

Despite the fact that DSCC authorities had demolished an illegally constructed concrete bridge over this sewage canal just last year, locals have again constructed a makeshift bamboo bridge to get across, defying the rules. The construction obstructs the passage of water in the canal. This photo was taken recently from Sabujbagh. PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## A glimpse into glory

#### Thousands throng Padma Bridge on opening day

SAJJAD HOSSAIN, Munshiganj

After inaugurating the Padma Bridge, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina left for Jajira in Shariatpur from the Mawa end of Munshiganj via the Padma Bridge.

After 12:30pm yesterday after inauguration, thousands of visitors walked on the Mawa side of the Padma Bridge. Many also ran and tried to reach the pillar number one.

The distance up to pillar 8-9 were crowded with visitors. Even the rain couldn't halt visitors' enthusiasm to see the bridge.

Besides, many crossed the toll plaza on foot. Members of the law enforcement had to work hard to control the crowd. Visitors weren't allowed to enter the main bridge.

Around 2:00pm, visitors had to be removed from

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#### INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, ILLICIT TRAFFICKING

# Danger of drugs ever-present

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Despite tough vigilance and special drives by law enforcers, narcotics, especially yaba, smuggling increased in 2021, when compared with the previous year.

According to the annual report of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC), the amount of yaba seized, which is smuggled into the country from Myanmar, increased by 45.88 percent in 2021, when compared with data of the previous year.

A similar scenario has been witnessed in regards to heroin and cannabis, which mainly enter from India. The amount of heroin seized by law enforcers increased by 109.67 percent in the same timeline, the report reads.

Only eight to 10 percent of the total smuggled narcotics could be seized by law enforcers, and usually when smuggling increases so do seizures, according to officials and

Adoption of new techniques by smugglers, use of the dark web, and absence of enforcement agencies' access to technology and accountability are blamed as reasons behind the increase, they said. DNC will launch the report today marking "International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking".

The agency has taken a series of programmes, including a rally and discussion, to observe the day.

"The increase of seizures

## WHAT THE

- Heroine seizure increased by 109.67pc in 2021 compared to 2020
- People aged 16-40 comprises
- Influence of friends principal cause for taking drugs, which is 59.27pc
- > 81.72pc of drug abusers admitted for treatment are uneducated

availability of narcotics. But it points to the fact that law enforcers are active," M Emdadul Haq, chairperson of history and philosophy department of North South

Emdadul, who has conducted his PhD on narcotics, said the scenario may not improve until accountability is ensured among enforcement

"War against narcotics requires combined efforts, and enforcement agencies have to play a major role here by performing their duty with

However, Md Azizul Islam, director general (additional charge) of DNC,

## **DATA SHOWS**

- > Yaba seizure increased by 45.88pc in 2021 compared to 2020
- 84.27pc of drug abusing population

clearly reflects the smuggling and University, told The Daily Star.

utmost integrity," he added. SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

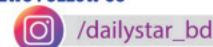






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