Stop filling up Barishal pond **HC** issues injunction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court vesterday issued an injunction, stopping authorities from filling up a century-old pond in Barishal city.

The directive came following a petition by BELA, prohibiting filing of the waterbody located in the city's ward 2.

An HC bench of justices Mustafa Zaman Islam and Md Atabullah issued the order after an initial hearing.

The court also asked why the authorities' failure to protect the pond should not be declared illegal, as it violates the constitution and existing environmental laws.

Rangpur finally gets city bus service

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

In a bid to ease inter-city transportation for locals, a bus service has been initiated in Rangpur City Corporation.

The service was inaugurated by Md Moniruzzaman, commissioner of Rangpur Metropolitan Police, yesterday, after a decade since the formation of RCC in 2012. The first vehicle started its journey from

CO Bazar area in the afternoon.

Initially, two buses of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation will ply between CO Bazar and Satmatha Mor, hitting the breaks at several designated stoppages, where passengers can avail the tickets.

Mentionable, over four lakh residents of the city are fully reliant on rickshaws and battery-run three-wheelers for inter-city communications.

16 more JS body formed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad formed 16 more parliamentary standing committees yesterday, all of which are headed by ruling Awami League lawmakers except one by an independent MP.

Independent lawmaker from Sylhet-5 Mohammad Huchamuddin Chowdhury was made chief of the parliamentary standing committee on religious affairs ministry.

Chief of 15 other standing committees are: education ministry (Nurul Islam Nahid), youth and sports (Zahid Ahsan Russel), cultural affairs (Asaduzzaman Noor), health (Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim), women and child affairs (Begum Sagufta Yasmin), Liberation War affairs (Rafiqul Islam), primary and mass education (Aftab Uddin), labour and employment (HM Ibrahim), commerce (Tipu Munshi), fisheries and livestock (SM Rejaul Karim), agriculture (Abdur Razzaque), environment (Dipankar Talukder), disaster management (ASM Firoz), petition committee (Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury) and library committee (Shamsul Haque).

Earlier, 12 of the total 50 standing committees were formed on Sunday, the second day of the first session of 12th parliament formed through the January 7 national election.

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While the early heritage of Annoda Gobinda Public Library has been replaced with modern facilities over the years, one thing that remains unchanged is its crowd of avid readers. PHOTO: STAR

ANNODA GOBINDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Enlightening Pabna for 134 years

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU

It is believed that the history of libraries stretches back 5,000 years, originating somewhere between ancient Mesopotamia and ancient Egypt. The history of libraries in our region is not well known, but modern libraries first popped up here around 1850, during

Since 2018, February 5 has been observed as National Library Day in Bangladesh. While there are many libraries around the country today, only a few of them have been able to successfully carry the spirit of spreading knowledge.

Annoda Gobinda Public Library, a private library in Pabna, is one such

Established in 1890 by zamindar Annoda Gobinda of Tantibandha estate in Pabna, this library is one of the oldest in the country.

The early heritage of this library has been replaced with new establishments over the years, but the spirit of the historic library remains the same, spreading the light of knowledge for 134

"Since my student life, I have grown accustomed to going to the library. To this day, I go there for my professional needs. I prefer going to Annoda Gobinua Public Library as it has a rich collection of history books," said Md Mostafa Sotej, a writer who is also a regular reader at the library.

More than 30,000 books -- of which 9,000 are century-old books and manuscripts -- are preserved in the library, according to library officials.

"Annoda Gobinda Public Library is one of the oldest libraries across the country. Many 100-150 year-old books are kept here," said Md Abdul Motin Khan, library secretary.

Beside old books, many documents written on palm leaves -- some as old as secretary said this library exhibits rare

books and publications every year.

According to historians, landlord Annoda Gobinda established a small library in the middle of the town in 1890 for the enlightenment of Pabna. Since then, the library has been located in the same place. It is now a four-storey building that provides services like 300 years -- are kept here, he said. The modern reading facilities, as well as an auditorium.



and various other subjects, but students mostly come to the library for their academic work and to study for job entrance exams, said Md Ahsanul Alom Bokul, the institute's librarian.

The library also holds cultural programmes to observe different SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

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Rab arrests butcher for killing colleague in Rajshahi

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion on Sunday night arrested the prime suspect in the killing of a butcher in Rajshahi's Bagha upazila.

On January 20, Al Mamun, 38, a butcher in Arani Bazar area, was stabbed to death by a fellow meat trader for selling meat at a cheaper price. He died on the way to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

A joint team of Rab-5 and Rab-8 arrested Mizanur Rahman Khokon, 35, from Shibchar area in Madaripur, Rab Director (Legal and Media Wing) Commander Khandaker Al Moin told a press conference at the Rab media centre in the capital's Karwan Bazar yesterday.

The Rab official said Khokon is a relative of the victim Mamun. They used to sell meat together in Arani Bazar area. On December 22, 2023, the Directorate of National Consumers' Rights Protection, the Meat Traders Association, and the Bangladesh Dairy Farmers Association held a joint

SC clears way for Hye to perform as elected MP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court chamber judge vesterday cleared the way for Awami League candidate Md Abdul Hye to perform as an elected member of parliament from Jhenaidah-1.

Justice M Enayetur Rahim, chamber judge of the SC's Appellate Division, stayed till May 13 a High Court order that stayed the Election Commission's gazette in this regard.

The judge passed the order following a petition filed by Abdul Hye and sent it to its full bench for a hearing on May 13.

Following a petition filed by independent candidate Nazrul Islam Dulal Biswas, Hye's rival in the polls, the HC on February 1 stayed for two months the EC's gazette.

In the election held on January 7, Hye got 94,379 and Nazrul secured 80,547 votes.

BIWTA eviction drive halted amid protest

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) had to suspend an eviction drive yesterday in Khulna's Rupsha area as timber traders and workers staged a protest, blocking the Rupsha Bridge road.

The traders said despite applying for a lease in 2007, the BIWTA did not respond until issuing an eviction notice on January 10.

Abdur Rashid, a timber trader, said, "The authority tried to evict us, so we protested their move."

The eviction drive, which was announced in the area on Sunday, led to a confrontation that prompted police intervention.

Md Mostafizur Rahman, deputy director of BIWTA, said, "We went there to conduct operations as per rules. But the traders and labourers attacked us and vandalised our vehicle.

The matter is now under the ministry's consideration, Rahman added.

Mohammad Hasan Arif



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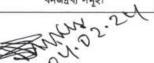
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বনজদ্রব্য বিক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সর্ব সাধারনের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরে কক্সবাজার উত্তর বন বিভাগের বিভিন্ন রেঞ্জ, বিট ও চেক ষ্টেশন কর্তৃক জব্দুকৃত/বড়েপড়া/থিনিংকৃত/জিম্মায় রক্ষিত/অপ্রধান বিক্রয়যোগ্য বনজদ্রব্য, অংশীদারিত্বের ভিত্তিতে সৃজিত মেয়াদ উর্ত্তীণ মার্কাকৃত খাঁড়া গাছের লটের বনজদ্রব্য এবং অন্যান্যভাবে আহরিত সকল প্রকার বনজদ্রব্য দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত কাঠ ব্যবসায়ী/সওদাগরের নিকট হতে লটসমূহের নিম্নে বর্ণিত তারিখ সমূহ ও শর্তাধীনে নির্ধারিত সিডিউলে নিম্নপ্লাক্ষরকারীর বরাবরে সীল্ড টেন্ডার আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। এতদসংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য জ্ঞাতব্য বিষয়াদি অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে অত্র দপ্তর হতে দেখতে ও সংগ্রহ করতে পারবে। সীল্ড টেন্ডারের বনজদ্রব্য ক্রয়ের পূর্বে অব্যশই তা সরেজমিনে দেখে নিতে হবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের পর বনজদ্রব্য না দেখার অজুহাতে কোন প্রকার ওজর আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য বিবেচিত হবে না। পারিপার্শিক অবস্থার প্রেক্ষিতে যে কোন সময় বিভাগীয় বন কর্মকর্তা দরপত্রের স্থান, সময় ও তারিখ পরিবর্তন করতে পারবেন।

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3 killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

At least three people were killed in road accidents in Munshiganj and Dinajpur in the last

two days. A 17-year-old college student, Swarna Akhtar, died when a truck collided with the motorcycle she was riding on around 10:00am yesterday near the Kamargaon area of Bhagyakul union.

Swarna was going to her college when the incident took place in Sreenagar.

Officer-in-Charge Abdullah Al Tayebi of Sreenagar Police Station said, "Swarna suffered severe head injuries and died on the spot."

Both the truck driver and the motorcyclist fled the scene.

Meanwhile, Binoy teenagers, Chandra Das, 16, and Jitu Mia, 15, died in a collision with a batteryrun van on Sunday night SEE PAGE 4 COL 1





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2nd CORRIGENDUM IFT No: CMSD/GR-2311/ICT/2023-24/Proc.2/12 Date: 18.12.2023 Procurement of "Meningitis & Influenza Vaccine"

The above mentioned IFT published in The Daily Star and The Daily Jugantor on 19.12.2023 and subsequently ended on 30.01.2024 is hereby amended again as below

Section II: Tender	Data Sheet	Existing Entries	Amended Entries 14-02-2024 11-00 A.M
ITT Clause 36.1	Bid Closing Date and Time	07-02-2024 11-00 A.M	
ITT Clause 42.2	Bid Opening Date and Time	07-02-2024 11-30 AM	14-02-2024 11-30 AM
Last Selling Date		06-02-2024 04-00 P.M	13-02-2024 04-00 P.M

All other terms and conditions of the IFT will remain unchanged

Director Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer শেখ হাসিনার মূলনীতি DPHE, Pirojpur District, Pirojpur. গ্রাম শহরের উন্নতি www.dphe.pirojpur.gov.bd

		Inv	itation for e-Tender notic	ce		
1	Ministry / Division	Local Government Division.				
2	Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE).				
3	Project/ Program Name	Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP-4).				
4	e-Tender IDs (with Package Number)	944794 944796 944798 944800 944808 944810 944812 944814	(PEDP4/WB-478), (PEDP4/WB-2028), (PEDP4/WB-2035), (PEDP4/WB-456), (PEDP4/WB-404), (PEDP4/WB-4033), (PEDP4/WB-2033), (PEDP4/WB-2031),	944795 944797 944799 944801 944809 944811 944813 944815	(PEDP4/WB-2029), (PEDP4/WB-2027), (PEDP4/WB-2034), (PEDP4/WB-2036), (PEDP4/WB-457), (PEDP4/WB-2032), (PEDP4/WB-2032).	
5	Description of works	Construction of 2 storied RCC WASH Block having 2 storied foundation for MT & boys and FT & girls including all associated construction, sanitary, plumbing & electrical works at Different upazilas in Pirojpur District FY 2023-24.				
6	Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender	Jayanta Mallick, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Pirojpur District.				
7	This is online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP Web Portal and no offline/ hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/ firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd					

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