

Earn people’s trust thru’ your work: IGP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Police personnel should earn people’s trust through their works, said Inspector General of Police Benazir Ahmed in Barishal yesterday.

“We have to provide services to people unconditionally. In return, we will get their respect and love,” he said while exchanging views with about 2,500 policemen at the district police lines in the afternoon.

Barishal Metropolitan Police Commissioner Md Shahabuddin Khan was present as special guest at the meeting with Barishal Range DIG Md Shafiqul Islam in the chair.

Earlier, the IGP inaugurated the newly constructed office building of the superintendent of police on Polytechnic Road in Barishal city.

Barishal City Corporation Mayor Semiabat Sadiq Abdullah and government high officials of the district were present at that time.

JCI Dhaka holds assembly

CITY DESK

Junior Chamber International (JCI) Dhaka Entrepreneurs, a non-profit international non-governmental organisation, held its 2021 general assembly (GA) at a city hotel yesterday.

At the GA, the executive committee of JCI for 2021 was declared, according to a press release.

Outgoing local president Kudrat E Ebtihaj conducted the assembly where national governing board members of JCI Bangladesh, executive board members and general members of JCI Dhaka Entrepreneurs were present.

Of the new committee, Arefeen Ahmed Rafi was elected president; Lisan Hoque secretary general; Ashan Ullah Chowdhury treasurer; Md Ali Reasat Khan general legal council; while Md Shariful Alam Shabuj and Nurul Hasnat were elected directors, the press release said.

Padma Bridge

FROM PAGE 3

gross domestic product by 1.2 percent.

When work of most development projects was suspended due to the pandemic, Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project work continued. But it suffered due to lack of workers -- Chinese and local -- and poor supply of construction materials since January, said officials.

The project authority was able to bring back pace after Chinese nationals returned to work in May. But strong currents in Padma started causing problems, they said.

No span could be installed for four months after June 10, due to strong currents, officials said.

Besides, at least 192 railway stingers and 220 roadway decks, supposed to be used for construction of the bridge, went into the Padma on July 31 due to erosion at a yard.

SC summons

FROM PAGE 3

primary education officer of Gaibandha Aminul, its Sadar thana education officer Md Abdul Salam and assistant thana education officer Masumul Islam, Beauty’s lawyer ABM Altaf Hossain told The Daily Star.

They will have to explain to the Appellate Division on December 14 why they have not implemented its order, he said.

Lawyer Altaf Hossain said the government officials recruited Nazma Sultana, who stood second position in the examination for the post of primary school teacher in Gaibandha in 2008, depriving Beauty Begum.

MARKETPLACE FOR SALE
https://remo.com.bd is a reputed two-year- old online real estate marketplace built with the latest and fastest technology. Our whole business with technology and data is for sale. **Contact: 01752561149**


HSBC Dhanmondi branch moving to a new location

From 13 December 2020, Sunday, HSBC Dhanmondi Branch will be relocating to: Bay’s Park Height (10th floor), Road-9, Holding-2, Dhanmondi, Mirpur Road, Dhaka-1205.

The banking services provided from the existing location will be available until 10 December 2020, Thursday.

Our new premise is located in the heart of Dhanmondi for your convenience and has a larger area which would help us to serve you better. The new branch is the first sky branch with most advanced air quality management system and equipped with auto queue management system to give customers the finest experience.

Should you require any assistance, please contact 16240 (accessible from within Bangladesh) and +88 096127 16240 (accessible from overseas), 9 am to 9 pm Bangladesh time, 7 days a week, except government holidays.

**brac**
দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (ফ্রেমওয়ার্ক চুক্তি)

প্রজেক্টের নাম	ব্র্যাক এইচসিএমপি
তহবিলের উৎস	দাতা তহবিল
দপত্রের বিষয়	গাড়ী ভাড়া ও অনুরূপ সেবা
দরপত্রের সূত্র নং এবং তারিখ	আইএসটি/ব্র্যাক/বিপিডি/এইচএমপি/ডিসেম্বর-২০২০-০১৮ ডিসেম্বর, ২০২০
চুক্তির সময়সীমা	০২ (দুই) বছরের জন্য
দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট প্রাপ্তির স্থান	নিম্নে উল্লিখিত ওয়েবপোর্টাল থেকে ৮ ডিসেম্বর ২০২০ থেকে ৬ জানুয়ারী ২০২১ পর্যন্ত সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ দরদাতাগণ বিনামূল্যে দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন। দরপত্রের জন্য ভিজিট করুন procurement.brac.net/tenderhcmp
প্রি-টেন্ডার মিটিং এর তারিখ, স্থান ও সময়	১৪ ডিসেম্বর ২০২০ তারিখে সকাল ১০.০০টা থেকে জঙ্গোল মিট এর মাধ্যমে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। লিঙ্কঃ https://meet.google.com/wxq-qeog-dui বর্তমান করোনাকালীন পরিস্থিতিতে আমরা বশরিতে যে কোন মিটিং নিরুৎসাহিত করি।
দরপত্রের সঙ্গে জ্ঞানাত (কেরতযোগ্য)	সংশ্লিষ্ট দরদাতাগণ দরপত্রের সঙ্গে ২,০০,০০০/- তফসিল ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার বা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে “ব্র্যাক” বরাবর দাখিল করতে হবে।
দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	প্রোকিউরমেন্ট বিভাগ, এইচসিএমপি, ব্র্যাক, হ্যাচারী জোন, মেরিন ড্রাইভ রোড, কক্সবাজার এ রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বক্স এ ৭ জানুয়ারী ২০২১ এর মধ্যে প্রতিদিন সকাল ০৯.০০টা থেকে বেলা ২.০০ টা পর্যন্ত।
দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	প্রোকিউরমেন্ট বিভাগ, এইচসিএমপি, ব্র্যাক, হ্যাচারী জোন, মেরিন ড্রাইভ রোড, কক্সবাজার। তারিখঃ ৭ জানুয়ারী ২০২১ বিকাল ২.৩০ টা।
কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী	দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত আছে।

প্রোকিউরমেন্ট বিভাগ, এইচসিএমপি, ব্র্যাক, হ্যাচারী জোন, মেরিন ড্রাইভ রোড, কক্সবাজার। প্রয়োজনে যোগাযোগঃ ০১৮৪৭-৪৫৫৬০১

Two popular restaurants in Sylhet fined

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A mobile court of Rapid Action Battalion fined Sylhet’s popular Pach Bhai and Panshi restaurants Tk 6.5 lakh for preparing and serving unhygienic food.

A team of Rab-9, led by Executive Magistrate Md Akhtaruzzaman, conducted the drive at the restaurants yesterday. The mobile court fined Pach Bhai Restaurant Tk 3 lakh and Panshi Restaurant Tk 3.5 lakh. Both were fined for preparing and serving food mixed with harmful chemicals, fabric colour and expired food flavour, said the executive magistrate.

Both restaurants were also seen preparing food under unhygienic conditions, he said while talking to journalists after the drive. “The drive is part of our regular marketing monitoring. Owners of both restaurants have been cautioned,” the official added.

Partnership

FROM PAGE 3

and Netherlands have many similarities. Agriculture in both the countries share the challenges of climate change as they have large coastlines, while they also have large agriculture sectors.

The west European country that is one third of Bangladesh in terms of size exports more than \$100 billion worth food to the global market. The major agriculture-based exports of the country include chili, tomato, cucumber and apple.

A significant portion of Dutch agricultural exports also consists of fresh-cut plants, flowers, and flower bulbs, with Netherlands exporting two-thirds of the world’s total.

With only some 17 million plus population, The Netherlands is the world’s 16th largest economy.

“Much of this is because of Netherland’s efficient technology. This is where we lag behind in Bangladesh,” said Riaz Hamidullah.

He said as Bangladesh’s exports still now heavily depend on readymade garment and needs diversification as the country moves to become one of top 30 economies in ten years.

Agriculture is a real potential sector from that perspective. Citing an example, he said post-harvest loss of fruits in Bangladesh is 30 to 40 percent.

“Imagine if that loss is zero and the fruit

Ivermectin effective

FROM PAGE 3

The study demonstrated that patients in the five-day ivermectin group were 77 percent more likely to have early viral clearance on day-14 compared to those who received a combination of ivermectin and doxycycline, and placebo.

It also showed that on day three, some 18 percent of the patients in the group treated with ivermectin alone began to show viral clearance while this was at three percent among the patients taking the combination of ivermectin and doxycycline and three percent among the placebo group.

On day seven, it stood at 50 percent, 30 percent, and 13 percent respectively.

The odds of improvement in clinical status with the five-day treatment course of ivermectin versus ivermectin plus doxycycline, and placebo were also favourable, trending toward reduction of severity of infection indicated by improvement in the blood bio-markers, Dr Wasif Ali Khan said.

Biomarkers including, the C-reactive protein (CRP), Lactate Dehydrogenase (LDH) and Ferritin levels notably dropped from the baseline to day seven in the ivermectin-only group compared to other two groups.

Speaking as the chief guest, Nazmul Hassan, Managing Director of Beximco Pharmaceuticals Limited, said, “We are happy that the treatment regimen shows promise and that will indeed strengthen our fight against COVID-19 and help avoid many untimely deaths.”

Prof Dr Ahmedul Kabir, the secretary general of Bangladesh Society of Medicine said they would include this drug in the national treatment protocol. “However, there is no chance for using the drug outside of clinical prescription,” he mentioned.

Prof Tareq Alam said, “The basis for prescribing ivermectin was only observational so far. Now this study has created a scientific base. We, however, will need further study. We have been conducting another such study at BMCH.”

Dr Tahmeed Ahmed, acting executive director of icddr,b; Professor Dr Syed Modasser Ali, former advisor to the Prime Minister and chairman of Bangladesh Medical Research Council, and Dr MA Hasnat, assistant professor at Kurmitola General Hospital spoke at the event among others.

is value added and is packaged in a way to be exported to the global market. This can earn huge amount of foreign currency.”

Not only that, augmenting productivity, food processing, packaging and cold storage facilities for connecting the international supply chain are the issues most important for Bangladesh.

Fish and livestock are the other two major areas that need massive change for boosting productivity and exportability, which is possible through technological innovation.

“You see, Bangladesh’s Ilish is world famous. But, the problem for us is packaging for international market,” the ambassador said, adding that these are the areas where Dutch businesses can come in and invest.

For long, Dutch businesses have not been finding their counterparts in Bangladesh. Now, they have found a number of Bangladeshi conglomerates. Strategic partnership between the private sectors of both the countries can be a game-changer, Riaz Hamidullah said.

Apart from food and agro-processing technologies, he said, The Netherlands has reached excellence in managing its coast and continues to innovate.

As the future industries will need to be eco-friendly, Dutch technologies can help Bangladeshi industries in a big way.

Sangram editor

FROM PAGE 3

last year after a mob vandalised the daily Sangram’s office over publishing a report that termed Quader Molla a “martyr”.

Molla, former assistant secretary general of Jamaat and known infamously as “the butcher of Mirpur” during the Liberation War, was hanged in 2013 after

being convicted in a case for committing crimes against humanity during the war by the Supreme Court on September 17 that year.

Afzal Hossain, a freedom fighter, filed the case with Hatirjheel Police Station.

Asad was sent to Kashimpur jail on December 14 of 2019.

DNCC pursuing

FROM PAGE 3

and install them at Mohakhali and Mohammadpur. However, this will cost DNCC an extra Tk 2,90,000 for each system, totalling to Tk 5,80,000.

EXPERTS’ TAKE

Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) President Dr Akhter Mahmud said, “It is unfortunate that the system does not work properly. Before installing such systems, authorities must conduct primary assessment to see whether they will work.”

Assistant Professor of Accident Research Institute of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Kazi Md Shifun Newaz said, “There are few conditions for setting up such buttons. The system works best where pedestrian density is light. It works that way in European countries.”

“But it will not be that effective in a densely populated city like Dhaka. It will be problematic both for smooth movement of vehicles and pedestrians. But if authorities still want to install them, they should run pilot tests and see the success rate, and based on that, they can reconsider,” he said.

“DNCC should make a report and run a study on the currently installed buttons. Statistics should show whether they work the way they are supposed to.

They can then proceed to set up more buttons. Otherwise, they should think of something else,” he added.

Also, authorities need to raise awareness about the system if they are keen to install it and make it work, he opined.


DNCC’S EXPLANATION


DNCC Chief Engineer Brig Gen Md Amirul Islam did admit that they do not have any report on the system’s success rate, and said they are focusing on educational institutions, as it is currently the best alternative for students’ safety.

“We are setting up these buttons in front of educational institutions, so students, teachers and guardians can be benefited. However, to get full benefit, people will have to be more aware, and that will take time,” he said. DNCC will train students and teachers on how to properly use the system, he added.

“We need to bring the accident rate down. Therefore, we have built speed-breakers in front of the buttons...Without all these arrangements, vehicles will not stop, and it would be difficult for students to cross roads,” he opined, adding that such areas are best for installing the system.

He also welcomed anyone who can come up with a better alternative.

**Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)**
TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215
IMPORT SECTION



Cancellation of Invitation for Tender (International) of 3,000 (±10%) M. Ton Onion

Invitation Ref. No. 26.05.0000.016.10.092.20.465 Date: 04-11-2020

This is to inform all concerned that the Invitation for International Tender Ref. No. 26.05.0000.016.10.092.20.465 dated: 04.11.2020 for 3,000 (±10%) M. Ton Onion is hereby cancelled for some unavoidable circumstances.

Md. Shekhabur Rahaman
Chief Officer (Commercial)

GD-1952

Woman mobbed

FROM PAGE 3

Initially, such incidents of harassing women were limited to Rajshahi University campus but gradually, similar incidents started happening in Uposhohor and Lakshmipur, said Prof Mahbuba Kaniz, general secretary of RU unit of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad.

In early November, Rajshahi’s Rabindra Sangeet Sammiloni Parishad general secretary Monira Mithi shared on Facebook that some women in burqa harassed her in public for not covering her head.

Talking to The Daily Star, she said she was harassed three times in the last two years. “I have been living in this city for several decades. Such harassment is quite new to me,” she said.

She described her latest experience at Uposhohor New Market on November 7 and how she was rebuked by some women for not covering her head.

Under Mithi’s Facebook post, dozens of people -- mostly women -- commented, many of whom shared their experience of being harassed in different city areas in the span of the last two-three years.

One Mitalee Sarker wrote that she and her mother experienced similar harassment while shopping at Shaheb Bazar. Nibedita Chatterjee wrote such incidents happened to her despite wearing shankha -- bangles which Hindu women usually wear.

Contacted, Rajshahi Metropolitan Police’s spokesperson and Additional Deputy Commissioner Golam Ruhul Kuddus said such incidents were never reported to police. “Rajshahi city is comparatively safer than other cities in the country and the city’s police are active in maintaining this status,” he said, wondering why such incidents have not been reported despite occurring for years.

Harassing people and verbally abusing them are serious crimes as per law, he said and added, if reported, police will take action.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

RECRUITMENT NOTICE (নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি)

SAHCO International Ltd. One of the leading multidisciplinary companies giving highest emphasis on the selection and development of its human resources is looking for smart, energetic and hard working personnel for the following positions:

SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMIZER (SEO)

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Maximize organic traffic growth by establishing a planned SEO target keyword list and working with IT Content, and Social Media
- Provide key inputs for writing effective SEO content for websites and social media platforms
- Optimize website content, image, website structure, landing pages, etc.
- Monitor and evaluate search results and search performance across major traffic channels to improve rankings (Google Analytics and Search Console)
- Manage off-page and on-page optimization and reporting on performance (link building, content-based link)
- Review all technical issues related to SEO, provide solutions and recommend fixes promptly
- Conduct keyword research and prepare detailed SEO strategy reports.

Hands-on Knowledge on SEO Tools:

- Google Analytics, Google Search Console, Google’s algorithm updates
- Firebase
- Ahrefs/Moz
- SEMrush/Longtail Pro
- Clicktale/Heat Map
- SEO Audit
- Basic understanding of HTML coding and how websites work
- Understanding of web design and site structures
- Good knowledge over backlink creation (content-based)

Experience:

- The incumbent should have at least 2 years of working experience in SEO and related areas

Required Skills & Qualifications:

- Must have good communication skills
- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to work under pressure and timeline
- Bachelor Degree in any discipline (major in Engineering, Economics or Statistics will receive priority), Some Marketing experience is also preferred.

Experience in using and maintaining Teleprompters will add an advantage to the candidate.

SAHCO international limited is looking for a professional Search Engine Optimizer (SEO) to manage all search engine optimization and related activities. In this regard, the incumbent will be responsible for content strategy, link building, and keyword strategy to increase organic traffic as well as rankings on all major search networks and maximize ROI.

BUSINESS CORRESPONDENCE SPECIALIST

Responsibilities & Duties:

- Maintaining official correspondence with International Companies and Government Organisations.
- Communications will need to be maintained over phone, text, e-mail, formal written letters and in person at the head office or on site.
- Must work closely with the IT, engineering and management teams to process the content of messages being sent and received.

Experience:

- The incumbent should have some experience working in any written media.

Required Skills & Qualifications:

- Must have high proficiency in English and knowledge of formal correspondence style and etiquette.
- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to work under pressure and timeline
- Bachelor Degree in any discipline (major in English, Engineering or Economics will receive priority), Some Marketing experience is also preferred.

SAHCO international limited is looking for a professional Business Correspondence Specialist to manage all official communications of the company. In this regard, the incumbent will be responsible for receiving, processing and reporting all incoming communications to the relevant officers as well as drafting appropriate responses and outgoing communications with the advice of senior officers.

PROFESSIONAL SPEECH WRITER

Responsibilities & Duties:

- Drafting eloquent, insightful and thought-provoking speeches for Syed Abul Hossain for various private, government and international events.
- Must be able to conduct research on an assigned topic to gather relevant content for a speech.
- Must develop an in-depth knowledge of the style of speeches given by Syed Abul Hossain and other famous leaders and scholars from around the world.

Experience:

- The incumbent should have some experience working in any written media.

Required Skills & Qualifications:

- Must have high proficiency in English and knowledge of renowned speech giving styles.
- Ability to work under pressure and timeline
- Bachelor Degree in any discipline (major in English, Political Science or Economics will receive priority).

SAHCO international limited is looking for a professional speech writer to draft appropriate speeches for Syed Abul Hossain.

DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ENGINEERING)

Responsibilities & Duties:

- Assisting in the construction of Infrastructure Related projects, such as Roads, Bridges, Power stations, Transmission Lines, sub-stations, Multistoried Buildings, etc.

Required skills & qualifications:

- Engineering Graduates in Civil, Electrical or Mechanical Engineering from any reputed University.
- Smart, energetic and hard working fresh graduates with proficiency in written and spoken English will be given preference.

Please apply in confidence to Corporate Director with full C.V. including copies of experience certificates, references and recommendations and 2 (two) copies of recent passport size photograph, contact telephone, e-mail and cell numbers along with a cover letter on or before **15.12.2020**. Please write the position applied for on the top of the envelope.



SYEDA IFFAT HOSSAIN
Corporate Director

**SAHCO International Ltd.**
UTC Tower, Level-18, 8, Panthapath, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh
Phone: +880-2-58154117-24, Fax: +880-2-581541192, 58151254
e-mail: Contact@сахco.biz, web site: www.sahco.biz