

JASHORE ROADS

Forest dept to fell 2,044 trees

Locals protest decision

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While Jashore has been suffering from a heatwave over the last three weeks, the Forest Department has decided to cut down 2,044 trees on four roads in the district.

A tender notice -- signed by Abul Kalam, Jashore divisional forest officer of Social Forest Division -- was published in this regard in two local newspapers on April 25 to sell the trees, reports our local correspondent.

Meanwhile, environmental organisations protested the decision, citing the chopping of trees as one of the main reasons for the extreme heatwave and urged plantation of more trees.

"Tenders are being invited on specified conditions for the sale of forest trees and other forest products that have passed the cycle of social forestry," the notice read.

The notice said 243 old trees along a 3km stretch of road from Narendrapur in Jashore Sadar upazila to Andulia, 979 old trees along the 9km stretch from Chanchra-Bhaturia Sharapole to Tentulia village, 502 old trees along the 4km stretch in Keshabpur upazila from Barendra



Bazar to Pacharai, and 310 old trees along the 2km road from Bagharpara upazila's Dhoakhola Bazar to Talbaria are to be sold.

The trees include rain trees, bakain (chinaberry), oak, mahogany, shegun (teak), babla (acacia), and khai babla (edible acacia).

Md Ohidullah, a social worker of Chanchra union in Jashore Sadar upazila, said the environment of this area is relatively cooler as there are many trees on both sides of the Chanchra-Bhaturia road.

"There are also many bird nests in the trees. If the trees are cut down, the balance of nature

will be disrupted," he added.

Jashore DFO Md Abul Kalam said, "The trees are a part of social forestry. After a specified rotation period, these trees are cut down and reforested. It has been decided to cut down the trees according to the rules."

However, the Jashore Road Development and Century-Tree Protection Committee protested the decision of the Forest Department.

Committee convener Khandaker Azizul Haque and member secretary Zillur Rahman in a statement said the Forest Department has invited tenders for the sale of more than two thousand very old trees for social forestry. "We are condemning and protesting this ineffective initiative of the Forest Department."

"We demand the cancellation of the tender call immediately," it said. At the same time, they called upon conscious citizens to unite against those who destroy nature.

On January 18, 2018, the High Court issued a stay order for six months on the felling of century-old Jashore-Benapole highway trees in the backdrop of protests against the government's solution to widen the road.

Newspaper hawkers' association gets new committee



Mannan Jahangir

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Mohammad Abdul Mannan and Mohammad Jahangir Alam have been elected president and secretary of Dhaka Sangbadpatra Hawkers' Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity Ltd recently.

Besides, ABM Belal Hossen was elected vice-president. The election was held at an annual general meeting at the Samity's central office on May 4, said a press release.

The 12-member committee include Md Sarif Hossen, Md Abul Kashem, Md Deloar Hossen, Md Sirajul Haque, Md Joyal Abedin, Md Abu Hanif, Nurur Zaman, AKM Monir Hossen Bhuiya, Shah Alam Patowary.

PASSPORT VERIFICATION 9 cop imposters held in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine people have been arrested for allegedly extorting money from passport applicants by posing as officers of the Special Branch (SB) of police.

SB carries out police verification of passport seekers. The arrestees with the help of some staffers of passport offices used to collect the details of the applicants and posing as SB officers used to demand money to get their police verification done.

Upon receiving allegations, a team of detectives arrested them from different areas in the capital, said Harun Or-Rashid, chief of the detective branch of DMP at a press conference yesterday.

The arrestees are: Kazi Mohammad Belal Hossain, Jasim Uddin, Al Amin Gazi, Hasan Ahmed, Sohag Alam, Hossain Mollah, Nuruzzaman Mia, Mamunur Rahman and Rasel Islam.

The gang members used to collect details of the passport applicants with the help of office assistants, Ansar members and other staff working at different passport offices and send those to Belal and Jasim.

The two used to call the applicants by identifying themselves as police officers, Harun said.

The scammers asked passport applicants about their personal information and promised quick verification without home visits for a bribe, Harun said.

UCEP Bangladesh VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT. UCEP Bangladesh is a non-governmental organization that provides Technical and Vocational Education and Training and Decent Work to youth. UCEP is seeking applications from qualified candidates to fill up following vacant positions in a project Alternative Learning Programme (ALP) funded by UNICEF.

High-level meeting to control

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The man driving the truck did not have the licence required for heavy vehicles.

A probe into the road crashes found either the vehicles had no fitness clearance, drivers had no valid licence, or the road had issues.

Contacted, Amin Ullah said they have been conducting daily mobile court sessions.

"Although we are taking action, road crashes are not coming down. We are going to hold the meeting to know why this

is happening," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

An official of the division said there are road safety councils at district and upazila levels under the leadership of deputy commissioners and UNOs.

Besides, police enforce traffic laws at district and upazila levels too, he said.

Divisional commissioners and range DIGs are supposed to monitor these works, he said, adding, "The meeting is going to be held to know whether there were any problems there and

strengthen the monitoring."

In March 2019, a committee commissioned by the government provided III recommendations to decrease road accidents and instill order in the transportation sector. Subsequently, a task force led by the home minister was established that year to execute these recommendations, yet despite holding numerous meetings over the past four years, nearly all the suggestions have gone unimplemented.

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Left behind

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In most families, the migrant workers are the sole breadwinner of the family, while the other family members lack effective financial management skills, he also pointed out.

Many families become trapped in a vicious cycle of debt, often to finance the expenses associated with migration and, in many cases, to sustain extravagant spending habits driven by competition with others, he also highlighted.

He emphasised the importance of providing special care to the children of these families by teachers, particularly regarding the responsible use of the technology.

"The migrant workers

are deprived, and in some cases deceived, and it is unfortunate that the children of these families are going astray. This is completely unacceptable," said Prof Rasheda Irshad Nasir, dean, faculty of social sciences, Dhaka University.

"As citizens of a developing country, we encourage both men and women to migrate to earn remittances for the country. Family members need counseling to understand the importance of responsible money management; otherwise, it can have detrimental effects on the earners who are far from home for years on end," she added.

The session was chaired by JU VC Dr Sadeka Halim.

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Shib Narayan's parting

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Abul Kalam, another recipient of a cornea, stated, "I've been unable to see with my left eye since childhood, but now, after the implant, my vision has been restored."

BSMMU's Dr Rajashree Das conducted the cornea collection and transplantation process. She said the corneas are to be collected within six hours after a person's death and the procedures

of transmission take only 10-15 minutes. BSMMU VC Prof Deen Md Nurul Haque also spoke at the event.

Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh Local Government Engineering Department Office of the Upazila Engineer Harirampur, Manikganj. Memo No: 46.02.5628.600.14.382.22-212. Dated: 06/05/2024. R-Tender Notice (3rd CALL) Invitation for Tender (Works) No. 07/2023-24. e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP system portal (https://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following work, details are given below:

People bear

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As households spend 67 percent of the total health spending, the total OOP expenditures are about Tk 1,07,386 crore, he said, adding that the government allocation would have to increase threefold to reach the goal of reducing OOP expenditures to 30 percent.

Prof Hamid said there is also a lack of quality private hospitals across the country, especially at the upazila and district levels.

He stressed the need for a robust community-based healthcare system focusing on preventive and promotional care, with community clinics as the primary point of contact.

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