

## 10 Dhaka roads to go horn-free in Jan

UNB, Dhaka

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan yesterday said the government is set to announce 10 roads in Dhaka "horn-free" from January.

"Necessary amendments to the law will be made to promote a horn-free country," she said while speaking as the chief guest at the Grand Finale of the "Shahid Selim BUFT National Debate Competition 2024" held at BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology in Uttara, Dhaka.

She emphasised the need for everyone to drive responsibly and reduce horn use, and highlighted the crucial role of youth in raising public awareness.

## Two killed, 7 hurt in CNG filling station blast

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Two people were killed and seven injured in a gas explosion at a CNG filling station in Mymensingh city's Rohmotpur area yesterday afternoon.

The deceased are Himel Mia, 26, a private car driver, and Abdul Quddus, 85, a local, said Md Shafiqul Islam Khan, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

The explosion, reportedly caused by a gas leak in a supply pipe, occurred when a private car was refuelling at Azhar Filling Station and Intraco CNG Gas Pump on the Rohmotpur bypass around 3:00pm, said OC Shafiqul, quoting locals.

Six firefighting units brought the fire under control after around 30 minutes.

The injured were admitted to hospitals.

## Severed leg found in Dhaka dumpster

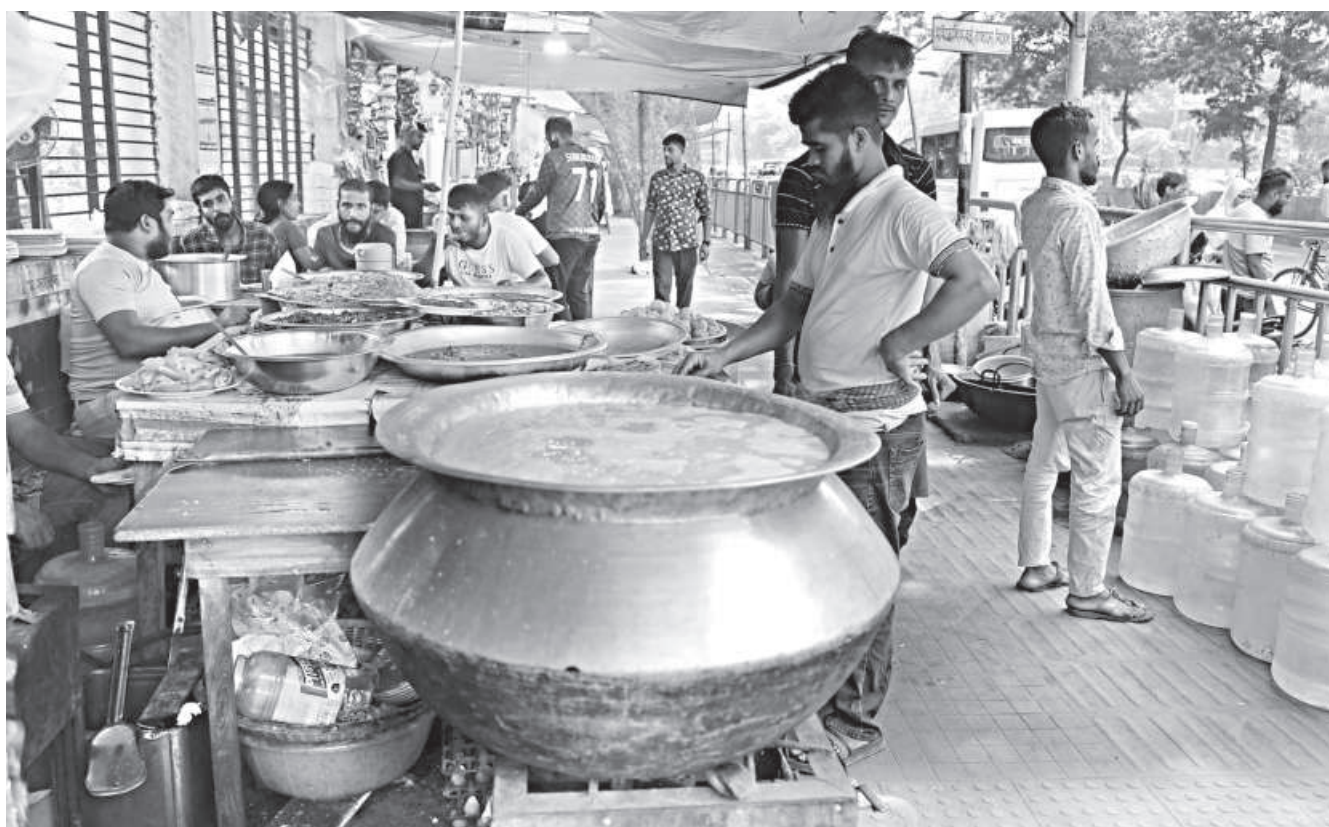
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered a severed human leg in the capital's Mohammadpur area last night.

Locals first found it around 8:30pm in an alley on Razia Sultana Road, where garbage is commonly dumped.

"The leg was found wrapped in bandage," said Hafizur Rahman, inspector of Mohammadpur Police Station.

He said they will investigate the matter.



A makeshift roadside eatery occupies a significant portion of the footpath in front of the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital in the capital. With the eatery running its activities, including cooking, there, pedestrians face difficulties and safety concerns while walking on the footpath and are often forced to walk on the road instead. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

# Hilsa surge right after ban sparks controversy

Locals suspect fishers caught the fish earlier and traders kept them in cold storage

SHUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Soon after the 22-day fishing ban on hilsa ended, a significant influx of hilsa fish appeared in local markets across the Barishal division.

However, locals suspect many of these fish were caught during the ban, a claim also hinted at by fisheries officials.

They also suspect fish traders have stored hilsa through various preservation methods, releasing them into the market immediately after the ban.

Just six hours after the restriction was lifted, at least 500 maunds of hilsa were



spotted in Barishal's Port Road wholesale market. Locals said many of these fish were discoloured and appeared frozen, indicating they may have been caught

days earlier.

Liton Majhi, a trader who brought in 10 maunds of hilsa from Bhola by trowler, remained evasive when asked how he obtained such a large quantity of fish so quickly after the ban was lifted.

During a recent visit to the Port Road, various sizes of hilsa were found on sale. Traders reported prices of around Tk 68,000 per maund for larger fish, Tk 65,000 per maund for medium-sized fish, and between Tk 26,000 and Tk 58,000 per maund for smaller hilsa, depending on weight.

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## Woman beaten to death in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A 55-year-old woman was beaten to death early yesterday while cooking her meal at home in Narayanganj's Fatullah area.

The victim, Nilufa Begum, a garment worker residing in Gabtali under Fatullah Police Station, was attacked around 5:00am, police said.

Police arrested the suspect, Md Shanto, 25, hailing from Cumilla, but found no clear motive behind the attack.

Locals and police reported that Shanto, wielding a stick, attempted to break the window of Nilufa's one-storey residence. When Nilufa intervened, Shanto began beating her brutally without provocation.

Upon hearing her screams, neighbours rushed to her aid and took her to Narayanganj General Hospital, where doctors pronounced her dead, said OC Shariful Islam of Fatullah Police Station.

"This was an unprovoked incident, and we found no prior connection between the suspect and the victim," OC Shariful said.

Shanto is reportedly an employee at Central Dewanbag Sharif in Dhaka. Authorities there said Shanto is 'intellectually challenged', he said.

The deceased's son, Md Nasir, said the family did not know the suspect. Following the incident, locals detained Shanto, beat him, and handed him over to police. A murder case has been filed, and Shanto has been sent to jail.

## DHAKA-CTG HIGHWAY 15 tonnes of iron scrap looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg


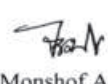
Approximately 15 tonnes of iron scrap belonging to GPH Ispat Limited, a private steel re-rolling company, were stolen by a group of criminals on the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in Sitakunda upazila early yesterday.

Law enforcers detained truck driver Belal, 30, but failed to recover the looted iron scrap so far, said police.

The robbery took place on the highway near Sitakunda's BM Container Depot area in Barawlia. Around 10 to 12 miscreants intercepted the iron laden dump-truck by placing a private car on the highway, said police, quoting GPH Ispat's adviser for logistics and security Showkat Osman.

They later drove away with the truck. The dump-truck was found without the iron scrap in Panthichila Bazar area, nearly 30km away from the crime spot, in an abandoned condition, said police.

GPH Ispat authorities filed a case with Sitakunda Police Station. The police station's OC could not be contacted for comments.

 <b>Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)</b> (A Company of Petrobangla) Plot No. F-18/A, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Administrative Area, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207			
গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ, এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন		"স্থানীয় নিরাপত্তা সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার"	
<b>Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Selection of Consulting Firm (National) for Conducting Feasibility Study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Maowa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Projects.</b>			
<b>GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH</b>			
1	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	:	Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
3	Procuring Entity Name	:	Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL)
4	Procuring Entity District	:	Dhaka
5	Expression of Interest for Selection of	:	Consulting Firm (National) for Conducting Feasibility Study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Project.
6	EOI Ref No	:	28.14.0000.185.65.001.24.1434
7	Date	:	05/11/2024
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
8	Procurement Method	:	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
9	Budget and Source of Funds	:	Own fund of GTCL
10	Development Partners	:	Not Applicable
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
11	Project/Programme Code	:	Not Applicable
12	Project/Programme name	:	Consulting Firm (National) for conducting Feasibility Study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Project.
13	EOI Closing Date and Time	:	20/11/2024 and 12.00 Noon
<b>INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT</b>			
14	Brief Description of Assignment	:	The major source of primary energy in Bangladesh is domestic natural gas. The demand for gas is increasing rapidly while its production is declining day by day. So, the gap between supply and demand is increasing. To minimize the gap, imported Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) through two existing FSRU is being supplied to national gas grid since 2018 and the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has planned to install 3 <sup>rd</sup> FSRU and Land based LNG terminal to meet the current and future gas demand of the country. One plan is to setup FSRU at Payra deep sea. On the other hand, there are gas reserves in the Bhola region. To evacuate gas from the Gas fields of Bhola region and the future available Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (R-LNG) at Payra/Kuakata and to supply the same to the South-Western part of the Country including Barishal and Khulna and to the mid region of the Country four pipelines (i) Bhola-Barishal (ii) Barishal-Khulna (iii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iv) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline have been envisaged. Detailed feasibility study of Bhola-Barishal Pipeline has already been conducted. So, detailed feasibility study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Projects needs to be carried out for which this REOI has been sought. After shortlisting, separate Request for Proposals (RFP's) for three pipelines will be issued to the short-listed Consulting Firms.
15	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	:	<b>The applicant should have the minimum following experience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 (Ten) years overall experience in Consultancy services;</li> <li>At least 08 (Eight) years experiences with minimum 3 successful completion of conducting Feasibility Study of gas Infrastructure and/or similar other projects in utility sectors;</li> <li>Consultancy work related to feasibility of cross-country Gas transmission pipeline;</li> <li>Submit evidence of experiences, continuing capability and adequacy of resources to carry out the service effectively;</li> <li>Financial Capacity.</li> </ul>
16	Documents comprising the EOI	:	<b>The Expression of Interest must comprise the followings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covering letter;</li> <li>Company profile, copy of Incorporation/Registration, Trade License Certificate, Brochure summarizing the available facilities to conduct the Feasibility Study;</li> <li>Experience details as mentioned above;</li> <li>Bank solvency certificate;</li> <li>Availability of appropriate in-house skilled staffs list of relevant professional, their qualification and experience;</li> <li>Copy of Audit report (Yearly Turnover) for the last 3 (Three) years;</li> </ul> Only shortlisted Consulting Firms will be called to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP). Interested Consulting Firm will be required to submit the EOI (3 Copies) one (01) Original, two (02) copies along with soft copy in pen drive in a closed envelope marked with "Expressions of Interest for Selection of Consulting Firm (National) for Conducting Feasibility Study of (i) Barishal-Khulna (ii) Kuakata-Payra-Barishal and (iii) Barishal-Jajira-Mawa-Langalbandh Gas Transmission Pipeline Project" on all working days between 09:00 to 16:00 hrs. (BST) at Committee room, Level-3, GTCL Head Office, Plot No. F-18/A, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207 before the EOI closing date & time, 20/11/2024 and 12.00 Noon. Any application submitted later than the specific date and time or submitted through E-mail/fax will not be allowed.
17	Association with foreign firms is	:	Not Applicable
18	Place of Receiving the EOI	:	Committee Room, Level-03 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor), GTCL Head Office, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
19	Name of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	:	Monshof Ali
20	Designation of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	:	Deputy General Manager (Strategic Planning)
21	Address of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	:	Room#1114, Level-11 (10 <sup>th</sup> Floor), GTCL Head Office, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207
22	Contact details of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	:	Telephone: +88-02-44827272 Email: stplanning17@gmail.com
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any or all EOI.		
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 (Monshof Ali) Deputy General Manager (Strategic Planning)			