

All Dhaka-Cox's Bazar tickets for first 3 days sold out

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Bangladesh Railway has started selling tickets for Cox's Bazar Express, the new train on the Dhaka-Cox's Bazar route, from yesterday morning.

"Railway is selling tickets for December 1, 2, and 3 from 8:00am at train stations and online," Golam Rabbani, station master of Cox's Bazar Railway Station told The Daily Star.

All tickets for December 1, 2, and 3 from Dhaka to Cox's Bazar have been sold out within three to four hours, said Shah Alam Kiron Shishir, divisional commercial manager (Dhaka) of BR. "We have some tickets that are reserved for Dhaka to Chattogram in this train," he added.

The first train will start from Cox's Bazar at 12:40pm on December 1.

Golam Rabbani said some tickets for Cox's Bazar to Dhaka route are still available.

According to railway sources, two types of tickets including Shovon and AC chairs are being sold for the Cox's Bazar Express train. From Dhaka to Cox's Bazar, the price of a Shobhon class ticket is Tk 695 and Snigdha AC chair is Tk 1,325.



Passengers gather at Cox's Bazar Railway Station as the BR starts selling ticket for much awaited Cox's Bazar Express train yesterday.

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Mymensingh struggles to manage waste

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

For years, Mymensingh City Corporation authority has been dumping tonnes of garbage at a 6.5-acre open dumping station in the city's Char Kalibari area, ignoring protests from residents and their demands for proper waste management.

The dumping station is adjacent to a road that connects Mymensingh to Sherpur, Netrakona, and Kishoreganj districts on one side and croplands on the other, with no wall separating them.

As a result, waste seeps into agricultural lands, especially during rains, leading to unbearable stench that attracts flies and other pests into the farmlands, alleged local farmers, including Abdul Aziz.

Abul Hasan, a regular commuter from the city, echoed him.

Contacted, Md Mohabbat Ali, a waste management officer at MCC, said construction of a boundary wall separating the trash from croplands and the road has begun.

Since Mymensingh was upgraded to a city corporation in 2018, the number of wards increased to 33 from 21, along with an increase in the number of residents. However, MCC's operations, including waste management, have continued in the old pattern, said Mohabbat Ali.

The MCC authority is struggling



to render services to the people of the city with its limited capacity. The corporation currently owns only 24 trucks and 19 trolleys to carry around 500 tonnes of domestic and medical waste. Only two trucks have been added to the fleet since 2018, he informed.

Md Arifur Rahman, chief waste management officer of MCC, said they have deployed 200 rickshaw vans for collecting household waste and sent a proposal for 200 more.

Also, 600 cleaning staff are employed at present, against a demand double the figure, he added. Dr Md Zakiul Islam, deputy

director of MMCH, said they have no waste treatment facility or incineration system and hence they dump the medical wastes in a shed, from which they are taken away every evening by MCC's trucks.

Contacted, Mayor Ekramul Haque Titu said, "We have made an agreement with Prism Bangladesh Foundation for the proper management of medical waste. The government also approved Impact Energy, an England-based company, to work with the city corporation to produce energy from waste. The company will start their work within two years."

Four killed as bus hits

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Bank's Konapara branch while she works at NRB Bank's Basabo branch.

In the morning, Asif was going to Matuail from Demra on the human haulier when the accident took place.

Another deceased Umme Habiba is a student of class VI at Matuail Alia Madrasa. She was identified from her madrasa pay book, kept in her bag.

Habiba's father Abdus Sobhan said in the morning, she left home to go to the madrasa. In the

afternoon, he got the news of her death.

The CID crime unit identified Shamsunnahar through fingerprints. She hailed from Pilkuni area of Narayanganj. Another deceased Abul Hossain hailed from Matuail of Jatrabari.

Injured Mainuddin said he is a technician at a private company named "Fabric Care" in Uttara. He went to Demra for work.

He got into the human haulier from the Demra Staff Quarter area. There were at least 12 passengers in it, he added.

EC may defer

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acceptable national polls. We don't want to be debatable by holding a controversial one," he told journalists yesterday at the Jhenidah DC office conference hall after meeting with Kushtia, Magura, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Jhenidah district administration and election officials.

Rashida Sultana, another election commissioner, refused to make any comment on whether the EC would defer election if BNP decides to participate.

Stressing that the election would be peaceful and credible, she said any attempts to obstruct voters from reaching polling centers would be dealt with according to the law.

The EC faces no pressure from the international community or domestically, she told reporters after meeting with administration and election officials of Dinaipur, Thakurgaon, Nilphamari, and Panchagarh districts at Dinaipur DC office.

Low-income group

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Shariful Islam, a ride sharer, said his daily income has been less than half the usual during this period.

"Used to make around Tk 1,000-1,200 every day after covering all costs, including fuel. However, earning Tk 700-800 has now become a challenge as there are no commuters," he mentioned.

Lower turnout of commuters leads to reduced fares as multiple riders have to compete to secure the ride, added Shariful, the sole earner of his four-member family.

At least 20 others like him shared similar experiences.

Similar struggles are mounting for CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers.

Sohel Rana, who used to send around Tk 10,000-12,000 to his aged parents in Tangail is now struggling to ensure three square meals a day for himself.

"After paying Tk 1,100 to my owner and refilling Tk 400 as the cost of gas, it has

become tough to manage meals for myself, let alone my family members. I have asked my parents to start looking for loans or manage by borrowing money," said Sohel, who is currently surviving on his savings.

Rickshaw drivers and employees of long-route buses spoke of similar struggles due to the lack of passengers amid the ongoing blockades.

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interference in the case's trial proceedings. I will not say more than this as all the cases are sub-judice."

About a reported allegation that Shohidur Rahman Khan Mukti, accused in freedom fighter Faruk Ahmed murder case in Tangail, has recently secured bail from the High Court through committing fraudulence, Anisul Huq said, "I know about it and I think proper steps will be taken in this matter."

Deportation, not getting

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returned home in the post-pandemic situation, including 15 percent within a month, 14 percent within three months, and 29 percent within six months of their migration.

According to the survey, of the 116 respondents who went to Saudi Arabia, 51 percent returned between one and six months of migration.

On the survey, Salim Reza, full-time member of National Human Rights Commission, said the situation of about 15 percent (33 cases) migrants not getting job is "grave."

Efforts from Bangladesh, as a sending country, alone will not be sufficient to address this situation if steps are not taken in the destination countries, said Salim, a former secretary

of expatriates' welfare ministry.

"Destination countries have to be onboard," he said, adding, the government, civil society groups, and recruiting agencies must raise their voices during global forums to address such situation.

Also, scaling up migrant workers' skills training programmes is essential to ensure quality migration, he added.

Nine upazila chairmen resign

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Kalam Azad, also organising secretary of Cumilla district (north) unit AL.

"I expect that I will get the party's nomination to contest the national election from Cumilla-II constituency," said Abdus Sobahan Bhuiyan, also president of Choudhagram upazila unit AL.

Mohammad Galib Sadley, also general secretary of Chattogram (south) district unit of Awami Swechchasebak League, said, "I have resigned from my post on Sunday following directives of our party high-ups as I want to contest the national

election Chattogram-16 constituency."

"People want me to contest from this constituency [Sunamganj-2]. That is why I have resigned from my post," said Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mahmud, also general secretary of Shalla upazila unit AL and younger brother to Inspector General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun.

Apart from them, at least 26 chairmen and three vice-chairmen of different upazila parishads, seven municipal mayors and three union parishad members in 11 other districts have collected nomination forms to

contest the national election.

While the other peoples' representatives, who have collected nomination forms, are yet to resign from their posts, they said they would do so after securing the party's nomination.

[Our correspondents from respective districts contributed to the report.]

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Invitation for Tender (Works)

e-Tender Notice No. 04/2023-24

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works. Details are given below:

Sl No.	Package No.	Name of scheme	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing & opening (date & time)	Tender ID No.
1	e-Tender/NBIDGPS/ C/GOM/2023-2024/W1.07944	Construction of Additional Class Room Prosadpur GPS under Gomostapur Upazila, Dist: Chapai Nawabganj	18-12-2023 17.00pm	19-12-2023 12.00pm	901612

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
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Director General

Development of appropriate adaptation strategies to mitigate climate change for sustainable and quality tea production

Project Development Unit, Bangladesh Tea Board, Sreemangal, Moulvibazar
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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

FOR

Principal Investigator (Supervisor) & Co-Principal Investigator (Co-Supervisor) under Climate Change Project

1	Ministry/Division & Agency	: Bangladesh Tea Board (BTB), Ministry of Commerce, GoB
2	Client name	: Project Director, Climate Change Project, PDU, BTB.
4	Client district	: Sreemangal, Moulvibazar
5	EOI for selection of	: Principal Investigator (Supervisor)
		: Co-Principal Investigator (Co-Supervisor)
6	EOI Ref No. & Date	: DS/CCP-962/2023-667(2)/2 22 November 2023
7	Procurement sub-method	: Selection under a Fixed Budget (SFB)
8	Source of funds	: BCCTF, Moefcc, GoB
9	Project name	: Development of appropriate adaptation strategies to mitigate climate change for sustainable and quality tea production.
10	EOI closing date and time	: 10 December, 2023 12:00pm
11	Brief description of assignment	: In order to guide and assist a post-doctoral fellow for climate change research by adopting suitable adaptation strategies to mitigate climate change for sustainable tea production during the project period.
12	Qualification and experience	: A PhD Degree in Agriculture/Botany/ Environmental Science or any subject related to research topics. Having Post-Doc degree on related subjects will be given preference. Should have 15 years research experience and 10 publications in reputed international journals. Having experience on supervising students of Post Graduate studies will also be given preference.
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14	Name designation, address & contact details of official inviting EOI	: Dr. AKM Rafikul Hoque, Project Director, Climate Change Project, Project Development Unit, Bangladesh Tea Board, Sreemangal, Moulvibazar. Tel: +8801711867484, E-mail: director@btbpu@gmail.com , www.pduteaboard.gov.bd
15	The Authority reserves the right to reject all EOIs, either partly or in full without assigning any reason thereof.	

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Project Director

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