

BIWTA director gets integrity award

STAR REPORT

AKM Arif Uddin, director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), has received an integrity award 2022-23, said a press release.

Integrity Awards are given to the officers and employees of the government for their outstanding contributions for prevention of corruption and promotion of integrity.

The BIWTA director received the award from his efforts to recovering the grabbed riverbanks around the capital.



With an infant in her arm, a girl walks on a narrow, makeshift bamboo bridge over a pond beside the Sylhet-Sunamganj highway. Residents of Shantiganj upazila continue to suffer for lack of a proper bridge. Their sufferings exacerbate during monsoons. This photo was taken recently.

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Bridge works remain halted

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fishermen who have to visit the sea on a daily basis to earn their daily living, informed Abdus Salam, a former union parishad member.

"The fishing boats usually take shelter in the canal during natural calamities like storms or rain. With the bridge being just 10 feet high, boats won't be able to ply beneath it during high tides," he added.

Ripon Mallik, a fisherman in the area, echoed the same. Contacted, contractor Amir Hossain said the bridge's design was made by LGED.

"We had followed LGED's instructions. I don't know why the objections came after a significant portion of the construction was completed," he added.

Russel Imtiaz, engineer at the upazila's LGED office, said the height of the bridge has to be extended by another 8-10 feet using steel structures. "An Army Engineering Corporation team visited the site in February this year and promised to come up with a solution. The work will resume once the new plans are approved by the authority," he added.

Most buildings built illegally

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that the government has plans to replace all the dilapidated and half-pucca buildings with new buildings by 2025.

Meanwhile, Education Minister Dipu Moni told parliament that the government spends Tk 5.34

lakh per student of cadet college. The minister gave this information in response to the question of AL MP Mozaffar Hossain.

The minister said that the government allocation of cadet colleges in the last financial year was Tk 197.59

crore. Currently, 3,700 student study in cadet colleges. According to the education minister's information, the government's annual expenditure per student at the higher secondary level is Tk 50,512.

Nur admitted meeting Safadi

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The meeting got heated after Nur hurled abusive language towards some elderly members of the party, Faruk added.

"In another meeting of the party held the next day, Nur again confessed about the meeting in the beginning of his speech," Faruk further claimed. Faruk alleged the recent activities of Nur are contradictory to the charter and principles of the party.

He also claimed that the removal of Reza Kibria from the post of party convener is completely illegal and the decision to hold the party's council excluding Kibria is

pushing the party towards a split.

Meanwhile, in response to the allegation, Nur during an event of the Jatiyatabadi Nabin Dal at the press club, said, "Many people who want to be highlighted in mass media and social media, make such comments. Because they know if they say something against Nur, the media will immediately grab it."

He also claimed that Kibria was removed following the charter.

The split in Gono Odhikar Parishad came to light as Kibria and Nur have removed each other from the leadership positions.

At a meeting on June 18, Nur and the other leaders of the party removed Kibria from the post of convener and replaced him with Rashed Khan, who was the joint convener.

A day later, Reza issued a statement announcing that Nur and Rashed had been temporarily suspended from the party.

On June 25, a faction of the party loyalist to Nur sent a letter to Kibria proposing a no-confidence motion against him.

The party issued a press release last Saturday, claiming that Reza Kibria was removed from the post of convener.

Dengue spreads to 57 districts

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residents and city corporations in maintaining awareness, cleaning houses, and eliminating potential breeding sources to ensure effective source reduction.

EXPERT'S TAKE
Prof Kabirul Bashar of Jahangirnagar University said as dengue continues to spread, the number of cases outside Dhaka will inevitably increase, eventually reaching all districts of Bangladesh.

He emphasised the urgent need for preventive measures to control Aedes mosquitoes, calling on deputy commissioners and city corporations to take immediate action.

He stressed the importance of hotspot management and conducting targeted drives in areas from which dengue patients are originating, highlighting the necessity of eliminating adult mosquitoes as they carry the dengue virus.

Prof Bashar underscored the significance of raising awareness, organising anti-mosquito campaigns, and

implementing compulsory measures such as dengue testing, staying indoors under mosquito nets when fever is present, and hospitalising individuals who experience a second infection, as they are more vulnerable.

Additionally, he emphasised that citizens also play a crucial role by remaining vigilant, checking their homes and surroundings weekly for stagnant water sources that could serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

CHATTOGRAM'S DENGUE CRISIS DEEPENS

In response to the escalating dengue outbreak in Chattogram, the Civil Surgeon of the port city, Dr Ilias Chowdhury, has written an urgent letter to the mayor of Chattogram City Corporation, emphasising the immediate need for comprehensive measures to control the spread of dengue.

Dr Chowdhury highlighted the alarming rate at which the number of dengue patients has

been increasing during the current monsoon.

The letter disclosed that within the past five days since July 1, 197 dengue cases were detected, resulting in three fatalities.

Dr Chowdhury urged the CCC to take prompt action in destroying Aedes mosquitoes and their larvae while raising public awareness to prevent further outbreaks.

Similar letters were also sent to the DGHS director and the Institute of Epidemiology Disease Control and Research to take necessary steps to address the crisis.

Five killed in road

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Mymensingh-Kishoreganj road in Gouripur upazila on Wednesday evening.

Baten, 65, from Kishoreganj; and Ashrafunnahar, 60, from Haluaghat, were declared dead at Ishwarganj Upazila Health Complex.

Quoting locals, Gouripur Police Station OC Md Mahmudul Hasan said the accident occurred at Ramgopalpur around 7:00pm.

Police seized the bus and arrested its driver Abul Kashem, 40.

In Faridpur, a covered-van driver was killed and

another injured after his vehicle and a bus collided on Dhaka-Khulna highway in Goreda Mor area early yesterday.

Rusel Sheikh, 35, a driver of SA Paribahan from Noakhali, was declared dead at Madhukhali Upazila Health Complex, said police.

Madhukhali Police Station OC Sohridul Islam said the collision took place between the covered van and a Dhaka-bound bus of Golden Line Paribahan around 7:00am. Highway police seized both the vehicles.

Bring perpetrators to book

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She died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on July 2.

Abul Hossain, acting coordinator of Domestic Workers' Rights Network, said if the accused were charged under the Prevention of Violence against Women and Children Act, 2010, they would have been denied bail.

Fojila Khanom, joint

director of Dushtha Shasthya Kendra said according to the constitution of Bangladesh, all citizens should have equal opportunities and rights.

The participants mentioned that a total of 33 domestic workers were killed and tortured between January and December 2022, and 585 domestic

workers were injured from 2011 to 2021.

Farhana Afrin Tithi, coordinator of working women; Syeda Samiha Azim, programme officer, Oxfam in Bangladesh; Salma Begum, sub-inspector, Pallabi Police Station; and representatives of Breaking the Silence, USEP Bangladesh, also spoke at the event.

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The World Health Organization in Bangladesh invites proposals/bids from the interested Companies in Bangladesh for the following service:

1. **RFP/BAN/2023/018:** Request for Proposal (RFP) for providing service provisions of facilitating WHO social media campaign under Long Term Agreement (LTA) for 1 year.

Deadline for the submission of RFP: **14:00hrs, 20 July 2023 (Dhaka time).**

Interested Companies can view and download the relevant RFP documents from: <https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/procurement-notice>.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their financial and technical proposals in two separate sealed envelopes as per the instructions provided in the RFP documents at the Reception of WHO Bangladesh, House-SW(1)1/A, Road-8, Gulshan-1, Dhaka.

Rejoinder

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to the graft. This was also mentioned clearly in the discharge summary," he wrote.

In the following angiogram in April, when the patient again had chest pain, the right coronary artery was found to have narrowed down, according to the rejoinder.

"We previously had this suspicion which has been mentioned in the discharge summary of the patient as 'long term benefits remain doubtful'," Siraj wrote.

"In fact, the open-heart surgery was successful from the perspective that the patient had been able to undergo the angioplasty later, which was not possible unless the first surgery (open heart surgery) was done."

OUR REPLY
The Daily Star published the report based on a copy of the complaint submitted to Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC) by the patient.

The patient complained about an alleged unsuccessful open-heart surgery on December 12, which he claimed led to his cardiac arrest approximately three months later. Besides, the report also incorporated comments of Dr Masum Siraj on the second, 10th and 11th paragraphs, where he denied the allegation, which was also mentioned in the rejoinder in details.

Court sets

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Telecom's top officials -- Ashrafur Hasan, Nur Jahan Begum and Mohammad Shahjahan.

On September 9 of 2021, SM Arifuzzaman, a labour inspector (general) of the Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department, filed the case with the Third Labour Court of Dhaka.

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Sealed bids are invited from bona fide firms for the implementation of a customized RFID management system at the IUB Library.

Interested bidders are requested to collect the bid document from the Purchase & Procurement Dept. upon a cash payment of Tk. 500/- (non-refundable) to the Finance & Accounts Dept. during office hours (9:30am-4:00pm, Sunday-Thursday) by July 20, 2023. Detailed specifications of required equipment and software for the RFID management system, and relevant terms & conditions are mentioned in the bid document.

Bidders are expected to submit the bids in two separate sealed envelopes to the Purchase & Procurement Dept., one with the technical offer and another with the financial offer. The deadline for submitting the bids is July 31, 2023, on or before 2:00pm. The technical offers will be opened on the same day at 3:00pm. Technically qualified bidders will be duly notified of the date for opening of the financial offers. The financial offers must be accompanied by an earnest money equivalent to 2.5% of the total quoted price in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank issued in favour of 'Independent University, Bangladesh'. Any open or improperly sealed bids, or bids without earnest money will be rejected.

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