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Karwan Bazar wholesale market to be relocated after Eid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The wholesale kitchen market at Karwan Bazar will be relocated to Amin Bazar after Eid-ul-Fitr, said Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Md Atiqul Islam yesterday.

The risky abandoned building of Karwan Bazar will be demolished at the same time, the mayor said while addressing a views exchange meeting with the wholesale traders at Gabtoli.

He said the city corporation will allot shops to the affected traders at the Amin Bazar wholesale market and those who won't relocate will have to "bear their own responsibility".

"If anyone does not go there even after being allotted, then it will be re-allotted to others as per rules," said the mayor.

In the first phase, 62 shops on the first floor and 114 shops on the second floor of Karwan Bazar market will be relocated to Amin Bazar market complex.

Besides, 180 tin-shed shops will be relocated to the open space of Amin Bazar market.

"Karwan Bazar is now at the heart of Dhaka. A wholesale market cannot exist in the heart of a city," the mayor said. He blamed the wholesale market for traffic jams in the area.

Speaking at the event, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan warned that the Karwan Bazar wholesale market building poses a significant risk, potentially resulting in casualties in the event of an accident or fire.

"According to the prime minister's directive, no business can be allowed to run in hazardous buildings. After Eid, the traders of the Karwan Bazar kitchen market will start moving. Businessmen will have to prepare for this," he said.



People queue up in front of an OMS truck on Asad Avenue in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday morning to purchase subsidised wheat and rice. Though the truck arrives around 11:00am, the wait starts at dawn. While some leave content after purchasing 5kg of rice and wheat for Tk 270, many have to return empty-handed.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Raise more funds for Rohingyas

PM urges Swedish crown princess

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to make an effort to raise larger international funds for the support of the Rohingya people.

She made the call at a meeting with visiting UNDP goodwill ambassador and Crown Princess of Sweden Victoria at a city hotel.

PM's speech writer Md Nazrul Islam briefed reporters after the meeting.

The prime minister said Bangladesh had given

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JU proctor resigns amid protests

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University (JU) Proctor ASM Firoz Ul Hasan resigned from his post yesterday amid widespread protests.

Prof Mohammad Alamgir Kabir, a teacher of the statistics and data science department, replaced ASM Firoz as proctor, according to an office order signed by the university's registrar. Alamgir, also the provost of Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Hall, will carry out the duties temporarily until further orders, the notice said.

Students and teachers under the banner "Nipironbirodhi Mancha (Platform against Oppression)", have been demanding removal of ASM Firoz Ul Hasan as proctor and Prof Sabbir Alam as the provost of Mir Mosharrif Hossain Hall for their alleged negligence in a rape incident on campus.

Over 3.4m street children without parental care

Says Unicef study on Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A recent study by Unicef has estimated that over 3.4 million children in Bangladesh are living on the streets without parental care.

The number is believed to be a conservative estimate, as indicated by a high court case highlighting the need for birth certificates for more than 3.4 million children living without parental support.

The study emphasises not only the urgent need for comprehensive interventions, but also the critical importance of addressing the systemic issues perpetuating the cycle of vulnerability and exploitation for street-connected children in Bangladesh.

The research sheds light on the multifaceted realities faced by street children, including safety concerns, health issues, limited access to education, and their daily struggles for survival. Most children living on the streets endure poverty, hunger, deprivation, disease, abuse,

The study brings to light how poverty, lack of access to education, absence of protection systems and services, and familial instability -- including violence -- drive children to live on the streets, where they encounter various forms of exploitation and abuse.

and severe social stigma.

The study report was presented at the launching ceremony titled "Children in Street Situations in Bangladesh 2024" yesterday, jointly conducted by the Bangladesh government and Unicef, with support from the EU and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), held at

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The joint study was conducted to assess the conditions of children living and working on the street, exploring the root causes of their disconnection from "home" and potential ways to serve them.

Based on the stakeholders, nine sets of qualitative questionnaires were developed corresponding to the study objectives. A professional research agency was hired to collect data, and ethical approval was obtained from the Institute of Health Economics (IHE) under Dhaka University.

The study attributes socio-economic disparities, family breakdowns, climate change, internal displacement, and urbanisation as reasons for the situations faced by street children.

Furthermore, the lack of child protection systems at the village level to address these concerns was also highlighted.

The study brings to light

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Derailment snaps rail link with north

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A carriage of the Panchagarh Express derailed on the east side of the approaching line of the Bangabandhu Bridge in Tangail, disrupting rail communication between Dhaka and northern destinations.

The derailment occurred around 9:40pm yesterday, confirmed Shah Sufi Nur Mohammad, the divisional railway manager (Paksey) of Bangladesh Railway, to The Daily Star at 10:05pm.

The railway authorities were not able to salvage the coach till 12:40am, he said.

The incident happened a day after the Bijoy Express train derailed in Cumilla, which injured several passengers and severed the rail link between Chattogram and Cox's Bazar from the rest of the country.

Three misguided 'geniuses'

DB arrests them for 'making phones' with spare parts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

They have no engineering, or professional degree. One of them completed SSC, while his two accomplices did not continue their education after classes eight and five.

However, they know how to make cellphones by assembling parts from those of top and expensive brands.

These phones with low-quality parts, in new packaging, are sold in different markets as "unofficial versions" of top brands, or as second-hand phones.

Cyber and Special Crime Division of the police's detective branch yesterday claimed to have arrested three members of such fake phone-making syndicates.

The arrestees are Al Amin Hossain, 24, Md Rasel, 31, and Md Shimul, 19.

Al Amin did not continue his studies after class eight, Rasel after class five and Shimul only completed his SSC.

Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said, "The syndicate was selling top quality and branded cellphones like Vivo, Oppo, iPhone, Realme, Realme, and Nokia by collecting the motherboard, and low-quality accessories."

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Narco couple held in Dhaka

They are wanted in 30 cases, say police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A couple, locally known as the "drug lord and drug queen" and wanted in at least 30 narcotics cases, were detained by police on Sunday night.

The husband, Sumon Mia alias Donga Sumon, 34, was wanted in 12 narcotics cases, while the wife, Joynob Banu Sumi, 34, was wanted in 18 narcotics cases.

They started their journey from a slum in Basabo area of the capital in 2008, and from there, they went on to become known as "drug lord" and "drug queen" in the diary of police.

A team of Khilgaon police claimed to have arrested the couple in a special drive.

Abdulla Al Mamun, assistant commissioner of Khilgaon zone of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, confirmed the development to The Daily Star yesterday.

"Based on a tip-off, we conducted a drive in the Khilgaon rail gate area and arrested Sumon with 700 pieces of yaba tablets first. During primary interrogation, Sumon confessed to having more narcotics in his residence," said Mamun.

"The police team then conducted a drive at Sumon's residence near the Sabujbagh Buddhist temple. From there, police recovered 500 pieces of yaba and four kilogrammes of marijuana and arrested Sumon's wife Sumi," said the officer.

Mamun said the couple has maintained their narcotics network in the capital's Khilgaon, Sabujbagh, Motijheel, and Basabo areas for a long time.

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SCBA POLLS Kazal denied bail in case over violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday denied bail to pro-BNP lawyer Ruhul Quddus Kazal in connection with a case filed over the violence during Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) election on March 8.

Judge Mohammad Morshed Alam of the Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court-6 passed the order after a petition was filed with the court seeking bail. Masud Ahmed Talukder, defense lawyer for Ruhul Quddus Kazal, told The Daily Star.

On March 14, another Dhaka court sent Kazal, who was the secretary candidate in SCBA polls, to jail after investigation officer Abul Kalam Azad, inspector of the Detective Branch (DB) of Police, produced him before the court on completion of a four-day remand.

Kazal was placed on remand in the case on March 10.

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Fishermen set up zero-mesh nets in the Shibsra river in Khulna's Paikgachha upazila to trap shrimp fries during high tides. Setting up such enclosures in waterbodies are illegal as the eggs and fries of all aquatic animals get trapped and killed, threatening the river's marine life. However, locals still choose this technique as they are able to catch 400-500 pieces of shrimp fries every 5-6 hours, selling each for Tk 1. The photo was taken yesterday.

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