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Activists and ex-jute mill staffers staged a demonstration under the banner of Sammilito Nagorik Parishad in front of Khulna's Khalishpur Jute Mill yesterday. Along with reiterating their core demands of reopening the jute mills, they also called for the withdrawal of false cases filed against their fellows and leaders.

Mosque imam held on charge of molesting boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

An imam of a mosque in Barishal was arrested yesterday on charge of molesting a seven-year-old boy.

Police arrested Abul Hasan Haoladar (31), imam of Banna Jame Mosque in Wazirpur upazila. He was sent to jail after he was produced before a court in the afternoon, said Ziaul Hasan, officer-in-charge of Wazirpur Police Station.

The official said mother of the boy filed a

case under section 9(1) of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act in the morning, accusing that Haoladar molested her son.

He said a team of police, led by Sub-inspector Robiul Islam, arrested the accused from his village home.

According to the case statement, the boy went to a maqtab (school) on the mosque premises on Saturday morning. The accused molested him there. The boy then told his family of the incident, it added.

Antimicrobial

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this global issue.

For nearly a century, bacteria-fighting drugs known as antibiotics helped control and destroy many harmful organisms that can make people sick. But in recent decades, overuse and misuse of antibiotics prompted some strains of bacteria to make a small change in their DNA and become antibiotic-resistant "superbugs", said experts.

Speakers at the event also spoke of how the germs were becoming drug resistant and entering the human body through medication habits and food chain.

Dr Bardan Jung Rana, WHO representative to Bangladesh, said, "Many governments and non-government stakeholders are collaborating to implement activities [strategies], however, more collaboration among developing partners and other stakeholders is needed to make an impact."

Addressing as the chair of the inaugural session, Dr Nathuram Sarkar, director general of Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (BLRI), said AMR is a more severe threat than Covid-19.

Robert Simpson, FAO representative to Bangladesh, and Prof Dr Nitish Debnath, team lead of the Fleming Fund Country Grant Bangladesh, also spoke at the session, where Dr Shahnila Ferdousi, director of CDC, gave the welcome address.

Later, researchers and experts from the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), BLRI, and the departments of fisheries and livestock presented papers in two plenary sessions.

Speaking as the moderator of the first session, Prof Dr Sabrina Flora, additional director general of DGHS, highlighted the importance of coordination among departments and stakeholders working on AMR.

Moderating the second session, Dr Mahmudur Rahman, former director of the IEDCR, said, "The AMR issue is very complex and it cannot be overcome soon... Though a lot of studies have been done, their implementation is too slow."

He stressed on adopting mechanism to disseminate updated study findings on the treatment protocol among physicians regularly and effectively.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

Bangladeshi children call for climate action

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Bangladeshi children have sounded the alarm and called for urgent action on climate change at a historic Children's Climate Summit held on Friday.

The virtual summit was held as part of Unicef Generation Parliament digital platform, which connects children to policies and decisions that impact their future. It was broadcast from Unicef Bangladesh Facebook page, said a press release.

The summit, hosted by UNICEF, brought together 300 "child parliamentarians" representing all constituencies in Bangladesh to debate climate issues, policies, and actions to safeguard their future.

Together, the children delivered a clear message to Bangladeshi leaders, "Our futures are intertwined and our planet is shared. We must act now to confront the climate crisis and we, the children, must be part of the solution."

The summit culminated in the adoption of a Children's Climate Declaration. In it, the children call for decision makers to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions; to invest in education, training and a green economy; and to protect children against impacts of climate change, the release added.

"Our country is on the front line of climate change. Sea level rise, erosion, pollution and extreme weather jeopardize our survival, wellbeing and future. Children must be consulted on policies and decisions that impact our future," said 15-year-old



Ridwana Islam, a Child Parliamentarian.

"The climate emergency requires bold leadership as we battle against the clock. We must look to children and young people for inspiration, courage and vision," said Tomoo Hozumi, Unif Representative in Bangladesh.

The virtual summit was chaired by Shamsul Hoque Tuku, president of the parliamentary caucus on child rights, and attended by child climate activists, parliamentarians and climate stakeholders from across Bangladesh, the release added.

"Today children have taught us that our youngest citizens should play key role in shaping climate policy. It will be my pleasure if I could make a commitment to the Children's Climate Declaration in the near future at the Parliament," said Deputy Speaker of the Parliament Fazle Rabbi Miah.

The Summit was the first gender-equal child parliament in Bangladesh, with an equal representation of girls and boys aged between 13 to 17 years, said the press release.

Support packages

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ADD International Bangladesh Country Director Shafiqul Islam said persons with disabilities were the worst sufferers of the pandemic. They lacked sufficient capacity to tackle adversity, he said.

The society has to be friendly towards persons with disabilities, said Samakal Editor Mustafiz Shafi.

Otherwise, their sufferings will only worsen in any other disaster in future, he said.

Shobnam Mushtary, deputy secretary to the social welfare ministry, said the ministry through its social services department distributed Tk 3 crore as immediate support including food and cash among the poor, destitute and persons with disabilities at the initial stage of the pandemic.

Besides, Tk 1.10 crore was distributed from Jatiya Protibandhi Unnayan Foundation, and Tk 25.67 crore from Bangladesh National Social Welfare Council, she said.

She added the ministry sent letters to different government authorities, including the deputy commissioners in April, to give priority to persons with disabilities while providing Covid-19 supports.

The number of persons with disabilities in country is about 21 lakh at present. Of them, 78,232 are in employment including about 60,000 in different trades, she said.

Additional Secretary Ali Reza Mazid of disaster management and relief ministry said since March 24, the ministry has distributed about 2.11 lakh tonnes of rice, Tk 95.83 crores in cash, and child food of Tk 27.14 crore across the country as humanitarian support.

The beneficiaries included homeless, slum-dwellers, persons with disabilities, elderly, beggars, and unemployed working-class people, he added.

Bogura road crash kills 3

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Three auto-rickshaw passengers were killed and at least two injured as a bus hit it from behind on Dhaka-Bogura highway in Aamtali area of Bogura in Sherpur upazila yesterday.

Abdul Hai (60), Al Amin (30), auto-rickshaw driver; and Shah Sultan (9) from Ghasuria village in the upazila died on the spot when the accident occurred around 1pm, said Roton Hossain, station officer of Sherpur upazila fire station and civil defence.

The injured were sent to Bogura Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital. Among them, a woman's condition is critical, said Raton.

Highway police at Hatikumul station seized the bus, said Shahidul Islam, OC of Sherpur Police Station.

Poet Himel

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Jahangirnagar University.

He started his career there as a lecturer in 2006. He was a member of the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB).

He was also the younger brother of noted Bangladeshi poet Rudra Mohammad Shahidullah. Just recently, he had written a write up on his brother titled 'Amar dada Rudra'.

A noted poet himself, Prof Barkat has three anthologies to his name -- 'Chokhe O Chowdike', 'Doshmatik Drishaboli', and 'Boishobiddalay'.

His research interests were literary theory and criticism, post-colonial theory, poetry of Bangladesh, street literature and poetry of aboriginal people. He had recently completed a research work on Bengali street poems.

The untimely death of Prof Barkat has cast a shadow of mourning over Jahangirnagar University. Teachers, students, and officials alike have expressed their grief over his passing.

"He was a bright name among young Bengali researchers," said eminent educationist Prof Anu Muhammad while attending his namaz-e-janaza yesterday afternoon.

Prof Sumon Sazzad, Barkat's colleague at the Bangla Department, said, "He could contribute to any issue with his sharp analytical and creative prowess. As a colleague, he was amicable, friendly and helpful. He was really popular among students too."

Expressing grief, Jubayer Ahmed, a master's student of the department, said, "We have lost a good teacher as well as a good human being. He was greatly helpful and cordial to the students."

"The untimely death of Himel Barkat is an irreparable loss to Bengali literature and the university," JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Farzana Islam said in her condolence message.

He left behind his wife, a daughter, and numerous well-wishers.

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ERL hereby invites offers from reputed suppliers/manufacturers for the supply of the following goods in accordance with the terms & conditions set out hereafter.

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
3. Purchaser name	Eastern Refinery Limited.
4. Purchaser district	Chattogram.
5. Invitation for	Goods.
6. Reference number	a) ER/PUR/IT-32/2020 (RT) b) ER/PUR/IT-33/2020 (RT) c) ER/PUR/IT-34/2020 d) ER/PUR/IT-35/2020 e) ER/PUR/IT-36/2020 f) ER/PUR/IT-37/2020
7. Date	22 November, 2020

KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement method: International Open Tendering Method.

FUNDING INFORMATION

9. Budget and source of funds: Eastern Refinery Limited (own fund).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10. Tender document last selling date	(a), (b) 20 December 2020, 16:00 hrs. (c), (d), (e), (f) 03 January 2021, 16:00 hrs.
11. Tender closing date and time	(a), (b) 21 December 2020, 11:15 hrs. (c), (d), (e), (f) 04 January 2021, 11:15 hrs.
12. Tender opening date and time	(a), (b) 21 December 2020, 11:30 hrs. (c), (d), (e), (f) 04 January 2021, 11:30 hrs.
13. Offer validity	120 days (from the date of tender opening).

NAME & ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE(S)

14. Tender document selling address	i) Accounts Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh, Phone: 880-31-2501261-7. ii) ERL Liaison Office, YMCA Bhaban, 2nd Floor, 1/1, Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh. Phone: 880-2-8391990, 8391991.
15. Tender receiving address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.
16. Tender opening address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17. Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender data sheet.
18. Brief description of goods	

Name	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security	Shipment validity
a) Annunciator System for Reforming & Utility Unit	Tk 1000.00/- set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 70,000.00 Or, USD 850.00	90 days
b) Fin Tube for Aero Condenser & Storage Tank	Tk 1000.00/- set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 75,000.00 Or, USD 890.00	90 days
c) Fixed & Floating Tube Sheet of E1115 and E1121	Tk 1000.00/- set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 2,000,000.00 Or, USD 2350.00	90 days
d) Fixed & Floating Tube Sheet of E1001 and 10E06	Tk 1000.00/- set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 1,75,000.00 Or, USD 2050.00	90 days
e) Fixed & Floating Tube Sheet of E1114 and E1117	Tk 1000.00/- set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 1,80,000.00 Or, USD 2100.00	90 days
f) Various Pipe Fittings	Tk 1000.00/- set Or, USD 12.00/- set	Tk 6,000.00 Or, USD 70.00	90 days

PURCHASER DETAILS

19. Name of official inviting tender	Kazi Mahabubur Rahman.
20. Designation of official inviting tender	Manager (Purchase).
21. Address of official inviting tender	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.
22. Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 880-31-250269 Fax: 880-31-250269 Email: manager@erl.com.bd , office@erl.com.bd , md-office@erl.com.bd Website: www.erl.gov.bd

23. a) The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.
b) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.

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The minister also said implementation of DAP requires the views of public representatives, government officials, architects and planners. "It is difficult to do that without concerted efforts of all concerned. We want to build Dhaka as a dream city..."

He also said Rajuk needs to be strengthened.

Additional secretary to LGD Dipok Chakraborty, Rajuk Chairman Md Saeed Nur Alam and IAB President Jalal Ahmed, among others, were present at the meeting.

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"Mask cannot hide faces. It is not possible to hide everything through cunning comments. If BNP loses any polls, they shift the liability to the government and the Election Commission. When they win, they claim that they could have won in bigger margin had the government not interfered," he said.

The AL general secretary said BNP is staying far away from the role they should play to strengthen democracy.

Turning to road infrastructural development, he said the 80-kilometre marine drive has brought a significant change in the area. People can visit Cox's Bazar more comfortably and appreciate its natural beauty.

The minister said development works of Ramu-Marichya national highway is underway while the work of four-lane highway from Cox's Bazar link road to Laboni point will end soon.

Standard Bank Limited

Head Office: Chamber Building (3rd Floor)
122-124 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Standard Bank Limited is constructing a 25-storied Corporate Head Office Building with 4 Basements on its own land located at Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka. Now, in this regard, the Bank is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified, experienced and reputed interior design consultancy firms for consultancy services of interior design, planning, documentation, preparation of BOQ, preparation of bid document and full time supervision of the work.

Scope of Work:
Design and Documentation: The selected consultancy firm (or legally endorsed joint venture of firms) will be required to produce detailed interior design incorporating architectural, civil, sanitary & plumbing, electrical and all electro-mechanical design, planning, documentation, preparation of BOQ & bid document under the guidance of the Bank

Supervision: The consultant shall also provide full time supervision services of work under the guidance of Engineer of the Bank

Selection Process:

Stage : 1 This open stage starts with Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) and result in a short listing of firms. Short listing will be done on the basis of legal status of the firm, experience on similar projects, expertise and experience of key team members, staff strength and overall design quality of completed projects.

Stage : 2 This closed stage will start with Request for Proposal (RFP) from short listed firms from stage one. Formal Proposals to be submitted in two envelopes (Technical and Financial) as a response to RFP, will be evaluated by a technical committee to select the consultant for the job. This stage may require presentation and interview of the potential consultants.

Submission Requirements:

- Legal papers regarding registration of firm/company or firms, Joint-Venture (if any).
- Proof of the Age (minimum 10 years) of the firm (lead firm in case of Joint venture).
- Proposed team structure for the design, documentation and supervision of this project.
- CV of key members of the team showing their expertise and experience in the field.
- List (with images) of completed similar projects in last 10 (Ten) years (High rise commercial building Office/Bank/NGO located in Dhaka) where Design, Supervision and Bid documentation was done by the consultant.
- List (with images) of completed similar projects in last 10 (Ten) years (High rise commercial building Office/Bank/NGO in Dhaka) where design was done by the consultant.
- List (with images) of significant completed projects of other types in last 10 (Ten) years.
- In case of any Joint-Venture the name of the Lead Consultant and Structure of the JV must be clearly defined.
- Papers showing administrative strength (organogram) and financial capability (bank solvency certificate) of the lead consultant.
- Detail of office with Design studio, Office equipments with PCs, Design software, Printer, Plotter etc.

Confidentiality:
Standard bank authority reserves all right to accept or reject any or all EOI or even annul the whole process of selection at any stage without assigning any reason.

Contact for Clarification:
Head of General Services Division, Mobile: 01999055555 / General Manager (Project), Mobile: 01999055560.

Submission:
Three sets of hard copies along with a soft copy (pdf format) should be submitted. In case of conflict between the hard copy will prevail over the soft one.
EOI should be submitted to Head of General Services Division, Head Office, Standard Bank Limited on or before 15:00 pm on 23.12.2020.

VP & Head General Services Division