

## Rab last resort in rescuing victims of abduction: DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion's success in combating crime while upholding humanity is unprecedented in the world, said its Director General Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun yesterday.

"I can firmly say that Rab is the last resort when it comes to rescuing abducted victims," he said while speaking at a programme on "Rab Memorial Day" organised at the force's headquarters to commemorate those who died while performing duties.

He highlighting the force's success and sacrifices of the deceased members, asked Rab personnel to perform their duties -- upholding human rights -- and going beyond individual interests.

So far, 328 robbers have surrendered to Rab. Rab did not only convince them to surrender but also took measures for their rehabilitation, he said, adding, "There is a breeze of peace in the Sundarbans now."

The Rab DG also highlighted the force's achievements in curbing different crimes including drug trade and militancy, and in recovering firearms in recent years.

"In the past few years, anti-drug drive was one of the toughest challenges for Rab. In the special anti-drug operations, 100 drug dealers were dead in exchange of fire while six Rab member sustained bullet injuries," he said.



Billal, the sole bread earner of his family of six, used to work as a temporary worker at Khalishpur Jute Mill. Since the mill's closure, he has been selling children's toys to support himself and his family. He makes Tk 400-500 each day. The photo was taken yesterday from Khulna city's Khalishpur Prabhati School field.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Govt laxity to blame

Speakers say some traders creating artificial crisis by hiking price of essentials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Taking advantage of the government's laxity, dishonest traders are pocketing huge amounts of money by creating an artificial supply crisis, said speakers yesterday.

The government needs to take initiatives immediately to keep prices of daily essentials at a tolerable level

during Ramadan, they added.

They made the remarks at a discussion on "Essentials' Price Hike, Public Sufferings and Solution", organised by Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) at the capital's Jatiya Press Club.

Mentioning that there is lack of coordination among relevant ministries and organisations,

Consumers Association of Bangladesh Vice President SM Nazer Hossain said due to this, traders are getting opportunities to make extra profit.

The government has withdrawn VAT on edible oil, but it should look into whether consumers are getting the benefit, he added.

"The huge gap between production

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Cargo ships from Dhaka take popular snacks like chips to districts like Khulna, Faridpur and Kushtia, for their fans are scattered all across the country. Once the ships reach their destination, workers carry the goods to trucks for distribution. They earn Tk 10,000 to Tk 12,000 per month for the work. This photo was taken in Barishal's Chandmari Kheyaghat area yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

## SUNAMGANJ MAYHEM

## 72 denied bail, sent to jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Syhet

A Sunamganj court yesterday denied bail plea of 72 persons accused in a case filed following the mayhem in Noagaon village of Sunamganj's Shalla upazila on March 17 last year.

Sunamganj Chief Judicial Magistrate Mohammad Abdur Rahim denied their plea after a hearing and ordered to send them to jail, said Advocate Nazrul Islam, additional public prosecutor of the court.

All 72 are named accused in the case filed by Bibekananda Majumder, a resident of the village. After the attack, they were arrested from different areas.

The mayhem reportedly started after Jhumon Das, a resident of the village, posted on Facebook, criticising Hefajat-e-Islam leader Mamunul Haque. Several hundreds of local Hefajat supporters attacked the village.

However, Jhumon was detained a day before the attack and was later sued in a case filed by police under Digital Security Act. He got bail in September.

The mob, allegedly led by local union council member Shahidul Islam Swadhin, vandalised and looted 90 houses of Hindu people along with four temples.

After the attack, two cases were filed with Shalla Police Station -- one by Bibekananda and another by police. In Bibekananda's case, 72 named, including Shahidul Islam, and 1,500 unnamed persons were sued.

## Strike halts fuel supply in 15 districts

### Khulna tank-lorry workers protest attack on union leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Supply of fuel remains suspended in 15 districts as tank-lorry workers enforced an indefinite strike in Khulna division from yesterday morning.

The strike came demanding arrest of those who attacked one of their leaders.

The lifting and transportation of fuel from the state-run Padma, Meghna and Jamuna oil depots at Khalishpur in Khulna city has been halted, said Khulna Divisional Tank Lorry Workers Union Mir Moksed Ali. As a result, oil is not being transported to 15 districts including five under Barishal division, he added.

As about 450 oil tankers remain away from the roads, this will make it difficult for farmers to irrigate their paddy fields during the boro season.

The workers said Al-Amin, the line secretary of the union, was attacked by some unknown attackers on Nayabati Road in Khalishpur at 12:30pm on March 21.

He was later admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital. On Monday, workers blocked the Natun Rasta Mor on Khulna-Jashore highway from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. During the

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## WB approves \$358m for safer roads

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

World Bank yesterday approved \$358 million to help Bangladesh improve road safety and reduce fatalities and injuries from accidents on selected high-risk highways and district roads.

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MERCY TEMBON  
WB country director for Bangladesh, Bhutan

The project will help Bangladesh achieve the SDGs on road safety by 2030, according to a press release.

On two national highways -- N4 (Gazipur-Engla) and N6 (Natore to Nawabganj) -- the project will pilot comprehensive road safety measures, including improved engineering designs, signing and marking, pedestrian facilities, speed enforcement, and emergency care.

These measures will help reduce deaths by more than 30 percent on these two highways, according to the World Bank.

"This is the first dedicated road safety project in South Asia supported by the World Bank," said Mercy Tembon, World Bank country director for Bangladesh and Bhutan.

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**PRAYER TIMING MAR 30**

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrub	Esha
Azan	4-45	12-45	4-45	6-20	7-45
Jamaat	5-20	1-15	5-00	6-25	8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Office of the Project Director  
"Feasibility Study And Detailed Design for Introduction of Electric Traction (Including Overhead Catenary, Sub-Station) In Between Narayanganj-Dhaka-Chattogram Section of Bangladesh Railway" Project, Bangladesh Railway CRB, Chattogram

### Invitation for Re-Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Railways.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Railway.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for Introduction of Electric Traction (Including Overhead Catenary, Sub-Station) in between Narayanganj-Dhaka-Chattogram Section of Bangladesh Railway Project.
4	Invitation for the work	
	Package No.	Name of the works
	WD/1	WD-1 Rental of Vehicles for Project Management Unit.
5	Invitation for Tender No.	54.01.1500.115.07.102.22
6	Invitation Reference No. & date	54.01.1500.115.07.102.22, Date: 29.02.2022

#### KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
8	Tender publication date	30.03.2022
9	Budget and source of fund	GOB Revenue.
10	Period and last date for selling of tender document	On all office days within working hour from 9:00 hrs. to 17:00 hrs. from the date of advertisement of the tender notice up to 10.04.2022.
11	Time for submission of tender	Up to 12:00 hrs. of 11.04.2022.
12	Time for opening of tender	At 12:30 hrs. on 11.04.2022.
13	(b) Name & address of the receiving tender document	Office of the Project Director, "Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for Introduction of Electric Traction (Including Overhead Catenary, Sub-Station) in between Narayanganj-Dhaka-Chattogram Section of Bangladesh Railway" Project. Room No. 418, CRB, Chattogram.
	(c) Name & address of the opening tender document	i) Office of the Project Director, "Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for Introduction of Electric Traction (Including Overhead Catenary, Sub-Station) in between Narayanganj-Dhaka-Chattogram Section of Bangladesh Railway" Project. Room No. 418, CRB, Chattogram. ii) Office of the Divisional Electrical Engineer, Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka.

#### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

14	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer eligible to provide service according to PPA/2006 & PPR/2008 and other relevant laws of Bangladesh.
15	Brief description of the works	WD-1: Rental of Vehicles for Project Management Unit.
16	Price of tender documents (Taka)	Tk 1000/- (Taka one thousand) only for each package tender document (non-refundable).
17	Package No.	WD/1
	Identification of Package.	WD/1
	Location	Project Director Office, CRB, Chattogram
	Tender security amount (Taka)	Tk 50,000/- only, (In the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft with MICR shall be submitted in favour of FA & CAO (Project), Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka).
	Completion time in weeks/months	16 (sixteen) months

#### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

18	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Habibur Rahman.
19	Designation of official invitation tender	Project Director.
20	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Feasibility Study and Detailed Design for Introduction of Electric Traction (Including Overhead Catenary, Sub-Station) in between Narayanganj-Dhaka-Chattogram Section of Bangladesh Railway Project. Room No. 418, CRB, Chattogram.
21	Contact details of official inviting tender	Mobile: 01711-506127 E-mail: pdetc@railway.gov.bd
22	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tender or part thereof.	
23	Special instruction (A) If the office remains close on the last date of selling of the tender documents, date of dropping and opening of the tender, the next following working day shall be deemed as the last date of selling of the tender documents, date of dropping & opening of the tender respectively. (B) Bank guarantee is not acceptable as tender security.	

Md. Habibur Rahman

Project Director

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