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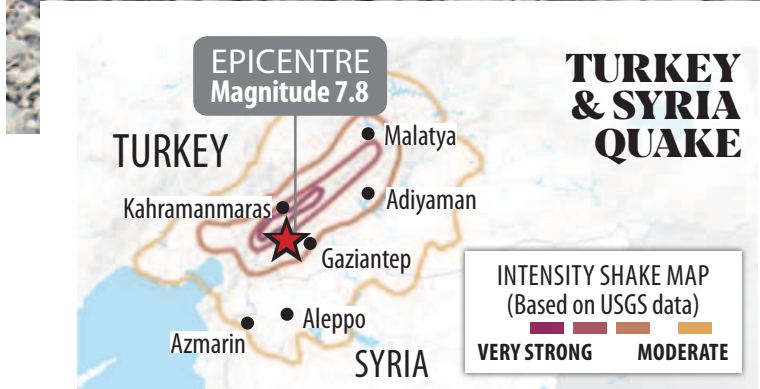
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Turkey-Syria quake kills 3,000

Thousands injured; rescuers hunt for untold numbers trapped in rubble; epicentre of quake was in Turkey's Gaziantep province; govts, int'l organisations respond with offers of aid



Residents, aided by heavy equipment, searching for victims and survivors amidst the rubble of collapsed buildings following an earthquake in the village of Besnia near the town of Harim, in Syria's rebel-held northwestern Idlib province on the border with Turkey, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Hell was breaking loose

Bangladeshi student in Turkish city narrates horror; another student missing

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Faysal Mahmud, a final year comparative theology student at Gaziantep University, was dozing off in his dormitory room when the 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Turkey.

"We all got up feeling the heavy shaking. At one point, it seemed the building would collapse. I tried to get down from the bed but was advised not to by my Turkish roommate. It took two to three minutes for the massive jolt to stop," the Bangladeshi-born student told The Daily Star over the phone yesterday evening.

"As soon as the shaking stopped, we just rushed out of the six-storey building with whatever we could hold in our hands. Cracks had appeared in the building," he went on.

"Together with other students, I am currently residing at the university's central mosque, and I'm not sure when we'll be able to return to the dorm," said Faysal during the phone call.

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Life term for manufacturers of fake drugs

Sellers of antibiotics without prescriptions to face fine; cabinet okays draft law

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act-2023 keeping provisions for imposing fines for sale of medicines, including antibiotics, without registered doctors' prescriptions, and handing out a maximum punishment of life term for manufacturing adulterated medicines.

The proposed law also seeks to make licensing mandatory to regulate the manufacturing and marketing of cosmetics.

Manufacturers and marketers of cosmetics will have to have licence from the Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA).

The approval came at a cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's Office, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Meanwhile, the PM during an unscheduled discussion in the meeting directed the authorities concerned not to destroy any land from where three crops are harvested a year.

Briefing reporters at the Secretariat after the meeting, Cabinet Secretary Md Mahub Hossain said the premier has given a clear directive that no land on which three crops grow a year can be damaged.

"No project can be taken up involving such land. Rather, such land will have to be saved."

He said the directive will be applicable to all public and private development works. The government from now on will regularly monitor the matter of saving land on which three crops grow, he added.

The directive came as different ministries received proposals for using such type of land for development projects.

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A powerful earthquake killed more than 3,000 people across a swathe of Turkey and northwest Syria yesterday, with freezing winter weather hampering efforts to find survivors and adding to the plight of thousands left injured or homeless.

The magnitude 7.8 quake brought down whole apartment blocks in Turkish cities and piled more devastation on millions of Syrians displaced by years of war.

The worst tremor to strike Turkey this century, it came before sunrise in harsh weather and was followed in the early afternoon by another large quake of magnitude 7.7.

"It was like the apocalypse," said Abdul Salam al-Mahmoud, a Syrian in the northern town of Atareb. "It's bitterly cold and there's heavy rain, and people need saving."

The second quake was big enough to bring down more buildings and, like the first, was felt across the region, endangering rescuers struggling to pull casualties from the rubble.

The epicentre of the 7.8 magnitude quake was 23 kilometres east of Nurdagi, in Turkey's Gaziantep province, at a depth of 24.1 kilometres, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) said.

In Diyarbakir in southeast Turkey, a

woman speaking next to the wreckage of the seven-storey block where she lived said: "We were shaken like a cradle. There were nine of us at home. Two sons of mine are still in the rubble, I'm waiting for them."

She was nursing a broken arm and had injuries to her face.

The earthquake was the biggest quake

assess and address the impact.

Temperatures in some areas were expected to fall to near freezing overnight, worsening conditions for people trapped under rubble or left homeless. Rain was falling yesterday after snowstorms swept the country at the weekend.

It is already the highest death toll from



recorded worldwide by the US Geological survey since a tremor in the remote South Atlantic in August 2021.

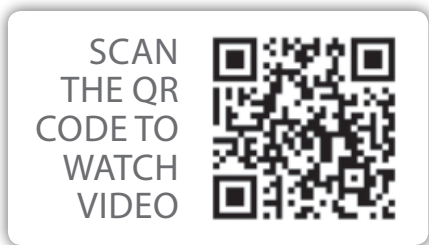
At least 1,293 people died across Syria, the government and rescuers said. Turkish government officials reported another 1,762 fatalities, putting the combined total at 3,055.

Poor internet connections and damaged roads between some of the worst-hit cities in Turkey's south, homes to millions of people, hindered efforts to

an earthquake in Turkey since 1999, when a tremor of similar magnitude devastated the heavily populated eastern Marmara Sea region near Istanbul, killing more than 17,000.

President Tayyip Erdogan, who is preparing for a tough election in May, called it a historic disaster and the worst earthquake to hit Turkey since 1939, but said authorities were doing all they could.

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Researcher predicted it 3 days back

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A Dutch researcher accurately predicted yesterday's Turkey-Syria earthquake, three days before it happened.

In a tweet sent on Friday, researcher at the Netherlands-based Solar System Geometry Survey (SSGEOS) Frank Hoogerbeets tweeted: "Sooner or later there will be a -M 7.5 #earthquake in this region (South-Central Turkey, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon)."

Hoogerbeets' tweet came exactly three days before the natural disaster struck Turkey and Syria, in which he also referred to other countries that felt the

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Population now nearly 17 crore

Rises by 47 lakh after scrutiny of preliminary findings of 2022 BBS census

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's population stands at 16.98 crore finally after a post-enumeration check of the government's preliminary survey conducted by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS).

Earlier in July last year, the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) published preliminary findings of the "Population and Housing Census 2022", which showed that the country's population is 16.51 crore excluding the expatriates.

BIDS was tasked to conduct a post-enumeration check of the BBS census data.

The net coverage error was lower this time than in previous surveys in 2011 and 2001, which means BBS's technical standard has been sharpened, said Binayak Sen, director general of BIDS.

The average error rate or under coverage of the BBS survey data is 2.75 percent all over the country, according to the BIDS evaluation report.

In the previous preliminary survey in 2011, the error

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BPDB seeks discount from Adani Power

No revision of PPA sought, Adani spokesman tells Star

ASIFUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh has sought a temporary discount from Adani Power on the price of coal that would fire the thermal power plant in Godda, Jharkhand in light of the escalating prices, said the Indian electricity producer.

On February 3, Adani Power, which is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange, made a disclosure about receiving communication from the Bangladesh Power Development Board "requesting us to consider a discount on the energy charge as per the Power Purchase Agreement".

A spokesman for Adani Power told The Daily Star yesterday that the discount requested is a temporary one.

"BPDB has written to us to consider discounting the variable energy costs on a temporary basis given the current high thermal-sea borne coal prices, which is under consideration," he said.

But there is no request for revision of the controversial power purchase agreement signed in November 2017 to purchase 1,496 megawatts of electricity from the power plant situated 60 miles from the border in India's north-eastern state of Jharkhand.

"We confirm that there is no revision requested by the Bangladesh Power Development Board [BPDB] on the power purchase agreement [PPA] for supplying power,"

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Three friends browse through books at a stall at the Ekushey Boi Mela yesterday, the sixth day of the fair, in the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan. Contrary to the growing belief that books are becoming obsolete among the younger generations in the digital age, young readers are visiting the fair every day, flocking the stalls in search of their next great read.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

PRESIDENTIAL POLLS AL likely to choose candidate today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ruling Awami League is likely to finalise today its candidate for the 22nd presidential election slated for February 19.

The Awami League Parliamentary Party will hold a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad at 7:30pm to decide on the matter, said party insiders.

President Abdul Hamid's term will expire on April 24. Meanwhile, six names are being discussed among the party leaders and activists.

Sources said there are high possibilities of Mashiur Rahman, an advisory council member of the party and also the prime minister's economic affairs adviser, becoming the next president.

The name of Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury is also being discussed.

Shirin, an MP from

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Huge sums of money being laundered abroad

Says agri minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A huge amount of money is being laundered from Bangladesh to different countries, including Canada's Begumpara and the UAE's Dubai, said Agriculture Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque.

"Anyone now can easily launder money abroad in various ways, including under- and over-invoicing. It should be stopped strictly," he said while addressing a seminar in Dhaka yesterday.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) organised the seminar titled "Bangladesh Customs: Chariot of Smart Bangladesh Building" at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre on the occasion of "Revenue Conference 2023".

The minister said NBR officials should take decisive action to prevent money laundering from the country.

Razzaque, however, said although revenue has increased a lot in the

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ZERO-LINE CAMP Another 273 Rohingyas relocated to Kutupalong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 273 more refugees from 53 families were transferred to the Kutupalong transit camp in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar yesterday, on the second day of relocating the stranded Rohingyas who fled into Bangladesh territory from a zero-line refugee camp amid violence.

With this, a total of 457 Rohingyas from 88 families were relocated from Tambru to the transit camp in two days, confirmed Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC) Mohammad Mizanur Rahman.

BPDB seeks

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the Adani Power spokesman said in his written response to The Daily Star.

It is not possible to make any revision to the PPA, said a BPDB official involved in the proceedings, who spoke on the condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter.

"We are getting a discount on the pricing for all the coal-fired plants in our country. But in the deal with Adani, there is no such option. That's why we sought the discount – we want to negotiate," he said.

Contacted, Nasrul Hamid, the state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, said: "Energy will be purchased as per contract."

He declined to elaborate further.

A day earlier, at a media briefing held at the secretariat, Hamid said the coal for the Adani plant will be priced as per the Newcastle Index, the main reference point for physical coal contracts in Asia.

The thermal power plant is expected to be fired by coal imported from the Adani-owned Carmichael coal mine in Australia.

Australian coal at Newcastle Port with an energy value of 5,500 kilocalories per kg (kcal/kg), as assessed by commodity price reporting agency Argus, shipped to \$129.87 a tonne in the week to January 27, the lowest since the week to January 21, 2022, reports Reuters.

The Godda plant would be running on lesser quality coal with an energy value of 4,600 kcal/kg, so its price is expected to be lower.

BPDB is not willing to pay more than what it pays to Payra and Rampal plants for coal, said another official familiar with the discussions.

At present, it pays \$245 per metric tonne for the coal used in the Payra power plant in Patuakhali, \$254.38 for the S Alam power plant in Chattogram's Banskhali and the Rampal power plant in Bagerhat, and \$270 for the Barishal 307MW coal-fired power plant.

A Power Cell estimate in January put the Adani plant's coal price at \$346 per metric tonne.

The PPA signed with Adani Power stipulates that Bangladesh will pay the market price for the coal used to fire the power plant, reports The Washington Post, which got three industry experts to review the confidential 163-page agreement.

Other agreements with foreign power suppliers, also seen by The Post, include clauses that would put a cap on the prices Bangladesh pays if the cost of coal skyrockets.

"Industry analysts say the coal will probably come on Adani ships to an Adani-owned port in eastern India, then arrive at the plant on a stretch of Adani-built rail. The electricity generated will be sent to the border over an Adani-built high-voltage line. Under the contract, shipping and transmission costs will be passed on to Bangladesh," the report added.



Palestinian protesters burn tyres to block a road leading into Jericho in the occupied West Bank, yesterday, following a raid in the town by Israeli forces. Israeli troops killed five alleged Palestinian gunmen in the raid, an Israeli official said, after a days-long search for suspects in a shooting near Jericho.

PHOTO: AFP

Russia applies more pressure in Donetsk

Says Zelensky; Ukraine's defence ministry in turmoil

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Fierce battles are raging in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region as Russia intensifies pressure before the first anniversary of its invasion of Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelensky said.

"Things are very difficult in Donetsk region - fierce battles," Zelensky said in his nightly video address on Sunday. "But however difficult it is and however much pressure there is, we must endure ... We have no alternative to defending ourselves and winning."

Russia, he said, was applying increased pressure to "make up for its defeats last year. We see that on various sectors of the front and also pressure in terms of information."

Meanwhile, Ukraine sent mixed messages over the fate of its defence

minister yesterday, leaving a key post in its war effort in doubt even as it braces for a new Russian offensive.

A day after announcing that Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov would be replaced, a top ally of Zelensky appeared to row back for now, saying no personnel changes in the defence sector would be made this week.

David Arakhania, chief of the parliamentary bloc of Zelensky's party, had said Reznikov would be made minister of strategic industries, while the head of military intelligence, Kyrylo Budanov, would take over the defence ministry.

But Zelensky remained silent on the issue, while Reznikov himself said on Sunday he had not been informed of any move, and would reject the strategic industry job if offered it.

The doubt over the minister's fate comes

as Russian forces have been advancing for the first time in half a year in relentless battles in the east. A regional governor said Moscow was pouring reinforcements into eastern Ukraine for a new offensive that could come as soon as next week.

Two senior lawmakers yesterday noted that rules require Ukraine's defence minister to be a civilian, which would appear to put an obstacle in the way of the immediate appointment of Budanov, a 37-year-old military officer.

Removing Reznikov, who has been warmly received in Western capitals including Paris just last week, would be the highest profile reshuffle in a slew of resignations and sackings in recent weeks, some of which followed corruption scandals, reports Reuters.

FARDIN'S DEATH

Bushra cleared of all charges

DB submits final report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch of police yesterday submitted the final report of the case filed over the death of Buet student Fardin Noor Parash, clearing Amatullah Bushra of all charges.

DB Inspector Yasin Shikder, also the investigating officer of the case, submitted the report before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka.

On November 10 last year, Rampura police arrested Bushra, a friend of Fardin, from Banasree area soon after a murder case was filed against her.

She was released from Kashimpur Women's Central Jail on December 10.

Fardin, a third-year student of civil engineering, was found dead in the Shitalakkhya in Narayanganj on November 7, three days after he went missing.

After investigating the incident for over a month, the DB and Rab in December last year said Fardin died by suicide after jumping off a bridge into the river.

UP member arrested for raping garment worker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday arrested a union parishad member for raping a garment worker in front of her husband in the port city's Sitakunda upazila.

Following a tip-off, a police team conducted a raid in Lalanagar area and arrested Zahed Sultan Chowdhury Robin, 40, a member of Sonaichari union Ward-8, said Sudipta Sarkar, additional superintendent of Chattogram police.

Robin and his two cohorts picked up the 30-year-old and her husband while they were returning home from work around 10:00pm on Saturday. They took the couple to a nearby house and raped the woman several times while her husband was tied to a pole, said Tofayel Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Sitakunda Police Station.

They also took the couple's mobile phones and gold ornaments before fleeing. Police rescued the couple after they called the National Emergency Service around 3:00am.

The woman was sent to the One Stop Crisis Centre of Chattogram Medical College Hospital while her husband filed a case with the station accusing the three.

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He declared seven days of national mourning for the victims of the earthquake. "Our flag will be hoisted at half-mast until sunset on Sunday, February 12, 2023, in all our national and foreign representative offices," Erdogan said in a tweet.

Erdogan also said 45 countries and aid agencies had offered to help the search and rescue efforts. US President Joe Biden yesterday said his administration has been working closely with Turkey, authorising an immediate Washington response to the devastating earthquake there.

The US Geological Survey said the quake struck at a depth of 17.9 km. It reported a series of earthquakes, one of 6.7 magnitude. The region straddles seismic fault lines.

Turkish state broadcaster TRT showed a building collapse in the southern province of Adana after the second quake. It was not immediately clear if it was evacuated.

In Syria, already wrecked by more than 11 years of civil war, the health ministry said more than 1,326 people had been injured. In the Syrian rebel-held northwest, emergency workers said 390 people had died.

The Norwegian Refugee Council said the earthquake would only add to the suffering of millions of Syrians already enduring a humanitarian crisis due to the civil war.

In the Turkish city of Diyarbakir, Reuters journalists saw dozens of rescue workers searching through a mound of debris, all that was left of a big building, and hauling off bits of wreckage as they looked for survivors. Occasionally they raised their hands and called for quiet, listening for sounds of life.

Men carried a girl wrapped in blankets from a collapsed building in the city.

In the Syrian rebel-held town of Jandarisi in Aleppo province, a mound of concrete, steel rods and bundles of clothes lay where a multi-storey building once stood.

"There were 12 families under there. Not a single one came out. Not one," said a thin young man, his eyes wide open in shock and his hand banded.

The casualty toll in northwestern Syria was expected to increase, a spokesperson for the UN office for coordinating humanitarian affairs in northwestern Syria said.

Researcher predicted it 3 days back

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jolts of the earthquake.

He predicted that the earthquake would occur with a magnitude of 7.5 in the region.

The quake, felt as far away as Cairo, was centred north of the city of Gaziantep in an about 90 kilometres (60 miles) from the Syrian border.

According to Google Maps, Gaziantep is located approximately 11 hours away from the Aegean Sea region, and 12 hours from Marmara, where a massive earthquake was predicted in December 2022 by an

earthquake expert, according to Turkish newspaper The Daily Sabah.

Tremors were also felt as far away as Greenland, the Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland said. "The large earthquakes in Turkey were clearly registered on the seismographs in Denmark and Greenland," seismologist Tine Larsen told AFP.

"The waves from the earthquake reached the seismograph on the Danish island of Bornholm approximately five minutes after the shaking started," Larsen said.

"Eight minutes after the

earthquake, the shaking reached the east coast of Greenland, propagating further through all of Greenland," she added.

Later, another 7.5-magnitude quake struck southeastern Turkey.

"We have registered both earthquakes — and a lot of aftershocks — in Denmark and Greenland," she said.

Yesterday's quake is the deadliest in Turkey since a 7.4-magnitude one in 1999 when more than 17,000 people died, including about 1,000 in Istanbul.

Population now nearly 17 crore

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rate was 3.97 percent whereas it was 4.98 percent in 2001.

The error rate in rural areas is 2.54 percent and in urban areas is 3.19 percent, said Mohammad Yunus, a senior research fellow at BIDS.

The error rate in urban places is higher than in rural areas because most urban population are not at home during the day.

The country's total male population is 8.40 crore and the female population is 8.56 crore, according to the adjusted BIDS error rate.

This was the sixth population and housing census in the country after the independence, according to Shahanaaz Arefin, secretary of the statistics and informatics division of the planning ministry.

The project related to the census is still ongoing and it will continue until 2024. BBS will publish a total of 133 different reports on the census, she said.

Only two of the reports have so far been published including the one shared yesterday.

Next week BBS will disclose the

final data of the 2022 census based on the BIDS enumeration check, she added.

Shamsul Alam, the state minister for planning, urged BBS to publish its different reports on time so that the government can use those for various purposes.

According to the preliminary report of the Population and Housing Census 2022, the growth rate came down to 1.22 percent from 1.46 percent in 2011.

The rate was 2.84 percent when the second census was conducted in 1981.

Life term for manufacturers

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Replying to a question, Mahbub said the Cabinet Division will issue orders in this regard.

There were five agendas for discussions in yesterday's cabinet meeting.

Mahbub said the issues of clinical trials and side effects of medicines have been incorporated in the draft of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 2023. "If a medicine is found to be harmful, its registration will be cancelled."

An accused will be handed a maximum punishment of life term for hoarding medicines and creating artificial crisis in the market to make an extra profit, and manufacturing, hoarding and marketing counterfeit medicines, he added.

The cabinet secretary said an accused will be awarded a maximum 10-year rigorous imprisonment or fined up to Tk 10 lakh for manufacturing, marketing, selling and displaying medicines without licence or violating conditions of the licence.

"In the current law, there is no

provision for quality testing for the lot release of vaccines. This has been incorporated in the [proposed] act."

Mahbub said the matters of monitoring and controlling the use of antibiotics were included in the proposed law as the prevention of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has emerged as a big challenge.

He said the proposed law stipulates that if medicines, including antibiotics, are sold without prescriptions, the seller would be fined a maximum of Tk 20,000. "There is a list of medicines for sale over the counter."

The cabinet secretary said as per the proposed act, "medical devices" will be considered medicine.

He said there are now two drug-related laws – Drugs Act-1940 and Drugs (Control) Ordinance-1982 – and those deal only with medicines. "Cosmetics have been covered in the proposed law."

The meeting also gave the final nod to the draft of the Copyright Act-2023, keeping provisions for punishment to check piracy.

Hell was breaking loose

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He is one of the 26 Bangladeshi students residing in Gaziantep, a town in southern Turkey, 50 miles off the earthquake's epicentre in Kahramanmaraş and 150 miles from the Syrian border.

Gaziantep is one of the worst-affected Turkish cities.

"I have experienced earthquakes before, but this one was absolutely terrifying. We are still experiencing aftershocks. After an interval of 15-20 minutes, aftershocks are happening. I have experienced at least 80 aftershocks so far. Even right now, the ceiling is shaking as I am talking to you," Faysal said, sounding frightened.

"It was like the hell was breaking loose. Turkish people were saying Qayamat [doomsday] has begun or Qayamat will be like this."

Faysal said he communicated with other Bangladeshi students living in the city and all of them were safe.

"However, we are not at home. Almost all the buildings in the city have developed some cracks. So,

nobody can predict when a building will collapse. People sought shelter in mosques, city corporation libraries, sports centres, and other buildings for that reason."

Bad weather made things even worse for them.

"Outside, it's bitterly cold, snowing heavily, and it's raining too. It is difficult to stay outside in such a bad weather. I have no idea when I can go back to the dorm," he said.

According to Faysal, people can only reenter apartments after a city corporation inspection.

Food was being served by the city corporation. Besides, school authorities, owners of restaurants, and managers of hotels were providing free food and other necessities. "All are cooperating from their positions and as per their abilities," he added.

BANGLADESHI STUDENT GOES MISSING

A Bangladeshi student went missing in Turkey's Kahramanmaraş province following yesterday's

earthquake.

Mohammed Nore-Alam, consul general of Bangladesh Consulate General in Istanbul, confirmed the matter to The Daily Star in the early hours of today.

He said they received information regarding a university student, Md Rinku, going missing, from another Bangladeshi student.

There are five Bangladeshi students in the Kahramanmaraş province and four of them are safe now, he told this newspaper over the phone.

The consul general added that Nur-e-Alam, also a Bangladeshi student, was with Rinku at a building that was damaged when the earthquake hit.

Although Nur could come out of the building safely, Rinku went missing, he further said.

He also said there are about 30 to 35 Bangladeshis in the Gaziantep province, which is near Kahramanmaraş, but all of them are safe now.

We stand corrected

We regret to state that in a report headlined “Tea estate ignites wildfire, kills scores of animals”, published on City Page of the January 23 issue, our Moulvibazar correspondent made multiple factual errors, for which we express our deep regret and stand corrected.

According to the report, Hatimara Tea Garden set fire to the trees on its leased land in Habiganj’s Chunarughat upazila near Rema Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary, causing death to dozens of animals.

Actually, the location of the tea estate is a few kilometres away from the sanctuary.

On further inquiry, we found that no animals died in the fire set by the tea garden authorities, and the photographs, provided by a source, were not actually linked to the recent fire incident.

In our investigation, we also found that the story lacked the process of due diligence and rigorous fact checking, which is a hallmark of our reporting.

We apologise to our valued readers and the Hatimara Tea Garden authorities for the grave mistake. And, we are also taking appropriate actions against those responsible for letting The Daily Star down by not following journalistic standards.

Editor



The clash that ensued between two local Awami League groups yesterday left at least 10 people, including three journalists, injured. Besides, around 10 motorbikes and two cars were vandalised, and a few cocktail bombs went off during the incident. PHOTO: COLLECTED

UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANT WORKERS IN GREECE
Regularisation process starts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Undocumented Bangladeshi migrant workers have started to submit applications under an amnesty programme offered by the Greece government, with about 40 to 50 of them already securing “white paper” following applications.

The “white paper” or temporary residence permit will enable a Bangladeshi to work in Greece legally, according to an official at the Bangladesh embassy in Athens.

Later, upon scrutiny and approval of the applications by the Greek authorities, the migrants will be provided with a “residence card” for five years, which will be renewable.

Amnesty has been offered to the

Bangladeshis in line with a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two countries in February last year in Dhaka.

An estimated 15,000 undocumented

Amnesty has been offered to the Bangladeshis in line with MoU signed in February last year in Dhaka.

Bangladeshi migrants are expected to avail themselves of this opportunity with the regularisation likely to take place for six months initially.

The mission, in a notice yesterday, asked a

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10 hurt as AL men clash in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

At least 10 people, including three journalists, were injured in a clash between two local Awami League groups over the distribution of warm clothes in Tangail’s Gopalpur yesterday.

Few cocktail bombs went off, and around 10 motorbikes and two cars were vandalised. The injured were taken to Gopalpur Upazila Health Complex and different private clinics.

Witnesses and locals said Bhuapur Municipality Mayor Masudul Haque Masud along with his supporters went to distribute warm clothes in Gopalpur. When his motorcade reached Alamnagar Board Bazar area around 12:00pm, an attack was launched on it.

The injured journalists are Ovijit Ghosh, district correspondent of Dhakapost.com; Ashikur Rahman, camera-person of DBC Television, and Farman Sheikh, district correspondent of Dhaka Prakash.

OC Mosharaf Hossain of Gopalpur Police Station said on information, a police team brought the situation under control. “None of the parties lodged any complaint with the police station immediately.”

Masud blamed the supporters of Tangail-2 (Bhuapur-Gopalpur) constituency AL lawmaker Tanveer Hasan Chhoto Monir for the incident.

Contacted, Chhoto Monir said in the last UP elections, Masud supported rebel candidates for the post of chairman in six unions of Bhuapur.

“I heard that Masud along with these rebels went to Gopalpur in the name of distributing blankets and spoke provocatively against local party men, so people protested.”

Man kills father in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A man reportedly killed his father in Shantinagar area of Thakurgaon municipality early yesterday.

The victim, timber trader Fazle Alam, 58, was a resident of the area.

After killing his father, Golam Azam, 29, surrendered at Thakurgaon Police Station that morning and narrated the incident.

Kamal Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station, confirmed that the incident took place at the family’s house around 3:00am.

Relatives and neighbours said Golam has a mental disorder, which was diagnosed about three years ago.

On Sunday night, Golam went to sleep at a place beside his father’s room. At that time, no one was present except him and Fazle.

Due to unknown reasons, he entered his father’s room and stabbed him with a knife, killing

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ASSAULT, MUGGING
3 DU students sent to jail

DU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested three Dhaka University students when they tried to escape after beating and snatching Tk 15,000 from a covered-van driver on Buet campus on Sunday.

They were sent to jail by a Dhaka court yesterday, after the victim filed a case against them with Shahbagh police station, said OC Nur Mohammad.

DU Proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani said, “Police took action as per the law. If necessary, we will help them in this regard.” Meanwhile, DU authorities yesterday suspended two BCL leaders

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

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	787493	Establishment of Campus Networking for Chandpur Govt. Mohila College, Chandpur.	23-Feb-2023 13:00	23-Feb-2023 14:00

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Prof. Md. Masudur Rahman
Principal
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11 more hospitalised with dengue

UNB, Dhaka

Eleven more people were hospitalised with dengue in the 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Four new patients were admitted to hospitals in Dhaka and the rest outside of the capital, according to the DGHS.

PRAYER TIMING
FEBRUARY 7

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:15	5:52	7:15
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:30	5:56	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Education Engineering Department
Madaripur
Website: eed.madaripur.gov.bd

Memo No. EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/TMED/2022-23/13 Date: 06/02/2023

e-Tender Notice No. 13/2022-23
(Limited Tendering Method)

This is to notify all concerned that e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works. Details are given below:

SL No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of work	Document last selling (date & time)	Tender closing (date & time)
01	783867	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-01	Construction work of Shaheed Minar at Miarhat High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
02	783868	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-02	Reconstruction of Boundary Wall at Sahebrampur Hakimunnesa Girls High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
03	783869	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-03	Construction of boundary wall along with repair and renovation works of Sngahata High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
04	783870	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-04	Reconstruction of boundary wall at Sahebrampur Kabi Nazrul Islam Degree College, Kalkini, Madaripur	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
05	783871	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-05	Construction of boundary wall and gate at Sahebrampur High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
06	783872	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-06	Construction of boundary wall and internal roads at Underchar High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
07	783873	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-07	Repair and Renovation of Academic Building at Hasankandi United High School, Rajair, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
08	785006	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-08	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Charchandra Junior Secondary School, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
09	785007	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-09	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Manikpur High School, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
10	785008	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-10	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Mohammadpur Shahid Hossen High School, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
11	785009	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-11	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Shibchar Nondukumar Institute, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
12	785010	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-12	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Shonnashirchar High School, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
13	785011	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-13	Construction of Boundary Wall with Repair of Academic Building at Shikamangal Secondary School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
14	785012	EED/Mad/5974/TMED/2021-22/WR-01	Reconstruction of Boundary wall at Krokirchar Islamia Women Senior Madrasa, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
15	785013	EED/Mad/5974/TMED/2021-22/WR-02	Reconstruction of Boundary wall at Ramzanpur Ideal Technical Academy, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00

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e-Tender Notice : 06/2022-23

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

SL No	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of work	Procurement Method	Last Selling date and time	Opening Date & Time
1.	784305, e-Tender/PEDP4/PBN/SAD/2020-2021/W1.1063	Construction of additional classroom at Singa RPS under PEDP4, Pabna Sadar, Pabna (2H+1V/F4).	OTM	22-Feb-2023 12:00	22-Feb-2023 13:00
2.	784322, e-Tender/PEDP4/PBN/SAD/2020-21/W1.00987	Construction of additional classroom at Bahadurpur RPS under PEDP4, Pabna Sadar, Pabna (3H+1V/F4).	OTM	22-Feb-2023 12:00	22-Feb-2023 13:00

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SL No	Tender ID	Procurement Method	Name of Works	Tender Publication Date & Time	Tender last selling Date & Time
1	780234	OTM	Procurement of Eight colour printing m/c, Dryer m/c, Printing frame and Refrigerator	06-Feb-2023 13:00	19-Feb-2023 16:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested Persons/Firms can see details in the website: <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>

(Dr. M. M. Alamgir Sayeed)
Programme Director
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CSO, Dyeing and Printing Division
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Can't recall No one has

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party's political programmes. We all know it," he said.

He was addressing reporters after attending as chief guest at the inauguration of the 11th orientation course for the promoted additional district and sessions judges at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) in Dhaka.

A reporter asked the question to the minister, mentioning that a ruling party lawmaker has told parliament that Khaleda has given the undertaking to abstain from politics.

3 DU students

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after allegations of extortion surfaced against them.

They are Tanjim Arafat Tushar and Rahul Ray.

Tanbir Hasan Shaikat, DU BCL general secretary, said, "We asked the central committee to take organisational action against the two."

independent candidate, alleged that election results were changed during the counting of votes.

Iftekharuzzaman in the statement said leaders of AL and BNP ridiculing and demeaning Alom is unexpected.

AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader said 'Hero Alom is now zero', while BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru'l Islam Alamgir said the AL was so helpless that they needed

Lawmaker Moslem

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the deceased.

His body was taken to Chattogram yesterday afternoon where his second namaj-e-janaza was held at Gomdandi Pilot School Ground at Boalkhali upazila. His third namaj-e-janaza would be held at Jamiatul Falah Mosque in the port city after Asr prayers today. He will be buried at Garibullah Shah Majar Graveyard in the

to use state machinery to win against Alom, said Iftekharuzzaman.

"In both cases, the two leaders attacked each other and demeaned Alom. In the country's political tradition, criticising anyone is nothing new. But the leaders are attacking each other by demeaning Alom's identity. Such behaviour from two senior politicians towards an ordinary citizen established the vulgarity of the political culture of Bangladesh in public," he added.

afternoon.

Moslem, a freedom fighter, was general secretary of Chattogram district unit of BCL in 1980s. He also served as the general secretary of Ctg south district unit AL and later was elected its president. He was elected lawmaker from AL in the by-election from Ctg 8 held on January 12, 2020, after the demise of JSD lawmaker Main Uddin Khan Badal.

Queen Mathilde

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Advisor to the Queen Jean-Louis Six, among others, were also present.

The Belgian Queen plans to measure and support the progress made in Bangladesh in the areas of girls' education, women's economic empowerment, fight against domestic violence and mental health awareness.

She is also interested in responses to environmental problems.

She will pay courtesy calls on President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and will visit projects linked to flooding in Khulna.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury will host a dinner in honour of the Queen today. The Queen is scheduled to return to

Dhaka from Cox's Bazar in the evening.

As one of the 17 SDG Advocates of the UN, she will visit projects in Dhaka and Khulna districts.

The SDG advocates are 17 inspiring, influential people raising global awareness of the SDGs and the need for accelerated action.

Queen Mathilde ascended the throne in 2013. She is the honorary president of Child Focus, a foundation for missing and sexually exploited children, and UNICEF Belgium.

In 2001, she established the Princess Mathilde Fund (now the Queen Mathilde Fund) to promote the care of vulnerable people. As an SDG advocate, she is particularly focused on mental health.

A pivotal step

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Memorial Museum and other museums and look over relevant archives and evidence of genocide.

Once the submission is accepted, CMHR will permanently display the "Evidences and Exhibits of Genocide" in the museum. At the same time, "Year of the Birth of Bangladesh" and the "Portrait of the Father of

the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman" would also be displayed in the establishment's "Time Stream".

Acceptance of the submission and permanent display of "Evidences and Exhibits of Genocide" at CMHR is a pivotal step towards raising awareness about the 1971 genocide and its recognition in Canada, said the statement.

Remove graffiti

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at local government and engineering department; secretary at the road transport and highways division; chief executive officers of Dhaka south and north city corporations; chairman of Rajuk; commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police; deputy commissioner of Dhaka and chairman of Orion Group that constructed

Mayor Mohammad Hanif Floyer, have been made respondents to the rule.

The HC bench issued the order and rule following the petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), seeking necessary directives to this effect.

Senior lawyer Manzill Murshid appeared for the petitioner. The court fixed February 27 for passing further order on this issue.

Short-circuits

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as the country's urban areas continue to expand without basic fire safety infrastructure.

Around 2,85,000 fire incidents took place in the country between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 2020, causing an estimated financial loss of around Tk 6,900 crore.

Meanwhile, between 2004 and 2020, fire

accidents killed at least 2,308 people, the data show.

Experts attributed this rise to unplanned urbanisation, violation of building-construction rules, a culture of non-enforcement of the law, carelessness, increased use of gas cylinders and different electronic devices, and lack of supervision by the authorities concerned.

Regularisation

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group of Bangladeshis who registered at the mission and attested copies of their passports there to submit their applications for the residence permit via an online portal of the Greece government.

Bishwagith Kumer Paul, first secretary (labour welfare wing) at the embassy, said although they officially asked Bangladeshis to start applying, 40 to 50 of them submitted applications earlier and secured the white papers as the Greek authorities opened the portal on January 11.

The "white paper" obtainers are among about 1,500 Bangladeshis whose names have been sent to the Greek authorities after copies of their passports were attested by

the embassy, he told this newspaper over the phone.

From August last year till Sunday, about 4,000 Bangladeshi migrant workers have registered with the embassy to avail the opportunity. This regularisation is a precondition from the mission's end, he added.

To be regularised, the undocumented Bangladeshis will have to pay €91 each through online banking for processing and issuance of residence cards.

Once the applications are submitted properly, the workers will receive the "white paper" via email.

A Bangladeshi worker must obtain a passport valid for at least two years at the time of application, as per the rules set by the Greek authorities.

Strict security

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through media before the occasion, the minister said.

Besides, security arrangements will be taken for the diplomats and representatives from different missions.

A 30-minute special security measure will be taken so that the wounded freedom fighters can pay tributes after the president and premier leave the Shaheed Minar premises, he added.


Man kills father

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him, according to Golam's narration.

He then went to the police station, informed law enforcers about the incident and asked them to recover the body, said the OC.

The body was sent to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital's morgue for autopsy.

Yesterday evening, Golam's mother Ramisa Banu filed a case with Thakurgaon Police Station accusing her son.

**ফারইস্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড**
প্রধান কার্যালয়: ফারইস্ট টাওয়ার, ৩৫ চৌধুরাণ রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০

সম্পত্তি বিক্রয়ের দরপত্র আহ্বান

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, ফারইস্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড-এর অধীনে নিম্ন তফসিল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি বিক্রয়ের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে অগ্রাধী ক্ষেত্রান্তের নিকট হইতে সীল মোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে-

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- প্রত্যেক দরপত্রদাতাকে তাদের প্যাড বা সাদা কাগজে স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে ক্ষেত্রান্ত নাম, পিতার নাম, ফোন নম্বর, এনআইডি নাম্বার প্রদত্ত দর একে ও কথায় লিখে এবং দরপত্র সীল মোহরকৃত খামে এবং খবরের উপরে স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে " সম্পত্তি বিক্রয়ের দরপত্র" লিখে ফারইস্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড-এর নির্ধারিত শাখায় বন্ধিত টেকার বক্সে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- অগ্রাধী ক্ষেত্রান্তের আশাধী ২৮/০২/২০২৩ইং তারিখ বেলা ৩.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ফারইস্ট টাওয়ার-৪ এর ৩৯ তলায় বন্ধিত টেকার বক্সে দরপত্র জমা দিতে হবে। দরপত্র বাস্তব প্রদান বিবরণ ৩.০০ ঘটিকার সন্ধ্যাভাগের সামনে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে এবং দর পূর্তীত হলে সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতাকে তফসিল সম্পত্তি বিক্রয়ের জন্য আহ্বান করা হবে।
- প্রত্যেক দরদাতাকে দরপত্রের বিপরীতে ১০,০০,০০০/- (দশ লক্ষ) টাকা (মহৎতমোধ্য) জামানত স্বরূপ যেকোনো তফসিল ব্যাংক হইতে ইসলামী ব্যাংক, পুন্ডিন শাখা, ঢাকার অনুমোদন ব্যাংক ব্যারান্টি বা পে-অর্ডার এর মাধ্যমে ফারইস্ট ইসলামী লাইফ ইন্স্যুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিমিটেড-এর টেকার বাক্সে (নীচ তলা) দাখিলপত্রভাবে রেজিস্ট্রি ভাংকয়েম দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
- দর পূর্তীত হবার ৩০ (থার্ট) দিনের মধ্যে দরদাতা সমুদায় মূল্য পূরণ পরিশোধ করবেন এবং টাকা পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ হলে অর্থস্বত্ব আদানত আইন ২০০৩ এর ৩২ (২) ধারা অনুযায়ী কর্তৃপক্ষ তার প্রদত্ত জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত করবে।
- উপরোক্ত অনুচ্ছেদ নং ৪-এর অধীন জামানত বাজেয়াপ্ত হলে বাজেয়াপ্তকৃত অর্থ এবং বিত্তীয় সন্ধানভাগের দরপত্রের মূল্য একত্রে সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা কর্তৃক উক্ত দর অপেক্ষা কম না হলে উক্ত বিত্তীয় সন্ধানভাগের সর্বোচ্চ ব্যয়িত করবেন আহ্বান করা হবে এবং বিত্তীয় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা অনুসরণ আহ্বানে সম্মত হলে তাকে অমুচ্ছেদ ৪-এর নিম্নলিখিত সমাসীয়ার মধ্যেই দরপত্রের সম্পূর্ণ অর্থ পরিশোধ করতে হবে বার্ষিক অর্থস্বত্ব আদানত আইন ২০০৩ এর ৩৩ (৩) ধারা অনুযায়ী বিত্তীয় সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত জামানতের টাকাও বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হবে।
- দরপত্র দাতা কর্তৃক দখল পরিশোধের পর প্রয়োজনীয় আইনগত, আর্থনৈতিক সম্পাদন সাপেক্ষে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত সাক্ষরকলা দলিল মুদ্রে ক্ষেত্রান্ত দরদাতার মালিকানা স্বত্ব হস্তান্তর করা হবে (দরপত্র দাতাকে রেজিস্ট্রেশন ও কব সফ্রেজ বাবতীয় ব্যয় বহন করতে হবে)।
- কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ, বাতিল বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল বা অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র বাতিল করিবার অধিকার অত্র প্রতিষ্ঠান স্বরূপকৃত করে।
- দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে অশ্রেয়গণকরী ইচ্ছাকৃত ব্যক্তিগত তথ্য অবগত হইবার জন্য ০১৭২৭৬৭৩৩০১, ০১৮৩০৯৬৩৮৮৪৫ নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করার অনুরোধ করা হইল।

তফসীলভুক্ত সম্পত্তির বিবরণ

ক্রম নং	স্থান	আয়তন (দশমিক)/ব্রডার	বিবরণ
১.	প্লট-০২, রাজস্ব নং-৫০, ব্লক -NW(K), জলশাল-২, (জলশাল ক্রয়ের পটতিম পার্শ্ব)।	৩৩.০০ শতাংশ	এক তলা বিশিষ্ট বিল্ডিং আছে।
২.	হাউজ-২ প্লট নং-৪০/১, রোড-৯২, জলশাল নর্থ এড্রিন্টাই, জলশাল আবাসিক এলাকা, জলশাল থানা, ঢাকা।	১১ কাঠা ৫ হুটাক	তিন তলা বিশিষ্ট বিল্ডিং আছে।
৩.	প্লট নং-১/এ, রোড-৬২/এ/৬, ব্লক (একত্রিষ্টাই এক), জলশাল আবাসিক এলাকা, জলশাল থানা, ঢাকা।	১১.৮১ কাঠা	তিন তলা বিশিষ্ট বিল্ডিং আছে।
৪.	সিপ্পনট্রি লাইটহাউজ, প্লট-৫৩, রোড-২১, ব্লক-বি, কামাল আর্জেন্টাইন এড্রিন্টাই, ঢাকা।	১২ তলায় ৫.৫৪৬ ফয়ার ফিট ব্রডার	বাতি
৫.	হোমিং-১১৯, প্লট-৩৩/এ কাজীহাটা, লক্ষীপুর জলিঙ্গ প্রোটার বোড, রাজশাহী।	২২.৫০ শতাংশ	একটি ১৯ তলা+৩-বেইসমেন্ট নির্মাণাধীন ভবন
৬.	মৌজা-বনুনাখাল, থাপ, আর.কে রোড, জগুপুর, সদর।	১৩.০০ শতাংশ	বাতি

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অনলাইন আবেদন ফরমের লিংকঃ <https://forms.gle/bwnEtHaNtXR32xnGA>

২. উল্লেখ্য, আবেদন প্রাপ্তির পর শ্রেডা কর্তৃক যাচাইয়ের মাধ্যমে প্রাথমিকভাবে যোগ্য আবেদনকারী নির্বাচন করা হবে। পরবর্তীতে প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত আবেদনকারী কর্তৃক পরীক্ষা এবং আবেদন ফি বাবদ মোট ১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাইফট/পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা প্রদান সাপেক্ষে চূড়ান্তভাবে যোগ্য পরীক্ষার্থী নির্বাচন করা হবে। বিস্তারিত তথ্য, অন্যান্য শর্তাবলীর জন্য ভিজিট করুন www.sreda.gov.bd ওয়েবপেজে।

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স্মারক নং-৪৬.২০৭.০০০.১৩.০২.০২.৩০৮৬.২০২৩

ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	মন্ত্রণালয় ও বিভাগ	২।	স্থানীয় সরকার পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায় মন্ত্রণালয়, স্থানীয় সরকার বিভাগ।
২।	সংস্থার নাম	৩।	ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন।
৩।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী বিভাগ	৪।	সম্পত্তি বিভাগ, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন।
৪।	ক্রয় পদ্ধতি	৫।	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM), সিলগদা মুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান।
৫।	ইজারার মেয়াদ	৬।	কার্যাদেশ উল্লিখিত তারিখ হতে পরবর্তী ০১ (এক) বছর।
৬।	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	৭।	ব্যক্তির ক্ষেত্রে (ক) পাসপোর্টের সাইজের ছবি-০২ কপি। (খ) তত্ত্বাবধায়ক/প্রচারমাধ্যম/১ম শ্রেণীর প্রজেক্টেড অফিসার কর্তৃক জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত কটোপলি। (গ) হালনাগাদ টি.আই.এন সনদের সত্যায়িত কটোপলি। (ঘ) কোম্পানীর ক্ষেত্রে হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এর সত্যায়িত কটোপলি। (ঙ) ইজারা দরের ৩০% (শতকরা ৩০ ভাগ) অর্থ পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাইফট দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে, ২৫% অর্থ ইজারা মূল্যের সাথে সমন্বয় করা হবে এবং বাকী ৫% অর্থ জামানত হিসেবে সংরক্ষিত থাকবে। (চ) সিভিল জরুরে চাকাদারের কটোপলি।
৭।	সিডিউলের টাকা জমা দেয়ার খাত	৮।	মেয়র, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন, ঢাকা হিবার নং-২০০০১৭৮০৬ (বিবিসি), সোনালী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, নগর ভবন শাখা।
৮।	দরপত্র বিক্রির স্থান	৯।	বিজ্ঞাপন কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা বিভাগ; ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সম্পত্তি বিভাগ, হিসাব বিভাগ ও সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়।
৯।	দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থান	১০।	বিজ্ঞাপন কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা বিভাগ; ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের সম্পত্তি বিভাগ ও সকল আঞ্চলিক নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়।
১০।	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	১১।	প্রধান সম্পত্তি কর্মকর্তার দরপত্র, সম্পত্তি বিভাগ, ৪র্থ তলা, রুম নং-৩২৫, ডিএসসিপি।
১১।	সিডিউল ক্রয়ের তারিখ, দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার তারিখ ও খোলার সময় নিম্নরূপঃ		
দরপত্র আহ্বানের তারিখ	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	দরপত্র বাস্তব ও খার খোলার তারিখ ও সময় (দরদাতার উপস্থিতিতে)
১ম পর্যায়	২২/০২/২০২৩খ্রিঃ	২৩/০২/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, সকাল ৯টা হতে দুপুর ১২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত	২৩/০২/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ২.৩০টা
২য় পর্যায়	০৬/০৩/২০২৩খ্রিঃ	০৭/০৩/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, সকাল ৯টা হতে দুপুর ১২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত	০৭/০৩/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ২.৩০টা
৩য় পর্যায়	২১/০৩/২০২৩খ্রিঃ	২২/০৩/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, সকাল ৯টা হতে দুপুর ১২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত	২২/০৩/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ২.৩০টা
৪র্থ পর্যায়	০৬/০৪/২০২৩খ্রিঃ	০৭/০৪/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, সকাল ৯টা হতে দুপুর ১২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত	০৭/০৪/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ২.৩০টা
৫ম পর্যায়	১৬/০৪/২০২৩খ্রিঃ	১৭/০৪/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, সকাল ৯টা হতে দুপুর ১২.৩০টা পর্যন্ত	১৭/০৪/২০২৩খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ২.৩০টা

১২।	কাজের বিবরণ	পাবলিক টেন্ডারের নাম	সরকারি মূল্য	সিডিউল মূল্য
১.	কোম্পানীঘাট পাবলিক টেন্ডার।		১,২৭,২০০/-	১,০০০/-
২.	সান্দরাট হকার্স মার্কেটের ভিতরে মসজিদ সংলগ্ন পাবলিক টেন্ডার।		১,৯২,৫০০/-	১,০০০/-
৩.	সান্দরাট লেভিস পার্ক মার্কেটের ভিতরে ১ম ও ২য় তলায় অবস্থিত পাবলিক টেন্ডার।		২,১৩,৫০০/-	১,২০০/-
৪.	আপাসালেক রোড পাবলিক টেন্ডার।		১,৬১,২৫০/-	১,০০০/-
৫.	ইসলামাবাসস্থিত বশির উদ্দিন পার্ক পাবলিক টেন্ডার।		১,৩৭,৮০০/-	১,০০০/-
৬.	০১ম ওয়ার্ডস্থিত কোর্ট পুকুর খেলার মাঠের পটতিম অংশে নির্মিত কফিশপ এবং পাবলিক টেন্ডার।		৫,৩০,০০০/-	১,৮০০/-
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We stand corrected

We regret to state that in a report headlined “Tea estate ignites wildfire, kills scores of animals”, published on City Page of the January 23 issue, our Moulvibazar correspondent made multiple factual errors, for which we express our deep regret and stand corrected.

According to the report, Hatimara Tea Garden set fire to the trees on its leased land in Habiganj’s Chunarughat upazila near Rema Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary, causing death to dozens of animals.

Actually, the location of the tea estate is a few kilometres away from the sanctuary.

On further inquiry, we found that no animals died in the fire set by the tea garden authorities, and the photographs, provided by a source, were not actually linked to the recent fire incident.

In our investigation, we also found that the story lacked the process of due diligence and rigorous fact checking, which is a hallmark of our reporting.

We apologise to our valued readers and the Hatimara Tea Garden authorities for the grave mistake. And, we are also taking appropriate actions against those responsible for letting The Daily Star down by not following journalistic standards.

Editor



The clash that ensued between two local Awami League groups yesterday left at least 10 people, including three journalists, injured. Besides, around 10 motorbikes and two cars were vandalised, and a few cocktail bombs went off during the incident. PHOTO: COLLECTED

UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANT WORKERS IN GREECE
Regularisation process starts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Undocumented Bangladeshi migrant workers have started to submit applications under an amnesty programme offered by the Greece government, with about 40 to 50 of them already securing “white paper” following applications.

The “white paper” or temporary residence permit will enable a Bangladeshi to work in Greece legally, according to an official at the Bangladesh embassy in Athens.

Later, upon scrutiny and approval of the applications by the Greek authorities, the migrants will be provided with a “residence card” for five years, which will be renewable.

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Bangladeshis in line with a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two countries in February last year in Dhaka.

An estimated 15,000 undocumented

Amnesty has been offered to the Bangladeshis in line with MoU signed in February last year in Dhaka.

Bangladeshi migrants are expected to avail themselves of this opportunity with the regularisation likely to take place for six months initially.

The mission, in a notice yesterday, asked a

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10 hurt as AL men clash in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

At least 10 people, including three journalists, were injured in a clash between two local Awami League groups over the distribution of warm clothes in Tangail’s Gopalpur yesterday.

Few cocktail bombs went off, and around 10 motorbikes and two cars were vandalised. The injured were taken to Gopalpur Upazila Health Complex and different private clinics.

Witnesses and locals said Bhuapur Municipality Mayor Masudul Haque Masud along with his supporters went to distribute warm clothes in Gopalpur. When his motorcade reached Alamnagar Board Bazar area around 12:00pm, an attack was launched on it.

The injured journalists are Ovijit Ghosh, district correspondent of Dhakapost.com; Ashikur Rahman, camera-person of DBC Television, and Farman Sheikh, district correspondent of Dhaka Prakash.

OC Mosharaf Hossain of Gopalpur Police Station said on information, a police team brought the situation under control. “None of the parties lodged any complaint with the police station immediately.”

Masud blamed the supporters of Tangail-2 (Bhuapur-Gopalpur) constituency AL lawmaker Tanveer Hasan Chhoto Monir for the incident.

Contacted, Chhoto Monir said in the last UP elections, Masud supported rebel candidates for the post of chairman in six unions of Bhuapur.

“I heard that Masud along with these rebels went to Gopalpur in the name of distributing blankets and spoke provocatively against local party men, so people protested.”

Man kills father in Thakurgaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A man reportedly killed his father in Shantinagar area of Thakurgaon municipality early yesterday.

The victim, timber trader Fazle Alam, 58, was a resident of the area.

After killing his father, Golam Azam, 29, surrendered at Thakurgaon Police Station that morning and narrated the incident.

Kamal Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station, confirmed that the incident took place at the family’s house around 3:00am.

Relatives and neighbours said Golam has a mental disorder, which was diagnosed about three years ago.

On Sunday night, Golam went to sleep at a place beside his father’s room. At that time, no one was present except him and Fazle.

Due to unknown reasons, he entered his father’s room and stabbed him with a knife, killing

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ASSAULT, MUGGING
3 DU students sent to jail

DU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested three Dhaka University students when they tried to escape after beating and snatching Tk 15,000 from a covered-van driver on Buet campus on Sunday.

They were sent to jail by a Dhaka court yesterday, after the victim filed a case against them with Shahbagh police station, said OC Nur Mohammad.

DU Proctor Prof AKM Golam Rabbani said, “Police took action as per the law. If necessary, we will help them in this regard.” Meanwhile, DU authorities yesterday suspended two BCL leaders

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Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	787493	Establishment of Campus Networking for Chandpur Govt. Mohila College, Chandpur.	23-Feb-2023 13:00	23-Feb-2023 14:00

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To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 22-Feb-2023, 16:00.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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11 more hospitalised with dengue

UNB, Dhaka

Eleven more people were hospitalised with dengue in the 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Four new patients were admitted to hospitals in Dhaka and the rest outside of the capital, according to the DGHS.

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Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:15	5:52	7:15
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Memo No. EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/TMED/2022-23/13 Date: 06/02/2023

e-Tender Notice No. 13/2022-23
(Limited Tendering Method)

This is to notify all concerned that e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works. Details are given below:

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01	783867	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-01	Construction work of Shaheed Minar at Miarhat High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
02	783868	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-02	Reconstruction of Boundary Wall at Sahebrampur Hakimunnesa Girls High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
03	783869	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-03	Construction of boundary wall along with repair and renovation works of Sngahata High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
04	783870	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-04	Reconstruction of boundary wall at Sahebrampur Kabi Nazrul Islam Degree College, Kalkini, Madaripur	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
05	783871	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-05	Construction of boundary wall and gate at Sahebrampur High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
06	783872	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-06	Construction of boundary wall and internal roads at Underchar High School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
07	783873	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-07	Repair and Renovation of Academic Building at Hasankandi United High School, Rajair, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
08	785006	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-08	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Charchandra Junior Secondary School, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
09	785007	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-09	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Manikpur High School, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
10	785008	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-10	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Mohammadpur Shahid Hossen High School, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
11	785009	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-11	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Shibchar Nondukumar Institute, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
12	785010	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-12	Construction of Shaheed Minar at Shonnashirchar High School, Shibchar, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
13	785011	EED/Mad/5974/MAUSHI/2021-22/WR-13	Construction of Boundary Wall with Repair of Academic Building at Shikamangal Secondary School, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
14	785012	EED/Mad/5974/TMED/2021-22/WR-01	Reconstruction of Boundary wall at Krokirchar Islamia Women Senior Madrasa, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00
15	785013	EED/Mad/5974/TMED/2021-22/WR-02	Reconstruction of Boundary wall at Ramzanpur Ideal Technical Academy, Kalkini, Madaripur.	26-Feb-2023 16:00	27-Feb-2023 13:00

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SL No	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of work	Procurement Method	Last Selling date and time	Opening Date & Time
1.	784305, e-Tender/PEDP4/PBN/SAD/2020-2021/W1.1063	Construction of additional classroom at Singa RPS under PEDP4, Pabna Sadar, Pabna (2H+1V/F4).	OTM	22-Feb-2023 12:00	22-Feb-2023 13:00
2.	784322, e-Tender/PEDP4/PBN/SAD/2020-21/W1.00987	Construction of additional classroom at Bahadurpur RPS under PEDP4, Pabna Sadar, Pabna (3H+1V/F4).	OTM	22-Feb-2023 12:00	22-Feb-2023 13:00

This is an online Tender, Where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and online hard copies will be accepted to submit e-GP Tender Registration in the National e-GP System portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches up to 12.30 dates 22-Feb-2023. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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SL No	Tender ID	Procurement Method	Name of Works	Tender Publication Date & Time	Tender last selling Date & Time
1	780234	OTM	Procurement of Eight colour printing m/c, Dryer m/c, Printing frame and Refrigerator	06-Feb-2023 13:00	19-Feb-2023 16:00

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Trevor Noah



Taylor Swift



Harry Styles



Viola Davis

Beyoncé writes her name in history

2023 Grammy Awards concludes

While there are numerous memorable moments throughout the night, the one where Beyoncé made history by becoming the most-decorated Grammy winner of all time.

SHANIZ CHOWDHURY

Music's biggest night, The Grammys was hosted by once again by Trevor Noah—making this the third time in a row the comedian hosted. The night kicked off with a blazing performance by Puerto Rican singer, Bad Bunny.

While there are numerous memorable moments throughout the night, the one where Beyoncé made history by becoming the most-decorated Grammy winner of all time. Winning in the categories of 'Best R&B song', 'Best Dance/Electronic Recording', 'Best Dance/Electronic Album' and 'Best Traditional R&B Performance' under her belt, she now has 32 Grammy awards to her name.

However, even on a record-breaking evening, luck ran out for Beyoncé when it came to the coveted 'Album of the Year' award, with the prize going to Harry Styles instead, for his dreamy and exuberant album *Harry's House*.

Harry's other contenders in the category were two generation talents: Beyoncé and Adele. While both Beyoncé and Adele's albums were spectacular in their own way, they were not as lyrically sophisticated or engineered in the same way as *Harry's House*. The former One Direction star also took home the Grammy for 'Best Pop Vocal Album' for his third solo album.

British sensation Adele won the 'Best Pop Solo Performance' for her single *Easy on Me*. American singer Lizzo won 'Record of the Year' for *About Damn Time*, a song that took



Beyoncé

PHOTOS: AP

TikTok by storm.

The 65th annual Grammy Awards also marked the 50th anniversary of hip-hop, which was celebrated with memorable performance by Missy Elliott, Public Enemy, Queen Latifah, Rakim and many more. A new award for artists who have played a vital role in shaping black music, was also revealed at the event. Most of the awards in the rap and hip-hop categories went to Kendrick Lamar for *The Heart Part 5*.

Grammy veteran, Taylor Swift also had a memorable night, winning the 'Best Music Video' award for *All Too Well: The Short Film*. Her directorial debut proved to be quite successful and hopefully, it will herald even more successful projects in the future.

In a shocking turn of events, that award for 'Song of the Year' went to veteran singer Bonnie Raitt for *Just Like That*. Most people were expecting *All Too Well* to capture the award in this category.

Viola Davis, star of *How to get away with Murder* and *The Woman King* became an EGOT—after she completed her collection by winning the Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony Award. She was awarded the trophy for 'Best Audio Book', narration and storytelling recording for *Finding Me*.

Dr. Nashid Kamal and Armeen Musa's song *Jaago Piya*, which featured in Berkeley Indian Ensemble's *Shuruaat*, was snubbed in the category of 'Best Global Music Album'. Nonetheless, it was a proud moment for the country, as the duo became the first Bangladeshis to be nominated at the Grammys. The dynamic and mystical album *Sakura* by Masa Takumi, took the award for this category.

While Drake did not submit his latest album for the awards, he ended up winning 'Best Melodic Rap Performance', for his guest appearance on Future's *Wait for U*.

Sam Smith and Kim Petras bagged the award for 'Best Pop Duo/Group Performance' for their incredibly catchy and sultry song *Unholy*.

Sohana Saba's new web-film coming soon



The gorgeous Sohana Saba won the hearts of audiences with her performance in Shanka Dasgupta's web-series, *Boli*. Now, the actress is all set to work in another web-film, *Aditi*. She will be playing the titular character in the web-film.

Sohana Saba opened up about this latest project to The Daily Star.

"After a long time, I am working on a great script. Both the story and the character intrigued me a lot. I hope the audience will love it," said the actress.

Aditi was shot in Manikganj and other places of Dhaka. It follows the story of a girl's struggles, which are sure to touch everyone's heart.

Meanwhile, two movies starring Sohana Saba are awaiting release. One is *Maniker Lal Kakra*, another is *Oshombhob*.



'Buker Moddhe Agun' served legal notice by Salman Shah's family

A few weeks ago, Hoichoi announced a new series titled, *Buker Moddhe Agun*, which would be directed by Taneem Rahman Angshu. The series will reportedly follow the life of superstar Salman Shah, and the circumstances of his mysterious death.

Now, amidst all of this, Salman Shah's uncle, Alamgir Kumkum, has sent a legal notice on Sunday to the makers of the series.

The notice stated that if the makers do not stop making the series, then Salman Shah's uncle will be forced to take legal action. Salman Shah's mother, Nilufar Chowdhury, requested a complete ban on the production of songs, dramas, movies and web-series related to Salman Shah, in this writ petition.

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at the Judicial Administration Training Institute.

Anisul said Bangladesh is a democratic country where everybody has the right to express opinions. "We hear their opinions. We will follow all the procedures to formulate the law."

Speaking at a function in Dhaka on Sunday, the US envoy reportedly said they hear apprehension from businesses that the proposed new laws and regulations in the digital space will make it more difficult for them to do business.

"We worry the Data Protection Act, if passed with strict data localisation requirements, may force some US companies currently operating in Bangladesh to leave the market."

Haas said the latest draft of the act does not provide for an independent data oversight authority and that it includes criminal penalties.

"While each country must design laws that apply in its local context, there are clear international standards we urge all countries, including Bangladesh, to uphold," he added.

Jupiter's moon

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Sheppard — who discovered a slew of moons around Saturn a few years ago and has taken part in 70 moon discoveries so far around Jupiter — expects to keep adding to the lunar tally of both gas giants.

GM Quader

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Quader said not only the JP leaders and activists but also the ordinary people are happy with the lifting of the ban on the JP chairman's taking part in party activities.

He said the people are expecting that there would be a "third force" other than the Awami League and the BNP.

"The Jatiya Party is preparing to emerge as that third force in the elections. The party is getting ready to contest elections in 300 parliamentary constituencies," Quader added.

He said the JP is doing politics to remove corruption, misrule, extortion, terrorism and anarchy from the country.

The High Court on Sunday cleared the way for Quader to resume performing his duties as the JP chairman.

It stayed for eight weeks a Dhaka court order that on January 19 prohibited the deputy leader of opposition from joining any party activities.

ACC sues former director

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cycles remaining.

It was a complete violation of the tender, the statement said.

The "C" check is an important issue to maintain the airworthiness of aircrafts. However, the "C" check of both the leased aircraft had expired.

Talking to reporters, ACC Secretary Mahbub Hossain said the two aircraft were leased for five years, but after operating for only 11 months, the engines broke down between February and August 2015.

Another four engines were leased from Egypt Air to keep the aircraft operational and these were also damaged, he said.

Biman earned Tk 2,329 crore from the carriages and had to spend Tk 3,490 crore for its maintenance, operations, and other purposes, according to the case statement.

Mahbub further said Biman and other aviation officials have wasted the state's resources through irregularities in every step, starting from the tender process.

AL likely

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Rangpur-6, became the youngest Speaker of the House.

Another name that has come up is that of Mosharraf Hossain, an MP from Chattogram-1.

The number one presidium member of the AL, Mosharraf was earlier the minister for civil aviation and tourism, and for public works and housing.

Nomination papers for the presidential election have to be submitted to the Election Commission on February 12. The next day, the papers will be scrutinised.

If there is more than one candidate, the presidential election will be held in parliament on February 19. Members of parliament will cast votes to elect the president.

The main opposition in parliament, Jatiya Party, has already said they would not nominate anyone for president.

Since the AL has a single majority in parliament, only its nominated candidate will be elected.

At the ALPP meeting, the names of those who will propose and support the president candidate while filing

The 22 others accused are — Biman's former chief engineer Gazi Mahmud Iqbal; former flight purser Shanaz Begum; former chief purser Mohammad Sazzadul Haque; Manager Ataur Rahman; Assistant Manager Fazlul Haque Basunia; former deputy chief engineer Jahid Hossain; former manager Md Shajhan; former manager Abdul Kader; Deputy General Manager Azad Rahman; flight purser Shohidulla Kaisar; former chief purser Kazi Mosaddek Ali; Deputy General Manager Zia Ahmed; former captain Nazrul Islam Shamim; Principal Engineer Sharif Ruhul Kuddus; Chief Engineer ARM Kaisar Jaman; Deputy General Manager Kamal Uddin Ahmed; Engineer Sadekul Islam Bhuyan; former principal engineers Debesh Chowdhury and Shahid Uddin Mohammad Hanif; General Manager Abdur Rahman Faruky; former deputy chief engineer Shofiqul Alam Siddique; and consultant of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh's airworthiness Golam Sarwar.

the nomination to the EC will also be finalised, party insiders said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the ALPP president, will preside over the meeting.

ALPP Secretary and Jatiya Sangsad Chief Whip Noor-e-Alam Chowdhury has asked the party MPs to attend the meeting.

UN experts alarmed at child 'forced assimilation' in Tibet

AFP, Geneva

Around a million Tibetan children have been separated from their families and put through "forced assimilation" at Chinese residential schools, three United Nations experts said yesterday.

The special rapporteurs voiced their alarm at Chinese government policies aimed at assimilating Tibetan people culturally, religiously and linguistically through the schools system, raising concerns about a reported increase in the number of such schools.

N'ganj mayor

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incident happened.

"Hearing of the incident, I went to the mayor's house, and family members of the other two children were also present there. We begged pardon, but the mayor didn't hear us. He cut our children's hair in public," said the imam.

"The children might have picked up the chain lying on the ground and the mayor could have solved it by calling the guardians. The children were detained for more than two and a half hours. We apologised to the mayor but he did not listen to us."

"Now the mayor's men threatened us not to talk about this incident to anyone. They are powerful people, we can't go against them," the imam also said.

Halim is also the joint secretary of Awami League's Araihaazar upazila unit.

Contacted, he admitted to "punishing" the children. "They stole my goods, that's why I punished them a little. I did nothing wrong," he told The Daily Star.

Araihaazar Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Azizul Haq said they heard about the incident. Though the families did not file any complaints yet but police are working on it.

Ishtiak Ahmed, UNO of Araihaazar upazila, said the local administration will take necessary steps after the investigation.

Court scraps

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area on January 20, 2015, a day after his arrest in an arson case.

Eight years after the incident, victim's father Md Yakub Ali yesterday lodged the case with the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court under section 15(2) of the Torture and Custodial Death (Prohibition) Act, 2013.

In the complaint, Yakub said his son Jonny was picked up from in front of Dhaka Central Jail on January 19, 2015, after he went there to visit his younger brother Moniruzzaman Hira who was arrested in another case.

The following day, he was killed in a "crossfire" involving DB men, Yakub alleged.

During yesterday's hearing, PP Tapash told the court that the complainant filed the case eight years after the incident just to "achieve political gains".

Abandoned, left to starve

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Nobody had seen them come out of the flat for the past 15 days, said Abdur Rahman, the security guard of the building.

"We often heard the cries of the two children."

Currently, Shemi and her daughters are undergoing treatment at Kuwait Bangladesh Friendship Government Hospital in Uttara.

Despite being informed by police, none of her five brothers, except the eldest, nor her mother came to visit her in hospital till yesterday.

"I don't have anyone," Shemi murmured at least four times in the one and a half hours that one of these correspondents was with her in the hospital.

Asked, the nurses said Shemi requested just chicken and rice when she was asked what she wanted for lunch.

"When we brought their lunch, one of the young girls jumped up and shouted in joy. Her sister, however, did not show any excitement," said a nurse, preferring anonymity.

Shemi's stepbrother, the eldest among the siblings, came to the hospital and gave her Tk 3,000 to buy clothes upon her request.

The hospital referred the mother and daughters to the National Institute of Mental Health and Hospital, but they were not shifted till the filing of this report at 8:00pm.

None of Shemi's immediate family members were available to take their responsibility.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Shemi's cousin Zohura Ratan Rupa, who was in the hospital, said they will shift them to the institute today.

She said it was unfortunate that neither Shemi's mother nor her brothers wanted anything to do with her, adding that she had visited Shemi's flat on Thursday and requested her to open the door, but she refused.

"She was upset with her mother

Huge sums

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country compared to previous years, it is still very low in comparison with the tax-GDP ratio.

"This ratio should be increased. We have not been successful in income tax collection yet. Therefore, the capacity and efficiency of the revenue department should be increased too," he added.

and brothers."

She further said Shemi had no income except for the Tk 4,000 she got every month by renting out her parking space.

Nahid, one of Shemi's brothers, said his sister got married in 2011 when she was studying BA (honours) at a private university in Uttara. But the man she married would often torture her.

The couple separated in 2012, when Shemi was pregnant. Since then, she had been going through a lot of mental stress, he added.

Along with the twin babies, Shemi and other family members lived together in four flats in the same building in Uttara Sector-4. They got those as shares from the developer, as the building was built on the land owned by Shemi's father, a Supreme Court lawyer.

After her father died in 2018, the relationship between Shemi and her mother and brothers began to deteriorate. They became distant, said Nahid.

"There was so much conflict that at one point my younger brother moved to Banani while another moved to Shyamoli with his family."

He added that his nieces never suffered from mental health issues.

Nahid, a private job holder posted in Khulna, also claimed that he struggles to support his family.

Relatives said one of Shemi's brothers lives in Canada, the younger brother is a BCS (admin) cadre officer, while another owns a business.

These correspondents tried to reach Shemi's younger brother and the one who is a businessman, but their mobile phones were found switched off.

Cops now say

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include releasing the arrestee without permission from the higher authorities, letting him go home alone, and CCTV cameras at the police station remaining inoperative.

The police official said a further investigation would be conducted to ascertain whether the trader was involved in gambling.

On January 18, at least 12 people, including two cops, were injured and 20 vehicles were vandalised as a mob clashed with police in Gazipur city's Bhogra bypass area over the death of the trader.

A magnitude 6.3 earthquake devastated southwestern

A 9.15 magnitude earthquake off Sumatra triggered a tsunami that barreled into Indonesia, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka and many other countries in the region, devastating villages and tourist islands and leaving almost 230,000 dead or missing.



"We were pulling people out ourselves at three in the morning," he said, his breath visible in the cold winter air as he spoke.

That statement came three days after what the Pentagon characterised as another Chinese spy balloon had been seen across Latin America.

Sinopec also leads the way when it comes to building new production facilities over the 2019-2027 period, the report said.

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Notice
Language Fair 2023

Applications are invited by the International Mother Language Institute (IMLI) from competent candidates to participate in the Language Fair 2023 in prescribed form available in IMLI website www.imli.gov.bd to be organized on the observance of Great Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day 2023.

The institutions such as Ethnic Cultural Institutes, Department of language & linguistics of Universities, Cultural Centers of embassies and Language oriented different institutions focusing on language and cultural activities are eligible to participate in the fair.

Last date of application submission: 12th February 2023.

Children's Art Competition


A Children's Art Competition is going to be organized on 24th February 2023 at the International Mother Language Institute (IMLI) premises on the observance of Great Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day 2023. The registration form and detail information of the competition will be available in IMLI website www.imli.gov.bd.

Last date of registration: 14th February 2023.

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Tulin Akkaya had just started to gather her thoughts after being woken by the biggest earthquake to strike Turkey in nearly a century when a second massive jolt sent her scrambling for safety on the street. It was certain to grow and Akkaya was trying to piece together the remains of her life when a second jolt shook her house and sent her rushing out of her apartment. "I am so scared. I felt (the aftershock) so strongly because I live on the top floor," the 30 something housewife said. "I can't go back to my apartment now."



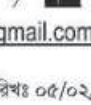
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ইজারা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, নাটোরে পৌরসভাবীন নিম্নবর্ণিত হাট-বাজার, বাসস্ট্যান্ড, সায়রাহত মহাল, পার্বলিক ট্রাস্টের আধীন ১৫০৩০ বাক্সার সনদে ১লা পেশবার হইতে ৩০শে চেত্র পর্বে ১ (এক) বছর মেয়াদ শর্ত সাপেক্ষে সম্পূর্ণ অছাড়িতাবে ইজারা প্রদানের নিমিত্তে প্রস্তাব ইজারা ব্যবসায়ীদের দিকট হইতে নিম্নোক্ত “ছ” মোকাবেলায় লীমিটেডবুদে বামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।


(ক) ইজারা যেহাট হাট-বাজার, বাসস্ট্যান্ড, সায়রাহত মহাল ও পার্বলিক ট্রাস্টে সমূহঃ

ক্রমিক নং	হাট-বাজারের নাম	সরকারী টাকায়	সিডিউল মূল্য (অন্যেবতম্যে)	দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কর্মসিদ্ধি সুপারিশ অনুযায়ী
০১	চেবাবদিয়া হাট-বাজার	১,০৯,৬৪,৮১৭/-	১২,০০০/-	চলমান
০২	শেখন বাজার (মোহ বাজার, ফল বাজার, মোশ বাজার, কঁচা বাজার ইত্যাদি)	৩০,২৫,৬৪৮/-	৩,৮০০/-	সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে
০৩	নিচাবাজার	১৩,৮৫,২৪৩/-	৩,২০০/-	সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে
০৪	মন্ডাসা মোক্ত বাস টার্মিনাল বাজার বাসস্ট্যান্ডের নাম	৭,০১,৭২০/-	২,০০০/-	সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে
০১	হরিশপুর কেন্দ্রীয় বাস টার্মিনাল	১০,৮৪,৩০০/-	২৮০০/-	সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে
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০১	ভাঙ্গা পুকুর	৯৮,৪০৩/-	৫০০/-	সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে
০২	ভাগজনা পুকুর	৩২,৫০৬/-	৫০০/-	চলমান
০৩	কান্দিকাই পুকুর	৩৭,৮৫৬/-	৫০০/-	সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে
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০৭	বড় হরিশপুর জমার	৬৪,৮৭২/-	৫০০/-	সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে
০৮	জলকাল পুকুর	৫,২৬,০০০/-	১৮০০/-	সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে
০৯	জলকাল পুকুরের পাশে অবধি জমি পার্বলিক ট্রাস্টে সমূহ	২০,০০০/-	৫০০/-	চলমান
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০২	মন্ডাসা বাজার আরোমনাইড ফ্রেম সলয় পার্বলিক ট্রাস্টে	৬০,০০০/- (কোয়িড মূল্য)		

বিবরণ	দরপত্র বিক্রি শুরু ও শেষ তারিখ	দরপত্র সাইনিংর তারিখ ও সময়	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান	দরপত্র সাইনিংর স্থান	দরপত্র খার্য খোলা তারিখ ও স্থান
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দরপত্রের নথিত দরমাফাক তাহার দামলিকৃত দরের ৩৫% (শতকরা ত্রিশভাগ পাঁচ ভাগ) টাকা ব্যাংক ড্রাকট (বিজি)-অনুজ্ঞার মাধ্যমে (চেক গ্রহণযোগ্য নহে) মেসর, নাটোর পৌরসভা বারফের জমা দিতে হইবে, যাহার ৩০% ইজারা মূল্য দামলিকৃত দরের নথিত সময় ধরে এবং অবশিষ্ট ৫% অর্থ জামানত হিসেবে সরেক্তর থাকিবে, যাহা ইজারার মেয়াদ শেষ হবার পরে আবেদন সংশ্লেক্ত প্রেরিত বাদান করা হইবে। দমল/অনুমতিপ্রাপ্ত প্রাদানসে পূর্বে নির্ধারিত ইজারাদারকে গৃহীত ইজারা মূল্যের উপর ১৫% (শতকরা পনের ভাগ) হারে ভ্যাট এবং ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) হারে আয়কর প্রোবায় চালানসে মাধ্যমে সেক্ত্রি খাতে জমা প্রদান করতে হইবে। উক্তব্য ১ম বাতের ইজারা মূল্য সম্ভাব্য মূল্যের চেয়ে কম বা সংকোচনক ন হলে পর্যায়ক্রমে প্রোভারসে সংকোচনক দর না গণ্যতা পর্যন্ত উক্তপ্রতি তারিখ সমূহে ইজারা কার্যক্রম পরিতালিত হবে। বিজ্ঞারের প্রকৌশল বিভাগ, নাটোর পৌরসভা কার্যালয় হইতে অফিস ভাণ্ডারখান সমগ্রে জানা যাইবে।

উক্তব্য, অনুমতিপ্রাপ্ত ইজারা দরের সমুদায় অর্থ (ভ্যাট, আটকি সন) অনুমতিপ্রাপ্ত পর গ্রাভিট ০৭ (সাত) কার্য দিনসের মধ্যে হাট-বাজার ইজারা হস্তান্তরের পূর্বেই বন্দাই পরিশোধ করতে হইবে এবং ০২ (দুই) কপি পাশাপাশি সাইইয়ে খব ও টেনার আইডি কার্ডের ফটোকপি জমা দিতে হইবে। কোন কারণে দশীনে ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃকণ্য যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।


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Criminal negligence that could cost lives

Biman, two pilots must answer for 2022 mid-flight incident

We are deeply alarmed by Biman’s actions following an incident in which, as reported by this daily, two pilots put passengers’ lives at risk. During a Biman flight on February 1, 2022, one of the pilots set the airspeed of the plane to 165 knots (nautical miles per hour) during take-off, which was 20 knots less than the plane’s standard operating procedure. While climbing, the pilot changed the airspeed thrice in four minutes. The captain said this was done to climb faster to avoid thunderclouds. However, the meteorological report for the day said there was “no significant cloud”. Moreover, this technique is not supported by the standard operating procedure.

The pilots made many other claims, none of which were supported by the plane’s flight data recorder, also known as black box. When the speed supposedly dropped to 152 knots, the pilot disengaged the autopilot and pushed both engines to “emergency” power level, which compromises engine components. Consequently, the plane’s turbine temperature shot up by over 100 degrees, causing metals inside the engines to melt. Despite claiming to investigators later that they were forced to pursue such actions due to being in a life-or-death situation, they never submitted any air safety report, which is a clear violation of the safety manual. And there was a plethora of such violations that followed – including the pilots seemingly wiping out the maintenance message on the audio and radio control display unit (ARCDU) to hide their own mistakes.

What’s worse, despite the damage inflicted on it, the plane flew seven flights before being grounded. And none of this would have even come to light had it not been for the fact that the plane sent automatic data about engine health to the manufacturer, which notified Biman Engineering Services. Biman conducted its own investigations, but the investigation report, submitted in March 2022, was buried. Bizarrely, the senior of the two pilots was even included in a list of pilots set for promotion!

All this raises serious concern about Biman as an institution. It seems the incident happened as a direct result of the pilots’ misjudgement. But instead of owning up to it, they tried to erase evidence ignoring all professional ethics. Clearly, they knowingly put hundreds of peoples’ lives at risk but, instead of holding them to account, Biman tried to hide it. What does that say about Biman’s governance system? Airlines deal with people’s lives on a daily basis, making it crucial that they maintain the highest international standard, something that Biman has failed to do.

Even though Biman is our national flag carrier, and we would like to stand beside it, what it and the pilots did deserve an appropriate response. Their actions – or should we say, criminal negligence? – unnecessarily put people’s lives at risk and further tarnished the image of our country. Therefore, we urge Biman to make the findings of its investigation public, correct its flaws, and apologise to the people whose lives were put at risk. The pilots, if found guilty of misconduct, must be held to account. And even the role of the regulators needs to be carefully investigated.

Who desecrated idols in Thakurgaon?

Take action against culprits who committed such a condemnable act

We are deeply alarmed by the news of unidentified criminals desecrating idols of Hindu gods and goddesses in Thakurgaon’s Baliadangi upazila earlier this week. According to a report, at least 14 idols of Saraswati, Laxmi, and Manasha were vandalised at 12 temples. From what we know so far, whoever carried out the attack did so quietly, in the darkness of the night, as the local people only came to know about it when they went to offer prayers at the temples next morning. And even though the culprits have not been identified yet by police, from the nature of the attacks, it can be said that those were no isolated incidents. Those were rather coordinated.

While we condemn such acts in the strongest terms, we would also want to know what might have triggered the criminals to vandalise the idols. Did they want to create an atmosphere of fear among the Hindu community of Thakurgaon? Or did the criminals simply hold the misguided notion that by desecrating sacred symbols of other religions, they are actually showing love for their own? Whatever might have been their twisted reason, we must send them a strong and clear message that every person in the country has the right to practice their own religion, and that this right is guaranteed by our constitution. We must also remind them that desecrating others’ religions totally goes against the ideals of our Liberation War as well as our long-held social values.

Having said that, we also need to find out why such incidents keep recurring in the country, despite assurances by the government that religious intolerance or violence would not be tolerated. If we look at some of the past incidents of religious violence, we will see that in most cases, those involved were never brought to justice. The failure to take action is emboldening others to commit similar crimes.

We need a strong, powerful and uncompromising collective social voice against the growing religious tension and intolerance in the country. While the government must play its part by holding the criminals accountable, our religious leaders must also play their due role. They must tell adherents that religious intolerance is totally unacceptable in a pluralistic society that we aspire to be. They must send out a strong message of interfaith harmony.

As for the Thakurgaon incident, we urge the local administration to identify the culprits responsible for the desecration of idols and take legal action against them and also, equally importantly, extend protection to the local Hindu community. The authorities must create a safe environment for all minority communities by creating a society tolerant of diversity. To do that, it is vital that orchestrators of all previous communal attacks are also brought to book. Only by showing zero tolerance can we prevent repetition of such incidents.

Bangladesh can avoid the middle-income trap yet



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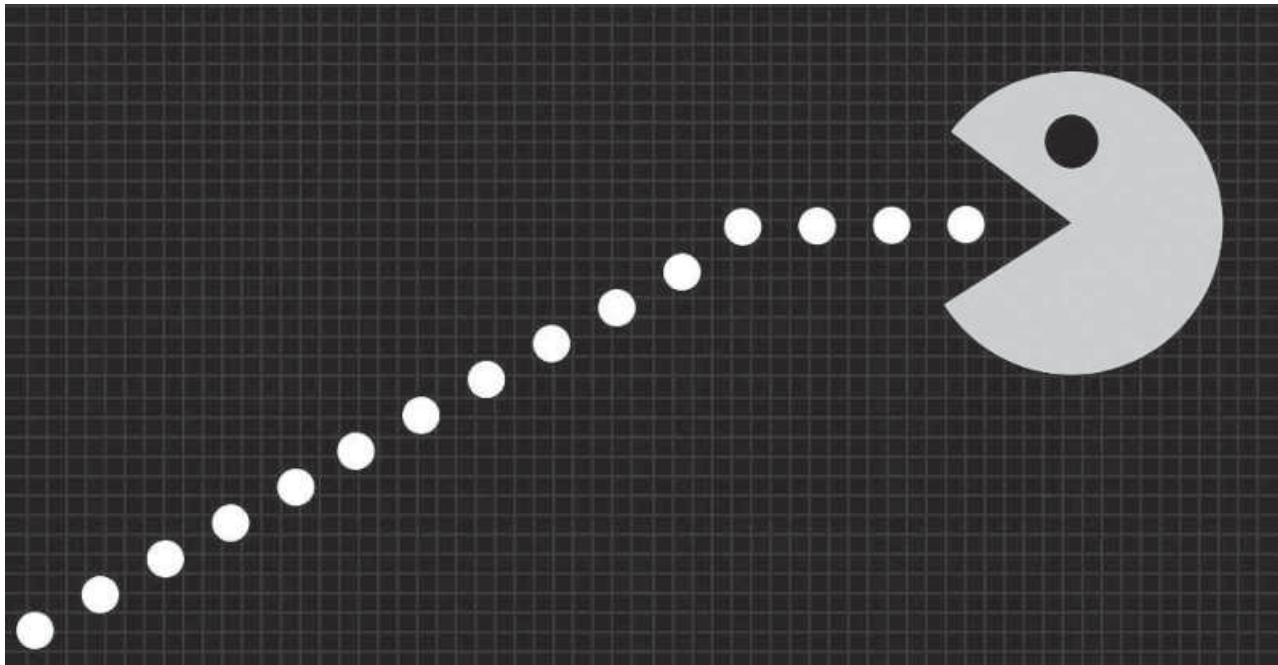
The World Bank is not only a place for economists and statisticians, but also an abode of poets who often coin some literary or figurative terms that rule the domain of policymaking jargon. In the early 1990s, they phrased a term called “the East Asian Miracle,” which was later demystified by numerous economists as a planned journey of East Asia to develop its human capital.

The phrase “the middle-income trap,” also coined by the World Bank, has been used as a powerful weapon to scare some growth-generating countries, so they remain vigilant in navigating their journey to become developed countries. While the organisation’s intention is not vicious, the way they describe this trap is theoretically flawed and more of a cliché. Growth means a percentage change in GDP, which is composed of a million factors that can never be strangled or trapped altogether by any mechanism or magic.

Axel van Trotsenburg, World Bank’s managing director of operations, during a visit to Bangladesh for an event to mark 50 years of partnership, warned that the country should be careful about falling into the middle-income trap. He asserted that the middle-income status is a hard struggle and it is a difficult task to go to the higher-income status. He cited the cases of Argentina and Greece, and mentioned that some Latin American countries went the reverse direction after reaching the middle-income status. He advised Bangladesh to follow the steps of countries like South Korea and Singapore, who graduated to being developed nations quite steadily without faltering.

The doctor who leaves alert messages for their patients is regarded as a well-wisher, since they are conscientiously caring for their patients’ well-being. In that sense, the alert is well-taken. But the message is grounded in a conceptual phantasmagoria.

In 1956, economist Richard Nelson contributed to a concept – a theory of the low-level equilibrium trap. It says that a low level of income is a kind of a trap because it satisfies only the subsistence level of living where both the rates of saving and investment are terribly low. A little improvement in income will contribute to higher population growth, which will in turn push the per capita income back to



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its low level again, and hence it is an inescapable situation – a trap.

But that is not the case for the middle-income countries whose past is the story of good savings, handsome investment, and fairly controlled population growth. Poor countries with feeble growth rates (say, below three or four percent) cannot dream of becoming middle-income countries. The countries that graduated to the middle income status were able to generate more than five percent growth before graduation. Hence, assuming a trap or a cul-de-sac in the middle-income bracket is theoretically flawed.

Then why do some policymakers talk about the trap? Simply because it feels like so. But the fact lies in the very nature of the marathon towards becoming a middle-income nation. The journey is too long, and many nations fail to uphold the growth momentum by upgrading its institutions and governance.

According to the World Bank’s latest classification of countries, a country exceeding per capita income of USD 1,085 is marked as a lower-middle-income country. Bangladesh, with its per capita income of USD 2,824 (FY22) – as per the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics – falls in this

income country not only as the longest one, but also as the most critical navigation over the classification spectrum, making some people think of it as a trap. But it is just a number game that requires plenty of patience and planning – just like playing chess quite diligently and intelligently to win the game. Mathematically, a country that has just graduated from a low-income status to a lower middle-income rank must increase its per capita income almost 13 times higher than its current level, requiring 53 years if the country grows at a steady rate of five percent, and 44 years if the growth rate is steadily six percent – which is quite challenging.

Practically, a country’s journey over half a century is supposed to confront global recessions, crises, pandemics, wars, and climate shocks – when growth rates may fall or look poor. On top of global factors, the country itself may fail to develop decent institutions that are at the root of shepherding a country into a fully-fledged developed nation. This was the case for both Singapore and Korea, who succeeded in strengthening the basic three institutions: education, health, and finance. And if Bangladesh’s journey takes too long in the middle-income episode, the reasons will surely be

launderers, and politically empowered bank looters. These three institutions together, if not correctly addressed, will make the journey to becoming a developed nation feel like a trapped expedition for Bangladesh.

Even if the country grows steadily at six percent, it will take another 26 years to achieve USD 13,205 in per capita income – the lowest rung for a developed nation. The probable date thus seems to be somewhere near 2050. Better late than never. Bangladesh experienced a silver lining in growth performance that displayed a pattern of acceleration until the pandemic torpedoed global growth. Bangladesh’s growth volatility is one of the lowest in the region, suggesting that its growth will not fluctuate like Argentina’s or Greece’s.

Bangladesh’s economic leadership must devote its integrity to ensuring quality growth along with lower income inequality. But its institutions must be knowledge-based, rather than being obedience-based. Its pending reforms must be initiated by individual institutions once they are allowed to exercise their autonomy, guided by the best global practices of learning and research. If so, Bangladesh shall never succumb to the so-called ghost stories of the middle-income trap.

Paternity leave should be the practice, not an option



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Recently, a social media post from the clothing and lifestyle brand Aarong went viral. It was titled “Embracing Fatherhood,” and mentioned that Aarong provides one month of paternity leave to its male employees to care for and bond with their newborns – which people highly appreciated.

Fathers are frequently regarded as the heads of their families, and someone who can have the most impact on children’s development. In the initial stage of parenthood, it is necessary for a father to be there for his partner and their newborn, and to celebrate some of the most precious moments of their lives together with family and friends.

An adequate paternity leave period increases a father’s likelihood of being involved in the lives of his young children. This can lead to improvements in gender equality at work and at home, and may introduce positive changes in interpersonal interactions, parenting responsibilities, and ingrained preconceptions of how parenthood should be.

In most families, a mother often performs the majority of childcare duties. But fathers are vital to the proper development of their children as well. According to recent studies, fathers who are actively involved in their children’s upbringing might be able to have a beneficial long-lasting impact on them.

Normally, if a female employee becomes pregnant while working, she is eligible to receive maternity leave. Assuring a maternity leave period of at least 14 weeks is required under Article 4(I) of the Maternity Protection Convention, 2000 of the International Labour Organization (ILO). Female government employees are entitled to six months of leave under Section 197(I) of the Bangladesh Service Rules, as amended on January 9, 2011. And under Section 46 of the Bangladesh Labour Act, 2006, women employees are entitled to 16 weeks of maternity leave.

But what about male employees whose partners are pregnant or have given birth? Most workplaces in Bangladesh do not offer paternity

leave to their male workers, even though this is a well-established practice in many other countries.

In 2021, 115 of the 185 countries assessed by the ILO were found to be offering the right to paternity leave, with 33 new countries having implemented such a policy in the last 10 years. This indicates the growing acceptance of men’s role in child care, because it means that 4 out of 10

Approximately two-thirds of potential fathers don’t have access to paternity leave and are thus missing out on the chance to form close relationships with their newborns. In some countries, men are also discouraged from using their paternity leave due to gender norms that dictate that men should be breadwinners and women should be caregivers.

prospective fathers reside in countries that offer paternity leave. However, approximately two-thirds of potential fathers (1.26 billion men) don’t have access to paternity leave and are thus missing out on the chance to form close relationships with their newborns. In some countries, men are also discouraged from using their paternity leave due to gender norms

that dictate that men should be breadwinners and women should be caregivers.

As such, companies should actively encourage fathers to take time off to care for their newborn children by developing a supportive workplace culture, and ensure that fathers are not subjected to discrimination for engaging in caregiving activities in order to enhance the take-up rates for paternity leave.

Considering how crucial a father is to a child’s development, it is long past due for the government to consider passing a paternity leave law for male employees in Bangladesh. Fathers who take paternity leave get the chance to spend quality time with their newborns and are able to participate more actively in family life. Additionally, the increased involvement of men in domestic tasks enables women to better balance their personal and professional responsibilities.

Providing paternity leave benefits the company as well. Levelling the playing field for men and women makes the workplace family-friendly and aids companies in reducing gender gap. Paternity leave should be provided to all male employees so that they can care for their partners and newborns throughout and after pregnancy. Any such provision ought to encourage an accepting workplace where fathers are welcomed into parenthood, including being provided with paid leave as part of the paternity benefits.



The BUET Rag Wall

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Right beside the central cafeteria on the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) campus, a huge wall shines ever so vibrant. Students, alumni and outsiders gather to take pictures with it. But if you look closely past the colours on a brick wall, it's more than just another mural. Each brick on the wall tells a story of this campus.

The rag wall is just one of the many walls in BUET. There's the Abrar Fahad wall commemorating his sacrifice. The Hogwarts House wall beside the cafeteria is also widely popular among the students. The premises of the Department of Architecture and the rest of the campus is filled up with walls, each one with a story of its own, as they spread colours of joy in the land of the living that is BUET.

On the left, you see a darker picture of BUET in its past. Puppets are being forced to bow down to an authoritative figure while another one is being forced down into a pit of fire. This grimy part of the mural portrays the older BUET, one where rag culture and student politics leeches off the campus like a parasite. Just a tad bit to the right, one of the puppets is being pulled out of this perdition and into a much more vibrant and joyful world. Students enjoying a concert

together, chatting on the half wall with their friends, celebrating the World Cup together on campus – the mural represents the long lost freedom of the students of BUET and celebrates their victory in achieving it.

Rag walls have been a part of BUET's tradition for a while now. The final-year undergraduate students undertake the responsibility of painting the wall beside the central cafeteria and leaving their mark on the campus. However, the tradition didn't originate overnight. Back in the '90s, final year batches would paint slogans or caricatures on the walls related to their batch which might have acted as a precursor to the tradition.

However, the "Canvas '06" batch was the first one to paint their logo on the yard in front of the central cafeteria, as far back as I could find. "Lubhdok '07" followed their predecessors and painted the wall beside the central cafeteria with their logo, which is now known as the "Rag Wall" to the students of BUET. With time, the designs on the rag wall became more detailed and now the wall paintings of BUET have reached its zenith.

However, this year's rag wall painted by "Onushurjo '17" stands out from its predecessors not only owing to the design or the quality of art, but also the story it intends to tell. The design team consisted of students from Batch '17 of BUET,

the graduating batch this year. It was led by Benzadid M Gani and Rafid Nahian of the Department of Architecture and brought to fruition by many participants from all departments who spent sleepless nights finishing the painting in time.

"The subject matter of this year's rag wall dealt with something that is sentimental not only to this year's graduating batch of BUET but also to the junior and alumni batches. It tells the story of how enforced authority, political suppression, and toxic rag culture were finally uprooted from the campus grounds to traverse into a new era of BUET where an amiable environment and healthy interaction between senior and junior batches exist," said Benzadid M Gani and Rafid Nahian, "All this was possible owing to the sacrifice of Abrar Fahad, who was of Batch '17 himself."

"Over the years, the previous batches dealt with the rag wall designs with a more cheerful approach and would add their respective exuberant highlights," Benzadid and Rafid discussed the planning behind the wall painting and the challenges they faced, "Our design isn't so different in that aspect, except for adding an entirely new atmosphere to the painting that signified the dark ages of BUET. Blending the two was a challenge since we were concerned about whether the two subject matters would

be communicated properly. We were able to counter this issue by imposing vibrant bands which were carefully placed to separate the canvases to tell different stories. The design process took more than a month whereas the final painting took about a week to complete before it was unveiled to the world."

Depicting BUET's gloomy phase and the transition to a cheerful campus was an ambitious goal to attain, according to Benzadid. The wall painting also had some concurrent references such as the FIFA World Cup fever and the newly constructed BUET gate. Despite the initial concerns, the design and painting team received rave reviews from the current students and alumni, and from outside the campus as well.

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St. Joseph and Scholastica Uttara win at Scholastica Interschool Debate Tournament

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On January 6, Scholastica Debate Club returned with their flagship event "Scholastica Interschool Debate Tournament (SIDT)".

SIDT is a long-running annual venture of the Scholastica Debate Club and has made a name for itself in the Bangladeshi debate circuit. This year, it returned after a two-year hiatus caused by the pandemic. A total of 40 teams from 23 institutions participated in the tournament this year.

The tournament was held over the course of two days, with four preliminary rounds, after which the 12 qualified teams (the teams with the highest combined speaker scores) proceeded to the out rounds. The breaking teams got to celebrate by breaking large blocks of ice with a mallet as per long-winded SDC tradition. The break announcements were made at the end of the first day, the break night.

In the grand finals, JDCI from St. Joseph Higher Secondary School was crowned the Open champions and WDAI from Sir John Wilson School ranked as the Open runners-up. In the novice finals, SDCI from Scholastica Uttara was crowned the Novice champion while DGBDS 313 from Dhanmondi Government Boys' High School became the runners-up.

The top five Open speakers and top three Novice



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speakers were also awarded crests with the overall best speaker title awarded to Sahib Rahman Khan from NDDC I (Notre Dame College, Dhaka).

The event started off with a festive opening ceremony and the winners were announced in the closing ceremony, where the club's faculty advisor Majed Mohd. Abdurrahman delivered a speech to inspire the young debaters, adjudicators, and organisation committee.

The title sponsor of the event was Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB). The event was co-sponsored by Radiant Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and powered by Square Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Associate sponsors of the event included Unilever Horlicks and Prime Bank, food was sponsored by Well Food, and the media partners were SHOUT and Samakal.

Including reproductive health in the NCTB curriculum is a step in the right direction

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This year, the National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB) has brought about some major changes to their textbooks, including the Science Investigative Reading textbook for class six. It differs from the books of the preceding years in many ways, but a particular portion of the content has been garnering some attention. In particular, a section on adolescence focusing on the physical changes children undergo during puberty has been generating discourse online.

While the detailed nature of the text may feel unsettling at first, it's quite evident that the content seeks to be purely informative without any underlying agenda. The section in question falls under the chapter Manob Shorir or "The Human Body". Physical changes during puberty fall under the territory of basic human anatomy, which is exactly what you would expect from a chapter with that title.

Previous editions of NCTB Science books of the same class were either devoid of such information, or chose to gloss over the topic. As a result, many of us didn't have a reliable source of information about what puberty is, and what it entails while growing up. While we eventually acquire knowledge on these topics from various sources and experiences, many misconceptions about puberty and sexual health are still prevalent among today's youths. As such, NCTB's decision to include a straightforward and



informative overview of adolescence is a step towards establishing proper sex education.

The national curriculum's textbooks tackling the topic of adolescence is nothing new. NCTB's Physical Education and Health book for class nine and ten contained a chapter on puberty and reproductive health long before this change in the Science book of class six was implemented. Incorporating it in the studies of class six

is commendable nonetheless, as children tend to hit puberty around that age.

The discussion of reproductive health is still considered a taboo in our society, which is why parents seldom take the initiative to educate their children about their physical changes. The stigma around the topic also bars them from expressing their concerns to a grownup, who maybe able to provide some guidance.

As such, children seeking answers

often end up searching in wrong places, which is a lot more likely in this day and age. Uninformed children are also more susceptible to reproductive diseases, sexual violence, etc.

Educational institutions are to provide children with well-rounded education, so having reproductive health on the curriculum can help in the long run to accommodate a better understanding of their own bodies.

However, the implementation of the study of adolescence and reproductive health caused quite a stir on social media – proving that a huge chunk of people consider sex-ed to be inherently immoral. The contents in the book matter-of-factly describe the process of puberty along with the proper scientific terminologies for it.

Yet, the perception of the general population is such that the content is vulgar and deserves no place in the textbook. Many share the opinion that topics like these being openly discussed may lead children astray, even though it's highly effective in creating self-awareness.

The entire reason simple sex education feels out of place in textbooks is because of the scarcity of it. Be that as it may, puberty and reproductive changes are both natural phenomena, and stigmatising them does more harm than good. The vilification of sex education perpetuates the idea that any discussion on reproductive health is pornographic in nature, when in reality, it's crucial to the physical and mental well-being of our adolescents.

So, while we can't expect society's preconceived notions to change overnight due to a few textbook articles, NCTB's decision to include adolescence in the syllabus will definitely help in destigmatising the conversation around reproductive health in the long run.

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Mohammedan to defend Super Cup

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Fallen giants Mohammedan will have a chance to defend their Super Cup title when the big-budget domestic football tournament returns in May after a decade-long gap.

Mohammedan have failed to win a Bangladesh Premier League title since the introduction of professional league in 2007. However, the Motijheel-based outfit won two out of the three editions of the Super Cup held in the intervening time.

The Black and Whites won the inaugural Super Cup in 2009 before regaining the title from archrivals Abahani in 2013, the last-time the crore-taka tournament was held.

Following a decade-long gap due to a lack of interest from sponsors, the tournament is set to be staged again this April. Despite not being directly eligible for automatic qualification, which is reserved for the league's top four, Abahani made it due to Saif Sporting Club's departure from the top-flight football.



According to Bangladesh Football Federation general secretary Abu Naveem Shohag, Mohammedan will be one of the four direct entrants to the tournament, which will feature six total BPL clubs.

Mohammedan had finished fifth in the last league, but since Saif Sporting, who finished third, opted out of top-tier football, Mohammedan will play alongside the rest of last season's top three, including Bashundhara Kings, Abahani and Sheikh Jamal.

"The Super Cup will be held from April 2 to 13 with six teams. Three teams will play be split into two groups. The top two teams from each group will play in the semifinals followed by the final," Shohag told reporters yesterday.

"The two other teams will be selected from the seven lowest teams of last year's table through playoffs on February 14 and 28," the BFF official added.

With the Bangabandhu National Stadium undergoing renovation and the teams' unwillingness to play at the Kamalapur stadium, the tournament might be staged at the Bashundhara Kings Arena or a venue outside Dhaka -- likely in Sylhet. Shohag said the decision would be taken following a meeting with sponsors within a few days.



Mehedi Hasan Miraz pulls one out of the park, leaving his Fortune Barishal teammate Anamul Haque Bijoy in awe during training at the Academy Ground in Mirpur yesterday. Miraz, who missed Barishal's last three matches due to a side strain, has been gearing up for a return to the Bangladesh Premier League.

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‘My use of wrist all comes from squash’

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Ryan Burl has come leaps and bounds since his early days, with his rise perfectly coinciding with the new-found ambition coming through in Zimbabwe cricket. The 28-year-old spoke about growing up with cricket and other sports and his view on the current generation of Zimbabwe players during an interview with The Daily Star's Abdullah Al Mehdi. The excerpts are below:

On Zimbabwe's current generation: When you start thinking of the legends, you think of the late 90s and early 2000s. You think of Andy Flowers, Heath Streak or Henry Olonga and Tatenda Taibu. But that was back then, I firmly believe we have our own legends now like Sikander Raza, Brendon Taylor, Sean Williams and great prospects like [Blessing] Muzarabani. So, I believe some years from now, people will call us the legends of Zimbabwe cricket.

On the atmosphere of Zimbabwe from a cricketer's point of view: It's amazing. Not everyone knows you but you are the talk of the town and everyone's talking about cricket. Everyone wants to go to the games and the stadiums are packed and we owe a lot to the crowds.

On that viral tweet about gluing the shoes back: It was the kind of thing which you don't expect to see go viral. I couldn't be any more grateful to Puma for stepping up and helping us out. They helped not just me but some of my teammates too and it's an eye-opener in terms of sponsors rallying behind us. Obviously we



are not top five in the world but that's no excuse for the sponsors. At that time, [the tweet] was about giving insight into what us cricketers face in the background. I like tampering and fixing things and I am a bit of DIY guy at home, although not as good as my brother and dad. Cricket can be a bit of an expensive sport and we go through a lot of wear and tear.

On playing hockey and squash and how it helped in cricket: I think those kinds of sports contributed to the player I am today. You see my use of wrist and it all comes from squash. You see me sweeping and reverse-sweeping and that's basically hockey all over -- getting low down. To this day I play all the sports but I came to cricket because it's a team game.

On Zim coach David Houghton's work: We kind of all sat down and talked about the brand of cricket we wanted to play. We wanted to cheer up the fans and play positive cricket to bring in the fans. It doesn't work all the time but works

sometimes. It happens that you go for 180 but manage just a 100. But being defensive and getting 140 means you still lose the game. So that's what we discussed as a group.

On his experience with Mashrafe: He's a legend of Bangladesh and has an extremely calming presence. He's one of those guys who gives you full belief and backs you hundred per cent. I was originally put down to bat at five or six but there would be an instance when he says: 'No I want you to go at four and want you to express yourself, be confident and enjoy yourself.' He makes integration easier.

On becoming a leggie: You have less space in the garden and sometimes you bowl spin. I used to open the bowling with Sam Curran in Zimbabwe but then one day I told the coach I'm done with seam. Watching Warnie, Stuart McGill and Kumble and you start to bowl the flipper or the slider. It's a proper art form.

On whether leggies are diminishing: It's a weird one since I haven't seen a leggie in Bangladesh. But you look at the T20 rankings, at one stage there were six of seven leggies up there like Adil Rashid, Rashid Khan, Ish Sodhi. It might seem like a dying art and it's high-risk and high-reward thing but you might also get wickets. I discussed grips with others such as Rashid and bringing unpredictability to the field set-up. It's like a community of leggies and we speak to each other. Batters are always trying to figure us out so we're trying to stay ahead.

‘We can’t relax’

AGENCIES

Barcelona stretched their La Liga lead over Real Madrid to a substantial eight points with a comfortable 3-0 win over Sevilla on Sunday.

The Catalans, aiming to win their first Spanish title since 2019, took full advantage of Real Madrid's defeat to Real Mallorca earlier in the day to extend their lead at the top of the table.

However, coach Xavi Hernandez said Barca would not allow any "euphoria" to creep in.

"I don't know if we're the most reliable team in the league. We are in a good moment, but this changes. We can't relax," said Xavi.

Xavi also asked his players to keep working with 'humility', insisting that their work is far from over.

"This is a long race and we have to keep working with humility. We are building something very good, but nothing has been won. Only the Super Cup. We are hungry," Xavi added.

However, goals from Jordi Alba, Gavi, and Raphinha secured all three points for the hosts and that left Xavi a very satisfied manager.

But Xavi still considered Real Madrid as favourites in La Liga and urged his players to shut the door on a potential Madrid comeback.

"They are still the favourites because they are the reigning La Liga and Champions League champions," said Xavi.

"I know that Real Madrid will keep competing until the end. There have been historic comebacks, we can't let that happen."



Vinicius Jr victim again of racist abuse

AGENCIES

Mallorca fans were filmed racially abusing Real Madrid's Brazilian forward Vinicius Jr. in their Son Moix stadium during their 1-0 upset win against the LaLiga holders on Sunday.

Supporters could be heard calling the 22-year-old Brazilian player a monkey in a video published by streaming company DAZN on social media.

Mallorca did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But in a radio interview club manager Javier Aguirre denied that his players had targeted Vinicius, who suffered 10 fouls, the most endured by any player in LaLiga this season.

Vinicius has been subjected to racial abuse by fans on at least three occasions -- at Camp Nou against Barcelona in November 2021, at Atletico in September 2022 and at Valladolid in late December 2022.

Spanish police are also investigating a possible hate crime against the Brazilian.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti defended Vinicius after the Brazilian broke the record for the highest number of fouls received by a Real Madrid player in almost a decade.

"Everything that happens and has happened is not Vinicius' fault. He wants to play soccer and there is an environment of rivals who provoke him and foul him," Ancelotti said.

Nacho Fernandez, who scored an own goal during the game, also commented on the treatment of Vinicius, labelling it as "nonsense."

"I think an atmosphere is being created with the issue of Vinicius that does not favour anyone, neither Vinicius nor anyone else. The public is getting involved with the boy. We have to leave controversy and nonsense aside," Nacho said.

City accused of over 100 irregularities

AGENCIES, London

The Premier League has accused Manchester City of breaking its financial rules on more than 100 occasions between the 2009-10 and 2017-18 seasons following a four-year investigation, referring the reigning champions to an independent commission.

The six-times Premier League champions have been accused of failing to give "a true and fair view of the club's financial position", of failing to "include full details" of player and manager remuneration, of failing to comply with rules regarding financial fair play and failing to co-operate in a Premier League investigation that has concluded after more than four years.

If proven, these would be the greatest offences committed by a club in the history of the competition.

The independent commission could recommend that City be expelled from competition by resigning them to relegation. A lesser infraction may simply lead to a fine or points being docked.

This is not the first time that the team have found itself in hot water for such issues. In February 2020, City were banned from the Champions League by UEFA after being found to have broken financial rules and misled the European governing body, only for the ban to be overturned on appeal by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

On the central finding that City's Abu Dhabi ownership had disguised its own funding as independent sponsorship by the state's commercial companies, Cas found: "Most of the alleged breaches were either not established or time-barred."

'Time-barred' was the crucial phrase. It basically means that UEFA have a five-year window to penalise clubs for Financial Fair Play infringements. However, the Premier League does not have include any such clause regarding time.

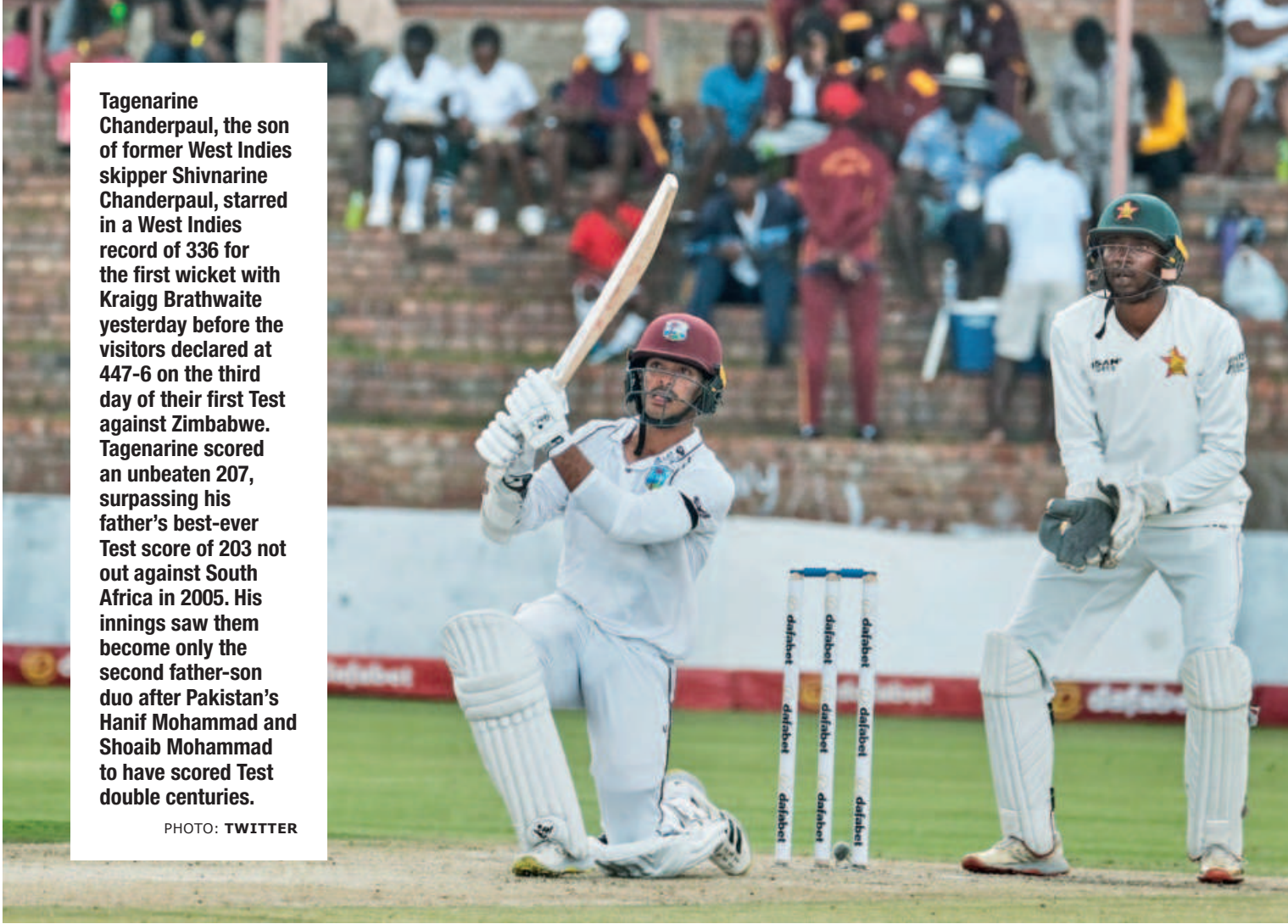
However, under Premier League rules, clubs cannot appeal to the CAS or FA. If they are found guilty, they will have to go for the drawn-out process of arbitration with another independent panel.

Last season, City won their sixth Premier League title since they were purchased by the Abu Dhabi United Group in 2008. They also won the Premier League title in the 2011-12, 2013-14, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2020-21 seasons. Since the takeover, Manchester City have spent over two billion euros on new players.

In January 2023, City topped the Deloitte money league -- a list of the world's richest clubs by revenue -- for second year in a row ahead of Real Madrid. After the allegations came out, Jamie Carragher tweeted sarcastically: "This can't be right. Man City bring in more commercial revenue than Real Madrid, Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Man Utd and Liverpool."

Tagenarine Chanderpaul, the son of former West Indies skipper Shivnarine Chanderpaul, starred in a West Indies record of 336 for the first wicket with Kraigg Brathwaite yesterday before the visitors declared at 447-6 on the third day of their first Test against Zimbabwe. Tagenarine scored an unbeaten 207, surpassing his father's best-ever Test score of 203 not out against South Africa in 2005. His innings saw them become only the second father-son duo after Pakistan's Hanif Mohammad and Shoaib Mohammad to have scored Test double centuries.

PHOTO: TWITTER





Abandoned, left to starve

Mother, 2 daughters rescued from Uttara flat

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and SHARIFUL ISLAM

A woman and her 10-year-old twin daughters, who were rescued in critical condition from their flat in the capital's Uttara early yesterday, had not eaten for at least four days.

According to police, there was no food inside the home of Shafana Ahla Shemi, the mother, when officials of the social welfare directorate went there after the rescue.

The officials found only some salt and a source of water – for which the mother and daughters were able to survive.

There were even no clothes of the children or mother in the house, except what they were already wearing, presumably for a very long time, and a torn salwar kamiz, they added.

Muzahidul Islam, inspector (Investigation) of Uttara East Police Station, said, “All three of them were listless. They did not have the strength to even speak.

“We found the mother in the bedroom and the two children in the drawing room. They were so weak that they had urinated and defecated on the bed and floor.”

The apartment had no electricity or gas supply.

According to a relative, Shemi was unable to pay the bills and so the lines had been snapped several days ago.

Police were notified about the mother and children after a call from someone in the building and later rescued them with the help of the Fire Service and Civil Defence.

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A mother with her two children tries to negotiate a trench dug in a road to install sewers in front of Habibullah Bahar College in the capital's Shantinagar. Pedestrians are enduring sufferings due to the slow progress of the development work. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

IRREGULARITIES IN BIMAN

ACC sues former director, 22 others for Tk 1,161cr loss

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed a case against former director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ishrat Ahmed and 22 others for their alleged involvement in irregularities that caused the national flag carrier to lose Tk 1,161 crore.

ACC Deputy Director Selina Akter filed the case with the commission's Dhaka-1 integrated office, its secretary Mahbub Hossain told a press conference.

According to the case statement, Biman opened a tender to lease B777 aircraft on September 11, 2013.

Four bidders – Jesco Aviation of the USA, Euro Atlantic of Portugal, Standard Chartered of London, and Egypt Air Holding Co. of Egypt – participated in the bidding.

The complainant said that Egypt Air was considered as the lowest bidder, followed by Standard Chartered.

Egypt Air's aircraft engines were very old and weak and its spare parts were not easily available, whereas Standard Chartered's were in better condition.

Since Standard Chartered, a

world-renowned company, was the immediate lowest bidder, there was an opportunity for negotiations, reads the case statement.

Besides, Standard Chartered was in operation with Singapore Airlines, while Egypt Air had been lying idle for around seven months.

“Despite this fact, Biman Bangladesh Airlines decided to lease two aircraft from Egypt Air Holding Co.,” the statement added.

In the primary inspection, led by Captain Ishrat, some maintenance works on both the leased aircraft were found to be pending – rendering them both inoperable as per the rules.

“The inspection team did not mention the pending maintenance works in the report,” the complainant said, adding that there was an oil leak from the engines.

According to the terms and condition of the tender, the aircraft engine should have at least 4,000 cycles remaining.

But, out of the two leased aircraft, one (of MSN 32629) had 3,615 cycles and another (of MSN 32630) had 2,100

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DEATH IN CUSTODY

Cops now say trader was held earlier

Refute allegations of torturing him to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A police probe body has found that Gazipur trader Md Rabiul Islam, who died last month allegedly due to torture in police custody, was arrested days before he died.

“We have found that the information about Rabiul's arrest four days before his death was partially correct,” said Molla Nazrul Islam, Gazipur Metropolitan Police (GMP) commissioner, while briefing journalists on the probe findings yesterday.

He, however, didn't confirm the date of the 38-year-old trader's arrest by cops from Basan Police Station.

In the early hours of January 18, a person identifying himself as a cop phoned Rabiul's wife Nupur and said her husband died in a road accident.

The trader's family alleged that police picked him up from his tailoring accessories shop in Pearabagan of Bhogra on January 15 night on charges of gambling.

The GMP commissioner yesterday claimed that the probe body didn't find any evidence of torturing Rabiul in police custody. “We have found evidence that he died in an accident.”

He said they have found negligence by some cops in discharging their duties.

“We have already suspended two ASIs for neglecting duties. Besides, we have sent a letter to the inspector general of police, recommending that legal and administrative steps should be taken against the OC of Basan Police Station,” he added.

Replying to a question, Nazrul said they found some negligence on the part of several cops. The negligence

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JCD LEADER'S DEATH

Court scraps case against 15 cops hrs after filing

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday dismissed a case, hours after it was filed against 15 police officials, including a former DMP chief, over the “custodial death” of Chhatra Dal leader Nuruzzaman Jonny in January 2015.

Tapash Kumar Pal, additional metropolitan public prosecutor, said finding no sufficient grounds for taking cognizance of the charges brought against them, Judge Md Asaduzzaman of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order.

Md Asaduzzaman Miah, former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner, and Krishna Pada Roy, then deputy commissioner of Detective Branch of police and now commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police, are among the accused.

Jonny, then general secretary of Khilgaon thana JCD, a pro-BNP student body, was killed in a “gunfight” in Khilgaon

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Jupiter's moon count jumps to 92, most in solar system

AP, Cape Canaveral



Astronomers have discovered 12 new moons around Jupiter, putting the total count at a record-breaking 92.

That's more than any other planet in our solar system. Saturn, the one-time leader, comes in a close second with 83 confirmed moons.

The Jupiter moons were added recently to a list kept by the International Astronomical Union's Minor Planet Center, said Scott Sheppard of the Carnegie Institution, who was part of the team.

They were discovered using telescopes in Hawaii and Chile in 2021 and 2022, and their orbits were confirmed with follow-up observations.

These newest moons range in size from 0.6 miles to 2 miles (1 kilometer to 3 kilometers), according to Sheppard.

“I hope we can image one of these outer moons close up in the near future to better determine their origins,” he said in an email Friday.

In April, the European Space Agency is sending a spacecraft to Jupiter to study the planet and some of its biggest, icy moons. And next year, NASA will launch the Europa Clipper to explore Jupiter's moon of the same name, which could harbor an ocean beneath its frozen crust.

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GM Quader casts doubts about polls atmosphere

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party Chairman GM Quader has said it seems that a fair election is not possible under the present circumstances.

He said the government should take initiatives to improve the election atmosphere.

“If the government wants us to, we will discuss the issue in the party forum and put forward a proposal on behalf of the Jatiya Party,” Quader said while talking to reporters at the party chairman's office in the capital's Banani yesterday.

Responding to a question from a journalist, the JP chief, also the deputy leader of opposition in parliament, said the Awami League government “lost the people's trust” after staying in power for a long time.

“We respect the court. We are following all court orders. There is a lack of full independence of the judiciary due to some clauses in the constitution. Because of those clauses, the judiciary can be controlled to some extent.”

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The BRTA has put up banners in the capital's Banglamotor intersection to create awareness among the people on road safety, but this does not work for jaywalkers who dash across the road instead of using the footbridge. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

THEFT ALLEGATION

N'ganj mayor humiliates 3 children in public

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A municipal mayor in Narayanganj's Araihaazar upazila publicly shamed three children by cutting their hair after accusing them of theft.

The children, between the ages of seven and 11, are students of a local madrasa, said their guardians.

Halim Sikder, mayor of Gopaldi Municipality, was shifting his textile factory in Ramchondradi Bazar. Some machine parts were kept scattered on its premises.

The children were playing in front of the factory and found a metal chain. When the mayor saw them with it, he got furious, said witnesses.

He tied their hands, took them to the Ramchondradi Bus Stand area and cut their hair, reports our local correspondent, quoting witnesses.

The father of one of the children, who is an imam of a mosque, told The Daily Star that he was not home when the

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