

Three killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Three people were killed and at least six others injured in two separate road accidents on expressways in Shariatpur and Munshiganj yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Shariatpur, two transport workers were killed and at least five passengers injured when a Gopalganj-bound Kotlipara Star Express bus rammed a stationary Khan Paribahan coach around 4:00pm at Jamaddar intersection on the Dhaka-Bhanga Expressway near the South Plaza of the Padma Bridge.

Akash Sardar, 31, a bus helper from Gopalganj Sadar, died on the spot, and supervisor Yunus Mollah, 40, died after being taken to a hospital.

Sub-Inspector Md Abdus Salam of Shibchar Highway Police Station said the Star Express hit the parked bus from behind and mounted the divider. Traffic was disrupted briefly. Police seized the buses.

In Munshiganj, Shawkat Bepari, 23, a helper of a trucker of Jazira upazila in Shariatpur, was killed after a Mawa-bound truck hit a broken-down vehicle around 6:00am near Srinagar Ferry Ghat underpass on the Dhaka-Mawa Expressway.

Another helper, Md Imran Mondal, 24, was injured and referred to Dhaka for treatment, fire service officials said.



A damaged bus from the collision at Jamaddar intersection near the Padma Bridge yesterday, where two transport workers were killed and at least five passengers injured.

PHOTO: STAR

CCC launches drive against illegal billboards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

Chattogram City Corporation Mayor Shahadat Hossain has announced a zero-tolerance policy against illegal billboards and unauthorised advertisements to turn the port city into a planned, clean, and aesthetic metropolis.

Following his directive, a large-scale eviction drive began yesterday to remove banners, posters and hoardings that have long cluttered the city's skyline.

The operation started in the Kazir Dewri area, led by a CCC executive magistrate in coordination with the engineering and conservancy departments, with support from law enforcement agencies.

During the drive, several large billboards and numerous unauthorised banners and posters — many occupying public spaces for years without approval — were removed.

Country's first election lab opened at SUST

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The country's first dedicated election lab has been inaugurated at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST), aiming to institutionalise election-focused research.

Vice-Chancellor Prof AM Sarwaruddin Chowdhury formally opened the lab yesterday at the Social Science Building on the campus.

The lab has been established by the Department of Political Studies to conduct methodological and empirical research on elections, voting behaviour, and electoral processes.

The initiative seeks to create a specialised academic platform for collecting and analysing data on electoral dynamics in Bangladesh.

Prof Md Shahabul Haque, director of the Election Lab, said the lab aims to present reliable research findings through scientific analysis of election-related data and to contribute to strengthening democratic practices.

Prof Ashrafur Rahman, head of the Department of Political Studies, described the lab as a groundbreaking initiative for the department, adding that it would help students enhance their research and analytical skills.

Speaking at the inauguration event, the VC said teachers and students will benefit from collecting and analysing election data.

"This year's election was comparatively better than previous ones. I hope this lab will contribute to improving future elections in the country," said Prof Sarwaruddin.

University Treasurer Prof Md Ismail Hossain attended the programme as a special guest.

Following the inauguration, a seminar titled "Analysis of the Results of the 13th National Parliamentary Election" was held. Faculty members and students discussed the election results, voting trends, political significance and overall impact of the polls.

Prepare 6-month action plan

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administration "free from corruption, nepotism and syndicates," the sources added.

Health Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain and State Minister for Health MA Muhit gave the directives at their first meeting with ministry officials and heads of its agencies at the secretariat.

After an introduction session, Health Secretary Saidur Rahman presented an overview of the ministry's jurisdiction, activities and challenges.

When the issue of vacant posts was raised, MA Muhit instructed that the positions be filled as soon

as possible, sources said.

The health minister also directed officials to prepare a 180-day action plan in line with the BNP's manifesto on the health sector, an official present at the meeting said.

He instructed officials to ensure punctuality and expedite file processing, said another official.

He also warned that surprise visits would be conducted at health facilities to ensure the timely attendance of doctors and employees, the official added.

The minister also emphasised improving the quality of medical education.

Among those present at the meeting were Prof Abu Zafar, director general of the Directorate General of Health Services, and Prof Nazmul Islam, director general of the Directorate General of Medical Education.

An economics graduate of Dhaka University, Sakhawat was elected from Narasingdi 4 and took charge of the health ministry on Tuesday.

MA Muhit, an ophthalmologist elected from Sirajganj 6, also joined the ministry the same day. His father, MA Matin, served as deputy prime minister and health minister in the 1980s.

Man recounts son, niece's deaths at ICT

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the area, and a bullet pierced her chest as she stood near a window.

"She collapsed in a pool of blood. We carried her in our arms to the hospital, but doctors declared her dead within minutes," Faruk told the court.

Tanha's father, Md Mosharrif Hossain, also testified, saying his only daughter was speaking to her brother over the phone when she was shot. "He heard her scream, and then the line went dead," he said.

Rabbi and Tanha lived in the same building and were buried in the same graveyard.

During the hearing, video footage of the killings was played in the courtroom.

Both witnesses accused senior AL leaders, including Quader, of instigating violence. They said they had seen and heard orders to open fire and submitted video evidence of the shootings to investigators.

"My wife is still traumatised. She cried

for our son throughout last night," Faruk said. "We want exemplary punishment for all those responsible."

Apart from Quader, the other accused are AFM Bahauddin Nasim, former state minister Mohammad Ali Arafat, Jubo League President Sheikh Fazle Shams Parash, its General Secretary Moynul Hossain Khan Nikhil, and Chhatra League President and General Secretary Saddam Hussain and Sheikh Wali Asif Inan.

487 killed in road crashes

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teachers, doctors, journalists, lawyers, bank and insurance employees, NGO workers, political activists, businesspeople, sales representatives, garment and construction workers, and people with disabilities.

The foundation identified defective vehicles and roads, over-speeding, reckless driving, capacity constraints at Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, and wages and working hours for drivers, slow-moving vehicles on highways, risky motorcycle riding by youths, lack of traffic law awareness, poor traffic management and traffic law enforcement, capacity constraints at Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, and wages and working hours for drivers, slow-moving vehicles on highways, risky motorcycle riding by youths, lack of traffic

There will be no more 'auto pass'

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the classroom. You cannot leave the classroom and engage in agitation."

He assured that teachers' demands will be addressed through proper channels. "We will address them. There is no need to occupy the streets to realise demands," he said.

The minister also said English-medium institutions will be brought under government rules.

He expressed concern over unauthorised institutions operating in unsafe premises. "You cannot run a school in a garage. Fire exits and security must be ensured. These are our children," he added.

Milon also warned against corruption in the education sector.

Addressing the same briefing, state minister for education Bobby Hajaj said the government will no longer treat the education budget as a cost but as an investment.

"Education will be the state's first investment, the core factory of human resources, and the principal project of nation-building," he said.

Unveiling a 12-point policy agenda, he said the government is committed to fulfilling the electoral pledge of raising education allocation to 5 percent of GDP.

The education and finance ministries will

work to prepare a three-year fiscal uplift plan, focusing not only on total allocations but also on equity and learning outcomes, he also said.

Hajaj outlined a three-phase timeline, including a diagnostic review of budget implementation before Eid-ul-Fitr and a national education roadmap with measurable indicators.

The government will also strengthen teachers' training institutions, upgrade laboratories, libraries and language labs, expand digital content and assessment capacity, improve school infrastructure, particularly water, sanitation and safety, and implement pledges such as midday meals, clean toilets and health support for female students, he added.

Schools will introduce compulsory digital literacy, AI awareness and cyber safety, and gradually incorporate listening and speaking skills into assessments as curricula shift from rote learning to reasoning-based evaluation, he said.

The ministry will publish monthly public dashboards on project progress, training, textbook distribution and class hours, and introduce school-level report cards covering attendance and contact hours to strengthen accountability, he also said.

Salehuddin Ahmed passes away

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On April 4, 1979, he joined BRAC as an executive assistant and remained associated with the organisation's journey until 2004. Later, from 2005 to 2009, he served as the pro vice-chancellor of BRAC University and also contributed as a member of BRAC's General Body.

BRAC has expressed deep shock at the demise of Salehuddin.

"In this difficult time, we extend our deepest condolences to his family,

colleagues, and well-wishers," the organisation said in a post on its Facebook page.

It said Salehuddin's long career in development thinking, poverty alleviation, and the expansion of education has made a significant contribution to Bangladesh's development landscape. "His long and close professional association with founder Fazle Hasan Abed greatly enriched BRAC's journey," reads the post.

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অকেজো গাড়ী বিক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিআইডব্লিউটিএ'র অচল যোষিত রাজস্ব খাতের ০১ (এক)টি জীপ গাড়ী, ০১ (এক)টি মাইক্রোবাস এবং ০২(দুই)টি 'কার' গাড়ী বিক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে অগ্রহী ক্রেতা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র আপামী ০৫/০৩/২০২৬ইং তারিখ সকাল ০৯.৩০ ঘটিকা হতে বেলা ২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তরে স্থাপিত টেন্ডার বাস্তবে দাখিল করতে হবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ১৫.০০ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত দরদাতাপনের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে। গাড়ীটির জন্য সাদা কাগজে/লেটারহেড প্যাডে (প্রতিষ্ঠান) আবেদনপত্রে দর উল্লেখ করতে হবে। গাড়ীটির বিবরণ নিম্নরূপঃ

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০২	ঢাঃ-মেঃ-চ-৫৩-৫২২৯	মাইক্রোবাস	২০১০	নিশান মাইক্রোবাস	সিএনজি/অকটেন	পুলভূক্ত
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০২। অগ্রহী ক্রেতা/প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে বিআইডব্লিউটিএ'র অনুকূলে যে কোন তফসীলভুক্ত ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে প্রতিটি গাড়ীর জন্য উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২৫% (শতকরা পঁচিশ ভাগ) হারে (ফেরতযোগ্য) আর্নেস্টম্যানি দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদন সাপেক্ষে মনোনীত দরদাতাকে ১৫ (পনের) দিনের মধ্যে দরপত্রের সম্পূর্ণ টাকা পরিশোধকরতঃ গাড়ীর ডেলিভারী গ্রহণ করতে হবে। অন্যথায় আর্নেস্টম্যানির টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত হবে। সফল দরদাতাকে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ওপর অতিরিক্ত সরকারী বিধি মোতাবেক ভ্যাট ও আয়করসহ পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট বিআইডব্লিউটিএ'র অনুকূলে প্রদান করতে হবে।

০৩। উল্লেখিত ক্রমিক নং-০১ এর গাড়ীটি অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে আরিচা দপ্তরে এবং ক্রমিক-০২, ০৩ ও ০৪ এর উল্লেখিত গাড়ীগুলো কর্তৃপক্ষের বেইজমেন্টে পরিদর্শন করা যাবে এবং বিস্তারিত তথ্য সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (যাঃ), যানবাহন শাখা, প্রশাসন ও মানব সম্পদ বিভাগ, বিআইডব্লিউটিএ, ঢাকা অথবা মটর মেকানিক, যানবাহন শাখা, প্রশাসন ও মানব সম্পদ বিভাগ, বিআইডব্লিউটিএ ভবন (বেইজমেন্ট), ১৪১-১৪৩, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা এর সাথে ০৪/০৩/২০২৬ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত যোগাযোগ করা যাবে।

০৪। দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণকারী দরদাতা অবশ্যই হালনাগাদ ট্যাক্স, ভ্যাট, ড্রেড লাইসেন্স এবং ব্যাংক সলভেন্সী সার্টিফিকেট জমা প্রদান করিবেন।

০৫। নির্ধারিত সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

০৬। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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2nd Amendment of e-GP Tender Notice

Package Title: Sub-soil Investigation of Mongla Bridge over the Mongla River at Daulatdia-Faridpur-Magura-Jhensaidah-Jashore-Khulna-Mongla (Dugra) National Highway (N7) at Bagherhat District during the year 2025-26
Package No: PSN/e-PPS3/BCMC/01/2025-26
Name of Procuring Entity: Superintending Engineer, Bridge Construction and Maintenance Circle, RHD

Reference	Existing Provision	Amended Provision
Tender ID: 1223797	Closing Date & Time: 22-February-2026 15:00 Opening Date & Time: 22-February-2026 15:00 Last Date & Time for Tender/Proposal Security Submission: 22-February-2026 14:00	Closing Date & Time: 25-February-2026 14:00 Opening Date & Time: 25-February-2026 14:00 Last Date & Time for Tender/Proposal Security Submission: 25-February-2026 12:30
Tender Notice: Particular Information		
Tender Notice: Information for Tender/Consultant: Tender/Proposal Security valid up to:	20-Jul-2026 22-Jun-2026	23-Jul-2026 25-Jun-2026
Tender Notice: Brief Description of Assignment	The assignment involves carrying out detailed ground investigation works for the proposed Mongla Bridge project. The scope includes borehole drilling up to 110 m depths (offshore), Standard Penetration Tests (SPT), Cone Penetration Tests (CPT), Seismic Down-Hole Tests (SDHT), collection of soil samples, laboratory testing including physical properties, index properties, engineering properties, geochemical tests, and preparation of a geotechnical investigation factual report.	The assignment involves carrying out detailed ground investigation works for the proposed Mongla Bridge project. The scope includes borehole drilling up to 110 m depths (on land), Standard Penetration Tests (SPT), Cone Penetration Tests (CPT), Seismic Down-Hole Tests (SDHT), collection of soil samples, laboratory testing including physical properties, index properties, engineering properties, geochemical tests, and preparation of a geotechnical investigation factual report.
ITT Clause 13.1a	The Average Annual Turnover of the tender shall be at least of the amount of BDT 70,000,000.00 over the last three financial years.	The Average Annual Turnover of the tender shall be at least of the amount of BDT 70,000,000.00 over the last five financial years.

Other texts, terms and conditions of the tender document and the tender notice will remain unchanged.

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