

Hailstorm, nor'wester damage crops, homes

JAYDUL ISLAM, Netrakona

A sudden hailstorm accompanied by a nor'wester caused damage to crops as well as more than a hundred houses across several upazilas in Netrakona on Saturday night.

According to local sources, intermittent hailstorms and nor'wester winds swept through Netrakona Sadar, Purbadhala, Barhatta, Kalmakanda, Atpara and Madan upazilas between 11:00pm and 1:30am.

Rakibul Hasan, additional deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Netrakona, said, "In areas where large hailstones fell, around 10-15 percent of paddy saplings could be damaged."

According to preliminary reports, about 150 hectares of Rabi crops have



been damaged, he added.

Ruhul Amin, assistant director of Relief and Disaster Management Department in Netrakona, said a field-level assessment to determine the extent of the damage was underway.

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Dust pollution worsens air quality in Khulna

DIPANKAR ROY, Khulna

Khulna has been witnessing a steady deterioration in air quality due to dust pollution, raising concerns among residents, environmentalists and public health experts.

While Dhaka has long been labelled one of the most polluted cities, recent data suggest that Khulna at times even surpasses the capital in hazardous air conditions.

Experts said the worsening air pollution is the result of a combination of factors, including nearby brick kilns, unpaved or damaged roads, unchecked construction activities and emissions from ageing vehicles.

According to Switzerland based air quality monitoring organisation IQAir, Khulna recorded an Air Quality Index (AQI) of 279 at 10:00am on December 20, much higher than Dhaka's 202 at the same time. An AQI reading above 200 is considered very unhealthy, while levels exceeding 300 fall into the hazardous category.

Despite a plan supported by the World Health Organization to transform Khulna into a healthier urban environment by 2027, air quality remains alarmingly poor.

Development works under the Khulna City Corporation, Khulna Water Supply and Sewerage Authority and Khulna Development Authority have left large sections of city roads dug up for months, creating widespread dust pollution.

Major projects include a Tk 823-crore drainage initiative, a

have intensified the dust problem across the city.

Abdul Karim Hawlader, a shopkeeper near Sonadanga Women's Sports Complex, said large pits dug by ongoing sewerage works have left the road surface broken in the area, worsening the situation in recent months. "Hundreds of

Mahfuzur Rahman Mukul, divisional coordinator of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, said institutional failures are turning Khulna into another pollution hotspot.

Dr Sujat Ahmed, deputy director of Khulna Medical University, said air pollution can trigger cough, asthma and respiratory infections, particularly among children and the elderly.

Executive Magistrate and Chief Waste Management Officer Kohinur Jahan of KCC said cleanliness drives are being carried out across the city. "Contractors have also been instructed to promptly remove soil and construction waste generated from public works," she said.

She urged residents and developers to avoid dumping construction materials on roads.

Khandaker Md Fazlul Hoque, director of the Department of Environment in Khulna, said they have already discussed the matter with all relevant stakeholders.

"It is not possible for our department alone to control the situation. Although we are conducting regular drives and fining polluting institutions, fines alone cannot solve the problem."



Tk 607 crore road development programme, a Tk 2,300-crore sewerage system project, a Tk 259-crore road widening project and additional development activities worth about Tk 650 crore by other agencies. Poor coordination and prolonged implementation, particularly during the dry season,

vehicles use the route daily, causing dust to engulf the area. Customers avoid staying long, and I often suffer from coughing and eye irritation."

Shamima Begum, a resident of Bastuhara area, said her children frequently have breathing difficulties, especially during the dry season.

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এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সম্প্রতি কিছু ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান অনুমতি ব্যতিরেকে অবৈধভাবে গ্রামীণ ব্যাংকের নাম ও লোগো অথবা উহার সাদৃশ্য নাম ও লোগো ব্যবহার করে বিভিন্ন প্রিন্ট, ইলেকট্রনিক ও সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যমে প্রচার, বিজ্ঞাপন, চিঠিপত্র ও অন্যান্য কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করছে, যা সম্পূর্ণ বেআইনী এবং প্রতিষ্ঠানের সুনামের পরিপন্থী। গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক আইন, ২০১৩ (২০১৩ সনের ৫৬ নং আইন) এর ৩০(২) ধারা মোতাবেক ব্যাংকের লিখিত সম্মতি ব্যতীত কোন প্রসপেক্টাস বা বিজ্ঞাপনে ব্যাংকের নাম ব্যবহার করা দণ্ডনীয় অপরাধ। এছাড়া গ্রামীণ ব্যাংকের মনোমুখ্য বা লোগো কপিরাইট আইন, ২০২৩ এর আওতায় নিবন্ধিত।

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Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Interior Fit-Out Works for BRAC Bank PLC.

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রূপালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি'র মাধাইয়া বাজার শাখা, কুমিল্লা ১৫/০৩/২০২৬ রোজ রবিবার থেকে নতুন ঠিকানায় স্থানান্তরিত হয়ে ব্যাংকিং কার্যক্রম শুরু করছে।

পুরাতন ঠিকানা	নতুন ঠিকানা
রূপালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি মাধাইয়া বাজার শাখা সালাম উলুখ (২য় তলা) (কাঁচা বাজার সংলগ্ন) মাধাইয়া বাজার, চান্দিনা, কুমিল্লা।	রূপালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি মাধাইয়া বাজার শাখা সাহা সুপার মার্কেট (২য় তলা) (কাঁচা বাজার সংলগ্ন) মাধাইয়া বাজার, চান্দিনা, কুমিল্লা।

সম্মানিত গ্রাহক, পৃষ্ঠপোষক এবং শুভানুধ্যায়ীদের ব্যাংকিং সেবা গ্রহণের জন্য নতুন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগের অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

It poses a serious risk

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Bangladesh was expecting 24-25 LNG shipments during March, April and May, he said, adding that at least 18 of them were supposed to pass through the Strait of Hormuz. If the war continues, many shipments may not arrive.

Masrur said Bangladesh had only recently begun to see stability after a macroeconomic crisis that started in June-July 2022. Foreign exchange reserves rose from around \$18-19 billion to \$29 billion over the past 18 months.

However, higher energy prices could again put pressure on the balance of payments, exchange rate and inflation, he said.

Energy expert Shafiqul Alam said Bangladesh spends nearly \$20 billion annually on imported energy and electricity, making it vulnerable to global disruptions.

He said the government has so far bought five LNG cargoes from the spot market at prices ranging from \$20.76 to \$28.28 per MMBtu.

During April-June last year, Bangladesh imported 77 billion cubic feet of LNG to meet peak summer demand, he said.

If the same amount is imported this year at \$20 per MMBtu, the government will have to provide \$1.08 billion in subsidies, he added.

If the price rises to \$25, the subsidy requirement will increase to around \$1.44 billion, he said.

Shafiqul warned that electricity demand could exceed 18,000 megawatts this summer, increasing the risk of load shedding if

fuel supply is disrupted.

Former BAIRA secretary general Shamim Ahmed Chowdhury Noman said the conflict could also affect labour migration and remittance.

He said 11-12 lakh Bangladeshis go abroad for work every year, while over the past four years around 40-48 lakh people have been involved in overseas employment linked to remittance.

However, flight movement has become restricted and many workers are stuck in the migration pipeline, while some passengers travelling to Qatar were sent back to Bangladesh, he said.

Former BGMEA director Shams Mahmud said Bangladesh's key export advantage is speed to market, particularly for low-cost products for Europe.

However, shipping disruptions could delay deliveries and push buyers towards competitors such as Turkey, Egypt and Morocco, he said.

International relations expert Prof Sabab Khan said the crisis should not be seen as a short-term shock. Even if there is a ceasefire, the impact could become structural within months as supply chains, sourcing patterns and energy markets change.

He also said the Middle East may increasingly move towards technology and automation, which could reduce dependence on foreign labour and affect migrant-sending countries. Energy researcher Mollah Amzad Hossain and Fahim Mashroor, co-coordinator of Voice for Reform, also spoke.

Largely ceremonial

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couldn't buy many books," she said. "But if I hadn't come at all, it would have felt like missing out on something important."

According to information collected from 269 participating publishers, total sales during the 17-day fair stood at around Tk 8 crore.

The fair hosted 584 participating institutions, including 570 publishing houses. Based on the available data, the fair management committee estimated that total sales across all publishers would reach about Tk 17 crore.

Selim Reza, member secretary of the fair management committee, said in many cases publishers with fewer stall units recorded higher sales than those with larger stalls. Mahrukh Mohiuddin, managing director of The University Press Limited, said the overall sales

situation was alarming. "Compared with normal years, book sales this year were about 70 percent lower," he said. "Nearly 90 percent of participating publishers could not even recover the basic cost of building their stalls. Around 30 percent sold books worth less than Tk 5,000."

He said the decline is part of an ongoing trend. "Political and economic instability already reduced sales at the 2025 fair by about 60 percent compared to 2024," he said. "This year, the situation worsened further. In fact, the business environment was worse than during the pandemic-era fair of 2021." According to the fair's information centre, 2,007 new books were submitted during the event, though the actual number may be higher as not all publishers deposit copies of their books with the centre.

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IFIC Bank PLC, Gulshan Branch, 109 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka 1212, has issued various credit facilities to **(1) Scholastica Limited, Represented by its Managing Director, Syeda Madiha Murshed**, Address: Plot No. 2, Road No. 8/9, Sector No. 1, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230. AND Registered Office: Khawaja Tower, 95 Bir Uttam A K Khandakar Road, Mohakhali (Borrower & Mortgagor) **(2) Syeda Madiha Murshed**, Daughter of Syed Tanvir Murshed & Yasmeen Murshed, Managing Director (Guarantor and Legal Heir of Mrs. Yasmeen Murshed) **(3) Syed Maher Murshed**, Son of Syed Tanvir Murshed & Yasmeen Murshed, Chairman and Director (Guarantor and Legal Heir of Mrs. Yasmeen Murshed) **(4) Wasima Parveen**, Daughter of Sayed Anwar Hossain & Rajia Hossain & Wife of Syed Akhtar Hossain, Director, (Guarantor) **(5) Mr. Amer Ahmed**, Son of Kamal Ahmed & Mushfiqa Kamal & Husband of Mitali Ahmed, Director, (Guarantor) **(6) Ectetera Bangladesh (Pvt.) Limited**, (Guarantor) **(7) United Resources Corporation Limited** (Inc. No.-C-1441 Dated 29.06.1985) (Mortgagor)

The outstanding dues of the aforesaid loan stand at **Tk. 729,89,85,715.65 (Taka Seven Hundred Twenty Nine Crore Eighty Nine Lac Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifteen and paisa Sixty Five) only** as on 08.03.2026 (interest charge up to following manner). Schedule of claim on A/c. **Scholastica Limited** is as follows: -

SL	A/c No.	Outstanding as on 08.03.2026	Last date of charging interest in the A/c.
1	1002370470-001	24,904,441.50	31.12.2025
2	1002370470-101	3,981,254,800.50	31.12.2025
3	0000370470-485	135,09,85,376.74	30.06.2025
4	0000370470-486	840,597,720.07	31.12.2025
5	0000370470-487	1,101,243,376.84	31.12.2025
Total		7,298,985,715.65	

We request you to take appropriate steps for making payment with interest up to eventual date of repayment within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which our client will take appropriate steps for selling out the mortgaged properties on auction per Artha Rin Adalat Ain-2003.

Schedule C Properties
Schedule I
Deed of Mortgage No. 11559 dated 06.09.2011 and Registered General Irrevocable Power of Attorney No. 11560 dated 06.09.2011.
All that piece and parcel of land measuring 46626 sft or 64 kataths 12 chattaks 6ft more or less situated in the Uttara Residential Model Town of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakha (RAJUK) in the city of Dhaka, District- Dhaka, Police Station- Uttara and Sub-Registry Office- Gulshan at present Uttara, Dhaka.

Schedule II
Deed of Mortgage No. 6720 dated 22.10.2017/23.10.2017 and Registered General Irrevocable Power of Attorney No. 6721 dated 22.10.2017/23.10.2017.
All that piece and parcel of land measuring 92.42 (ninety two point four two) decimal with basement to sixth (06th) floor space measuring 14,5095.65 square feet situated within District - Dhaka, Police Station: Mirpur and Sub-Registry Office - Mirpur, **Mouza-Senpara Parbata.**

Schedule III
Deed of Mortgage No. 13802 dated 23.12.2024 and Registered General Irrevocable Power of Attorney No. 13803 dated 23.12.2024.
All that piece and parcel of land measuring (12.00 + 6.46 + 9.86 + 5.50 + 11.50 + 15.00) = 60.32 (sixty point three two) decimal situated within District- Narayanganj, standing in the name of Scolastica Limited along with all structure constructed or to be constructed thereon, situated within District-Narayanganj; Police Station & Sub-Registry Office: Rujanj, under Narayanganj.

B.M. Elias, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
For: The LawyersMahtab Centre, Suite- 07 (3rd Floor)
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Request for Proposal (RFP)

Bangladesh Cricket Board

For Ground Development Works at National Cricket Ground (NCG), Purbachal, Dhaka

Ref No.: BCB/ Grounds/T&P/ Ground Development Works-NGC /2026/206 Date: 16th March 2026

The Bangladesh Cricket Board hereby invites for Sealed Proposals for "Construction of 2 Nos Ground works (ICC Standard) for the National Cricket Ground (NCG) at Purbachal, Dhaka" from the Bona-fide Contractors / Firms / Organizations as per the terms and conditions as giving as follows:

1	Organization	Bangladesh Cricket Board
2	Procuring Entity Name	Chief Executive Officer, BCB
3	Invitation for	Construction of 2 Nos Ground works (ICC Standard) for the National Cricket Ground at Purbachal, Dhaka.
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
5	Invitation Ref:	BCB/ Grounds/T&P/ Ground Development Works-NGC /2026/206
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
7	Budget and source of Fund	Bangladesh Cricket Board
8	Tender Publication Date	16/03/2026
9	Tender Last Selling Date	12/04/2026 at 4:00 PM
10	Tender Closing date and time	13/04/2026 at 12:00 PM
11	Tender Opening date and time	13/04/2026 at 1:30 PM
12	Name and address of the selling tender	Finance & Accounts Department, 2 nd Floor, Management Office, Bangladesh Cricket Board at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh.
13	Place of receiving & Opening tender	Management Office of Bangladesh Cricket Board at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh.
14	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender meeting (Optional)	To be notified.
15	Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderers	The tenderers must meet the eligibility criteria as stated in the qualification criteria section as mentioned in the tender schedule.
16	General Instruction for Tender Submission	The intending tenderer shall have to apply to the undersigned in their letter head along with copies of experience certificates from concerned authority, trade license, VAT and income tax certificates etc. for issuance of tender documents. Contractors must have all type of Sand filling, Dressing, Leveling, Sloping equipment's. Tender Documents will be issued from the office of the undersigned on cash payment of Tk.5000/= (Taka Five Thousand) only (Non-refundable) on all working days during office hours from 10:30 AM to 05:00 PM.
17	Tender Security	Earnest money amounting to 2.5% of the total quoted amount in favor of "Bangladesh Cricket Board" in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh must be submitted along with the Tender without which the tender shall be rejected outright.
18	The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Further, BCB also reserves the right to cancel the entire tender process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for Tender by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the Tender.	

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