

ALOR PATHSHALA Summit Group, Prothom Alo Trust ink deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Six schools of the Prothom Alo Trust-run "Alor Pathshala" is set to get financial assistance from Summit Group for the next two years.

Managing trustee of Prothom Alo Trust and editor of Prothom Alo Matur Rahman signed the agreement on behalf of the trust, while four officials from different sister concerns of Summit Group signed on behalf of the donor company at a ceremony in the capital yesterday, a press release said.

Summit Group's signees were Lt General (ret'd) Abdul Wadud, Managing Director of Summit Power Limited; ANM Tariqur Rashid, managing director of Summit Meghnaghat Power; SM Noor Uddin, managing director and CEO of Summit Bibiyana Power Company Limited; and Md Reaz Uddin, CEO of Summit Meghnaghat Power. Director of Summit Group and member of its CSR committee Azeza Aziz Khan; chairperson of Prothom Alo Trust and Envoy Group, Kutubuddin Ahmed; associate editors of Prothom Alo and trustees Anisul Hoque and Abdul Quaiyum; senior general manager of Summit Corporation Colonel (ret'd) Jawad-Ul-Islam; and coordinator of Prothom Alo Trust Mahbuba Sultan were also present.

There are around 1,200 students from six schools, located at remote areas. Yesterday's agreement is a continuation of Summit's support for "Alor Pathshala" for the past 12 years.

DMP chief's tenure extends for another year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Md Shafiqul Islam's



tenure has been extended for one more year.

In a circular signed by deputy secretary Oliur Rahman, the Ministry of Public Administration announced the extension of his appointment under contractual employment, effective from October 30.

According to the circular issued yesterday, Shafiqul's post-retirement leave and related benefits have been suspended as per Section 49 of the Public Service Act 2018. He has been appointed as DMP chief for a year from October 30 or the date of joining.

Earlier, the home ministry had issued a notice on Shafiqul's retirement from the government employment on October 29.

AIG Shafiqul Islam took charge as the 34th DMP Commissioner on September 13 in 2019.

Finally on

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BR sent a revised proposal to electrify two routes -- Narayanganj-Dhaka-Chattoogram and Tongi-Joydebpur -- a BR official said, wishing not to be named.

The commission held a meeting over the proposal in May this year, and finally, the planning minister gave the go-ahead for the project on October 12.

WHAT BR SAYS
Talking to The Daily Star on October 12, BR Director General Dharendra Nath Mazumder said the entire world is going for electric trains, and they must do so too.

"We are ready to start electrifying the railways, but the government has to give the go-ahead," he said. "It is not possible for me to say when we will start electrification."

Talking about India's railway, he said Bangladesh's railway system was neglected during the Pakistan rule and after the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Besides, many railway structures were destroyed during the Liberation War.

So, comparing railways of Bangladesh and India is not rational, he added.

173 more hospitalised

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various establishments. One Abdur Rashid, owner of a dredger at Batulia area, said he lifts sand from the river and sells it to a local mosque.

All of this was done using illegal dredgers, said a local AL affiliate organisation leader, seeking anonymity.

Contacted, AL leader Rezwan said he has stopped lifting sand, but the MP's nephew MD Shahin is still doing it using Rezwan's dredger.

However, talking to The Daily Star, Shahin straight up denied the allegations.

This correspondent then contacted Benzir Ahmed, MP of Dhaka-20 and president of Dhaka district AL. He said he has asked the Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Dhamrai to stop all dredging activities in the river.

When asked about illegally-lifted sand being used for his sister's land, he said he was not aware of it. When asked about his orange garden, he denied the allegations

Govt to amend law

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commercial purposes, damaging topsoils, the environment and neighbourhoods.

However, the act is inapplicable for barren fields, limited scale extraction and fish cultivation, as per the draft.

Other amendments in the act include carrying out a digital survey every six months to find out the amount of sand present and setting up CCTV cameras for monitoring.

Along with the act, the ministry brought forth an amendment to corresponding rules which made it mandatory to put out signboards for lease at a visible place of the Balu Mahal and banned suction dredgers, unlicensed dredgers, sub-lease and time extension.

Welcoming the act, Prof M Shahjahan Mondal, director of the Institute of Water and Flood Management of Buet, said focus should be placed on both private farms and government departments that extract sand and soil.

"There are many acts but we do not see their strict implementation," he said, underscoring the need for it.

At the mercy of political leaders

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and claimed to have no such garden to begin with.

Contacted, UNO Hossain Mohammad Hye Jocki told The Daily Star that the local administration, for their part, has not allowed any dredging activity on the river.

"As soon as we come to know of illegal dredgers, we conduct drives and take them down," he added.

Concerted effort

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Begum Habibun Nahar, Secretary Md Mostafa Kamal, Additional Secretary (admin) Iqbal Abdullah Harun, Additional Secretary (Development) Ahmed Shamim Al Razi were present as special guests at the workshop chaired by Director General of Environment Md Ashraf Uddin. Project Director, Dr Md Sohrab Ali, former secretary Prof Zahurul Karim also spoke at the event.

25 wild birds

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Meanwhile, the monkey was rescued by the department from Bagbari area and was released at Khadimnagar Reserve Forest.

On information from pigeon store owner Aminul Haque Dulal, the goose supplier was located and lured to Kumarpura area.

The supplier, Jitu Miah of Kajalshah area, was later detained by Rapid Action Battalion along with 16 geese. A case is being prepared in this regard.

Jitu Miah said he has been sourcing wild and migratory birds from Habiganj and selling them to many retailers and customers, including Sylhet City Mayor Anifur Haque Choudhury.

However, talking to The Daily Star the mayor denied the claim and said he has not consumed any sort of wild bird in the last 10 to 12 years. "The seller's trying to involve my name, as he was arrested near my home. I don't even know anyone who sells wild birds."

Tuhin Reza, assistant superintendent of Rab-9 in Sylhet, said, "The birds will be released in the wild once the legal process is completed."

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Former AL MP

against Mizanur over the allegations.

In 2019, Mizanur submitted his health statement, to the tune of Tk 2.55 crore, to the commission.

However, the commission found that only Tk 97 lakh of the amount came from legal sources. The commission did not find any legal sources of the remaining Tk 1.58 crore.

On April 16, 2018, the anti-graft body interrogated Mizanur at the commission's headquarters over the allegations. However, he denied all of them.

On August 8, 2019, ACC filed a case against him.

The commission alleged that he had amassed illicit wealth through various forms of corruption, including abuse of power while he was a member of parliament.

Ensuring

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"misrepresented" or "partially misrepresented" his statement.

On October 24, according to reports, the agriculture minister urged citizens to change their food habits -- eat other nutritious food and fruits and reduce rice consumption.

It was mentioned at the meeting that 60 projects of the agriculture ministry are under implementation 2021-22 fiscal. The total allocation for the projects is Tk 2,958 crore.

Implementation progress of these projects has been 10.6 percent till September 2021, while the national average progress has been 7.26 percent.

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