

DHAKA-N'GANJ

Rail operation resumes today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rail services between Dhaka and Narayanganj resumes today after eight months of suspension for construction works.

"The rail operation on this route will start at 5:00am tomorrow (Tuesday)," Shafiqur Rahman, divisional railway manager (Dhaka) of Bangladesh Railway told The Daily Star yesterday.

He said they will operate eight pairs of trains daily.

Several thousand people avail themselves of the services. Passengers could reach Narayanganj from Dhaka within 45 minutes at a fare of Tk 15. On the other hand, it takes almost an hour to reach Narayanganj by bus at Tk 55 fare.

BR in December last year suspended train operation on this route to facilitate the work of the Padma Bridge Rail Link Project (PBRLP). Under the PBRLP project, a 169km rail line is being built from Dhaka's Kamalapur to Jashore.



A man organises bamboo canes that remain submerged in pond water. Local traders bring in these canes from Madaripur and keep them in the water for around 10 days before they are cut into thin sticks used for barricading and providing support to betel leaf plants. This photo was taken in Sujankathi of Barishal's Agailjhara upazila.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

BB HEIST

Submit report by Sept 20

Court asks CID

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked Criminal Investigation Department to submit the probe report in the Bangladesh Bank cyber heist case by September 20.

Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury passed the order after Raihan Uddin Khan, additional superintendent of police and also investigation officer of the case, failed to submit the probe report by yesterday.

So far, CID has taken 73 dates to complete its probe into the case filed over the heist of US \$101 million from Bangladesh Bank's account with Federal Reserve Bank of New York in February 2016.

At least US \$81 million was transferred to accounts at Manila-based RCBC, from where it disappeared into the casinos of the Philippines.

PRAYER TIMING

AUGUST 1

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4:20 12:45 5:00 6:47 8:15
JAMAAT 4:55 1:15 5:15 6:50 8:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

BAY TERMINAL RAIL LINK PROJECT

Feasibility test ends 4yrs behind schedule

SIFAYET ULLAH

The project of establishing a railway link connecting the under-construction Bay Terminal of Chattogram seaport with the city's Halishahar area is still in limbo, due to delay in conducting the feasibility test.

The railway minister approved the project (for feasibility test) in 2018 and Bangladesh Railway wanted to complete it by March 31, 2019, according to project officials.

However, the study was only completed this June and sent to the ministry for evaluation, confirmed Md Hamidur Rahman, director of the project.

"If the ministry approves the study, then we will start working on preparing a Preliminary Development Project Proposal (PDDP) based on it," he added.

The BR authorities attributed the delay due to Covid-19 pandemic, as all works were suspended during

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The Bay Terminal is being constructed on around 2,500 acres of land. It will have a length of 6.15 kilometres, stretching from the backside of the Chattogram Export Processing Zone to Rasmonighat on the Halishahar coast of the Bay of Bengal.

FILE PHOTO

that time.

The project was taken up by the railway to make the under-construction Bay Terminal more usable, increase revenue earnings of the BR, and reduce the cost of import-export, according to project officials.

Following this, BR contracted a joint venture consultancy firm named China Railway Design Corporation and Mazumdar Enterprises in 2018 to complete a feasibility study and prepare the detailed design of the project at a cost of Tk 3 crore.

But BR could not start the work on schedule due to a delay

in study completion caused by the pandemic, said officials.

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Besides, BR earlier thought that they would need foreign finances for the project.

But as per the recently completed study, it can be constructed with government's own funds, disclosed project director Md Hamidur Rahman.

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Ref: 06.02.6758.165.07.193.23.151		Date: 31 July 2023
Invitation for International Tender		
01	Procuring entity name	Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, BN, Narayanganj
02	Invitation for	1. MS Solid Bar (LR), Shipbuilding Quality, Grade-A 2. MS Solid Round Bar (LR), Shipbuilding Quality, Grade-A 3. MS Pipe (LR), Shipbuilding Quality 4. SS Pipe (LR), Shipbuilding Quality
03	Procuring method	Open tender
04	Budget & source of funds	Own finance
05	Tender last selling date	31 July 2023 to 21 August 2023
06	Tender closing date and time	22 August 2023 time: 12:15pm
07	Tender opening date and time	22 August 2023 time: 12:30pm
08	Name & address of the office: a. Selling tender document b. Receiving tender document c. Opening tender document	Cash Section, Account Department, Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Sonakanda, Bandar, Narayanganj or Account Name: Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bank name: Trust Bank Ltd, Account No. 00350320000056, Branch: Narayanganj, deposit slip submitted by tender document. Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Sonakanda, Bandar, Narayanganj. Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Sonakanda, Bandar, Narayanganj. Tenderers and their authorized representative are allowed to attend.
09	Price of tender document	Tk 1,000.00 (Taka one thousand only) (non-refundable)
10	Contact details official	Mobile: 01615519870, 01769719888, Web: www.dewbn.gov.bd E-mail: commercial@dewbn.gov.bd
11	Eligibility and tender	1. Tenderer must be OEM/distributor/ local agent 2. Experience of supply, supply of goods as mentioned. 3. Document required: a. Trade license b. TIN certificate c. VAT registration d. Bank statement e. Experience certificate
12	Earnest money	All bidders must submit earnest money 01% (one percent) of the actual quoted total value of the stores either by Bangladesh currency or equivalent to any international trading currencies favoring the Dockyard & Engineering Works Ltd. in Bank Draft/Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee/ which will be issued by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh.
13	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any part of the tender prior to acceptance without showing any reason.
GD-1172		For Managing Director

‘Smart aviation for smart Bangladesh’ State minister opens new terminal at Jashore Airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's aviation market has experienced significant growth, nearly doubling over the past decade, with projections indicating it will triple in the next 15 years, said State Minister for Civil Aviation M Mahub Ali yesterday.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the newly-constructed terminal building of Jashore Airport.

"Efforts are being made to ensure passenger safety and comfort, elevating the services quality across all airports in the nation," he said.

"Our aim is to transform Bangladesh's aviation industry into a smart one under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina. A smart aviation industry can play an important role in building a developed and smart Bangladesh," he added.

Jashore Airport, established as an airfield during World War II and launched as a domestic airport in 1960, has undergone extensive development work in the last fourteen years, he said.

With the construction of this beautiful new terminal, locals and passengers traveling using the airport will get more advanced and modern services.

With the construction of this new terminal building through the project implemented by the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh at a cost of Tk 32 crore, Jashore Airport will have the capacity to handle one million passengers annually.

The new terminal building has eight check-in counters, five luggage scanning machines, five archways, VIP lounge and car parking.

CAAB Chairman Air Vice Marshal Mafidur Rahman, also spoke as special guests in the event.

College admission starts August 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The admission process for class XI students will start on August 10 and continue till August 20.

A student can select a minimum five and a maximum of 10 colleges for admission, said Prof Tapan Kumar Sarkar, chairman of Dhaka Education Board.

Classes will begin on October 8 after completion of the admission process, he added. The decision was taken yesterday following a meeting. Students will have to pay a fee of Tk 150 for submitting an application online. The results of this year's SSC examinations were published on Friday.

Jamaat denied rally permission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday denied Jamaat-e-Islami the permission to hold a rally in the capital today.

The party on July 24 announced rallies in major cities for July 28, divisional headquarters for July 30 and another one at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram on August 1.

Jamaat announced the programmes to press home its three-point demand, including holding elections under a non-party caretaker government.

DMP Deputy Commissioner (media) Faruk Hossain said they had intelligence that subversive activities might be carried out centring the rally. "That's why they were not granted permission."

‘Prepare a list of Labundha river grabbers, polluters’

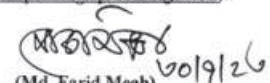
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the government to prepare a list of persons and industries, who are grabbing and polluting Labundha river in Gazipur, and to submit it to this court.

In response to a petition, the court ordered the government to monitor whether the effluent treatment plants, which have been set up for the industries adjacent to the river, are functional.

The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Muhammad Mahbub Ul Islam issued the order following a petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) on June 8.

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বনজন্মব্যা বিক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি				
এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২০২৩-২৪ অর্থ বছরে কক্সবাজার দক্ষিণ বন বিভাগের বিভিন্ন রেঞ্জ, বিট ও টেক স্টেশন কর্তৃক এবং জিলায় রক্ষিত বিক্র্যযোগ্য বনজন্মব্যা জন্মকৃত/অভ্যুৎপাদিত/বিলকৃত এবং অশীদারিত্বের ভিত্তিতে সুজিত মোদাস উত্তীর্ণ মার্কীকৃত খাড়া গাছের লটের বনজন্মব্যাের দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত কাঠ ব্যবসায়ী/সংগঠনগতের নিকট হতে লট সমূহের নিম্নলিখিত তারিখ সমূহে ও শর্তাবলীে নির্ধারিত সিডিউলে নিম্নলিখিতকর্তার ব্যবহারে সীমিত টেন্ডার আহবান করা যাবে।				
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৪	১০/০১/২০২৪খ্রিঃ	—এ—	—এ—	—
৫	১২/০৩/২০২৪খ্রিঃ	—এ—	—এ—	—
৬	১৪/০৪/২০২৪খ্রিঃ	—এ—	—এ—	—
সীমিত টেন্ডারের বনজন্মব্যা বিক্রয়ের পূর্বে অবশ্যই তা সরেজমিনে দেখে নিতে হবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের বনজন্মব্যা না দেখার অঙ্কুহাতে কোন ক্রেতার তত্তর আশ্রয় গ্রহণযোগ্য বিবেচিত হবে না। এতদসঙ্গেই অন্যান্য জাতীয় বিধিাদি (অফিস চলাকালে) এ দরপত্র জ্ঞে জানা যাবে।				
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Memo No : 22.01.7500.579.29.23.1393		Date:-30.07.2023			
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e-Tenders (OTM) are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following goods:					
e-Tender ID No	Package No	Name of Goods	Last Date & Time for Selling/Downloading	Tender Closing date & Time	Tender Opening date & Time
856952	CFDN/SUFAL/2023-24/GD-01	Supply of Nursery Materials for Mangrove Nursery Raising	21-Aug-2023 12:30	21-Aug-2023 14:00	21-Aug-2023 14:00
857015	CFDN/SUFAL/2023-24/GD-02	Supply of Cowdung & Bio-Pesticide for Mangrove Nursery Raising	20-Aug-2023 12:00	20-Aug-2023 15:00	20-Aug-2023 15:00
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