

## Two children drown in Habiganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Two children drowned in a pond in Naogaon village of Habiganj's Lakhai upazila on Friday evening.

The deceased are five-year-old Sushi Akhter, daughter of Sohag Mia, and her cousin, four-year-old Barsha Akhtar, said Abul Khair, officer-in-charge of Lakhai Police Station.

According to locals, Sushi and Barsha went to bathe in a pond near their home during the rain by themselves.

Despite extensive searches, locals could not locate them. Later, their bodies were found floating in the pond. They were taken to Lakhai Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared them dead.



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

### ASHRAYAN PROJECT IN DUMURIA

# Flooded homes push families into uncertainty

## Lightning strikes kill five in Sylhet, Sunamganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A total of five people were killed in lightning strike in three upazilas of Sylhet and Sunamganj yesterday.

Of them, two died in each of Jaintapur and Kanaighat upazilas in Sylhet, and one in Sunamganj's Bishwambharpur upazila.

In Jaintapur, Nahid Ahmed, 13, son of Nurul Haque of Agfout village; and Abdul Mannan, 45, son of Kala Miah of Babarband village, died in two separate incidents, confirmed Tajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Jaintapur Police Station.

In Kanaighat, Kala Miah, 28, of Kewtihaor village; SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

### DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Fifty-six houses under an Ashrayan project in Dumuria upazila, Khulna, have been under knee-deep water for the past two months due to flooding.

The Ashrayan project, initiated by the former government under the Prime Minister's Office, was intended to provide homes for the homeless. Despite the then regime declaring the programme as a huge success, allegations of using substandard construction materials and unplanned development started surfacing shortly after.

For example, these homes in Khulna were constructed in a low-lying area, previously a riverbed.

Despite experts warning of waterlogging, the project officials pressed on with building the homes on this particular site.

The canals, which are supposed to drain floodwater into the Shoilmari, Salta, and Bhadra rivers, are clogged with silt, and malfunctioning

sluice gates have worsened the situation. As a result, water has not receded from these homes and adjacent areas for months.

A recent visit revealed that homes were inundated both inside and out, with residents struggling to cope.



Many families, like Shiuli Begum, 55, have been forced to relocate due to unhygienic conditions.

"Our homes are now uninhabitable. I thought we would finally have a place to live

after years, but I was forced to abandon the place due to waterlogging," she said.

Majada Begum, another resident, spoke of her son suffering from skin rashes due to contact with the polluted water. "All our furniture has been ruined, and the plaster on the walls is damaged," she added.

Abdul Bari, a displaced resident, questioned the government's failure to ensure a safe place for them to live. "Flooding persists for half the year," he said. "This year, the local representatives haven't even visited us. Where is their accountability?"

Local union parishad member Abdul Goffur Gazi criticised the site selection, claiming that despite repeated objections, the former Dumuria upazila nirbahi officer went ahead with the project.

Dumuria's current UNO, Mohammad Al-Amin, attributed the flooding to silted canals and damaged sluice gates. He said efforts were being made with the Bangladesh Water Development Board to address the problem.

## 21 BNP activists expelled for looting 300 sacks of rice

### Two held with 6.2 tonnes of govt rice

#### STAR REPORT

BNP has expelled 21 leaders and activists of the party's Navaron union unit in Jashore's Jhikargachha upazila for looting 300 sacks of rice of government's food programme from a warehouse.

They were expelled for involvement in activities against the party's discipline, read a press release issued on Friday night, undersigned by Saberul Haque Sabu, member secretary of Jashore district unit BNP.

The expelled members are: Navaron union unit convener Khairuzzaman Minu, Navaron ward 9 member Hafizur Rahman, members Rajab Ali, Tabibur Rahman Tabi, Tariqul Islam, Nahid, Mizan, Asim, Milan Hossain, Sohag Doctor, Jasim, Mizak Ali, Babu, Rafi, Zahid. Ali, Abdur Rashid, Tarek, Mamun, Idris Ali and Babu.

Allegedly, Khairuzzaman and his associates looted 300 sacks of rice of the government's food programme from a dealer's warehouse in Haria Nimtala market of the upazila.

The decision to expel the accused came after a case was filed with Jhikargachha Police Station SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

## Driver stabbed to death in Dhaka

#### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A battery-run rickshaw driver was stabbed to death allegedly by muggers in Dhaka's Sutrapur area early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Jinnah, 52.

The incident occurred around 3:00am in Loharpool area when the muggers, posing as passengers, tried to snatch his auto-rickshaw, said Md Sabbir Hossain, a garment worker who was present nearby during the incident.

He said he heard Jinnah's screams from a short distance and found him with stab wounds on his back, chest, and head.

Jinnah was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he died around 4:15am, he said.

However, the attackers could not take his rickshaw or mobile phone.

Inspector Md Faruk, in-charge of the DMCH Police Outpost, said the body was sent to the morgue for autopsy.



# Sagardighi-Sakhipur road needs urgent repair

### MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

The Sagardighi-Sakhipur road in Tangail's Ghatail upazila has long been in a battered condition. The road connects to the Dhaka-Tangail Highway at Madhupur area via Sakhipur.

Dhaka-bound goods-laden heavy vehicles carrying pineapples, bananas, jackfruits, wood, bamboo, poultry feeds, chickens, eggs, bricks and sand from several districts including Tangail, Mymensingh, Jamalpur and Sherpur use the road alongside passenger buses.

Due to its dilapidated state, passengers, transport workers and commuters have been facing immense sufferings while using the road to reach their destinations.

They demanded prompt steps by the authorities concerned to repair the road.

On the spot observation by this correspondent revealed that numerous potholes, small and large, have been formed along the road's entire stretch as the bitumen surface has worn off.

A little rain turns the road muddy and forms puddles here and there, making it difficult for pedestrians, while the dilapidated road surface makes it an arduous task for drivers to ply it. The risky spots have been

marked by locals with red flags to prevent accidents.

In case of downpour, the road becomes waterlogged, halting vehicular movement on it and causing severe traffic congestion.

"Transporting goods using the

prompt repairs for the entire road," said Khademul Islam Mamun, a local school teacher.

Saiful Islam, general secretary of a local association of businessmen in Sagardighi, said, "Businesses are also being affected due to the road's



road has become very difficult due to its present state," said Abdul Momin, a truck driver.

"Only around one-kilometre stretch of the road was repaired earlier this year, leaving it unfit for vehicular movement. We demand

poor condition."

Contacted, Sinthia Azmiry Khan, executive engineer of Roads and Highways Department in Tangail, said the road will be repaired as soon as possible on a priority basis.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Director

Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

www.cmch.gov.bd

Memo No: CMCH/Tender/2024-2025/MSR/11166

Date: 21-09-2024.

Inviation For Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from experienced Manufacturer/ Importers/ Contractors/ Suppliers/ Distributors to supply MSR goods & Related Services for CMCH in the fiscal 2024-2025. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (Including all corrigendum); Terms and conditions are as follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION					
1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.			
2	Agency	Chittagong Medical College Hospital, Chattogram.			
3	PE Name, Designation & Contact details	Brigadier General Mohammed Taslim Uddin; Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Telephone: 0241356220 E-mail address: cmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd			
4	Procuring Entity Code & District	GOB, Chattogram.			
5	Invitation for	Procurement of MSR goods & Related Services for Chittagong Medical College Hospital in the fiscal year 2024-2025.			
6	Tender Ref. No & date	CMCH/Tender/2024-2025/MSR/11166 Date: 21-09-2024.			
7	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (National). Item-by-item.			
8	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB			
9	Tender Publication Date	22-09-2024.			
10	Tender Schedule Selling Starting Date and Time	22-09-2024 During office hours.			
11	Pre-Tender Meeting	02-10-2024, 11:00 A. M.			
12	Tender Last Selling Date and Time	20-10-2024, 12:00 P. M.			
13	Tender Dropping & Closing Date and Time	Dropping date: 21-10-2024, Dropping time: from 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM Closing time: 12:01 P. M.			
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	21-10-2024 at 01:00 P.M.			
Name and address of the Office's					
15	(a) Selling Tender Documents	Cashier, Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital.			
		Cashier, Office of the Civil Surgeon, Chattogram District.			
	(b) Receiving Tender Documents	Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital.			
	Officer In-charge, Panchlaish Model Thana, Chattogram Metropolitan Police.				
	Tender Documents Opening Place	Office of the Director, Chittagong Medical College Hospital, KB Fazlul Kader Road, Chattogram-4203.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
16	Bidders Eligibility	Details in Tender Booklet.			
Description of Group, Price of Tender Document, Tender Security etc.					
17	Name of Group	Price of Tender Document in BDT (Only in Cash, Non Refundable)	Tender Security in BDT (Bank Draft / Pay Order to be submitted with the tender booklet in favor of The Director, CMCH). Bank guarantee is not acceptable.		
	A Medicine (Including IV fluid, Dental Materials etc.)	Tk. 2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Tk. 12,00,000.00 (Twelve Lakh Only)		
	B Medicine (Oncology)	Tk. 2,000.00 (Two Thousand Only)	Tk. 5,00,000.00 (Five Lakh Only)		
	C Recruiting Carrying Contractor	Tk. 1,000.00 (One Thousand Only)	Tk. 40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Only)		
18	Description of Related Services	Details in Tender Booklet.			
Note:					
(a) Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice. The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.					
(b) If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.					
(Brigadier General Mohammed Taslim Uddin) Director Chittagong Medical College Hospital. E-mail: cmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd Telephone: 0241356220					
GD- 485					