

CONFLICT IN MYANMAR
Blasts heard across Teknaf border

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The sound of sporadic mortar shell explosions across the border in Rakhine State of Myanmar has been heard in Teknaf and neighbouring areas in Cox's Bazar since Tuesday afternoon.

Due to this, locals have become wary in the upazila, including the areas along the Naf river.

The fighting between the Myanmar Junta and rebel Arakan Army has intensified in recent times, prompting many Rohingyas in Rakhine State to leave their homes behind to look for safety in and around Maungdaw township, said Rohingya leaders living in Cox's Bazar camps.

Many Rohingyas have gathered along the Naf river, trying to flee into Bangladesh, said border sources.

However, Border Guard Bangladesh personnel are on high alert to prevent any intrusion.

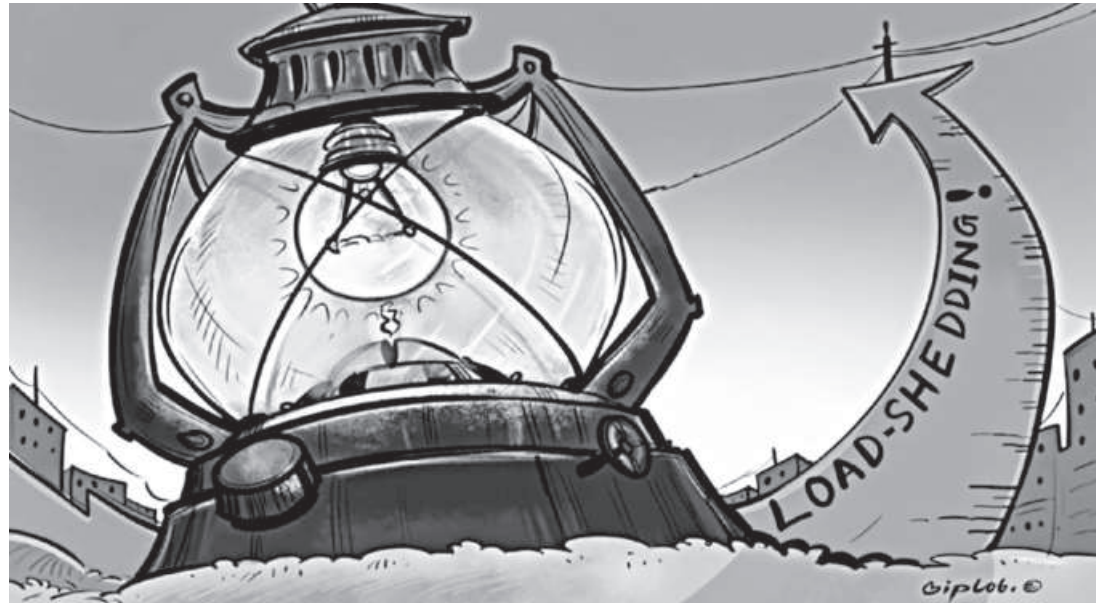
BGB men are patrolling different areas, including Chowdhurypara Transit Ghat in Teknaf town, Nightong Para, Keruntali, and Baraitili, said locals.

No one is being allowed near the border areas, they added.

Around five lakh Rohingyas live in Maungdaw township in Myanmar, in close vicinity of the warzone.

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Port city grapples with frequent power cuts



ARUN BIKASH DEY

Shuvechha Ghosh, a resident of Askar Dighir Par area in Chattogram city, was finding it hard to put her toddler son to sleep on Tuesday night amid severe heat alongside frequent power cuts.

"Power cuts occurred a total of eight times today, including four times since evening. This situation has been going on over the last one week. It has become very difficult for us to stay inside in this heat with power outages so many times daily. My father-in-law and my son couldn't sleep the whole night due to discomfort," she said.

Like her, many residents in the port city, including in Askar Dighir Par, Panchlaish, Bakalia, Chawk Bazar, Halishahar, Bahaddarhat, Chandgaon, Agrabad, Pahartoli, Muradpur, Katalganj, Sholoshahar, Mehediabagh, Bibir Hat and Damparara areas, have been suffering due to frequent load shedding, occurring as many as 12 times a day in some areas.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in the port city were 33.1 degrees Celsius and 26.4 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, said Mahmudul Alam, officer of

Chattogram Met Office.

Abdul Aziz of Panchlaish area said, "Such frequent power cuts are somehow tolerable during daytime but at night it is unbearable. We could not sleep last night due to this amid the heat."

The officials of Power Development Board, Chattogram said they were compelled to go for load shedding due to a big discrepancy between the local demand for power and its supply.

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According to PDB sources, the power stations in the greater Chattogram region generate more power compared to the demand.

On Tuesday, the 29 units of 22 power stations in the region produced 2,202 MW power, against a demand for 1,175 MW at 11:00am and 1,217 MW at 7:00pm in the port city.

However, the supply to the port city was 900 MW at 11:00am and 1,084 MW at 7:00pm.

As such, frequent load shedding happened every now and then across the city, causing sufferings to the city dwellers.

Asked, Humayun Kabir, chief engineer of PDB, Chattogram, said the power supply is controlled centrally through the national grid and they had nothing to do with it.

"We have to manage the distribution of power with what we get from the national grid. Due to the discrepancy between demand and supply, load shedding becomes unavoidable," he added.

Contacted, SM Nazer Hossain, central vice president of Consumers' Association of Bangladesh, said the government should set a criterion for distribution of power according to priority.

Amend tobacco control law
Demand women MPs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of the Anti-Tobacco Parliamentary Women's Forum yesterday called for the swift passage of amendments to the Tobacco Control Act proposed by the Ministry of Health, in line with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's vision of a tobacco-free Bangladesh by 2040.

They made the remarks at an event titled, "Achieving Tobacco-Free Bangladesh: Amendment of the Existing Tobacco Control Law and Way Forward", organised by Nari Maitree at the capital's Krishibid Institute yesterday.

The event was presided over by lawmaker Shabnam Jahan Shila, convener of the forum. She, along with other women parliamentarians, emphasised the urgency of the amendment.

Highlighting the forum's activities, she stressed that 1,61,000 people die annually due to tobacco use in Bangladesh.

Other forum members echoed the call for urgent action, emphasising the responsibility to protect future generations and the importance of addressing youth smoking as a national security concern.

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Increase agriculture budget, subsidies

Economists urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Economists have called on the government to increase subsidies and budget allocations to improve farmers' livelihoods in the proposed budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

The new budget has reduced subsidies by Tk 272 crore compared to the current fiscal year, they said during an event.

"Around 40 percent of the workers are engaged in the agriculture sector, yet the new budget gives it little attention. The prices of agricultural products and machinery have also risen due to the higher dollar rate," said Narayan Chandra Sinha, associate professor at Dhaka School of Economics.

"In this situation, without increased budget and subsidies, how can farmers boost their production?" he asked

A group of teachers and economists discussed these issues at the event organised by the Dhaka School of Economics in the capital yesterday.

Sinha also said, "In the current global situation, every country should prioritise increasing internal production."

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7 killed, 9 hurt in road accidents

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed and nine injured in road accidents in Dinajpur, Rangpur, Joypurhat, Pabna and Habiganj districts in the last two days.

In Habiganj, constable Rabiul Haque, 25, died after being hit by a truck in Shaistaganj upazila yesterday morning.

Rabiul was posted at the check-post in front of Shaistaganj Highway Police Station when the speeding truck ran him over while trying to evade the check-post, said OC Taimur Islam.

Police seized the truck and arrested its driver Kamal, 52, and helpers Ramzan, 18, and Md Monirul Islam, 26.

In Joypurhat's Kalai upazila, a bus hit a motorcycle in Shantinagar village, leaving its rider dead on the spot yesterday noon. The deceased is Samsuddin Sarkar, 60.

In Pabna Sadar upazila, two persons were killed and five injured as a CNG-run three-wheeler was hit by a truck yesterday noon. The deceased are Pradip Haldar and Shompa Rani, said Md Rawshan Ali, OC of Pabna Sadar Police Station.

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Sudden rain in the capital yesterday forced these bikers to stop at a section of the Mohakhali flyover. Doing this, they also took up a portion of the flyover, leaving only one lane for other vehicles to use. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

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"e-Tender Notice" (Corrigendum-(02))

e-Tender are invited in e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Project Director, DCNUP, Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of

SL	Tender ID, Ref No.	Description of items	Start date & time	Last selling date and time		Tender closing date & time	
				Previous	Amended	Previous	Amended
01	Tender ID: 986-468, Ref No. 46.207.014.09.10.282 2024, Date: 24.04.2024	Works: Improvement and Construction works of Mayor Sheikh Taposh Bridge (Loharpool) Contract Package No. DCNUP/W-03/KAC	27-May-2024 15:00 BST	30-June-2024 11:00 BST	07-July 2024 16:00 BST	30-June-2024 13:00 BST	08-July-2024 13:00 BST

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and offline hard copy(s) will not be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Road Transport and Highways Division
2	Agency	Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Company Limited (DBRTCL)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Company Limited (DBRTCL) represented by General Manager
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	Supply and Installation of Galvanized Steel Rolling Shutter Gates in Station Front (Docking Locations) of 25 BRT stations.
6	Invitation Ref No	35.06.0000.010.07.001.24-506
7	Date	26 June 2024
8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (NCT)
9	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB through Project Aid
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10	Tender Package No.	D GD-2B
11	Tender Package Name	Supply and Installation of Galvanized Steel Rolling Shutter Gates in Station Front (Docking Locations) of 25 BRT stations.
12	Tender Publication Date	27 June 2024
13	Tender Last Selling Date	24 July 2024 (05.00 PM)
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	25 July 2024 02:00 PM
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	25 July 2024 02:15 PM
16	Name & Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document	Manager (Maintenance), 3rd Floor, Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Company Ltd. House:04, Road:21, Sector:04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230
	- Receiving Tender Document	Conference Room 1st Floor, Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Company Ltd. House:04, Road:21, Sector:04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230
	- Opening Tender Document	Conference Room, 1st Floor, Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Company Limited, House:04, Road:21, Sector:04, Uttara, Dhaka-1230
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
17	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	The Tenderer shall submit with its Tender the following additional documents: 1. The minimum of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the supply of Goods and related services as Supplier shall be three (3) years. Years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. 2. The minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of similar Goods of at least one (1) contract successfully completed within the last five (5) years, with a value of at least Tk. 4,20,00,000.00 (Taka forty-two million). 3. The minimum supply and/or production capacity of goods are similar type of metal goods with 5,000 square meter or equivalent quantity supply and/or production capacity per year. 4. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk. 5,00,00,000.00 (Taka fifty million). 5. Up-to-date valid ABC Category Electrical Contractor and Electrical Supervisory License from Electrical Licensing Board. 6. Other conditions were mentioned in the tender document.
18	Brief Description of Goods & Related Services	Supply and installation of galvanized steel rolling shutter, including all necessary elements, side rails, shafts, and locking arrangement. The slat's nominal thickness is 1.20mm. The guide rail thickness shall be 3.00mm galvanized steel powder coated finish.
19	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	3,000.00 (Three Thousand Taka Only)
20	Lot No	Identification of Lot
	1	Supply and Installation of Galvanized Steel Rolling Shutter Gates in Station Front (Docking Locations) of 25 BRT stations.
		Location
		Tender Security Amount (Tk.)
		Completion Time in Weeks / Months
21	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Mohiuddin
22	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Company Limited
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	02-48957784 E-mail mohiuddin.dbrt@gmail.com
25	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	

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Dhaka BRT Company Limited

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