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Due to the high demand of blankets in winter, sales pick up as over hundreds of blankets come to the country from India on the train from Benapole to Khulna. Women running small businesses in different areas of Khulna go to Benapole and buy these blankets for Tk 2,500 to 2,600. The blankets are then sold at different markets in Khulna at Tk 3,000 to 3,200. The photo was taken recently in Khulna Railway Station.

Police Week to start on January 3

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Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal. On January 6, field-level officers will hold a meeting regarding the country's overall law-and-order situation.
A day after, the inspector general of police will hold a meeting with police officials. The annual general meeting of the police service association will also be held on the day, the schedule reads.
And on the last day, January 8, the police officials will hold a meeting with ministers in the morning, with the cabinet secretary in the afternoon, and with the chief justice in the evening, according to the Police Week schedule.

Biman plane damaged

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To tackle such incidents – often leading to flight cancellation, damage to the aircraft engine or, in worst case scenarios, loss of life due to crash landing – airport authorities across the globe use modern and conventional technologies to drive the birds away from key aviation installations.
The HSA also has some bird deterrent equipment

including guns but it is alleged that sometimes those machines do not work properly and there is also shortage of manpower to operate those guns.
Authorities at the CAAB said, they are planning to bring some modern technologies and devices to monitor such situations.
CAAB is planning to use the devices at the HSA and then gradually extend them to other airports.

A good initiative, but still a long

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The cameras were found covered in a few buses, mentioned the CMS team, which was later solved upon contacting the responsible supervisors.
Occasionally, the batteries of the buses are removed to recharge. The cameras are then shown going offline. This sometimes makes it difficult to track the buses, especially in locations having poor 4G connections.
Deepak Kumar Roy, project director on the

Manipuri family under threat over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Manipuri family in Sylhet's Shibganj Adityapara area has been spending time in constant fear, after they came under repeated attacks by miscreants who want to grab its ancestral land.

A property-ownership trial regarding 44 decimals of land is underway at court. Meanwhile, a group of local influentials is allegedly trying to grab the land by force, claims the family.

On Sunday morning, around a hundred people with local weapons attacked their house.

A case has been filed with Shahporan Police Station, accusing one Ezaz Ahmed and several other named and unnamed persons.

Meanwhile, a group of people again tried to grab the land yesterday afternoon. Police detained one attacker and sent him to a Sylhet court after showing him arrested in the case.

Ajanta Amrit Sinha of the family said her mother Rina Debi became the rightful owner of the land after her father Amrit Sinha's death in 1999.

Contacted, Ezaz Ahmed said, "Amrit Sinha sold the property in 1988, My expatriate cousin Abdul Aziz bought the land in 2012. Since we bought the land, we have been paying all the taxes along with electricity and gas bills. The Manipuri family has no legal papers."

"A Sylhet court in 2020 declared the ownership of the land in our favour but they have not filed any appeal to a higher court yet. We will be filing a case against them for accusing us for the attacks," he said.

Contacted, Indranil Bhattacharjee, inspector (investigation) of Shahporan Police Station, said, "We have taken increased security measures for the family."

Want to save a river?

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engineer of Pabna WDB, said only 2.67 km of the connecting channels of Ichhamati and few parts of the main river were dredged till June.

"As the entire project could not be completed, the dredged portion has filled up with silt again. We are back to square one." Shahin said.

Md Ruhul Amin – secretary of Swetchhasebak League's Pabna district unit and representative of TSL – said, "WDB never handed over the entire project site,

only a part of it. Hence, we are unable to complete the entire project."

Ruhul, however, said they left the project site as they did not see any possibility of earning profits from it.

However, he did not elaborate on his implications.

A total of 610 illegal structures out of the 1,053 have been removed from riverbanks since the beginning of the eviction drives, said Md Mosharaf Hossain, assistant director of WDB's land and revenue section.

But the drive was halted as encroachers have filed a series of cases in this regard, he noted.

"The court issued separate stay orders, so we were bound to stop the eviction drive," he added.

Abdul Hamid Khan, secretary of Poribesh Andolon, Pabna, said, "Pabna's mighty Ichhamati has been dead for many years due to encroachment and pollution. Finally, there was a ray of hope due to the dredging and eviction drives. But it turned out to be nothing but a waste of money."

Tk 100cr to ease traffic congestion

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the system, the driver just needs to put the card inside the machine, explained Shueb.

Officials said it only takes 1.52 minutes to bring out a car parked on level 16, 1.30 minutes for one parked on level 8, and only 45 seconds for one parked on level two.

"The place was designated to park only nine cars. But now, we can

park around 150 cars in the same space," said Shueb.

"We have tried to estimate and found that it would cost around Tk 320 crore to buy enough space near PHQ for parking 150 cars. For the system, however, the estimates currently stand at Tk 34 crore and a yearly Tk 5 lakh maintenance fee," he added.

Shueb also said they aim to make the multi-

level system popular so that private and public sectors can take such initiatives to help ease traffic congestion.

As car parking is a major problem in the capital, IGP Mamun stressed on the necessity of such a system. "If multi-level parking is constructed through public-private initiative, parking cars will be easier and traffic congestion will go down," he said.

Reduce metro rail fare by 30pc

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"As the middle and lower-middle-income groups of people will be the main beneficiaries of the service and the fare should be reduced by 30 percent," said Adil.

He also suggested developing a multi-medium integrated communication system centring the metro rail.

Effective use of metro rail can be ensured by effective planning on how people will come to the stations or go to various destinations around the stations, he said.

Communication expert Alsana Haque said around 60 to 70 percent of people in Dhaka use public transport. The fare for buses is around Tk 2.5 per kilometre, while the minimum fare for metro rail is Tk 20.

Those intending to cross shorter distances will be discouraged by this, she said.

Project Director of the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) Md Ashraful Islam said it

is the practice in developed countries that when a city bears 3 million people, metro rail services are encouraged.

Among the six proposed metro lines, the Uttara-Motijheel (MRT-6) route is the most viable one, for

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ADIL MOHAMMAD KHAN
Executive Director of IPD

which the government has taken initiative to complete it first, said Ashraf.

He also stressed the need for introducing bus services in an integrated manner along with metro rail and adequate car parking facilities at stations to get the full benefits of

the services.

IPD Advisor Prof Akter Mahmud said traffic congestion will not be solved through this partial metro rail service but some changes will be made when the full MRT-6 lane will be open to the public.

"To reduce the traffic congestion in Dhaka significantly, the implementation of all the components of Revised Strategic Transport Plan (RSTP) – such as the six metro lines, three ring roads, two Bus Rapid Transits, 8 radial roads, bus route rationalisation system and pedestrian ways – is very important," said Akter.

Stressing the need for proper steps to manage the huge flow of people after arriving at the station, IPD Director Ariful Islam said it will be a difficult challenge to face.

"The authorities should have given attention to this matter in the beginning. However, they can still take proper steps to this end," he added.

Obituary



Mr. Hamidul Huq

Mr. Hamidul Huq, Ex-Managing Director of the Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh (CRAB), died on the morning of 8th December in Houston, USA at the age of 77 (Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Ilaaihe Raje'un). He has been buried in the USA.

Mr. Hamidul Huq has devoted most of his career with financial institutions. Prior to joining CRAB as its Managing Director in 2008, he was with United Commercial Bank Limited as its Managing Director.

CRABs Board of Directors, its Management & staff as well as the External Rating Committee Members join hands to condole the demise of Mr. Hamidul Huq. Our prayers to the Almighty Allah to bless his soul and grant him Jannat. We also convey our respect and sympathy to the bereaved family members.

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Tender ID : 769304 Package No : SEFD/REV/GR-08 2022-23	Supply of uniform Of Officers and Staffs of Sadar, Chandpai and Sarankhola Range	10 January, 2023 16.00 p.m.	11 January, 2023 13.00 p.m.	11 January, 2023 15.00 p.m.

(Mohammad Belayet Hossain)
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2 dead, 106

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homes under Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC).
For the survey, a total of 1,319 households of 40 DNCC wards and 1,830 households of 58 DSCC wards were surveyed. It also found 13 wards under DNCC and 14 wards in DSCC to be highly risk-prone as the density of Aedes mosquitoes was found to be higher in those wards.

'Hizb ut-Tahrir'

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mosques after keeping contact with the ameer of the Bangladesh branch of Hizb ut-Tahrir and other group leaders, he added.
Legal steps will be taken against the arrestee, said the official. "Besides, efforts are on to arrest the other members of Hizb ut-Tahrir based on Uday's information," he added.

Fog disrupts

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Two ferries remained stranded in the middle of the Padma and operation of nine more ferries was cancelled on the route, he said. About 30 vehicles and at least 200 passengers on two ferries got stranded in the middle of the river and

suffering amid heavy cold.

The service will resume once the fog disappears. However, there is no pressure of vehicles on the both points, said Shah Md Khaled Nawaz, deputy general manager (Commercial) of BIWTC at Aricha point.

Time running out

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another standing committee member Abdul Moyeen Khan alleged, when the government is desperate to stay in power, it gets to such a stage that it forgets about the people of the country.

"To stay in power, they start killing, vanishing and torturing. Bangladesh is now in that situation. The entire country has now turned into a prison," he said at a discussion held at at Dhaka Reporters Unity, demanding release of the party leaders.

Khan said they do not do politics against the government but against the misrules of the government.

Referring to the constitution, he said it is the responsibility of the opposition party to ensure accountability of the government and its misdeeds.

"We believe in democracy. The government wants to

eliminate the opposition to prolong its stay in power," he alleged.

In another development, the BNP has formed a seven-member liaison committee to coordinate with like-minded parties to wage a simultaneous movement.

BNP waged a simultaneous movement demanding election under a caretaker government and demanding the resignation of the incumbent government.

Syed Emran Saleh, acting office secretary of the party, issued a press release mentioning the names of the liaison committee members.

The members of the liaison committee are party's standing committee members Nazrul Islam Khan, Selima Rahman and Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku, vice chairmen Barkatullah Bulu, Md Shahjahan, Abdul Awal Mintoo and joint secretary general Syed Moazzem Hossain Alal.

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Sealed bids are invited from well-established/reputed/suppliers for the "Supply of Laptop & Desktop Computer" by Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology.

The sealed quotations must reach the Treasurer's office by 02.00 pm on 09th January 2023. The tenders will be opened on the same day at 02.30 pm in presence of the suppliers or their authorized representative (if any) in the Treasurer's office. Detailed specifications along with tender documents may be obtained from the procurement office.

Earnest Money for the tender will be 2.5% of the quoted price in the form of Bank Draft in favor of "Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology"

Office of the Chapainawabganj Pourashava

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