

New roads put

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kind of permission,” said Nesar Uddin Ahmed Monju, a ward councillor in North Kattali area.

Contacted, officials of Department of Agricultural Extension said the use of arable lands for commercial activities is on the rise in the region in absence of a dedicated law to protect agricultural land.

Mohammed Nasir Uddin, additional director of Chattogram regional office of DAE, said, “We do not have any legal power to prevent farmlands from being used for non-agricultural purposes. We just give permission on condition that the establishment cannot be built on cropland.”

Nasir Uddin, however, claimed that they did not approve the structures built on croplands on both sides of the Outer Ring Road.

Total 11,450

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508 in Türkiye, 420 in Oman, 415 in Qatar, 414 in Greece, 404 in the UAE, 385 in South Africa, 358 in Myanmar, 219 in Malaysia, 217 in Iraq, 191 in China, 122 in Hong Kong, 100 in Jordan, 81 in Italy, 70 in the Maldives, 66 in Singapore, 49 in Indonesia, 28 in Lebanon, 19 in Spain, 16 in Brunei, nine in Libya, six each in Egypt and Korea, five in Algeria, four in Thailand, and four in Mozambique.

Replying to another query from AL MP HM Badiuzzaman, the foreign minister said, in recent times, no Bangladeshi was arrested and imprisoned for entering the Indian border by mistake.

শিল্প পুট ভাড়া হবে

৩০ পোষ্টগোলা শিল্প এলাকায় ৩০০ KW বিদ্যুৎ লাইন, সাবস্টেশন, গভীর নলকূপ সুবিধা ৪০% সোভেল বিজি সহ ১০ কড়া জায়গার উপর সম্পূর্ণ সেট করা।

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Sixty-year-old craftsman Md Khalil Hawalder sits on a sidewalk and repairs broken umbrellas. Incessant rain over the last few days has left his business booming, allowing Khalil to earn around Tk 1,000-1,500 daily. The photo was taken on Fazlul Haque Avenue in Barishal yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

School waterlogged for six months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Persistent waterlogging is disrupting academic activities of nearly 200 students at Khatua Kumri Government Primary School in Sherpur Sadar upazila.

The school's premises and playground stay inundated for nearly six months every year, almost the entirety of monsoon and every time it rains during summer.

The students cannot participate in sports due to the submerged school ground.

Meanwhile, the stagnant water, overrun by water hyacinths, has become a perfect breeding grounds

for mosquitoes.

During a recent visit, this correspondent observed stagnant water on the compound. Students



were wading through ankle-high water to reach their classes.

“We can't play on our school ground as it remains waterlogged for months,” said Shakil, a student.

Guardians have expressed concerns that their children are falling behind in co-curricular activities compared to their peers.

Akteruzzaman, headteacher of the school, said, “We tried to dig a drain to let the water recede, but could not do so due to objections from neighbouring land owners. We made a written request to the upazila primary education officer on June 6 for necessary measures to this end.”

Akram Hossain, upazila primary education officer of Sherpur Sadar, said he has received an application from the school's headteacher and necessary steps will be taken soon.

Transfer, dismissal

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Revenue and the police were either transferred or forced into retirement.

“While administrative actions like transfer or retirement might appear promising, they do not sufficiently address the root causes of corruption,” Iftekharuzzaman stated.

“In fact, such measures can perpetuate a cycle where corruption goes unchecked due to a lack of rigorous legal consequences,” he said.

“The widespread acceptance of minimal punishment for corruption allegations sends a damaging message,” he alleged. “It suggests that certain individuals are above the law, which undermines public trust and erodes the foundation of ethical governance,” he noted.

Addressing the role of political leaders in combating corruption, Dr

Iftekharuzzaman called for a holistic approach that goes beyond rhetoric.

He urged political parties to take responsibility for the systemic issues that enable corruption to flourish, including political patronage and institutional collusion.

“Institutionalised corruption cannot be tackled effectively if political leaders evade accountability,” the TIB chief asserted.

“To rebuild public trust and uphold ethical standards, we need concrete actions that demonstrate a genuine commitment to transparency and accountability,” he said.

TIB called upon the government to ensure that officials accused of corruption face rigorous investigation and trial, aligning with the standard legal procedures applicable to all citizens.

BNP misleading

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“BNP claims that if Indian trains run through Bangladesh, it will pose a security risk to Bangladesh. This is not correct. Clause 3 of the agreement clearly states that ‘red traffic,’ including weapons, explosives, and dangerous items, will not be transported. Clause 4 of the agreement also states that the movement of goods and people between Bangladesh and India will be governed by the national laws, regulations, and administrative rules of the respective countries,” he

said.

Arafat also criticised BNP's leadership, accusing them of hindering regional connectivity initiatives and neglecting opportunities for economic progress, such as rejecting the submarine cable and obstructing the gas supply from Myanmar through India.

Arafat urged all to discern the facts and cautioned against falling prey to misinformation campaigns, stressing the importance of informed public discourse on matters of national interest.

Rain brings fresh

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Secondary healthcare facilities should cater to at-risk patients, such as pregnant women, the elderly, and children, to reduce the burden on major hospitals and critical care units, he added.

Entomologist GM Saifur Rahman also warned that the current rain patterns

will likely increase Aedes mosquito populations due to the abundance of breeding sites. He stressed the importance of destroying these sites.

Applying insecticides is less effective during inclement weather, so main focus should be on destroying breeding grounds,” he explained.

UZ chairman sent to jail in murder case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A Jamalpur court yesterday sent Raihan Rahmatullah Rimu, chairman of Madarganj Upazila Parishad, to prison in the murder case of fertiliser trader Nowsher Ali in the district.

Chief Judicial Magistrate Masud Parvez passed the order.

According to the state lawyer, on the evening of April 25, 2020, fertiliser trader Nowsher Ali was injured in an attack by some miscreants at Balijuri market in Madarganj upazila.

He later died while undergoing treatment at Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital.

When Rimu's name came up in the police investigation report, he secured bail for six weeks from the High Court. Upon the expiry of his bail period, he sought bail again from the Chief Judicial Magistrate's court yesterday.

However, the judge sent him to jail after rejecting his bail plea.

No toll from fire service vehicles: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the authorities concerned not to collect tolls from fire service vehicles for using expressways, highways, important bridges except for Padma and Bangabandhu bridges, flyovers and ferries until further directive.

The court also issued a rule asking the authorities to explain why taking toll from fire service vehicles should not be declared illegal. The HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice SM Masud Hossain Dolon issued the order and rule after hearing a petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Md Monir Uddin.

The petitioner cited newspaper reports saying that such vehicles in some fire incidents could not reach the spots on time as they had to wait for paying tolls on Bangabandhu bridge and Dhaka elevated expressway.

DEATH OF FISH IN HALDA Fisheries, DoE form probe bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two committees were formed yesterday to investigate the reasons behind the death of five brood fish and one dolphin in the Halda river within a week.

The Department of Fisheries formed a five-member committee and asked it to submit a report within seven working days, confirmed Sribas Chandra Chanda, district fisheries officer.

The Department of Environment also formed a probe committee and asked them to finish the investigation within 15 days, said Ferdous Anwar, deputy director of the DoE (Chattogram District Office).

প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়

“খুলনা প্রকৌশল ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অবকাঠামো ও একাডেমিক কার্যক্রম সম্পাদনা” প্রকল্প।

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ফেরীঘাট ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি

স্ল.	বিবরণ	তারিখ ও সময়
০১	ইজারা কোটেশন নং	০১/ইজারা/গোঃসঃবিঃ/২০২৩-২০২৪ (১০ম আহবান)
০২	ইজারার বিবরণ	২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থবছর হতে ২০২৬-২০২৭ অর্থবছর পর্যন্ত (১ জুলাই ২০২৪ হতে ৩০ জুন ২০২৭) মেয়াদে গোপালগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগীয় গোপালগঞ্জ জেলার সদর উপজেলার চরভাটা-জয়নগর ঘাটে বিভিন্ন প্রকার যানবাহন পারাপারের নিমিত্তে যানবাহনের টোল আদায়ের ইজারা প্রদান।
০৩	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ	১ জুলাই ২০২৪ হতে ৩০ জুন ২০২৭ পর্যন্ত = ৩ (তিন) বছর।
০৪	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য	টাকা ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা) মাত্র।
০৫	জামানতের টাকার পরিমাণ	উক্ত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
০৬	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৫/০৭/২০২৪ তারিখ বিকাল ৫:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৭	মুখবন্ধ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৬/০৭/২০২৪ তারিখ বেলা ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
০৮	ইজারা ডাকে অংশ গ্রহণের যোগ্যতা	ডাট্টা ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নারীক, সরকারী / বেসরকারী / স্বায়ব্বশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
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