

Six e-gates opened at Sylhet airport

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To ease the immigration process and improve service quality, six electronic gates (e-gates) were inaugurated at Sylhet Osmani International Airport yesterday morning. Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen, lawmaker from Sylhet-1, inaugurated the gates. Earlier on June 30, 2021, e-gates were first inaugurated at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka. Currently, there are 26 e-gates at the airport. Later, six e-gates were also inaugurated at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chattogram. Sylhet is the third airport in the country to have e-gates.

Kidney

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cost of Tk 486 per session, and the government would give Tk 2,180 subsidy for the patients for each session, CMCH sources said.

The protesters, however, said a kidney patient needs dialysis eight times a month, and they had to pay Tk 2,795 the first two times and Tk 510 for each of the rest.

And now, the hospital authorities have raised the fee further. Patients now have to pay Tk 2,935 for the first four sessions and Tk 535 for each of the rest sessions in a month, they said.

CMCH Director Brig Gen Md Shamim Ahsan told journalists that the hospital has the capacity to conduct dialysis of 6,500 patients but the number has increased now.

Due to some limitations and as per the directives of the health ministry, the authorities have to raise the dialysis fee.

“To inform of the issue, a letter has been sent to the ministry concerned,” he added.

Too many

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related diseases yesterday. According to hospital sources, there were only 23 seats available for children at the hospital, while 69 of them were admitted until yesterday.

Contacted, Khandakar Sadiqur Rahman, superintendent of the hospital, said many children were suffering from pneumonia and asthma due to the bitter cold.

The number of patients at the hospital increased almost four times, and around 80 percent of them had cold-related diseases.

“A 20-bed ward was opened yesterday to accommodate the additional child patients,” he added.

Police turn AL man into BNP

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its unit-4 in Kalyanpur Pora Basti (slum), where Nizam has been living with his family for decades. “I’ve known Nizam for a long time and seen him in Awami League rallies and processions,” said Mohammadullah Kawsar, president of AL ward-11.

Kazi Emdad Hossain, who has been president of unit-4 for three consecutive terms, said Nizam has been active in AL politics since 2008.

According to the copy of an AL membership card local party leaders gave this newspaper, Nizam’s party membership number is 36. The card was issued on December 8, 2017.

Right after Nizam’s arrest, several unit leaders went to the police station demanding his release but to no avail.

Emdad said, “Nizam’s wife met and requested us to do something, but we failed to save him from the

case.” Meanwhile, Nizam submitted an application to Jashim Uddin Mollah, deputy commissioner of Mirpur division police, on December 5, seeking his help to stop the harassment. He also attached the document of his AL membership. Contacted recently, Jashim said he has been investigating whether Nizam is innocent, and after the probe, he will take necessary steps.

“Regardless of whether he [Nizam] is involved with Awami League or BNP, if he has been harassed, I will take necessary action,” the DC said. Asked whether police have any proof of Nizam’s involvement with BNP and in the Mirpur incident, SI Motiur of Mirpur Police Station said an officer brought Nizam and identified him as the former BNP leader. “I just wrote the forwarding letter

and produced Nizam before the court.”

When this correspondent asked for the name and phone number of the officer who detained him, Motiur said he could not recall immediately.

Nizam, who runs a firewood shop at Kallyanpur Pora Basti, recently said he does not even know in which case he has been framed.

Documents show SI Ashiqur Rahman of Mirpur police filed the case on May 17. As per the case statement, being instructed by Jamaat ameer Dr Shafiqur Rahman, a procession carrying a banner of Jamaat was brought out to destabilise the situation.

Nizam said he had to spend around Tk 1 lakh for the court battle so far and has borrowed the money from relatives and neighbours.

Old Dhaka

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among themselves. “All year, we eagerly wait for Shakraim. It’s like another Eid for us.”

According to the shopkeepers, kites of different designs and shapes – including Chokhadar, Maladar, Pankhiraj, Chalandar, Pandar, Kathadar, Prajapati, Dapas, Petidar, Pandar, Batur and Chil – are available.

Ordinary kites are sold for Tk 5 to 25 while foreign ones cost Tk 150 to 600. A thousand yards of Manja yarn from India or China costs Tk 150.

Santosh Sur, proprietor of Shapnochura Store in Shankharibazar, said sales are less this time, but with almost a week to go till the festival, business may take off.

For the second time, DSCC is also organising the festival.

Litigants

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Md Mostafa Kamal, administrative officer of Brahmanbaria District Judge Court, told The Daily Star, “We started a work abstention but postponed it... considering the sufferings of people. We are coming to the office and doing our regular activities, but the lawyers are not attending the court.”

Md Tanbir Bhuiyan, president of District Bar Association, in a protest rally in front of the association building yesterday said, “We will continue the movement until our demands of withdrawal of the two judges and staffer are met.”

He alleged the staffer, Mominul Islam, is involved in selling fake stamps and fake court fees at the court premises. Mominul, however, denied this.

Azad Rakib Ahmed Turan, public prosecutor of Brahmanbaria District Judge Court, said not only litigants, but the state is also being deprived because of the deadlock.

There are at least 23 separate courtrooms in the district judge and chief judicial magistrate court building, where at least 2,500 to 3,000 cases, both civil and criminal, are heard every day, he said.

Literature

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This year’s edition began amidst much apprehension, with ticket charges drawing doubts on how many people would attend.

Despite occasional lags in communication – regarding changes in session timings or authors such as Orhan Pamuk and Hanif Kureishi not attending the festival – the ineventiveness with which the event was curated showcased how stories run across not just literature and art, but science, technology, business, climate change, music, sports, culinary arts, and more.

A man is sleeping here

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Shuvo, a 16-year-old, was curled up on the footpath near Karwan Bazar. He has been staying there for three years. After his father remarried following his mother’s death, he fled his Manikganj home and came to Dhaka.

Shuvo was shivering while talking. He just had a plastic bag as his bed, while he used his shoes as a pillow. He wrapped himself up with a lungi, in absence of a blanket.

“Last year, I got a blanket as a donation. That was stolen. I have nothing to shield myself from the cold right now,” he said. “I barely get anything to eat. Sometimes, passers-by help me out by giving me some money. Occasionally, I collect plastics and sell them.”

“Today, I couldn’t manage any food. I’m starving and shivering,” he added.

Mohammad Mohsin (40), has been living on the streets for about 14 years. His story is a little different.

BRTA starts to collect fees

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issuance of fitness certificate, route permit, and driving licence, would be increased by up to 233 percent.

According to the rules, the owner of a bus, truck, lorry, and articulated lorry will pay Tk 1,500 a year to the fund. The amount will be Tk 750 for a minibus, minitruck,

and pickup; Tk 500 for a car, SUV and microbus; and Tk 300 for a three-wheeler.

Registration of a three-wheeler, up to 100cc, will be Tk 1,000, from the current Tk 635.

All three-wheelers above 100cc will require a flat Tk 1,800 registration fee instead of Tk 1,150.

Fees for registration

of bikes of up to 100cc remain at Tk 2,000, bikes above 100cc still at Tk 3,000, and special vehicles for people with disabilities have been kept at Tk 25. Driving schools will have to pay Tk 23,000 for a licence.

They used to pay Tk 15,000. Instructor’s licence will be Tk 2,000 instead of Tk 750.

PM for more bilateral trade

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She also emphasised on enhancing agricultural cooperation between Bangladesh and Brazil.

R e g a r d i n g pharmaceuticals, a major Bangladeshi export item to Brazilian market, she said the pharmaceutical items are now facing some restrictions over

the registration process in the Brazilian market. She asked the Brazilian authority to ease the restrictions. About the Rohingya issue, Hasina said Bangladesh is providing shelter to more than 11 lakh displaced Rohingya people, which has become a big burden for the country.

The premier asked Brazil to play a strong role in the UN Security Council over the Rohingya issue.

The Brazilian ambassador said Bangladeshi RMG products have a great demand in Brazilian market. Brazil can be a big market for Bangladeshi RMG products, he added.

Bangladesh free from toxic

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Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) is a persistent organic pollutant (POP): a chemical that can have significant negative effects on human health and the environment, according to the World Health Organization.

Only a few countries, which include France, have plants to destroy the substance. Use of DDT has been gradually banned or restricted across the world since the mid 20th century.

Environment Secretary Farhina Ahmed said they washed the depot well and also transported the residues to France in containers.

Pointing out the hazard level of the biochemical, Sanjay Kumar Bhowmik, additional secretary to the ministry, said a doctor who was in charge of the depot died of cancer.

“Even after 37 years, the contamination capacity of DDT was found 97 percent.”

It will be destroyed at a plant in France following the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Bangladesh has been a signatory to the Stockholm Convention on removal of POPs, he said.

The shipment took place under a project and the government did not have to bear any expenditure for the transportation

as the cost was borne by the Global Environment Facility, said assistant FAO representative Nur Ahamed Khondaker.

Meanwhile, the environment minister highlighted their participation in the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) held last month in Canada.

Shahab Uddin said the main purpose of the convention was to ensure \$200 billion from the developed countries till 2030 for the conservation of biodiversity and aquatic environment of the developing countries.

JS body gets 90 more days

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proposed bill is passed.

The council said it believes that the proposed law would bring the media industry and mass media employees under further control of the bureaucracy in the name of protection.

If passed, the wages and benefits of journalists, employees and press workers, and artists of broadcast, online, and print media outlets would be fixed under the law.

As per the bill, journalists will be regarded as media professionals, not workers. The wage board will be applicable for journalists and employees of all the media outlets, including print and electronic.



Bangla Academy
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Memo No. Cronis-1355/2022-517/BA

Date: 05.01.2023

Invitation for e-Tender

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works.

Sl	Tender ID	Name of the procurement	Last downloading date & time	Tender closing date & time
1.	774662	Rental based electrification supply and management activities on the occasion of Bangla Academy Amar Ekushey Bôi Mela 2023	19.01.2023 15.00	21.01.2023 11.00


This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender/e-Tenders, registration required in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). The fees for downloading the e-Tender document/ documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@procure.gov.bd) / Contact Number: 01762625528-31).

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Custom House, Chattogram
Tender Notice

1.	Ministry/Division	Internal Resources Division (IRD), Ministry of Finance (MOF).		
2.	Agency	Custom House Chattogram, National Board of Revenue (NBR).		
3.	Procuring entity name	Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chattogram.		
4.	Procuring entity code	N/A.		
5.	Procuring entity district	Chattogram.		
6.	Invitation for	Tender, Non-Consulting Services.		
7.	Invitation Ref No.	File No. 1/Ka.Ha.Chatto/Admin/26/Customs Day/2022		
8.	Date	08/01/2023		
KEY INFORMATION				
9.	Procurement method	NCT		OTM
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10.	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget		GOB
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	-		
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	-		
14.	Tender Package No.	1/Ka.Ha.Chatto/Admin/26/Customs Day/2022		
15.	Tender package name	Procurement for Supply of seminar related goods for International Customs Day 2023 (Lot No-1), Procurement for Supply of Invitations, receptions and entertainment related goods for International Customs Day-2023. (Lot No-2), Procurement of Supply of media and campaign related goods for International Customs Day-2023 (Lot No-3), Procurement for supply of gift items for International Customs Day 2023 (Lot No-4), Procurement for Supply and making of decoration items for International Customs Day-2023 (Lot No-5), Procurement for supply of Security and coordination items for International Customs Day 2023 (Lot No-6).		
Date				
16.	Tender publication date	08/01/2023		
17.	Tender last selling date	21/01/2023		
Date				
18.	Tender submission date and time	22/01/2023	9.00am to 12.00pm	
19.	Tender opening date and time	22/01/2023	12.30pm	
Name and address of the office(s)				
20.1.	- Selling tender document (principal)	Admin/G1 Branch (2nd Floor), Custom House, Chattogram.		
20.2.	- Selling tender document (others)	N/A.		
20.3.	- Receiving tender document, date and time	ROOM # 204, 1st Floor, Office of the Assistant/Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Custom House, Bandar Road, Nimitala, Chattogram. Date: 22/01/2023, From 9.30am to 12.00pm.		
20.4.	- Opening tender document, date and time	ROOM # 204, 1st Floor, Custom House, Chattogram, Bangladesh. Date: 22/01/2023, 12.30pm (Bidder representative may present).		
21.	Pre-tender meeting	Pre-tender meeting shall not be held.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	As per Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of tender schedule.		
23.	Brief description of works	Procurement for Supply of seminar related goods for International Customs Day-2023 (Lot No-1).		
24.	Brief description of services	Procurement for Supply of Invitations, receptions and entertainment related goods for International Customs Day-2023. (Lot No-2), Procurement for Supply of media and campaign related goods for International Customs Day 2023 (Lot No-3), Procurement for supply of gift items for International Customs Day 2023 (Lot No-4), Procurement for Supply and making of decoration items for International Customs Day-2023 (Lot No-5), Procurement for supply of Security and coordination items for International Customs Day 2023 (Lot No-6).		
25.	Price of tender document (Tk)	Non Transferable BID document containing description of the items and terms & condition can be purchased from office of the Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chattogram against the payment of the cost of bid document through a Treasury Chalan which is Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred) for Lot-1, Tk. 300/- (Taka three hundred) for Lot-2, Tk. 300/- (Taka three hundred) for Lot-3, Tk. 500/- (Taka five hundred) for Lot-4, Tk. 400/- (Taka four hundred) for Lot-5 and Tk. 200/- (Taka two hundred) for Lot-6. The purchase price (non-refundable) of the tender schedule will be deposited on Misc. code is 1-1131-0010-0421 at Sonali Bank, Custom House, Chattogram Branch of Bangladesh Bank in favour of Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chattogram. The original copy of that Chalan should be attached with the tender submitted on the date of submission. If the original Treasury Chalan not found on the opening of the tender document, it will be considered that the tenderer(s) participated in the tender without buying the schedule and the tender will be returned back to the tenderer on the day when it will be opened and it will be considered that his tender was not accepted. No object will be entertained in this regard. Bank Guarantee, Treasury Chalan, etc. of dates prior to the date of tender notification will not be accepted.		
26.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security/earnest money deposit amount
	1.	Procurement for Supply of seminar related goods for International Customs Day-2023 (Lot No-1), Procurement for Supply of Invitations, receptions and entertainment related goods for International Customs Day-2023. (Lot No-2), Procurement for Supply of media and campaign related goods for International Customs Day-2023 (Lot No-3), Procurement for supply of gift items for International Customs Day 2023 (Lot No-4), Procurement for Supply and making of decoration items for International Customs Day-2023 (Lot No-5), Procurement for supply of Security and coordination items for International Customs Day 2023 (Lot No-6).	Custom House, Bandar Road, Nimitala, Chattogram-4100.	Lot No-1: 11,000/- (Eleven thousand) Lot No-2: 9,000/- (Nine thousand) Lot No-3: 3,000/- (Three thousand) Lot No-4: 17,000/- (Seventeen thousand) Lot No-5: 10,000/- (Ten thousand) Lot No-6: 1,500/- (One thousand five hundred) (refundable) (Either Pay Order or Bank Guarantee from any Local or International Scheduled Bank)
COMPLETION TIME				
				Completion time in days
				As per schedule
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
27.	Name of official inviting tender	Mohammad Fyzur Rahman.		
28.	Designation of official inviting tender	Commissioner of Customs.		
29.	Address of official inviting tender	Custom House, Bandar Road, Nimitala, Chattogram-4100.		
30.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel No. +88031713918	Fax: +88031713988	Email: customhousecdg@gmail.com
31.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
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