

8 killed, 11 injured

FROM PAGE 5
In Jamalpur, two persons died in separate road accidents in Sadar and Dewanganj upazilas.
In Sadar upazila, a speedy truck hit a battery-run auto-rickshaw at Shahapur Bypass Intersection at around 8:30am, leaving the auto-rickshaw's driver Shamim Mia, 44, dead on the spot, said Abu Faisal Md Atiq, OC of Jamalpur Police Station.
In Dewanganj upazila, a tractor hit a motorcycle in Hatibhanga Chakpara area around 9:00am, leaving the motorcycle's pillion dead on the spot.
The deceased was Rina Begum, 40, a resident of Uttar Moamari Beparipara village in the upazila. She was with her husband Sujan

Mia on the motorcycle, said Obaidul Haque, in-charge of Taratia Police Investigation Center.
In Noakhali, a motorcycle rider died on the spot after being hit by a cattle-laden truck from behind on Chatkhil-Sonaimuri regional highway in Chatkhil upazila at around 10:00am.
The deceased was identified as Jiharul Islam Rahul, 17, an electrician hailing from South Dashgharia village in the upazila.
Confirming the matter, Md Abdus Sultan, inspector (Investigation) of Chatkhil Police Station, said police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee, he added.

BNP against partisan

FROM PAGE 5
information to journalists after submitting the recommendations.
In its proposals, the BNP called for the immediate identification of partisan and corrupt officials who have been serving in the administration during what they referred to as the "autocratic Awami League regime" of the last 16 years.
The recommendations suggest that officials

identified as corrupt or partisan, who have completed 25 years in service, should either be dismissed, made Officers on Special Duty, or transferred to less important positions.
The BNP committee also proposed the promotion of honest and competent officials who had been made OSD or forced into retirement over the last 15 years.

HC questions

FROM PAGE 5
rule following a writ petition filed by ANM Helal Uddin, president of Cox's Bazar Citizens Forum, on November 21 challenging the legality of the restrictions.
On October 28, the environment ministry issued a memorandum regarding the implementation of a five-point decision to control unrestrained tourism and single-use plastic pollution on the environmentally critical Saint Martin's Island.
These decisions include not allowing over an average of 2,000 tourists on the island per day.
Petitioner's lawyer Md Uzzal Hossain said the memorandum issued by the ministry was in contradiction to Article 36 of the Constitution, which guarantees freedom of movement.

Bangladesh far from

FROM PAGE 3
genuine human rights, we must remain vocal and proactive while ensuring supportive government policies," she said.
Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, stressed the need to eliminate human rights violations. "As we envision a new Bangladesh based on anti-discrimination movements, fundamental rights must always be protected," she said.
She said violence and hatred persist because the principles of international human rights have not been fully embraced in society. "We need to nurture a mindset of accepting differences from an early age," she added.
She also criticised the NHRC for being ineffective and called on civil society to be more vocal against violations. "Had we stood firmly, the scale of atrocities could have been reduced," she said.
Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Nicolas Weeks highlighted structural barriers such as stereotypes and limited access to resources as key factors

behind inequality. "We need a civic space where people can share opinions and exercise fundamental freedoms," he said.
He called for greater transparency and accountability in governance.
Corinne Henchoz Pignani, Chargée d'Affaires of the Swiss Embassy, urged patience while working towards a fairer society.
"Right now might be challenging, but don't lose the vision," she said, referencing the Human Rights Day slogan: Our rights, our future, right now.
Sara Hossain, executive director of BLAST, emphasised the unique challenges faced by the Chittagong Hill Tracts.
"The CHT has distinct characteristics, and its policies require a unique approach," she said. Unresolved court proceedings are stalling progress in the region, she added.
Prof Sharmin Neelormi of Jahangirnagar University and a member of the White Paper Commission also spoke at the event.

Probe report on

FROM PAGE 3
The 12 HC judges -- Justice Md Ataur Rahman Khan, Justice Naima Haider, Justice Sheikh Hassan Arif, Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar, Justice Ashish Ranjan Das, Justice Khizir Hayat, Justice SM Maniruzzaman, Justice Khandaker Diliruzzaman, Justice Md Akhtaruzzaman, Justice Shahed Nuruddin, Justice Md Aminul Islam, and Justice SM Masud Hossain Dolon -- have not been given judicial duties since then.
Meanwhile, three other High Court judges, who were barred from judicial

duties for five years in the wake of an inquiry into allegations against them, resigned on November 19.
They are Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury, Justice Quazi Reza-Ul-Hoque, and Justice AKM Zahirul Hoque.
The president accepted their resignation letters the same day, a law ministry notification said.
However, neither the government nor the Supreme Court administration has provided information on the allegations against the judges, the investigating authority, or the current status of the investigation.

Experts call

FROM PAGE 3
They urged the government to offer financial support, citing high costs and low demand for organic products.
Md Abu Zubair Hossain Bablu, additional secretary of the agriculture ministry, acknowledged the harmful effects of excessive pesticide use and called for strategic control. He urged farmers to adopt high-yielding seeds and use fertilisers and pesticides judiciously.
Taslima Islam, acting chief executive of BELA, advocated for a specific law on farming protection, while Md Ziaul Haque,

director of the Department of Environment, stressed collaborative efforts to safeguard farmland and water bodies.
Dr Mohammad Ariful Islam, chairman of Agricultural Chemistry at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, said both organic and conventional farming can ensure food safety if managed responsibly.
The event also featured contributions from Dr Munnu Khan of the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute and Prof Dr Nazneen Sultana of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University.

New exec committee for ex-rotaractors



STAR REPORT
Ex-Rotaractors Forum, an organisation of former Rotaractors, has recently elected its executive committee for 2024-26.
Saadat R Khan and Muhammad Ezaz Rasul were elected president and general secretary respectively, said a press release.
Other elected are: Mohammad Asadujjaman Rasel (vice-president); Rashed Haider and Ferdousul Alam Ferdous (joint secretaries); Md Siddiqur Rahman (treasurer); ATM Kamruzzaman Apu (publication secretary); Shimul Parveen Parvez (welfare secretary); Mohammad Nurul Huda Ansary (membership secretary); Kamrul Hasan Chowdhury (finance secretary); and executive members Afzal Hossain, Syed Abu Zafar, Murtaza Nurul Huda, Mohammad Bin Kashem Khokon, Lutfur Rahman Putul and Khandaker Mohammad Zaman.

Flat for Sale
3 bed, 4 bath, drawing, dining, kitchen, servants room, all wall cabinets in kitchen, bedrooms three verandas on 1st floor with lift and a parking opposite staircase totalling 1974 sq ft in Road 27(16 New) Dhanmondi with gas connection, geyser lines for immediate sale. No brokers. **Contact +880 17 1096 7877**

লাঞ্ছা শহিদের এই বিজয়
আমার, আপনার, আমাদের এই সোনার বাংলাদেশ
বিজয়ের এ মাসে সবাইকে
মহান বিজয় দিবসের শুভেচ্ছা

স্ট্যান্ডার্ড ব্যাংক পিএলসি.
শরি'আহ্ ভিত্তিক পূর্ণাঙ্গ ইসলামি ব্যাংক

BR launches Dhaka

FROM PAGE 3
BRTC LAUNCHES AC BUSES
In another programme held at Shibbari in Gazipur, the adviser launched 10 AC buses of BRTC on the Gazipur-Gulistan route.
The service includes a 20km-long corridor formally known as BRT Line-3.
The adviser urged authorities to complete the unfinished works of the BRT project to ensure full functionality of the service.
"Despite several extensions of the project deadline, work remains incomplete. This has delayed benefits for the public. As an interim measure, we are starting service with 10 BRTC buses on an experimental basis, aiming to make journeys more comfortable," he said.
According to a BRTC official, the bus service will have seven designated stoppages at Gulistan, Shahbagh, Farmgate, Airport, College Gate,

Board Bazar, Joydebpur Chowrasta, and Shibbari. The fare for the route has been set at Tk 140.
Originally, the project aimed to procure specialised buses for the dedicated BRT service. However, in the absence of these vehicles, the authorities opted to introduce BRTC buses, deviating from the initial plan.
The decision comes over a decade after the BRT project was launched in November 2012.
Our Gazipur correspondent also contributed to this report.

PRAYER TIMING
DECEMBER 16

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:20	12:45	3:45	5:22	7:00
JAMAAT 5:55	1:15	4:00	5:25	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

১৬ ডিসেম্বর মহান বিজয় দিবস

১৯৭১ সালের মহান মুক্তিযুদ্ধে আত্মদানকারী সকল বীর শহিদ ও মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের প্রতি আমাদের বিনম্র শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলি

বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক পিএলসি.
BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK PLC.
(A State Owned Commercial Bank)

Jamuna Bank

Correction Notice

In reference to Bangladesh Bank BRPD Circular Letter No. 54, dated 12 December 2024, the age limit for Management Trainee (MT) and Probationary Officer (PO) positions has been revised to 32 years as of December 29, 2024.

All other terms and conditions and the application deadline remain unchanged.

Apply now at: www.jamunabankbd.com/career
Deadline: **December 29, 2024.**

For queries: Hotline: 16742 | Email: career@jamunabank.com.bd

১৬ ডিসেম্বর মহান বিজয় দিবস

বিজয়ের এই দিনে সকল বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও শহিদের প্রতি আমাদের বিনম্র শ্রদ্ধা

সোনালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি.
বিশ্বস্ত ও স্মার্ট
www.sonalibank.com.bd

জনতা ব্যাংক পিএলসি.
উন্নয়নে আপনার বিশ্বস্ত অংশীদার
www.jb.com.bd

অগ্রণী ব্যাংক পিএলসি.
দেশ ও কৃষ্টির সেবায় প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ
www.agranibank.org

রূপালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি.
RUPALI BANK PLC
উত্তম সেবার নিশ্চয়তা
www.rupalibank.com.bd