

2 killed, 1 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Two people were killed and another was injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday, report our local correspondents.

In Gopalganj, a truck driver was killed in a bus-truck collision in Sadar upazila of Gopalganj.

The accident happened on Dhaka-Khunla highway in Haridaspur bridge area, said police.

Sohag Mollah (35), son of Sohridul Mollah from Chandradigholia village in the upazila, was declared dead at Gopalganj General Hospital. In Dinajpur, a motorcyclist Moinul Islam (45) was killed and his pillion passenger Mina Khan hurt after a sand-laden tractor hit their motorcycle in Ghoraghat upazila.

Moinul was initially taken to Ghoraghat Upazila Health Complex. Later, he succumbed to his injuries on the way to M Abdur Rahim Medical College Hospital in Dinajpur, said police.



The Dhaleshwari river has caused great misfortune to the residents of Patilapara area in Manikganj's Satoria upazila in the last few days, as many of them have no roof over their heads owing to river erosion. Hundreds of families have lost their homes and croplands, and are yet to get any institutional support. This photo was taken yesterday.

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Man sent to jail over acid attack

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A Barguna court yesterday sent a man to jail for allegedly throwing acid on a woman's face in Sadar upazila the day before.

Following the attack in Ayla Patakata area, locals caught the accused Kamal and handed him over to police. The victim – Parveen Begum (30), a resident of the area – is a tea seller.

Parveen's relatives said she went to her shop on Monday night. At that time, four to five people passed by on two motorcycles and threw acid on her. Victim's father Shahjahan Mia said, "We had a land dispute with several people including Kamal, which led to the attack."

UP member Shahjahan Mia said locals caught Kamal after the family sought justice. Barguna Police Station OC Ali Ahmed said further legal actions will be taken later.

Parveen was initially taken to Barguna General Hospital. Samsuddoha Shams, an assistant surgeon at the hospital, said her face, eyes and throat were burnt. The doctors sent her to Dhaka for better treatment.

A series of DELAYED JUSTICE

WASIM BIN HABIB and PINAKI ROY

Razia Rahman had to wait for six years to get a trial court's verdict in her husband Faisal Arefin Dipan's murder case.

One and a half years have gone by since the judgment, but she still does not know when the legal process of the case would be completed and she would get final justice.

The case currently lies pending with the High Court.

"Common people like us have nothing to do to expedite the legal process. All we can do is to place our demands for justice," said Razia, with a tinge of sadness in her voice.

Dipan (43), owner and publisher of Dhaka-based publishing house Jagriti Prokashoni, was hacked to death by members of banned militant outfits at his office inside Aziz Super Market in the capital's Shahbagh on October 31, 2015.

He was murdered for publishing books written by American-Bangladeshi writer Avijit Roy, who was killed on Dhaka University campus eight months earlier. The attacks were part of a wave of violence targeting freethinkers, bloggers and agnostic writers, which started in 2013.

On February 10 last year, an Anti-terrorism Special Tribunal in Dhaka delivered the verdict in Dipan's case, sentencing all eight accused in the case filed by Razia to death.

Appeals filed by the convicts and death references in the case are now pending with the High Court.

"After the lower court verdict, the case has now been stuck in the upper court.

The sooner verdicts are delivered in all such cases from the court, the better it would be for everyone. Otherwise, the cases will get buried," said Razia.

Although attacks on freethinkers and bloggers, and their murders by suspected Islamic militants have decreased significantly due to multiple anti-militant crackdowns, none of the families of those killed have got complete justice yet. Most

and LGBT activists were killed across the country in 2015. Four of them were killed within the span of seven months. Al-Qaeda-influenced Ansarullah Bangla Team, also known as Ansar Al Islam, was responsible for the killings, according to law enforcement agencies.

STATUS OF THE CASES

Of the cases, the trial courts concerned have so far delivered judgements in the

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Wife of Faisal Arefin Dipan

Judges don't have inquisitorial power. These are done by people involved in the prosecution side. Whether a case would move swiftly or slowly depends on the state apparatus.

JYOTIRMOY BARUA
Barrister

of the victims' family members, like Razia, blamed slow legal progress for the delayed justice.

In 2013, Bangladesh started witnessing a string of violence targeting bloggers and freethinkers by suspected Islamic militants, after a small group of secular bloggers and online activists launched a massive protest movement, demanding death penalty for war criminals of the Liberation War and an outright ban on religious politics.

The motive of the attacks, as police investigation revealed, was to muzzle their secular voice, views and freethinking.

At least 10 freethinkers, bloggers

cases filed for killing six bloggers, while the High Court gave verdict in one case, filed for killing blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider, who was the first secular blogger to have been killed by militants.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court is yet to start hearing the appeals filed by the convicts, challenging the HC verdict in Rajib murder case.

Trial proceedings of three murder cases are currently pending with the lower courts. The cases were filed for killing bloggers Niladri Chattopadhyay Niloy, Nazim Uddin Samad, and Oyashiquir Rahman Babu.

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'I don't know where I'll go'

Dhaleshwari river erosion takes a serious turn in Manikganj

ZAHANGIR SHAH, Manikganj

Hundreds of families in Patilapara area in Manikganj's Satoria upazila have been affected by river erosion. Vast crop lands and houses have been washed away by the Dhaleshwari river in the last few days. Hundreds of houses and crop lands, including, Abdur Rahman Khan High School are now at risk of erosion.

Water Development Board (WDB) office sources said 11 rivers – including Padma, Jamuna, Kaliganga, Dhaleshary, Ichhamati, Kantabati – flow through Manikganj district, making it prone to erosion during the rise and fall of water level.

On a visit to the Patilapara area, this correspondent saw that more than 100 bighas of crop land and six houses have been washed away by the Dhaleshwari.

Jabeda Khatun was seen cooking in a river side kitchen. Most of her house has been washed away by the river. The kitchen is almost on its way to be drowned.

She said, "We took shelter on a neighbouring land near Abdur Rahman High School as a major portion of our home was washed away in the river a few days ago. Now it seems that the school will be engulfed by the Dhaleshwari as well. I don't know where I will go. No one is coming to our aid."

Samsul Haque, another resident, said, "I planted fruit trees, but they were uprooted due to river erosion. Each five trees go for Tk 3,000. Now I'm cutting down the trees to use as firewood since I'll be moving. What am I supposed to do?"

Mofizul Islam Khan Kamal, former Manikganj-Satoria constituency AL lawmaker and president of Abdur Rahman Khan High School's managing committee, said, "Every year, the river erosion situation gets worse. This time, people of the surrounding areas, including Patilapara, became homeless due to river erosion. We need to build a permanent dam."

Manikganj WDB Executive Engineer Md Main Uddin said, "We've used 7,500 geo-bags in the area to prevent erosion. When the water recedes, the rest will be placed there so that there is no further erosion."

"WDB has approved and allocated funds for constructing permanent dams in 10.5 km area at 12 points of Kaliganga river. Permanent dams will also be constructed in phases in risky areas surrounding the Dhaleshwari."

Broadband for 1 lakh schools by 2025

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The government is planning on providing broadband internet connections to one lakh educational institutions by 2025, as part of its efforts to spread online education across the country.

The information was revealed at a workshop on connectivity for educational Institutions, "Bangladesh Broadband Policy 2022", organised by Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission, Aspire to Innovate and Alliance for Affordable Internet at a Dhaka hotel yesterday.

Post and Telecommunications Division and Education ministry have already identified 98,349 schools, colleges, madrasas, universities and other institutes eligible for the connections.

A total of 13.89 lakh internet connections have to be established, as there will be several connections for each of the institutions.

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Request for Proposal (RFP) to operate four unused UPHC clinics at Bogura Pourashava through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and income-to-cost basis.

Tender Ref. Bog-Pou/Xen/2020-2021/1279 **Date: June 25, 2022**

Bogura Pourashava with the technical and capacity-building support from the USAID LHSS project conducted an assessment to re-open its four unused UPHC clinics which have been closed due to the withdrawal of financial support after phase II of the UPHCP project. One of the main components of UPHCP phase-II was to build the capacity and infrastructure of the urban primary health care system, thus after the end of Phase II Bogura Pourashava has its place in four well-designed clinic buildings located at Jamil nagar, BCIC Road, Thanthania, and Chelik-Sutrapur within its territory. As there is no further funding opportunity to start the operation of these clinics, Bogura Pourashava has taken the decision to start its operations through a public-private partnership in which the NGO/private entity/individual group runs the facility on an income-to-cost basis.

Bogura Pourashava is inviting sealed proposals from interested Non-government organizations (NGOs), Private clinic operators, Corporate agencies, individuals, etc. (whether for-profit or non-profit, must be legally registered under the laws of Bangladesh) with a proven experience and also fulfil the criteria mentioned in the RFP for selection. The RFP document contains all the necessary information for interested offerors. With the most proficient offerors, Bogura Pourashava will sign an agreement initially for five years of operations. The selected operator will have an opportunity to operate these clinics for a longer period if the performance review is found satisfactory and strategically sustainable for the community to serve.

Interested offerors can download the RFP documents from the web address below with the site call for proposal to operate four (4) unused UPHCP clinics of Bogura Pourashava (phase 1): <http://www.bograpaurashavabd.org/tender-notices>

To make a clear understanding of the RFP to the potential offerors, A Pre-bid meeting will be held on 30 June 2022, at 11:00 AM BST at Pourashava Conference Room, Level-2, Paura Bhaban, Bogura Pourashava, Jail Road, Bogura-6600. Please see the bid documents for details of location and contact.

Offerors shall submit their proposal through a hard copy in the designated place as mentioned in the RFP document. The proposal must be received no later than July 21, 2022 COB. Please note that the bid opening session will not be conducted as a public opening.

Interested offerors are requested to participate in the pre-bid meeting as per the above schedule. The offerors must bring a NID Card/Organization/Company Photo ID Card with him/her to attend the Pre-bid Meeting.

Bogura Pourashava reserves the right to accept or reject all/part proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever. This RFP invitation will also form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the offerors.

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47 hospitalised with dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 47 dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals across the country in the last 24 hours till 8:00am.

With the 47 new cases, one from outside Dhaka, the total number of dengue patients rose to 1,016, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Among the patients, 139 are still undergoing treatment.

A total of 876 patients have been released from hospitals and one patient has died so far.

Ctg zoo welcomes Chitra fawn

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chitra deer gave birth to a fawn at Chattogram Zoo yesterday.

Dr Shahadat Hossain Shuvo, veterinary surgeon of Chattogram Zoo, told The Daily Star, "The fawn is doing well under its mother's care."

"The number of Chitra deer has risen to 29 with the arrival of the new guest at the zoo," he added.

Alongside Chitra deer or spotted deer, Chattogram Zoo has two other species of deer.

The zoo has 620 animals of 66 different species.



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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package No	Name of works	Tendering Method
1	2	3	4	5
1	714088	e-Tender/Nat-S/Nat/INF-2020-21-506963-01	Installation of Street Light at different important Hat-Bazar, Educational Institutions & important Road Junction under Natore Sadar Upazila, District: Natore	OTM
2	714089	e-Tender/Nat-S/Nat/INF-2020-21-506963-02	Supply of 01 (One) No. Ambulance for health service of marginal people under Natore Sadar Upazila, District: Natore	OTM
3	714091	e-Tender/Nat-S/Nat/INF-2020-21-506963-03	Supply of Agriculture equipment to registered farmer society under Natore Sadar Upazila, District: Natore	OTM

This is an online Tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and offline hard copies will not be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to 4:00 PM date 17/07/2022.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and also from e-GP help desk (E-mail: ue.natore-s@lged.gov.bd OR Call to 0771-66636)

Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

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