

Golam Faruque passes away

CITY DESK Golam Faruque, senior member of Dhaka Theatre and proprietor of Adbest International, breathed his last at Birdem Hospital on Friday. He was 64. Faruque was also an associate of Kohinoor Chemical Company (Bangladesh) Limited, said a press release.



Woman dies under train in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT A woman died under the wheels of a running train in Tangail yesterday. The deceased is Khaleda Akter (32), hailing from Deohata village. She died on Joydebpur-Bangabandhu Bridge Railway at Mirzapur upazila's Dherua area around 10:00am. Mohammad Kamruzzaman, resident of the village and member of Gorai union parishad, confirmed the matter. Kamrul Hasan, station master of Mirzapur, said after being informed of the incident, they have informed the matter to railway police in Gazipur.

Danger of drugs ever-present

FROM PAGE 3 denied the notion that the increase of seizures reflects that smuggling has also risen. "A huge quantity of narcotics is now seized, as the law enforcers, including DNC, are more vigilant," he told this newspaper. NEW NARCOTICS, NEW CHALLENGE According to officials, in recent times, a number of new types of narcotics like crystal meth, magic mushroom and MDMA were found to be available in the country.

dark web." "We need technological support to deal with such crimes and gather intel," he added. In 2020, Department of Narcotics Control proposed a geolocation system to enhance anti-narcotics operations, which is being looked over by the home ministry, according to sources. Haider Ali Khan, deputy inspector general of Police Headquarters, said new types of drugs are now becoming the major challenge.

income group is dependent on their parents or heads of family to get the money to buy drugs, or they manage by extortion, theft and other crimes. The principal cause (57.27 percent) for taking drugs is mainly the influence of friends, and the second major cause appears to be curiosity, the report added. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said the government is trying to cure and control drug addiction in three ways: reducing demand, supply and harm.

Ex-director among approved the bidders.

FROM PAGE 5 commodities for the residential mental patients. Talking to The Daily Star, Dr Tonmoy Prokash Bishwas, the key accused of the six cases, denied the allegation against him. "After evaluating documents, the tender committee approved the bidders. This was a combined effort. We didn't embezzle government money," Tonmoy claimed. ACC Deputy Director Md Khairul Haque said they filed the cases following primary inquiry. "ACC will investigate it further."

A glimpse into glory

FROM PAGE 3 the premises by police and army personnel. Selina Akhter, a resident of North Medinimondal of Louhajong upazila of Munshiganj, said, "We're very happy that the construction of Padma Bridge has been completed. Traffic on the bridge will start from tomorrow." "The days of waiting for hours at the ferry are over. The people of South Bengal have to suffer no longer," she said. Awlad Hossain, a visitor at the bridge, said, "It will now take six minutes to cross the Padma river, where it used to take more than an hour to cross it by boat." "For the people of the

south, Padma Bridge's construction is an emotional event," he said. Al Bardi, a resident of Dhaka's Mirpur, whose home district is Barguna, visited the bridge after painting his whole body with the image of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the span of Padma Bridge. After getting this artwork done (which took around six hours) from Mohammadpur's Bosila, he set off for Padma Bridge. Al Bardi said, "Padma bridge is a source of pride for us." Meanwhile, after the bridge's inauguration, people across the country continued to thronged the

bridge. This correspondent saw people taking pictures with their family on the bridge. Besides, a three-day cultural programme was organised at Shimuliaghat. Many visitors from Dhaka and surrounding districts came to see Padma Bridge in private cars. Jamal Hossain, a businessman from Dhaka's Malibagh area, said, "I came to see Padma Bridge with my wife and two children." Jibon Hossain, a resident of Louhajong Medinimondal village in Munshiganj, said, "It's like a fair has ensued under the bridge. The crowds will keep increasing as days go by.

The alarming thing is that smugglers are using the dark web and applications that encrypt information to place orders for narcotics from abroad and communicate with suppliers. On November 23, 2021, DNC arrested two suspects -- Asif Ahmed Shuvo and his friend Arnab Kumar Sharma -- with a drug known as DOB. During the investigation, the arrestees informed that they placed an order for the drug through the dark web using cryptocurrency, said officials. Md Mehedi Hasan, assistant director (north) of Department of Narcotics Control, told The Daily Star, "These new types of drugs are mainly sold through encrypted applications, and we have no capacity to monitor them. They are even placing orders from foreign countries using the

CONSUMPTION HIGHER IN ADOLESCENTS According to Department of Narcotics Control's annual report, people aged 16 to 40 comprise 84.27 percent of the total drug abusers in Bangladesh, and drug abuse is most severe among those aged 21 to 25. These groups come from different socio economic backgrounds, but those with no income source comprise 63.64 percent of total drug abusers, read the report. The Department of Narcotics Control report further states that the no-

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Of pride, dream and strength

FROM PAGE 5 opening of country's longest bridge," says the corruption charges went to a Superior Court in Ontario, Canada, which acquitted three former top executives of SNC-Lavalin, the Canadian firm, in an international bribery case linked to the bridge's construction in 2017. Sheikh Hasina also defied bitter criticism by political opposition led by former prime minister Khaleda Zia during the construction of the bridge, says the report carried by various newspapers

including Fox44news.com and Fox13memphis.com. AFP, Bloomberg, PTI, ANI, Khaleej Times and many other newspapers across the globe covered the event of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating the 6.51-km bridge, which is projected to increase the country's GDP by 1.3 percent. New York-based Bloomberg in its report titled "Bangladesh Unveils Bridge Shunned by World Bank a Decade Ago" said the project is seen as a personal victory for Sheikh Hasina.

It reports 50 years ago, newly independent Bangladesh was synonymous with poverty, but today the tiny South Asian nation is being feted for beating its bigger and richer regional peers on key economic and social indicators such as gross domestic product per capita and gender equity. "The government-funded bridge shows its appetite for infrastructure spending amid a need to create jobs for its 67 million labor force and reduce pandemic-fueled inequalities," Bloomberg says. It also quoted Hasina as saying, "When I announced a plan to build the bridge with our own funds, many in Bangladesh doubted me. I proved them wrong." "The common

perception that Bangladesh cannot do anything without financial assistance by lenders is gone." Khaleej Times carried AFP story that quoted the experts saying the construction of the bridge, which involved more than 4,000 engineers, was a major technical challenge. "The bridge's underwater pilings extend 122 meters (400 feet) deep, a world record, and it requires 41 total pillars. At some points in the river, the water flow volume ranks second globally only after the Amazon River," it says. The Indian Express wrote that by joining the southwest -- home to 30 million people -- with the capital across the Padma River, the bridge is expected

to give an unprecedented boost to communications, trade, and the economy of Bangladesh as a whole. India's news18.com highlighted PM Hasina's quote, "This bridge is not just bricks, cement, iron, and concrete. This bridge is our pride, a symbol of our capacity, our strength and our dignity. This bridge belongs to the people of Bangladesh." India's Siasat Daily said the Padma Bridge would not only help improve intra-Bangladesh connectivity, but it will also provide much-needed impetus to logistics and businesses connecting India and our shared subregion. The bridge will play an important role in fostering greater bilateral and subregional connectivity, it added.

Boy found

FROM PAGE 5 on Friday. He returned home with his son's body yesterday noon. The father claimed that his son was tortured to death. Being informed, police sent the body to Rangpur Medical College Hospital for autopsy, said Golam Kibriya, sub-inspector of Gangachara Police Station. Police will take action if the family files any complaint, he said.

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IN MEMORIAM Fifth Death Anniversary of Late Muquddesa A. Qasem (1930-2017), W/o Late Abul Qasem, FCA She was a social worker and writer and actively involved with Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Association for the Aged, Human Development Foundation and Swanivar Bangladesh. In Fond Remembrance Shakil, Farzana, Sohel, Jabeen, Sanjida, Mostaq Sadaat, Sajid, Navid, Sadaat, Omair, Ahnaf, Afraz & All Partners, Directors, Managers, Staff and Students of A. Qasem & Co.

10,000 FROM PAGE 5 upazila and 150 meters away from Dhaka-Chattogram and Chattogram-Sylhet railways. While visiting the area, this correspondent saw huge bricks are being burnt at Mehedi Bricks, set up close to Khalapara Government Primary School. Parul Begum, headteacher of the school, said the brick kiln has been causing serious physical and mental health hazards for them. Bishwajit Karmaker, acting headteacher of Kalishima Dakhin Government Primary School, echoed the same. Contacted, Md Nurul Amin, deputy director of Brahmanbaria DoE, said there are 181 brickfields in the district, of which 99 are operating illegally. "Our department is conducting mobile court drives against all illegal brick kilns, including the brickfields near educational institutions."

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A new hope FROM PAGE 5 For every visitor who had set off for getting the first glimpse of Padma Bridge yesterday, it was a day of rejoicing the start of a faster pace towards the advancement of their lives. Their eye glistened with new hope as they looked at the massive structure that conquered the Padma river.

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