



Scrap dealers at Khulna city burn electric wires to extract copper, which is then sold for Tk 400-500 per kg. While a good source of income, the environmental ramifications of this can outweigh the economic benefits. This photo was taken recently from Khalishpur area.

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HABIBUR RAHMAN

Tiger census to kick off in Oct

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Tiger census in the Sundarbans is set to start this October. Under the “Sundarbans Tiger Conservation Project”, the census will employ the “camera trapping method” and cost around Tk 3.27 crore.

According to Sundarbans Forest Department, the project plans to cover 40 percent of four forest ranges.

This year’s census will be conducted following the same procedure as that of 2015 and 2018. It will also be carried out in the same area to facilitate comparison with the previous census.

However, forest officials said while installing the satellite devices on tigers, used to track them, they should be careful not to cause any physical problem to the animals.

A total of 200 special categories of cameras will be used for census.

Meanwhile, under the project, 20 government officials will go on an educational tour to countries that have made significant contributions to tiger conservation. For this, India or Nepal is being considered as possible countries.

All this was revealed at a press conference yesterday by Khulna Region Forest Conservator Mihir Kumar Doe and Dr Abu Naser Mohsin Hossain, DFO, west Sundarbans.



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New Ashrayan project houses more durable

DIPAN NANDY, from Magura

Houses under the third phase of the Ashrayan-2 project are being made to be “stronger” and “long lasting”.

As a gift from the prime minister, under the Ashrayan-2 project, 1 lakh 17 thousand 329 houses have already been provided to the landless and homeless in the first and second phases. In the third phase, 65,474 houses are set to be handed over.

Compared to the houses of the first two phases, the structure of these houses has undergone considerable changes. Budget and construction costs have also increased as a result.

Abu Saleh Mohammad Ferdous Khan, project director of the project, said the houses will be officially handed over within two months after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

Visiting the Srirampur Shelter Project in Magura yesterday, it was seen that single houses are being built on a strong foundation.



“We have been instructed to make our houses stronger,” mason Abdullah Biswas told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, taking experience from the previous two stages of the project work, changes have been made in the design to make the gift houses more sustainable. Special care is also being taken in land selection.

This comes after the government found several defects in houses of the first two

phases. At the beginning of the monsoon, houses collapsed in some places, as walls broke down or landslides took place.

Due to these reasons, the construction cost of each house has also increased by Tk 69,000. In the third phase, Tk 259,500 has been allocated for each house.

In this regard, Abu Saleh Mohammad Ferdous Khan, project director, Asrayan-2 Project, said sturdier pillars and beams have been added to the design.

“We have engineers from different departments – LGED, Public Works, Public Health Engineering. Heads of these three departments have given advice to make this design stronger. Engineers from all departments are involved in the implementation and monitoring of the execution in the field.”

However, despite these additions, the cost is still lower than market rates, he said, mainly due to the waiver of VAT and tax for these houses. “If VAT and tax were added, each house would cost Tk 3.30 lakh,” he said.

Bill for proper use of agro land placed at JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The “Agricultural Land (Appropriate Use and Conservation) Bill” was placed at Jatiya Sangsad yesterday to ensure proper use and protection of agricultural land.

Rowshan Ara Mannan, a lawmaker in reserved seat for women from the opposition Jatiya Party, placed the bill.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury sent the bill to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Private

Members Bill and Resolution for scrutiny and report back to parliament.

Every Thursday, the bills and decision proposals of the private members, lawmakers other than ministers, are placed in parliament. However, due to the pandemic, such activities were suspended.

Once the law comes into force, agricultural land cannot be used for any purpose other than agricultural work or rented or leased or transferred in any other way.

NOTICE OF BRANCH RELOCATION

This is to inform all valued stakeholders that Citibank, N.A., Chattogram Branch: NIB House, 32 Agrabad C/A, Chattogram 4000, will be relocated to: **Anwar Trade Center**, Holding Number: 1728, Ground Floor, Sheikh Mujib Road, Agrabad, Chattogram - 4100, with effect from April 3, 2022.

For further information please reach out to us at +88 017 666 78489 or E-mail us at bangladesh.citizenservice@cti.com



A day for little bibliophiles

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

In the remote upazila of Barlekha -- about 76 kilometres from the Moulvibazar district town -- a daylong book fair was hosted for children yesterday.


Organised by Barlekha Nazrul Academy, the “Boi Mela” was held at Barlekha Girls’ High School premises. The fair was dedicated to the martyrs of the Liberation War and freedom fighters. For children like Saddam Hosen,

it was like spectating a world outside television.


“I have seen such fairs on TV. This is the first time I got to experience one. This is just like a festival,” he said.

A cultural programme was conducted by upazila vice chairman Taj Uddin and Barlekha upazila scout joint secretary Md Nazim Uddin, where writer Akmol Hossain Nipu was the key speaker and Sueb Ahmed, upazila chairperson, the chief guest.






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Tender Notice No. 13/2021-2022

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as stated below:

Sl. No.	Tender ID number	Tender documents last selling date	Tender closing date & time	Method of tender
1.	681373, 681374, 681375, 681376, 681377, 681378	09-May-2022 17:00	10-May-2022 12:00	OTM

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal & Cumilla City Corporation, Cumilla (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 17.00pm on 09.05.2022.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and also from E-mail: pd.cidp@ccc.gov.bd or Call to 081-72488.

Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

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Date: 30-03-2022

e-Tender Notice: 03/2021-22 (OTM)

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S/N	Package No.	e-Tender Invitation Reference No.	Tender ID No.	Description of works	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing (date & time)	Tender opening (date & time)
01.	e-Tender/PEDP4/RAJ/S AD/2021-2022/W1-02600	APP ID: 183757	679728	Construction of additional classroom Jaukura Dhawapara Govt. P. School under PEDP4.(2H+2V+1V/F4) under Sadar upazila, Dist-Rajbari	25/04/22 17:00pm	26/04/22 12:00 Noon	26/04/22 12:00 Noon

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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