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## Dhaka to receive \$20.4m UNDP aid for poverty alleviation

When the government is under pressure for eviction of slums in Dhaka city, a project on Local Partnerships for Urban Poverty Alleviation involving US dollar 20.4 million was signed between the government and UNDP yesterday, reports UNB.

The project, to be implemented by the Local Government Engineering Department in 5 years, aims at raising capacity of the urban poor to alleviate poverty in Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi cities and eight paurasavas.

The strategy adopted is to initiate group formation within urban poor communities, facilitate community level development planning and implementation of community projects.

## Provati Insurance AGM held

The 3rd annual general meeting of Provati Insurance Company Limited was held at a city hotel recently, says a press release.

The meeting was presided over by Joarder Nowsher Ali, FCA, Chairman of the Board of Directors. The chairman in his speech welcomed the shareholders for attending the meeting and placed the directors' reports along with accounts for the year ending December 31, 1998.

Mohammad Ali Talukder, Managing Director of the company, thanked the clients, well-wishers, shareholders and all staff members of the company for their whole-hearted support and cooperation in achieving satisfactory business during the year.

Al-haj Mofizur Rahman, Al-haj Habibur, Al-haj Shahadat Hossain and Mohd Ali Ashgar retired from their directorship and re-elected at the meeting. Al-haj Mojir Ahmed and Mohammad Mohsin Kaiser have been elected directors of the board by the shareholders unanimously.

## Turkish quake insurance claims seen over \$2b

LONDON, Aug 25: A leading underwriter at Lloyd's of London insurance market said yesterday that claims of at least \$2 billion are likely after last week's earthquake in Turkey, reports Reuters.

The figure is four times analysts' previous estimates of about \$500 million in insured damage and represents 10 per cent of the overall economic losses caused by the earthquake, currently put at about \$20 billion.

"It would be reasonable to assume an insured market loss of at least \$2 billion — and maybe significantly more," said Anthony Taylor, underwriting director of the second-largest syndicate at Lloyd's.

# Private LPG plant to go into production by November

By Mustak Hossain

A private company is going to produce bottled Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) by November this year.

The company, Union LP Gas Limited, will initially produce about 20,000 cylinders of LPG per day and its filling capacity will rise to 36,000 cylinders per day or 1.64 lakh tonnes per year after completion of the project.

The per year demand for LPG in the country is estimated at about 4.5 lakh tonnes. But production at the lone LPG producing plant — the Eastern Refinery Ltd — is only around 16,000 tonnes per year, according to statistics.

"Our production capacity is

more than 36,000 cylinders per day, but initially we are going to produce 20,000 cylinders every day," a high official of Union Liquefied Petroleum Gas Limited told The Daily Star.

"If everything goes smoothly, then we will be able to go into production by November, 1999."

Due to the prevalent huge shortfall in LPG in the country, a 12.5 kg LPG cylinder is sometimes sold at as high as Tk 1,000 instead of its retail price of Tk 260, market sources said.

The Union will import bulk LPG mainly from the Middle Eastern or Southeast Asian petroleum-producing countries

by specialised LPG carrier tankers.

The plant, a Tk 80 crore project sponsored by the Bashundhara Group and situated on a 10 acre area, has its own jetty facility.

The company will import cylinders for now and will later produce about 900 cylinders per day at its own steel plant at Manikganj, another official said.

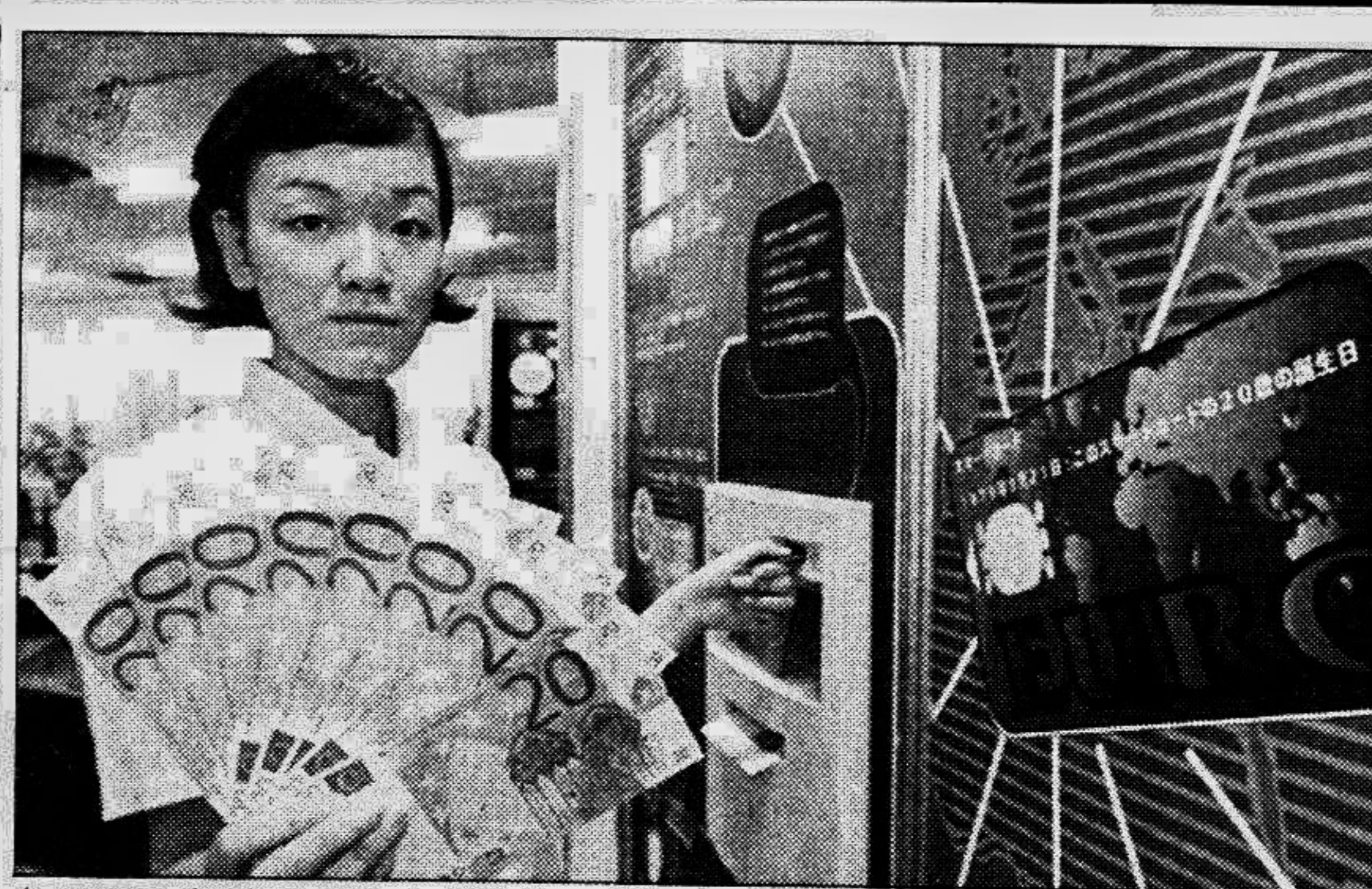
LPG contains propane, butane and high hydrocarbon and can be extracted by refining crude oil and processing gas.

Various gas fields in the country also have LPG manufacturing potentials. Recently, a

small-scale natural gas liquefying plant has been set up at Kailashilla in Sylhet with a production capacity of 5,000 tonnes of LPG per year. But the plant is still lying idle because of bureaucratic and technical problems.

Another LPG-related plant, Ashuganj Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project, has been delayed for more than a year for reasons unknown, informed sources said.

About 40 per cent of LPG is being marketed in northern Bangladesh, 20 per cent in the southern districts and the rest in Chittagong and Dhaka.



A woman displays sample 200-Euro bills in front of a cash dispenser at the Euro Exhibition in Tokyo Wednesday. This is the first time the new international currency is being shown outside the European Union. — AFP photo

## Greenland Garments becomes first ISO-9002 winner

Greenland Garments, a manufacturer and exporter of knitwear such as Polo shirts and T-shirts, has achieved the rare distinction to be the only ISO-9002 — certified garment factory in Bangladesh, says a press release.

Industry sources have applauded the achievement as there are no ISO-9002 factories in Sri Lanka although the industry in far more mature and established in that country. There are only 2 such factories in Pakistan and a handful in India.

Consultancy services for ISO-9002 certification were provided to Greenland by the Quality Institute of America, while the accreditation audit was performed by Deann Desai as lead auditor and David Morley for Orion Registrar of Colorado, USA.

Greenland currently exports knit garments to UK, USA and Scandinavia using leading edge-knitting machinery of Mayer, Germany.

It actively supports the government's initiative and thrust in developing backward linkage industries through the use of over 95 per cent local yarn for manufacturing fabric for the export market.

Presently, two Greenland units are involved in the exports.

"We lead with Quality," said Lufar Rahman, Chairman of the Greenland business combine.

## Mercator, Satyam, Oracle lead way for airline financial system

Mercator, the Dubai-based systems and solutions provider for the airline industry, has signed a landmark contract with India's Satyam Computer Services and Oracle Middle East to offer Oracle Financial Applications suited to airlines, says a press release.

The immediate assignment will be for Sri Lankan Airlines (formerly Air Lanka), but Mercator is now exploring future potentials to market the same package to other airlines.

The contract was signed on August 16 in Dubai by Hugh Pridmore, Mercator's Senior General Manager, Srini Raju, Executive Director of Satyam Computer Services and Husam Dajani, Managing Director of Oracle Middle East.

The three organisations are working together to implement a core financial system for Sri Lankan Airlines by December. This will integrate revenue accounting and outstation accounting with head office financial management to complete the Mercator delivery of total financial solution to the Lankan airlines.

Mercator, the IT subsidiary of the Emirates Group, is sourcing the Oracle Financials Application licences and maintenance support from Oracle Middle East.

## Fake Wheel washing powder plant unearthed

Kotwali police unearthed a fake "Wheel washing powder" factory at Aga Sadek Road in the city and arrested three persons including the owner of the factory on Saturday, says a press release.

In preliminary investigation, the owner admitted that he was involved in manufacturing fake "Wheel washing powder" for long.

It was learnt that the accused persons had been manufacturing the false washing powder in Aga Sadek Road area and marketing them in different areas of city.

Police recovered huge quantity of counterfeit "Wheel washing powder" both in packed and unpacked condition.

The arrested persons are Abul Kalam, Md Selim and Md Faisal. A case has been filed in this connection.



The 760 million USD Paris-Las Vegas Casino Resort on the Las Vegas strip turns on its lights late Friday giving tourists a preview before the opening, set for September 1, 1999. The resort features 2,916 guest rooms, an 85,000-square foot (7650 square meters) casino and authentic replicas of French landmarks including the 50-story replica of the Eiffel Tower. — AFP photo

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer  
PWD Division, Rajbari

## Notice Inviting Tender

No Raj-9 (Nine) of 1999-2000

1. Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted contractors/firms under PWD according to their eligibility and financial limit for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur/Magura/Kushtia/Narail/Jhenidah/Meherpur/Chuadanga and Jessore up to 12.00 Noon of 8.9.99 and will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

2. Name of work : Construction of 12 Nos. District Jail—one at Rajbari (Sub-head: External water supplying arrangement & installation of 3" (75mm) dia deep tubewell.

3. Estimated cost : Tk 9,44,364/-

4. Earnest money : Tk 18,887/-

5. Time allowed for completion of the work : 3 (Three) months from the date of issue of work order.

6. Tender papers and other connected papers where available : The tender papers and other documents can be purchased during the office hours from the office of the U/S and all the Executive Engineers under PWD Circle, Jessore on cash payment of usual charges (Non-refundable) up to 7.9.99.

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PWD Division  
Rajbari

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## Japanese trade surplus with Asia jumps again

TOKYO, Aug 25: Japan's trade surplus with Asia jumped 13.9 per cent in July, rising for the second straight month, the finance ministry said today, as Tokyo began to soak up exports from its recovering neighbours.

Japan's surplus with Asia climbed to 406.0 billion yen (3.7 billion dollars) in the month.

Exports to Asia rose 4.2 per cent to 1,600.0 billion yen, the second straight year-on-year gain, and imports climbed 1.2 per cent to 1,194.0 billion yen, the fourth straight monthly increase.

Japan's overall July trade surplus fell 4.6 per cent to 1,249.4 billion yen, the fourth straight month's decline.

The strongest Asian import growth came in trade with Malaysia, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

Japan's surplus with Malaysia was down 13.2 per cent at 10.1 billion yen, with exports up 11.7 per cent and imports jumping 14.6 per cent.

The surplus with South Korea jumped 115.6 per cent to

78.1 billion yen, with exports surging 35.3 per cent and imports up 13.0 per cent.

Japan's surplus with Singapore was up 4.6 per cent at 126.8 billion yen, with exports up 6.2 per cent and imports up 10.6 per cent.

With Taiwan, Japan's surplus slid 8.7 per cent to 151.8 billion yen, with exports down 0.7 per cent but imports up a strong 10.5 per cent.

But there were also steep falls in imports from some countries, including Hong Kong, Thailand and China.

Japan's surplus with Hong Kong fell 14.2 per cent to 210.4 billion yen, with exports down 13.9 per cent and imports off 10.5 per cent.

The surplus with Thailand climbed 89.5 per cent to 27.5 billion yen, with exports up 2.8 per cent but imports falling 10.0 per cent.

And Japan's deficit with China shrank 12.4 per cent, with exports up 1.4 per cent and imports down 4.7 per cent.



Picture shows the three persons who were arrested on charges of manufacturing fake Wheel washing powder in city. — Adcom photo

## Investment in EPZs surges 22pc in '98-99 fiscal

Investment in the country's Export Processing Zones (EPZs) increased by more than 22 per cent in fiscal 1998-99 over the previous financial year, reports UNB.

Sources said local and foreign entrepreneurs invested a total of US \$391.81 million in the two EPZs till June 1999 against US \$320.20 million up to June 1998.

The investment in Dhaka EPZ rose by over 40 per cent to US \$123.69 million in June 1999, while by 15.56 per cent to

US \$268.12 million in Chittagong EPZ.

However, the year-on-year investment growth declined in 1998-99. During the period, investment rose by only 4 per cent as against over 27 per cent of the previous fiscal.

The year-on-year investment in the two EPZs was US \$71.60 million in 1998-99, US \$68.82 million in 1997-98 and US \$53.90 million in 1996-97.

The growth rate might have declined due to the recent currency Turmoil in the South

Asian countries and recession in international trade, sources said.

They said there is also an image problem of the country abroad. Foreign entrepreneurs know Bangladesh as a country of natural disasters like flood and cyclone and political and labour unrest.

But the actual situation, especially in the EPZs, is different. The country suffered the worst ever flooding last year, but the floodwater neither submerged the EPZ areas nor hampered the activities there.

They said the export processing zones remain out of the purview of political programmes like hartal, and have not faced any labour unrest since launching.

"If there was any difficulties inside the EPZs, why the entrepreneurs, who set up their production units in the EPZs earlier, would go for expansion of their production units," said a senior official.

South Korea's Youngone started its journey in Bangladesh in 1988-89 setting up a small production unit at Chittagong EPZ with only 300 workers.

Now they have eight industrial units in the CEPZ and four in DEFPZ with more than 20,000 employees.

Like Youngone, most of the entrepreneurs have expanded their production bases or are planning to go for expansions, considering the congenial production atmosphere in the exclusive zones.

Of the total investment, the share of Bangladesh entrepreneurs increased to 22 per cent in the last fiscal.

**শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়**  
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**নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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০১।	প্রার্থীদের সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বিষয়ে স্নাতক সমান ও মাস্টার্স পরীক্ষার কোন একটিতে প্রথম শ্রেণীর ডিগ্রি থাকতে হবে।		
০২।	কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/কোন সরকারী কলেজে স্নাতক ও স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ে কমপক্ষে ০৩ (তিন) বৎসরের শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা সরকারী পীকৃত কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে কমপক্ষে ০৩ (তিন) বৎসরের গবেষণার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।		
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০৪।	এমফিল বা সমমানের ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সকল পর্যায়ে প্রথম বিভাগ/শ্রেণী থাকলে সে ক্ষেত্রে ০২ (দুই) বৎসর এবং কোন পর্যায়ে দ্বিতীয় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী থাকলে ০১ (এক) বৎসর অভিজ্ঞতা শিথিলযোগ্য।		
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আবেদন ফরম অফিস চলাকালীন রেজিস্ট্রার দপ্তর থেকে "সারসরি কিবা" ০৪ (চার) টাকা মূল্যের অব্যবহৃত ডাকাটিংসহ নিজ চিঠানা সঞ্চালিত রাম পাঠিয়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন বিবেচনা করা হবে না।			
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জামিল আহমদ চৌধুরী  
রেজিস্ট্রার