

## Townships to be built beside Dhaka Feasibility study conducted, informs state minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajuk has taken up a project titled "flood-flow area, water reservoir conservation and compact township" beside the Turag river to reduce pressure on the capital and in an effort to build a water-centric smart city.

Sharif Ahmed, state minister for Housing and Public Works, informed this to parliament yesterday in reply to a query of Awami League MP Benjir Ahmed.

In a scripted answer, he said the project proposes to use 32 percent of land as development area (residential, commercial, civic services) and 68 percent as conservation area (reservoir, greenery, recreational facilities and canal/river embankment).

He also said the feasibility study of the project has been completed.

"The project, if implemented, will play an effective role in reducing waterlogging and traffic congestion in Dhaka," Sharif Ahmed said.

He said there is a plan to allocate plots and flats under the said project.

The state minister said the National Housing Authority has visited Dharmrai, Keraniganj, Singair in Manikganj and Sirajdikhan in Munshiganj to take up the satellite town development project. About 7,000 acres of land in that area is suitable for housing projects, he added.

The last session of 11th parliament that began yesterday will continue till November 2.

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**Bagerhat betel nut farmers point fingers at syndicate for controlling market**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Despite a bumper yield of betel nut in Bagerhat this year, cultivators remain upset due to not getting the expected market price.

They alleged a syndicate is active in controlling the price of betel nuts, depriving most farmers and small traders.

Last year, a bundle of betel nuts (one kuri consisting of 231 pieces) sold for Tk 800, but this year the price has dropped to between Tk 250-500.

Plantation owners said due to high yield, the market price was high at the beginning of the season but dropped significantly after a few weeks. A syndicate of a few local traders took advantage of it and are buying betel nuts in bulk and selling those to wholesalers directly.

Therefore, wholesale buyers from different parts of the country are not visiting the major betel nut markets, including Badal Haat in Kachua upazila and Mazar Haat in Bagerhat Sadar, forcing producers to sell betel nuts at lower prices to local traders, said Abul Hossain Khan, a betel nut grower from Sangdia village in Kachua upazila.

Another farmer of the same village, Bhaskar Banerjee, said, "I have to pay Tk 10 to collect a bunch of betel nuts from a tree. Then there's the cost of removing the betel nuts



from the bunch, counting them, and transporting them to the market. Selling around 230 betel nuts for Tk 250 to Tk 450 leaves me with very little return."

Local traders, however, denied there was any syndicate involvement in the markets.

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## China wants stability in Bangladesh

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Shams Rahman  
new VC of East  
West University  
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Rahman has been appointed as the new vice-chancellor of East West University (EWU).

President Mohammed Shahabuddin, the chancellor of the university, appointed Prof Rahman as the VC for the next four years. He will serve as the sixth VC of EWU.

Prof Rahman was recognised as one of the world's top 2 percent scholars in 2021 and 2022.

At present, he is a professor in the Department of Supply Chain Management at RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia and an international expert in the field of Supply Chain Management.

He has published more than 250 research papers in various international journals.

Prof Rahman obtained his PhD degree from the University of Exeter, UK, under the Commonwealth Scholarship.

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JAMAAT 5-25	1-15	4-15	5-39	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## PM's Brussels visit

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The EU communicated its decision to the foreign ministry, which then sent a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner, the official said.

"We have received a note verbale from the EU in this regard," Election Commissioner Brig Gen

(Retd) Ahsan Habib Khan confirmed.

The mission is scheduled to travel to Bangladesh between November 21 and January 21, 2024. These dates are tentative and will depend on the final electoral calendar, he told The Daily Star.

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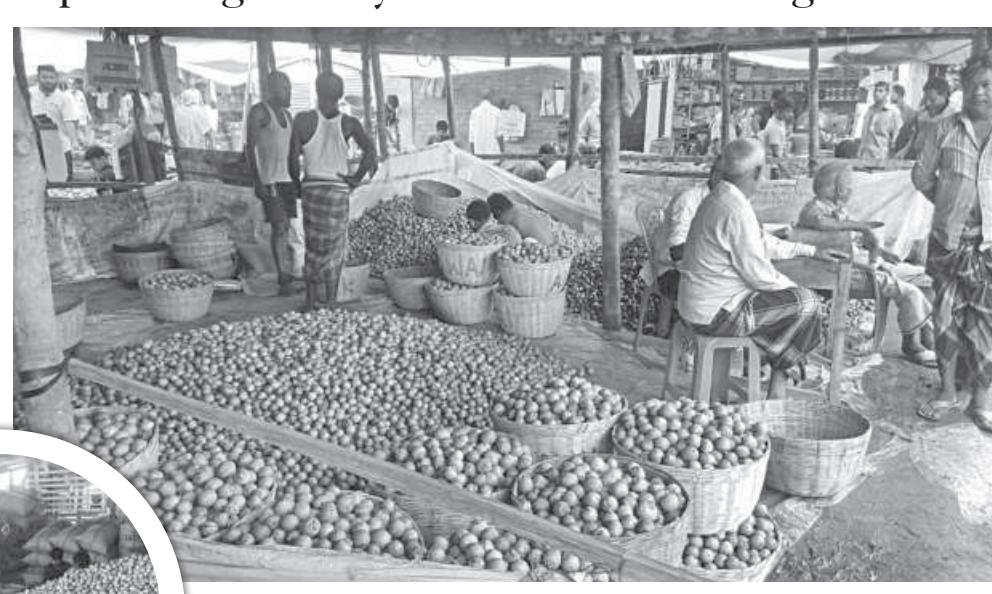
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