



Beaten by the heat, a rickshaw puller takes a moment to cool down at Bangabhaban Staff Quarters' Gate in the capital's Haatkhola yesterday. As the heat sweeps over the country, many are seen suffering on roads, especially fasting transport workers and office goers.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

SEIZED SAND SALE IN COX'S BAZAR

Forest department locks horns with Pekua UNO

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

Despite repeated notices from the Forest Department, the upazila administration of Pekua upazila in Cox's Bazar is reportedly going ahead with its plan to sell seized sand, which was illegally extracted from a reserve forest.

Saiful Islam, upazila nirbahi officer of Pekua upazila, reportedly wants to auction off around 4,00,000 cubic feet of sand from Harbang reserve forest under Barbakia Forest Office in Chattogram South Forest Division that was seized from sand lifters in May 2023.

A case was also filed against the sand lifters in this connection.

Habibul Hoque, ranger of Barbakia Forest Office, told The Daily Star, "We asked UNO Saiful several times not to sell the sand, but

he told us that he can sell the sand using his magistracy power."

Any forest property seized by any government department has to be handed over to the concerned forest

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Ranger, Barbakia Forest Office

officer for taking legal action under the existing Forest Act, the ranger also said.

The Forest Department has already sent a letter to the UNO of Pekua for not selling the sand

without obtaining permission from the concerned ministry, he added.

Asked why the Forest Department does not want to sell the sand, Habibul Hoque said illegal sand lifters would eventually buy the sand from auction and enter the forest to transport it.

This will provide them with an opportunity to identify forest resources that they will try to extract in the future, he also said.

This correspondent could not reach UNO Saiful Islam over the phone, despite several attempts.

The Daily Star has obtained a call record between the UNO and the forest ranger, where the UNO claimed, "We seized the sand. We can auction any illegal material using magistracy power."

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With Pahela Baishakh being a few days away, potter Ranjit Pal, with his wife Saraswati and daughter Antika, have been busy moulding handicrafts with clay at Senhati Palpara area in Khulna's Dighalia. The prices of these ecofriendly products ranges from Tk 10-150 in wholesale. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Onion farmers in the north eye losses

ANWAR ALL, Rajshahi

Even after a bumper harvest of onions this season in four districts of Rajshahi, a sharp decline in the price of the vegetable has left farmers struggling.

Onion was selling at around Tk 2,000 per maund even in mid-March when the harvest began. Now, the price is below Tk 1,500 per maund as farmers prepare to sell their harvests.

Around 6,00,000 tonnes of onions are expected to be harvested from 32,252 hectares of land this year in Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon and Chapainwabganj districts, according to the Department of Agricultural Extension.

Rajshahi alone produces almost half of the entire region's total onion production, DAE data revealed.

"The weather condition was perfect for onions this year. A prolonged winter helped both quality and yield of onions," said Atikur Rahman Sumon, a

farmer of Rajshahi's Durgapur upazila.

"I cultivated onion on two bighas of land, requiring around Tk 45,000 per bigha. Even after harvesting 80 maunds of onion, I am worried if I would even recover production costs, as the price is dwindling in the market," he lamented.

"In Baneswar market of Puthia and Amgachhi market of Durgapur, onion is being sold at Tk 1,200-1,420 per maund this week, while the price was Tk 1,800-2,200 last week," said Abu Taleb, another farmer from the same area.

"Farmers are worried that if prices keep declining, they will incur losses after preserving onions for next six months," he added.

"In recent times, farmers are increasing their production cost in onion cultivation by using more pesticides and fertilisers than required," says Mokhlesur Rahman, a sub-assistant agriculture officer of DAE in Durgapur upazila.

BNP uttering nonsense Says law minister

UNB, Brahmanbaria

Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said BNP is talking nonsense due to its fear of political existence.

He said this in response to questions from journalists about the BNP's stance on India at Kasba Upazila Parishad in Brahmanbaria.

He stated that when any political party fears about its existence, they tend to say things that make no sense. Whatever the BNP is saying is not to be taken seriously.

Later, he joined as the chief guest at a laptop distribution event among 80 female entrepreneurs at the Kasba Upazila Auditorium.

Brahmanbaria Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Habibur Rahman presided over the programme.

12 arrested over attempted robbery at Rampal plant

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Police have arrested 12 persons suspected of their involvement in the attempted robbery and attack on Rampal thermal power plant in Bagerhat in a case filed in this connection.

Md Shahidul Islam, habildar of Bangladesh Ansar battalion at the power plant, filed the case on Thursday with Rampal Police Station accusing 40 unidentified persons.

The arrestees are Manik Sheikh, 35, Fazlu Gazi, 55, Salam Sheikh, 30, Moni Gazi, 40, Noor Nabi Sheikh, 19, Asad Molla, 33, Abdullah, 33, Bayzid, 37, Rubel Sheikh, 26, Manzoor Gazi, 28, and Ashabur Gazi, 29. All of them are from Rampal upazila.

"Police arrested them from different areas in the upazila on Thursday. One of the arrestees, Ashabur Gazi, has a bullet injury likely sustained during the incident, and has been admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital for treatment under police custody,"

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An example of communal harmony

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

On the banks of Jadukata river in Sunamganj's Tahirpur upazila, thousands are gathering to celebrate two of the largest local religious festivals, reflecting communal harmony.

While many are visiting the three-day urs of Sufi Saint Hazrat Shah Arefin that started yesterday, others are planning to visit the riverbanks for "Pontirtha Maha Baruni Ganga Snan," scheduled to begin today at the birthplace of Advaita Acharya.

For centuries, the people of this upazila have been celebrating these two religious events together.

However, the local administration has restricted loud music at the events because of Ramadan.

Karuna Sindhu Babul, chairman of the upazila, said, "The preparations are done. We hope to welcome many from within the country and worldwide to join this event, as we believe communal harmony will be reflected this year too."

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e-Tender Notice - CCC/Rev/XEn-1/2023-2024/04

This is an online Tender where only e-Tender 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 (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fee for downloading the e-Tender Document of following packages from the National e-GP system portal has to be posted online through any registered Bank branches up to the time given below:

Sl. No.	Invitation Reference No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Tender document last selling date and time	Tender closing & opening date and time
1	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W15/07	Ancillary works including construction of CC road, fencing with GI net and installation of MS gate of the pond inside Sri Sri Chatteswari Kali Mandir at 15 no Bagmoniram Ward.	967149	21-Apr-2024 12:00:00	21-Apr-2024 14:00:00
2	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W22/08	Renovation of the house allotted to Manik Majumdar at Railway Hospital Colony Staff Quarter at 22 no. Enayet Bazar Ward.	967150	21-Apr-2024 12:00:00	21-Apr-2024 14:00:00
3	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W32/09	Interior and ancillary works of Regional Executive Officer office room and proposed 1st floor conference room (remaining part) in Laldighi Library Building at 32 no. Anderkilla Ward.	967152	21-Apr-2024 12:00:00	21-Apr-2024 14:00:00
4	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W15/10	Painting including ancillary work on urgent basis of (a) railings, median, retaining walls and footpath along Pologround Road (b) footpath along OR Nizam Road (c) footpath and median along CDA Avenue Road (East side from GEC to Lalkhan Bazar intersection) at 15 no. Bagmoniram Ward.	967417	21-Apr-2024 12:00:00	21-Apr-2024 14:00:00
5	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W15/11	Repair of damaged road by CC at Dampara 1 No. Goli main road and ancillary works including construction of boundary wall at East and South side of Shiraja Khatun Girl's School at 15 no Bagmoniram ward.	967418	21-Apr-2024 12:00:00	21-Apr-2024 14:00:00
6	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W22/12	Road painting of Nur Ahmed Road, Naval Avenue Road and Pioneer Road of 22 no. Enayet Bazar Ward.	967419	21-Apr-2024 12:00:00	21-Apr-2024 14:00:00
7	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W32/13	Repair with ancillary work of Shah Amanat City Corporation Super Market toilet block at 32 no. Anderkilla Ward.	967420	21-Apr-2024 12:30:00	21-Apr-2024 14:30:00
8	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W32/14	Removal of gallery, stage and other furniture from old Nagar Bhaban KB Abdus Sattar Auditorium on 1st floor at Anderkilla and replacement of it in 1st floor hall room of Community Center cum Disaster Management Control Center at Laldighir Paar.	967421	21-Apr-2024 12:30:00	21-Apr-2024 14:30:00
9	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W15/15	Maintenance work of toilets with other ancillary works at Dampara Electrical subdivision Office at 15 no. Bagmoniram ward.	967422	21-Apr-2024 12:30:00	21-Apr-2024 14:30:00
10	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W15/16	Renovation with ancillary works of 3 toilet blocks of Bagmaniram Abdur Rashid City Corporation Boys High School Building under 15 no. Bagmoniram ward.	967448	21-Apr-2024 12:45:00	21-Apr-2024 14:45:00
11	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W15/18	Supply & installation of drain/ surface drain and tiles with ancillary work in front of Bangladesh Mohila Somitee Girls High School & College under 15 no. Bagmoniram ward.	967450	21-Apr-2024 12:45:00	21-Apr-2024 14:45:00
12	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W32/19	Painting and ancillary work in the fire-damaged Shah Amanat City Corporation Super Market under 32 no. Anderkilla ward.	967451	21-Apr-2024 12:45:00	21-Apr-2024 14:45:00
13	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W22/20	Construction of broken drain at Gowlpara, Naval Avenue, Love Lane under 22 no. Enayet Bazar ward.	967452	21-Apr-2024 12:45:00	21-Apr-2024 14:45:00
14	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W15/21	Construction of retaining wall inside Chatteswari Kalimandir and ancillary works including laying of pavement tiles on walkway under 15 no. Bagmoniram Ward.	969404	21-Apr-2024 13:30	21-Apr-2024 15:00
15	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-1/W15/22	Development of Road No. 1 adjacent to Jame Masjid in Hillview Residential Area of 15 no. Bagmoniram ward. (Part)	969407	21-Apr-2024 13:30	21-Apr-2024 15:00
16	e-TENDER: CCC/23-24/Div-01/W32/23	Remaining (BT Ceiling, Glass partition, Wall Paper, Sliding Door, Glass Door etc.) and ancillary works of proposed conference room on 1st floor of newly constructed Laldighi Library Building at 32 no. Anderkilla Ward.	969408	21-Apr-2024 13:30	21-Apr-2024 15:00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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