

## Four killed in road accidents

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At least four people were killed and 14 others injured in road accidents in three districts in the last two days.

In Cox's Bazar, two persons died on the spot as a three-wheeler collided with a fish-laden pick-up van coming from the opposite direction at Hnila Ali Khali Road intersection on Teknaf-Cox's Bazar highway yesterday, said Nurul Absar, officer-in-charge of Whykong Highway Police Station.

The victims were identified as autorickshaw driver Faruk from Hnila, and passenger Ismail Hossain from Nazir Para in Teknaf, reports our Cox's Bazar correspondent.

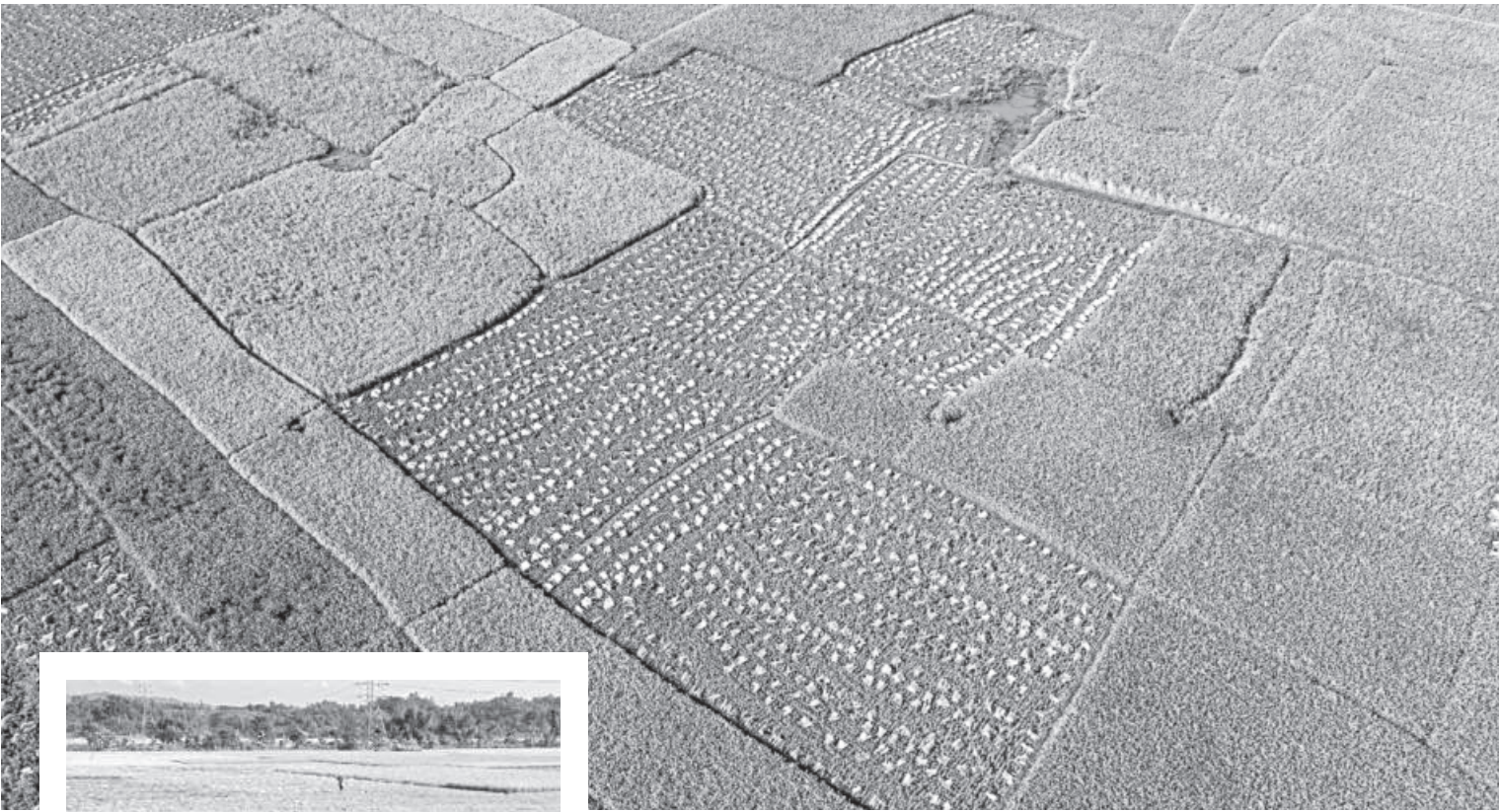
In Cumilla, a Cox's Bazar-bound bus collided head-on with a goods-laden pick-up van in Chiora area of Chaudhagram on Monday, killing one person and injuring 14 others, reports our Cumilla correspondent.

The deceased -- Abdul Jabbar -- was on the pickup, said OC Md Shahabuddin of Miyabazar Highway Police Station.

In Chattogram, a Chittagong University student and joint general secretary of the university unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Mohammad Arif, died at Chattogram Medical College Hospital after he was injured in a road accident in Hathazari on December 6, CU sources said.

The accident happened when a wood-laden chander gari (locally modified vehicle) rammed his motorcycle on the Chattogram-Khagrachhari regional highway in Charia Bazar area.

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From above, the vast arable stretches of Gumai Beel in Rangunia, Chattogram -- one of the country's largest paddy storehouses -- resemble a giant nakshi kantha. *Inset*, farmers lay out freshly harvested paddy to dry for two to three days, a daily rhythm during the harvesting season across the beel's 2,400 hectares. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

## Railway eastern zone hikes fares after 43 years

Pontage fee revision increases ticket prices by up to Tk 226

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Eastern Zone of Bangladesh Railway (BR) has revised pontage charges for the first time in nearly 43 years, resulting in fare increases ranging from Tk 5 to Tk 226 per ticket, depending on seat category. The new rates will take effect from December 20.

Pontage charges are fees collected for trains crossing bridges, culverts, or overpasses -- similar to highway tolls. The Eastern Zone last updated these charges in 1982.

Mahbubur Rahman, chief commercial manager of the Eastern Zone, said the fare adjustment was primarily to cover maintenance costs for bridges longer than 100 metres.

The charges apply to 11 bridges across six routes: Dhaka-Chattogram, Dhaka-Cox's Bazar,



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Dhaka-Sylhet, Chattogram-Sylhet, Chattogram-Jamalpur, and Dhaka-Dewanganj.

On the Dhaka-Chattogram route, the commercial distance has increased from 346km to 381km. As a result, the Sonar Bangla Express' Snigdha seat fare will rise from Tk 855 to Tk 943. Similarly, first berth and AC seat fares will go up to Tk 1,133 and Tk 1,746, respectively.

On the Cox's Bazar and Parjatak Express trains, Snigdha fares will

increase from Tk 1,322 to Tk 1,449, while AC seat fares will rise to Tk 1,740 and AC berth fares to Tk 2,656.

On the Dhaka Sylhet route, Snigdha fares will rise to Tk 788 from Tk 719, and AC seat and berth fares will increase to Tk 943 and Tk 1,465, respectively.

Other routes will see similar fare adjustments, with increases for Snigdha, Shovon chair, AC seat, and AC berth tickets across various categories.

Tarek Imran, deputy chief operating superintendent of the Eastern Zone, stated that the revision reflects the construction of new bridges and the expansion of existing ones. The update, he said, would help increase railway revenue while expediting bridge maintenance.

This fare revision will affect divisions in Dhaka, Chattogram, Sylhet, and Mymensingh

## FAME to stage Tagore's 'Valmiki Protibha' Dec 11-12

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

FAME, a theatre troupe in Chattogram, is set to stage the fifth and sixth performances of Rabin dr nath Tagore's drama "Valmiki Protibha" at Theatre Institute Chattogram auditorium on December 11 and 12.

Both performances will begin at 7:10pm, says a press release.

The dance drama narrates the story of the transformation of Ratnakar, a feared bandit, into sage Valmiki, who later went on to author the epic "Ramayana".

Conceived and directed by Tilottama Sengupta, the performance features students from FAME's Dance, Drama, and Children's Theatre departments.

The production is dedicated to the memory of Rumel Barua, a student of FAME's Drama department.



## Man found dead near CMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police recovered the body of an unidentified man from outside the east gate of Chattogram Medical College Hospital yesterday morning.

Locals found the man, aged approximately 65, lying beside the hospital's boundary wall and informed the police.

Officers from the CMCH camp of Panchlaish Police Station went to the spot and took the body to CMCH's emergency department around 9:00am, where the on-duty doctor pronounced him dead, said Nurul Alam Ashik, sub-inspector and in-charge of the CMCH Police Camp.

The body has been sent to the CMCH morgue for autopsy, he added.

Local sources said the homeless, ailing man had long been living on the streets in the area. Police are trying to identify the body while the legal procedure is underway, he said.

## Space and robotics event ends at Cuet



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Andromeda Space & Robotics Research Organization (ASRO) of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology successfully concluded its flagship event, ASRONOVA'23, on December 8.

The event, held at the Cuet Central Auditorium, was attended by Cuet Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr Mahmud Abdul Matin Bhuiyan as the chief guest.

The event welcomed new members and showcased ASRO's recent innovations, including the Starloop Rocket Launching Project, the Bus Tracking Project, the Swarm Drone Project, and the Telescope Project, says a press release.

The organisation honoured two teams that represented Cuet in international events -- the NASA Space Apps Challenge and the Global Space Challenge. Prizes were also distributed to the winners of the Circuit Olympiad 2023.

## Caught in Karnaphuli river, 23kg katla sold for Tk 23,000

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A katla fish, a local carp variety, weighing a staggering 23 kilograms, was caught from the Karnaphuli river in Kaptai upazila of Rangamati on December 8.

Local fisherman Ujjal Mallik said he caught the fish in his net in the evening and later sold it to locals for Tk 23,000, at Tk 1,000 per kg.

Sheikh Md Ershad bin Shahid, upazila senior fisheries officer (additional duty) in Kaptai, confirmed the incident.

"The Karnaphuli is connected to Halda river from Kaptai side, so many fish of carp varieties are found here," he said.



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Sl	Tender id	Name of Tender	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing Date & Time
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