

## Int'l conference

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Scientist, icddr,b and President, ASCODD said, "We hope the participants will use this opportunity to engage themselves in the network."

"We look forward to a conference filled with impactful discussions and insights, and occasional controversies and debates," she added.

Professor John D Clemens, Executive Director, icddr,b spoke of the history and contribution of icddr,b since its establishment in 1960.

"As we celebrate and reflect on 60 years of the icddr,b, we also look forward to address existing and emerging challenges to vulnerable populations and fulfill our vision of a world in which more people survive and enjoy healthy lives," Prof Clemens said.

The conference will host discussions on the global disease burden; antibiotic resistance; best practices for diagnostics and surveillance; the role of water, sanitation and hygiene practices; strategies for prevention and control; and progress on vaccines in development.

The conference will also hold four symposia on subjects of global public health interests.

The Bangladesh government, World Health Organization, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and some other local and international sponsors are supporting the conference.

## All Padma bridge spans

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However, a re-tendering process for meeting the need has already started, he said. It will be possible to issue driving licenses on time following completion of the ongoing re-tendering process, the minister added.

While replying to another query, the minister informed the House on his ministry's various measures including controlling speed of long-route vehicles on highways, to ensure road safety.

Quader also informed parliament about his ministry's initiatives including construction of elevated expressway on Inner Ring Road in the Eastern Bypass area of the capital, to ease the city's traffic congestion.

In a scripted answer, the minister said different mobile courts filed cases against a total of 23,541 vehicles and fined them Tk 4.54 crore last year.

He also said the mobile courts sentenced 304 people to various jail terms and sent 198 vehicles to dumping stations last year.

## Appoint 27 BCS

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represented the state.

The petitioners' lawyers told The Daily Star that their clients passed the BCS examinations, and Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC) had recommended the government to appoint them.

But the authorities concerned of the government did not appoint them nor explained why they were not recruited, they said.

The government will have to recruit the candidates and provide arrears from the dates others from their batch were appointed, they added.

## Shukkur Mahmud passes away

Bss, Dhaka

Former president of Jatiya Sramik League and eminent labour leader Shukkur Mahmud passed away at his residence in Narayanganj early yesterday.

He was 73 years old, said a press release.

Mahmud left behind his wife, a son, four daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

In separate messages, President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina prayed for salvation of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to Mahmud's bereaved family members.

Among others, Road Transport and Bridges Minister and Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury and State Minister for Labour and Employment Monnujan Sufian condoled the death of the labour leader.

## HC confirms

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DAG Amin said the HC delivered the verdict as nine of the convicted accused have made confessional statements before the magistrate and their statements corroborated with each other.

Details of the HC verdict could not be known as its full text was not released yesterday.

Barrister AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon appeared for the accused who are in jail while state appointed lawyers ASM Shaiful Islam Kazal and Md Hafizur Rahman Khan argued for the four absconding convicts.

## Cold doesn't necessarily

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disease department, said, "Any mild or severe symptoms [fever, cough, throat pain or like else] could cause death of patients infected with coronavirus."

"However, common cold does not necessarily mean novel coronavirus infection," he added.

"We have to stay cautious in case of any common cold, which are mainly caused by flu virus. Only China-linked cases need special attention," he said, adding that such patients must be quarantined.

Most coronavirus infected patients are getting well, they also said.

"However, malnourished or elderly people or people with other chronic diseases like heart disease, diabetes, and kidney infection are at high risk if infected with novel coronavirus," they said.

Readiness in healthcare settings and awareness among healthcare professionals are the most important issues which the government should address properly, they also said.

## PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Physicians also suggested people to wash hands with soap frequently -- especially if they touch raw meat, wear face masks, and to avoid touching one's mouth unless washed.

They also suggested those who live with pets to be cautious.

Prof Konok Kanti Barua, vice chancellor of BSMMU; Prof Ahmed Abu Saleh, chairman of microbiology and immunology; Prof Saif Ullah Munshi, chairman of virology; doctors and students attended the seminar, among others.

## Healthy ecosystem vital

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the statement added.

## WORLD WETLANDS DAY

World Wetlands Day highlights the important environmental protection role wetlands play throughout the world and emphasises why wetlands are vital to promote conservation of these important ecosystems, according to the US embassy.

The Sundarbans is the world's largest mangrove forest and an appropriate site to showcase the importance of wetlands.

This important region provides a natural barrier to hazards such as storms and cyclones and is home to the Bengal tiger, masked finfoot, irrawaddy dolphin, saltwater crocodile, and many other endangered or vulnerable species, said the embassy.

## Polling centres under CCTV

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The decision has been taken so that the staff and employees of all government, non-government and autonomous bodies and teachers and employees of all government and other educational institutes can take part in voting.

Meanwhile, the EC yesterday asked the commerce ministry to keep Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) closed on January 31 and February 1 for city polls.

The EC has taken the decision in order to make sure the Dhaka north and south city corporation elections be held in a fair and peaceful manner, reads the order, signed by Atiyar Rahman, a deputy secretary of the EC.

## Ishraque confident

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on February 1 is certain," Ishraque told reporters after completing his campaign.

Besides Ishraque, his mother Ishmat Ara, widow of the last mayor of undivided Dhaka city corporation Sadeq Hossain Khoka, campaigned in Mouchak and Fortune Shopping Mall areas, seeking votes for "sheaf of paddy".

She also demanded the release of imprisoned BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

Ishmat Ara said, "Like people of the country, I also want a free and fair election. People will accept whoever is chosen by a fair poll."

Ishraque's younger brother, Ishfaq Hossain, along with BNP leader Shirin Sultana and Mohila Dal leaders participated in the rally.

## HC fines 4 factories

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He said the HC also declared valid the notices issued by the DoE asking the owners of the factories to stop their activities as they do not have ETPs.

The bench of Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore and Justice Mohammad Ullah fined the factories as their owners have suppressed information about the Supreme Court's restriction on running the factories and industries without having ETPs, while getting permission from another HC bench to operate them.

The four factories were dumping waste into the Buriganga and polluting it and the environment, he said, adding that the operation of the factories must be stopped following the HC verdict.

The HC bench led by Justice Gobinda delivered the verdict through rejecting four separate writ petitions filed by the factories, challenging legality of the notices issued by the DoE last year asking the owners to stop their activities.

Barrister Siddiqur Rahman Khan, a lawyer representing the factories, told The Daily Star that he did not get any instruction from his clients about moving any appeal before the Appellate Division of the SC, challenging the HC verdict. Advocate Amatul Karim also appeared for the DoE while Advocate Anisur Rahman assisted Siddiqur Rahman Khan while hearing the petitions.

## Rail minister identifies 14 reasons for recent accidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan yesterday in parliament identified at least 14 reasons -- including lack of maintenance of railway tracks, coaches and bridges, and unregulated movement of vehicles -- for the recent rail accidents.

The other reasons include malfunction of railway engines, breaking of rail lines, disruption of telephone systems, derailment, disruption of rail movement

due to excessive flood and collision between trains.

The minister said this in reply to a query from Workers Party MP Lutfun Nesa Khan.

The minister said the government has taken various initiatives so that railway staff can carry out their responsibilities more conscientiously.

"Besides, actions are being taken against staffers who were responsible for the train accidents," the minister also said.

## JCI Dhaka cosmopolitan holds general members' meet

CITY DESK

Junior Chamber International (JCI) -- a non-profit INGO of people between 18 and 40 years old -- Dhaka Cosmopolitan conducted its first general members meeting for the year 2020 in presence of 2020 JCI Bangladesh governing body members. Tanzila Zaman, local president for this year, chaired the GMM, a press release said.

The event was attended by new members of the body. Social project plans and event initiatives for the first quarter of 2020 was discussed and the treasury report was published during the programme, the press release added.

JCI has members in around 120 countries with headquarters in Missouri, United States.

## Committed to ensuring

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During the third cycle of the UPR, the foreign minister said Bangladesh accepted 178 recommendations which it will have to implement in next four years. "The government is working to implement those."

Momen said Bangladesh is a signatory to eight out of nine core international human rights treaties and a serving member of the Human Rights Council for the term 2019-21.

He said the country is hosting over 1.1 million Rohingyas. Bangladesh also leads the humanitarian response for them, he added. "These efforts of Bangladesh contribute to the maintenance of regional peace and security as well as upholding universal human rights."

Dr Momen said International Court of Justice has recently given a ruling in the case concerning Rohingyas, filed by The Gambia against Myanmar. It is a victory for humanity, and a victory for Gambia, the OIC, and of course millions of Rohingyas who after fleeing atrocities in Myanmar were given shelter by Bangladesh, under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

In accordance with the provision of NHRC Act 2009, a statutory independent NHRC has been established in the country, he said. The minister said Bangladesh is committed to ensuring the independence and effectiveness of the human rights commission.

"Guided by the ideology of the Father of the Nation and constitutional pledge, Bangladesh is committed to uplifting human rights of every citizen in providing a better life, food, shelter, security, employment, education, free mobility, and rights to enjoy their inalienable rights," he said.

Momen said the government has prioritised human rights, especially by creating opportunities for all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, color, religion, caste or/and background.

## Barishal's own Robo Boy

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eight months to finish the initial project, with a budget of just around Tk 25,000. "Robotics is an expensive hobby, but Robin was made with minimal costs, which proves that making such robots is quite affordable for everyone," he said.

Making Robin was not only affordable but accessible as well. Shuvo managed to acquire all the hardware from local shops in Dhaka and Barishal, and the biggest market of all -- online.

But Robin isn't all talk and no action; it has several useful features. "Robin is a self-learning robot that can learn by itself," Shuvo explained. The robot uses machine-learning algorithms to process information.

One notable feature relies on a sensor installed inside Robin that can detect signs of fire and send location information to the nearest fire service office via Google Maps.

But that's not all. Robin is also a treasure trove of information. It can interact with children to teach them the basics of multiple subjects and can provide valuable insights to farmers on how to care for their crops.

"I'm working to improve Robin even further. The robot doesn't have eyesight at the moment and moves using its wheels.

But in future, it will be able to walk and see everyone," Shuvo hoped.

For Shuvo, this fascination with science and technology goes way back. "I have been immersed in these subjects from an early age, and I used to daydream about new technologies and scientific breakthroughs," he said.

And he was rewarded for this very fascination in many instances of his life. For his multiple accolades, Shuvo received an award from Dr Dipu Moni on July 5 last year and another at the National Children's Prize held in 2018. He was also honoured with an award from Science and Technology Affairs Minister Yeafesh Osman at The National Science and Technology Fair on June 26, 2018.

But perhaps the greatest reward of all is being appreciated by one's family. "We are happy and proud of our son, and we will continue to support him to follow his passion," said Santosh Karmekar, Shuvo's father.

"If I get enough support, I can improve Robin even more. We want Bengalis to reach further heights in the field of robotics, so that we can build a robot even better than Sofia," said a hopeful Shuvo.

### INVITATION FOR TENDER

**Pubali Bank Limited**, the largest online commercial Bank in Bangladesh is hereby inviting sealed Tenders from the eligible Tenderers, who can participate in any of the following tenders but in separate envelope as defined in the tender documents:

1. **Civil, Electrical & Networking works** at proposed premises of our **Dakshinkhan Br., Dhaka.**
2. Supply & installation of **Air Coolers** at our (i) **Kamalgonj Branch, Moulvibazar** & (ii) **Chandpur Puran Bazar Banking Booth under Chandpur Main Branch, Chandpur.**
3. Supply, installation & commissioning of **01 No. 450Kgs/ 6 Passengers, 6 Stops, Center opening, Stainless Steel Hairline finishing Lift** at Bank's own Building, Bogura.

Please visit our web site, <https://www.pubalibangla.com/tender.asp> for details. Interested Parties may purchase their Tender document by **06 February, 2020 for SI No- 1&2** and by **13 February, 2020 for SI No- 3**, duly filled up all requirements and submit their offer in the Tender Box by **09 February, 2020 for SI No- 1 & 2** and by **16 February, 2020 for SI No- 3** (before 11.00 A.M).

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### Expression on Interest (EOI) – Worldwide TV Broadcasting Rights

Mujib 100 T20 Cup Bangladesh 2020 – Asian All Star XI Vs Rest of the World XI

Ref No: BCB/MKT&Commercial/Mujib100T20 / 2020/55

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby invites offers from the reputed TV Broadcasters or Marketing agents for acquiring the Worldwide Broadcasting Rights for **02 (Two) T20i** matches between **Asia All Star XI & Rest of the World XI** tentatively scheduled on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 in Dhaka, Bangladesh to commemorate birth centenary of the founding father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the event will be called **"MUJIB 100 T20 CUP BANGLADESH 2020"**.

**Area of Rights:**  
A document detailing Area of Rights/ BCB Requirements/Guideline in relation to the submission of EOI for the aforesaid rights will be available at BCB Management Office and the BCB official website: [www.tigercricket.com.bd](http://www.tigercricket.com.bd)

**EOI Submission Procedure:**  
The EOI must be submitted at the BCB Management Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh by **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020** and should be in a sealed envelope to be addressed to: Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board. Interested overseas participants may submit the EOI offer electronically via email at [mujib100@bcg-cricket.com](mailto:mujib100@bcg-cricket.com)

**The EOI needs to be accompanied with the following documents:**

- a) Bank Solvency Certificate along with Bank Statement.
- b) Updated Trade License Copy.
- c) VAT Registration Certificate.
- d) TIN Certificate.
- e) Company Profile and Individual Directors' / Owners' Profile.
- f) Memorandum and Article of Association along with Certificate of Incorporation.
- g) In case of Consortium Notarized consortium Agreement.
- h) Updated financial audit report (in case of consortium each members' financial audit report needs to be submitted individually).

**Restriction:**

- i. Any person(s) or entities with an existing unresolved dispute (i.e. Financial, Disciplinary and any other) with BCB or ICC or ACC on a point of law or fact shall be ineligible to acquire the aforementioned rights or to participate in the EOI Process.

**Eligibility Criteria:**  
The broadcaster/ TV Channel must be in operation (on air) for at least 03 (three) years. Marketing agents must have the capability and reasonable experience in marketing international standard cricket events. Interested parties are requested to refer the BCB website ([www.tigercricket.com.bd](http://www.tigercricket.com.bd)) for details on Worldwide TV Broadcasting Rights For MUJIB 100 T20 CUP BANGLADESH 2020 on offer and the eligibility criteria.

**The BCB reserves the right to cancel the entire process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the EOI document and/ or the conditions by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the offer and to reject any or all offers at its sole discretion, without assigning any reason whatsoever.**

**Chief Executive Officer**  
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### TENDER NOTICE FOR SALE OF OLD & USED ITEMS

Sealed Quotations are invited from the interested buyers for disposal of various Old & Used items of Pan Pacific Sonargaon "as it is and where it is condition" for **Round Chandelier and Rectangular Chandelier**.

Interested bidders can obtain tender schedule from the Purchasing Department on submission of a letter on their respective letterhead up to **February 09, 2020** during the office hours on payment of Tk.1000/- (non-refundable) only. The quotations will be received up to 02:30 pm on **February 10, 2020** and will be opened on the same day at 03:00 pm in presence of the bidders, if any.

The bid must accompany 10% of quoted price as an Earnest Money (Refundable in case of unsuccessful bidders) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule Bank in favour of Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel.

Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender in part or in full or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Purchase Manager, Tel (880) 2 9128008, Extn: 4164**

**Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Limited (SABINCO)**

79, Nikunja-2, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.

### Tender Notice for the Sale of 100% Shares of Gazi Fish Culture Limited

Sealed Tenders on the prescribed forms are hereby invited from intending local/international buyers for the proposed sale of 100% shares of Gazi Fish Culture Limited (GFCL), an operational (going concern) project, on **"as is where is"** basis. Intending buyers will have to submit their quotation in separate prescribed tender forms and other required papers duly filled in and supported by necessary documents.

The company was incorporated in 1986 for culturing Bagda Shrimp on extensive method. The Company was awarded the **"National Fish Award 2019 - Gold"** by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of People's Republic of Bangladesh for its excellent achievement in production of Bagda Shrimp.

Currently the company is practicing semi-intensive culture of Bagda Shrimp in the project. The Project is equipped with necessary infrastructural facilities required to undertake semi-intensive shrimp culture on commercial basis. The project has well defined ponds, high dimension dikes, hatchery, electricity from Pally Biddut Samity, Khulna, standby generators, Paddle Wheel Aerators, axial pumps etc., besides having an office cum staff accommodations and ancillary facilities at the project site. The project also has a rain water harvesting plant as well as a water purification plant. The project has been producing good quality shrimps for the export markets. Brief particulars of Gazi Fish Culture Limited are as follows:

Name of the enterprise : **Gazi Fish Culture Limited (GFCL)**  
Project Location : Mouzas: Kailashgang, Tetutlala, Hodda & Gunari; Dacope, Khulna.  
Items Produced : Bagda Shrimp.  
Commencement of production : 1986 with Semi-intensive method  
Factory Land area : **365 acres (approximate).**

2. Set of prescribed forms, tender conditions and other related paper can be procured from the Accounts Department, SABINCO on all working days from 29 January 2020 to 25 February 2020 during office hours on cash payment/Pay Order/Demand draft of Tk.50,000 (Taka fifty thousand only) favoring SABINCO which is non-refundable.
3. Relevant information relating to the enterprise is available with SABINCO and can be obtained by intending buyers (those who have purchased bid documents) during all working days from 29 January 2020 to 25 February 2020.
4. Second copy of the Money Receipt issued by SABINCO will have to be attached with the completed tender document.
5. The tender box will be closed at 03:00 p.m. on 26 February 2020 and opened at 04:00 p.m. on the same date. Bidders' representatives may attend the tender opening session.
6. Tenders found incomplete or otherwise faulty shall stand cancelled. No request for explanation, appeal to review or request to reconsider such cancellation shall be entertained by SABINCO.
7. SABINCO reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Managing Director (Acting)**  
**SABINCO**