

A ‘magic carpet’

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was delighted to witness the younger generation's enthusiasm and reminisced, “We used to come here at a young age, buy different books and share those with our friends. I am having a glimpse of our golden days.”

Shuvo Hossain, a government employee residing in Pallabi and a father to two daughters, appreciated the metro rail for making family travel more convenient.

“Traveling with children by bus or CNG is very draining. Thanks to the women-only compartment, my daughters and wife can now travel safely and without hassle,” he explained.

Shuvo took his daughters, Raisa and Roza, to Bangla Academy early in the morning to participate in the “Shishu Prahar”.

Raisa, excited about meeting Sisimpur characters, exclaimed, “I watch Tuktuki and Halum on TV, this year Baba promised to let me dance with them.”

The book fair is scheduled to conclude on February 29.

Bangladesh welcomes Biden’s letter to Hasina

Says foreign minister

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh has welcomed US President Joe Biden's letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud said yesterday.

“We welcome the letter written by President Biden. We already have very good relationship with the US. Through this letter, our partnership will advance further,” he told reporters at his ministry office. The US embassy in Dhaka shared the letter with the foreign ministry on Sunday. In the letter, President Biden expressed his willingness to work together with PM Hasina to achieve Bangladesh's economic goals, as well as to cooperate on regional and global security and humanitarian support, especially for Rohingya.

The Biden administration has been critical of Bangladesh's democracy and human rights records in recent times. It also announced a policy in May last year to deny US visa to those who undermine Bangladesh's democracy and elections.

Hasan Mahmud, who returned from Belgium on Sunday after attending the EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum, said the European Union will strengthen and diversify partnership with Bangladesh.

He will fly for New Delhi tonight for his first bilateral meeting with his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar, and discuss bilateral trade, connectivity, and Teesta water sharing deal, among other agendas, said ministry officials.



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

**WELCOME TO PAPORGRAM!** Working round the clock, villagers of Dakkhindihi in Khulna's Fultola upazila, locally known as “Paporgram”, have been making this local fritter for the last 70 years. Prepared in a traditional method, the crispy side dish requires quite an effort, starting from grinding the lentils to making doughs and finally rolling them out in circular sheets. Then these papors are laid out in the open for drying. The photo was taken yesterday.

Badrul Ahsan’s death anniv today

CITY DESK

Today is the fourth death anniversary of Mohammad B a d r u l Ahsan, a



weekly columnist for The Daily Star for many years, and the publisher and editor of now defunct weekly magazine, First News.

He also served for a long time with Standard Chartered Bank and was stationed in Dhaka and Dubai. A passionate writer, he left his banking career to publish the country's first and only newsmagazine, “First News” in 2010.

Badrul Ahsan, the inimitable weekly author of “Cross Talk” in The Daily Star, started writing his column in 2000.

He also wrote several books—including “Grameen Bank and Muhammad Yunus” and “In Search of a Nation” published by Mowla Brothers.

“A Good Man in the Woods and other essays”, “Crosstalk Essays”, and “The Parallax View”, were published by The University Press Limited.

3 killed in road

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in Ghoraghat upazila of Dinajpur.

The teenagers, employees of a motorcycle mechanic shop, were on their way to Raniganj Bazar to purchase bike spares.

OC Md Asaduzzaman Asad of Ghoraghat Police Station said, “As they arrived at Raniganj Bazar, their motorcycle collided head-on with a battery-run van. Binoy died on the spot.

Jitu was taken to a local health complex where he succumbed to his injuries, he added.

The van driver sustained minor injuries in the accident.

Rab arrests butcher

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meeting and decided to sell beef at Tk 650 per kg.

Later, a rift arose between Khokon and Mamun over selling meat at a price fixed by the Consumer Directorate. At one point, Mamun started selling meat separately. As a result, the victim Mamun's sales were more than Khokon's.

On the day of the incident, when a heated argument broke out between them over the sale of meat at a fixed price,

Khokon got agitated and stabbed Mamun in the stomach and chest with a meat cleaver, Moin said.

To avoid arrest, Khokon initially stayed at a relative's house in Tahirpur. Later, he moved to Qutubpur of Shibchar intending to hide permanently and started working there as a dredger worker, he added.

The Rab official said that there are four cases against Khokon, with Bagha Police Station, for various crimes including narcotics.

Dengue drives need

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mosquitoes,” said Prof ABM Abdullah.

“If dengue spreads this year, it will be riskier as a huge number of people are already infected by dengue virus. Second, third or fourth-time dengue cases are more severe,” Abdullah said.

Prof Ahmedul Kabir, appointed additional director general of DGHS, said a trial is going on to prepare a single dose vaccine in Bangladesh.

If the vaccine lab gets approval from the WHO in March, there will be a scope to manufacture the vaccines locally which will be cheap, he added.

Prof Abdullah, however, opined that the vaccine will not help ease the situation immediately.

“The vaccine is now going through a trial process, and will take two

January 22.

Party sources said reports of significant internal disputes are coming from 58 constituencies, where independent candidates from AL emerged victorious against the party's chosen candidates in the January 7 national polls. In a total of 299 constituencies, grassroots leaders contested against

party nominees in 181 instances.

The ruling party now wants to bring discipline within the party before the upazila parishad election that will be held in the five phases from March.

AL invited members of the party's national committee, central executive committee, advisory council, presidents

and general secretaries of district, city, upazila, municipalities and thana units, AL lawmakers, “AL independent lawmakers”, zilla parishad and upazila parishad chairmen, mayors of city corporations, municipalities, presidents and general secretaries of associate and front organisations for the meeting.

BRTC to add 1,000

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has now already paid Tk 77 crore over the last three years, he said.

THE PROJECTS

BRTC has already taken on a Tk 1,133.46 crore project to procure 340 CNG-run AC buses with a loan from South Korea.

Of the buses, 140 will be used for city services, while the rest for intercity services, Tazul said, adding that they will start the tendering process soon.

He said they have already submitted four projects to buy 400 electric-run and 200 diesel-run buses, 50 trucks, 40 charging stations for electric buses and 10 wreckers.

They have also submitted two separate projects to help train 175 lakh drivers to cope with the huge demand.

Col Mohammad Mubarak Hossain Majumdar, director (technical) of BRTC, said five of the projects are now

pending with the planning commission for approval, while another is at the road transport and highways division.

He said four of the proposed projects are for procuring vehicles and others are expected to be implemented with loans from India and South Korea while the two with government funds.

Majumdar told this newspaper that most of the buses will be operated for city services.

Currently, BRTC has a fleet of 1,350 buses, of them 1,253 are in operation. In terms of trucks, 505 out of 585 are in operation, according to BRTC document.

RRR president Anowar Hossain, general secretary Tawhidul Islam, training and research secretary Shamim Rahman and several officials of BRTC also spoke at the meeting.

Action plan

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“Modernisation of DNC (department of narcotics control)”.

In reply to another query of ruling AL MP Nurunnabi Chowdhury (Bhola-3), the minister informed the House that traffic department of various metropolitan police have deposited Tk 775.87 crore to the national exchequer in the last 15 years through realising fines.

Mirza Abbas

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other was filed with Paltan Model Police Station for the killing of a police constable the same day.

Abbas was shown arrested in those cases on February 1.

Besides, another case was filed against him with Government Railway Police Station over the attack on Khilgaon Railway Station on October 28.

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Professor Dr. Haseena Khan

Secretary, BAS

16 more JS body

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Chiefs of all of these standing committees were made from ruling AL lawmakers except for the public accounts committee.

The JS unanimously formed the parliamentary standing committees after Chief Whip Noor-e-Alam

Chowdhury Liton placed the chiefs and members of the committees, following approval by the Leader of the House and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Parliamentary standing committees are vital to ensure accountability and transparency of activities of different ministries.

Subservient foreign

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the people of the country captive and that is why they are afraid to protest,” he said.

Under the leadership of BNP founder Ziaur Rahman and his wife Khaleda Zia, Rizvi claimed, “Myanmar was unable to create tension along the border because they responded appropriately to any incident and strongly protested against any negative occurrence.”

The BNP leader said US President Joe Biden wrote a letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as part of their state-to-state relations.

“There can be relationships between one state to another state. But, the US has not declared that the January 7 dummy elections were valid,” he said.

“Relationships exist between states in trade, cultural, and economic aspects,” he added.

Enlightening Pabna

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occasions to uphold traditional and cultural heritages, Bokul added.

Professor Shibojit Nag, a life-long member of the library, said the historic library is hardly getting any avid readers due to deteriorating reading habits.

“Once upon a time,


this library would be full of teachers, researchers, writers, cultural activists, politicians and social workers. They used to come here to gather knowledge, but now reading trends are on the decline,” Nag said.

“Annoda Gobinda Public Library has been spreading the light of knowledge for 134 years,” he added.

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I, SIDDIQUE MD IQBAL, hereby declare that the full name of my son TANJEEV MD IQBAL is TANJEEV MOHAMMAD IQBAL and my full name is SIDDIQUE MOHAMMAD IQBAL vide Affidavit made before Notary Public, Dhaka, Bangladesh on 15 July 2016.

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