

UP member arrested with 40kg cannabis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Detectives yesterday arrested a union parishad member with 40 kilogrammes of cannabis in Jamalpur.

The arrestee, Belal Sheikh, 45, is a member of Ward-8 of Durmot UP under Melandah upazila.

"Belal has long been running drug business in the area," said Kazi Shahnewaz, officer-in-charge of Detective Branch of police in Jamalpur.

Tipped off, detectives arrested Belal from his residence in Sultankhali village of the union early yesterday and seized 40kg cannabis from his possession, he also said.

Belal was shown arrested in a case filed under the Narcotics Control Act with Melandah Police Station and produced before a Jamalpur court later in the afternoon with a seven day remand prayer. The court ordered to send him to jail, OC Shahnewaz added.



Locals build bamboo dam to prevent river erosion

Their demand for permanent embankment fell on deaf ears

SAHIDUL ISLAM NIRAB, Jamalpur

Locals in Bahadurabad union under Jamalpur's Dewanganj upazila have built a 300-foot bamboo cross dam -- a makeshift dam -- to prevent erosion of Brahmaputra river during monsoon.

Around 500 residents of the union, led by union parishad member Ahmed Ali, voluntarily worked for a week to build the dam in Payolakandi area at a cost of Tk 1 lakh, which was also raised by the local residents from the markets and villages in the union. They came up with the effort after concerned authorities failed to take any visible step in response to their demand for the construction of a concrete dam to prevent river erosion.

Brahmaputra flows through Dewanganj, Islampur, Malandah

and Sadar upazilas of Jamalpur district.

"The cross dam was built on the second week of May with bamboo and wood collected by the villagers. Six more such bamboo dams will be built on the river bank this year," said Abdul Karim, a farmer of Payolakandi village.

"Every year since 1974, the Bahadurabad area has sustained erosion of Brahmaputra river. Over last 50 years, the river engulfed many villages including Payolakandi, Namapara, Madhyapara, Purvapara, Farajipara, Madar-char, Madan-char and Gumer-char villages in the union," he also said.

"Last year, over 300 families in Dewanganj and Bokshiganj upazilas lost their homesteads and around 250 acres of arable lands to Brahmaputra's erosion,"

said Moinul Islam Butto, a local representative of Bahadurabad union.

"Around one thousand people living along two-kilometre stretch of the river banks are at risk of losing everything to erosion as monsoon looms. However, even in five decades, the government has yet to take any step to save us from the river's erosion," he added.

Local residents Ahmed Ali, Md Anwar Sheikh, and many others said they had to relocate numerous times after losing their homesteads to the river.

"The government should excavate the river and build permanent embankments to protect the union," said Shajahan Mia, chairman of Bahadurabad union parishad.

Termining the local residents' initiative as praiseworthy,

Sheikh Zahid Hasan, UNO of Dewanganj upazila, said he informed the matter to local lawmaker as well as the Bangladesh Water Development Board in Jamalpur.

Contacted, Rafiqul Islam, deputy assistant engineer of BWDB in Jamalpur, said, "Cross dams made on river banks with bamboo is a traditional method that works well to prevent erosion."

"Last year, BWDB had placed 13,000 geo-bags across 160-metre stretch on the river bank, but nearly half of those were washed away, mostly in Amkhava union in Dewanganj upazila," the official also said.

"Proposal for a permanent embankment for Bahadurabad union has already been sent to the concerned ministry," he added.

E-PASSPORTS Foreign ministry not consulted while dropping 'except Israel': Momen

UNB, Dhaka

Former foreign minister AK Abdul Momen yesterday said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was not consulted while removing the words "except Israel" from the e-passport.

He, however, said Bangladesh's position regarding Israel remains unchanged.

"I was foreign minister at that time. I was not consulted, even the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was not consulted," he said while responding to a question, noting that the Ministry of Home Affairs looks into the passport matters.

Bangladeshi passports now do not bear the text -- "valid for all countries of the world except Israel".

Momen, also the chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on foreign ministry, said Bangladesh does not have any commercial relations with Israel.

He was responding to questions at a public parliament debate contest at FDC, organised by Debate for Democracy with its chairman, Hassan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron, in the chair.

The topic of the debate was "United efforts by the Muslim world can help stop Israeli aggression in Palestine".

The State University of Bangladesh and Kabi Nazrul Government College debated on the topic.

The attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was drawn to a message on X issued from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel welcoming the removal of a ban on travel to Israel on e-passports issued by Bangladesh in 2021.

Momen said they were told that the removal of the observation was done to maintain the international standard of Bangladeshi e-passports.

The MoFA at that time said it did not imply any change in Bangladesh's foreign policy towards the Middle East.

The ban on travel of Bangladeshi passport holders to Israel remains unchanged, according to the MoFA.

The government of Bangladesh has not deviated from its position on Israel and Bangladesh remains firm on its longstanding position in this regard.

The government of Bangladesh has always condemned the atrocities inflicted upon civilians by the occupation forces of Israel in the al-Aqsa mosque compound and Gaza.



18 dengue patients hospitalised

UNB, Dhaka

Eighteen people were hospitalised with dengue fever in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

Of the new patients, seven were admitted to hospitals in Dhaka city and the rest outside it, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Currently, 110 patients are receiving treatment at different hospitals across the country.

The DGHS, so far, has reported 2,853 dengue cases since January 1, 2024.

The world's 'scariest' Day of joy

FROM PAGE 3 Despite watching them and talking with a smile, Jisan did not realise he was being robbed until they left with the money. Later that month, police detained one of the culprits.

In April last year, law enforcement arrested five individuals -- including three Iranians, in Dhaka and Jashore -- following a robbery in Abhaynagar, where a shopkeeper handed over Tk 6 lakh to

the perpetrators. Later in August, two more Iranians were detained in Shibganj of Bogura, following a similar incident.

Contacted, Enamul Haque Sagor, assistant inspector general (media) of Police Headquarters, said, "It is a different modus operandi than regular crimes. We have already arrested several individuals. Whenever such crimes with unusual methods come to light, we take action."

FROM PAGE 3 Following his death, the Election Commission has halted the Raipura Upazila Parishad polls.

Besides, two cases were filed with Raipura Police Station, accusing his rival candidate Abid Hasan Rubel as the prime accused. Safayet Hossain Palash, officer-in-charge of Raipura Police Station, said they have already arrested four individuals in connection with the killing.

"A reward of Tk 1 lakh has been announced for the arrest of the prime accused, Abid Hasan Rubel, who was a vice-chairman candidate. Efforts are underway to apprehend the other suspects," he added.

'My health, my responsibility'

Speakers tell event on cardiac care

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A growing tendency of excessive commercialisation is taking place in the cardiac healthcare system in Bangladesh, which requires immediate attention, said renowned economist Hossain Zillur Rahman yesterday.

He said excessive commercialisation in the health service is a global phenomenon and Bangladesh is no exception.

Zillur, also former adviser to a caretaker government, was speaking at a seminar at National Sports Council Complex in Purana Paltan of the capital. Saaol Heart Centre, Bangladesh organised the event titled, "19th National Saaol Heart Lifestyle".

Speaking as the chief guest, Hossain Zillur said, "My health is my own responsibility. The state's health budget can be increased tenfold, doctors can be more attentive, but if we ourselves are not aware, then it will not be solved."

Oil is the biggest enemy to the heart, said Bimol Chhajer, a non-invasive cardiac specialist from India, adding that everything can be cooked with water instead of oil.

"This is why cooking without oil is important for everyone, especially for heart patients," he said.

Changing food habits and lifestyle -- eating oil free foods, doing yoga and maintaining a diet -- can prevent heart disease, he added.

Mohon Raihan, chairman of Saaol Heart Centre Bangladesh, said Saaol Heart Centre was established in 2009 as a health movement to keep citizens free from the risk of heart disease.

Heart disease accounts for 30 percent of the world's deaths, he added.

BCL factions reign

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In response to the May clashes, the central BCL unit suspended at least five RU BCL leaders. However, the RU authorities have not taken any punitive measures against those involved.

Additionally, between May 13 and May 19, BCL activists drove out at least three general students from their dormitory seats.

The continuing unrest has left the RU campus in a state of turmoil, with many students feeling unsafe and unprotected.

Contacted, RU Proctor Prof Ashabul Haque said, "We only received a few

complaints, which were settled even before we intervened. So, how can we take disciplinary action?"

RU BCL President Mostafizur Rahman Babu said action will be taken against anyone involved in the previous "stray incidents" and any other misconduct.

RU Pro Vice-Chancellor Sultan Ul Islam, however, said the university admission is "concerned" with the recent surge in violence.

"We will hold meetings with student bodies, particularly BCL, to maintain peace and stability on the campus," he added.

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Memo No NPBSMKSSL Tender-01/2024/1134

Corrigendum Notice (Amendment)-1

It is hereby notified to all concern that the following amendment has been made to the invitation of work Work of Vertical Extension of Noakhali Pourashava Approved "Noakhali Super Market" [Full Extension of 5th Floor & Partial Extension of 6th floor]: Civil & Structural Works, Electrical works, Lift & Escalator works, Central Air Conditioning System works, Fire Protection System works and works of Development of Faecade Tender No.01 vide Memo No NPBSMKSSL/Tender-01/2024/1130 dated: 06/05/2024 due to unavoidable circumstances and the amendments shall be as follows.

Tender Notice field name	As Mentioned in original Tender Notice	To be Replaced
Eligibility of Tenderer	i) This Invitation for Tenders (IFT) is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below: ii) Tenderer shall be a Reputed Contractor/ Construction Firm who have at least 10 (ten) years of general experience in building construction works. iii) The Tenderer shall have specific experience as contractor in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number of Building Construction Works (including civil, sanitary, electrical, lift, fire protection system & related works etc.) having valuation of Tk. 15.00 (Taka fifteen) crore or more during the last 05 (five) years in a single tender in govt./ semi-govt./ autonomous organization of Bangladesh. Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. iv) The Tenderer must have a minimum liquid asset/ cash flow capacity/Credit facility of Tk. 5 (five) crore. v) Attested copy of all documents shall be submitted along with the Tender. vi) The Tenderer shall have a Minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover of Tk. 20.00 Crore over the best 03(three) years in the last 05(five)years. Certificates for Contracts in Progress or Completed Under Public Sector Must be Submitted along with Tender in Support of Construction Turnover. vii) The minimum Tender capacity shall be Tk. 22.00 Crore viii) The Tenderer must submit (a) Up to date Income Tax Clearance Certificate. b) Valid VAT Registration Certificate. c) Up to date Trade License & ABC Category Contractor ship and Supervisory License from Electricity Licensing Board of Bangladesh ix) Other Notable Terms are Pointed out at TDS.PCC.ITT and GCC Which Strictly Should be Followed.	i) This Invitation for Tenders (IFT) is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned below: ii) Tenderer shall be a Reputed Contractor/ Construction Firm who have at least 10 (ten) years of general experience in building construction works. iii) The Tenderer shall have specific experience as contractor in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number of Building Construction Works (including civil, sanitary, electrical, lift, fire protection system & related works etc.) having valuation of Tk. 15.00 (Taka fifteen) crore or more during the last 05 (five) years in a single tender in govt./ semi-govt./ autonomous organization of Bangladesh. Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. iv) The Tenderer must have a minimum liquid asset/ cash flow capacity/Credit facility of Tk. 5 (five) crore. v) Attested copy of all documents shall be submitted along with the tender.
Last date and Time for Selling of Tender Documents /Place of Selling.	02/06/2024 5:00pm	11/06/2024 5:00pm
Last date and Time for Receiving of Tender Documents/Place of receiving	03/06/2024 1:00pm	12/06/2024 1:00pm
Date & Time for Opening of Tender	03/06/2024 3:00pm	12/06/2024 3:00pm
GCC 70.1	The proportion of payments to be retained is 10 (ten) percent	The proportion of payments to be retained is 05(Five) percent
GCC 92.3(b)	The arbitration shall be conducted in the place mentioned below: Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD Division, Noakhali.	The arbitration shall be conducted in the place mentioned below: Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Noakhali.
ITT 15.1(a)	The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 15(fifteen) crore over the best 03(three) years in the last 05(five)years.	The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 20(twenty) crore over the best 03(three) years in the last 05(five)years.
ITT 15.1(d)	-	The minimum Tender capacity shall be Tk. 22.00 Crore
ITT 65.1	The amount of Performance Security shall be 10(ten) percent of the Contract Price	The amount of Performance Security shall be 05(five) percent of the Contract Price

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**Invitation to submit proposals for two Request for Proposals (RFPs) issued by UNICEF Bangladesh**

**RFP No. LRPS-2024-9190552: Providing services for 'Preventive Maintenance and On-call maintenance of the medical equipment provided to Special Care Newborn Units in selected hospitals as part of UNICEF's Program Assistance to GoB'.**

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

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