Appoint local experts for energy policy

Demand Bapa, BEN STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should enact new energy policy by incorporating local experts, said two green organisations yesterday.

The demand was placed during a press conference organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) and Bangladesh **Environment Network** (BEN) at Dhaka Reporters

"Even after 50 years of independence, why will we prepare our development plan through foreign experts? We demand a stop to appointing consultants and taking foreign prescriptions," said Dr Nazrul Islam, founder of BEN.

The press conference was held to unveil final proposals of an annual conference held on February 11-12 on "Energy, climate and sustainable development".

At the conference, they demanded construction of an environment-friendly road from Teesta to Kurigram, demolishing the flyover.

Sixty papers were presented at the two-day event, of which 18 were written by foreigners or expatriates.

Bapa General Secretary Sharif Jamil presented proposals there.





Suresh Pandey's home at present.

Tales that need to be told

50 years since independence, still no recognition for Rajshahi's heroes

ANWAR ALI

It was a dark summer night of April 2, 1971. Everyone was tucked away in their homes because of the ongoing curfew. On that silent night, a twenty-one year old Shoven Kumar Roy went to bed early, unaware that life, as he knew it, wouldn't be the same anymore.

Around 11:15pm, Roy woke up as if he felt a jolt. He had heard the rumblings of a jeep pulling over at their two-storey residence in Rajshahi town's Fudkipara.

From the jeep a Pakistani soldier with a rifle stepped out, shouting -- "Where is





Pandey?" -- in his native tongue. Panicked, his father, Suresh Kumar Pandey, the then vice-chairman of Rajshahi Municipality, rushed to open the INDOMITABLE **MARCH**



Suresh Pandev

Birendranath Sarker

gate, in fear of aggravating the soldier's

Roy, his brother and mother followed closely. Their hearts were racing as they watched Pandey converse with the soldier.

The conversation was short, and the soldier told him to go back inside, as if nothing happened.

But as soon as he turned, a bullet pierced through his head, tearing out his eye from the socket. In one loud thump, Pandey's lifeless body fell to the ground, right before his family.

Roy's mother started to wail, but the grief evaporated and gave way to duty as soon as she saw her sons' expressionless faces. She rushed to wrap a muffler around her husband's head and gave him his last sip of water. Roy, bereft of any emotion, watched as his father took his last breath.

Soon enough, Roy learnt that local Razakars helped the Pakistan army locate their house.

He also learned that Birendranath Sarker was killed at his Sastitola house, only half an hour before Suresh Pandey's murder. Sarker was a lawyer, a journalist and a footballer, well known in the neighbourhood.

Both Pandey and Sarker were targeted since they had strongholds in their communities, said Ruhul Amin Pramanik, a freedom fighter and writer.

The deaths sent ripples of terror across Rajshahi and its surrounding districts, making hundreds of people flee to India and back to villages, Pramanik said.

"None of us could imagine the horror we witnessed," said Roy, now 72, describing his experience to The Daily Star.

According to researchers, Suresh

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CHAKARIA TRAGEDY Raktim Shil's

last rites held

STAR REPORT

The sraddha (last rites) of Raktim Shil, the sixth brother who died in the tragic road accident in Cox's Bazar's Chakaria upazila, was held yesterday. After fifteen days of fighting for his life, he succumbed to his injuries on February 22.

Raktim used to run a small grocery shop at Cox's Bazar's Ramu upazila, said family members. The five brothers' demise and the injury of two

other siblings occurred as a result of the accident, which took place on February 8 as they were crossing a road in Malumghat area of Chakaria around 5:00am, while returning home from a local crematorium.

Their sister, Hira Rani Shil, who was also injured in the accident, is still undergoing treatment at a hospital.

The offending pick-up's driver and owner have already been arrested.

7 held for looting 'easy-bikes, killing drivers'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police claimed to have arrested seven muggers and recovered 12 looted easy-bikes from different areas of Pabna, Natore, Kushtia and Sirajganj yesterday morning.

The arrests were made during investigation of two murder cases.

The arrestees are Md Sumon Sheikh (30), Md Bacchu Miah (45), Md Bojlur Rahman (24), Md Hasan Ali (25), Md Shamim Miah (25), Md Shoriful Islam (26) and Md Rofikul Islam (24).

Pabna police superintendent Md Mohibul Islam Khan disclosed this during a press conference yesterday morning.



With schools being closed on Friday, these kids seem to be relishing the gifts of seasonal change, throwing dry leaves at each other for play. New leaves have greeted the barren trees, signaling a ray of hope and delight, which seems to have transposed onto the children's spirits. This photo was taken in Barishal city's PHOTO: TITU DAS

'Bangladesh Day' marked at Kolkata **Book Fair**

BSS, Dhaka

on Thursday.

"Bangladesh Day" has been celebrated for two days at the 45th Kolkata International Book Fair. The celebrations started

People from all walks of life, including writers, readers and publishers from West Bengal, have enthusiastically participated in the

cultural programme organised at SBI Auditorium for the observance of Bangladesh

Several seminars on Bangabandhu, the Liberation War and Bangladesh were also arranged on the occasion.

Commemorating the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence, various programmes were

organised this year. The book fair started on February 28 and will continue till March 13. Bangladesh is the focal theme country for the fair's 45th edition.

CHERA DWIP

Torn apart by tourists

MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT

Defying the government's directives, a large number of tourists regularly visit Chera Dwip, the southernmost island of Bangladesh.

Such rampant visits of tourists pose immense risk of environmental degradation in the island, an extension of St Martin's Island under Cox's Bazar's Teknaf upazila.

Locals and environmentalists said while visiting the island, tourists indiscriminately dump waste on its shores and adjacent waters, leading to great environmental pollution.

Normally, tourists visit St Martin's Island by taking ships from Teknaf. After they reach St Martin's Island, a group of unscrupulous boaters offers the tourists trips to the beautiful Chera Dwip.

Locals alleged that this illegal practice is going on right under the nose of the authorities, due to a lack of surveillance from their part. This is made all the more unfortunate as recently the prime minister

has issued a 13-point directive to protect St Martin's Island. Following the directive, local upazila administration took up various measures to remove waste and illegal structures from the island.

The directive also imposed an embargo on tourists' visit to Chera Dwip. But it remains grossly unimplemented. As a result the island's biodiversity and eco-system is slowly reaching

the verge of ruin. Locals and environmentalists said if this continues, the

island will be in great danger soon enough. However, St Martin's Island union parishad chairman Mujibur Rahman recently told the media he was yet to get any directives over

imposing the ban on visiting Chera Dwip. "I will start a campaign to stop visits to Chera Dwip after getting necessary documents regarding the ban," he said.

Contacted, Teknaf Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Mohammad Parvez Chowdhury said, "I have held meetings with boat owners. They assured me to not carry tourists to Chera Dwip. If any boater violates the rule, we will take action against them."

Asked, Azaharul Islam, assistant director of Department of Environment, who is in-charge of St Martin's Island, said, "Visits will stop, if the boaters agree to stop carrying them."

Ctg RMG factory catches fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

A fire broke out on the fifth floor of the sevenstorey factory building of Saj Fashion Limited in Chattogram EPZ area vesterday.

The fire raged on for nearly two hours and damaged several machineries and multiple pieces of office equipment of the company, said Newton Das, deputy assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence Headquarters in Agrabad.

According to Newton, no one was reported to be injured, as the factory was closed at the time of the incident. Only a few staffers were working inside at that time, he said.

"The fire broke out around 12:10pm," informed the deputy assistant director.

"Fire fighters from Agrabad, Bayezid, Kalurghat and Boalkhali fire stations rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze two hours later," he added.

are yet to ascertain the cause of the fire or the extent of damage it caused.

Fire officials said they

A committee will be formed to probe the issue, informed the officials.

1 killed, 2 hurt as truck hits motorbike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A motorcyclist was killed and two of his pillion passengers were injured, as a truck hit their bike in Dinajpur yesterday.

The truck hit the motorbike from behind at a level crossing on Dinajpur-Gobindaganj road in Birampur upazila, as the trucker lost control over the vehicle while he was in a race with another truck, said police.

Md Azizur Rahman (58) from Begumpur village in Birampur died on the way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, said Suman Mohanta, officer in-charge of Birampur Police Station.

Police seized the truck.





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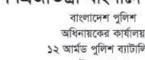
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উম্মক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (OTM) The Public Procurement Act-2006 & The Public Procurement Rules-2008 ও ভদীয় সংশোধনী মোভাবেক ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ সালের অত্র

রেজিট্রেশন সনদপত্র, ঘ) নাগরিকচ্চের/জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্তের সনদপত্র, ৬) আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতার সনদপত্র ও PG-2

ব্যটিলিয়নের মিমুবর্ণিত কাজের ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের মিমিডে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী অতিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের মিকট হইতে শর্ত সাপেঞ্চে সীলমোহরকত খামে পথক পথকভাবে উন্তুক্ত দবপত্র আহবান করা হাইতেছে। স্বৱট্ৰ মন্ত্ৰশালয়/জননিৱাপত্তা বিভাগ/বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ বিভাগ अर्डी দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান র্ষিনায়ক (পুলিশ সুপার), ১২ আর্মড পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, সেইর-১০, উত্তরা, ঢাকা। 100 কি কারণে দরপত্র আহকান এপিবি(১২)/প্রশাঃ-২০২২/১৬৭৪ 190 দরপরের সূত্র নং ভারিখঃ ০৩/০৩/২০২২খ্রিঃ কাঞ্জের বিবরণঃ উন্ফ নরণত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM) 091 দরপরের পদ্ধবি বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক খাত 90 দরপত্র বিজ্ঞতি পত্রিকার প্রকাশের ভারিৎ ২০-০৩-২০২২খ্রিঃ (অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত) দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময় ২১-০৩-২০২২খ্রিঃ তারিখ ১২.০০ ঘটকা ২১-০৩-২০২২খ্রিঃ তারিৎ ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা व्यक्टिनंद्र नाम ६ ठिकाना १ অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা অধিনায়ক (পুলিশ সুপার), ১২ আর্মভ পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, বাড়ী-০৩, রোড-০৩, সেইর-১০, উত্তরা, চাকা। দরপত্র ভকুমেন্ট/সিভিউল বিক্রেরকারী অফিস ০১। ডিআইজি এপিনিএন, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, ঢাকা। ০২। এধিনায়ক (পুলিশ সুপার), ১২ আর্মড পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, সেক্টর-১০, উভরা, ঢাকা। দরশত্র গ্রহনকারী অফিস ও অধিনায়ক (পুলিশ সুপার), ১২ আর্মত পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, সেইর ১০, উত্তরা, ঢাকা'র কার্যালয় থোলার স্থান দরপর সম্পক্তিত তথ্যঃ 184 ক) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ব) টিআইএন নমর উল্লেখসহ হালসনের আহকর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র, গ) ত্যাট দরপরের যোগাতা

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