

OIC secretary general in city To call on PM today

UNB, Dhaka

Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Secretary General Hissein Brahim Taha arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a five-day visit.

Director General (International Organisations), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Wahida Ahmed and Vice-Chancellor of Islamic University of Technology Dr Mohammad Rafiqul Islam welcomed the OIC secretary general at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

Taha will pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today.

He will also pay a courtesy call on Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen.

As the chancellor of the IUT, the OIC secretary general will join the 35th convocation of the IUT on May 30. Taha will also visit the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar, according to the ministry.

80 more get hospitalised with dengue

UNB, Dhaka

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

Of the new patients, 73 were admitted to hospitals in Dhaka, according to the DGHS.

At least 202 dengue patients are now receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

So far, the DGHS has recorded 17,104 dengue cases, 1,489 recoveries and 13 deaths this year.

JAMUNA TURNS FURIOUS IN SIRAJGANJ

Lives upended, homes swept away



AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU,
back from Sirajganj

Erosion of the Jamuna river has taken a serious turn in Sirajganj.

In the past month, the river has devoured homes and farmland in the villages of Brammongram, Arkandi, Pachil, and adjoining areas of Khukni, Jalalpur, and Kojhuri unions in Shahzadpur upazila, rendering over 100 families homeless.

Md Abdus Shukur, an erosion victim in Brammongram village, said, "The river appeared calm, with no signs of flooding, but

Due to the sudden erosion, at least 100 families have been rendered homeless in Sirajganj. Meanwhile, a Tk 40 crore power substation set up at Kollanpur char in Pabna's Bera upazila also faces erosion threat.

PHOTO: STAR

it suddenly became fierce and eroded nine houses in one night, catching most villagers off guard."

Md Ramjan Ali, another erosion victim, said, "In the past three to four weeks, the Jamuna has devoured approximately 25 to 30 houses in Brammongram village, forcing residents to seek shelter in different areas along the river."

Md Nuruzzaman Gadon, a resident of the erosion-hit Arkandi village, found refuge by the roadside in the village.

"I have become homeless and lost everything due to the sudden erosion. Not

only my house but also the crop land, trees, and everything around my home has been swallowed by the river."

UNO Sadia Afrin of Shahzadpur confirmed that around 100 families have been left homeless due to the erosion. The worst affected are the residents living along the river banks in Kukni, Jalalpur, and Kojhuri unions.

"I have instructed the UP chairmen in the affected areas to prepare a list of erosion victims, and they are currently working on it," she said.

WDB workers have been placing sandbags

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3 women killed in truck-pickup van collision

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three women were killed and 10 injured in a collision between a pickup van and a truck on Dhaka Sylhet highway in Habiganj's Bahubal upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Monjila Begum, 45, Tanjila Begum, 35, and Shahinur Begum, 45, said Officer-in-Charge of Shaistaganj Highway Police Station Mainul Islam.

The OC said the pickup van, heading towards shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal in Sylhet with 15 passengers, collided head-on with an oncoming truck around 1:00am in Mouchak area.

Ten people, including children, were also injured in the accident, the OC said, adding that the injured had been admitted to local hospitals.

Meanwhile in Jamalpur, a 4-year-old girl died after an auto-rickshaw hit her in Islampur upazila.

The deceased is Muslima Akhter, daughter of Mojibur Rahman of Digreechar village.

The accident happened around 3:15pm when a battery-run auto-rickshaw hit Muslima while she was crossing a road, said police. Locals caught the driver and handed him over to police.

Three killed by lightning

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed by lightning in two districts yesterday.

In Munshiganj, two people were killed by lightning at Dakshin Kusumpur Lebutala in Sirajdikhan upazila, reports our local correspondent.

The deceased are Mohammad Kausar, 38, a fisher from Louhajhang upazila; and Jumman Sardar, 35, an auto-rickshaw driver, from the same village, said Syed Ahsan Kabir Shishir, a UP member of Ichapura ward-3.

The two got struck by lightning struck when they were trying to take shelter in a nearby shop, said Officer-in Charge AKM Mizanul Haque of Sirajdikhan Police Station.

Meanwhile in Sirajganj, a farmer was killed after being struck by lightning in Shahzadpur upazila, reports UNB.

Sultan Pramanik, 60, from Char Anganu village, died on the spot, said Shahzadpur Police Station OC Nazrul Islam Mridha.

He and his co-workers went to a paddy field to harvest in the morning. Although all the workers managed to rush to a safer place, Sultan got struck by lightning, said OC Nazrul.

Sarishabari village, nestled within the Rajarhat upazila of Kurigram, bears witness to a fading tradition. Dhiren Chandra Shil is a 77-year-old roving barber who steadfastly clings to his ancestral profession, defying the tides of change. While his three sons have chosen to ply their trade within the confines of a salon, Dhiren remains the last roving barber in the region, traversing various markets and occasionally venturing into neighbouring villages.



The last of the ROVING BARBERS

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Roving barbers refer to barbers who don't have a fixed salon, but instead, move around different markets or villages to provide grooming services to their customers. They set up temporary workstations wherever they find customers, often working under the open sky.

The term "roving" indicates their nomadic nature, constantly on the move to reach their clientele. These barbers cater to low-income individuals and older customers who prefer the convenience and affordability offered by their services.

Dhiren's customers are predominantly individuals aged 60 and above, belonging to a time when roving barbers were the primary providers of grooming services in the village.

Dhiren embarked on his journey as a barber at the age of 12, accompanying his late father, Nabin Chandra Shil, to vibrant markets. The memories of those formative years, etched in his mind, solidified his attachment to the ancestral trade.

Despite his sons' concerns and

"With their modest charges, ranging from Tk 15-20 for a haircut and Tk 10-15 for a shave, they cater to the financial constraints of the community."

attempts to dissuade him from continuing his laborious work, Dhiren remains resolute, unable to sever the bond he shares with his craft.

Each day, he toils diligently, earning an average of Tk 400-500.

"We are the last generation of roving barbers," he said, acutely aware that with their eventual passing, the village will bid farewell to an era defined by these roaming artisans.

Sushil Chandra Shil, a fellow roving barber from the same village, echoes Dhiren's sentiments. At the age of 74, Sushil still traverses the village, providing haircuts and grooming services. Just like Dhiren,

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2 former BCL leaders held over extortion

DU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested two former Chhatra League leaders yesterday on extortion charges after a case was filed against them and 13 BCL leaders and activists of Dhaka College unit with New Market Police Station.

The complainant of the case, Mehedi Hasan Ayon, is an employee of a private company.

The arrestees are -- Jany Hasan, a former assistant secretary, and SM Shafiq, ex-deputy sports secretary of BCL's central unit.

According to the case

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5 members of trafficking gang held

UNB, Cox's Bazar

Police in a drive arrested five suspected members of a human trafficking gang and 19 Myanmar nationals from a house in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar district on Friday night.

The five arrestees are Zahid, 30, Jamal, 38, Hazera, 50, Yunus, 24, and Dwin Islam.

Among the Myanmar nationals, six were women, six men and seven children.

Tipped off, a team of police conducted a drive at the house of one Amin Sharif (husband of Hazera) around 11:00pm and arrested them, said Abdul Halim, officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station.

All of them entered the Bangladesh territory illegally through Teknaf border, said police.

PRAYER
TIMING

MAY 28

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-05 12-45 5-00 6-40 8-00

JAMAAT 4-40 1-15 5-15 6-45 8-30

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Office of the Director
Chittagong Medical College Hospital
www.cmch.gov.bd

Memo No: CMCH/Tender/2022-2023/Furniture Repair/5851

Date: 27-05-2023

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from experienced Importers/Contractors/Suppliers/Distributors to Furniture Repair for CMCH in the fiscal 2022-2023. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (Including all corrigendum); terms and condition are as follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION					
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.			
2	Agency	Chittagong Medical College Hospital, Chattogram.			
3	PE name, designation & contact details	Brigadier General Md. Shamim Ahsan; Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Telephone: +8802333360179 E-mail address: cmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd			
4	Procuring entity code & district	GOB, Chattogram.			
5	Invitation for	Furniture Repair for Chittagong Medical College Hospital in the fiscal year 2022-2023.			
6	Tender Ref. No. & date	CMCH/Tender/2022-2023/Furniture Repair/5851 Date: 27-05-2023.			
7	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National) Item-by-item			
8	Budget and source of funds	GOB, Economic code: 3258102.			
9	Tender publication date	27-05-2023.			
10	Tender schedule selling starting date and time	27-05-2023 During office hours.			
11	Pre-tender meeting	01-06-2023, 11:00am.			
12	Tender last selling date and time	10-06-2023, 12:00pm.			
13	Tender dropping & closing date and time	Dropping date; 11-06-2023, Dropping time: from 09:00am to 12:00pm Closing time: 12:01pm.			
14	Tender opening date and time	11-06-2023 at 01:00pm.			
Name and address of the offices					
15	(a) Selling tender documents	Cashier, Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital.			
		Cashier, Office of the Civil Surgeon, Chattogram District.			
	(b) Receiving tender documents	Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital.			
		Officer In-charge, Panchlaish Model Thana, Chattogram Metropolitan Police.			
	Tender documents opening place	Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital, KB Faziul Kader Road, Chattogram-4203.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
16	Bidders eligibility	Details in Tender Booklet.			
17	Description of Group, Price of Tender Document, Tender Security etc.				
	Name of group	Description of group	Price of tender document in BDT (Only in Cash, Non Refundable)		
	A	Furniture repair	Tk. 500.00 (Five hundred) only		
18	Description of related services	Details in Tender Booklet.			
Note:					
(a) Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice. The company authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.					
(b) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstance, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.					

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