

Mahalaya today

BSS, Dhaka

The Hindu community in the country will celebrate Mahalaya, the auspicious occasion heralding the advent of goddess Durga, today. With the beginning of "Devipaksha", Mahalaya is observed six days before Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Bengali Hindu community.

Mahalaya marks an invitation of sorts to goddess Durga to begin her journey from Kailash to her paternal home (earth), along with her children.

This invitation is extended through the chanting of mantras from Sri Sri Chandri and singing devotional songs. Countdown of Durga Puja begins with the celebration of Mahalaya.

On October 1, Durga Puja will begin with SEE PAGE 4 COL 7



Sitting on a raft made out of banana trees, two children playfully splash the canal's water at each other. The mercury rose to 28 degrees Celsius in Barishal yesterday. This photo was taken in Babuganj upazila.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

'Won't tolerate harassment against women'

State minister says on allegations against Biman high-ups

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Stern actions will be taken against those involved in harassing female cockpit crew in Biman Bangladesh Airlines, said State Minister for Civil Aviation M Mahub Ali at an event on Friday night.

He was talking to reporters after attending "Gala award ceremony of monitor airlines of the year" at a city hotel.

Mahub said the country's prime minister, opposition leader and speaker are women. Many are working in the top positions in army, navy and government services. There are many women who are working as secretaries, deputy commissioners and UNOs.

Therefore, the government will not tolerate any incident of harassment against women.

Nine out of 15 female cockpit crew members of Biman recently alleged that their bosses in training and scheduling departments discriminate and harass them so much that it even jeopardised flight safety on at least one occasion.

They said the work environment has become hostile due to intentional discrimination, SEE PAGE 4 COL 7

Narsingdi OC withdrawn

He allegedly didn't take robbery victim's complaint

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Narsingdi Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Firoz Talukder has been withdrawn from his post "for not accepting a written complaint of the victim of a mugging incident and making adverse comments towards him."

Additional Superintendent of Police (Narsingdi Sadar Circle) Faria Afroz confirmed it to The Daily Star yesterday.

Firoz was withdrawn on Friday night and was attached to Narsingdi District Police Lines the same day, she said. He has already been replaced by Abul Kashem Bhuiyan.

"Due to administrative reason, Firoz Talukder has been withdrawn and another officer had taken over his duty in the same night upon instructions from the higher authorities," she added.

It was alleged that Al-Mamun, an official of a private bank, was going to Dhaka in a rented private car from Bhairab on September 10 at night. Four muggers, in guise of passengers of the vehicle, tied his hands, legs and eyes, and took away his mobile phone at knife point.

After the car reached Narsingdi, they dropped him off. Later, the robbers' gang also took Tk 1.9 lakh from Al-Mamun's ATM card from a nearby booth.

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WAR OF WORDS CONTINUES

BNP playing 'evil game' to bolster movement Says Quader

BSS, Dhaka

Awami League (AL) General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said BNP is playing an "evil game" to strengthen its movement.

Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, said this while addressing the tri-annual conference of Gaibandha district unit of Awami League.

The minister joined the

**"To save Bangladesh, Awami League must be saved. To save the spirit of the Liberation War and democracy, Awami League must be saved."**



OBAIDUL QUADER

Speaking against war, sanctions does not suit PM Says Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday said what Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told the UNGA about war and sanctions doesn't suit her as her government has been indulging in killings and enforced disappearances.

Speaking at a discussion, the BNP leader said several hundred people have been taken to police

**"People have given sanctions on them [govt]. People are saying they no longer want to see the current regime in power."**



MIRZA FAKHRUL

Jatiya Party will boycott polls if EVM is used Says GM Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Jatiya Party Chairman GM Quader yesterday said JP would not participate in any elections if the electronic voting machine is used.

He made this comment in a memorial meeting of party's former secretary general Zia Uddin Ahmed Bablu, at a convention centre in Chattogram.

Quader said instead of buying EVMs at a cost of around Tk 9,000

**"Instead of buying EVMs at a cost of around Tk 9,000 crore, the government should spend the money for the welfare of the poor."**



GM QUADER

conference virtually from his residence in the capital.

Regarding the statement of BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that "farewell siren of the government has rang", he said for the last 14 years, the siren of the departure of the government has been ringing in the ears of Fakhrul, but not in the ears of the people.

BNP leaders see darkness instead of daylight as they wear black glasses, he added. "That's why they are unable to see these achievements and development," Quader said.

He further said the AL's committee should give importance

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stations and maimed while over 1,000 people have been killed by resorting to extra judicial killings. "That's why sanctions have been imposed on the Rab."

Fakhrul said sanctions should be first imposed on those who gave illegal orders. "The country's people have given sanctions on them [govt]. People are saying they no longer want to see the current regime in power."

BNP's national committee on the celebration of Golden Jubilee of Independence arranged the event at Jatiya Press Club.

On Friday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina demanded an immediate end to Ukraine-Russia

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crore, the government should spend the money for the welfare of the poor.

The Jatiya Party chairman said time will tell whether the party would go for alliance with any party, adding that over a year is left for the next parliamentary polls.

"At present, we have plans for nominating candidates in all the 300 constituencies," he said.

Terming Zia Uddin Ahmed Bablu an honest and dedicated leader, GM Quader urged the party activists to follow his footsteps.

JP's co-chairman Anisul Islam Mahmud and party's secretary general Mujibul Haque Chunnua also spoke. Bablu died on October 2, 2021 at the age of 67.

Two children among six killed in road crashes

7 including 3 of a family injured

STAR REPORT

Six people were killed and seven others injured in road accidents in four districts during the last two days, said reports from our correspondents.

In Patuakhali, a 10-year-old boy Jihad was killed, and five others - including three of his family members - were injured in a head-on collision between an easy bike and a truck in Kalapara area yesterday.

This accident took place on Patuakhali-Kuakata alternative road in Musaliabad village around noon.

Following the accident, both the legs of Jihad's

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Passengers had to wait for more than three hours on the track as the Mymensingh-bound Bijoy Express derailed around 9:40am yesterday. Authorities said the train derailed while changing its line at Bhatiari station in Chattogram. The reason for the delay is being investigation by the railway.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

440 hospitalised with dengue

UNB, Dhaka

Another 440 patients were hospitalised with dengue in the last 24 hours till yesterday, amid a rise in the viral fever cases.

This year's death toll from the mosquito-borne disease rose to 50 on Friday with two more deaths reported from Dhaka.

Of the total deaths, 23 were reported from Dhaka, 23 from Chattogram and four

Barishal division.

Of the new patients, 325 were admitted to different hospitals in Dhaka. A total of 1,628 dengue patients, including 1,272 in the capital, are now receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

On June 21, DGHS reported the first death of the season from the viral disease.

DGHS has recorded 13,440 dengue cases and 11,762 recoveries so far.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Office of the Director  
Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, Rajshahi  
**Invitation for Tenders (IFT) No. 03/2022-23**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Health Service Division.	
2	Agency	Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, Rajshahi.	
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.	
4	Procuring entity code	3252104 & 3255105.	
5	Procuring entity district	Rajshahi.	
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Diet, Stationary & Miscellaneous for Group-C. (Diet) Group-D. (Diet) Group-F. (Diet) Group-G. (Stationery)	
7	Invitation Ref. No.	RMCH/Tender/03/2022-23/9070	
8	Date	24/09/2022	
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
10	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
11	Tender publication date	25/09/2022	
12	Tender last selling date	15/10/2022 (Up to 12:00pm)	
	Date	Time	
13	Tender submission date and time	Up to 15/10/2022 Within 1:00pm	
14	Tender opening date and time	15/10/2022 At 01:00pm	
15	Name & address of the office(s)	Address	
	-Selling tender document	Office of the Director, Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.	
	-Receiving tender document	1. Office of the Director, Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.	
	-Opening tender document	2. Divisional Commissioner Office, Rajshahi, Conference Room, Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, Rajshahi.	
16	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Place	Date Time
		Conference Room, Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, Rajshahi	01/10/2022 11:00pm
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>			
17	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	As per TDS of Tender Document.	
18	Brief description of goods	Group-C. (Diet) (স্বাদীয় মাসন) Group-D. (Diet) (মাস) Group-F. (Diet) (কফি) Group-G. (Stationery) (পাতা, কলম, কাগজ, কবনি ফর্ম ইত্যাদি)	
19	Price of tender document (Tk)	Group-C. Tk 2,000.00 (two thousand) (non-refundable) Group-D. Tk 2,000.00 (two thousand) (non-refundable) Group-F. Tk 1,000.00 (one thousand) (non-refundable) Group-G. Tk 1,000.00 (one thousand) (non-refundable) CTR Code No. 1-2711-0000-2681	
20	Identification of group	Location	Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in weeks/months
	Group-C. (Diet) Group-D. (Diet) Group-F. (Diet) Group-G. (Stationery)	Kitchen RMCH Store (Stationery)	The amount of Tender Security for each group shall be 2% percent of the total value of the item(s) quoted by the tenderer in favour of Director, Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. Financial year 2022-2023
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
21	Name of official inviting tender	Brig. Gen. Md. Shameem Yazdany.	
22	Designation of official inviting tender	Director.	
23	Address of official inviting tender	Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, Rajshahi.	
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. 0721-775651 Fax No. 0721-776323	
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders of tender proceedings according to rules & act.		
26	Submit Application to Return Tender Security at tender submission time.		

Brig. Gen. Md. Shameem Yazdany  
Director  
Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, Rajshahi

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