

Russian warships arrive in Ctg on goodwill visit

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Three Russian Navy warships arrived at Chattogram Port yesterday for a four day goodwill visit to Bangladesh.

Upon their arrival at Chattogram Port, the ships were welcomed by the chief staff officer of the commander, Chattogram Naval Area, who greeted the officers and sailors on board.

The visiting ships are — “Rezkiy”, “Hero of the Russian Federation Aldar Tsydenzhapov”, and “Pechenga”.

Also present at the welcoming ceremony were the Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh, the military, air, and naval Attachés, the Honorary Consul of Russia in Chattogram, and senior officials of the Bangladesh Navy.

Earlier, as the visiting ships entered Bangladesh's maritime boundary, they were received by the Bangladesh Navy ship BNS Khalid Bin Walid.

During their stay, the captains of the visiting warships, along with the Russian ambassador and a delegation, are scheduled to pay courtesy calls on the commander of the Chattogram Naval Area, the commander of the Bangladesh Navy Fleet, and the chairman of the Chattogram Port Authority. The Russian warships are scheduled to depart on April 16.

Two killed as lift cable snaps at Sitakunda factory

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Two workers were killed when a cable of a lift snapped at GPH Ispat, an iron rod manufacturing factory in Sitakunda upazila of Chattogram yesterday, said police.

The deceased are Md Rifat, 25, and Md Mostafa, 24.

The incident took place in the afternoon, said Mojibur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sitakunda Police Station.

The two were declared dead upon arrival at Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

Nation ushers in spirit of hope, renewal

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Faculty of Fine Arts, the procession, formerly known as “Mangal Shobhajatra,” is to be called “Borsho Boron Anondo Shobhajatra”, a change that has stirred criticism from various quarters.

Meanwhile, Chhayanaut is set to hold its iconic Pahela Baishakh cultural programme at Ramna Batamul, featuring the theme “Amar Mukti Aloy Aloy” (My Freedom Lies in Light).

This year's theme resonates deeply, carrying messages of hope, resilience, and renewal.

The event is particularly poignant, as it is dedicated to Sanjida Khatun, the co-founder and president of Chhayanaut. Her lifelong dedication to music, culture, and the nation's identity remains a beacon of inspiration, said Sarwar Ali, executive president of Chhayanaut. The programme will begin at 6:15am.

Except for a few occasions, the revered cultural institution has been hosting the event

The DU authorities on

since 1967, greeting the rising sun with timeless classical ragas under the banyan tree at Ramna.

Pahela Baishakh, one of the most colourful festivals held in the country, is when the Bangalees welcome the new year and bid farewell to the old. Symbolising the unity and cultural richness of the nation, the event is celebrated by people regardless of religion, sect, or creed.

Business communities also organise the age-old tradition of Halkhata, the ceremonial opening of new ledger books.

At a programme in the capital, Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus has greeted the people saying that Pahela Baishakh is one of the symbols of our harmony. Everyone will celebrate it in their own way, following their own customs.

Meanwhile, a group of current and former students of DU's Faculty of Fine Arts yesterday said that fellow students of Arabic department have reportedly identified Rabiu Islam Rakib, who had set fire to the two motifs prepared for the new year's procession

April 11 changed the name of the procession, saying they haven't renamed the procession rather they have “restored” original name of the celebration to “Anondo Shobhajatra”, which was introduced in 1989.

During yesterday's press briefing, the students criticised the new system of organising the procession, which excludes students from taking lead roles, a departure from previous years. They also voiced concern over what they described as a lack of adequate security measures surrounding the event.

Talking about security, Rab DG AKM Shahidur Rahman yesterday said that security has been beefed up to prevent any untoward incidents during the Pahela Baishakh celebrations.

DU Proctor Prof Saifuddin Ahmed yesterday said that fellow students of Arabic department have reportedly identified Rabiu Islam Rakib, who had set fire to the two motifs prepared for the new year's procession

in the early hours of Saturday.

Motifs were “Portrait of Fascism” describing face of fallen prime minister Sheikh Hasina and “a dove figure” describing peace.

This year's procession will have the theme, “Symphony of the New Year, End of Fascism,” was designed to capture the spirit of the July uprising and in solidarity with the people of Palestine.

The cultural affairs ministry will organise a drone show and concert on Manik Mia Avenue in the afternoon. A seven-day Baishakhi Fair will begin at Bangla Academy jointly organised by Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation and Bangla Academy.

Cultural organisation Shurer Dhara and Channel i will welcome the new year at Rabindra Sarobar in Dhanmondi in the morning.

Mughal Emperor Akbar introduced the tradition of celebrating the Bangla New Year to mark the closing of the annual tax collection.

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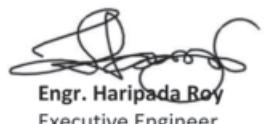
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PANGSHA UPAZILA IN RAJBARI

Bridge work not finished after 5yrs



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Construction of a 650-metre-long bridge over the Gorai river in Pangsha upazila of Rajbari remains incomplete five years after the project began.

According to the officials concerned, the construction work has been going on with a sluggish pace due to complication with installation of spans and acquisition of land for connecting roads.

The bridge is expected to improve road connectivity between Rajbari, Magura, and Jhenaidah districts once operational.

According to the sources of Local Government Engineering Department in Rajbari, the bridge is being built under the Critical Infrastructure in Rural Roads project at a cost of Tk 63,91,68,170. The contract was awarded to Mir

Habibul Alam's MM Builders Engineering. The work started on June 3, 2020 with an initial deadline till June 3, 2023. Later, the deadline was extended.

Visiting the construction site at Naduria Ghat in Pangsha upazila, this correspondent saw five spans and three girders are yet to be installed, while only a few workers were engaged at the site.

Locals said officials had discussed acquiring land in 2023, but in February last year, they were informed that it would not proceed. Now, fresh discussions about land acquisition have emerged, further delaying the project.

“In absence of a bridge, we have to cross the river on boats at risk, especially during monsoon. The bridge will significantly ease our connectivity with neighbouring Jhenaidah and Magura districts,”

said Apurbo Kumar Ghosh, a resident of Bangana village under Kalukhali upazila.

Md Kheyar Uddin of Bitidanga village under Pangsha upazila, said, “The bridge would be beneficial for businessmen like me as it would make goods transport from Rajbari to other neighbouring districts convenient and less costly.”

KM Yahia, a representative of the contractor firm, claimed that 80 percent of the construction work has been completed, while the remaining work cannot proceed without land acquisition.

SM Abu Darda, upazila nirbahi officer of Pangsha, said steps are being taken to resolve complication regarding land acquisition.

Yusuf Hossain, executive engineer of LGED in Rajbari, said, “Once the land acquisition is done, the work will be completed promptly.”



SYLHET'S HAOR REGION

Weather fear drives early boro harvest

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Harvesting of boro paddy has begun early in Sylhet's haor region, including Hakaluki and Kawadighi haor areas, as farmers rush to avoid possible losses due to inclement weather.

Hailstorms, a recurring event towards the end of the Bangla month of Chaitra, often disrupt the harvest process and damage crops. Fearing a repeat of such events, farmers are opting for an early harvest to ensure minimal disruption.

Despite the concerns, growers remain hopeful for a profitable season following favourable weather conditions. Many are looking forward to repaying their loans taken from local lenders.

According to Bimal Chandra Shome, additional director of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Sylhet division, boro paddy was cultivated on 4,97,219 hectares of land across Sunamganj, Moulvibazar, Sylhet, and Habiganj districts this year.

In Moulvibazar alone, 62,140 hectares were cultivated with a production target of 2.48 lakh tonnes. The early variety BRRI-92 is currently being harvested on 350 hectares of cropland in the district.

During a recent visit to the haor belt from Alinagar and Parkandi to Jabda and Futbeel in Moulvibazar, this correspondent witnessed golden paddy swaying in the breeze as hundreds of farmers gathered to reap their harvest. In Hakaluki haor, harvesting began four days ago.

Md Jalal Uddin, deputy director of DAE in Moulvibazar, said, “So far the paddy has been harvested from 350 hectares of land.”



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প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাসের শিল্প ও ক্যাপ্টিভ বিদ্যুৎ প্রেসিটে নতুন, প্রতিশুল্ক ও বিদ্যুত্বান (অনুমোদিত লোডের প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস ব্যবহারকারী) প্রাহকের মূল্যায় সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

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