

# Padma Bridge project now complete

## PM to formally conclude much-talked-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.

## HSC, equivalent

FROM PAGE 3 for students and their guardians. Besides, waterlogging and severe traffic congestion further complicated the situation. Prof Tapan Kumar Sarkar, chairman of Dhaka Education Board and president of Inter-Board Coordination Committee, said students would be allotted extra time if exams started late due to traffic or waterlogging. “If an exam centre starts at 10:30am instead of 10:00am, the exam will end at 1:30pm instead of

1:00pm,” he added. HSC written exams are scheduled to continue till August 11, followed by practical exams from August 12 to 21. This year, a total of 14,50,790 students from 9,463 educational institutions are registered for the exams, which are being held across 2,275 centres. Among the examinees, 11,28,281 are from the nine general education boards, 88,076 from the madrasa board, and 2,34,433 from the technical education board.



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.

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# 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 Puspog 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 liver cirrhosis.

Who knew, death was waiting for the mother too. Or maybe it was destiny which could not keep the mother and son apart.



Puspog died when the ambulance carrying them collided head-on with a motorcycle on Saturday night. After the collision, the

ambulance driver lost control over the steering and the vehicle fell into a ditch. Everybody in the ambulance survived, except Puspog, 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 Sakawat 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 added.

## Final justice yet to be delivered

FROM PAGE 3 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 immediate response to the attack. After the attack, which drew global condemnation, law enforcers launched a massive crackdown on terror networks. On November 27, 2019, the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal in Dhaka convicted

and 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 Bangladesh. The convicted are Jahangir Hossain, Aslam Hossain Rash, Hadisur Rahman, Rakibul Hasan Regan, Md Abdus Sabur Khan, Shariful Islam Khaled, and Mamunur Rashid Ripon. The tribunal also acquitted one accused as it found him not guilty. The convicted

individuals then filed appeals with the HC challenging the tribunal verdict. After holding hearings 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. Asked why the HC gave them jail sentences until death when the law stipulates life sentence as the highest punishment for the offences, Deputy

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 changed it. 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 seriously. So the court handed down jail sentences until death, citing a previous verdict.

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**Request for Bids**

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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, displacement, and migration.  
Energising Development (EnDev) is a global technical assistance programme that has been working in Bangladesh since 2009. EnDev 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 case for 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 development for the promotion of e-cooking appliances. Following tasks need to perform under this contract:  
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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 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 Rajshahi & Rangpur Division of Bangladesh."  
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## Abul Mansur Ahmad Magistrate

FROM PAGE 3 on only one subject. However, those who have won the essay competition commemorating Abul Mansur Ahmad earlier, will not be able to participate. The competition will be held in two phases. In the first phase, participants 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 “tarkajal@gmail.com”. The final round will be

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 will get Tk 1,000 in cash, a certificate, and books. After the final selection, the information about the prize distribution programme will be announced in September on the occasion of Abul Mansur Ahmad’s birth anniversary.

## Magistrate

FROM PAGE 3 whereabouts. The owners even took the keys of the flats with them. Moreover, the manager of the building was not found there. Earlier, on June 27, the court appointed some administrators to look after the confiscated immovable properties of former IGP Benazir and his family members. ACC’s director of property management unit will look after the properties in Dhaka and Rupganj in Narayanganj. The deputy commissioner of Bandarban will look after the land properties in the district.

## Probe

FROM PAGE 3 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 Sarwar Megh, then 5, was at home at that time. Nousher Ali Roman, Runi’s brother, filed a case with Sher-e-Bangla Police Station on the following day.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
JULY 1

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-54	8-17
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-57	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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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 প্রদান, ষ্ট্রাকচারাল ডিজাইন, ইলেকট্রো মেকানিক্যাল ডিজাইন, প্রাণিং ও ওয়াটার সাপ্লাই ডিজাইন, অগ্নিনির্বাপন ব্যবস্থাপনা ডিজাইন, প্রাক্কলন প্রস্তুতকরণ, বিল অব কোয়ালিটিজ ও টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট প্রস্তুত করার জন্য প্রকৃত অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এবং আর্কিটেকচারাল কনসাল্টিং ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে ভিন্ন ভিন্ন খামে কারিগরী ও আর্থিক প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

প্রস্তাব দাখিলের পূর্বে বারডেম জেনারেল হাসপাতালের নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর সহিত যে কোন কার্ভ বিবেক অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যোগাযোগ করিয়া কাজের বিস্তারিত জানিয়া আলোচনা করে সরেজমিনে স্থান সমূহ পরিদর্শন করিয়া কি কি কাজ করিতে হইবে তাহা জানিয়া ও বুঝিয়া আবারী ২১ জুলাই ২০২৪ রোজ- রবিবার সকাল ৯ঃ০০ ঘটিকা থেকে দুপুর ১২ঃ০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত বারডেমের ২৩০ নং কক্ষের সম্মুখে সংশ্লিষ্ট বক্সে দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং ঐ একই দিনে দুপুর ১২ঃ০০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্র দাতাদের সন্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকে) ২৪৬ নং কক্ষে খোলা হবে। দরপত্রের সাথে হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, টিন, বিন, ভ্যাট ও ইনকাম ট্রান্সফের সাটিক্সিট দাখিল করতে হবে।

নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে প্রস্তাব প্রেরণ না করলে পরবর্তীতে এ বিষয়ে কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না এবং কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

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