

Momtaz on 6-day remand in two cases

Eggs hurled as she was being escorted to prison van from court

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Manikganj

A Manikganj court yesterday granted a six-day remand for former MP and singer Momtaz Begum in two cases -- one filed over a murder in Singair and another over assault and vandalism in Harirampur upazila.

Eggs were thrown at her when she was being taken to a prison van after the court proceedings.

Judge Mohammad Abdun Noor of Manikganj Chief Judicial Court-1 granted a four-day remand in the Singair upazila murder case around 10:30am.

Later, Judge Ivy Akhter of Chief Judicial Court-3 granted a two-day remand in the case filed over attack, assault, and vandalism in

SEE PAGE 9 COL 6

Met office forecasts more rain in next 4 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) has forecast rainfall across the country for five days starting from 9:00am yesterday.

In its regular weather bulletin issued yesterday morning, the BMD also said rainfall may intensify in the following five days after this initial period.

It also said day and night temperatures may rise slightly over the country today. Additionally, it is likely to remain unchanged over the next three days.

According to the bulletin, the southwest monsoon has advanced up to Akyab coast of Myanmar and conditions are favourable for further advancement.

A low pressure area is likely to form over the South Bay by May 26, it also said.

A trough of low lies over West Bengal to North Bay

SEE PAGE 9 COL 7

TO-LET
City Centre, Level-14(13-D), 90/1, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka Area 3450 sft. (With Car Parking)
Please Call: 01710878300



A man casts his net into the water, taking advantage of the rising water levels in the haor following several days of rainfall. The increased depth has also made fishing easier. The photo was taken in Humaipur of Bajitpur upazila, Kishoreganj recently.

PHOTO: TAFSILUL AZIZ

BHUANPUR IN TANGAIL Jamuna's erosion sparks panic among locals

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

With the Jamuna river's water level rising over the last couple of weeks, erosion has started in Tangail's Bhuanpur upazila, leaving riverside residents in distress.

Locals alleged that illegal sand lifting from the river using dredgers during the previous Awami League tenure has made the riverbank areas highly erosion prone, especially during the monsoon.

This year, the river has already devoured vast stretches of cropland in Jigatala, Gopinpur, Rampur and Basudebkhola areas.

Local farmers, who have cultivated maize, oilseed, jute and paddy in the affected areas, are facing the prospect of heavy losses.

Residents of Konabari, Patitapara, Matikata, Kosthaphara, Chituliapara and Bhalkutia are panicked, fearing significant damage from erosion like in previous years, said Farman Sheikh, a local rights activist.

Residents alleged that their long-



standing demand for the construction of a dam to protect the localities from erosion has been ignored for years. They said each year, the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) only dumps some geo-bags when erosion intensifies, which hardly makes any difference.

"Earlier, locally influential Awami League men continued illegal sand lifting for years under the patronage of former local lawmaker Chhoto Monir, who is now on the run. The villagers could

not protest the ill practice fearing retribution from the vested group," said Saiful Islam of Jigatala village.

Contacted, Bhuanpur UNO Abu Abdullah Khan said BWDB will take necessary steps to prevent erosion.

Shamim Miah, a sub assistant engineer of BWDB in the upazila, said they are monitoring the situation.

Md Matiur Rahman, executive engineer of BWDB in Tangail, said an economic zone is supposed to be developed nearby and a plan for the construction of a river protection embankment for it has been submitted to higher authorities.

999 swamped with prank calls

FROM PAGE 3

-- were not related to any emergencies. These included blank, prank, and missed calls.

This high number of unnecessary calls increases waiting times, delays responses to genuine emergencies, and puts added pressure on call handlers.

This hampers the effective delivery of emergency services, said the press release signed by

Mohiul Islam, additional DIG (telecom) of police and chief of the 999 service.

Although Section 70(1) of the Telecommunications Regulation Act, 2001 allows a fine of up to Tk 1 lakh, or six months' imprisonment in default, for making nuisance calls, no legal action has been taken so far by the 999 service.

Instead, the helpline has focused on public awareness, said the press release.

However, the press release noted that due to growing public trust and awareness efforts, the number of unnecessary calls has been gradually decreasing.

In order to bring this number down to zero, the 999 team urged citizens and the media to help further raise awareness and reduce such calls, said the press release.

Shipbreaking workers want Eid bonuses by May 31

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Ctg

Shipbreaking workers yesterday urged yard authorities to ensure disbursement of salaries and Eid-ul-Azha bonuses by May 31.

The workers, under the banner of Shipbreaking Workers Trade Union Forum, held a rally yesterday morning at the gate of Hafiz Jute Mill in Sonaichhari area of Chattogram's Sitakunda to press home their demand.

At the rally, union

SEE PAGE 9 COL 5

Kuet VC submits resignation letter to edn ministry

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kuet acting vice-chancellor Md Hazrat Ali yesterday submitted his resignation to the education ministry following teacher protests.

Anisur Rahman Bhuiyan, registrar of Khulna University of Engineering & Technology (Kuet), confirmed the development to The Daily Star.

However, no official reason for the resignation has been disclosed yet.

The teachers have been abstaining from academic activities since May 4. The university has been closed since February 18 due to a series of protests.

The impasse began on February 18 when several students were assaulted on the campus, allegedly by outsiders. Several teachers were also assaulted. Seeking justice over the incident, students started demonstrations and at one stage, it turned into a demand for the resignation of the then VC.

On April 24, the education ministry relieved previous VC Prof Muhammad Masud and Pro VC Prof Sheikh Shariful Alam of their duties. At that time, Prof Hazrat Ali was made the acting VC.

But protests broke out again on May 15 when the Kuet Teachers' Association sought justice for assaulting the teachers.

'FALSE AFFIDAVIT' IN POLLS ACC seeks legal action against Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ACC has formally requested the Election Commission to take legal action against ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina for allegedly providing false information in her asset declaration during the 9th national election in 2008.

Discrepancies were found between Hasina's affidavit submitted to the EC and the actual asset records verified by the commission, said ACC Chairman Mohammad Abdul Momen at a press briefing at his office in Segunbagicha yesterday.

"There are two parts..." he said. "One has been referred to the EC. The other -- concerning inconsistencies between her affidavit and asset declaration submitted to the ACC -- will be dealt with by us."

According to the ACC, during an investigation in 2007, Hasina submitted a statement of assets to the commission. That declaration and the affidavit submitted to the EC on November 19, 2008, ahead of the 9th parliamentary polls, were later reviewed.

The review found that Hasina declared 6.50 acres of agricultural land worth Tk 1.75 lakh in her EC affidavit. However, the ACC found that she actually owned 28.41 acres of land at the time, valued at Tk 33.66 lakh.

বি-আর পাওয়ারজেন লিঃ (বিআরপিএল)

(সরকারি বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদনকারী কোম্পানি)

আইইবি ভবন (৩ম তলা), ৮/এ, মুন্সুরা, ঢাকা-১০০০

ভার্ডায় ০১ (এক) টি মাইক্রোবাস সরবরাহের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদৰা বাংলাদেশের প্রস্তুত ভার্ডায় গাড়ি সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান সম্মুহকে জানাবো যাচ্ছে যে, বি-আর পাওয়ারজেন লিঃ এর শীর্ষী ১৫০ মেগা ও বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্রের নির্মাণ ০২ (পুরুষ) বর্ষের জন্ম ০১ (এক) টি মাইক্রোবাস ভার্ডা করার লক্ষ্যে উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হয়েছে। এ সংক্রান্ত পূর্ণাঙ্গ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি বিআরপিএল এর ওয়েবসাইট (www.brpowergen.gov.bd) এ প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। দরপত্র দলিল নির্মাণী পরিপালক (অর্থ ও হিসাব), বিআরপিএল এর দপ্তর হতে আগামী ১৭/০৬/২০২৫ তিথি, বিকাল ৫:০০ ঘটকা পর্যন্ত সংশ্রহ করা যাবে।

(৩৫×২.৫")

জিএম (এইচআর ও এডমিন)

মোবাইল ০১৭১৯১০৮০৩৭

বি-আর পাওয়ারজেন লিঃ (বিআরপিএল)

(সরকারি বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদনকারী কোম্পানি)

আইইবি ভবন (৩ম তলা), ৮/এ, মুন্সুরা, ঢাকা-১০০০

ভার্ডায় ০১ (এক) টি মাইক্রোবাস সরবরাহের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জানতা ব্যাংক পিছে

Head Office
IT Procurement, Security, Compliance and Maintenance Department

110, Motijheel, C/A, Dhaka-1000

Tel: +02223356514, Fax: 88-02-9564644, Telex: 675840 JBD BJ

Website: www.jb.com.bd

Invitation for e-Tender

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal ([https://www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) for the procurement of following goods:

SL No.	Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Tender Description	Tender Publish Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
01	1114845	JB/IT-Proc-33/OTM/Virtualization Solution /2025	Tender for procurement of Virtualization Solution (Supply, Installation & Commissioning) for Janata Bank PLC. following Open Tendering Method.	21.05.2025 04.00PM	17.06.2025 12.15 PM

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP System portal ([https://www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP portal and e-GP Help Desk (Email: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Sd/
(Mohammad Shahakawat Hossain)

Deputy General Manager

GD-1240



Janata Bank PLC.
Head Office
IT Procurement, Security, Compliance and Maintenance Department
110, Motijheel, C/A, Dhaka-1000
Tel: +02223356514, Fax: 88-02-9564644, Telex: 675840 JBD BJ
Website: www.jb.com.bd

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal ([https://www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) for the procurement of following goods:

SL No.	Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Tender Description	Tender Publish Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
01	1114845	JB/IT-Proc-33/OTM/Virtualization Solution /2025	Tender for procurement of Virtualization Solution (Supply, Installation & Commissioning) for Janata Bank PLC. following Open Tendering Method.	21.05.2025 04.00PM	17.06.2025 12.15 PM

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP System portal ([https://www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP portal and e-GP Help Desk (Email: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Sd/
(Mohammad Shahakawat Hossain)

Deputy General Manager

GD-1240



পাওয়ার গ্রিড বাংলাদেশ পিএলজি
POWER GRID BANGLADESH PLC
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh