



Bananas from Jashore-Chuadanga region have their own demand in Khulna. Wholesalers bring them in lots on trains, store them in their warehouses and later sell them when they ripe. The photo was taken at Khulna Railway Station recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Social movement, govt effort

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treatment gap is huge," Helal said.

Besides, most mental health facilities are clustered in urban areas, particularly in metropolitan cities.

According to the action plan, the density of psychiatric beds in or around the capital is five times higher than that in the entire country, even though 70 percent of the Bangladeshi population live in rural areas.

Unlike countries in the European Union, there appears to be hardly any substantial mental healthcare service available at primary or secondary health facilities in Bangladesh.

Of all psychiatric beds available in community psychiatric units and mental hospitals,

Bangladesh has only one psychiatric bed for every 100,000 people, which is significantly lower than 52 beds for every 100,000 people in EU countries.

There were 0.13 psychiatrists per 1,00,000 people in Bangladesh compared to 12.9 for 100,000 in EU countries.

Helal also stated that less than 1 percent of the annual health budget is allocated for mental health, and medical training institutions keep less than 5 percent of the curriculum to teaching health professionals about mental well-being.

The new action plan was adopted to address these issues with four strategic actions, which include strengthening effective leadership and governance for mental

health and well-being; providing sustainable, comprehensive, integrated and responsive mental health and social care services at all levels; implementing strategies for mental health awareness and risk reduction for mental health conditions; and strengthening information systems, evidence and research for mental health.

Speaking as chief guest, Health Minister Zahid Maleque said, "We will try to increase budgetary allocation as well as the workforce for the mental health sector. There is no room for taking the issue lightly."

High officials from the health ministry, the health directorate and other organisations also spoke at the event.

## Goals: good governance

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four things for Biman passengers. The first thing is arranging tickets at a fair price."

"I also want to ensure a neat and clean environment inside the aircraft, where the crews will behave well with passengers. We also want to bring a variety of in-flight food," he added.

Azim said he also wants to ensure the timely dispatch of luggage and flights.

"I will not be able to achieve the goal alone. I will have to achieve them together with my teammates," he added.

Azim said Biman will also introduce feedback services for the passengers. "Even 10 minutes before getting assigned the

## Muktijuddher

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history during the Liberation War period," said Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, trustee of Gonoshasthaya Kendra and one of the organisers of Bangladesh Field Hospital during the war, while addressing the event at Shilpakala Academy.

Padma Rahman, nurse of Bangladesh Field Hospital, said, "We had also fought during the Liberation War with arms. But those arms were not destructive, rather they saved lives."

Libertation War-time physician Kazi Misbahun Nahar, editor and publisher of Prothom Alo Matjur Rahman, and director general of the health directorate Prof Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam attended the event among other.

## Evaly chair Shamima

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On August 11 this year, Md Rafiqul Islam, a sub-inspector of Criminal Investigation Department and also the investigation officer of the case, pressed charges against three people, including the couple. Arif Baker, a consumer, filed the case against them

on September 17 last year. According to the case statement, Arif had ordered goods worth Tk 3,10,597 from Evaly in May and June after seeing attractive offers on its website on May 29, 2021. But he did not get the products within the stipulated time. His friends also ordered

products from Evaly and paid in advance.

The company was committed to refund the paid amount if the goods were not delivered within seven to 45 working days, said Arif.

But Evaly failed to deliver the products and refund the money, he said.

## I'll pass this story to my children

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Government Primary School, came to Agargaon with her father to see the train.

"It's beyond my imagination. It's awesome," she said.

Bristy and many others couldn't ride the metro yesterday as it would be made open for public from today, said officials.

Md Shohel, 29, who works at a private firm, was one of the many onlookers. "It was a nightmare to go to my office at Motijheel from Mirpur. The metro would be a great help for job-holders like me."

Over 200 hundred selected people, including dignitaries, wounded freedom fighters, teachers, students, garment workers, rickshaw pullers, farmers, hawkers and some metro-rail workers, joined the prime minister in the maiden metro rail journey from Uttara North to

Agargaon. Boarding the train, ministers and lawmakers expressed their joy.

Lawmaker from Mirpur-Pallabi area Elias Uddin Mollah said people of his constituency suffered a lot during the construction period of the metro project, as it caused gridlocks.

"But we have forgotten our pain as the inauguration of the metro rail took place today," he said.

Agriculture Minister Abdur Razzaque said, "The metro rail is a milestone for this country. Bangladesh is marching forward."

**A SEPARATE BOGIE FOR WOMEN**  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, while addressing the opening ceremony of the metro rail yesterday, said the trains will have one reserved bogie for women.

There will also be separate wash-rooms for women and a care centre

for children, the PM added. Besides, freedom fighters will get to ride the trains free of cost, Sheikh Hasina revealed.

The PM also urged everyone to use the metro rail responsibly, in a neat and clean manner. She asked commuters not to litter inside trains and at stations.

## Municipality

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management system. Bagerhat Municipality Mayor Khan Habibur Rahman said they have been spreading bleaching powder at the waste dumping spot regularly to prevent the bad smell.

Considering the importance of public health, acquisition of 5 acres of land has already been completed for setting up a permanent waste dumping station, added the mayor.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Title: Upazila Agriculture / Fisheries Officer, GCA Project.**  
Number of Vacancies: 01 (One), Contract Duration: 9 Months. Contract Type: Contract with E-Zone.

<https://hotjobs.bdjobs.com/jobs/ezone/un151.html>

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**Title: Research Officer**

Number of Vacancies: 01 (One), Contract Duration: 12 Months. Contract Type: Contract with E-Zone.

<https://hotjobs.bdjobs.com/jobs/ezone/un152.html>

**Last Date of Application: 4 January, 2023**

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Memo No-25.36.2680.534.14.170.22-1359

Date- 28/12/2022

## e-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tenders are invited in the national e-GP portal:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Last Selling Date	Opening Date
01	771209	12/01/2023	15/01/2023
02	771285	12/01/2023	15/01/2023
03	771636	12/01/2023	15/01/2023
04	771718	12/01/2023	15/01/2023
05	772139	12/01/2023	15/01/2023
06	772145	12/01/2023	15/01/2023
07	772146	12/01/2023	15/01/2023

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Memo No: RNPL/1320/2022/0793 Date: 28 December, 2022

**Notice for Time Extension**

Memo No.: RNPL/1320/2022/0654 Invitation for Proposal for Procurement of coal from Indonesia and/or Australia for Patuakhali 1320 (2x660) MW Coal Fired Thermal Power Plant

The aforementioned Invitation for Proposal was issued on 22 November, 2022 vide memo No. RNPL/1320/2022/0654, where the last date for submission of proposal was mentioned 10 January, 2023; 12:00 PM (BST). The company hereby, issuing another Five (5) weeks' time extension as per approval of the competent authority. Therefore, the deadline for submission of proposal and relevant issues hereby rescheduled as follows:

Description	Date	Time (BST)
Last Date and Time for Selling Request for Proposal	9 February, 2023	5.00 PM
Last Date and Time for Submission of Proposal	13 February, 2023	12.00 PM
Last Date and Time for Sending Queries on Request for Proposal	26 January, 2023	05.00 PM

This notice for time extension will be considered as part and parcel of the RFP document. All other terms and conditions of the RFP document shall remain unchanged.

(Kazi Mohammad Tanvir)  
Company Secretary  
RPCL-NORINCO Intl. Power Limited

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8:10am, said sources. However, a 10km tailback was seen from Hatia in Kalihati upazila to Bangabandhu Bridge's east end.

Several drivers said they could not see anything ahead due to dense fog. Besides, the traffic pressure increased on the highway due to the closure of several toll booths on the bridge. Contacted, Shafiqul Islam, officer in-charge of Bangabandhu Bridge East Police Station, told The Daily Star that the toll plaza was not shut. However, traffic on the bridge was controlled to avoid accidents.

The situation started to get back to normal from 10:30am, he added.

The ILO Bangladesh, invites applications from the qualified Bangladeshi Nationals for the following positions:

**Vacancy No.** : DC/Dhaka/ NO/2022/12  
**Position** : National Project Manager  
**Number of positions** : One (01)  
**Grade** : NO-C  
**Type of contract** : Fixed Term  
**Job Location** : Dhaka  
**Duration of contract** : one year (renewable)

For details of the instructions to apply, please visit our website: <https://jobs.ilo.org>

Applications MUST be submitted no later than **Tuesday, January 10, 2023**. The ILO values diversity among its staff members and aims at achieving gender parity. We welcome applications from qualified women and men, including those with disabilities.

**The ILO is a non-smoking working environment**

**Dhaka South City Corporation**  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
Waste Management Department  
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Memo No. 46.207.000.12.05.4101.2022

**Corrigendum Notice**

This is to inform all concerned that tender notice Memo No. 46.207.000.12.05.4085.2022, Date: 11/12/2022 the following corrigendum is as follows:

Sl. No.	Package No.	Tender ID No.	Existing date & time	Amendment date & time
1.	egp/dscc/wmd/2022-23/3/P2	762558	Document last selling date & time up to 04:00pm Closing date up to 2:00pm	01/01/2023 up to 04:00pm 02/01/2023 up to 2:00pm
2.	egp/dscc/wmd/2022-23/3/P3	762559	Document last selling date & time up to 04:00pm Closing date up to 2:00pm	01/01/2023 up to 04:00pm 02/01/2023 up to 2:00pm

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GD-2383

দি ইনস্টিটিউট অব ব্যাংকার্স, বাংলাদেশ (আইবিবি)  
ডিআর টাওয়ার (১৩ তলা)  
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টেলিফোন: ৫৫১১২৮৫৭-৬৩

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Memo No. NIPSOM/ADMN/e-GP/2022/2489 Date: 28/12/2022

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of Computer and others at AIDS/STD Programme for NIPSOM below:

e-Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of goods	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time	Opening date and time
764802	NIPSOM/PkG-03	Procurement of Computer and others at AIDS/STD Programme for NIPSOM, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	12-Jan-2023 16:00	15-Jan-2023 12:00	15-Jan-2023 12:00

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