

2 held with fake notes worth Tk 20 lakh

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Police arrested two persons with fake notes worth Tk 20 lakh from a bus on Chattogram Cox's Bazar highway in Chattogram yesterday.

Md Rubel, 32, from Bhola's Dowlatkhan; and Omar Ali, 50, from Satkania in Chattogram,

tried to spread the notes in local markets ahead of Ramadan and Eid, said Lohagara Police Station OC Atiqur Rahman.

The fake notes were hidden in a bag containing vegetables, he said.

The arrest and seizure were made in front of Chunati Range Forest office. A case was lodged in this connection.

Take action

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Despite the January 2002 ban on polythene bags, throwaway plastic bags are freely available across the country.

Contacted, Deputy Commissioner of Khulna Khandaker Yasir Arefin said the district administration will take action in light of the ministry's directives.

"We conduct regular drives against polythene, and we plan to strengthen them," he added.

Seeking anonymity, an official said the environment ministry also requested the cabinet division to stop using single-use plastic in the government offices in

Dhaka, including the secretariat.

However, no impact of the call was seen during recent visits to the secretariat.

In a separate circular yesterday, the ministry also asked the deputy commissioners to shut down all illegal brick kilns immediately to prevent air pollution.

"Directives are being issued to shut down all the illegal brick kilns, especially the most harmful ones on a priority basis... Deputy commissioners are asked to report to the ministry regarding their drives against the illegal brick kilns," it reads.

Bidyando introduces

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The three-wheelers will be equipped with attractively coloured waste bags.

This initiative will help reduce the city's plastic pollution and the recyclable plastic waste will provide financial support for the rickshaw driver.

Meetings are being held with rickshaw-pullers in various areas of the capital to make them aware of the initiative and tell them how to sell the plastic to be recycled, Bidyando said in one of their posts.

"Bidyando wanted to come up with a solution and not excuses. In cities where rickshaws are widely available, now you can throw your trash in bins attached to the rickshaws," the organisation said in a comment on its Facebook page.

"These unique and creatively made colorful bins will collect plastic and

can be a means of added income for the rickshaw pullers as they deposit the plastic. This will also help save the environment and keep our cities clean of plastic waste," Bidyando said.

Contacted, Kishore Kumar Das, founder of Bidyando Foundation, told The Daily Star that they have piloted the project in capital's Mirpur area from Tuesday with 50 rickshaws. "We have just floated the idea. Now, the government and other non-government organisations can come forward to implement it. This idea can be replicated in public buses too as there are no bins in the public buses," he said.

Kishore also said it was not possible for Bidyando to scale up the project massively as they don't have that capacity.

Mixed reactions mark

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Rais Uddin Sarkar, a factory worker in Narayanganj's Pagla area, who came to the station to go to his Tangail home, was not aware of the pre-registration process and found himself in trouble.

"I came to know about the new system after coming to the station. Luckily, I have a copy of my NID with me. But I am not sure when I will be able to get registered and buy tickets," Rais told this correspondent while standing in the long queue.

Another passenger Al Amin said the authorities

have made the system more complicated now and the previous system was easier.

Both passengers said the authorities should have set up more help desks.

However, the move was welcomed by many others. Kamruzzaman Miah, a passenger of Rangpur Express, said he got registered on Tuesday and bought the tickets without any hassle.

"The system is good. It was rare to get tickets one day before the journey date. But tickets were available on Tuesday, thanks to the new system," he told this correspondent.

Two more passengers

on the same train said they appreciated the initiative.

Meanwhile, railway staffers, for the first time, started using POS (point of sales) machines yesterday to check whether passengers were travelling with valid documents and issue tickets on board for those travelling without them.

The railways minister yesterday handed over 100 POS machines to railway staffers at a brief ceremony at the station.

Moreover, BR started a process to refund tickets online from yesterday. Earlier, it used to be done manually.

Good news

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there was no one to operate it. However, due to new hires, X-ray service began in February of this year, said Dr Uttam Kumar Paul, upazila health and family planning officer of Khaliajuri.

Similarly, pathology tests were made available at the hospital in July last year following a recruitment spree, he informed.

Even better, these tests are completely free.

Around 400 patients who visit the hospital every day are now benefiting from these services.

Previously, patients of this remote location had to travel to the district town and pay an additional Tk 1,500 to 2,000 to avail the tests, said Nazim Uddin Sarker, ex-chairperson of Krishnapur Union Parishad in Khaliajuri.

Shefali Deb, 80, of the upazila's Digalhati village, said the hospital's free X-ray service is a huge relief for her. Other patients echoed her thoughts.

Contacted, Dr Md Selim Miah, civil surgeon of Netrakona, stated that when the matter was brought to his attention, he immediately took initiatives to start X-ray service at the government facility.

But it's not all sunshine and rainbows. The hospital has a modern operating theatre that requires at least two specialised doctors, but none are available. For over 25 years, surgical operations have remained halted due to

a lack of surgeons and technicians.

The hospital ideally requires 130 staffers, including 15 doctors and 28 nurses. However, it now has only 10 doctors. According to Dr Paul, the vacant positions for doctors include anaesthesiologists and surgery specialists.

Posts for a dental surgeon and two lab technicians have remained vacant for a long time. The scarcity of fourth-class employees, particularly cleaning workers, is noteworthy, as only one such worker is currently employed, when the number should be at least six. On the bright side, Dr Paul said there is no shortage of nurses at the hospital.

This is the only hospital in Netrakona with a water-ambulance facility to transport critical patients during monsoon.

Inaugurated in 2017, the ambulance under "Community Based Health Care Project" has served patients only on some occasions as it has no designated driver yet.

The ambulance was repaired recently, and authorities are waiting for the responsible government body to appoint the required staff, said hospital sources.

On this matter, Civil Surgeon Dr Selim said they informed the authorities concerned on various occasions to fill up the vacant posts at all upazila health complexes in Netrakona.

Culture

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cannot escape the loophole of the law in any way," she added, drawing attention to the death of the 10-year-old domestic worker in Moghbazar.

Due to their lack of financial resources, domestic workers are unwilling to file a lawsuit. Even if they do, they are unable to pursue it. Their impoverishment is exploited and arbitrated by their employers as well, the statement read.

MJF has been working with the government for a long time to formulate the "Home Workers Protection and Welfare Policy-2015" under the Ministry of Labor and Employment.

Among other benefits, the policy mandates the proper handling of domestic employees, proper payment of wages, prohibition of torture, provision for physical and mental safety, maintenance, leaves, and incentives.

Causing traffic jam

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one hundred Nasimans (locally-made vehicles) that had mostly blocked the approach roads to the bridge, causing constant gridlocks.

Shahab Uddin, a truck driver, said it takes 40/50 minutes to cross the bridge, although it shouldn't have been more than 5 minutes in an ideal scenario.

Habibur Rahman Himu, an auto-driver, said they use the entry points of the bridge as parking spots as they don't have any other designated space for them.

Contacted, Alal Mia, the general secretary of the auto stand, stated that they have an alternative parking place about half-kilometre away from the bridge, but passengers do not want to go there.

"As a result, we keep all

of our vehicles here for the benefit of passengers," he explained.

Roads and Highways Department's executive engineer (Jamalpur) Pangkoj Bhowmik said, "Though the bridge is situated in Jamalpur, it is controlled by Sherpur RHD. So, I have no comment over the issue."

Sherpur RHD executive engineer Md Moniruzzaman said the matter is complicated as the bridge stands over both the districts.

"We will launch a joint drive soon to evict the stand," he added.

Contacted, Jamalpur Deputy Commissioner Srabosti Ray said, "We will assist the Sherpur administration in removing the stand if they request it."

Why can't law

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"Why could they [law enforcers] not catch them [escaped militants] if they wanted to? Where will they [militants] disappear to?"

"They are still active... Good sense will prevail only after another attack," said a frustrated Razia.

Following the incident, a red alert was issued across the country to arrest the fugitives and border guards were asked to remain vigilant. Police also announced a bounty of Tk 10 lakh for each fugitive. However, there is no good news about their

arrest yet. Sources in law enforcement said the two militants could not flee the country and they are still hiding inside Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday said it was not like efforts were not ongoing to catch the militants.

He also said they have caught a lot of militants.

"All-out efforts are being made to arrest them. We will catch them," he said replying to a query during a programme in Mirpur.

Metro now stopping

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for opening the remaining four stations within this month.

He said they would start to increase duration of train operation after March and go for full-fledged (morning to midnight) operation from July.

Currently, metro trains are being operated from 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on December 28 last year inaugurated the country's first-ever metro rail and it was opened to public on the following day.

At first, the trains were operated between Uttara to Agargaon without any stoppage. Later, two more stations -- Pallabi and Uttara Centre -- were made operational in two phases.



Obituary

We are sad to announce the passing of our mother Nurjahan Begum, wife of Md. Wahidullah. She passed away, due to old age complications, on Sunday, February 26, surrounded by her loved ones. You are all invited to participate in her Dua Mehfil at her Gulshan residence. Please join us after Maghreb prayers at 6:30pm on Friday, 3rd March.

Her loving children

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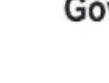
Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

As a partner organization of the Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Nabolok Parishad and other six organizations (CODEC, BDS, GRAMAUS, NGF, PADAKKHEP & ATMAISWAS) are now implementing a sub-project under RMTPT to improve the productivity, quality, service, and market system of the fisheries sector in the nine districts (Mymensingh, Patuakhali, Borguna, Gopalganj, Barisal, Satkhira, Chuadanga, Jhenaidh and Bagerhat). As a Lead NGO, 'Nabolok' hereby requesting for expression of interest from competent consulting firms to conduct a baseline study.

Interested consulting firms are requested to contact with **Mr. M. Mostafizur Rahman Setu**, Assistant Director, Program (Phone: +8801711-965593; Email: nabolok@yahoo.com for detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and instructions regarding application procedures. The firms who are able to fulfill the requirements of the ToR are encouraged to apply.

Interested consulting firms are requested to submit their application by **15 March, 2023**. Only short-listed consulting firms will be contacted. Nabolok is an equal opportunity employer. Any kind of persuasions will be treated as disqualification of the applicant. Nabolok reserves the right to cancel this advertisement without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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01.	796202	Supply of Mashur Dal Saru to Jamalpur District Jail for the period of April/2023 to September/2023.	27-Feb-2023 23:00 15-Mar-2023 14:00
02.	796203	Supply of Unnatamaner Mashur Dal (Mota) to Jamalpur District Jail for the period of April/2023 to September/2023.	27-Feb-2023 23:00 15-March-2023 14:15
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796300	e-Tender-PEDP4/RAJ/GOA/2022-23/W15.0614	27/03/2023, 13:00pm	28/03/2023, 12:30pm	OTM
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