



A farmer tends to his cabbages to get a good harvest. These vegetables take about two and a half months to be ready for picking. This photo was taken in Khulna's Dumuria village recently.

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Towards an

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The grand finale of the competition took place at The Daily Star Centre. Juairia Haque Mahi, Mohammad Mohiuddin Sourav, and Jabir Al Mahdi Izaan, members of the winning team “Wastech”, said once implemented, their idea can ensure 100 percent recycling of waste and zero emission. The first runner-up team, “The Ackermans”, generated the idea of producing eye-wear using garment waste. The second runner-up team, “Lego Hulks”,

pitched the idea of using plastic bricks for building homestead structures in disaster-prone areas. The winning teams received Tk 20,000, Tk 15,000 and Tk 10,000, respectively. Besides, three more groups — Team GYSH, Team Elder Wand, and Team Ethereum 4.0 — took part in the grand finale and received much appreciation. Organisers said initially, around 70 teams submitted ideas. From them, six qualified for the mentoring session and the final round. During the grand

finale, each team pitched their ideas in front of an adjudication panel. The panel comprised of Nazmul Ahsan of ActionAid Bangladesh, Shamima Akhter of Unilever Bangladesh Limited, Mahfuz Sadique of bKash Limited, Mushfiqur Zaman Satiar of Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and media personality Abdur Nur Tushar. Congratulating the winners and participants, ruling Awami League lawmaker Nahim Razzag, who attended as chief guest,

said although climate change is happening, actions for adaptation and mitigation are slow. ActionAid Bangladesh Country Director Farah Kabir said ideas generated in the competition should be reach people, stressing for involving different organisations in the process. It's significant that the country's youths have engaged themselves in pitching ideas to fight climate change-induced challenges, said The Daily Star Executive Editor Syed Ashfaul Haque.

Over 20 men

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said the clash left 15 men injured. Md Mojibur Rahman Khaleq, joint general secretary of Pirojpur district unit AL and younger brother of Awal, said the central leaders decided to form the upazila unit committee through councillors, but the followers of Rezaul Karim denied the decision. Then Rezaul's followers attacked and injured seven to eight men. Attackers also vandalised several cars, Khaleq claimed. Mohammad Saidur Rahman, superintendent of police in Pirojpur, told the journalists that a scuffle occurred among supporters of the two groups.

Bangladesh

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the foreign minister spoke of an energy security framework with the GCC — something that is important in the wake of global fuel price hike amid Russia-Ukraine war. Momen said migrant remittance is a major source of foreign currency, but money laundering or use of informal channel for remittance is harmful for both the GCC countries and Bangladesh. He stressed that GCC and Bangladesh can work jointly to address these issues. Momen proposed that Bangladesh and GCC sign a preferential trade agreement. He expressed gratitude to the GCC countries for providing political and humanitarian support to Bangladesh, which is sheltering 12 lakh Rohingyas.

Only 103 public toilets for 1.78cr

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Momotaj Begum, caretaker of the public toilet at Tejgaon Railgate, said that women come less often than men. Over 300 men use the toilet, as opposed to 50 women. Adil Mohammed Khan, professor of Jahangirnagar University's urban and regional planning department, said in the last five years, only a few public toilets that meet the demands of residents have been built. “Only city corporations can solve this problem,” he

said, suggesting that the corporations can classify toilets of mosques and markets as public toilets so that people can freely use them. “People are holding in their urine, because of insufficient public toilets. So, they are suffering from various illnesses,” he added. Contacted, DNCC spokesperson Mokbul Hossain said DNCC has 50 public toilets and is constructing 50 new ones. Out of the new ones, 37 toilets have already been built.

All works might be finished in December, he said. “The citizens will benefit if all the toilets are built by December. The toilets that need renovation are also being modernised consistently,” he said. Sufiullah Siddik, supervisor engineer of DSCC, said public toilets are being built in every ward. Space and staff crises are the corporation's barriers. The number of employed people in the city is increasing, so new public toilets are being built.

Bangladeshis in Lebanon

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The documents include a letter (written in English) from the company or sponsor, copies of passport and old residency permit, and letter of assurance from the sponsor, which should be attested by notary public, as per the notice. An undocumented worker has to pay \$70 for attesting their job contract. Lebanon's economic crisis saw depreciation of the US dollar against the Lebanese pound (LBP), resulting in a hike of food

and fuel prices. This affected many Bangladeshi migrant workers as they failed to earn enough to pay bills and remit money home. Amid the crisis, at least 14,000 undocumented migrant workers returned home from Lebanon till 2021, under different voluntary repatriation programmes of the Bangladesh mission. Due to the economic meltdown, Lebanon's currency has effectively lost more than 90 percent of its dollar value in the last three

years, and its citizens have seen their bank deposits evaporate, according to a recent report of naharnet.com, an online media outlet in Lebanon. Lebanon is currently experiencing hyperinflation, says the961.com, an independent media outlet in Lebanon. On November 15, black market traders in Lebanon were selling the US dollar for 39,700 LBP. The current official rate of the dollar stands at 1,500 LBP and the “bank rate” at 8,000 LBP, it says.

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No remedy for migrant

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did not receive their wages or died with no compensation for their families,” said Page. The Qatari government in recent years adopted important labour reforms, but they came either too late, or were too narrow in scope, or were too weakly implemented for many workers to benefit. “The saddest part of the Qatar World Cup [is that] most of these reforms were aimed at just silencing the critics from the foreign countries,” said Yasin Kakande, a Ugandan journalist who covered labour abuses in Qatar. “Most of these reforms did not go far [enough] to help the migrants from systemic abuses,” she added. In November, Qatari authorities opposed the call for a remedy, calling it a “publicity stunt”. FIFA said they were open to providing a remedy but

didn't publicly commit to create a remedy fund before the opening games. Shariful Hasan, head of the Migration Programme and Youth Initiatives of Brac, said more than 1,300 Bangladeshi workers have died in Qatar over the last decade, with many deaths attributed to heart attacks. “We must answer to the people who have died — not only in Qatar but in any Middle Eastern country,” he said. “The loss of family

members and the dehumanising experiences that have emerged from the 2022 World Cup will not be forgotten long after the tournament is over,” Page said. Rejimonn Kuttapan, an Indian migrant rights journalist, said, “Within 20 days, everything [the matches] will be over. We shouldn't forget that thousands of lives have been sacrificed.”

Cattle market

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Sanu Mia, a cattle farmer, said, “I'm well aware of the risks. But where will I go?” Echoing the same, Sajjad Mia, another cattle trader said, “When I hear the sound of trains, I move away with my cattle.” Buyer Siddiqui Rahman said this way of conducting business is even riskier than it sounds, as the sound of trains are often not heard because of the hustle and bustle of traders and customers. However, Asahid Mia, a leaseholder of the market, said, “This isn't a big deal. We always monitor the situation. When a train comes, we remove everyone.” “Besides, I have requested the upazila nirbahi officer to give us an alternative space, but they didn't respond,” he claimed. Uttam Kumar Dev, assistant station master of Shamsernagar Railway Station, said, “We have informed the relevant authorities not to set up the cattle market on railway tracks but to no avail.” Abdul Hannan, president of Shamsernagar Bazar Banik Kalyan Samiti, said the market has been set up on rail tracks due to a lack of space. Contacted, Kamalganj UNO Sifat Uddin said they didn't get any application from cattle traders for an alternative space to set up the market. Regarding the cattle market on rail track, he said they will take actions after an enquiry.

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Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208
Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry	Ministry of Defense			
2	Agency	Survey of Bangladesh			
3	Purchaser Name	Project Director (Preparation of Upazila Digital Maps in Bangladesh (Topographic))			
4	Purchaser District	Dhaka			
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Transport Hiring service.			
6	Invitation Ref No. and date	23.08.0000.041.26.051.22.01 Date: 20-11-2022			
7	Procurement method	Open Tender Method			
8	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)			
9	Project code	224360600			
10	Project name	Project Director (Preparation of Upazila Digital Maps in Bangladesh (Topographic))			
11	Tender Package No.	GD 01			
12	Tender package name, date	Procurement of Transport Hiring service, 20-11-2022			
13	Tender publication date	20-11-2022			
14	Tender last selling date	04-12-2022 at 10.00am			
15	Tender closing date and time	04-12-2022 at 11.00am			
16	Tender opening date and time	04-12-2022 at 11.30am			
17	Selling tender document	1. Office of the Project Director, Upazila Project 2. Security Gate (Office hour) Survey of Bangladesh, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208			
18	Receiving tender document	Security Section, Survey of Bangladesh, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208			
19	Eligibility of tenderer	The tenderer must have a minimum of 03 (three) years of overall experience in the supply of vehicle and related services as a supplier in government and non-government organizations.			
20	Brief description of goods	Hiring one vehicle Minimum Engine Capacity: 1500 CC or over; No. of Seat: 5- Seats or More; No. of Door: 4; Model Year 2012 or Later, New Looking; Built-in Air-Conditioning System; Dual-Fuel) for "Upazila Project" work both in Dhaka and Outside Dhaka.			
21	Brief description of related	02 vehicle, 24 hours, initially 6 months it may extend according to performance, run average 2000 km /month (inside and outside Dhaka)			
22	Price of tender document: Tk 500.00 (five hundred) only				
23	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time
	1	Procurement of Transport Hiring service	SOB	BDT 16,000.00/= (sixteen hundred)	45 (forty-five) days from the date of contract signature
24	Name of official inviting tender		Md. Shofiqur Rahman, PD, Upazila Project, Atten: Md. Saidus Jaman, PM, Upazila Project		
25	Contact details of official inviting tender		Tel: 88-02-8170396, 01520100431		
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				
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