

## 3 children drown in Noakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Noakhali

Three children drowned in ponds in Hatia and Subarnachar upazilas of Noakhali yesterday.

The victims are Asia Akhter, 4, Muntaha, 2, from Hatia, and Mujahidul Islam, 2, from Subarnachar.

Hatia Police Station OC Jisan Ahmed and Charjabbar Police Station Inspector Md Zainal Abedin confirmed the incidents.

Asia and Muntaha, while playing with other children, drowned in a pond near their house.

In Subarnachar, Mujahidul fell into a pond while playing outside. His body was found floating in the pond, said his uncle Arif Hossain.



A 15-metre long bridge constructed on the Ichhamati river by narrowing down the waterbody from both ends. Four other such unplanned structures have been built on the river, destroying its natural flow and navigability.

PHOTO: STAR

## Highway police to wear bodycams

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Highway Police introduced body-worn cameras for its personnel to enhance service quality and ensure transparency.

A total of 300 bodycams were distributed yesterday, to be worn by team leaders and those leading patrol units, Highway Police Additional DIG (HR & Media) Shamsul Alam told The Daily Star.

Inspector General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun inaugurated the cameras during the Highway Police Service Week 2024, starting yesterday at the Rajbari police lines in the capital.

Speaking at the event, Home Minister Asaduzzaman said highway police have kept the highways active. The country's cargo transport has been kept at normal capacity.

The IGP said artificial intelligence-based CCTV cameras have been installed on more than 250km of roads on Dhaka-Chattogram highway.

They also launched the "Hello HP" app to offer prompt assistance in case of accidents on highways.

Through the app, individuals in peril can trigger a notification to nearby Highway Police units within a 20-25 kilometre radius. However, despite the existence of 22,000km of national and international highways nationwide, only 2,291km fall under highway police jurisdiction.

# Choking Ichhamati in name of development

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU,  
Pabna

Construction of an unplanned bridge supposedly for road connectivity is choking the Ichhamati river in Pabna Sadar upazila.

Once a major lifeline in the region spanning across a vast area, the river has shrunk over the years to a width of barely about 120 feet due to rampant encroachment, pollution and unplanned construction of bridges.

The Department of Relief and Rehabilitation began construction of the 15-metre-long bridge in 2021-22 fiscal year, and completed the work last year at a cost of Tk 74.44 lakh.

The bridge, with 70-80 feet approach roads on both ends, connects Masimpur and Islampur villages under Goyeshpur union in the upazila.

Since the length of the bridge

is much smaller compared to the width of the river in the area, the approach roads were constructed by filling up the river on both ends, shrinking it further and causing siltation.

Such unthoughtful actions have led to the loss of the river's natural flow and navigability, said locals.

"Although the bridge eased communication for residents of the two villages, it is harming the river," said Md Abdul Mannaf of Masimpur village.

Md Saiful Islam, a school teacher of the same village, said, "We initially protested construction of such a small bridge considering the effect it

will have on the river, but the contractors said the project fund will be returned unless it is implemented."

Four similar 15-metre-long bridges have been constructed on the river in the adjoining areas under Goyeshpur union over the last few years.

Md Mosharaf Hossain, assistant director of Water Development Board in Pabna, said, "Ichhamati is minimum 120 feet wide in this area. Such unplanned projects to construct small bridges are choking the river to death."

Md Abdul Hamid Khan, secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon, Pabna, said, "When the

WDB has already taken up a mega project to rejuvenate Ichhamati at cost of Tk 1,554 crore, these unplanned bridges are nothing but a sheer waste of public funds and hence must be stopped for the sake of the river."

Md Motahar Hossain, chairman of Goyeshpur union parishad, said the villagers used to cross the river using makeshift bamboo bridges amid much sufferings, so the bridge was proposed to meet their needs.

"We executed the project as per proposal from local public representatives based on demands of the locals," said Md Rejaul Karim, district relief and rehabilitation officer in Pabna.

"The relief and rehabilitation department has no way to construct more than 15-metre-long bridges. No other project will be taken regarding Ichhamati river as the WDB mega project is ahead," he added.



## 7 killed, 6 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Seven people were killed and six persons injured in road accidents yesterday.

In Bogura, two teenage cousins died as a truck ran over their motorcycle at Sabgram in Sadar upazila.

The accident happened around 10:30am on the 2nd bypass of Dhaka-Rangpur highway when a truck hit their bike and another truck ran them over, said police.

Mahanur Islam, 13, and Sifat Islam, 15, sixth-graders of Karatoya Multimedia High School in Gabtali upazila, died on the spot.

Naruli Police Outpost Sub-inspector Sajjatul Islam said, "They were going home after refueling their vehicle in Sabgram area."

Meanwhile, a girl was killed and her brother injured when a sand-laden truck crashed into their motorcycle from behind in Sonatala upazila.

The accident occurred around 10:00am in Panchkuri Bridge area, said police.

Sahana Aktar, 17, a 12th-grader from the upazila who was on the motorbike, died on the spot, said police.

In Kurigram, a farmer was killed after a bus

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## Ctg to get BCL committee after 10 years

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

Leaders and activists of Chattogram city Chhatra League are excited as they will get a new committee after 10 long years.

The BCL central committee on February 1 called for interested candidates to submit applications with biodata by February 20.

According to sources, aspirants for posts of president and general secretary are already communicating with central BCL and local Awami League leaders.

In Chattogram, BCL leaders and activists are mainly divided into two factions -- one loyal to AL city unit general secretary AJM Nasir Uddin while the other to Education Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury.

These two leaders' opinions will play a vital role in forming the new committee.

The new 291-member committee is likely to be formed without any council like the two previous ones, sources said.

BCL central committee will pick the president, general secretary and other vital members in the new committee initially, who will then be entrusted to form rest of the body.

The last Chattogram city unit BCL committee was declared in 2013 with Imran Ahmed Imu

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## MURSHEDY'S GULSHAN HOUSE

### ACC submits documents to HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT


The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday submitted documents including the chain of title (historical background of ownership) and map of Gulshan house and plot of Awami League lawmaker Abdus Salam Murshedy to the High Court.

Senior lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan produced the documents on behalf of the ACC before the HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Kazi Ebadath Hossain in compliance with its previous order during hearing

on a petition.

The bench asked the lawyer to place those through swearing an affidavit and fixed February 25 for passing an order on this issue.

Earlier on February 8, the ACC produced a probe report before the HC bench saying that it has found fraudulence, forgery and abuse of powers over the house and plot of Abdus Salam Murshedy. Lawyers Mohammad Sayed Ahmed Raza and Aneek R Haque appeared for Murshedy and Sayedul Haque Suman respectively.



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Memo No. Raj/Pou/Prok/70 Date: 12/02/2024.

**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 works as mentioned in the following table:


Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of works	Tender last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time
945580	IUIDP-2/RAJ/P-15	1. Rehabilitation of Mazar BC Road starting from Tetutola Road to Dhunchi Road by Bituminous Dense Carpeting (DC) (Ch.00m-348m), at Ward No. 09, under Rajbari Pourashava, District: Rajbari	27.02.2024 13.00pm	28.02.2024 12.30pm
		2. Rehabilitation of Stadium Side BC Road starting from Kushtia Highway Road to Freedom Fighter Sohid-un-Nabi Alam House by Bituminous Dense Carpeting (DC) (Ch.00m-225m), at Ward No. 07, under Rajbari Pourashava, District: Rajbari		
945581	IUIDP-2/RAJ/P-16	3. Construction of RCC Road starting from Bhabanipur Main Road Near Chad Store to Faruk House (Ch. 00m-167m) & Link (A+B+C+D=6+30+51+17) at Ward No. 07, under Rajbari Pourashava, District: Rajbari	27.02.2024 13.00pm	28.02.2024 12.30pm
		1. Rehabilitation of Binodpur Main BC Road starting Binodpur Main Road 2 No. Rail Gate to Beribadh Via Palpara by Bituminous Dense Carpeting (DC) (Ch. 00m-800m), at Ward No. 03, under Rajbari Pourashava, District: Rajbari		
		2. Construction of RCC Road starting from 3 No. Beradanga Dulal House to Akkas Miah House Via Golaam Mostofa House (Ch. 00m-190m), at Ward No. 04, under Rajbari Pourashava, District: Rajbari		

These are 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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Commercial Section

**Invitation For Tender (International) for Purchase of**  
**8,000 (±5%) M. Ton Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.			
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.			
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable.			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.			
6	Invitation for	Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil			
7	Invitation Ref. No.	26.05.0000.016.09.332.24.512			
8	Date	13-02-2024			
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>					
9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (International)			
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	TCB's Own Fund.			
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>					
11	Package No.	TCB/Imp-53/Red Lentil/2023-24			
12	Package Name	Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil			
13	Tender Publication Date	14-02-2024			
		<b>Date</b> <b>Time</b>			
14	Tender Documents Last Selling Date and Time	31-03-2024 17:00 P.M			
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	01-04-2024 12:00 P.M			
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	01-04-2024 12:15 P.M			
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	<b>Address</b>			
	- Selling Tender Document of each item can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column.	(1) Sonali Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka. (2) Trust Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.			
	- Receiving Tender Document	In front of TCB's reception (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
	- Opening Tender Document	Board Room, TCB.			
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>					
18	Eligibility of Tenderer	Bona-fide Suppliers. Details conditions will be mentioned in the Tender documents.			
19	Brief Description of goods	Import of 8,000 (±5%) (Eight Thousand Plus Minus Five Percent) M.Tons Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil packed in 25/50 (Twenty Five/Fifty) kg bag.			
20	Price of Tender Document	Price of Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand)			
	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (USD/BDT)	Shipment Schedule
21	1.	Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil.	Offers are to be made on CFR (C) Chattogram (Previous name Chittagong)/ Mongla Port by Sea or CPT Benapole/ Bangla Hili/ Darshana/ Sonamasjid/ Bhomra/ Teknaf by rail/ truck.	Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to: USD 178,182 (US Dollar One Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Two) or BDT 1,96,00,000 (BDT One Crore Ninety Six Lac) Only in the form of Pay-Order/ Bank Draft must be issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh and Bank Guarantee from a foreign Bank must be endorsed by any local scheduled Bank. The Successful Tenderer is to submit 5% (Five Percent) Performance Security in the similar form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee.	Entire quantity of Goods is to be shipped within 16.07.2024
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>					
22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Khandaker Nurul Hoq			
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone No. 02-8180060	Fax No. 880-2-8180057	E-mail: <a href="mailto:tcb@tcb.gov.bd">tcb@tcb.gov.bd</a> , <a href="mailto:tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd">tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd</a>	
26	<b>Special Instructions:</b>				
	a. Incomplete, conditional Tender and alternative offer shall not be considered.				
	b. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all Tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason.				
	c. Tenderer who was awarded the Notification of Awarded (NOA) earlier but could not submit Performance Security (PS) in due time, will not be eligible for the Tender				
	d. Tenderer who's Performance Security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the Tender.				

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