

WB realised its allegations

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 has realised that they had brought false allegations against us [regarding corruption in the Padma Bridge construction project.]”

In reply to a query from AL lawmaker Kazim Uddin, the premier informed the House that the amount of food grains stocked at present (as of May) in the country is 16.27 lakh tonnes.

The PM said of the total food grains, the amount

of rice is 12.25 lakh tonnes and wheat is 3.96 lakh tonnes.

While replying to a query from JP lawmaker Mashiur Rahman Ranga, the prime minister said Bangladesh will not get duty-free, quota-free benefits for exporting goods to India after 2026 as a result of its removal from the list of least developed countries.

“This may have a negative impact on the export of goods to India,”

she added.

Taking this into consideration, initiatives have been taken to execute the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India, the PM said.

“It is still in the negotiation stage. If CEPA is signed, Bangladesh’s exports to India are likely to increase by 190 percent. It is expected to increase the GDP by 1.72 percent,” she hoped.

Plastic waste a threat to soil

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 “Research shows how unplanned disposal of plastics damages the soil 23 times faster than it affects the sea. The presence of toxic chemicals like chlorine in plastics hampers the growth of plant roots and its nutritional intake. They also permeate into the food chain, affecting animals and humans,” said biodiversity and ecology researcher Pavel Partha while delivering the key-note presentation at the seminar.

According to a research

conducted by National Geography, 73,000 tonnes of non-biodegradable plastic enter the sea annually through the Padma, Meghna, and Jamuna, he mentioned.

“A study conducted by the Food and Agriculture Organization said they found microplastics in the bodies of 84 percent of sea turtles, 44 percent of sea bird, and 43 percent of sea mammals,” he added.

Begum Habibun Nahar, deputy minister for environment who attended the event as the chief guest,

said, “We expect to devise an alternative to plastics by 2026, but until we do, we have to avoid single-use plastics as much as possible.”

Shamsul Huda from ALRD moderated the seminar while Abdul Hamid from Department of Environment chaired the programme.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela, Shahriar Hossain from Esdo and Kazir Imtiaz Hasmi, advisor of Bandhu Foundation, also spoke at the seminar.

Businessmen rule

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 against candidates since 2018. In 2018, ongoing cases accounted for 27.20 percent compared to 36.76 percent in the past.

Among the mayoral candidates, two have educational qualifications below SSC (28.57 percent), one studied up to HSC (14.2 percent), two are graduates (28.57 percent), and two are postgraduates (28.57 percent).

Out of the total 118 councillor candidates in 30 wards, 26 have educational qualifications below SSC (22.03 percent), 23 studied up to SSC (19.49 percent), 29 studied up to HSC (24.48 percent), 19 are graduates (16.10 percent), and 20 are postgraduates (16.95 percent).

Compared to 2018, the literacy rate has increased to 34.10 percent from 26.47 percent.

Among the seven mayoral candidates, five have paid taxes. Jatiya Party mayoral candidate Iqbal Hossain Tapos paid the highest amount of taxes in the last fiscal year, while Islamic Andolan Bangladesh candidate Mufti Syed Md Faizul Karim came in second.

In 2018, the rate of income tax payment was 27.18 percent, whereas

this year it stands at 37.13 percent.

Meanwhile, Awami League’s mayoral candidate Abul Khair Abdullah unveiled his 35-point election manifesto at the Crown Convention Centre in Barishal yesterday.

The pledges include adopting a master plan for the city’s development, repairing roads, introducing a drainage system, constructing and excavating new roads, drains and canals, ensuring safe drinking water, installing street lights, managing vehicles, increasing the green coverage, establishing cultural centres, implementing effective measures to bring gas connections from Bhola to Barishal, and modernising healthcare services, among others.

In another turn of events, Arifur Rahman, a leader of Islamic Andolan Bangladesh, filed a case yesterday with Kotwali Police Station against Anisur Rahman Sharif, an Awami League leader of ward 14 and a councillor candidate, under the Digital Security Act for making false allegations that AL leaders Hasanat and his son Sadiq gave Tk 3 crore to IAB candidate Mufti Karim to defeat AL candidate Khair.

Who will get BNP

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 BNP’s city unit, reiterated the party’s lack of interest in the election, reinforcing their decision not to participate.

“It would be unwise to expect BNP supporters to cast their votes for another party’s symbol,” he said.

Seeking anonymity, a senior BNP leader in Khulna has shed further light on the dynamics within the party.

“The Khulna city BNP is divided into two factions, one of which is led by former KCC mayor Moniruzzaman Moni and veteran BNP leader Nazrul Islam Manju. They believe that local elections hold significant importance for the party’s grassroots level, prompting them to consider defying the party’s instructions to rally voters to the polling booths on election day,” he said.

PREVIOUS RESULTS

The first KCC election took place on January 30, 1994, with the late BNP leader Sheikh Tayebur Rahman being elected as mayor, defeating Mahabubul Alam Hiran from Awami League.

Rahman was re-elected in 2002. BNP boycotted the 2008 elections, but Moniruzzaman Moni, then organising secretary of the Khulna City BNP, contested the polls against the party

decision and was defeated by Khaleque.

In the 2013 elections, Moni won against Khaleque, while in 2018, Khaleque secured his second mayoral term by defeating BNP candidate Nazrul Islam Manju.

In the last election held in 2018, AL candidate Talukder Abdul Khaleque secured the mayoral position by defeating the BNP candidate with a margin of 67,946 votes.

In the previous one, IAB candidate Muzzammil Haque secured 14,363 votes and stood in third place, while JP’s SM Mushfiqur Rahman received 1,072 votes.

However, both parties have changed their candidates this year to attract more voters.

IAB mayoral candidate Abdul Awal said their party has a disciplined workforce in every ward and enjoys a larger voter base after Awami League.

Preventable

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Dr Shahinul Alam, professor of Hepatology at BSMU and general secretary of Hepatology Society, made the keynote presentation.

Each fatty liver patient spends an average of Tk 16,800 for a single comprehensive evaluation and management. The combined cost of all the patients visiting the hospital at least once in their life time would add up to Tk 75,690 crore, he added.

Regular exercise, choosing milk, fruits and vegetables over fried food and ensuring walkways, cycling lanes, playgrounds and parks in urban areas, and can help prevent fatty liver disease, he informed.

The event was chaired by Prof Mobin Khan, founding president of the organisation.

Prof Dr ASM Matiur Rahman, advisor to a former caretaker government attended the programme as chief guest, alongside Prof Mohammad Ali, founder and secretary general of the National Liver Foundation of Bangladesh; and Prof Dr M Haroon-ur Rashid, president of Bangladesh Accounting Association.

PRAYER TIMING

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:05	12:45	5:00	6:45	8:15
JAMAAT 4:40	1:15	5:15	6:50	8:45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION				

Braving

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Police box area said many of his colleagues fell ill while on duty.

“We have been trying to overcome the situation but the heat is unavoidable due to the nature of our duty. We have been supplying water and saline to our colleagues to combat the heat,” he added.

While visiting the Karwan Bazar intersection, Sergeant Md Shimul told this newspaper that the situation is always tough for traffic personnel as they have to work in a chaotic environment.

With the ongoing sweltering heat, it has become physically torturous for many of them, he added.

The authorities should take steps like increasing the number of traffic personnel or reducing the duty hours to protect them from the heat waves during the season, said another traffic constable stationed at the Farmgate Police Box area, seeking anonymity.

Abu Raihan Mohammad Saleh, joint commissioner (traffic north) of DMP, said traffic personnel have been advised to take necessary precautions, including drinking adequate amounts of water and using an umbrella while performing their duties.

“We have also been shifting their duties, ensuring that they do not have to work for long, continuous shifts,” he added.

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commissioned by The Asia Foundation, and surveyed 120 current and 250 returnee migrants.

It said 33 percent Bangladeshis in the Maldives work in hotels and resorts, 25 percent in construction, seven percent as day labourers, and two percent each in domestic work and the fisheries sector. The remaining 31 percent work in various other sectors.

While revealing the data at an event held at a city hotel, RMMRU Executive Director Prof CR Abrar emphasised that around 90 percent of the respondents considered the Maldives as their preferred destination for work. He called for both governments to play a role in ensuring the regular and orderly migration of Bangladeshi workers and a better future for them.

The study said Bangladeshi migrant workers spend an average of Tk 205,997 to migrate to the Maldives. In 59 percent cases, migration facilitation is done through sub-agents or intermediaries.

Current migrant workers remitted an average of Tk 297,667 over the previous 12 months, while returnee migrants remitted Tk 218,477 during the same period. Documented migrants remitted an average of Tk 312,600, while

undocumented migrants remitted Tk 223,000.

Meanwhile, undocumented workers spend 35 percent of their earnings on accommodation, compared to 20 percent for documented workers.

Around 38 percent respondents reported that their employers retained their passports. Discrimination at the workplace was reported by 45 percent of documented and 52 percent of undocumented workers. Additionally, 18 percent of respondents faced physical or verbal abuse at some point, and 16 percent experienced challenges in accessing medical services.

Meanwhile, 74 percent of respondents were able to secure necessary services from the Bangladesh High Commission in Male.

Referring to an ongoing embargo by the Maldives on hiring unskilled workers from Bangladesh, Shahidul Alam, director general of Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training, said foreign ministry needs to take step in this regard.

Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary, president of Bangladesh Parliamentarians’ Caucus on Migration and Development, said step should be taken so that undocumented migrant workers can remit money home without hassle through formal channels.

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The following e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd):

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Brief Description of Tender	Publication Date & Time	Last Selling Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
1	837909	Procurement of Equipment and Spares of Water and Steam Quality Monitoring System (Sampling System)	07/06/2023, 11:00 AM	05/07/2023, 1:30 PM	06/07/2023, 11:00 AM

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Local Press Tender Notice



Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Contractors/construction firms having experience for successful completion of similar works in any single work worth of Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous bodies/Private Organization during the last 5 (five) years.

S.L No.	Tender No. Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & Opening
01.	EDCL(Bogura)/Pur/LT/ 2023/229 Dated: 07/06/2023	Construction of 2-Storeyed Sub-Station Building extension from existing Building at EDCL, Bogura (Details as per Tender Schedule & BOQ)	Tk. 1500.00/set Non-refundable	Closing: 20/06/2023 at 12.00 Noon Opening: 20/06/2023 at 12.30 PM
02.	EDCL(Bogura)/Pur/LT/ 2023/230 Dated: 07/06/2023	Construction of WIP & Airlock Corridor Room extension from existing Building at EDCL, Bogura. (Details as per Tender Schedule & BOQ)	Tk. 1500.00/set Non-refundable	Closing: 21/06/2023 at 12.00 Noon Opening: 21/06/2023 at 12.30 PM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money @5% of total quoted value in the form of Bank Draft/Pay order/Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of **“Essential Drugs Company Ltd.”** without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

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For: Managing Director.


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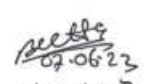
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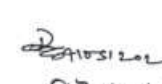



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