

## DUI faction concerned over revoking accreditation of journo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday expressed concern over government's decision of revoking accreditation cards of over 200 journalists.

It said the move is a threat to independent journalism.

In a statement, DUJ President Sohel Haider Chowdhury and General Secretary Akhtar Hossain protested the government's move and requested it to reconsider the decision.

The information ministry has so far cancelled the press accreditation of 167 journalists including reporters, newspaper editors, and television chief executive officers.

The DUJ requested the government to create an environment for independent journalism aiming to build a democratic, liberal and exploitation-free state.



Locals throw their nets into the Mahananda river, hoping to catch some fish. Amid the rising prices of fish in the market, many like them wade into the river every morning in hopes of finding their dinner. The photo was taken in Tentulia area of Panchagarh yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## All Dhaka buses to run under 'Nagar Paribahan'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All passenger buses in the capital are scheduled to operate under Dhaka Nagar Paribahan, according to new decision by Bus Route Rationalization Committee (BRCC) yesterday.

However, the ownership of the buses will remain with the respective companies.

Dhaka south city administrator and committee Chairman Nazrul Islam briefed the media after BRCC made the decision in its 29th meeting at Dhaka South City Corporation headquarters.

Applications from the bus companies for operating bus services under Nagar Paribahan will be accepted until November 30, he said.

The decision to restart Dhaka Nagar Paribahan, was announced by BRCC, aiming to ease traffic congestion in Dhaka and provide passengers with comfortable transport services.

Nazrul said the problems with Dhaka's transport system seems endless. Extensive discussions have been held with law enforcement agencies, bus owners' association, and transport workers' union to this end.

Using the opportunity created by the student and public uprising for a new Bangladesh, it will be possible to restore order on the streets, he said.

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## KALAPARA-DHANKHALI ROAD

# Illegal canal excavation triggers road collapse

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The Kalapara-Dhankhali road in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila has begun collapsing in several areas, with cracks forming in many sections.

The poor condition of the road is due to illegal soil excavation from the nearby Rajpara canal, which flows parallel to the road. This has put locals at risk, forcing them to navigate the damaged road with caution.

According to the upazila administration, the total estimated damage to the road is around Tk 50 crore.

Last year, a local group illegally excavated soil from the Rajpara canal to sell to a brick kiln, significantly deepening the canal with the use of heavy machinery.

Recently, two influential fish farmers, Md Sani and Ferdous, took



advantage of the deepened canal to cultivate fish. For several days, Ferdous has been draining the canal to harvest his fish stock, which sparked a dispute between him and Sani over financial transactions.

As the water levels in the canal dropped, the road started cracking, and despite warnings from locals to stop, Ferdous continued to drain the canal, worsening the road's collapse.

By last week, the situation had escalated, with more sections of the road in danger, causing fear among the local residents.

Mahbub Mia, a local resident, reported that a significant portion of the road fell into the canal early Friday morning, while additional cracks had appeared.

"Any time, this road could completely collapse," he said. "We, and many other families living along the canal, are worried about the risks."

Hasanuzzaman, a teacher at Dhankhali Technical and BM College, said the road is essential for daily commuting by teachers,

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## PUBLIC ADMIN ACADEMY Allocation of 700-acre forest land cancelled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has cancelled a 700-acre land allocation to Ministry of Public Administration for establishing Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Academy of Public Administration in Cox's Bazar.

This decision, prompted by Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan, aims to protect forest land.

The area, located in Jhilanja Mouza, includes 400 acres of hill and 300 acres of stream land, and is designated as protected forest since 1935 under the Forest Act, 1927.

A letter issued by the Ministry of Land on November 10 signed by Deputy Secretary Aminur Rahman, asked the deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar to take necessary actions to protect the area.

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## NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLAN Rizwana seeks UK support

UNB, Dhaka

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan, yesterday emphasised the need for support from the UK to implement the National Adaptation Plan.

She also sought potential grant assistance from the British High Commission for the Department of Environment's efforts to combat noise pollution.

Rizwana said this at a meeting with British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke at Secretariat.

The adviser also highlighted the ministry's interest in collaborating with the UK to enhance its capacity for accessing and utilising Digital Sequencing Information for environmental conservation.




## 123 crude bomb-like objects found in 10 bags

STAR REPORT

A total of 123 crude bomb-like objects in 10 bags were found in roadside bushes in Damudya upazila of Shariatpur yesterday morning.

Hafizur Rahman Milon, officer-in-charge of Damudya Police Station, said locals first noticed the bags in the bushes in Akalbarish area and informed police. "The objects appear to be crude bombs wrapped in insulation tape," said Milon.

Besides police and army personnel, a bomb disposal team from Dhaka inspected the spot and destroyed the objects, said Nazrul Islam, superintendent of Shariatpur district police. Police are investigating the incident.



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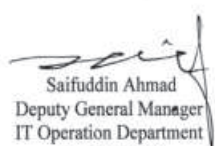
**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

Reference: 11.2/311/ Date: 10/11/2024

The Tender is invited for Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for the Equipment/Accessories of Data Center (DC) at Motijheel and Disaster Recovery Site (DRS) at Karwanbazar for 03 (Three) Years. Necessary information is given below:

01. Procuring Entity	IT Operation Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC (BDBPLC), Head Office, BDBL Bhaban, 8 Rajuk Avenue, Motijheel, Dhaka - 1000.
02. Procurement Method	Through Open Tendering Method (OTM) of Public Procurement Rules, 2008 and The Public Procurement Act, 2006.
03. Invitation for Tender No.	BDBPLC/ITOD/OTM/02
04. Source of Fund	BDBPLC Own Fund.
05. Work Description	- Maintenance of Comfort Air Conditioner, CCTV, VESDA System, Fire Detection, Auto Fire Suppression, Online UPS, AVR, Power Monitoring, Environment Monitoring etc.
06. Name & Address of Receiving Tender Document	IT Operation Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC (BDBPLC), Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level-06), 8, Rajuk Avenue, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000.
07. Last Date and Time for Selling Tender Schedule	27/11/2024 up to Office Hour.
08. Last Date and Time for Submission	28/11/2024 up to 03.00 PM
09. Date, Time and Place for Tender Opening	All Tenders will be opened at IT Operation Department, Head Office, Dhaka on 28/11/2024 at 03.30 PM. Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of opening of Tender.
10. Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The bidder must have minimum 5 (Five) years of experience in Data Center Passive part's maintenance.</li> <li>The bidder must have strong presence and support office in Dhaka City.</li> <li>The bidder must have Certified Data Center Professional in their team (CV to be submitted).</li> <li>The bidder must have experience at least on 3 Data Center AMC in Banking Sector in last 3 years where one from Govt. Bank's.</li> <li>The bidder who has been black listed/ barred by any Govt. Dept./Bank shall be disqualified.</li> </ul>
11. Tender Security	Tk. 45,000.00 (Forty-five Thousand) Tender Security Money only will be required in the form of Pay Order (refundable) in favor of Bangladesh Development Bank PLC, Head Office, Dhaka.
12. Price of Tender Schedule	Tk. 1,000 (One Thousand) will be required (Non-refundable).

BDBPLC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender either in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever. If occur any government holiday, then the tender opening date will be shifted to next working day.



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## MUNTAHA MURDER 4 arrestees remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A Sylhet court yesterday afternoon placed four arrestees on a five-day remand each in connection with the murder of six-year-old Muntaha Akter Jarin.

Sylhet Judicial Magistrate Kazi Md Abu Jaher Badal issued the order. The accused include Aliajan Bibi, 55, her daughter Shamima Begum Marjia, 25, Islam Uddin, 40, and Nazma Begum, 35.

They were arrested on Sunday after Muntaha's body was discovered in a pond near her home.

She had been missing since November 3, and her remains were found buried in the pond, prompting an investigation and subsequent arrests.

## RECEIVER AT BEXIMCO SC appeal order today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court is scheduled to deliver an order today on an appeal filed challenging the High Court directive that instructed Bangladesh Bank to appoint a receiver to manage the companies of Beximco Group and attach their all properties.

Beximco Pharmaceuticals Limited has filed the leave to appeal petition with the Appellate Division of the SC in September seeking to scrap the HC directive.

A three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Md Ashfaque Islam fixed today for passing the order.

## 4 killed in train accident


OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Four people were killed after being hit by the Karatoa Express train in Alauddin Nagar of Lalmonirhat's Patgram yesterday evening. Patgram Railway Station Master Nur Islam confirmed the matter.

The deceased are Azizur Rahman, Mobarak Hossain, Mokbul Hossain, and Abdul Wahab.

According to locals, they were threshing paddy near the rail line in Alauddin Nagar.

They did not notice the train, leading to the fatal accident. They were rushed to a hospital but they died on the way.



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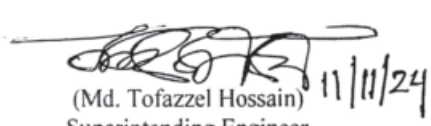
e-Tenders are invited in e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocare.gov.bd>) by Chief Engineer, Bangladesh Bridge Authority, Setu Bhaban, New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka for the Procurement of:

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1	1033781	"Supply and Installation of Multi Colour Variable message signboard Over Bangabandhu Bridge Toll Canopy."

This is an Online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no off-line/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocare.gov.bd>).

e-Tender details can be downloaded from 12/11/2024 & time 12:00 to 26/11/2024 & time 17:00 on e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocare.gov.bd>) for pursue.

e-Tender will be closed at 27/11/2024 & time 12:00. Accepted tenders will be opened immediately after 27/11/2024 & time 12:00.



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