesterday evening mentioning that Dakhil (equivalent to SSC) exams would begin on November 14.

Contacted, Prof Kaiser Ahmed, chairman of the board, said, the education ministry approved dates for all SSC and equivalent exams.

"We have uploaded the routine first as we need to

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Jhumon gets conditional bail from HC

He can't leave Sunamganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted Jhumon Das Apon conditional bail for one year in a case filed under the Digital Security Act over criticising former Hefajat-e-Islam leader Mamunul Haque on Facebook.

Jhumon Das has been in jail for over six months.

The HC said in the order that Jhumon Das cannot leave his district, Sunamganj,



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MARITIME DISPUTES WITH INDIA Bangladesh asks UN to settle issues

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has made a formal objection to the UN Secretary-General over certain maritime issues with India that are continuing even after their settlement in 2014.

The issues pertain to the baseline and continental shelf used by India in the 25,602 square kilometres of disputed waters in the Bay of Bengal.

The baseline is the line along the coast from which the seaward limits of a state's territorial sea and certain other maritime zones of jurisdiction are measured, such as a state's exclusive economic zone.

Generally, the state has special rights regarding the exploration and use of marine resources, including energy production from water and wind, within 200 nautical miles (nmi) from the baseline.

This area of the sea is called the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and may include the continental shelf, which is the stretch of the seabed adjacent to the shores of a particular country to which it belongs.

Most commercial exploitation from the sea, such as metallic ore, non-metallic ore and hydrocarbon extraction, takes place on the continental shelf.

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Time for action, not words, rhetoric

Hasina tells global community over Rohingya crisis



"Resolving this humanitarian crisis is a collective responsibility as its implication goes beyond borders."

PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the global community to turn their "words and rhetoric" over the Rohingya crisis into actions to reach a desired solution to the protracted problem.

"We need to go beyond words and rhetoric to have tangible actions to reach a desired outcome which is also the cherished desire of the Rohingyas. Bangladesh will continue to work with all until this solution comes," she said.

The PM was addressing a high-level side event on "Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (Rohingya) Crisis: Imperatives for a Sustainable Solution" in New York on Wednesday.

Bangladesh arranged the event, while eight other countries, including the UK, Ireland, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, cosponsored it.

A total of 23 speakers from cross-regional countries spoke at the event, moderated by Bangladesh's permanent representative to the UN, Rabab Fatima.

All the speakers extended their solidarity with Bangladesh over the solution to the Rohingya crisis, Fatima said at a press briefing after the event.

Hasina mentioned that those displaced people are Myanmar nationals and they must go back to their homeland, Myanmar, in safety and dignity. "We all, especially the international community, must do everything possible to make this happen."

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Remand, bail denied, Evaly CEO sent to jail

Police charge truncheons on e-orange customers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Evaly Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Rassel to jail after rejecting both the remand and bail petitions in a case filed by one of the aggrieved customers of the e-commerce platform.

The court, however, allowed police to interrogate Rassel at the jail gate for a day within three working days.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Md Hasibul Haque passed the order after Abul Kalam Azad, a sub-inspector of Dhanmondi Police Station and also the investigation officer of the case, produced him before the court with a five-day remand prayer.

Rassel was shown arrested in the case filed on Wednesday by Muzahidur Rahman, who had purchased an air conditioner on Evaly for Tk 85,000 that he never received.

Meanwhile, the Evaly CEO was produced before the court on completion of his one-day remand in another case filed against him with Dhanmondi Police Station by Kamrul Islam Chakdra, a businessman who had supplied goods amounting to Tk 35.85 lakh to the platform on credit.

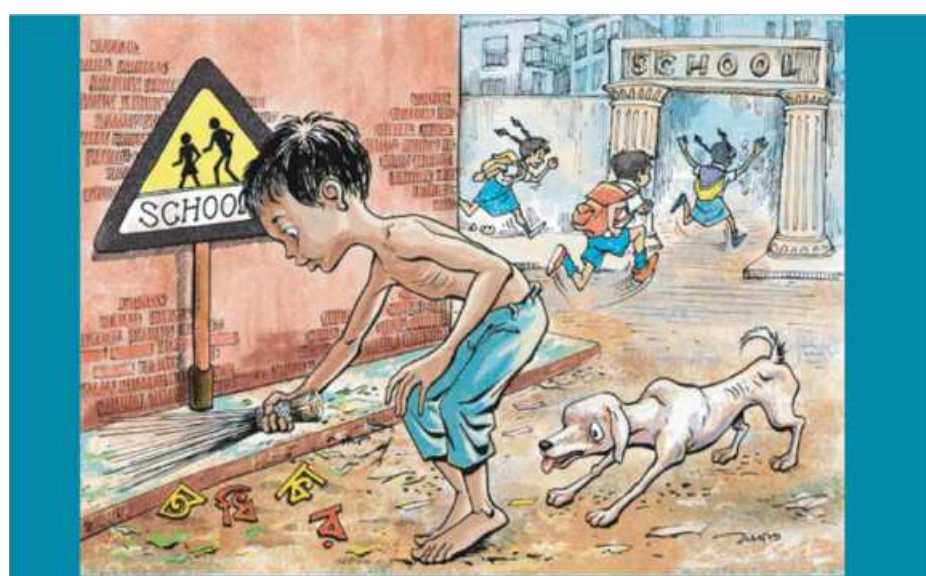
His dues were never cleared, which prompted him to file a case against Rassel, Shamima Nasrin, the e-commerce

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Fishermen returning to a Ghat near Chattogram city's Akmal Ali Sharak with fish caught from the sea. Hundreds of such fishermen in the area have been netting a good quantity of fish lately. Usually, they come back almost empty handed since they can't go deep into the sea with their small boats.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN



To Get Education is the Right of all Children Children of Dalits Should not be Excluded

Khaleda to be allowed to go abroad if people want

Says law minister

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Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia would be allowed to go abroad for treatment if the people of the country wanted so.

He made the comment while addressing a public meeting organised by Akhaura Awami League on the premises of the upazila parishad building.

The law minister said, "Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government released Khaleda Zia [from jail] on humanitarian grounds on two conditions. She moved to her home. She is now living in a luxurious, comfortable

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