

Do not go to polling centres Rizvi urges people

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BNP yesterday urged voters not to go to the polling stations today to cast their votes in the first phase of upazila parishad polls.
"The upazila polls will start tomorrow [today] and will be held in four phases. We call upon everyone to tell your relatives, brothers, and sisters all over the country not to go to the polling stations," said BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi.



Procurement of boro starts

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Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder yesterday instructed officials of the food department to not harass farmers when they come to sell paddy at the government depots.
If any farmer makes any complaints of misbehaviour or harassment against any official, strict action will be taken against them, he said.
"Farmers or even anyone can make their complaint over the phone. Two numbers will be provided on the website of the food ministry to receive such complaints," he said at the secretariat after inaugurating rice and paddy procurement of the ongoing boro season.

Tagore's legacy fading away in Kushtia

Estate in Shilaidah left uncared for

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, back from Kushtia
In Shilaidah of Kushtia's Kumarkhali upazila, Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore spent days to leave the hustle and bustle of Kolkata and engross himself in his literary pursuits.
While staying at Shilaidah Kuthibari, he penned some of his most famous works in literature, including "Shonar Tori", "Chokher Bali" and "Bisharjan".
More than 150 priceless collections and photos are on display at Shilaidah Kuthibari, which is established on 16 acres of land, said its custodian Md Al Amin.



Renovation work for Shilaidah Kachharibari is ongoing.

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the DoA has so far managed to bring only six decimals of the total five-acre land of the property in its possession, while the rest remains occupied.
"Earlier, the Kachharibari was used as a government office for many years before it was abandoned. The DoA took its charge in 2018," said Md Al Amin,

also in-charge of the archaeological sites in Shilaidah.

"We started renovation work of the Kachharibari a year ago at a cost of Tk 60 lakh under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to bring it back to its original shape," he also said.

"Most lands of the Kachharibari still remain occupied. We have plans to open a museum after the renovation work is completed next year," Al Amin added.

Meanwhile, the Maharshi Charitable Dispensary, located on the bank of Padma river, is now in a sorry state due to lack of maintenance.

It was in use as a medical centre for residents of Shilaidah till the 1980s until it was left abandoned, said sources.

"The dispensary holds many memories of Rabindranath Tagore. It is now on the verge of destruction after being abandoned for years without maintenance," said Md Gazi Tarek Hasan, chairman of Shilaidah union parishad.

Md Al Amin, however, said they got charge of the dispensary and its 16 decimals of land in 2018. "We will submit a plan to renovate it as part of a plan to develop a Rabindra Heritage Site comprising all establishments under Tagore's estate," he also said.



Maharshi Charitable Dispensary at the bank of Padma.

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Apart from Kuthibari, several other establishments in Tagore's estate in Kushtia that have been placed under the custody of the Department of Archaeology, however, are lying uncared for.

FAKE JOB OFFER IN KYRGYZSTAN 3 of a trafficking syndicate held

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Sona Mia, 39, a rickshaw-puller in Rajbari, saw an advertisement on YouTube in December last year, that a company -- "Jannat Trade International" -- offers working visas for washing cars in Kyrgyzstan.
A monthly salary of Tk 60,000 to Tk 65,000 will be paid for the job, said the advertisement.

Allured by the offer, Sona Mia contacted the company, which asked for Tk 5 lakh for the visa, plane ticket, and Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training card.

With dreams for a new beginning, he sold his rickshaw, cattle and house to arrange Tk 5.12 lakh and paid it to Jannat Trade on March 12. Upon payment, the company gave him the said documents and asked him to come to Dhaka airport on April 7 for departure.

But the dream turned into a nightmare as the immigration official informed Sona Mia that the documents were fake. Two other fortune seekers -- Akash Sheikh, 21, and Akter Sarder, 23 -- trying to travel to Kyrgyzstan with fake plane tickets and visas from the same company were also sent back from the airport.

"I realised that I got scammed. When I contacted the company, they offered to arrange the plane ticket again, but stopped all communication afterwards," Sona Mia told The Daily Star recently.

He then filed a case with Paltan Police Station. The counter-trafficking unit of CID arrested three persons from different areas of the capital on Monday, for embezzling money and attempting to traffic people. The arrestees are Ibrahim Malic Nahid, 35, owner of Jannat Trade International, and his two associates -- Laboni, 36, and Arifur Rahman Sadi, 24.

Shajahan Hossain, in-charge of the unit, said, "Jannat Trade International has no manpower or even airline ticketing licence. The company just received tours and travel licence in November of last year, but they were involved in sending people abroad for over a year."

In primary interrogation, the arrestees admitted that they had sent six people to Kyrgyzstan on 59-day tourist visas.

CID communicated with three of them, and they said before sending them to Kyrgyzstan, the company assured them of providing jobs at garments, chocolate factories and food packaging factories.

"But none of them got any jobs, and they are passing miserable days in Kyrgyzstan now. We are trying to know how many people fell victim to the company and are stuck in the country now," said Shajahan, also an additional SP of CID.

The CID team recovered 33 people's files from the company's office in Paltan.

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