

Don't let anti-liberation forces assume power
President urges all

BSS, Dhaka

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday asked all pro-Liberation forces to remain alert against the anti-independence quarters so that they cannot come to power in any way.

The president said this during the opening ceremony of the "Sixth National Conference" of the "Sector Commanders Forum - Liberation War 71" at Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

The president said Bangladesh is moving forward upholding the spirit of the Liberation War under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and all must join hands to accelerate the country's ongoing development and progress.

The President categorically urged everyone to be alert against the vested quarter's conspiracy.

He also unveiled cover of the book "Genocide 1971" published by the Sector Commanders Forum on International Recognition of Bangladesh Genocide.



NOAKHALI, LAXMIPUR

Damaged bridge poses risk

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A bailey bridge that connects Noakhali and Laxmipur has turned into a death trap, after remaining in a dilapidated state for quite some time.

Located over the Bhulua canal at Chowdhury Bazar, one end of the bridge lies at Noakhali's Subarnachar upazila, while the other is located at Laxmipur's Ramgati upazila.

The bridge was constructed around 30 years ago and is around 80-metre long and three-metre wide, according to Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) in Ramgati.

During a recent visit to the area, this correspondent noticed that a majority of the steel-structured bridge was covered in rust and several potholes had been created on its deck.

Every day, hundreds of commuters and vehicles pass over this bridge, risking their lives in the process, said locals. They are now demanding that the bridge be repaired immediately.

"It is very difficult to ply a rickshaw through this bridge, as the wheels often get trapped in the holes," said Rakib, 30, an auto-rickshaw driver of the area.

"This bridge is one of the major routes for traveling between Subarnachar and Ramgati. Hundreds of people are compelled to travel through this bridge, risking their lives," said Md Shajahan, a resident of Charramij union under Ramgati.

"This situation has been prevailing



for over five years. People have been demanding for the repair of the bridge for a long time. But authorities concerned don't heed to our demands," said Saifullah Khasru, chairman of Charjubli Union Parishad under Subarnachar.

Contacted, LGED Ramgati office's engineer Md Saiful Islam said, "We have already sought budgetary allocation from the higher authorities to repair the bridge. We hope to start repair work soon, upon being allocated a budget."

"Besides, we also have a plan to construct a concrete bridge after demolishing the existing one," he added.



Kajol Goldar busy picking waterlilies from a waterbody in Jashore's Abhaynagar. She plucks about 100 lily stems every day. She then ties those into bundles of around 20 and sells them in local markets for Tk 10. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

MYMENSINGH CITY

Illegal parking chokes Boro Bazar road

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Series of pick-up vans and trucks crowding the spot while wholesalers busy selling cement, iron rods, and industrial sheets -- this is what this correspondent saw when he visited the Boro Bazar Road in Mymensingh city on Thursday.



The road leading to Shambhuganj Bridge and important city markets is occupied by illegally parked vehicles and hawkers around the clock.

While the rampant loading and unloading of goods cause serious inconveniences for pedestrians, the parked vehicles lead to traffic congestion, hampering mobility, said Ali Ashraf, a local.

"Following protests, the truck stand was moved from this place about 20 years ago. However, due to a lack of proper monitoring, the drivers and traders resorted to their old practices," said Nurul Amin Kalam, secretary of Mymensingh Nagarik Andolon.

The traders are on good terms with the truck drivers, and together they have been using this public

space for their personal benefits for years. Many even use it as a garage to park their vehicles both during the day and at night. Even the local administration has turned a blind eye to the matter, alleged locals.

"The road has become a truck stand and this has been going on for decades. We requested the mayor to build a parking zone for them on various occasions but any such initiative is yet to be taken from their end," said Ali Hossain, joint-secretary of Mymensingh Zilla Motorjan Karmachari Sramik Union.

"A truck stand was set up about 20 years ago near the Shambhuganj Bridge. The drivers still keep crowding this road. They were recently asked to vacate the premises but we are yet to get their response. However, we will go for strict action soon," said Md Aminul Islam, MCC's assistant secretary.

Masum Ahmed Bhuiyan, superintendent of Mymensingh police, said, "Legal actions will be taken against trouble mongers if they continue their ill practice defying the administration's directions."

LOST

I have lost the Original Allotment letter, Original Possession letter and Original Bank Deposit Receipt issued by the former D.I.T., current RAJUK and other important papers relating to the property owned by me at Block CWS (B), Plot 30, Road 30, Gulshan, Dhaka 1212. In this connection a General Diary (GD 1520 dated September 21, 2023) has been filed with the Gulshan Police Station. Any person who finds the abovementioned documents may kindly contact the undersigned at the address given below.

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Two women die in N'ganj

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Nipa's sister Eva Islam said her sister, a RMG worker, used to live alone at a house in Dighirpar area next to Araihaazur College.

Hasina went to visit Nipa on Friday evening, Eva said. She said they came to know about the explosion

around 10:30pm on Friday.

Sohan's nephew Fahim Molla said Sohan, worker at a local garment factory and his wife used to live in the same building.

Fakhruddin, assistant deputy director of Narayanganj Fire Service, said an illegal gas line

exploded on the third floor.

After receiving the news of the explosion, the fire service and Araihaazur police rescued the injured and took them to Araihaazur Upazila Health Complex. Later, they were shifted to the burn institute in Dhaka.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

National Institute of Neuro-Sciences and Hospital

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

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Ref: 56(8)/NINS&H/Tender Document/2023-24/957

Date: 23/09/2023

Invitation for Tender (OTM)

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
02	Agency	Director General of Health Service.
03	Procuring entity name	Director, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.
04	Procuring entity code	1270208111110.
05	Procuring entity district	Dhaka-1207.
06	Invitation for	Supply of MSR Instrument.
07	Invitation Reference No.	56 (8)/NINS&H/Tender Document/2023-24/957.
08	Date	23/09/2023.

KEY INFORMATION

09	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget & source of fund	Revenue Budget (GoB).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Office code	1270208111110.
12	Office name	National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.
13	Tender Package No.	NINS&H/GR-09.
14	Tender package name	MSR Instrument.
15	Tender publication date	24/09/2023.
16	Tender last selling date	21/10/2023 (Office hour).
17	Tender closing date & time	22/10/2023, Time: 12:00pm
18	Tender opening date & time	22/10/2023, Time: 12:15pm
19	Name & address of the office	
	Selling tender document	Accounts Section, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	Receiving Tender document	1) Room No-306, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
	Opening tender document	Room No-306, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
20	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Room No-311, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207; Date 30-09-2023 at 11.00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer shall have the following legal documents/capacity to enter into the contract- a) Valid up-to date trade license (2023-24) b) TIN certificate with up-to-date Tax Return/Proof of Submission of Return (2022-23) c) VAT registration certificate d) Bank solvency certificate, e) Other details conditions including in the schedule.
22	Brief description of goods	Supply of MSR Instrument (Disposable, General, OT, Micro-surgical Clipping, Cath Lab).
23	Price of tender document	5,000.00 (Per Lot).
24	Lot PK No. No.	Identification of lot Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in work
	01 09	MSR Instrument (Disposable) NINS & H 2.5 % of offered price 90 days after Work Order
	02	MSR Instrument (General) 90 days after Work Order
	03	MSR Instrument (OT) 120 days after Work Order
	04	MSR Instrument (Micro-surgical Clipping) 120 days after Work Order
	05	MSR Instrument (Cath Lab) 120 days after Work Order

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

25	Name of official inviting tender	Prof. Dr. Quazi Deen Mohammad.
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Director.
27	Address of official inviting tender	National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: +88-02-48120079; Fax: +88-02-48120568, E-mail: nins@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatever.	

Note: (1) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.
(2) The bill will be paid on receipt of allotment.

Prof. Dr. Quazi Deen Mohammad

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GD-1466

One killed, five hurt as truck hits auto-rickshaw

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed and five others were injured as a sand-laden truck rammed a CNG-run autorickshaw in Dhaka's Bosila yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Selim, 35.

The injured -- Marfia Akhter, 18, Marufa Begum, 42, Rani Begum, 40, Salma Akhter, 22, and autorickshaw driver Yaar Hossain, 42 -- were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Mohammadpur Police Station Sub-inspector Abdur Rashid.

The incident took place in Bosila Bridge area around 6:45am, the SI added.

Police seized both the truck and auto-rickshaw. However, the driver of the truck went into hiding.

Our rivers

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boats and vessels whereas the major pollutants come from land.

Referring to the projects that the government took up to protect rivers, he said an investment programme is in place to curb contamination of rivers.

There are plans to relocate dockyards from the banks of the Buriganga and Shitalakkhya to the bank of Dhaleshwari.

The BIWTA chief said recently, they evicted illegal structures from the bank of Bakkhali river in Cox's Bazar, but within a few days, new ones were built.

"We also see injunctions from the apex court that also slows us down in freeing rivers from encroachers," he observed.

In terms of sand extraction, he said the key responsibility lies with the deputy commissioners.

"Though we demarcate and fix how much sand could be extracted, it is really difficult to monitor if the instructions are not

being followed."

"To better manage rivers, we need to enhance coordination among the government bodies including the DoE, city corporations, and the BIWTA," he said.

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bela, said, "Someshwari is no longer a river now. Every day, 4,500 trucks take away sand from this majestic river."

"The lease agreement issued by the DC does not mention the extent of sand extraction, allowing the offenders to loot the river dry. This must be stopped," she said.

If necessary, the government should extract sand, she proposed. "Maintaining navigability of a river is the responsibility of the government, not sand looters," she said.

Mohammad Azaz, chairman of River and Delta Research Centre, gave a presentation on how sand extraction damages rivers.

Ariful Islam, director of BIWTA, also spoke.

The worst

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Prof Mobasser Monem of Dhaka University's public administration department said many are skeptical about the ability of the current Election Commission. He also observed that democratic institutions have nearly lost their functionality.

Sharmeen Murshid, chief executive officer of the election observation group "Brotec", said although the state needs reformation, the term "reform" is not popular in the country.

Socialist Party of Bangladesh assistant secretary Razequzzaman Ratan said not ordinary people, but money, muscle, police and administration play a determining factor in the country's election.

Among others, former secretary Abu Alam Md Shahid Khan, Rastro Sanagaskar Andolan chief coordinator Hasnat Quaiyum, Gronthik Prokashon publisher Rajjak Rubel spoke at the event.

People suffer due to delay in bridge work

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Abdur Razzak, chairman of Magura union parishad, said, "We are disappointed to talk about this bridge to the authority. The trouble people are facing is difficult to explain. We don't know how the issue can be resolved."

"Earlier I used to bring goods from Jhikargachha market to my shop through Srirampur. However, since the construction of the bridge began, I have to travel 10km more to bring goods through Mohammadpur, which increased my expenses as well as sufferings," said Alamgir Hossain, a trader of Kayemkola market.

Md Shariful Islam, LGED executive engineer in Jashore, said, "We have already served the final notice to the contractor firms. If they don't resume work within 28 days, their work order will be cancelled and someone new will be given the order to complete the construction works."

"I have heard about people's sufferings. I spoke to the executive engineer in Jashore in this regard and he has assured me to expediate the works. I have also asked the Jhikargacha upazila engineer to replace

the makeshift wooden bridge by filling earth and constructing a temporary road so that people can pass the area easily for now," said Md Nasir Uddin, lawmaker of Jashore-2 constituency.

PRAYER TIMING

SEPTEMBER 24

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-40 12-45 4-30 6-05 7-30

JAMAAT 5-15 1-15 4-45 6-10 8-00

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