

Concealing yaba in tyres, petticoats

DNC arrests syndicate coordinator, carrier with 25,000 pills

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Narcotics Control has arrested a key coordinator of a drug syndicate and a carrier who used to smuggle consignments of yaba pills to Dhaka from Cox's Bazar.

The carrier then distributed the pills to dealers in northern districts using female drug mules.

DNC officials first arrested carrier Md Alamgir, 40, a truck driver by profession, from the capital's Gopibagh on Wednesday with 10,000 pieces of Yaba concealed in the spare wheel's tube of a truck in which he was carrying the consignment.

Following information divulged from Alamgir, DNC officials arrested Md Shahjahan, 26, from Savar's Hemayetpur area. Later, raiding his rented residence, the officials seized 15,000 yaba pills concealed in two petticoats.

DNC disclosed it in a press briefing at its headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

DNC assistant director (Dhaka metro north) Md Mehedi Hasan who led

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The sweltering heat has also been affecting animals. To get some respite, a herd of buffaloes takes a dip in the cool waters of a pond yesterday. This photo was taken in Sylhet's Gowainghat upazila.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

HC justifies three sections of Vested Property Return Act

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The High Court yesterday justified three sections of the Vested Property Return Act, 2001 regarding government's authority to prepare list of vested property, relevant tribunals' jurisdiction to dispose of cases relating to such properties and deputy commissioners' power to maintain and leasing those properties.

The court said the sections 9, 13, and 14 of the act are not contradictory to the constitution and fundamental rights of the citizens.

Following the HC verdict, the government can prepare list of the vest property, only the vested property related tribunals will dispose of the cases involving such properties and deputy commissioners will have the authority to maintain and lease out lease those properties, senior advocate Manzill Murshid, counsel for the land ministry, told The Daily Star. A larger bench of the HC comprising Justice Naima Haider, Justice

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BGB-BSF talks in New Delhi from June 11

STAR REPORT

The border guards of Bangladesh and India will hold their bi-annual border-level talks in New Delhi from June 11 when Dhaka is expected to flag its concerns over continued incidents of border killing.

A 15 member delegation of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) will be led by its Director General Maj Gen AKM Nazmul Hasan, while the BSF delegation by DG Sujoy Lal Thakur at the four-day talks.

The Bangladesh team is expected to reach Delhi on Saturday, reports our New Delhi correspondent.

The two sides are also likely to deliberate on a set of issues related to cross border crimes and measures to create better synergy between their security agencies.

This will be the 53rd edition of the BGB-BSF talks. The previous meeting was held in Dhaka in July last year.

BARISHAL CITY POLLS

Who gets BNP's votes?

SUSHANTA GHOSH and MD ABBAS

As BNP, a party with a substantial voter base, is not participating in the upcoming Barishal City Corporation election, a pertinent question arises surrounding which candidate will get the support of the BNP loyalists.

According to locals, it is unlikely that any single candidate will secure the majority of BNP votes in the election. However, speculations suggest that the candidate who manages to get a higher proportion of the BNP votes will emerge victorious.

In the 2013 BCC election, BNP candidate Ahsan Habib Kamal got 40 percent of the total votes and was elected mayor, defeating the Awami League candidate Shawkat Hossain.

However, locals and civil society members do not consider the 2018 election valid due to massive irregularities that marred the election.

Independent mayoral candidate Md Kamrul Ahsan Rupan, son of former

mayor Ahsan Habib, is running as an independent candidate and was expelled from the BNP for defying party decisions by contesting the polls, despite not holding any party position. He has sought votes from BNP supporters during his election campaign, presenting himself as a member of the BNP family.

Rupan has been holding meetings since last week with veteran BNP leaders of the Barishal city unit, including former mayor Mujibur Rahman Sarwar and Ebaiddul Haque Chan, and is seeking votes by garnering sympathy through these connections.

While talking to The Daily Star, Md Moniruzzaman Faruk, president of the city unit BNP, said BNP is not interested in this election and will discourage its supporters from going to the polling stations to cast their votes.

Bilkis Akter Shirin, central organising secretary (Barishal Division) of BNP, said, "We have repeatedly urged our party members not to participate in

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Rain or shine, waterlogging has become a constant crisis for residents of Baraipara area in the port city. As a result, locals continue to suffer while traversing on the roads. This photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Polls-time govt to be led by Hasina Says information minister

UNB, Dhaka

The next national elections will be held under the current government with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the helm, said Information Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday.

He said this while talking as the chief guest at a seminar organised by Dhaka University's Oceanography department on the occasion of World Ocean Day at DU.

"BNP's demand for a caretaker government has not received any support from anyone globally. So now they are talking about a 'neutral' government instead of a caretaker

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'Forced to live a miserable life'

Non-govt post graduate trainee physicians demand Tk 50,000 stipend

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Non-government postgraduate resident trainee physicians yesterday demanded an increase in their monthly stipend from Tk 20,000 to Tk 50,000, since they believe their current salary is insufficient to cover their living expenses.

They presented their demands at a press conference held in the capital's Jayita Press Club.

"Government physicians, with the same qualification receive a monthly salary of Tk 42,000, more than twice the salary we receive for the same duties," said Dr Habibur Rahman Suhag, a non-government resident surgeon at Chattogram Medical College.

By default, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical College (BSMMU) pays the allowance on behalf of the government.

"We did not receive any response from BSMMU authorities in the last two days. We will enforce a strike if the demands are not met by June 12," Suhag added.

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Re-Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) For the Procurement of 'Supervision Consultant at Bagerhat district

Memo No- 46.03.0100.061.14.162.16-545

Date:07/06/2023

The Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-4) is the continuation of Government's approach after PEDP3 in thriving the excellence of children through the fulfillment of several distinct milestones including construction of need-based infrastructures for sanitation and water supply. The program is supported by the Government of Bangladesh as well as Development Partners (DPs).

Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (MLGRD&C) is involved in PEDP-4 in the capacity of implementation partner of Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) to provide the water supply and sanitation facilities in the primary schools of Bangladesh. For the smooth implementation of the program in district level, DPHE Bagerhat district now invites eligible individuals to indicate his/her interest in providing the services as 'Supervision Consultant'. Interested Individual should provide information demonstrating that s/he has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services as follows:

Package No	Name of the Position	Required Qualification & Experience	Consultant's Assignment
SCD_47	Supervision Consultant	a) Educational Qualification : - Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with 02 years' experience or Diploma in Civil Engineering with 05 years' experience. b) Experience : - At least 02 years' specific job experience in planning, design and supervision of building construction and installation of water sources. - Have in-depth knowledge in MS Office and prepare all sorts of report and presentation both in Bangla and English associated with project implementation. - Familiarity with updated Government rules & regulations such as PPA-2006, PPR-2008, Delegation of Financial Power (DOFP)	- Supervising and providing technical supports for the construction of water supply and sanitation infrastructures of the Govt. Primary Schools and DPE related offices. - Preparing technical specifications, BOQ and detailed estimate of works as per requirement. - Regular construction monitoring at different construction stages of WASH Block i.e., foundation casting/ column/ roof/ beam/ slab etc. Similar monitoring is applicable for Water Sources. - Resolve any site related construction issues. - Co-ordination with school, DPE local offices, DPHE local offices and DPHE HQ.

The competent applicant is invited to provide information indicating that s/he is qualified to perform the services (complete CV along with description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications and financial proposal).

The Consultant will be selected and contracted as per the "Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC)" method as described in PPR-2008. Consultant having ongoing contract with any other government project or consultant already engaged in other district for the same assignment will not be considered for shortlisting.

The assignment will be effective from the date of joining to June/2025 or as the program completion period. Interested applicants may obtain the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) upon request from the address provided below either by e-mail or in person during the office hours (09-00AM to 05-00PM). The ToRs are also available at the DPHE website (<http://www.dphe.gov.bd>).

Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail: dphebagerhat@gmail.com by 4.00 pm (BST), June 21, 2023 and clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest", package number, name of the position applied for and name and address of the individual.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs or cancel the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicants.

For further information and clarification, intending applicant may contact at the address given below during office hours (09-00 AM to 05-00 PM).

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