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KARWAN BAZAR

Wholesale market relocation starts this month

DIPAN NANDY

The relocation of Karwan Bazar, the largest wholesale market hub in the capital, is likely to start by the end of this month.

Dhaka North City Corporation is taking all necessary measures to initiate the process of shifting the market to two designated locations – Amin Bazar and Jatrabari. The government is determined to relocate the market at any cost, labelling the current location as risky.

Currently, the city corporation owns four markets at Karwan Bazar, sprawled across approximately 24 bighas of land, comprising 1,789 permanent shops and 180 temporary ones.

Initially, DNCC proposed relocating the market solely to Amin Bazar in Savar, citing the presence of infrastructure tailored for this purpose there.

However, businessmen and traders of Karwan Bazar market demanded that their market be transferred to Jatrabari as well.

Earlier, businessmen applied to DNCC and Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, expressing their unwillingness to move to Amin Bazar.

They voiced apprehensions about the potential dip in business at Amin Bazar compared to Karwan Bazar. Their pleas included the proposal to relocate to an alternative location – Jatrabari, said DNCC sources.

On April 8, Mayor Atiqul Islam led a DNCC delegation to a meeting with the home minister where they discussed

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Just outside the capital, these brick kiln operations have wrecked havoc on the environment. Black smoke and dust clouds the entire area, almost resembling a scene from a post-apocalyptic film. The photo was taken in Aminbazar area recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Won't tolerate terrorists in Bangladesh

Says Rab DG

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Bandarban

There is no place for Kuki-Chin "militants" or any armed terrorists in Bangladesh, said Rab Director General M Khurshid Hossain yesterday.

He made the remark while briefing the media at Bandarban Circuit House after inspecting the operation of joint forces against Kuki-Chin.

"Proletarian armed forces in the country's plains have laid down their arms and returned to normal life, while pirates of Sundarbans did the same as well. So there's still a chance for peace-loving people of the hills to return to their normal lives by surrendering," he said.

"If they want to convey information to us by any means, we're ready to negotiate with government for their surrender and

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TEACHER REG EXAM 2020

Let candidates above 35yrs apply: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has directed the Non-Government Teachers' Registration and Certification Authority (NTRCA) to allow candidates, who have passed the 17th Teacher Registration Examination-2020 and are now above 35 years' old, to apply for the posts of teachers at non-government educational institutions.

The court also issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government to explain why the age limit for the applicants should not be determined as per the notification issued by the Ministry of Public Administration in 2022.

The HC bench of Justice Md Khasruzzaman and Justice KM Zahid Sarwar

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Tangail's only gym a Rab camp for 18 years

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

The only gymnasium and indoor sports facility in Tangail once used to buzz with members engaged in vibrant sports activities and athletics, alongside being a hub for fitness enthusiasts.

However, this lone facility in the district for athletes, gymnasts, and bodybuilders is no longer being used for its actual purpose.

Instead, for the past 18 years, the Rapid Action Battalion has been using the building and its premises as a camp for the members of the Crime Prevention Company (CPC) 3 of Rab-14.

The facility, built in front of the district stadium in 1976, used to serve as a venue for physical training, gymnastics, weightlifting, badminton, volleyball, judo, and karate sessions, among others.

However, due to the facility being occupied by Rab-14, local athletes have long been deprived of indoor sports facilities.

According to sources at the Tangail District Sports Association, following a request from the local administration, the association allowed Rab-14 to use the facility as a temporary solution to the accommodation



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crisis for CPC 3 members in 2006.

According to Rab-14 camp sources, more than 100 members and officers of CPC 3 are accommodated in the building.

However, even though the sports association later wrote to the local administration several times demanding the building and its premises be vacated, but to no avail, sources also said.

Mirza Mainul Hossain Lintu, general secretary of the sports association and also a former footballer, confirmed the matter.

"I have already written to the local administration to get the building back. Those who were in charge of the sports association before me also sent letters. However, there have been no steps taken yet," he said.

Lintu also said Rab constructed different structures inside the building without discussing the matter with the association.

Local athletes and sports organisers expressed frustration, saying the sportsmen in the district are deprived of the amenities to train and keep themselves fit.

"We used to train in the gymnasium until Rab members began to use the facility as a camp. Now we have nowhere to train in the entire district," said Shafiqul Islam Lovlu, a black-belt holder in karate.

Masud Rubol and Tanjjezul Aziz, fellow karateka, echoed him.

"The Rab members must be accommodated,

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Dhaka will face no waterlogging this year: Taposh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday said there will be no waterlogging in the capital during the upcoming rainy season.

He made the remark while inspecting the cleaning activities of the Panthakunja box culvert in the capital.

"Last year there was waterlogging in some places, especially in front of New Market and Shantinagar. We have cleaned up the areas to free them of the filth that stopped water flow," said the mayor.

"We are also constructing a big drain to get water to flow through Pilkhana. If this can be done, there will be no waterlogging in that area," he added.

Regarding the dengue situation, Taposh said, "We have taken advanced measures to control Aedes mosquitoes. We have no manpower crisis, and we'll take action if mosquito infestation increases anywhere."

Regarding Panthakunja Udyan, he said, "We want to present an aesthetic park to the people of Dhaka. However, a large portion of the park will be evicted due to the work on the elevated expressway. Still, the portion we were able to protect, we will be able to open it to people before July."

Nine Dubai-Dhaka flights cancelled for rain in UAE

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of nine flights under three foreign airlines bound for Dhaka from Dubai and Sharjah were cancelled yesterday due to record rainfall in the United Arab Emirates.

Of the three airlines, Air Arabia cancelled five flights, while Emirates and Fly Dubai cancelled two each, said Group Captain Kamrul Islam, executive director, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The rains began late Monday and by the end of Tuesday, more than 142 millimetres (5.59 inches) of rainfall had soaked Dubai over 24 hours.

At the airport, standing water lapped on taxiways as aircrafts landed.

The airport ended up halting arrivals Tuesday night and passengers struggled to reach terminals through the floodwater covering surrounding roads.

12 drug kingpins amass Tk 178.44cr
Former MP Bodi's brothers among them, says CID

MUNTAKIM SAAD

The Criminal Investigation Department discovered assets worth Tk 178.44 crore belonging to twelve "drug kingpins," including two brothers of a former Awami League lawmaker Abdul Rahman Bodi.

CID's investigation into 35 money laundering cases filed between 2017 and 2023 revealed the involvement of these individuals, primarily based in Cox's Bazar, said CID Chief Mohammad Ali Mia in a press conference at its headquarters yesterday.

"His [Bodi] brothers – Aminur Rahman and Abdur Shukkur – smuggled drugs in various ways from Myanmar," the CID Chief said.

Bodi himself was previously named as the "kingpin" of yaba trafficking by the Department of Narcotics Control. "If we find evidence against him [Bodi], he wouldn't be spared," he said.

So far, 122 people have been arrested in 35 cases. Among them, there are at least 10 godfathers, the CID official added.

The CID has confiscated 9.14 acres of land and two houses worth Tk 8.11 crore from the suspects in three cases. Additionally, Tk 1.01 crore, kept in various bank accounts, has been seized.

Confiscation proceedings are underway for another 35.173 acres of land, 12 houses, and one car – valued at Tk 36.82 crore all together.

The CID chief also cited a Police Headquarters data that 79,675 drug cases were filed across the country in

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Shops set up on the footpath opposite Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium are now selling solar panels so that people can fight the woes of load shedding. These working panels are a popular item amongst lower income groups. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN