

RIVER EROSION ALLOCATION No report on beneficiaries yet

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Department of Disaster Management (DDM) distributed Tk 50 crore among victims of river erosion in October 2021 through upazila nirbahi officers of the affected areas.

According to relevant documents, DDM in two separate orders issued on March 8 and June 20, asked UNOs to submit details of the beneficiaries.

But even after almost a year, DDM is yet to get a proper response from the UNOs.

In this backdrop, the department issued a reminder letter to UNOs on November 7, asking them to submit all the details by November 14.

The allocation was made under Prime Minister's Financial Aid to the Extreme Poor and Destitute of River Erosion Prone Areas.

In 2021, a total of 51,094 families of 96 upazilas in 31 districts were proposed for the aid, and the money was allocated to the UNOs from the special fund under the 2021-22 budget, reads a letter issued on October 10, 2021.

DDM told UNOs to follow the guidelines and distribute money to families equally and also submit a report with the details of beneficiaries after distribution, since

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A worker dries pieces of plastic, which were procured after breaking down different bottles with a machine, under the sun. These scraps of plastic are then sold by the kilo to different factories that recycle and turn them into everyday-use items. This photo was taken in Khulna city's Zero Point area recently. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Ministry to set up databank for mortgaged land

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The land ministry is going to set up a digital databank for mortgaged lands to protect people against forgeries.

At a coordination meeting with divisional commissioners at the ministry yesterday, Land Minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury said banks, sub-registry offices, land offices and commoners will be able to verify information relating to land mortgages online.

It will prevent the practice of unusual buying and selling, mutating or remortgaging land, he said, adding that lenders will benefit more from the databank, reads a press release.

Land Secretary Mustafizur Rahman said in the first quarter of the current fiscal, about Tk 168 crore was collected as land development tax.

Once a morgue, now a diabetes centre

The 38-year journey of Pabna diabetic association

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An abandoned one-storey building of the health department on Abdul Hamid road in Pabna was mostly used to keep dead bodies. But it all changed in 1984 when a few youths came together and turned the ghostly establishment into a facility to treat diabetes patients.

Since then, over two lakh patients have been admitted to this diabetic

centre, most of whom would have remained untreated otherwise as the facility provides their service at a minimal cost.

"Pabna Diabetic Association, a non-government organisation dedicated to diabetes patients, was established in 1984, headed by then prominent businessman Afzal Hossain as president and Dr Monwarul Aziz as secretary," said freedom fighter Baby Islam, current

chair of the organisation.

When they started bringing untreated diabetes patients into the system in the '80s, the response from people was poor as most of them were unaware of the dangers posed by this chronic disease back then.

"At first we hardly got 5-10 patients a day. However, our gradual awareness programmes

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'Salary Tk 20,000, compensation Tk 12 lakh' Demand vessel workers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government should immediately fix the wages and amount of compensation in case of death, natural or accidental, of vessel workers on duty, said discussants at a programme yesterday.

Sadharon Nou Sramik Oikya Parishad, a platform for the rights of vessel workers, came up with this demand at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Leaders of the organisation also warned of a movement if their demand is not met in 15 days.

The speakers said the government set the salary at Tk 7,700 and compensation at Tk 2 lakh through a gazette in 2016. But it has already been six and a half years since it was increased.

Monirul Islam, member secretary of the platform, demanded a monthly salary of Tk 20,000 and compensation upon death at Tk 12 lakh.

Presiding over the function, Mohammad Mohiuddin, convener of Nou Sramik Oikya Parishad, said, "We will enforce a strike after November 28, if our demand is not met."

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE SC stays bail of ex-NSU trustee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday stayed till November 21 a part of the High Court verdict that granted conditional bail to former member of North South University's (NSU) trustee board MA Kashem in a Tk 304-crore money laundering case.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division Justice M Enayetur Rahim, however, upheld another part of the HC verdict that granted conditional bail to another former member -- Rehana Rahman -- in the same case.

The apex court chamber judge passed the

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'TikTok-ing' banned at Lalbagh Fort

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The authorities of Lalbagh Fort have banned filming of TikTok videos on its premises.

They claimed that while filming, the video creators create trouble for other visitors.

Some have even quarrelled with visitors, said officials working at the historic site.

"Most of the TikTokers are young and have been involved in quarrels with visitors while shooting their videos. Hence, we have banned the filming of such videos on the fort premises," Lalbagh Fort Assistant Custodian Tanzilur Rahman told The Daily Star.

"I found TikTokers everywhere, making videos and even violating the privacy of visitors. Many visitors feel embarrassed under such circumstances," said Latiful Islam, a resident of Azimpur, who visited the fort last week.

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অফিসের জন্য বাড়ি ভাড়া বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তরধীন ঢাকা বিভাগীয় সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়ের অফিস হিসেবে ব্যবহারের জন্য ০৩ (তিন) বছরের নবায়নযোগ্য চুক্তিতে ঢাকা শহরের ধানমন্ডি পুরাতনা ৩২ নম্বর [নতুন] ১১ নম্বর সড়ক হতে শ্যামলী পর্যন্ত এলাকায় মিরপুর রোড [মেইন রোড] সংলগ্ন গ্যাস, পানি, বিদ্যুৎ সংযোগ সম্বলিত এবং ০৪(চার)টি গাড়ি ও ০৬(ছয়)টি মোটরসাইকেল পার্কিং করার গ্যারেজ সুবিধাসহ চতুর্দিকে বাড়িভাড়া করা এবং সুরক্ষিত প্রবেশ গেইট সম্পন্ন ৬,০০০ (ছয় হাজার) বর্গফুট হতে ৬,৫০০ (ছয় হাজার পাঁচশত) বর্গফুট আয়তনের মধ্যে এক বা একাধিক তলাসহ নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তাবলী সাপেক্ষে বাড়ি ভাড়া নেয়া হবে।

শর্তাবলীঃ

১. ভাড়া প্রদানে আগ্রহী প্রকৃত বাড়ি মালিকগণকে অত্র অফিস কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত এবং বিনামূল্যে সরবরাহকৃত আবেদনপত্র পূরণ করে খামবন্ধ অবস্থায় [খামের উপর বিষয় ও সূত্র উল্লেখপূর্বক] ডাকযোগে/বাহক মারফত আগামী ২১-১১-২০২২খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে পৌছাতে হবে;
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৮. বাড়ি/ফ্ল্যাট এর ভবনগামী সড়ক নির্বিঘ্নে গাড়ি চলাচলের অনুপযোগী হলে দাখিলকৃত প্রস্তাব বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে;
৯. গাড়ি রাখার জন্য উপযুক্ত গ্যারেজ সুবিধা না থাকলে দাখিলকৃত প্রস্তাব বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে;
১০. ঢাকা বিভাগীয় সমাজসেবা কার্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন প্রস্তাব গ্রহণ/বাতিল অথবা সকল প্রস্তাব বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

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