

Three killed, 25 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed and 25 injured in road accidents in two districts yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Tangail, a pickup driver and his helper were killed as the vehicle hit a truck from behind on Bangabandhu Bridge East Link Road in the Analiabari area.

Driver Shipon Ali, 40, from Kushtia; and his helper Muhammad Aslam, 55, from Bagerhat died on the spot.

Police handed over the bodies to the families.

Meanwhile, at least 25 passengers were injured as a bus fell into a ditch beside Tangail-Mymensingh road at Shahpur in Ghatail upazila. The accident happened as the driver lost his control over the steering.

In Thakurgaon, a woman was killed when a truck ran her over while she was walking along Ranishankoil-Pirganj road at Patgaon village in Ranishankoil upazila.

HC questions legality of iron cage at courtrooms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the legality of a rule that allows the authorities concerned to install metal cages where accused persons stand during case proceedings in courtrooms across the country.

Rule 82 of the Criminal Rules and Orders (Practice and Procedure of Subordinate Courts), 2009 has laid out the provision for establishing metal cages for the accused in every court so that no prisoner can escape from there.

Yesterday, the HC issued a rule asking the government to explain why the provisions of rule 82 of the Criminal Rules and Orders should not be declared contradictory to article 35(5) of the constitution as "inhuman and degrading treatment".

The HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice SM Masud Hossain Dolon issued the rule following a supplementary writ petition filed by 10 Supreme Court lawyers. The petitioners' lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir told the court that the provision of Rule 82 of the Criminal Rules and Orders is being used as a vehicle to inhuman and degrading treatment to the accused.

And this goes against the spirit of the constitution.

UPAZILA POLLS

4th phase sees lowest turnout

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The overall turnout in the fourth phase of the upazila polls on Wednesday was 34.77 percent -- the lowest since the 2009 elections.

This was also the lowest turnout among the four phases of polls so far this year.

The Election Commission data shows that turnout in the third phase of the polls, held on May 29, was 36.24 percent; in the second phase of polls, held on May 21, it was 37.61 percent. And in the first phase, held on May 8, it was 36.10 percent.

During the 2009 upazila polls, 70.57 percent of voters had cast their ballots. This figure then dropped to 61.23 percent in 2014.

In the first phase of elections across 78 upazilas in 2019, the turnout was 43.31 percent. In the subsequent four phases, the turnouts were 41.25 percent, 41.41 percent, 36.54 percent, and 38.62 percent, respectively. The average turnout was 40 percent.

In the fourth phase of this year's upazila polls, the average turnout where voters used electronic voting machines to cast votes was lower than in places where ballot paper was used.

In Wednesday's polls, 29.70 percent of voters cast their votes in six upazilas where EVMs were used. Whereas, turnout was 35.60 percent in 53 upazilas where ballot paper was used.

EC Additional Secretary Ashok Kumar Debnath said a thorough analysis will be needed to know the reason

behind the difference in turnouts.

In the fourth phase, Bhola's Manpara witnessed the highest turnout of 60.68 percent, while Naogaon Sadar recorded the lowest at 20.87 percent. Voting in both the upazilas was conducted using paper ballots. Similar to the three previous phases, Awami League men won the lion's share of chairman positions during the fourth phase as well.

Turnout in the fourth phase of the polls held on June 5 was 34.77 percent; third phase of the polls, held on May 29, was 36.24 percent; in the second phase of polls, held on May 21, it was 37.61 percent. And in the first phase, held on May 8, it was 36.10 percent.

Though the ruling party did not field candidates this year, grassroot AL leaders ran for chairman posts as independents.

BNP boycotted the elections, saying polls cannot be held in a free and fair manner under the incumbent Election Commission. The party also expelled many grassroots leaders for running in the elections.

The sixth upazila parishad elections were held in four phases this year.

However, 22 upazilas where elections were postponed due to Cyclone Remal, will see elections be held on June 9.

'It's an anti-Bangladesh budget'

Says Fakhru

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday termed the proposed national budget "anti-Bangladesh", saying it contains new schemes to facilitate the embezzlement of public money by the ruling party-backed looters.

"The government has become looters. The budget crafted by these looters seems to be aimed at further indulging in plundering. I believe that fresh plans have been devised in the budget for embezzlement (of public money)," he said.

Talking to reporters on the budget in front of the BNP Chairperson's Gulshan office, Fakhru also said the worst aspect of the proposed budget is the lack of any direction towards new job creation.

"The entire budget seems to be formulated for mega projects, mega theft, and corruption. So, I not only call this so-called budget anti-people but also anti-Bangladesh," he observed.

Earlier in the day, Finance Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali placed a Tk 7,97,000 crore proposed national budget for 2024-25 in parliament.



A bridge without approach road

SAHIDUL ISLAM NIRAB, Jamalpur

A 96-meter-long bridge over the Fatika canal in Jamalpur's Islampur remains unused over a year since its inauguration due to the absence of an approach road.

The bridge, inaugurated on January 3 last year by Minister for Religious Affairs Md Faridul Haque Khan, has seen no further development, locals alleged.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) spent over Tk 5.68 crore on the bridge, constructed by Chowdhury Enterprises.

However, without a connecting road on the west side, the bridge remains inaccessible and local farmers have been using the bridge as a threshing floor.

A visit to the area revealed that a 500 to 600 meter stretch of connecting road is missing, forcing people to use a muddy path beside the bridge to cross the canal.

Locals claim that around 50,000 people would benefit if the roads were constructed.

Anshar Ali, a farmer, said, "With no approach road on one side, cars can't access the bridge, so we use it for threshing paddy since it's left idle."

Upazila Assistant Engineer Aminul Haque cited landowner's objections as a challenge in constructing the road.

"We hope construction works of the approach road will start soon," he said.

"The department concerned is processing everything. The road work will begin soon if funds are allocated," Haque added.

FEUD OVER WINDOW SEAT

Train passenger punched to death

STAR REPORT

A passenger was killed after he was punched by another following an altercation over taking window seat in a Dhaka-bound train at Narsingdi Railway Station yesterday morning.

The deceased is 42-year-old Jhumor Kanti Baul, a garment worker in Dhaka.

The incident occurred around 7:00am on the Dhaka Mail Express train, said Sub-inspector Shahidullah. Police detained Monjur Mia, 55, from the train at Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka.

As the train reached Narsingdi Railway Station, and the passenger from the window seat disembarked, Monjur attempted to move to that seat. Jhumor, who was waiting at the station, placed his bag on the seat through the window, the SI said.

An altercation started when Jhumor boarded the train. During the argument, Monjur punched and kicked Jhumor, leaving him critically injured.

PRAYER TIMING

JUNE 7

	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-05	12-30	5-00	6-45	8-15
JAMAAT	4-40	1-15	5-15	6-50	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

TIME EXTENSION OF IFT FOR HEALTH PRODUCTS

With reference to the Invitation for Tender for Health Products (Ref: IFT/SCI/B-DCO/FY-24/(Manual)/0002) published in 'The Daily Star and Daily Prothom Alo on 10-May-2024; the submission date has been extended up to **2 PM, 23-June-2024**, only for the potential vendors who still wish to participate. Those who have already submitted, please, don't submit again. For details please visit the link <http://procurement.scibd.info/>.

Note: All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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1. Project Research Manager
2. Statistician

For detailed position description, requirements, salary and benefits, please visit our website: <https://career.icddr.org>

Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit online applications. Applications will be accepted until **12 June 2024** for Project Research Manager and **15 June 2024** for Statistician. Only short-listed candidates will be invited for the selection process.

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Department of Public Health
University of Dhaka
Date: 09.06.2024

Tender Notice (OTM)

Department of Public Health, University of Dhaka, invites quotation for purchase of Scientific Equipment's, AC and Photocopier Machine from local & foreign markets. The interested suppliers, manufacturer and local/foreign agent may procure quotations from the department during office hours from 09.06.2024 to 25.06.2024 with cash (non-refundable) of Taka 4000.00 (four thousand) Deposit Janata Bank Ltd DU Br A/C No. 36000392. The tender should be dropped by 26.06.2024 at 11.00am and Open at 11.30am. The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any quotation or all the quotations without assigning any reason thereof.

Dr. Emran Kabir Chowdhury
Professor and Chairman
Department of Public Health

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PKSF has been implementing a 5-year-long project titled 'Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART)' jointly financed by the World Bank and PKSF since August 2023. The objective of the project is to increase resource-efficient and resilient green growth of the microenterprises (MEs).

PKSF hereby invites online applications from the eligible candidates for the following posts under the SMART project:

SN	Name of the Posts	No. of the Post	Consolidated Monthly Salary (BDT)
1	Environment and Natural Resource Management Specialist	01	2,20,000/-
2	Resource-Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) Specialist	01	2,20,000/-
3	Assistant Program Manager (Information and Communication Technology)	01	1,20,000/-

The employees will be recruited initially for one year with the opportunity for annual performance-based renewal during the project period. Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements may submit online applications by **23 June 2024**. Please visit the PKSF Website (www.pksf.org.bd) for detailed job descriptions and instructions to apply.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. PKSF is an equal-opportunity employer. Any kind of persuasion will be treated as disqualification of the candidate. PKSF reserves the right to cancel this recruitment process without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Deputy Managing Director

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Date: 02 June 2024

e-GP: Tender Notice No. 37 (2023-2024)

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods. Details are given below:

SI No.	Package No.	Tender ID & Ref No.	Description of goods	Tender documents last selling (date & time)	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
01	PN GD-06	994284 & IRN: 106	Office Furniture 19 (Nineteen) Items.	19.06.2024 10:30	19.06.2024 12:00	19.06.2024 12:00
02	PN GD-07	994412 & IRN: 109	Office Equipment 01 (One) Item.	19.06.2024 13:00	19.06.2024 14:30	19.06.2024 14:30

The interested persons/firm may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender. This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Project Name: "Research, Development and Extension of Cashew nut & Coffee" Project.

Md. Younus Ali
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On behalf of Director General

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