

# Govt to extend school

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specific plans regarding holding and management of HSC exams on Monday or Tuesday," the minister said.

HSC and its equivalent exams slated for April 1 were postponed on March 22 in fear of coronavirus transmission. More than 13 lakh students were expected to take part in the exams.

Dipu Moni said they were earlier considering to give 15 days to students before the exams begin, but they are now considering to give them four weeks.

She said the government will have an alternative mechanism for any students who will not be able to sit for exams due to coronavirus infection.

The government is working on different options regarding the HSC exams, the minister added.

"We are working on a range of possibilities -- how the exams can be held within the shortest possible time, on how many subjects, and on how much marks," Dipu Moni said.

She added that preparing HSC result based on examinees' JSC and SSC results is another option in their consideration. "Some people want evaluation without any exams [HSC] ... the option remains open. We are keeping a range of options open."

The minister said if the government does not hold the exams, this year's HSC candidates can face different unwanted comments from some people as they will be promoted without exams.

Dipu Moni said the mechanism for holding annual exams for class-VI, VII and others at schools will be declared soon.

Talking about some English medium and private schools that are compelling guardians to pay tuition fees at a time when many parents lost their income sources due to the pandemic, the minister said both the school authorities and guardians have to act rationally.

She urged the school authorities to take the fees in instalments and give discounts if possible. She also urged the guardians, who have the ability, to

clear the fees.

"But no students should be disallowed to attend classes for not paying tuition fees," Dipu Moni said.

Educational activities of about four crore students are being hampered due to the coronavirus crisis. This year's Primary Education Completion and its equivalent exams and Junior School Certificate and its equivalent exams were cancelled.

The government started tele education through Sangsad TV for secondary students on March 29, for primary students on April 7, and for technical and madrasa students on April 19 so that students can make up for some of their losses due to closure of the educational institutions.

Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, Secondary and Higher Education Division Secretary Mahbub Hossain, and Technical and Madrasa Education Division Secretary Aminul Islam Khan also spoke at the programme.

They talked about the government's initiatives for dealing with the coronavirus situation and their work to develop the education sector and ensure quality education.

# Scientists develop

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The thumb can be oriented in three different positions: a tight grip for small objects, a lateral grip for thin objects, and a "power grip" which the researchers say the user can apply to lift heavy objects.

The wrist can also turn, similar to turning a key, meaning that the wearer can hold items in various orientations. Its 1300mAh battery gives the prosthetic a day of standard use, and will be durable for one year.

The hand is available in two sizes, for either right- or left-handed men and women.

The researchers say that after a training period of under one week, patients could use Hanes in their home to perform daily tasks.

The findings were published in the journal Science Robotics.

# Trump, Biden

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At times, neither Biden nor Wallace could get a word in, as Trump loudly touted his economic record and went after Biden's son Hunter.

"This will go down as one of the worst debates in history," Aaron Kall, a presidential debate specialist at the University of Michigan, told AFP.

At one point an exasperated Biden, who leads strongly in the polls, turned to Trump and said: "Will you shut up, man!"

That moment symbolized Biden's performance in an arena where Trump's campaign had for months been predicting he would crumble.

The Republican had spread lurid conspiracy theories right up until the last minute that Biden would need drugs or an earpiece secretly providing answers to get through the night.

The anger-filled event did nothing to calm fears around the country that the presidential election, taking place in the middle of an ongoing coronavirus pandemic, could end in chaos.

Asked by Wallace whether they pledged to urge calm and refrain from declaring victory if the results are not immediately known November 3, Biden said: "Yes."

Trump, though, wouldn't commit, saying that if he saw "tens of thousands of ballots being manipulated, I can't go along with that."

And when asked if he condemned far-right armed militias like the Proud Boys, Trump gave a cryptic reply: "Proud Boys -- stand back and stand by."

The paramilitary group later appeared to adopt the phrase, with a social media account linked to the Proud Boys posting a logo that read "Stand Back, Stand By."

Biden sought to tie Trump squarely to the Covid-19 pandemic that has claimed more than 200,000 lives in the United States, more than in any other country.

And he came with a visible plan to dodge the Trump rhetorical storm by frequently turning to face the cameras directly and addressing the tens of millions of people watching across the country.

# Dhaka outraged by Myanmar's

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Bangladesh also pointed out that Myanmar made "concocted and misleading" statements on the development in Rakhine State, particularly regarding the repatriation process.

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Myanmar Minister Kyaw Tint Swe, in his speech at the UNGA, on Tuesday said bilateral cooperation was the only way to effectively resolve the Rohingya repatriation issue between Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Bangladesh strongly disagreed on such a notion reminding Myanmar that the Rohingya issue was not a bilateral one, but it was Myanmar's internal problem.

Bangladesh highlighted Myanmar's track record of inhumane treatment of ethnic minorities, including Rohingyas,

saying it was nothing new for Myanmar.

Bangladesh said it was Myanmar's state policy of deliberate exclusion and persecution on their own people that instigated insurgency and turned Myanmar into a breeding ground of organised crimes.

Bangladesh took the floor to respond to Myanmar's "propaganda" and said a deadly conflict was going on in Rakhine State ignoring the UN call for ceasefire simply to implement Myanmar's "genocidal campaign" against its own people, said the official.

Bangladesh provided temporary shelter to over 1.1 million forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals. More than three years have elapsed, but not a single Rohingya could be repatriated.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her speech at the 75th UNGA said, "The problem was created by Myanmar

and its solution must be found in Myanmar. I request the international community to play a more effective role for a solution to the crisis."

During the general debate, Bangladesh said the conditions in Rakhine were so bad that not a single Rohingya wanted to return to Myanmar voluntarily.

Bangladesh called upon Myanmar to open Rakhine to international organisations, UN and media to observe the situation on the ground.

Officials said Myanmar's "unsubstantiated claims and undue accusations" against Bangladesh were part of their efforts to avoid their obligations for Rohingya repatriation.

Bangladesh made it clear in the general debate that Myanmar has no intention to implement the repatriation deal signed with Bangladesh.

# Ex-MP Awal saw his property grow

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director of the ACC, yesterday filed a case against Awal, who was elected lawmaker of Pirojpur-1 in 2008 and 2014, for illegally amassing Tk 33 crore.

Another case was filed against Laila for illegally amassing Tk 10.98 crore. The Daily Star obtained copies of First Information Reports (FIRs).

Analysing the case statement, it was found that before 2008's election Awal's immovable property worth about Tk 17.33 lakh.

Between 2008 and 2019, he bought land and flats in many places, including Pirojpur, Dhaka, Gazipur and Khulna. The price of these immovable property stands at Tk 6.86 crore.

He has a 2,535 sq ft flat in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar worth around Tk 71.3 lakh, an 8.25 decimal land in Baunia worth Tk 13.25 lakh, a Rajuk plot worth Tk 33.2 lakh and a 4.54 decimal land worth Tk 60 lakh.

Of the Tk 6.86 crore, Awal in his income tax return file showed Tk 3.62 crore immovable property in his son

and daughter's name, though the sibling declared of having no savings after bearing family expenses.

"It appears that the immovable property is actually amassed by Awal," reads the FIR.

The ACC in its investigation found Awal's legal source of income would be only Tk 26.69 lakh but he amassed Tk 33.54 crore.

Therefore, he amassed about Tk 33.27 crore beyond the known source of income, reads the FIR.

Of the illegal wealth, the lawmaker concealed information of about Tk 11.06 crore deposited at different banks under different schemes.

His wife Laila owned a land worth around Tk 5.14 lakh before 2008.

On September 15, 2011 Laila built a six-storey building in Mohammadpur at Tk 1.2 crore.

She bought a 1,963 flat in 2017 in Badda at Tk 57 lakh.

In her income tax return file, Laila mentioned herself to be involved in construction business. "But in the investigation, it was found to be non-existent," reads the FIR.

# Man dies in police custody

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stimulated at the police station. Masud got a bad head wound there."

He was immediately taken to Rajarbagh Police Lines Hospital and then to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he was declared dead around 11:00pm, the police officials claimed.

Asked, the police official could not say whether there was any other case filed against Masud previously.

The victim's friend Momin, 36, was also detained with him. Paltan police filed a narcotics case against him.

The Daily Star repeatedly called several police officials of Motijheel Division over phone, including those of Paltan Police Station, for comments, but no one responded.

The victim's wife Rehana Akhter told reporters at DMCH that the police informed on her mobile phone on Tuesday night that Masud was at Paltan Police Station. She was later informed that Masud died.

"I spoke to him at 10:00am [on Tuesday] when he was at the factory for work. Police are saying that they detained him from Gulistan. How did he go there? Police are lying about his death," the victim's wife said.

She added that Masud was earlier detained some 10 years back for taking drugs. After staying in custody for two days, he came out.

"Since then I have only seen him smoking cigarettes. But I don't know if he was used to any drugs," Rehana said, adding that her husband didn't peddle drugs.

The family was at the police station from night till noon. Police also showed Masud's family members footage of the incident.

The incident took place a day after a murder suspect, 25, died in the custody at Bagerhat Police Bureau of Investigation during interrogation on Monday afternoon.

**ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড**  
(বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশন এর একটি সাবসিডিয়ারী)  
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তারিখঃ ২৯ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০২০ইং

**০১-০১-২০২১ইং থেকে ৩১-১২-২০২২ইং পর্যন্ত সময়ের জন্য ঢাকা কাস্টমস্ হাউজ (বিমান বন্দর)-এর সিএন্ডএফ এজেন্ট নিয়োগের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড (ইআরএল) কর্তৃক আমদানিকৃত/রপ্তানিকৃত পণ্যসমূহের ঢাকা কাস্টমস্-এ সিএন্ডএফ কাজ সম্পাদনের জন্য ০১-০১-২০২১ইং থেকে ৩১-১২-২০২২ইং পর্যন্ত মেসোদে সিএন্ডএফ এজেন্ট নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/খাসতশাসিত/সেটর কর্পোরেশনে অন্ততঃ ১০ (দশ) বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ঢাকা শহর এলাকায় অবস্থিত এবং চট্টগ্রাম শহরে প্রয়োজনীয় অফিস ও জনলব আছে এমন সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত/ব্যতামা সিএন্ডএফ প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট থেকে এতদ্বারা নিম্নে বর্ণিত তফসিল মোতাবেক সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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নমুনা মূল্য টা. ৫০০/- (অধিকতরযোগ্য) প্রধানপূর্বক দরপত্র তফসিল যে কোন কার্যদিনে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড-এর চট্টগ্রামস্থ উপরোক্ত অফিসের হিসাব বিভাগে এবং ঢাকা লিয়াজো অফিস, ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড, "স্টাইলএমসিএ ফোন" (৩য় তলা-পূর্ব পাশ), ১/১, পাইলটনিয়ার রোড, কাকরাইল, ঢাকা-১০০০-এ পাওয়া যাবে। দরপত্র তফসিলে বর্ণিত নিয়ম অনুযায়ী দরপত্র ইআরএল এর বিভাগে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাজে উপরেবর্ণিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবে বা উপস্থিত দরদাতা/ভাউন্সের প্রতিনিধিগণের উপস্থিতিতে খোলা হবে। ডাকযোগে/কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসে প্রাপ্ত দরপত্র অবশ্যই নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে ইআরএল এর বিভাগে নিম্নাংশকারীর দপ্তরে পৌঁছাতে হবে।

ইস্টার্ন রিফাইনারী লিমিটেড কর্তৃক কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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The Nutrition and Clinical Services Division of the organisation in December 2015.

A famed scientist with a distinguished career in public health nutrition, Tahmeed has earned global recognition for his research work and also for his vital contributions to preventing childhood malnutrition and simplifying its treatment.

He has received many awards from different health organisations, including the Ambulatory Paediatric Association in the USA, the Commonwealth Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, and the Indian Paediatric Association.

In 2018, Tahmeed won the Islamic Development Bank's Transformers Roadshow award.

About his new role, Tahmeed said he was honoured to be the first Bangladeshi executive director of the icddr,b.

"I am proud to lead a team of 4,000 staff hailing from all over the world and excited to steer the organisation into the next phase."

He pledged to make the research on Covid-19 a key priority that is "a strong reminder of the vital importance of investing in scientific research that furthers public health".

# Enrolment

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outlook and various problems of the country. NURUL HASAN CALLS ON BANGABANDHU  
Indian Education Minister Nurul Hasan calls on Bangabandhu today at the Gono Bhaban. After his half-hour discussion with the prime minister the Indian minister tells the newsmen, "This is a privilege for me to meet such a great leader whom we, the Indians, looked upon as the head of a great struggle. We share his idea of democracy, socialism, secularism and nationalism."

He adds that the details of the cooperation and exchange in the field of education between India and Bangladesh would be finalised in the ministerial level talks.

SOURCES: October 2, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

# Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Year Round Fruit Production for Nutrition Improvement (2<sup>nd</sup> Revised) Project Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 www.dae.gov.bd

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Date: 29-09-2020

e-Tender Notice  
Tender Notice No. 04/2020-21  
Open Tender Method (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works:

SL No	Tender ID	Name of the work	Last date & time of Document purchase	Last date & time of Tender Submission	Opening date & time
01	487401	Construction of 3-Storey R.C.C Frame Structure Office Building with Training Centre with 4-Storey foundation at Horticulture Centre, Jamalganj, Joypurhat.	22.10.2020 12.00 PM	22.10.2020 3.00 PM	22.10.2020 3.00 PM
02	487402	Construction of 3-Storey R.C.C Frame Structure Office Building with Training Centre with 4-Storey foundation at Horticulture Centre, Bijoynagar, Brahmanbaria.	22.10.2020 12.00 PM	22.10.2020 3.00 PM	22.10.2020 3.00 PM
03	487403	Construction of 3-Storey R.C.C Frame Structure Office Building with Training Centre with 4-Storey foundation at Horticulture Centre, Khejurbagan, Khagrachori.	22.10.2020 12.00 PM	22.10.2020 3.00 PM	22.10.2020 3.00 PM
04	487405	Land Development work at Horticulture Centre, Bijoynagar, Brahmanbaria.	22.10.2020 12.00 PM	22.10.2020 2.00 PM	22.10.2020 2.00 PM
05	487406	Construction of Boundary wall with Gate and Gate House for Horticulture Centre, Satkhira.	22.10.2020 12.00 PM	22.10.2020 2.00 PM	22.10.2020 2.00 PM
06	487407	Land Development work at Horticulture Centre, Satkhira.	22.10.2020 12.00 PM	22.10.2020 2.00 PM	22.10.2020 2.00 PM
07	487408	Construction of 3-Storey R.C.C Frame Structure Office Building with Training Centre Cum Dormitory with 4-Storey foundation at Horticulture Centre, Satkhira.	22.10.2020 12.00 PM	22.10.2020 2.00 PM	22.10.2020 2.00 PM

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**Bangladesh College of Physicians & Surgeons (BCPS)**  
67, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka  
**Invitation for Tender**  
Date: 30/09/2020

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Agency	Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS).
3. Procuring entity name	Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
4. Invitation for/tender package name	Supply of Computer & Accessories, Printer Toner, Duplo Ink & Master, SEIKI Ink & Master, Photocopy Machine, Exercise equipment, Water Heaters (Geyzers), Air Conditioner, Television, Furniture, X-Ray view box, Printing items & Paper with 01 years complete warranty.
5. Tender Ref. No. & date	BCPS/STA/914/2020/15311 Date: 30/09/2020
6. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (As per PPR-9).
7. Budget and source of funds	BCPS own fund. Package Name BCPS-STA-13/2020.
8. Tender publication date	30/09/2020.
9. Tender last selling date	24/10/2020 at 03:00pm.
10. Tender last submission/dropping/closing date and time	25/10/2020 at 12:00 Noon.
11. Place of selling tender documents	a) Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. b) Accounts Section of DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka.
12. Tender opening date, time and place	25/10/2020 at 12:30pm, Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. In presence of tenderer if any.
13. Place, date and time of pre-tender/pre-bid meeting	Place: Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. Date: 14/10/2020, Time at 12:30pm.
14. Submission of tender	Tenders are being invited for a single lot or whole. The bidder may submit tender for whole or lot wise.
15. Eligibility of tenderers	1. The tenderer shall have experience in supply of similar goods of the subject in single contract more than 20 lac for lot: 1, 07 lac for lot: 2, 2.5 lac for lot: 3, 1.5 lac for lot: 4, 02 lac for lot: 5, 12 lac for lot: 6, 2.5 lac for lot: 7, 02 lac for lot: 8, 09 lac for lot: 9, 02 lac for lot: 10 & 37 lac for lot: 11 during the last 03 (three) years. 2. The average annual turnover of the tenderer should be more than 37 lac for lot: 1, 13 lac for lot: 02, 04 lac for lot: 03, 2 lac for lot: 4, 3 lac for lot: 5, 22 lac for lot: 6, 05 lac for lot: 7, 03 lac for lot: 8, 16 lac for lot: 9, 03 lac for lot: 10 & 67 lac for lot: 11 during the last five years. 3. The minimum amount of credit line/credit facility/liquid assets shall be Tk 28 lac for lot: 1, 10 lac for lot: 02, 03 lac for lot: 03, 02 lac for lot: 4, 02 lac for lot: 5, 17 lac for lot: 6, 04 lac for lot: 7, 02 lac for lot: 8, 13 lac for lot: 9, 02 lac for lot: 10 & 52 lac for lot: 11.
16. Brief description of goods and related services	Stated in tender document/as per TDS. The items will be accepted after considering suppliers sample.
17. Guarantee/warranty & after sales services	The items will be standard quality product and should be in good condition during use. Supply will be taken monthly/quarterly for specific items. Payment will be made as per quoted rate after supply of the items and submission of bill.
18. Price of tender documents	Taka 1000/- (one thousand Taka) only in cash (non-refundable).
19. The tender security & completion time	Tender security amounts in Bangladeshi Taka will be 2.5% of the total quoted price. Completion time in weeks: 06 weeks.
20. Name & designation of inviting tender	Prof. Abul Bashar Mohammed Khurshid Alam, Honorary Secretary, Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS).
21. Address and contact details of official inviting tender	Bangladesh College of Physicians & Surgeons (BCPS), 67, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. Phone No. 9845005-6, 9856616-7 Fax No. 9848928, Web: www.bcps.edu.bd, Email: bcps@bcps.edu.bd

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