### 4kg crystal meth seized in Cox's Bazar

UNB, Cox's Bazar

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 4.025 kilogrammes of crystal methamphetamine and detained a man during separate drives in Teknaf and Ramu upazilas of Cox's Bazar on Thursday night.

The detainee is Md Nur Mohammad, 39, of Paschim Paglir Beel area of Ukhiya upazila of the district. Lt Col Md Mohiuddin,

commander of the BGB-2 in Teknaf, said they conducted a drive in Lambori Ghat area adjacent to Teknaf-Cox's Bazar Marine Drive Road, after being tippedoff that a haul of drugs would be smuggled from neighbouring country Myanmar via waterway. As a man was spotted

coming to the Marine Drive Road from the Ghat with a bag, the frontier forces signaled him to halt. The suspect then fled towards a forest, leaving the bag, said the BGB official.

A total of 2.045 kg drugs was recovered from it. Efforts were on to find the drug dealer.

BGB's Ramu zone commander Lt Col Syed Wahiduzzaman said they also conducted a drive

in the Goaliya Link Road around 11:00pm. They intercepted a Cox's Bazar-bound bus and recovered 1.980kg of crystal meth from a shopping bag belonging to passenger Nur Mohammad. The detainee was handed over to Ukhiya

# FROM PAGE 5

Police Station after filing a

the official

case, he added.

concerned, mentioning that the action of Moniruzzaman is a violation of the Government Servants (Conduct) Rules, 1979. It also requested the

home ministry to inform the EC about the action taken, including departmental proceedings against Moniruzzaman.

Wearing his official uniform, Moniruzzaman went to the Awami League party nomination paper.

His brother, Shailkupa AL General Secretary Wahiduzzaman, the AL candidate in the Jhenaidah-1 by-election.

ending six years of forced

exile, the AL president said

she had been welcomed by

hundreds of thousands of

people defying the storm

She said when she

in 1981, the country was

then run by war criminals

and the killers of Father of

the Nation Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

along with most of his

The prime minister said

she returned to the country

despite knowing she might

have been killed as she had

Almost Ready

family members.

and rain on that day.

AL is the strongest

**AMTALI OF BARGUNA** 

# 18 years on, no dedicated building for police outpost

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

There is no dedicated building for the Gazipur Bazaar police outpost in Amtali upazila of Barguna for 18 years.

The police outpost was set up on October 19, 2006 at Gazipur Bazaar, about is 10 kilometres east of Amtali town, considering the security of the traders and local residents.

The 18 police personnel -- including two police inspectors, three assistant police inspectors and 13 constables – posted to this outpost have been using an old, abandoned warehouse to set up the office as well as their accommodation since then.

Visiting the place recently, this correspondent saw the warehouse does not have proper ventilation due to inadequate doors and windows, causing much sufferings to the policemen amid the heat. The two doors of the warehouse on both sides are damaged and cannot be closed, thereby posing a security risk. Therefore, the policemen sleep with the lights on at night. A few makeshift beds can be seen inside, which are being used

alongside insufficient light and ventilation, accommodation.



Another policeman echoed him, saying they can hardly sleep at night due by the staff to sleep, while the office is set up in to the heat after toiling for work all day long. Both of them urged the authorities "Without necessary accommodation, concerned to ensure them proper

anonymity.

Inspector Dibakar Chandra, officer-incharge of the outpost, said, "We are having a lot of trouble living and working in this way. A new building for the outpost is needed to solve this problem."

Contacted, Md Mozammel Hossain Reza, additional superintendent of police in Barguna, said the Police Headquarters has

"A new building will be constructed if funds are available," he added.

purposes.

countries."

to deploy members of the

force to countries in the

Middle East, including

Deputy Director General

Fakhrul Alam told The

Daily Star that the process

"During the recent

visit of the deputy foreign

minister of Saudi Arabia,

the issue was discussed

with the home minister.

In light of that discussion,

we sent a letter saying

that our members are

ready to serve in foreign

ministry to consider Ansar-

window of opportunity

be different than police

or other forces who are

serving abroad. And this

will not impact the service

opens," he added.

VDP as a top priority if a

"We requested the

is in an initial stage.

Saudi Arabia, for security

been informed of the matter.

# Govt, NGO officials

experiences from the Technologies".

She also called for reducing the waterrequiring rice cultivation rice fields are emitting methane, accelerating global warming.

Following presentation, the minister doing regarding the rice cultivation issue. He also asked why they

cannot perform like NGOs. In response, Dr

Fazlul Haque, head of Rajshahi regional office of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), said the idea of reducing rice production in Barind would be fatal for the country.

Moreover, a BRRI research disagreed with the concept of rice fields by generating methane, he added.

Barind region has contributed to the ensure proper extension of country's food safety by agriculture in the country.

producing 6 crore tonnes region and shared their of rice annually, Haque experiences from the said, adding, "Research project titled "Introducing proved the rice fields in the Efficient country absorb 38 million tonnes of carbon dioxide."

Md Abdur Rouf, programme development lead of Syngenta in the region, saying Foundation, said BRRI's calculation might be wrong as methane emissions are

globally acknowledged. Meanwhile, Rashid, executive director asked agricultural officials of Barind Multipurpose what they have been Development Authority, said they reduced 2 percent of water use by introducing pre-paid meters and Wetting and Alternate Drying (AWD) projects.

On the other hand, Dr Md Shakhawat Hossain, senior scientific officer of On-Farm Research Division of BARI, said they identified that AWD projects will not be successful without precision land levelling. Then the minister asked

the officials not to argue harming the environment with each other and to work together instead. Не also directed

agricultural officials to

#### Female RMG FROM PAGE 3 Before the national budget,

Sultan

Uddin there needs to be a serious Ahmmed, executive director of Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, said, "Female industrial workers are increasingly empowering themselves to support their partners and kids. We are steadily making progress in the RMG sector." Zakir Hossain, chief

executive of Nagorik Uddyog, said, "The economy of Bangladesh is heavily dependent on garments lawmaker Afroza Haq Rina

and migrant workers. also spoke at the event.

required to create a better society for these workers." More initiatives must be taken to ensure proper safety on the roads and workplaces, as well as at the homes of these women

garment workers, he added.

discussion on what is

Mahfuzur Bhuian, joint secretary at Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments, and former

# Formulate pro-people

FROM PAGE 3 Towfigul Islam Khan, a

senior research fellow at the Centre for Policy said Dialogue, government cannot meet many deficits in the budget, as the taxes paid by the people do not largely reach the government.

It is important to find for the youth. out how much of the "The deployment will expenditure is being used for the people, he added.

Monowar general of Democratic Movement, said there was for no scope for democratic development.

speech in the budget. "This is done in such secrecy that there is no involvement of the common people," he added.

emphasised the necessity of formulating a pro-people and work-oriented budget to create self-employment They noted that the

National Youth Policy 2017 has not Mostafa, enough attention to youth employment generation Budget and called for training human

#### Barishal museum fails to attract Ansar-VDP eyes FROM PAGE 3 Bangla on 27 decimals of Museum is vast, but this FROM PAGE 3 take necessary measures

individuals museum daily.

one corner.

Rahman, Ur assistant custodian of

the museum, said the lack of funds prevented any significant initiative EC seeks action aimed at preserving the antiquities in the region.

separate office for the museum at the divisional level," he said.

"There are at least 25 archaeological sites in Barishal division, including Tagore estate of Barishal Sadar, Mallikpur Mosque in Nalchhity upazila, Sikdar Bari Mosque in Kathalia upazila, Kalsakathi Zamindar Palace in Bakerganj upazila and Sher-e Bangla AK Fazlul educationist, echoed him. office on April 29 and Haque's ancestral home. Of his brother's those, only two structures could be brought under of Barishal and Khulna conservation scope," he said.

Arif informed that a museum was established renovation works for in 1978 in a part of the heritage sites under

land in Chakhar union under Banaripara upazila.

However, a bungalow used by Sher-e-Bangla there, as well as a "kachhari ghar" owned by Sherthem from undertaking e-Bangla in Jhalakathi, were not placed under the museum, he added. "There are 75 pictures,

"There is not even a 30 handwritten letters, other documents, and furniture on display here," said Balram Das, in-charge of the Sher-e Bangla Museum in Chakhar. "Due to a lack of initiatives

to make the museum attractive, people are losing interest in knowing more about our heritage," said Md Ziaul Hasan, principal of Fazlul Haque Institution. Shah Sajeda,

Contacted, Lovely Yeasmin, regional director divisional museum, said,

"The scope of conducting ancestral residence of Sher-e the Barishal Divisional 32.22 crore.

cannot be done with general budget. We have submitted a separate proposal in this regard."

"We will also present our plans to expand activities of the museum to the authorities concerned soon," she added.

#### Recognise 1971 FROM PAGE 3

over 10,000 pictures,

10,300 books on the war, and 2,000 videos are kept here, while 65 memorial plaques on spots of killing and torture have already been set up in and around Khulna city. The museum has also published 148 booklets and 130 genocide torture indexes focused on the killing grounds.

A six-storey building or the museum is being constructed by the Public Works Department in Khulna, under supervision of the Bangladesh National Museum, at a cost of Tk

#### The Daily Star obtained a

copy of the letter signed by Deputy Director General (Operations) Md Fakhrul Alam of Ansar-VDP. According

combined letter. the force of the Ansar-VDP is approximately 6.1 million. The letter also added

that 54,224 embodied Ansar members deployed under 5,679 guard units guarding various government and private establishments across the country. These members have also received special training on ensuring security, mob control and disaster management.

The letter stated that the members of the Ansar Battalions and the active Ansar members are ready to take on significant responsibilities both in Bangladesh and internationally.

It requested the ministry, we are providing within the if an opportunity arises, to country," he added.

#### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD.

Patuakhali Road Division. Patuakhali. Phone: 0441-62216 Fax: 0441-65108

email:eepat@rhd.gov.bd

Memo No. 35.01.7895.461.07.001.21-836

Dated: 16/05/2024

# e-Tender Notice

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

e-Tenders are invited in e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) by Executive Engineer. RHD. Patuakhali Road Division for the procurement of

e-Tendrer details can be downloaded e-GP System Portal http://www.eprocure.gov.bd for pursue

SL No.	Tender ID No.	Tender Reference No.	Name of works	Invitation Date & Time	Last Selling/ Downloading Date & Time	
1	985207	46;e-GP/PATRD/2023-2024	Maintenance of Existing pavement with Aggregate Base Type - II. Permix Bituminous Carpeting, Seal Cost and other congenial work at 66th (Sheikh Rasel Bridge; km of R- 881 and Flexible pavement respective Bridges under Road Division Patuakhali During the Financial year 2023-2024	12.00	29-May-2024 16-00	30-May-2024 12-10
2	985208	47/e-GP/PATRD/2023-2024	Maintenance of Existing pavement with Aggregate Base Type = II. Permix Bituminous Carpeting, Seal Coat and other congenial work at 49th (Sheikh Kamal Bridge) & (Sheikh Jamal Bridge) km of R-881 and Flexible pavement respective Bridges under Road Division Patuakhali During the Financial year 2023-2024	12:00	29-May-2024 F16-00	30-May-2024 12-00

(Md. Juwel Hossain) Assistant Engineer (A.C), RHD Road Division, Patuakhali,

ID No. 602311 Executive Engineer (C.C.), RHD Road Division, Patuakhali

### Commercial Space for Sale @

months with a possible extension for another 24 months.

unicef b for every child

email to supplybangladesh@unicef.org

respective bid document.

of 24 months with possible extension for another 24 months.

Kemal Atatruk Avenue 3900 sft - 12000 sft 01926666104, 01926666101

# গুলশান-১ সংলগ্ন নর্থ-বাড্ডার

some extent the desire and the spirit with which returned to Bangladesh Bangabandhu made the country independent. Earlier in the morning, AL leaders and activists

trust in the countrymen

She said now her

to implement at least to

and leaders and activists of

led by its General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader greeted their party chief with flowers at Gono Bhaban, marking her 44th Homecoming Day.

# বাড্ডায় জমি বিক্রয়

বেস্টলোকেশনে ৩.২৫ কাঠার ১টি প্রট বিক্রেয় হবে। এটি গুলশান লেকসাইড রোড হতে ১ মিনিটের দূরেত্বে অবস্থিত যোগাযোগ: ০১৭০৮-০০৯০০০

Invitation to submit proposals for

two Request for Proposals (RFPs) issued by UNICEF Bangladesh

RFP No. LRPS-9190106 for Spot Check on behalf of UNICEF Bangladesh Country

Office and other UN agencies under Long-Term Arrangement (LTA) for a period of 24

RFP No. LRPS-9190107 for Micro assessment of the partner's financial and

operational management capacity under Long-Term Arrangement (LTA) for a period

UNICEF Bangladesh is inviting interested companies with a strong track record and

professional credibility of providing the above-required services under the contract. To receive the detailed scope of work and procedure to submit the bid response, please

The pre-bid meeting schedule and bid submissions deadlines are mentioned in the

# government has been able

appears to be the work of a syndicate, "he added.

said, "Just six months ago, of cardamom was priced at Tk 1,700-1,800 per kg, but now it's selling for Tk 3,200-3,300. Clearly, a syndicate is controlling the spice trade."

A spice wholesaler at Moulvi Bazar wholesale "Certain market said, importers in our market have instructed us to raise prices in line with the increased dollar rate, despite our procurement costs remaining the same."

to comply with their pricing directives," he added.

Md Gofran from Cumilla General Store at Karwan Bazar said, "The price hike effects are currently limited to the wholesale market. But it will soon affect retail

#### Spice prices shoot up prices, especially with Eidul-Azha approaching.' Contacted, SM Nazer

A staffer at another store Hossain, vice president Consumers Rights Association of Bangladesh, said, "They increased the price as the dollar rate was raised. But do they reduce the price when the dollar rate is reduced?"

Contacted, Helal Uddin. president of Bangladesh Shop Owners Association, said, "It's normal that the prices of commodities have surged due to an increase in dollar rates. However, I call upon traders to not increase "We have no choice but the prices too much."

#### DNCC

Last year, DNCC gave

a tender to Marshall Agrovet to import Bti. Accordingly, five tonnes of Bti were handed over to DNCC. The importing contractor claimed that the pesticide was produced by Best Chemical Company Limited of Singapore, but the Singaporean company refuted the claim and issued a warning in this regard on its Facebook page. After this, the order to Marshall Agrovet was cancelled and DNCC blacklisted the company.

## PRAYER TIMING

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 4-10 12-45 5-00 6-36 8-00 JAMAAT 4-45 1-15 5-15 6-40 8-30

## Please note UNICEF does not charge any fee at any stage of the solicitation process. www.unicef.org/bangladesh

CE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATIO

