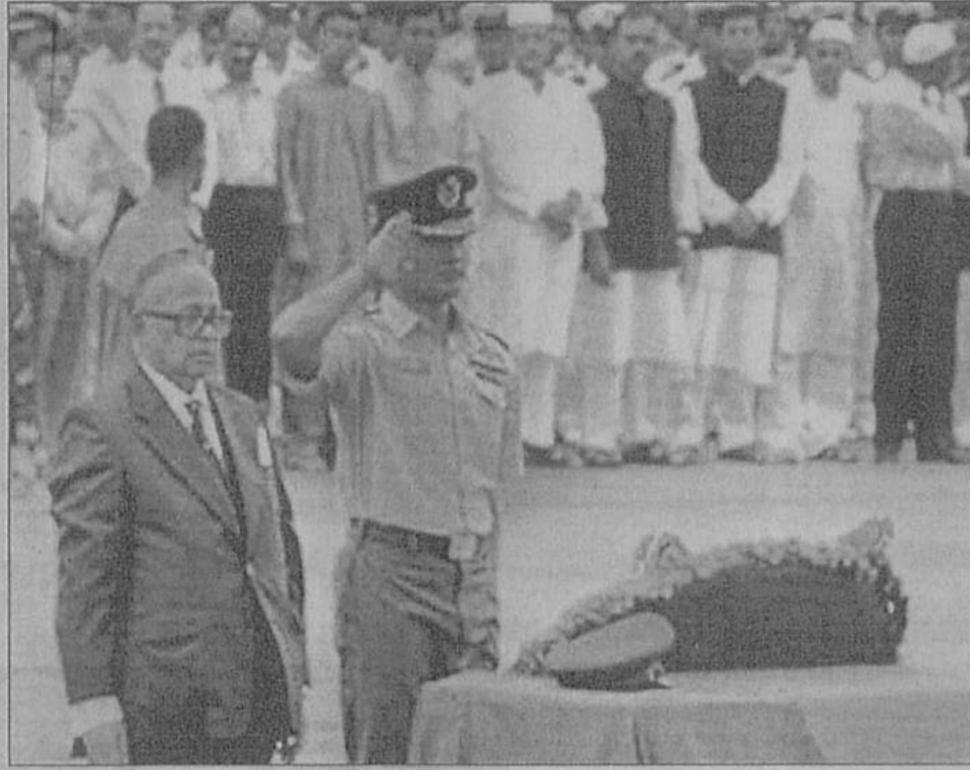




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Hero laid to rest



The acting President took part in the ceremony of showing respect to the mortal remains of Birshreshtha Matur Rahman. Why didn't the President Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed take part in it? The government

deserves credit for showing the honour that the hero deserved. Taher, J. Sharjah, U.A.E. *** The initiative taken by the government to bring back the mortal remains

of Bir Sreshtha Matur Rahman to his beloved homeland deserves a lot of praise. But as I was watching the homecoming ceremony live on television on the night of 24 June, I was shocked to see the prime minister

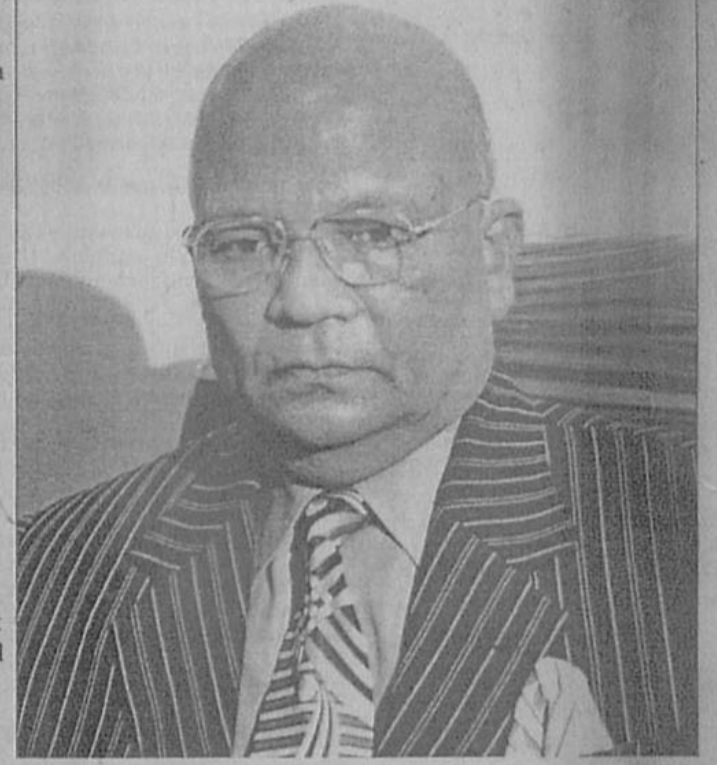
coming late to attend the ceremony. I think as the prime minister of the country it was her noble duty to be present throughout the ceremony; that is, she should have been present at the airport before the

arrival of the remains and remained there until they left the place. For a great martyr of our Liberation War, this is the least we could do. A student Dept of Architecture, BUET

A stubborn CEC

We, the ordinary people of this country, are entirely disappointed at the way CEC is viewing the upcoming general election. He is going his own way to prepare a fresh voter list, despite opposition from within the Election Commission. He was opposed to the loud complaints against the presence of huge ghost voters in the voter list which was prepared on his unilateral insistence, costing no less than Tk 60 crore. It is the SC verdict that declared the voter list illegal. Now the CEC says 'no' to AL-BNP call to 'go door to door'.

Political parties in this country have no tolerance, so our nascent democracy can't grow mature. Unfortunately, CEC's stubbornness is similar to the obstinacy of political parties. Time is running out, but nothing is being done. The political crisis is worsening. Roney On e-mail



Some thoughts on budget

1. The budgets are usually a routine affair-- as we have resource constraints and less tax return there is not much room for new things. So this time round, it is again as usual, big budget and nothing much for the masses. 2. Unless we can build a strong commitment for development, we can't change this scenario. 3. We must not give the elites the chance of making undue profits - but they are getting it and there is less

subsidy always for the poor class. We are creating a much more materialistic society and also creating demand for the luxury items that are expensive and not so necessary. We must think on this point -- moral perspective - whether we should serve the many poor or the few rich. This also leads to more corruption and loopholes in the administration. 4. We must think of some amount to spend for the rehabilitation of the poor on

the streets and make a plan to spend the amount in 10/15 years. 5. Also, tax return must be strictly ensured. And here is the problem; many of us are drifting towards corruption, even the fresh graduates - before getting a job, dream of becoming rich through corrupt means. The opposition must not play a political game on budget. This does not serve the nation or the people. Atiq University of Dhaka

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Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) For Selection of Individual Consultants EOI No. 02/2005-2006

Memo No: LGED/PD(DTIDP)/C-19/2006/852

Date: 27.06.06

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has been allocated fund from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) toward the cost of District Towns Infrastructure Development Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this fund to cover eligible payments against the services of the following individual consultant:

Sl No	Name of position	Number of position	Person month	Educational qualification	Relevant work experience
1.	Urban Planning and Institutional Adviser	1	36	Masters in Urban Planning	* Minimum 15 years relevant experience in Urban Planning and Management; * Thorough knowledge of planning and procedures at both national and local levels; * Experience to work in and lead a multidisciplinary team and institutions.

Applications are invited from eligible Bangladeshi nationals for the above-mentioned position. Interested candidates are requested to provide information along with CV, two copies of recent passport size photograph, educational certificates, description of similar assignments, specific experience, experience in similar operating condition etc. indicating that they are qualified to perform the services.

The consultant will be selected using the Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC) sub-method in accordance with the Public Procurement Regulations-2003 and Public Procurement Procedures issued by the GoB.

The advertised position deserves a senior level in terms of professional output as an urban planner and the incumbent is expected to have sufficient command on overall management and co-ordination of the preparation of Land Use Master Plan, Drainage and Environment Master Plan, Traffic Management Plan and Detail Area Plan to be undertaken by other consulting firms. He/she should have the capability to coordinate with other projects and programmes in Urban Sector of LGED.

Applicants must be capable of independently preparing reports and other outputs for submission to the project authority. The duration of the assignment is indicative and may be extended depending on satisfactory performance.

Interested applicants are required to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) in accordance with the application forms and may obtain the request for application document from the office of the undersigned during normal office hours.

Expressions of Interest shall be submitted in seal envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned shown above on or before 25th July, 2006 during office hours, and be clearly marked "Expressions of Interest for the position" of (Name of the position).

Persons who are already in employment shall sent application through proper channel, otherwise they shall not be considered.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md Mominul Huq
Project Director

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Strong civil society

A strong civil society is the mirror of the nation. They are also the representative of the various interest groups within the society. A vibrant civil society pulls the nation towards the positive direction.

We do have a civil society that is working, albeit with many limitations.

The civil society as advocacy or pressure group can mobilise opinion and motivate people. Over the last few years, we have noticed emergence of many such groups, few are heavily biased with partisan politics, some exist until the foreign funds last, and few have names only. Only a little number managed to carry their professed mantle. Unless this situation improves our hope as a united force to struggle against bad politics, bad governance, misrule and social reforms cannot come to fruition. A value based, ethical, progressive and united society wouldn't emerge. Towards that goal we all can play a role.

We have witnessed noisy and effective protests against illegal land fillings, gas exploration or its

export etc.

Also it is to be noticed that the big and tall looking civil society couldn't do anything against our corruption and misrule, the poor illiterate peasants in Kansat showed the way.

We have also seen protests against World Bank's immunity, without noise, yet so effective, through the print media.

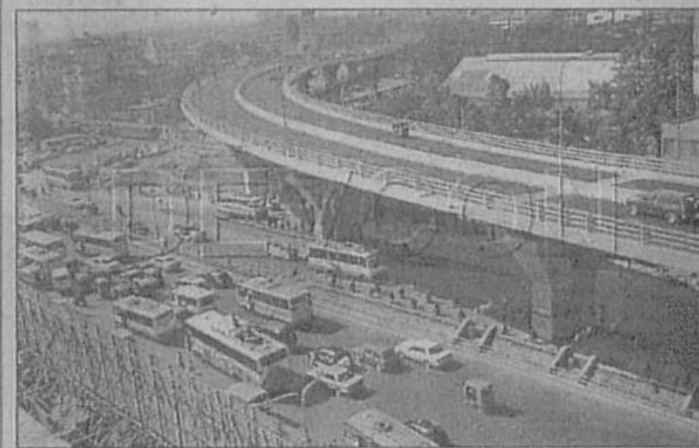
The emerging middle class and entrepreneurs are getting impatient with the situation and urging for a way out. A level playing ground is in high demand than ever before.

Our election, energy policy, education system, social polity, governance, social awareness etc should be in the forefront. Civil society should have a role in all sectors.

However, since politics is the main factor, all foot soldiers who mainly empower the corrupt and tyrant elements, who hoodwink their all genuine aspirations, must start thinking how to demolish that citadel, only to build it as a fortress of hope. Let's look forward to it.

MM Haque
Jeddah, K.S.A

FLYOVERS, not enough



Yet another flyover will be completed in the next three years to ease the traffic logs. While this should be a welcome reprieve for all travellers it is simply not a long-term fix for the increasing number of vehicles and population. The traffic will continue to increase. At times like this the government, instead of wasting its resources on building flyover after flyover, should look at alternative methods of public transportation. Something that is easy, safe and resource generating and can be used to pay for itself.

The best mode of public transit system is the inner city rail. Instead of flyovers the government should create train systems that arrive every 30 minutes at stations located in major sections of every city. We already have trains that connect different cities so why not a system to go from Gulshan to Banani to Dhanmondi. We already have

buses that can make localised stops within the areas. The customers will need to buy tickets. The rides should be secure and clean and the payment obtained from these rides should be used to maintain this public system. Dhaka itself has 9 million people and if even half that population attempts to use the train, imagine the amount of revenue that can be generated to maintain this system.

The flyovers while great for a short-term fix will not sustain the population growth. Also, they do not generate any form of revenue for upkeep and maintenance. It is time enough for us to take a chapter out of cities such as Tokyo, New York and London which literally curbed their traffic and transportation problems greatly with inner city rail services. Why can't we? Zeenat Z. Syed Atlanta, GA

বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড

প্রধান কার্যালয়
১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী রোড
নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম

চা পান করুন। চা অপেক্ষা সস্তা
স্বাস্থ্যকর পানীয় আর নেই।

বেশী বেশী লিকার চা পানে
ক্যান্সার, হৃদরোগ হার মানে।

নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের পরিচালনাধীন মৌলভীবাজার জেলায় অবস্থিত দেওরাছড়া চা বাগানের জন্য সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপকের ১ (এক)টি শূন্য পদ পূরণের নিমিত্ত নিম্নে উল্লিখিত শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

ক্রমিক নং	পদের নাম	বেতনক্রম	পদের সংখ্যা	বয়স সীমাবদ্ধ	ন্যূনতম শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতাসহ অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা
১।	সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক	চুক্তি ভিত্তিক ৮,৫০০-৪৫০-১১,২০০-ইবি-৫৫০-১৪,৫০০ টাকা স্কেলে এবং স্থায়ীকরণের পর, আপায়ন ভাতা ৩২৫/- টাকা, ভূতা ভাতা ৫০০/- টাকা, স্কেল-মেয়ে শিক্ষা ভাতা ১৩০০/- টাকা প্রাপ্য।	১ (এক)	৩৫	কৃষিক্ষেত্রে কমপক্ষে ২য় শ্রেণীতে স্বাতন্ত্র্য সম্মানসহ এম.এসসি। কোন প্রতিষ্ঠিত চা বাগানে সহকারী ব্যবস্থাপক হিসাবে ৫ বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা।

শর্তাবলী:

- ১) দরখাস্তে (ক) পদের নাম (খ) প্রার্থীর পুরা নাম (গ) পিতার নাম (ঘ) মাতার নাম (ঙ) স্থায়ী ঠিকানা (চ) বর্তমান ঠিকানা (ছ) নিজ জেলা (জ) জন্ম তারিখ (ঝ) বয়স (১০-০৭-২০০৬ তারিখে) (ঞ) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা (ট) জাতীয়তা (ঠ) ধর্ম ইত্যাদি উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- ২) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতাসহ অন্যান্য মূল সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ছায়াছবি আবেদনের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। চূড়ান্ত নির্বাচনের সময় মূল সনদপত্র সঙ্গে আনতে হবে।
- ৩) চেয়ারম্যান, ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা অথবা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের ওয়ার্ড কমিশনারের নিকট হতে জাতীয়তার সনদপত্র এবং প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড অফিসারের নিকট হতে চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র আবেদনের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ৪) বৈধ কাগজপত্র ও সম্মতি তোলা ও (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবিসহ আবেদন, সচিব, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী রোড, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম-৪২১০, এই ঠিকানায় আগামী ১০-০৭-২০০৬ তারিখের মধ্যে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে পৌঁছাতে হবে। উক্ত তারিখের পর কোন আবেদন গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- ৫) সচিব, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড এর অনুকূলে এবং কৃষি ব্যাংক, চা বোর্ড শাখায় পরিশোধযোগ্য ১০০/= (একশত) টাকা মূল্যের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার বা পোস্টাল অর্ডার আবেদনের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- ৬) অসম্পূর্ণ তথ্য সঞ্চলিত আবেদন বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। আবেদনের সাথে সংযুক্ত কোন কিছুই ফেরতযোগ্য নয়।
- ৭) এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের কারণে লিখিত/মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণে কর্তৃপক্ষ বাধ্য নন। এক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ৮) বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির শর্তাবলী সংশোধন/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- ৯) লিখিত/মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন প্রকার টি.এ/ডি.এ. প্রদান করা হবে না।
- ১০) যে কোন প্রকারের তদবির/সুপারিশ প্রার্থীর অযোগ্যতা বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

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