

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES
Bangladesh
signs deal
with Sweden

CITY DESK

Embassy of Sweden, Dhaka and Reproductive Health Services, Training and Education Program (RHSTEP), Bangladesh yesterday signed the joint collaboration agreement of Swedish Kroner 12 million for “Strengthening of safe Menstrual Regulation and Family Planning services and reduction of unsafe abortions for improving SRHR situations in Bangladesh (Safe MR Project) Phase-II” project from January-December 2022 period.

Christin Johansson, head of Development Cooperation, Embassy of Sweden, and Quazi Suraiya Sultana, executive director of RHSTEP signed the agreement.

This agreement is an extension of a four year project of 48.5 million SEK implemented during October 2017-September 2021 in 22 districts of Bangladesh by RHSTEP and its partner organisation Association for Prevention of Septic Abortions, Bangladesh.

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Mymensingh stuck in gridlock

Unregistered vehicles, illegal occupation root causes

MD AMINUL ISLAM

Long queues of cars, buses, rickshaws and motorbikes -- an inseparable image associated mostly with life in metros -- like Dhaka and Chattogram. However, traffic jam, these days, has become a regular phenomenon in the somewhat small divisional city of Mymensingh as well.

Official data suggests that the population of the city was only 3,50,000 in 2011. The population of Mymensingh, which was upgraded to a city corporation in 2018, doubled by 2021.

In 2011, only 5,000 rickshaws and auto-rickshaws plied the city streets. Currently, the number of licensed rickshaws, auto-rickshaws and vans plying the city is around 15,000, according to Md Waliul Islam, assistant licence inspector of the Mymensingh City Corporation.

Residents of the city, however, have claimed that the actual number of battery-run three-wheelers is three times higher.

Contacted, Mymensingh Traffic Inspector Syed Mahbubur Rahman said no extension work of the city roads was done in last 25 years, but the number of vehicles plying the city roads has increased manifolds.

“We informed the deputy commissioner, the police superintendent and the MCC [Mymensingh City Corporation] mayor of this menace on multiple occasions, but to no avail,” said engineer Nurul Amin Kalam, president of Mymensingh Nagorik Andolon.

The ever-increasing population is accompanied by the occupation of footpaths. While visiting some



PHOTO: STAR

Although traffic jam is primarily considered a metro problem, it has infested the small city of Mymensingh as well. The city-dwellers allege that illegal occupation of roads, along with the staggering increase in the number of unregistered vehicles are the root causes of the crisis. This photo was taken from the city's Ganginagar intersection on Monday.

of the busiest points of the city, like Ganginagar, Station Road and Durgabari areas, this correspondent found around 300 vendors running their business on the footpaths, blocking the walkways for pedestrians.

Residents claimed that even after multiple drives conducted by the MCC to evict the illegal occupants, the situation has not improved.

The busiest roads and lanes are at times blocked by construction materials, making it impossible for both vehicles and pedestrians to move without any obstacle. Construction businesses are mostly owned by people from influential quarters, and so there is no proper

monitoring from the authority's end on the issue, alleged city dwellers.

There are around 90 traffic police personnel for 18 points in the city and it is very difficult to control this many vehicles with such a small workforce, said the traffic inspector.

“In cases of emergency, we seek the police's help and get immediate response from them,” informed Traffic Inspector Mahbubur.

MCC mayor Ekramul Haque Titu said the city corporation has divided three-wheeler routes in the city based on registration numbers and colours, to solve the issue.

“Drives against unregistered vehicles are ongoing to control traffic jams,” said the mayor.

‘Neo JMB
commander held’

He exploded bomb near Paltan police box last year: CTTC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Counterterrorism officials claimed to have arrested the military wing commander of the banned militant group “Neo JMB” who, they say, carried out the attack on police in Paltan in July last year.

Abdullah Al Noman alias Basir (22) exploded a bomb near the police box with remote control. He was out of jail on bail, 15 months after his arrest in 2018.

Md Asaduzzaman, chief of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of DMP, shared the information at a press briefing yesterday after a police team had arrested him from Mirpur Mazar Road area the day before.

Joining the group in 2017, he used to circulate extremism provoking content on social media and later started working in the military wing under the guidance of Neo JMB Ameer Mahadi Hasan Jon, the CTTC chief added.

Asaduzzaman said before attacking police in Paltan, Abdullah rented a room at Dhaka's Manda and made IEDs -- going through video tutorial sent by fellow militant Abu Mohammad.

Directed by the top leaders, he planted the IEDs beside the police box on July 24 last year as the area was out of CCTV surveillance. He later detonated the remote-control bomb, the CTTC official said.

Air Astra gets NOC
from CAAB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

New private airline company Air Astra received its no-objection certificate (NOC) from the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) yesterday.

The airlines got the NOC within 45 days after applying on September 21, Air Astra said in a Facebook post.

The airline company has plans to launch its commercial operations in the first quarter of next year, it said in the post.

Air Astra will be the third private air operator in Bangladesh after US-Bangla and Novoair.

Nurjahan Islam
passes away

CITY DESK

Nurjahan Islam, wife of late Aminul Islam, one of the most prominent



painter icons of the country, passed away in her residence at the capital's Gulshan on November 1.

She had been suffering from old age complications, said a press release.

She is survived by her only daughter Ratna Maria, son-in-law Shahriar Akhand Shumon, two grandchildren Tonnie and Dipita, and host of friends and well-wishers.

Nurjahan was laid to rest at the Banani graveyard after funeral prayers at Gulshan Society Mosque on Monday. The family have requested all to pray for the departed soul.

Jahanara
Begum's death
anniv today

CITY DESK

Today is the 5th death anniversary of Jahanara Begum, mother of Dhaka



District and Sessions Judge AHM Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan.

On the occasion, a milad mahfil and doa will be held after Juma prayers at Jahanara Manzil Shaheb Para in Lalmonirhat, said a press release. Food will be distributed among the destitute. Her relatives are requested to attend the event, it added.

DENGUE UPDATE



Death toll 95

3 died in Nov so far

22 in Oct, 23 in Sept,

34 in Aug, 12 in July

157 more hospitalised

yesterday

Total infected 24,277

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DW AKADEMIE

Mentorship for
female journos

CITY DESK

DW Akademie is offering mentorship programme for young Bangladeshi women journalists and journalism students, said a press release.

In the five-month programme, an applicant should be a woman journalist working in any print, electronic, or online news outlet with at least two to five years of experience.

Interested applicants can fill out the online form on <https://forms.gle/o3doLKjPmQkoEKiy6> and submit it by 5pm (Bangladesh time) on November 15, 2021 to apply for the programme.



Dr Ashraf Hossain, programme director of SOS Children's Village International in Bangladesh, and Sher Ali, general manager of Business Development at The Daily Star, yesterday signed MoU at SOS Children's Village office in Dhaka, to distribute the daily among children of their villages in six divisions. Nusrat Jahan, assistant director of advocacy and communication at SOS Children's Village; Shuvashish Roy, head of Business, and Akib Hasan Srabon, senior executive of Circulation Marketing, of the newspaper, were also present.

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A tale of hopeless hills

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“Individuals who raze hillocks are backed by influential people. And when such people see that a government project itself violates the law, they get even more encouraged.”

According to DoE in Sylhet, fines of around Tk 2.28 crore have been slapped for illegal hillock cutting since November 2019.

Meanwhile, 50 enforcement activities and 10 mobile courts have been conducted in this regard, while 168 cases are progressing in court.

Abdul Karim Kim said, “When a hillock is razed, the soil gets sold at a high price,

while the plainland's price gets hiked by at least ten times. Considering the financial benefit, DoE's fine is just a small amount to be paid for such wrongdoings.”

Contacted, Mohammad Amran Hossain, director of DoE in Sylhet, said, “With very limited human resources, we are trying our best. But completely stopping hillock razing needs an all-out effort from all government agencies.”

Imrul Hasan, additional deputy magistrate of Sylhet, said, “We're concerned about the issue and are conducting joint drives against hillock cutting. The upazila administration is also conducting regular drives in the district.”

Coordination

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parishads, pourashabhas, municipalities or city corporations, he said.

Prof Ferdous Arfina Osman, chairperson of DU's public administration department, said since zila parishad members, including chairpersons, are not directly elected by citizens, they are less accountable to the general public.

Sudipto Mukerjee, resident representative of UNDP Bangladesh, opined that development works must be led by local governments instead of deputy commissioners.

Nathalie Chuard, ambassador of Switzerland to Bangladesh, said, “I hope that Switzerland's development assistance will continue in the future to strengthen the local government initiatives and implement the Sustainable Development Goals.”

Local Government Minister Tazul Islam said they have been working to amend the relevant act to strengthen zila parishads and make them effective.

A draft on the revision of the zila parishad act has already been finalised and will be produced before the cabinet, he said.

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IFB No.: IFB-BD21-026

Date: 4 November 2021

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