Padma Bridge project now complete

PM to formally conclude muchtalked-about project July 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project came to an end yesterday, around 17 years after it was taken in August 2007, giving great relief to tens of thousands of users daily.

Although Padma Bridge, the largest bridge in the country with roadway on the top and railway on the bottom, was inaugurated in June 2022, some works, including river training, remained incomplete then.

So, the authority extended the deadline up to June 30 this year, with a one-year defect liability period.

"Yes, the much-talked-about project is going to be completed today," Project Director Shafiqul Islam told The Daily Star yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will formally conclude the project through a programme at Mawa end of the bridge on July 5, he said.



When the project was taken in August 2007, the cost of the project was Tk 10,161 crore and it was supposed to be implemented with foreign loan.

The project went through a major revision in January 2011, when the rail line was incorporated into the bridge, bringing the project cost to Tk 20,507 crore.

The project went through several revisions afterwards and the cost rose to Tk 32,605 crore. However, some Tk 1600 crore may not be required, Shafiqul said, adding that the cost of the project would be around Tk 31,000 crore.

The cancellation of World Bank loan, changes in bridge design and the pandemic shrouded uncertainty over the long-cherished project but the project was completed with the government's funds, directly connecting the capital with the southwestern region.

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The prize giving ceremony of "Aly Zaker Liberation War Book Reading Initiative" was held at Liberation War Museum in Dhaka on June 29. Students from various schools, colleges and universities took part in the competition. Among others, Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury, lawmaker and a trustee of the museum Asaduzzaman Noor, Dr Sarwar Ali, Mofidul Haque, Sara Zaker, jury board member and Jatiya Grantha Kendra director Minar Mansur and Iresh Zaker were present.

Tragedy strikes family twice

Mother dies in road crash while taking deceased son home for burial

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Her boy just died. The relatives could not part the grieving mother from her dead son's side while they were taking the body back home from the hospital.

Although Puspo Begum, 65, was told to travel in a separate vehicle, she refused and boarded the ambulance, which was taking her deceased son Alam Howladar, 45, to their home in Gandamari village of Patuakhali for burial from Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barishal.

Alam had just died in the hospital while undergoing treatment for

Who knew, death was waiting for the mother too.

Or maybe it was destiny which could not keep the mother and son



Puspo died when the ambulance carrying them collided head-on with a motorcycle on Saturday night. the

ambulance driver lost control over the steering and the vehicle fell into

Everybody in the ambulance survived, except Puspo, said her grandson Omar Farooq.

The motorcyclist, Rubel Sikder, 32, also died in the incident which took place at Daktarbari bus stand in Amtali upazila on Patuakhali-Kuakata highway, confirmed OC Kazi Sakhawat Hossain Tapu of Amtali Police Station.

Alam Howladar's wife Maqsuda Begum, 35, and motorcycle passenger Monirul Islam, 40, were given first aid at the local health complex for minor injuries, he

Attorney General Bashir

Ahmed said failing to

understand a sub-section

of the Anti-Terrorism Act,

the tribunal gave death

sentences to the convicts,

and that's why the HC

He, however, said 20

people, from home and

abroad, and two police

officials were brutally

killed, which tarnished the

country's image abroad

and hampered public safety

Magistrate

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Earlier, on June 27, the

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administrators to look after

the confiscated immovable

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properties in Dhaka and

Rupganj in Narayanganj.

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ASP sent to forced retirement over corruption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An assistant superintendent of police has been sent to forced retirement after allegations of misconduct and corruption were proven against him, according to a circular signed by Md Jahangir Alam, secretary of the Public Security Division under the home ministry.

The circular said Yakub Hossain, ASP of the Bangladesh Police Academy in Sarda, Rajshahi, formed a team in 2019 with the intention of making financial gains.

The other members of the team included former sub-inspector Jiban Biswas, constables Al Amin and Abdus Sabur, driver Samiul, and runner

According to the circular, on January 19, 2019, Jiban, Al Amin, and Sabur entered the house of a ward councillor in Kushtia. They handcuffed two individuals, Ashraf Hossain and Shamim Reza, who were present at the time, and beat them up under the pretence of criminal allegations. They had to pay Tk 1 lakh to the ASP's team through a mobile financial service agent for their release.

Ashraf and Shamim then filed a complaint, leading to the investigation that found ASP Yakub

Govt deals with India anti-state: Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP vesterday denounced the 10 MoUs signed with India during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent Delhi visit.

Party Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir termed the deals a "new form of slavery". He said allowing India to establish a corridor through Bangladesh for linking different parts of their country via railway tracks would compromise Bangladesh's sovereignty and national security.

He accused Hasina of signing agreements for personal gain and demanded transparency in the

The party said they would mobilise public opinion against what it said "anti-state" agreements.

KHALEDA'S ILLNESS BNP providing false info: Quader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said BNP leaders are confusing people by providing false information regarding illness of the party chief Khaleda Zia.

There is no precedent for a person convicted of a criminal offence to receive such treatment freely. But the BNP has been demanding Khaleda Zia's release for the last few years without any legal procedure. They are also instigating the people by spreading rumours about her physical condition and trying to get sympathy from the people after failing in their movement," said Quader in a statement signed by AL Office Secretary Biplab Barua.

Quader also said demanding the release of a convict by going beyond the constitution and the legal process is nothing but audacity.

"According to the constitution of Bangladesh, everyone is equal in the eves of the law. Khaleda Zia is convicted of corruption ... There is no scope for a convicted person to leave the country beyond the legal procedure," added the AL's second-in-

Unfit vehicles, brick kilns behind air

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD Minister Tazul Islam yesterday told parliament that the main causes of air pollution are unfit vehicles, black smoke emitted from factories and brick kilns, and dust pollution caused by urbanisation.

The minister said this while responding to a tabled question of ruling Awami League MP Mohammad Sayeed Khokon.

He also said the impact of methane gas emitted

However, modern technology-based sanitary landfills and waste-to-energy projects have been

pollution: minister

from landfills on air pollution is not serious.

planned to control methane gas emissions, he added.

the district.

বারডেম জেনারেল হাসপাতাল

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উপদেষ্টা প্রকৌশলী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ফার্মের নিকট থেকে বারডেম জেনারেল হাসপাতালের অন্তর্গত ঢাকার বাসাবোতে বারডেম নাসিং কলেজ, নার্সিং হোস্টেল এবং ১০০ বেডের হাসপাতাল নির্মানের জন্য স্থাপত্য নকশা প্রনয়ন, স্ট্রাকচারাল ডিজাইন, প্রাক্তলন এবং অন্যান্য আনুসাঙ্গিক ডকুমেন্ট প্রস্ততের জন্য কারিগরী ও আর্থিক প্রস্তাব আহ্বানঃ

এ সংক্রান্ত কাজের সকল প্রকার অনুমোদন দরপত্র দাখিলকারীর প্রতিষ্ঠানকে নিজ খরচে করতে হবে।

ঢাকা শহরের বাসাবোতে প্রস্তাবিত বারডেম নার্সিং কলেজ, নার্সিং হোস্টেল এবং ১০০ বেড হাসপাতালের জন্য নির্ধারিত ৯৯ শতক জমির উপর নির্মিতব্য ভবন সমূহের স্থাপত্য নকশা প্রনয়ন, স্ট্রাকচারাল ডিজাইন, ইলেকট্রো মেকানিক্যাল ডিজাইন, প্রান্ধিং ও ওয়াটার সাপ্রাই ডিজাইন, অগ্নিনির্বাপন ব্যবস্থাপনা ডিজাইন, প্রাক্কলন প্রস্তুতকরন, বিশ অব কোয়ান্টিটিজ ও টেডার ডকুমেন্ট প্রস্তুত করার জন্য প্রকৃত অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এবং আর্বিট্রাকচারাল কনসান্টিং ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে ডিন্ন ভিন্ন খামে কারিগরী ও আর্থিক প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

প্রস্তাব দাখিলের পূর্বে বারডেম জেনারেল হাসপাতালের নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারীর সহিত যে কোন কার্য দিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যোগাযোগ করিয়া কাজের বিস্তারিত জানিয়া আলোচনা করে সরেজমিনে স্থান সমূহ পরিদর্শন করিয়া কি কি কাজ করিতে হইবে তাহা জানিয়া ও বুঝিয়া আগামী ২১ জুলাই ২০২৪ রোজ- রবিবার সকাল ৯ঃ০০ ঘটিকা থেকে দুপুর ১২ঃ০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত বারডেমের ২৩০ নং কক্ষের সম্মুখে সংরক্ষিত বব্বে দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং ঐ একই দিনে দুপুর ১২ঃ৩০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্র দাতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকে) ২৪৬ নং কক্ষে খোলা হবে। দরপত্রের সাথে হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, টিন, বিন, ভ্যাট ও ইনকাম ট্রান্সের সার্টিফিকেট দাখিল করতে হবে। নির্বারিত সমেয়ের মধ্যে প্রস্তাব প্রেরণ না করলে পরবর্তীতে এ বিষয়ে কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না এবং কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চুড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য

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Final justice yet to be delivered HSC, equivalent

1:00pm," he added. HSC written exams are scheduled to continue waterlogging till August 11, followed by practical exams from August 12 to 21.

further This year, a total of 14,50,790 students Kumar Sarkar, chairman of Dhaka from 9,463 educational Education Board and institutions are registered president of Inter-Board for the exams, which are Coordination Committee. being held across 2,275 said students would be centres.

Among the examinees, 88.076 from the madrasa starts at 10:30am instead board, and 2,34,433 from of 10:00am, the exam will the technical education end at 1:30pm instead of board.

during a rescue operation by army commandos. A chef who worked at the cafe was also killed during the 12-hour standoff, while another injured employee died later. Two police officers died from wounds sustained during the

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immediate response to the attack. After the attack, which drew global condemnation, started late due to traffic or 11,28,281 are from the nine law enforcers launched general education boards, a massive crackdown on

terror networks. the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal in Dhaka convicted

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<u>Notification to Shareholders</u>

This is for kind information of all concerned that, the 25th AGM of Trust Bank is

scheduled to be held on 16 July 2024 at 11:00 a.m. through Digital Platform. In this

regard, the Annual Report-2023 has already been uploaded to the website of the

GIZ has been working as a development partner of Bangladesh since 1972 under bilateral agreement. Currently, we are working in

the areas of renewable energy, adaptation to climate change, textile and leather sector, biodiversity, as well as good governance.

has facilitated access to modern and clean energy solutions for rural households and businesses. In Bangladesh, the programme has supported the provision of clean cooking technology and solar energy solutions. So far, over 1.9 million people have been reached with clean cooking technology and over 1.4 million people with solar energy solutions. Currently EnDev program in Bangladesh focuses on three main areas: development of the market for e-cooking appliances, support for biomass based improved cook stoves, including policy support for the sector, and demonstration of business casefor solar battery charging stations for e-rickshaws.

GIZ is looking for a suitable with an organisation (distributors, manufacturers, importers of e-cooking appliances) who

intended to work on the Promotion and dissemination of E-cooking appliances (RiceCooker and Induction Cookstove) in rural and peri-urban areas only Rajshahi & Rangpur Division of Bangladesh and have long-term interests to pursue market

bank. (Link: https://www.tblbd.com/annual-report-2023)

Rashid Ripon. On November 27, 2019,

tribunal found him not guilty.

Khan,

and

Bangladesh.

The

on only one subject.

However, those who have

The competition will be

will have to send a video

speech spanning 3-4

minutes through e-mail

with a Google Drive link.

The drive link should be

sent by July 30, mentioning

the participant's name,

identity, age and phone

number, alongside the

topic of the speech, at

The final round will be

"tarkajaal@gmail.com".

sentenced seven

militants to death for their

involvement in the Holey

Artisan attack, terming it

a disgraceful attack aimed

at assassinating the non-

communal character of

Jahangir Hossain, Aslam

Hossain Rash, Hadisur

Rahman, Rakibul Hasan

Regan, Md Abdus Sabur

Khaled, and Mamunur

convicted are

Shariful Islam

also

Asked why the HC gave them jail sentences until death when the law acquitted one accused as it stipulates life sentence as down jail sentences until the highest punishment death, citing a previous convicted for the offences, Deputy verdict.

individuals then filed

appeals with the HC

challenging the tribunal

on the death references

(lower court documents

for confirmation of death

sentences) and the appeals,

the HC bench on October

30 last year commuted

the death sentence of

seven jailed militants to

imprisonment until death.

After holding hearings

Abul Mansur Ahmad

held in the capital with the top 10 contestants from each category. A total of 20 participants will be awarded from

each category. In both categories, Tk 10,000 will be awarded as first prize, Tk 8,000 as second, and Tk 5,000 as third prize. The winners will be awarded with a certificate and crest. Each of the remaining 14

certificate, and books.

the information about the prize distribution programme will be announced in September on the occasion of Abul Mansur Ahmad's birth anniversary.

won the essay competition commemorating Abul Mansur Ahmad earlier, will not be able to participate.

held in two phases. In the first phase, participants will get Tk 1,000 in cash, a

After the final selection,

Probe

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Md. Mizanur Rahman FCS

Company Secretary

Sagar, news editor at private TV channel Maasranga, and his wife Runi, senior reporter at ATN Bangla, were killed in the early hours of February 11, 2012, in their rented flat in the capital's West Razabazar.

Their only son Mahir Sarowar Megh, then 5, was at home at that time.

Runi's brother, filed a case with Sher-e-Bangla Police Station on the following

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PRAYER TIMING

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বারডেম জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, শাহ্বাগ, ঢাকা-১০০০

Undertake promotional activities to raise awareness on e-cooking appliances Strengthen the supply chain process of e-cooking Facilitate in selling of 12000 e-cooking appliances (Rice Cooker and Induction stoves) Technical Offer

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Interested firms can collect the detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and Assessment Grid at the following link: https://enlistment.gizbd.org. Please note, that firms need to register to collect the tender documents Interested parties are requesting to attend Prebid meeting which will be held on 8th July 2024 at 10:00 to 12:00 PM, please

development for the promotion of e-cooking appliances. Following tasks need to perform under this contract:

check pre-bid instruction file for address. Interested parties with relevant and proven experience shall Submit Technical and Financial Proposal by 14th July 2024 in separate sealed envelopes. The envelopes shall be addressed to "Contracts, Procurement & IT Unit" denoted with remark "83468050- Service Contract for Promotion and dissemination of E-cooking appliances in rural and peri-urban areas only Rajshahl & Rangpur

GIZ reserves the right to accept or reject offers in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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