

## Commerce ministry

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Act, 2024," "Foreign Voluntary Organizations (Regulation of Acquisition of Immovable Property) Act, 2024", and "Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission (Amendment) Act, 2024."

### FIVE-DAY HOLIDAY DURING EID

According to the predetermined schedule, government officials and employees will get a five-day holiday from April 10 to April 14 during the upcoming Eid. The Cabinet Committee on Law and Order recommended a holiday on April 9, but the Cabinet rejected it.

Eid-ul-Fitr will be celebrated in the country on April 10 or 11, subject to the sighting of the moon. However, the government

has fixed the Eid holidays for April 10, 11, and 12.

The cabinet secretary said their review of the Meteorological Department's report has shown that this year's Ramadan is most likely to be in 30 days.

### CHANGE IN WIDOW AND HUSBAND SUPPRESSION ALLOWANCE

The Cabinet has also approved the draft "Widow and Husband Suppression Allowance Scheme Implementation Policy, 2024," relaxing the limit of income to get the allowance.

Widows and women oppressed by their husbands, who earn less than Tk 15,000 a year will come under the allowance.

The current limit is Tk 12,000 per year, according to the existing rules.

## AL says it spent

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There is a provision for submitting the party's expenditure report within 90 days after the polls, detailing how much the party candidates can spend from the declaration of the election schedule to the

end of the election. The provision says if any party has over 200 candidates, it can spend a maximum of Tk 4.5 crore. Similarly, parties with over 100 but fewer than 200 candidates can spend Tk 3 crore in the election.

## No headway even

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was not interested in it. Due to this, Mehedi's relationship with Jamal Kha was deteriorating," said Kashem Bepari.

"Jamal's associates Jisan and Nabil were absconding after my son was murdered. I informed the IO about it, but police later did not look into the matter," he

claimed. Mahamudul Hasan, DB inspector and the new IO, said, "The IO in the case has been changed several times following the plaintiff's application. I was placed in charge of the case just two weeks ago. I have not visited the spot nor received the autopsy report yet."

## DRUMSTICK CULTIVATION

# A new hope for farmers in Khulna

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Nimai Chandra Roy, a retired teacher of Khalashi Buniya village under Khulna's Batiaghata upazila, planted some branches of moringa, or drumstick (locally known as sajne data), on fallow lands around his house three years ago.

The branches have since grown into trees and have been producing popular and highly nutritious vegetables with little or no input for their cultivation.

"Last year, I got 35 maunds of drumsticks and earned a good profit. This year, I planted around 200 more branches on the fallow lands around my house, shrimp enclosures, and even roadsides. I have already sold drumsticks worth Tk 80,000 this year, and hopefully will earn another Tk 40,000 selling the rest of the harvest," he said.

"Initially, it fetched Tk 120-160 per kg in the market, but now it is being sold at Tk 80-100 per kg. Even then, drumstick is a profitable crop, as it does not require any fertiliser, pesticide, or additional labour for cultivation," Nimai Chandra added.

Ranjan Bairag, another farmer in the same village, said he earned around Tk 50,000 by cultivating drumsticks on his fallow lands.

Like Nimai and Ranjan, around 240 farmers in the same village, as well as many others across Khulna region, are successfully cultivating drumsticks on acres

of fallow land that had previously been left unused.

The farmers are expecting a bumper and profitable yield of moringa this year if the weather remains favourable.

According to Department of Agricultural Extension, in 2022-23 fiscal year, a total of 2,997 tonnes of drumsticks were

Batiaghata upazilas, generating financial benefits for the farmers.

Pabitra Roy, a farmer from Khalashi Buniya village, said, "Around 10 years ago, people used to cultivate moringa on a small scale only for their family's consumption. Now it is being cultivated commercially due to its high demand, good



produced from 431 hectares of land across Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, and Narail districts. This year, the cultivation expanded to 533 hectares of land in the four districts.

The crop is being cultivated on 244 hectares of land in Khulna alone this year, up from 190 hectares last year, showed the DAE data.

Drumsticks are being cultivated on a large scale in over 100 villages under Khulna's Dumuria and

market price, and low cost of production."

"Wholesale traders come to the village almost every morning to buy drumsticks directly from us," he added.

Mohan Kumar Ghosh, additional deputy director of DAE in Khulna, said the cultivation of drumsticks is rapidly expanding on fallow lands in the region for its nutritional value and profitability.

"It has brought new hope to farmers in the region," he added.

## Not the first time

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where forest officials came under attacks by culprits involved in felling forest trees and razing hills in Cox's Bazar, he added.

The Department of Environment (DoE) in Cox's Bazar filed over 200 cases in Cox's Bazar in connection with razing of hills illegally. However, there have not been much progress in most of these cases.

"These people are part of an organised syndicate and they are so reckless that they even dare to attack forest officers almost every month since no proper action has ever been taken against them over the years," said Dr Sarwar Alam divisional forest officer of Cox's Bazar South Forest Division.

Meanwhile, a case was filed early yesterday in connection with the killing of Sazzaduzzaman, accusing 15 persons, including eight named accused and unidentified others.

The named accused

are: dump truck driver Md Bappi, 23; Syed Alam, 40, and his son Md Tarek, 20; Helal Uddin, 27; Syed Karim, 35; Md Babul, 50; Md Rubel, 24; Kamal Uddin, 39.

Of them, police arrested Syed Karim from the area yesterday morning, confirmed Md Shamim Hossain, officer-in-charge of Ukhiya Police Station.

"Drives are on to arrest the other accused," the OC added.

Gazi Shafiul Alam, a forest officer of Ukhiya Range, said, "We are all traumatised after one of our best officers got killed by the criminals."

"At least five dump trucks involved in transporting soil after razing hills illegally were seized in the last few months. All those trucks, including the one that was used to kill Sazzad, had no registration, and yet those were plying the highway," he added.

Sources said at least 2,000 dump trucks are involved in transporting hill soil in Cox's Bazar.

## 'Genuine' HSC, SSC

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Shamsuzzaman, who has been followed following the arrest, said he learned how to prepare the certificates from another system analyst who was also involved in forging.

He said he has so far produced and sold around 5,000 forged certificates and shared the profit with others involved in the operation.

DB chief Harun Or

Rashid said after receiving complaints, a DB official, using a false identity, contacted Shamsuzzaman for a fake certificate. He later delivered a certificate in exchange for Tk 35,000.

"One would pay depending on their requirement," he said.

Many have successfully enrolled at colleges or universities with these forged certificates, the DB official said.

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### INVITATION FOR TENDER

Memo No: EWU (Logistics)75/2024/189 Date: 01.04.2024

1	Tender Name	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Campus Greening Project of East West University
2	Tender No/Memo No	EWU (Logistics)75/2024/189
3	Eligibility of Tenderers	This invitation of Tender is open to all eligible Tenderers/ Firms.
4	Brief Description of the Project:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East West University is seeking proposals from the firms who are specialized in greening projects to optimize and enhance the utilization of available spaces on the campus to make the campus green. The University invites interested firms/bidders to submit detailed proposals outlining their expertise, methodology and proposed solutions for the greening initiative.</li> <li>The details of the project have been mentioned in the tender document which is available in the office of the Director of Finance (Room No#202).</li> </ul>
5	Price of Tender Document	Taka 1000.00 (Taka One Thousand Only)
6	Name and address of the Office(s) including last Date & Time for selling Tender Document	Office of the Director of Finance (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Room# 202) During office hour up to 2:30 P.M. on 25 April 2024 (The University will be closed from 05 to 14 April 2024 due to vacation of Eid-Ul-Fitr and Bangla New Year.)
7	Name and address of the Office(s) for dropping Tenders and Closing Time	Office of the Treasurer (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room No# 316) in the Tender Box. Tender Closing Time & Date: 02:00 P.M. on 28 April 2024
8	Date and Time for Opening of Tenders	Tender(s) will be opened on 28 April 2024 at 02:30 PM at the Conference room (4 <sup>th</sup> Floor), HR & Logistics Department, East West University.
9	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone No. 09666775577 (Ext: 347)
10	Special Instructions	The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Chief of HR & Logistics

## 114 women raped

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and girls were victims of torture and violence.

Among them, 54 women (including 41 girls) were raped, while 15 women (including 12 girls) were subjected to gang rape.

One woman and one girl were killed after rape, while seven women (including four girls) survived rape attempts during the same period.

BMP president Fauzia Moslem also condemned and expressed grave

concern over the recent incident in Mohammadpur, where a young woman was held captive for 25 days, and subjected to gang rape.

"The safety of women and girls in their daily lives outside their homes has become increasingly compromised, posing significant security threats. These acts of violence not only impede their ability to participate in the workforce but also hinder their overall progress," she said.

## CHT lagging behind

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organised the workshop in a city hotel. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) provided technical assistance to the programme. Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs secretary Md Mashiur Rahman was present in the workshop as the chief guest.

Daniel Novak, first secretary to Embassy of Sweden; Kristine Blokhuis, country representative,

UNFPA; Md Jahangir Alam Prodhan; Maqsurah Noor; and Mohammed Nizam Uddin of DGHS were also present at the programme.

Md Mashiur Rahman said, "If you want to achieve SDG goals, you have to use every component of state. We are ready to extend our support to ensure fast health care service for all."

## Four arrested

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four accused, hours after she was rescued by police.

According to the FIR, Salma introduced the victim to Saan, Saan, Rocky, and Himel raped the victim multiple times from February 23 on the Mohammadpur flat. Salma used to guard the victim when the trio was not around.

The victim screamed for help when the house was empty on March 30, the FIR added. People passing by heard her cries and called 999 which led to her rescue.

## Century-old raintrees to be felled

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said, "We will demonstrate to save those trees."

Meanwhile, CDA has yet to get permission from Bangladesh Railway to use this land.

"We got a letter from CDA to lease out this land for constructing a ramp. But we are yet to give permission [for the ramp]," said an official of BR estate department, seeking anonymity.

Project Director Mahfuzur confirmed that they have yet to get

permission from BR.

According to CDA, Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Enec) approved the Chattoogram Elevated Expressway project in July 2017. The original cost of the project was Tk 3,250 crore, and it was scheduled to be completed in June 2020.

However, the government was forced to extend the date as CDA failed to implement the project within the scheduled time. At present, the updated cost of the

project is Tk 4,298.95 crore, and the deadline has been shifted to June 2024 after two extensions. The elevated expressway will have 15 ramps at nine points, from Lalkhan Bazar to Patenga. With the ramps, the total length of the expressway will be 28.5km. The ramps will facilitate entry and exit at Tigerpass, Agrabad, Barik Building, Nimtala Biswa Road, Customs area, CEPZ, Karnaphuli EPZ, Katghar area and sea beach intersections.

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### Invitation for e-Tender

Invitation for e-Tender to be Invited in the National e-GP System Portal  
(http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the Procurement of the following goods

Sl.	Tender Id	Package No.	Description	Tender Publishing Date & Time	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing & Opening Date & Time
1	969104	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-29	Supply of Computer Modern Equipments Software Lab-2 (4112304)	02 April-2024 10:00	16-April-2024 13:00	16-April-2024 15:00
2	969109	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-30	Supply of Mechanical Modern Equipments (Machine shop) (4112304)			
3	969110	MPI/Rev/23-24/PG-31	Supply of Mechanical Modern Equipments (CNC Lab) (4112304)			

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.

The fees for selling/downloading the e-Tender Documents from the e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to Scheduled date and time.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd, +8809609112233, +8801762625528, +8801762625529).

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বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ  
কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল  
রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা।  
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সংসোধনী দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

প্রাপ্তিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট রেগুলেশন/০৮ (সর্বশেষ সংশোধনী) মোতাবেক চলতি ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরে কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা। a) Medical Equipment b) Web based & Mobile apps based Hospital Data Management System ক্রয়ের লক্ষে আরক নং-কেন্দ্র-পু/হা/দরপত্র/২০২৩-২০২৪/১১৮১১, তারিখ ২০/০৩/২০২৪ সূত্রে ২১/৩/২০২৪ সূত্রে এবং ২৩/০৩/২০২৪ সূত্রে প্রকৃতির বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্যান্য বিষয় অপরিবর্তিত রেখে দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় নিম্নলিখিতভাবে সংশোধন করা হল।

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এসেনসিয়াল ড্রাগস্ কোম্পানী লিমিটেড  
ঠনঠনিয়া, বগুড়া

সূত্র নং- ইডিসিএল/বগুড়া/ক্রা/২০২৪/২৯৫ তারিখঃ ০১/০৪/২০২৪ ইং

পুরাতন/অকেজো ক্রয় মালামাল বিক্রয় ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এসেনসিয়াল ড্রাগস্ কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (ইডিসিএল), বগুড়া কারখানার অববদ্বত পুরাতন/অকেজো ক্রয় মালামাল তালিকা অনুযায়ী বিক্রয়ের জন্য "পুরাতন/অকেজো ক্রয় মালামাল বিক্রয়" ঠিকাদার নিয়োগ করার লক্ষে প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে। বিস্তারিত নিয়মাবলীসহ পুরাতন/অকেজো মালামাল/ক্রয় তালিকা সংশ্লিষ্ট ইডিসিএল, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ৩৯৫-৩৯৭, পি/এ, তেজগাঁও ঢাকা-১২০৮, হিসাব বিভাগ ও ইডিসিএল, ঠনঠনিয়া, বগুড়া 'র হিসাব বিভাগের ক্রয় কাউন্সিলর হতে নগদ ১,৫০০.০০ (এক হাজার পাঁচশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) মুদ্রে আগামী ১৭/০৪/২০২৪ ইং তারিখ থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ক্রয় করা যাবে। অমহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে আগামী ০৬/০৫/২০২৪ ইং তারিখে বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে শুধুমাত্র ইডিসিএল, বগুড়া'র জমা বিভাগে রক্ষিত সিলমোহেরকৃত টেন্ডার বক্সে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২.১৫ ঘটিকার দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি থাকে) ইডিসিএল, ঠনঠনিয়া, বগুড়া'র খোলা হবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না।

সকল অমহী দরদাতাকে আগামী ২৩/০৪/২০২৪ ইং তারিখে বেলা ১১.৩০ ঘটিকায় ইডিসিএল, বগুড়া অফিসে ইডি-বিডি মিটিং এ উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

ইডিসিএল কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার পূর্ণ ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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