



Three student volunteers directing vehicles at the Science Lab intersection in the capital yesterday. Students are continuing to assist traffic police in ensuring proper lane management throughout the capital and rest of the country.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Inaugurated but inaccessible

Ctg elevated expressway still not open after 8 months

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

The first elevated expressway in Chattogram city has yet to open to traffic, even though over eight months have passed since its inauguration in November last year.

The delay has been a disappointment to commuters in the port city, as they keep waiting for a respite from unbearable traffic congestion.

When the expressway was inaugurated, city dwellers hoped that their suffering would finally come to an end. However, the reality has been a far cry.

"We are still suffering from traffic jams and don't know how much

longer this will go on," said Abdul Khalek, a private job holder who commutes regularly from the city's GEC intersection to Customs area.



The Chattogram Development Authority constructed the 16-kilometre-long expressway, from Lalkhan Bazar to Patenga, at a cost of Tk 4,298.95 crore, to smooth

communication and boost the economy.

Even though the construction work was incomplete, former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the expressway last year, a decision that drew flak from city planners, who termed it a bid to show off the development achieved by the then-ruling party ahead of the election.

Delwar Hossain Mazumdar, executive member of Forum for Planned Chattogram, earlier said the CDA failed to fulfil people's expectations.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council approved the government-funded

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## RANGAMATI, KHAGRACHHARI Students protest removal of graffiti

STAR REPORT

Students in Rangamati and Khagrachhari held rallies yesterday, protesting the removal of graffiti created in support of the Anti-discrimination Student Movement.

They argued that while discrimination has lessened nationwide, it has yet to reach the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

They demanded indigenous rights in Bangladesh. "We want liberty from militarisation," said Kiko Dewan, a Rangamati Government College student.

Kiko also said conspiracies against indigenous people continue, as their land is being taken in the name of tourism.

He also called for creating voter lists that include only residents of the region.

Hundreds of students from various upazilas participated in the protests.

They criticised law enforcement authorities for obstructing their efforts to repaint the graffiti, which had previously been removed.

Meanwhile, people from the indigenous community brought out a procession on the Dhaka University area yesterday, demanding protection of their land rights and constitutional recognition.

They also sought justice for the killings of indigenous persons.



## Tk 3.11cr found in former senior secretary's flat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police recovered cash worth around Tk 3.11 crore, including local and foreign currencies, from the apartment of a former senior secretary on Babar Road in the capital's Mohammadpur area yesterday.

DMP informed the matter to the media through a text message around 7:30pm.

The message said based on secret information, DMP conducted a raid and recovered a large amount of domestic and foreign currency from a house on Block F on Babar Road. It said the flat belonged to Shah Kamal, former senior secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

Kamal served as secretary from 2015 to 2019 and senior secretary from 2019 to 2020.

According to DMP, they recovered approximately Tk 3.01 crore in BDT, prize bonds worth Tk 74,400, and various foreign currencies worth around Tk 10.03 lakh. The foreign currencies include \$3,000; 1,320 Malaysian Ringgit; 2,969 Saudi Riyal; 4,122 Singapore Dollar; 1,915 Australian Dollar.

Visiting the spot around 8:00pm, this correspondent found that army personnel were deployed at the eight-storey building. The former secretary owned a flat on the first floor.

Mostafa Gazi, a trader in Mohammadpur, said they saw vehicles entering the building with sacks over the past few days. Suspecting something amiss, they kept watch on the house and learnt from a source that the sacks contained money. They later informed the army in the evening, he added.

Nurul Islam, a security guard at the building, told The Daily Star that six to seven men, identifying themselves as members of the Detective Branch, came to the house around 2:00pm. Nurul said the former secretary did not reside there.

"He used to come here once or twice a week with two vehicles and stay for about an hour. One of the vehicles was still parked there," said the security guard, who has been working there for the past four months.

## More than just NUMBERS

A 17-year-old student died with bullet wounds in Dhaka. A 38-year-old rickshaw puller fatally shot in Dhaka. A 24-year-old service holder shot dead in Habiganj. At least 400 lives (the actual number could be much higher) were lost when law enforcers opened fire on protesters during the recent unrest. But these victims are not just statistics; they are children, parents, and friends. In this report, we try to know the stories of three such names among these tragic numbers.



'They shot my boy six times'  
Says mother of Raihan, 17, who died of bullet wounds

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

"My son did nothing wrong; why was he shot dead? I demand a fair trial and justice for my son's death," said Rehana, mother of Raihan, 17, who died after being shot in Dhaka's Badda area on August 5.

Raihan had been visiting his cousin's house in Badda since early July, where he got involved in the quota-reform protests and opted not to return home in Chaulabunia village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila until the students' demands were met.

A candidate for Dakhil examination in 2025 from a madrasa in Patuakhali, Raihan hailed from a poor family. His father Kamal Akon works as a day labourer, while his mother Rehana is a homemaker. His younger sister Jannati is only five years old.

On the morning of August 5, Raihan joined a protest in the Badda area when he was hit by six bullets in his chest and legs during a firing at the student protesters.

He was immediately taken to Dhaka

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'Had to beg for money to take his body home'  
Says son of Goni Miah, a rickshaw-puller who was shot dead

NILIMA JAHAN

Six months ago, 38-year-old Goni Miah left his home in Sreebordi, Sherpur, with hopes of changing his family's fortune.

A former rice mill worker, Goni believed that pulling a rickshaw in Dhaka would provide the financial stability his family desperately needed.

However, instead of returning with the promise of a better future, Goni's lifeless



body returned home in a coffin, plunging his family into deeper despair.

Goni lived in the Nakhhalpara area of Tejgaon. On the evening

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No parent should bear this loss  
Says mother of Mostak, 24, who was fatally shot



MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Maya Khatun, 65, was relieved when her youngest son, Md Mostak Mia, 24, got a job as a lineman under a contractor of

Bangladesh Power Development Board in Habiganj.

After his two elder brothers started living separately following their marriages, Mostak had become her only hope. However, everything changed on August 2 when Mostak, who went outside to buy shoes in the afternoon, got hit by a bullet amid a clash between protesters and law enforcers in Habiganj town.

"My youngest son Mostak

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| প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস অফুরন্ত নয়,<br>এর অপচয় রোধ করুন।  |   | গ্যাসের অবৈধ সংযোগ গ্রহণ ও<br>ব্যবহার শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ। |   |
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| <b>Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution PLC</b><br>Titas Gas Bhaban, 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue,<br>Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215 |   |  |   |
| <b>Invitation for Tenders (OTM-NCT)</b>   |   |  |   |
| 1   | Ministry/Division   | :  | Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division (EMRD)  |
| 2   | Agency  | :  | Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)   |
| 3   | Procuring Entity Name   | :  | Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Public Limited Company (TGTDPLC)  |
| 4   | Procuring Entity District   | :  | Dhaka   |
| 5   | Invitation for Tenders  | :  | Procurement of Information Technology Products and Services   |
| 6   | Invitation Ref. No.   | :  | TGTDPLC/SMEEIP-ADB/GD-2(SI-02)/2024   |
| 7   | Date  | :  | 15/08/2024  |
| <b>KEY INFORMATION</b>  |   |  |   |
| 8   | Procurement Method  | :  | Single-Stage Two-Envelope (Open Tendering Method-NCT)   |
| <b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>  |   |  |   |
| 9   | Budget & Source of Fund   | :  | Development & Asian Development Bank (ADB) [Loan No. 4386-BAN]  |
| <b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>   |   |  |   |
| 10  | Project Name  | :  | Smart Metering Energy Efficiency Improvement Project [Installation of Prepaid Gas Meter for TGTDCCL]  |
| 11  | Tender Package No.  | :  | GD-2(SI-02)   |
| 12  | Tender Package Name   | :  | Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Unified Web System and Automated Grievance Redress Center (Hardware & Software)   |
| 13  | Tender Publication Date   | :  | 15.08.2024  |
| 14  | Tender Last Selling Date  | :  | 18.09.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) local time   |
| 15  | Tender Submission Date & Time   | :  | 19.09.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) local time   |
| 16  | Tender Opening Date & Time  | :  | 19.09.2024 14:30 (GMT+6) local time   |
| 17  | Name & Address of the Offices:  | :  |   |
|   | • Selling Tender Document   | :  | Office of Project Director, Smart Metering Energy Efficiency Improvement Project [Installation of Prepaid Gas Meter for TGTDCCL], Titas Gas Bhaban (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215  |
|   | • Receiving Tender Document   | :  | Same As   |
|   | • Opening Tender Document   | :  | Same As   |
| 18  | Pre-Tender Meeting Place, Date & Time   | :  | Office of Project Director, Smart Metering Energy Efficiency Improvement Project [Installation of Prepaid Gas Meter for TGTDCCL], Titas Gas Bhaban (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215<br>01/09/2024 & 11:00 AM   |
| <b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>   |   |  |   |
| 19  | Eligibility of Tenderer   | :  | 1. Successful completion of minimum three (3) contracts as main supplier within the last ten (10) years of which at least one (1) contract valued minimum of BDT37.0 (Thirty-Seven) Crore and two (2) other contracts value of no less than BDT10.0 (Ten) Crore with feature, functions, nature, and complexity as described in Section 6 (Schedule of Requirements)<br>2. Minimum average of best 3 years over the last five (5) annual turnover of BDT60.0 (Sixty) Crore calculated as total payments received by the Bidder.<br>3. Details in the Tender Documents |
| 20  | Brief Description of Goods  | :  | Supply of Hardware and Accessories for Unified Web System and Automated Grievance Redress Center. Details in Tender Documents   |
| 21  | Brief Description of Services   | :  | Installation and Commissioning of Unified Web System and Automated Grievance Redress Center (Software). Details in Tender Documents   |
| 22  | Price of the Tender Document  | :  | BDT10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Bangladeshi Taka)  |
|   | <b>Lot No.</b>  | <b>Identification of Lot</b>                             | <b>Location</b>   |
|   | 1   | Single   | Southern part of Titas Franchise Area (Dhaka, Narayanganj and so on)  |
|   |   |  | <b>Tender Security Amount</b>   |
|   |   |  | BDT90.00 (Ninety) Lac in favor of TGTDPLC   |
|   |   |  | <b>Completion Time</b>  |
|   |   |  | 38 (Thirty-Eight) months  |
| <b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>   |   |  |   |
| 23  | Name of Official Inviting Tender  | :  | Engr. Muhammad Abul Kawser  |
| 24  | Designation of Official Inviting Tender   | :  | Project Director, Smart Metering Energy Efficiency Improvement Project [Installation of Prepaid Gas Meter for TGTDCCL]  |
| 25  | Address of Official Inviting Tender   | :  | Planning Department, Titas Gas Bhaban (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215  |
| 26  | Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender   | :  | Cell No.: +8801712816739, E-mail: pd.ipgm.adb@gmail.com   |
| 27  | <b>The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject Tender as well as whole procedure.</b> |  |   |
| Titas/PR-37/2024-25   |   |  |   |
| <br>(Engr. Muhammad Abul Kawser)<br>Project Director  |   |  |   |
| GD-193  |   |  |   |