

# UNDP holds dialogue on delta plan, hate speech

BSS, Dhaka

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in collaboration with the Bangladesh National Parliament, hosted a knowledge-sharing event yesterday at the National Parliament Building to promote knowledge exchange and enrichment for Members of Parliament (MPs) on two critical issues: gendered hate speech and the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100.

The Foundational Knowledge Exchange session provided a platform for parliamentarians and parliament secretariat officials to gain profound insights into the multifaceted problem of Gendered Hate Speech, a UNDP press release said yesterday.

Prof Dr Akhter Hussain, former Chairman of the Department of Public Administration at the University of Dhaka, delivered the keynote address on Gendered Hate Speech, while State Minister for Planning Dr Shamsul Alam offered a comprehensive presentation on the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100, shedding light on its significance for the nation's sustainable future.

Stefan Liller, Resident Representative of UNDP Bangladesh, attended the event as a special guest.

The event concluded with closing remarks from the chief guest, Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury.

## Country celebrates

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Dhaka before culminating in front of Bahadur Shah Park in Laxmibazar.

Devotees from all corners of the capital, joined the procession on trucks, minitrucks, pickups, and lorries. The entire area was transformed into a sea of people, with many children perched on their parents' shoulders, eager to be part of this grand spectacle.

The devotees of Lord Krishna participated in the procession dressed as various characters from Lord Krishna's life, including his chariot, the twin idols of Radha-Krishna, and even Kansa.

Five-year-old Gopal said, "My mother has dressed me up as Lord Krishna."

Another participant, Soumitra, who portrayed Kansa, the maternal uncle of Lord Krishna who famously sought to harm him, said, "I may be dressed as Kansa Mama, but I am a devoted follower of Lord Krishna. We should all draw lessons from his life."

Expressing his satisfaction with the arrangements, Proloy

Adhikary, a devotee, said, "Every year, I come here to revel in the beauty of the procession."

Sandipta Sen, another devotee from Azimpur, exclaimed, "Watching children dressed as Lord Krishna and Radha is truly awesome."

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader and Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh inaugurated the Janmashtami procession.

Quader emphasised the enduring relevance of Lord Krishna's teachings, urging everyone to remember and apply his five pieces of advice for a harmonious society.

Taposh called for unity against reactionary, communal, and militant forces to safeguard the unity of Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Janmashtami celebrations resonated throughout the country in a festive atmosphere with processions, discussions, Bhagavad Gita recitations, Aarti, Kirtan, cultural performances, and theme-based seminars.

## 3 BU students detained

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not wearing helmets and failed to show proper documents," he said.

As the news of the arrests spread, BU students blocked the Dhaka Kuakata highway. After half an hour later, at around 10:30 pm, they left the road with the assurance of a compromise by the university administration.

A meeting then took place at Barisal Kotwali Model Police Station in the presence of the police commissioner, university administration officials, and students after midnight, following which the detained students were released.

Contacted, BU Proctor Md Khorshed Alam said, "Attack on policemen is not acceptable. The students realised their mistake and expressed their remorse in writing to the police station."

Meanwhile, Barisal Metropolitan Police

Commissioner Md Saiful Islam said, "We engaged in a discussion with the students in the presence of university faculty members. Next, we will be visiting the injured policemen to gather their account of the incident."

"Following this, a comprehensive investigation will be conducted, and appropriate actions will be taken as deemed necessary," he added.

## Another

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treatment at CMCH and Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, while three others died on Tuesday at the CMCH's Burn and Plastic Surgery Unit.

"All of them have suffered respiratory tract burns. So none are out of danger," said Dr S Khaled, assistant professor of the CMCH burn unit, on Tuesday.



Carpenters Shabu Adhikary and Gobinda Sarker busy making boats in Shonakur village of Khulna's Dighalia upazila. They get Tk 3,500 for crafting each vessel, usually used for fishing, which is sold for around Tk 12,000. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## ENERGY, HEALTH

# Bangladesh, Indonesia agree to work together

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka and Jakarta yesterday vowed to work together in energy, agriculture and health sectors as Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin had a bilateral meeting with his Indonesian counterpart Joko Widodo on the sidelines of the ASEAN summit.

"Bangladesh and Indonesia earlier signed three MoUs on energy and health sectors that created a huge opportunity to work for welfare of the two countries," Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen said in a media briefing after the meeting.

The Bangladesh President is now on a visit to Indonesia to attend the 43rd summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and 18th 'East Asia summit' at Jakarta Convention Center (JCC).

According to Momen, Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin at the bilateral meeting expressed heartiest thanks to his Indonesian counterpart for inviting him and providing excellent hospitality to the Bangladesh delegation.

The Indonesian President highly appreciated Bangladesh's development in the health sector, especially in the 'Community

Clinic' concept designed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina that gained worldwide appreciation.

Mohammed Shahabuddin said Indonesia can import international-standard pharmaceutical products, ceramic and Readymade Garments (RMG) items from Bangladesh.

He also invited the Indonesian investors to come up with robust investment in Bangladesh.

"An initiative is there to ensure a mutual decision to recognise the certificate of the physicians of the two countries," Dr Momen quoted the President as saying at the bilateral talks.

## Once draped

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400-metre stretch from Notunrasta intersection.

Although the exact number of felled trees could not be determined, this reporter saw at least 25 medium and large trees sitting on the road side while workers were chopping them into small pieces.

Meanwhile, a few workers were levelling out the dividers by filling out the holes left behind by the uprooted tree trunks.

Contacted, ward-6 councillor Sheikh Shamsuddin Ahmed Prince declined to comment on the matter.

Acknowledging the incident, KCC Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque

said, "The tress had to be felled as they were too big and causing damages to the road dividers."

"Locals planted those trees on the road dividers but they cannot be planted there. A contractor has been given the task and they will plant trees in their own way," he added.

Babul Howladar, Khulna coordinator of Bangladesh Environment Movement Khulna, termed this whole incident as a "circus".

"Felling down existing trees and planting new ones in this place is just absurd. What is the problem if the locals planted them? Did that decrease their capacity to supply oxygen and shade commuters? This farce should stop immediately."

## Test run of special

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"The project will be implemented within June, 2024. We have already completed 99 percent of the work from Mawa to Bhanga section. The construction of the rail link is moving fast," Afzal added.

Under the fast-track project, the Bangladesh Railway is implementing the project to connect the capital with Jashore with a 169km rail line for Tk 39,246.79 crore, with Exim Bank of China providing Tk 21,036.70 crore as loan, according to the project details.

It said the Chinese government-nominated contractor China Railway Group Limited is implementing the project under China G2G system.

Upon completion, the railway connectivity will improve accessibility to the capital city Dhaka with central and south western regions of the country through Padma Bridge, covering new areas of Munshiganj, Shariatpur, Madaripur and Narail districts, the project details said.

The project will establish alternate railway connectivity linking Dhaka-

Jessore-Khulna with 212.05km shorter route and improved operational facilities, it added.

It will also establish another sub-route of Trans-Asian Railway Network in Bangladesh and introduce national, regional and international freight and BG container train service as this route will be free from speed and load restriction for carrying containers.

The government approved the construction of the 169km railway line from Dhaka to Jessore in March, 2016.

## Porijon boosts

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month, as per an RU press release.

Those who secure the third to fifth positions will be awarded Tk 1,600 per month. Additionally, underprivileged students who rank among the top 10 percent and 20 percent will receive Tk 1,300 and Tk 1,000 per month, respectively.

The foundation will evaluate and select the scholarship recipients based on the submitted applications.

## Cases keep rising

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Currently, a total of 9,127 dengue patients, including 5,181 in the capital, are now receiving treatment at hospitals across the country.

However, dengue hospitalisation goes mostly unreported as the health directorate considers data from only 57 public and private hospitals in Dhaka and 81 district- and divisional-level hospitals.

Experts blamed a lack of logistics, proper attention outside Dhaka and rising infection in new areas as the main causes of spreading dengue outside the capital.

"There is a mosquito management system in place in Dhaka, which is absent at the district levels," said entomologist Kabirul Bashar of Jahangirnagar University.

He said all the local government bodies, from union parishad to the district level, will have to be equipped in the fight against dengue and the government will have to provide necessary funds for this.

"They will have to be given proper manpower, training and equipment," he said.

Prof Bashar underscored the significance of raising awareness, organising anti-mosquito campaigns, and implementing compulsory measures such as dengue testing and ensuring hospitalisation of individuals experiencing a second infection as they are more vulnerable.

Doctors and nurses of different hospitals in Dhaka said that they are getting more and more patients from other districts this year, a situation they never experienced in previous years.

Two-month-old Julfikar Ali hailing from Belabo

of Narsingdi is one such patient being treated at Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute in Dhaka.

His mother died of dengue fever last week. He tested dengue positive on Sunday and was referred from a hospital in Belabo to Shishu Hospital the next day.

Julfikar's aunt Marzia Akhter said, "There was no proper treatment facility in our locality. After the death of Julfikar's mother, we did not take any risk. We took him to Dhaka for better treatment."

She claimed that she never saw any anti-mosquito drives in their locality.

GM Saifur Rahman, an entomologist at the National University, said the absence of surveillance in the district towns has been a major failure this year.

"The government must have effective surveillance to identify dengue hotspots. This will enable local government departments, community organisations, and educational institutions to conduct targeted interventions," he said.

## Lalkuthi set


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festivals, fairs, recreational zones, and tea stalls.

"The project aims to apply participatory urban design to foster a sense of ownership among the local people," said Sirajul Islam, project director of DCNUP.

Reflecting on the renovation, DSCC Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh said, "Our vision for a more liveable Dhaka encompasses the restoration of cultural heritage sites, establishment of new community centres, and the creation of open public spaces such as parks, water bodies, and riverside walkways."

**NOTICE : EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM-1)**

**Cadet College Club Limited**

CCCL/EGM/2023/19307<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM-1) of the Cadet College Club Limited will be held as per Art. 52 of the Articles of Association.

**Date : 30 September 2023 (Saturday)**  
**Time : 1530 hours**  
**Venue : Cadet College Club, Purbachal**

**Agenda :**  
To consider the proposed amendments in the Articles of Association and By-Laws of Cadet College Club Limited.

**Sd/ (TM Shahidul Islam)**  
**Secretary General**

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE):**  
**Reintegration of Returning Migrants Project**  
**Wage Earners' Welfare Board (WEWB)**  
**Probashi Kallyan Bhaban**  
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Reference no: 49.04.0000.022.00.079.2023-278Date: 05/09/2023

**Tender Notice**

**Invitation for Tenders for Hiring of Vehicles for RAISE: Reintegration of Returning Migrants Project**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment
2	Agency	Wage Earners' Welfare Board (WEWB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE): Reintegration of Returning Migrants Project
4	Procuring Entity Code (If Applicable)	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Service Provider Firm for Vehicle (Rental)
7	Tender Ref. No.	49.04.0000.022.00.079.2023-278
8	Date	05/09/2023
KEY INFORMATION		
10	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (national) (NCS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
11	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget, World Bank
12	Development Partners	IDA, World Bank
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
13	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Service Provider Firm for Vehicle (Rental)
14	Project/Programme Code	224347700
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 20/09/2023, 2.00 P.M. Project office: Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE): Reintegration of Returning Migrants Project; Wage Earners' Welfare Board (WEWB) Probashi Kallyan Bhaban Level-11, 71-72 Eskaton Garden, Dhaka 1000 Ph No: +880255138262; e-mail: <a href="mailto:pdraise6841@gmail.com">pdraise6841@gmail.com</a>
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: 20/09/2023 Time: 2.30 P.M.
INFORMATION FOR Tenderer		
17	Brief Description of the Service	Hiring of two Vehicle (Jeep & Microbus) for Official Purposes
18	Experience, Resources, Delivery Capacity Required and Other Details	As mentioned in Tender Document
19	Price of Tender Documents	1000.00 (One Thousand) Taka Only (non refundable)
20	Tender Security Amount	1,00,000.00 (One Lac) Taka
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
21	Name of official Inviting EOI	Musharrat Jebin
22	Designation of official Inviting EOI	Project Director (Joint Secretary)
23	Address of official Inviting EOI	Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE): Reintegration of Returning Migrants Project Wage Earners' Welfare Board (WEWB) Probashi Kallyan Bhaban Level-11, 71-72 Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000 Ph No: +880255138262; e-mail: <a href="mailto:pdraise6841@gmail.com">pdraise6841@gmail.com</a>
24	Contact details of official Inviting EOI	Ph No: +880255138262; e-mail: <a href="mailto:pdraise6841@gmail.com">pdraise6841@gmail.com</a>
25	The procuring entity reserves all the rights to accept or reject all the Tenders without showing any reason.	

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(Musharrat Jebin)  
Project Director (Joint Secretary)