

Bangladesh will join NAM

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CABINET MEETS

The Cabinet today meets today for about three hours. The cabinet meeting is presided over by Bangabandhu. The cabinet discusses various pressing issues including food and relief distribution, price hike of essential commodities and the law and order situation.

WORKERS WILL BE INVOLVED IN FACTORY MANGEMENT

The government is committed to ensuring workers' participation in operation, production and management of industrial units, says a government source. A detailed plan in this regard will be announced soon. The main aim of this initiative is to encourage workers through creating a sense of ownership among them to increase overall industrial productivity. It will also significantly

reduce industrial unrest, believes the government source. Earlier, Bangabandhu called upon the workers to join the government's effort to establish socialism through successful implementation of the nationalisation programme and increasing production in all the industrial units.

NEW AGRICULTURAL LOAN APPROVED

Bangladesh Bank has approved an additional Tk 2 crore as loan for the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Bank. This fund will be distributed among farmers to increase productivity in the agricultural sector. Earlier, Bangladesh Bank allocated Tk 8.40 crore for the National Cooperative Bank to invest in rice, sugar and fish cultivation.

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Argentinean court closer

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Argentinian courts to open an investigation into the role of Myanmar's civilian and military leaders in committing genocide and crimes against humanity against the Rohingya.

Under the principle of universal jurisdiction, such crimes can be investigated anywhere in the world regardless of where they were committed.

The Argentine court's progress comes in addition to the ICC investigation and the Gambia's case filed in November last year against Myanmar for violating the Genocide Convention with the International Court of Justice (ICJ). In January this year, the ICJ imposed "provisional measures" on Myanmar as part of the case, essentially a legal injunction

ordering the end to genocidal practices against the Rohingya.

The ICC in November last year approved an investigation into Myanmar for crimes against humanity against the Rohingya.

Argentinean human rights NGOs Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo and Foundation for Peace and Justice, founded by the Nobel Peace Prize Winner Adolfo Pérez Esquivel are supporting BROUK that is now being legally represented by Tomás Ojea Quintana, a prominent human rights lawyer and the former UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (2008-2014).

The case in Argentina is the first universal jurisdiction case concerning the Rohingya genocide anywhere in the world.

Europe emerges from dark

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ordinary and economic life in nearly every country on the planet.

After suffering some of the highest human losses, Europe and the United States are now emerging from months of confinement in a bid to soften the blow of a looming recession.

In the French capital, Parisians reclaimed the beloved morning rituals at cafe terraces that were allowed to sprawl across pavement to accommodate social distancing measures.

"It's really nice, we got up just for this, so we appreciate it, we're really happy," said Charlotte, who made a morning stop at a cafe near the Canal Saint-Martin.

"It's a bit of a feeling of regained freedom, that's what it is," added another patron, 61-year-old Philippe.

Elsewhere in France, bars and restaurants were allowed to go a step further and allow customers to sit inside, while beaches and weddings were also back in business.

The excitement was visible in western Nantes where customers lined up to eat at the restaurant La Prison du Bouffay at one minute past midnight.

Yet the country, which has suffered the world's fifth highest toll with nearly 29,000 deaths from the virus, still faces tough times ahead with the economy expected to shrink by 11 percent this year due to the pandemic.

A similar story is playing out elsewhere on the continent where schools, swimming pools, pubs and tourist sites are steadily reopening to ease the economic pain of their lockdowns, despite fears of a second wave of infections.

In the UK, British MPs were set to return to parliament in person after ending a virtual system, with plans to debate quarantine requirements for those entering the hard-hit country.

And in the sporting world, Formula One organisers announced an eight-

race schedule for Europe starting in July, though fans are not expected to join at the start.

RIO REOPENS

On the other side of the Atlantic, Latin American countries are still facing an upward curve of infections, with cases surging particularly high in Brazil, which has logged the fourth highest number of deaths worldwide.

The region has detected at least one million cases and recorded over 50,000 deaths, more than half of which are in Brazil, according to an AFP tally.

The World Health Organization has warned the region's healthcare systems could be overwhelmed by the influx of patients, with Peru, Chile and Mexico also seeing high daily increases in infections.

Yet Rio de Janeiro started gradually easing lockdown measures, the Brazilian city's mayor said, beginning with the reopening of places of worship and water sports.

Mexico also began relaxing restrictions, reactivating the automotive industry, mining and construction even as the country recorded more than 10,000 virus deaths.

Meanwhile, the United States still leads the world with more than 105,000 deaths from Covid-19, though its daily tolls are no longer on a steep incline.

The crisis there has recently been overshadowed by anti-racism protests that have erupted across the country in response to police killings of black Americans.

While many US states had started relaxing virus measures, several major cities have imposed curfews in the face of the protests, which have turned violent in some zones.

GATHERINGS HIT

Much of East Asia, meanwhile, has seen infections slow to a trickle in recent weeks, but restrictions on mass gatherings remain.

Overuse will cause more

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from the WHO's Geneva headquarters.

The WHO said only a small proportion of Covid-19 patients needed antibiotics to treat subsequent bacterial infections.

The organisation has issued guidance to medics not to provide antibiotic therapy or prophylaxis to patients with mild Covid-19, or to patients with moderate illness without a clinical suspicion of bacterial infection.

Tedros said the guidelines should help tackle antimicrobial resistance while saving lives.

He called the threat of antimicrobial resistance "one of the most urgent challenges of our time".

"It's clear that the world is losing its ability to use critically important antimicrobial medicines," he said.

Highlighting inappropriate usage, he said there was an "overuse" of antibiotics in some countries, while in low-income states, such life-saving medicines were unavailable, "leading to needless suffering and death".

DISEASE TREATMENT DISRUPTED

Meanwhile the WHO said the prevention and treatment of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) had been severely disrupted since the Covid-19 pandemic began in December, following a survey of 155 countries.

"This situation is of significant

concern because people living with NCDs are at higher risk of severe Covid-19-related illness and death," it said.

The survey, during a three-week period in May, found that low-income countries were most affected.

Some 53 percent of countries reported partially or completely disrupted services for hypertension treatment.

The figure was 49 percent for diabetes treatment and related complications; 42 percent for cancer treatment, and 31 percent for cardiovascular emergencies.

The most common reasons for discontinuing or reducing services were cancellations of planned treatments, a decrease in available public transport and a lack of staff because health workers had been reassigned to Covid-19 treatment.

MASS GATHERINGS RISK

The WHO warned about the dangers of mass gatherings, as protests rage in the United States and elsewhere over the killing of unarmed black man George Floyd, and as sports events begin a tentative resumption.

"Mass gatherings have the potential to act as super-spreading events," warned Tedros, highlighting WHO guidance designed to help organisers determine how such events can be held safely.

First refugee

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centre of Kutupalong Rohingya camp on Saturday night. He was taken there two days ago as he was suffering from fever, cold, and respiratory problems, Toha said.

Health officials later collected his samples, the physician said, adding that the man tested Covid-19 positive on Monday.

Some 30 Rohingyas have already contracted coronavirus, and they are being treated at the isolation centre, the physician said.

HC asks

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Mohammad Mahub seeking necessary orders.

Deputy Attorney General Amit Talukder told The Daily Star that the High Court ordered Rajuk to find out whether the provisions of Bangladesh National Building Code were properly followed when constructing the United Hospital, including the its coronavirus isolation unit.

According to the order, the Fire Service and Civil Defence will have to mention in its report whether there was any negligence on the part of the hospital authorities regarding the incident.

The CID will explain in its report who are responsible for the fire and deaths of the patients, he said, adding that the office of Inspector General of Police will submit the CID's probe report.

The United Hospital authorities have been asked to state in its report about their findings, DAG Amit Talukder added.

The HC bench came up with the order while holding a virtual hearing on the writ petition through a video conference.

Advocate Mohammad Mahub submitted the writ petition as a public interest litigation to the High Court on Sunday seeking it's directives on the authorities concerned to give Tk 5 crore to each victim's family, and to take necessary action against the persons responsible for the incident.

In the petition, the lawyer included the reports published in The Daily Star and the Prothom Alo, saying that there was negligence on part of the authorities concerned in rescuing the victims.

Bill shocks

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for March and April were prepared based on estimation as the metre readers could not take readings in person during this time due to the lockdown.

He said the extra amount of the last two months would be adjusted by the new bills.

"We are aware of the issue and it will be solved by June 10," the DPDC director said.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid at a meeting on Sunday told journalists that no subscribers would have to pay an excess bill.

DPDC has some 13.64 lakh subscribers. Of them, 9.23 lakh have postpaid connections while 4.41 lakh have prepaid, said Robiul Hasan, general manager of DPDC.

Meanwhile, the Energy Division of the power ministry has decided not to impose any surcharge on the delayed residential electricity bill for February to April and gas bill for February-May due to the pandemic.

Subscribers have been asked to provide the bill by June 30 to avail the benefit.

Biman loses

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was forced to cancel two of its flights on Chattagram route on Monday due to passenger shortage.

Kamrul Islam, general manager (public relations) of the leading private air operator said.

Novoair, another private airlines, however, was able to operate all its seven scheduled flights to these three destinations from the capital on Monday.

Domestic flight operation was resumed yesterday on a limited scale on three routes from the capital after more than two months of suspension due to coronavirus.

Wayward

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feet) and weighing up to 40 tonnes.

Each pod spends the summer near the poles and travels to tropical areas in their respective hemispheres during the winter to breed.

The Montreal visitor, thought to be two or three years old, was likely led astray while chasing prey, or made a navigation error, Muller said.

It is possible that the whale could extend its stay in the city for several months, she added, although locks and rapids further upstream would likely prevent it from exploring any further west.

A team from RQUMM has been deployed to monitor the humpback to prevent any possible collisions with ships, she said, although there were no plans to redirect the whale yet, since it could survive for a short while in freshwater.

"For the moment, the whale is in good health... The best option is to let nature take its course," and hope that the animal decides to return to the open ocean itself, she added.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH		
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment
2	Agency	Wage Earners' Welfare Board
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director General, Wage Earners' Welfare Board (WEWB)
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm for i). Interior Decoration Work at Level 18, 19 & 20 of Probashi Kallyan Bhaban, and ii). Beautification work at front side of Probashi Kallyan Bhaban.
7	EOI Ref. No.	49.04.0000.009.18.001.19(22)-100
8	Date	01.06.2020
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Fund	Wage Earners' Welfare Fund
11	Development Partners	Not Applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project / Program Code	Not Applicable
13	Project / Program Name	Not Applicable
14	Tender Package Name	Not Applicable
15	Pre-bid Meeting (If Necessary)	-
16	EOI Closing Date and Time	On 24.06.2020 at 2.30 pm
17	EOI Opening Date and Time	On 24.06.2020 at 3.00 pm
18	Name and address of the office (s) receiving of EOI	Director (Admin. & Development), Wage Earners' Welfare Board, Probashi Kallyan Bhaban (Level-10), 71-72 Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
19	Brief Description of Assignment for work i) and ii).	<p>1. Interior Decoration Work at Level 18, 19 & 20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short listed firm will prepare a technical & financial proposal. • Short listed consulting firm will submit preliminary architectural conceptual design drawings (plan, elevation, section, 3D perspective views, furniture lay-out plan etc.) for proper interior decoration work including civil, sanitary, electrical, mechanical & furniture supply to relocate the office space of Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment at level-18, 19 & 20 of probashi kallyan bhaban under the wage earners' welfare board (Any fees not applicable for this submission). • Finally selected consulting firm will submit preliminary architectural conceptual design drawings (plan, elevation, section, 3D perspective views, furniture lay-out plan etc.) for proper interior decoration work including civil, sanitary, electrical, mechanical & furniture supply to relocate the office space of Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment at level-18, 19 & 20 of probashi kallyan bhaban under the wage earners' welfare board . • After approval of preliminary set of drawings consulting firm will Submit detail architectural drawings, 3D perspective views, furniture lay-out plan, structural, electrical, mechanical, sanitary & plumbing drawings etc. • Submission of detail working drawings for inbuilt cable, central A.C system, network system, TV system, fire fighting system, fire & security alarm system, hot & cold water supply system, telephone line, intercom, calling bell, mike announcement system, internet (with Wi-Fi), close circuit camera, new capsule/passenger lift etc. • Prepare BOQ, tender schedule (As Per PPR-2008) etc. <p>2. Beautification of front side of Probashi Kallyan Bhaban including main gates, Boundary Wall, Driveway, Reception, Lift Lobby & Installation of Bangabandhu Corner etc.</p> <p>Submission of all drawings in readable printed form at least 05 sets with soft copy.</p>
Phasing of Services for both type of works.		
20	i) First Phase: Design & Documentation Phase	<p>Probashi Kallyan Bhaban, Level-18,19 & 20, 71-72 ,Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.</p> <p>a) Submission of preliminary architectural conceptual design drawings (plan, elevation, section, 3D perspective views, furniture lay-out plan etc.) for proper interior decoration work including civil, sanitary, electrical, mechanical & furniture supply to relocate the office space of Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment at level-18, 19 & 20 of probashi kallyan bhaban under the wage earners' welfare board.</p> <p>b) After approval of preliminary set of drawings, consulting firm will submit detail architectural drawings, 3D perspective views, furniture lay-out plan, structural, electrical, mechanical, sanitary & plumbing drawings etc.</p> <p>c) Submission of detail working drawings for inbuilt cable, central A.C system, network system, TV, fire fighting, fire & security alarm system, hot & cold water supply system, telephone line, intercom, calling bell, mike announcement system, internet (with Wi-Fi), close circuit camera, new capsule/passenger lift, development of existing lift etc.</p> <p>d) Prepare BOQ, tender schedule (As Per PPR-2008) etc.</p> <p>e) Beautification of front side of Probashi Kallyan Bhaban including main gates, Boundary Wall, Driveway, Reception, Lift Lobby & Installation of Bangabandhu Corner etc.</p> <p>f) Submission of all drawings in readable printed form at least 05 sets with a soft copy.</p>
21	ii) Second Phase: Construction Supervision & Monitoring (works will be executed after appointing contractor).	<p>a) Interested consulting firms are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The consulting firm should be experienced and reputed in the similar field. Interested firms should submit sufficient detail including brochures, description of experience in similar assignments, summaries of firm's technical and managerial capabilities, availability of appropriate skills among key staffs with short biographies, availability of resources etc.</p> <p>b) The firm must have experience on similar assignment/project within last 05 years counting from the date of submission of EOI in Govt./Semi-govt./Autonomous bodies/private sector.</p> <p>c) Having experience in successful completion of assignment/project of similar nature of interior decoration works including civil, sanitary, electrical, mechanical works project cost not less than Tk.12 (Twelve) crore in a single work order in Govt./Semi-govt./Autonomous bodies/private sector within last 5(five) years.</p> <p>d) In case of a work done under PWD, the certifying and authenticating authority shall be the concerned Executive Engineer under whom the work has executed.</p> <p>e) In case of a work done under any Govt./Semi-govt./Autonomous bodies, organization other than PWD, the certifying authority shall be an officer of the organization (not below the rank of executive engineer).</p> <p>f) In case of a work done under any private sector organization other than PWD the certifying authority shall be Chairman/MD of the organization.</p> <p>g) The financial capability should be shown as financial turn over supported by a registered Audit Firm for the last 03 (three) years counting from date of submission.</p>
22	Basis of review/ documents to be submitted	<p>The EOI Would be reviewed on the basis of the following submitted documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Registration of firm (including up to date VAT, Tax & other certificates). ➢ Availability of key professionals. ➢ Availability of resources & equipments. ➢ Turnover of the consulting firm. ➢ Experience of the firm (s) in similar task. ➢ Experience of the firm (s) in other works. ➢ Financial capability ➢ Other support services of the firm (s).
23	Other details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Instructions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Incomplete/partial EOI will be rejected. ➢ Interested consulting firm must provide focused information demonstrating that they are qualified to perform the services. ➢ If the consulting firm submits any false/incorrect or forged certificate the application will be rejected. • Full description of present situation of the site is given in TOR. • No joint-venture firm will be allowed. <p>The proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelope & delivered to the address of the under signed up to 2.30 PM by 24.06.2020 & clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest" for the "Consultancy service for (i) Interior decoration work at level-18, 19 & 20 of probashi kallyan bhaban and (ii) Beautification of front side of Probashi Kallyan Bhaban.</p>
24	Present condition of the site (Brief)	Total frame structure complete. Interior decoration done upto level 17. Rest Interior decoration work of level 18, 19 & 20 (Floor area- 32,600 sqft) to be done.
25	Foreign firms	May apply.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
26	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Shoib Ahmad Khan
27	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Joint Secretary Director (Admin. & Development), Wage Earners' Welfare Board.
28	Address of Official Inviting EOI	Probashi Kallyan Bhaban (Level-10), 71-72 Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.
29	Contact details of Official Inviting EOI	Tel. No.- 02-9343247 Email: d.ad@wewb.gov.bd
30	The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOI-2 nd or annul the EOI-2 nd process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applications.	

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Joint Secretary
Director (Admin & Development)
Wage Earners' Welfare Board