

Procurement of paddy begins countrywide

UNB, Dhaka

The government has started procurement of paddy directly from farmers at Tk 27 per kg, said Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder yesterday.

Besides, the government will start rice procurement from May 7, and it will continue till August 31, he said.

The food minister inaugurated the programme through a video conference held at the conference room of the Food Department in the capital.

Issuing a note of warning, Sadhan said the ministry will ensure vigilance to stop hoarding of paddy.

He urged mill owners to complete their deal with the Food Department by May 7-16 to procure rice, as the duration of the procurement will not be extended.

Public representatives of Tangail, Naogaon, Dinajpur, Sunamganj, Mymensingh, Brahmanbaria, Barishal, Jhenidah districts; high official concerned of local administration; officials of Food Department; mill owners and farmers' representatives joined the event virtually.

On February 24, the government set a target to procure 6.50 lakh tonnes of Boro paddy, 11 lakh tonnes of boiled rice and 0.50 lakh tonnes of non-boiled rice in the upcoming season in 2022.

The procurement price of Boro paddy has been fixed at Tk 27 per kg, boiled rice at Tk 40 per kg, and Atap rice (non-boiled) at Tk 39.

The decision was taken at a virtual meeting of the Food Planning and Monitoring Committee, with the food minister in the chair.



The swelter seemed to have gotten to Dhaka's resident animals as well. These crows quenching their thirst at the lake of Suhrawardy Udyan can be an apt example of everyone's efforts to get some respite from the heat. This photo was taken yesterday.

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Saida Muna 'Diplomat of the Year'

UK magazine honours her for 'contribution to climate diplomacy'

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh High Commissioner to the UK Saida Muna Tasneem has received the prestigious Diplomat of the Year 2022 Award by the Diplomat Magazine, UK.

The award for "Outstanding Contribution to Climate Diplomacy" was handed over to her by Venetia de Blocq van Kuffeler, editor of the magazine, on April 25 at an annual event at London's Biltmore Mayfair in the presence of over 250 diplomats, according to Bangladesh High Commission in London yesterday.

It is an annual award given out by the magazine based on nominations and votes cast by UK based envoys of more than 165



Leak in water supply lines to blame

Says cabinet secretary on diarrhoea outbreak; PM urges residents to clean household reservoirs to prevent cholera

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has requested city dwellers to clean their household reservoirs regularly to prevent the spread of bacteria responsible for cholera and diarrhoea.

She made the request at a cabinet meeting, where the recent outbreak of cholera was discussed at length, said Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam at a press briefing after the meeting.

The PM chaired the regular cabinet meeting at her office yesterday.

The secretary said leaks in water supply lines, caused by haphazard household connections, are the main reason for the outbreak of diarrhoeal diseases in the capital.

The government will begin a cholera vaccine campaign tentatively from May 10.

Saying that measures have been taken, Anwarul said, "The WHO is giving us 7.5

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Cabinet secretary

million cholera vaccines. Two doses of vaccine will give safety against cholera for about three years.

"We haven't seen such an outbreak of diarrhoea in the last 20 to 25 years," said the secretary, adding that he has been tracking the situation for the last 10 days and talked to icddr,b, IEDCR, Directorate

General of Health Services and Wasa.

No bacteria have been found in Wasa's water source.

"There are leaks in many places, and some people connect their household line with Wasa's main line and pump out water. These connections create leaks, and bacteria enter through them," said Anwarul.

Experts found a shortage of chlorine in the water of some areas, which saw a rise of such disease. "After pointing it out, Wasa increased the amount of chlorine in the respective areas," he said.

Germes of waterborne diseases are also found in migrant workers who stay at hotels near the airport before departure.

"We have been informed by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar that germes of waterborne disease are found among migrants. There is no existence of bacteria in tube well water in the villages. They are

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ROHINGYA CAMPS Support community learning

Rights orgs urge govt

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

At least 25 national and international rights bodies and civil society organisations have made an urgent call for the government to support the community-led learning facilities in Cox's Bazar's Rohingya refugee camps.

They demanded that the authorities strengthen their resources in line with the country's international commitment to protect children's right to education, they said in a joint statement yesterday.

Among the 3,000 informal learning centres, about 30 community-led schools have been shut down or dismantled by the authorities since December 2021, on the grounds that they don't maintain the standards of education and hamper the activities of authorised schools.

The statement said the existing learning centres authorised by the government and operated by Unicef and other humanitarian partners offer education to children from four to 14 years of age but leave out the older age

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Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:06	12:30	4:45	6:30 8:00
JAMAT 4:16	1:15	5:00	6:40 8:30
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION			
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RAMADAN	APRIL	SEHRI	IFTAR
27	29		6:30
28	31	4:00	6:30
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With a demand to declare Covid-19 vaccine a common good and increase people's accessibility to it, a group of people under the banner of "People's Vaccine Alliance-Bangladesh" formed a human chain in front of National Museum in the capital yesterday.

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Uttara Bank Ltd. conducted its 39th Annual General Meeting on Thursday presided by The Executive Chairman of Aftab Group & Chairman of Uttara Bank Limited Mr. Azharul Islam. The Managing Director of Aftab Group & Vice-Chairman of Uttara Bank Mr. Iftekharul Islam was also present. The Managing Director & CEO of Uttara Bank Mr. Mohammed Rabiul Hossain and other Directors also attended the meeting.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director
Establishment of Computer and Language Labs
In 509 Govt. Primary Schools in Bangladesh
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Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216

Memo No. ECLLB/DPE/school furniture and repairs/34/2022/113
Date: 28/04/2022

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e-Tender is invited in e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Project Director Establishment of Computer and Language Labs in 509 Govt. Primary Schools in Bangladesh (ECLLB), Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh for the procurement of: Procurement of Furniture (Computer Table, Computer Chair, Table, Armed Chair, Bookshelf, Whiteboard) for 509 Government Primary Schools through e-GP process and Tender for repair of 509 Computer Labs.

Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of goods	Quantity	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time
1	690171	Procurement of Furniture (Computer Table, Computer Chair, Table, Armed Chair, Bookshelf, Whiteboard) for 509 Government Primary Schools through e-GP process and Tender for repair of 509 Computer Labs.	Computer Table 2545, Computer Chair 2545, Table 509, Armed Chair 509, Bookshelf 509, Whiteboard 509 and Repair Maintenance & Refurbishing of 509 Computer Language Labs.	30/05/2022 17:00	31/05/2022 14:00

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Dhaka air remains 'unhealthy'

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka's air quality continues to be "unhealthy", though it is no longer the world's most polluted city.

Yesterday, the densely populated capital occupied the fifth position in the latest list of world cities with the worst air quality.

The capital's air quality index (AQI) was recorded at 153 at 9:04am.

India's Delhi, Pakistan's Lahore, Nepal's Kathmandu and China's Shenyang occupied the first four spots, with AQI scores of 242, 224, 180 and 160, respectively.

An AQI between 101 and 200 is considered 'unhealthy', particularly for sensitive groups.

Similarly, an AQI between 201 and 300 is said to be "poor", while a reading of 301 to 400 is considered "hazardous", posing serious health risks to residents.

AQI, an index for reporting daily air quality, is used by government agencies to inform people how

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