

IMPROVING SERVICE
IGP collecting suggestions from officers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To ensure a people-friendly police force, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Benazir Ahmed has started collecting suggestions from all rank officials, especially those working in the field.

The chief addressed some 500 officers, from constables to ranked inspectors participating in a workshop at police headquarters (PHQ) yesterday, to give written opinions on good practice, career, corruption, welfare and other subjects.

“The way police have stood by and protected people during this crisis is commendable,” he said.

“We have to move away from repression and properly use our legal capacity. Police must denounce all kinds of corruption. We need to build a narcotics-free force and country,” he said.

Ex-RU teacher dies at RMCH Covid-19 unit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, RAJSHAHI

Former professor emeritus of Rajshahi University (RU) M Fakhru Islam passed away at the Covid-19 unit of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) yesterday. He was 82.

He was taken to the hospital yesterday morning, when he had severe breathing problems and died at 1:30pm, Saiful Ferdous, the hospital’s deputy director, told reporters.

Prof Fakhru was founder chairperson of RU’s Department of Applied Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, said Prof Ibrahim Hossain Mondal, the department’s present chairperson. He had served as dean of science faculty and syndicate member of the university.

He was made professor emeritus after his retirement 15 years ago, but he resigned from the status seven years ago.

He left behind his wife and two sons.

His son Prof Momtazul Islam of Islamic University said Prof Fakhru had been suffering from fever since Monday, and gradually developed coughs and breathing problems.

“We can’t imagine that he fell victim to Covid-19, as he stayed home most of the time,” he said.

“At the hospital, we pleaded with doctors to admit him at the ICU, but they said no bed was vacant. He was given oxygen support but that didn’t work,” he added.

Quantum Foundation arranged his burial at Hatimkhan graveyard, following due health procedures, said Kaiser Parvez Mehedi, the foundation’s Rajshahi divisional director.

Meanwhile, another person, Ram Pada (60), died with Covid-19 symptoms at the hospital in the early hours. He was admitted there on Wednesday afternoon.

Samples were collected from both for testing, said a hospital official.

They’re

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and Youth Vulnerabilities” on Wednesday.

He co-authored the book with Prof Zia Rahman, chairman of criminology department at Dhaka University.

The event was broadcast live on the official Facebook page of UPL, the publishing house, marking the fourth anniversary of militant attack on Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital’s Gulshan.

At the beginning of the event, participants observed a minute of silence to pay their respect to Latifur Rahman, chairman and chief executive of Transcom Group, one of the largest conglomerates in Bangladesh, who passed away on Wednesday.

Monirul said only a few get involved in terrorism for the sake of ideology. “Ideology only works on people after they have dedicated themselves towards terrorist activities,” he said. While there is no one reason to get involved in terrorism, research found people aged between 15 and 30 years are among the most vulnerable, said the CTC chief.

“While working on the book, we found that terrorist offenders were also victims as they were dragged into militancy through false explanation of religion as they did not have proper knowledge...,” said Monirul.

Militants used the support of online platforms in this regard, he added. “They first get to know someone through social media and only meet them when they are convinced...,” the CTC chief said.

The research also found terrorists are now using advanced technology and are even using the dark web and collecting virtual coins.

Regarding the necessity of publishing books, Monirul said they have upgraded research findings regarding the second phase of terrorism, especially when the international militant outfit Islamic State (IS) emerged with its activities in 2014.

“We wanted to give our work a shape and took the steps to publish a research oriented book,” he added.

Addressing the occasion, Prof Zia Rahman gave an outline of the book.

He explained that the book is the first of its kind on empirical study of terrorists based in Bangladesh, focusing on the process of radicalisation they went through, the motivations they fostered, the ideology they held and pursued along with youth vulnerabilities which led them to the path of adopting violence.

The book was written based on information collected from 51 terrorist suspects, 14 family members, 11 law enforcement officials and 15 experts on various disciplines along with secondary data, according to authors.

Imtiaz Ahmed, professor of international relations and director of the Center for Genocide Studies at DU, moderated the programme, while Humayun Kabir, former ambassador and vice president of Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, also spoke.

EU donates Tk 304 crore for Rohingya, host communities

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The European Union has announced 32 million euro (around Tk 304 crore) donation for some one million Rohingyas sheltered in Cox’s Bazar and the Bangladeshi host communities, said EU Delegation in Dhaka in a statement yesterday.

Of the amount, 12 million euro (around Tk 114 crore) will be dedicated to Covid-19 responses and 20 million euro (around Tk 190 crore) will go toward addressing Rohingyas’ and host communities’ access to basic services in education, food security, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene.

The latter allocation also includes a complementary, small, cross-border operation worth €1 million to enhance mutual understanding among community-based organisations assisting the refugees, internally displaced persons, and host communities on the other side of the border.

All EU-funded activities will address important cross-cutting issues such as protection of girls and women, sexual and gender-based violence, and psychosocial support, the statement said.

“The €32 million funding is an important contribution to Bangladesh’s continuous generosity and humanity in hosting Rohingya that fled neighbouring Myanmar,” said the Ambassador of the EU, Rensje Teerink.

“It is part of the Team Europe global response to Covid-19 in the country with a specific component to support the needs of both Bangladeshi host communities in Cox’s Bazar and Rohingyas in the camps to address the crisis worsened by the pandemic,” she added.

Perfect cover

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Mazharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station, told The Daily Star that they have got CCTV footage of the incidents. “They used a private car during the robbery. But, all of them were wearing masks and the car had no number plate. For this reason, we failed to solve the case even though over a month has passed since the incident,” he said.

Mazhar said a few incidents have been reported during the last three months but it gets quite difficult for them to trace criminals as they use masks.

“For this reason, we have once again activated our sources and are trying to detect criminals through contacts and field investigations,” added the OC.

According to sources, at least a dozen of robbery incidents took

place in the capital in the last one and a half months, which are yet to be detected or solved.

On May 16, two muggers riding on a motorbike looted Tk 1.82 lakh from a passenger on a rickshaw at Bakshi Bazar of Chawkbazar. Five days later, criminals looted valuables from a storehouse at Begum Bazar.

OC Moudud Hawlader of Chawkbazar Police Station said they have the CCTV footage of these incidents but the criminals were wearing masks, and could not be detected.

“We are trying our best to identify them through our sources,” he added.

Moudud further said they have increased patrolling so that these kinds of incidents do not take place.

Meanwhile, the number of crime

incidents, which declined in April, compared to March, increased in May, especially incidents of murder and theft across the country.

According to sources in Police Headquarters, around 25 robberies, 275 murders, 490 rape incidents, 1,005 cases of repression on women, 210 cases of repression on children, 38 abduction and 558 incidents of theft took place in March.

But in April, the incidents saw a sharp decline with 10 robberies, 275 murders, 335 incidents of rape, 465 cases of repression on women, 125 cases of repression on children, eight abduction and 290 incidents of theft taking place.

However in May, there were around 12 incidents of robberies, 360 murders, 355 incidents of rape, 670 cases of repression on women, 140 cases of repression on children

and 390 incidents of theft.

Mahbub Alam, joint commissioner of the Detective Branch of DMP, said, “Some incidents are taking place but police are looking into those and taking action.”

Md Omar Faruk, associate professor of Criminology and Police Science of Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, said crime incidents declined in March as people were in fear of the virus but it started rising again as their movement increased after April.

People’s income also shrank due to the pandemic, he said. Faruk said the government should take steps in this regard.

“If effective measures are not taken immediately, the crime rate will continue to increase,” he added.

BNP slams

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when people are going through serious ordeal in undergoing coronavirus tests and receiving proper treatment at ill-equipped hospitals.

“The Finance Minister went abroad when patients are dying for lack of treatment and oxygen support. It’s nothing but a joke with people,” Fakhru said.

He said the government should have framed the budget for a period of exigency with the main focus on containing the virus and protecting people’s health, lives and livelihoods.

Asked whether their party will engage in any protest programme against the budget, the BNP leader said it is difficult to announce any programme at this time, amid the growing number of infections in the country.

Mirza Fakhru said 76 leaders and activists of BNP have so far died of coronavirus while many others have been infected.

He alleged that many programmes in the

budget were not outlined with a universal approach as those have been taken only to protect the interests of particular quarters to nurture sectarianism under political patronage.

Fakhru said the new budget will only increase the sufferings of people who are struggling due to Covid-19.

“This budget will push crores of hungry people -- who have become jobless due to coronavirus -- towards a famine, and it’ll widen economic inequality... Overall, this budget will widen the scope for those who indulge in plundering the country’s assets. Therefore, we reject the budget,” he further said.

The BNP leader criticised the government for inadequate allocation in health and agriculture sectors and focusing on mega projects.

Fakhru also opposed the government’s move to impose fee on coronavirus testing, and said the step has been taken to discourage people from testing.

BRTA allows

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document, there are some 1.23 lakh four-wheelers and motorcycles associated with the 12 ride-sharing service companies. Of them, 1.04 lakh are motorcycles.

However, until the recent wave of enlistments, only around 1,300 were enlisted with BRTA, most of them motorcycles, BRTA officials said.

Although public transports resumed operation from June 1, ride-sharing services remained suspended for another 20 days, and only gained permission from BRTA following requests from several companisto be able to resume operations in Dhaka and other cities.

Tributes keep

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a message on Wednesday night said Rahman will remain as everlasting inspiration to businessman and entrepreneurs as a true patriotic entrepreneur.

They said Rahman was an honest and creative entrepreneur who had immense contribution to the economy of the country. “He also played a significant role in building the culture of freedom of speech and tolerable democracy,” it said.

Latifur Rahman breathed his last in his sleep around 11am Wednesday at his ancestral home in Cumilla, at the age of 75.

He was buried at Banani Graveyard that same night.

Latifur Rahman was the founding director of Mediaworld, the company owning The Daily Star, and chairman of Mediastar, the company owning Prothom Alo -- the two leading newspapers of the country.

He was the driving spirit behind the establishment of The Daily Star.

Latifur Rahman was an honouree of “Oslo Business for Peace Award 2012” for his recognition of business ethics and social responsibilities. It is considered the most celebrated recognition in the business world.

An offer he

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Identifying themselves as nationals of countries like the United States or United Kingdom, they first develop relationships with people on social media, said Sheikh Mohammad Rezaul Haider, additional deputy inspector general of CID.

At one stage, they offer “expensive” gifts as a token of their friendship, then a chance to visit the countries and eventually become a citizens. Through the process, they swindle large sums of money from people through various tricks.

CID conducted the drive after Foyzal filed a complaint in this regard.

The arrestees are Nguengang Tegomo Bertin (47), Nguenang Towosonge Christian (38), and Ekongo Ernst Ibrahim (42).

The arrestees did not acknowledge their nationality yet, but they are believed to be citizens of some African nations, said the CID official.

While addressing a briefing at CID headquarters, Haider said none of the arrestees had passports on them.

“They have been staying in Bangladesh for a long time,” he said. “We have found that some locals are also linked with the racket. We’re conducting drives to arrest other members,” the CID officials added.

Shujan terms

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Central Coordinator Dilip Kumar Sarkar said as per the proposed “Political parties’ registration with election commission act, 2020”, in some cases, parties do not have to achieve their targets by December 31, 2020 which were set under the RPO.

Instead, they have to highlight the progress of the targets in annual report, he added.

As per the present RPO, which was amended in 2008, political parties must fulfill at least 33 percent of their committee membership by women and the target should be achieved gradually by 2020, said the keynote which was sent with the press release.

However, so far, apart from one exception, no political party achieved the target, it said.

Dilip said the proposal was made in the draft law in such a way that it will not be possible for a new political party to get registered with the EC, if it were not a participant in two previous elections.

Such proposal of the draft law is not acceptable, he said.

Presiding over the virtual press conference, Shujan Central Committee Treasurer Syed Abu Naser Bakhtiar Ahmed said to formulate such law, decisions should be taken after dialogues with all political parties.

Rights activist and Supreme Court lawyer Syeda Rizwana Hasan said such a step by the EC was “undemocratic” and “unconstitutional”.

Virtual function of Appellate Division to continue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain has decided to virtually continue functions of Appellate Division of Supreme Court this month.

The SC administration issued a circular to this effect on Wednesday, saying the chief justice has nominated Justice Md Nuruzzaman to dispose of petitions during this period, on July 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Earlier on June 15, the chief justice constituted 13 benches of the High Court Division of the SC for holding hearing and disposing of the cases through virtual system.

VACANCY

at the Embassy of Japan in Dhaka

The Embassy of Japan in Dhaka is seeking qualified **Japanese / Bangladeshi** candidates to join its Local Staff in the Administration section.

Education: University Bachelor's degree or higher.

Language requirements: Bangladeshi applicants are required to be fluent in Japanese (Must have JLPT N1). Japanese applicants are required to be fluent in English or Bengali.

Computer Skills: Proficiency in the use of standard Japanese software packages and also have experience in Microsoft Word and Excel preferable. Good speed in typing: 30-40 words per minute.


Duration: One-year contract only for the first year (first 3 months is a probation period). After that, renewal of contract every two years. full time (Sunday – Thursday, 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. (includes 1 hours lunch time))

How to Apply: All applicants are required to submit

- 1) curriculum vitae with contact phone number and e-mail address
- 2) photo copies of all relevant academic records and certificates
- 3) Copy of your proof of Japanese proficiency
- 4) Photocopy of national ID card or Passport
- 5) Nationality Certificate (Local Chairman / Commissioner) for Bangladeshi candidates.
- 6) Valid Work permit is mandatory for Japanese Nationals.

Please indicate the post applied for on the front side of the envelope. The deadline for the application is **July 07, 2020**. Application should be sent **A4 size paper and envelop to Administrative Section, Embassy of Japan, Plot No. 5 & 7, Databash Road, Baridhara, Dhaka.** Only short-listed candidates who pass the first screening will be notified of the date for the interview.

Embassy of Japan, Plot No. 5 & 7, Databash Road, Baridhara, Dhaka-1212




CONDOLENCE

We express our deepest sorrow and condolence at the sad demise of **Mr. Latifur Rahman**. Humble person, Renowned Industrialist of the country and Honourable Chairman of Transcom Group. We remember him with endless respect for the contribution he made for the Society and country.

We pray to almighty "Allah" to bless his soul. Rest in peace. Ameen!

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CORRIGENDUM TO NOTICE OF THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Corrigendum is being issued in continuation of the Notice dated 25 June 2020 for the 37th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Pubali Bank Limited scheduled to be held on Thursday, 30 July 2020 at 10.30 AM (Dhaka Time). The Notice has already been published on 01 July 2020 in "The Daily Star" and "The Daily Prothom Alo" newspapers.

"In note no. (g) of the notice, The last date of submission of nomination paper for election of Directors will be 13.07.2020 up to 5.00 PM instead of 12.07.2020 up to 5.00 PM. Nomination paper may be submitted through www.pubalibangla.com/AGM2020 or manually at Board Division."

All other contents of the Notice to the Members remain same as before. We regret the inconvenience caused to all members of the Company.

Dated: Dhaka
02 July 2020

By order of the Board of Directors
sd/-
Zahid Ahsan
General Manager & Company Secretary

Land Sale

South face with Golf View -- 03 katha land will be sold out @ Nikunja-1. Only interested buyer Call Please. (No Brokers allowed).
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ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয়

আপনি কি অতি উচ্চমানের ফ্ল্যাট কিনতে চান? তাহলে এ্যালিক্সার্ট রোড, বামিবাগ, মধুবাগ (হাতিরঝিল সংলগ্ন) বসুন্ধরায় ফ্ল্যাটের জন্য যোগাযোগ করুনঃ ০১৭৫৫৫৫৫২৪, ০১৭৫৫৫৫৫২৮

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Tribute to Dr. Khondaker Azharul Haq

On behalf of Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP) family, we express our deepest condolences on the recent demise of **Dr. Khondaker Azharul Haq** (Inna Lillahi Wa Innaillai-hi Rajoon). Dr. Haq held executive positions in public services, such as Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADCO) and Dhaka Water Supply & Sewerage Authority (DWASA). He served as the President of BWP and his dedication & contribution to BWP has assisted the Organization to reach into a different height in the water sector. He was a leader in the international water resources management community. He was Regional Chair of Global Water Partnership-South Asia (GWP-SAS) and former Researcher of International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Sri Lanka. Dr. Haq used his unique technical knowledge and skills to help overcome many issues that restrain progress toward integrated water resources management and achieve sustainable water management solutions. This is a great loss to BWP as well as an irreversible loss to the entire water sector. He will always be remembered for his visionary ideas about water management initiatives nationally and globally.
May Allah bless his soul with eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

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 tender but in separate envelope as defined in the tender documents of the under mentioned work as per terms & conditions stated below:

1. **Civil, Electrical & Networking works** at present premises of our **Moghbazar Branch, Dhaka.**
2. **Civil, Electrical & Networking works** at present premises of our **Nayergaon Bazar Branch, Chandpur.**
3. **Civil, Electrical & Networking works** at present premises of our **Jashore Branch with Islamic Banking Window, Jashore.**
4. **Civil, Electrical & Networking works** at present premises of our **Juri Branch, Moulvibazar.**
5. Supply, installation & commissioning of **Air Coolers** at our i) **Patherghata Branch, Chattogram,** (ii) **Dakshinkhan Branch, Dhaka,** (iii) **Moulvibazar Branch, Moulvibazar** & (iv) **Golapgonj Branch, Sylhet.**

Please visit our web site, <https://www.pubalibangla.com/tender.asp> for more details. Interested Parties may purchase the Tender document by **14 July, 2020** duly filled up all requirements and submit their offer by **15 July, 2020 at 11.00 AM.**

Dilip Kumar Paul
General Manager



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