

## Legal notice served on two secretaries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association (BELA) and Consumer Association of Bangladesh (CAB) has served a legal notice upon secretaries of two ministries and some concerned officials seeking appropriate precautionary intervention from the relevant authorities to check casualty in the water transportation route with particular emphasis on special protective measures during the Eid-ul-Azha holidays.

The notice has been served to secretaries of the Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Home, Chairman of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA),

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC), Director General of Shipping, Director Port and Transportation of BIWTA and the Chairman of Bangladesh Launch Owners Association (BLOA).

The notice mentioned the boat casualty that took place on December 29 last year during the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr causing a loss of 240 lives it blamed the incident on negligence by the ship management.

Referring to newspaper reports, it pointed out that violation of the safety and traffic laws by a number of the ship management was the main cause behind the accident.

## Proshika's help for injured in B'baria violence

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Proshika, an NGO working in the areas of human development announced that it would provide financial assistance to three persons injured in the recent violence in Brahmanbaria.

Proshika will provide all financial supports to injured Abdul Qayum, Yakum Ali and Musa Mia who are now undergoing treatment at Orthopaedic Hospital (Pangu Hospital) in the city.

The three persons were injured in Brahmanbaria on February 6 during a day-long hartal. They were admitted to Pangu Hospital the same day but due to fund constraints they were not receiving proper treatment.

## KU convocation tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The second convocation of Khulna University will be held tomorrow (February 14).

President and chancellor of the University Shahabuddin Ahmed will be formally hand over certificates to 411 graduates at the convocation.

VC Dr S M Nazrul Islam yesterday briefed the newsmen about preparations for holding the convocation.

He said a 16-member committee and 13 sub-committees have been formed to make the convocation a success.

Three students will be given Chancellor's gold medals for their outstanding results. They are Sheikh Mustafa Al Masum and K M Azharul Hassan of Computer Engineering and Syed Mahub Ali of Business Administration.



Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) brought out a procession on the university campus yesterday in protest of the atrocities by religious fanatics in the country.

## DUTA condemns anti-people activities

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) yesterday brought out a procession on the university campus in protest of recent subversive activities by "anti-people and religious fanatics."

The procession began from the Aporajeo Bangla at around 11 am. After parading streets of the cam-

pus, the procession ended at the central Shaheed Minar.

DUTA also held a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar with its acting president Prof. Md. Ashraf Uddin Chowdhury in the chair.

Speaking at the rally, the teachers said, vested quarters are doing business for their own interest using the religion and misinterpreting it.

"They are hatching a conspiracy to destroy democratic system and peaceful atmosphere of the country to fulfill their vested interests," the teachers said.

They urged the countrymen as well as the teachers, students and employees to raise a united protest against these "evil forces."

They also demanded a ban on politics based on religion, trial of the war criminals including razzakars and al-bands and steps to resist activities the spirit and ideology of Liberation War.

## Keep pavements clear: HC directive

UNB, Dhaka

The High Court on Sunday directed the Home and Works ministries and the City Corporations to keep roads and pavements clear of hawkers and construction materials in all the metropolitan cities.

The court also directed the metropolitan police commissioners to keep it informed once in every three months implementation of the order.

The verdict of the Division Bench comprising Justice Abu Sayeed Ahmed and Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury came on conclusion of hearing of a writ petition filed by Barrister Oman Sadat.

The court in its verdict observed that people became urban oriented due to economic hardships in villages. It advised the government that hawkers be rehabilitated in phases.

## Stop installation of tubewells Seminar on arsenic poisoning in city told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday demanded that fresh installation of tubewells be stopped immediately and the safe level of arsenic in drinking water should be lowered.

Speaking at the seminar titled 'Contamination of groundwater by arsenic and possible arsenic free safe water source in Bangladesh,' Prof Dipankar Chakraborti, director of School of Environmental Studies of Jadavpur University, Kolkata (West Bengal), said, "There are clear evidences that flood plains and delta plains wherefrom most of the shallow tubewells pull water would never be arsenic free in the long run. Considering this, we must stop fresh sinking of all tubewells for drinking water."

Presenting data from field surveys, Prof Chakraborti, jointly working with Dhaka Community

Hospital said, "We also know that a considerable number of shallow tubewells are arsenic contaminated and we are detecting more everyday. So, it is wise on our part to look for alternative sources of safe drinking water."

He also said that about 15 per cent of the high land in the country are now free from arsenic contamination but it is not yet clear whether the water table underneath the highlands are contaminated by other heavy metals.

Referring to India's groundwater fluoride and chlorine problem, Dr Chakraborti said, "We cannot exactly say whether any toxins would leach in water tables in those highland areas."

The Dhaka Community Hospital, one of the pioneers in identifying arsenic patients in the country, demanded that the existing safe level of arsenic in drinking water for Bangladesh should be lowered to 10 parts per billion (ppb) from 50 ppb, as per the WHO recommendation.

It also demanded that government should take adequate measures to immediately provide free treatment to those suffering from arsenic related diseases.

Prof Quazi Quamruzzaman, Chairman of the hospital (DCH) trust, said, "There are some 20 lakh arsenic patients in the country and some of them are in the terminal stage. These patients do not get any treatment but they badly need care knowing that many of them would never recover

from cancer developed due to the arsenic poisoning.

Prof Zaman also said that about 85 million people are at risk of drinking arsenic contaminated water.

Some of the speakers argued that solutions to scarcity of safer drinking water should be explored through testing of tubewells not contaminated.

In areas where there are no safe tubewells, efforts should be made to look for alternative sources of surface water like dug well, pond and rain water.

In contrast, speakers who are opposed to use of groundwater said efforts should be made to explore use of surface water sources like ox bow lakes, ponds, dug wells and preserving rain water.

Another group suggested that instead of abandoning the existing tubewells, policy makers should give emphasis on filtering of water.

Speakers from BUET, World Bank, WHO, Unicef, NGOs and government organisations attended the seminar organised jointly by Dhaka Community Hospital and School of Environmental Studies at the DCH auditorium in the city.

Speakers also said that arsenic problem in groundwater is a national menace and long-term measures should be taken to fight the problem. And for that a community-based sustainable solution should be sought.

## Kenyan envoy presents credentials

UNB, Dhaka

President Shahabuddin Ahmed has stressed the need for increased cooperation between Bangladesh and Kenya and coordination of views on various international and regional issues as fellow members of the UN.

His remarks came when newly appointed High Commissioner of Kenya Lazarus Ombai Amayo presented his credentials to him at Bangabhaban yesterday. He hoped that the relations would further be strengthened and consolidated in the years ahead.

Lazarus Ombai Amayo recalled the existing excellent bilateral relations between the two countries and said there is further scope for increasing trade relations along with educational and scientific cooperation.

Earlier on his arrival at Bangabhaban, the High Commissioner was given a guard of honour by the President's guard of regiment and he took salute and inspected the guard, according to an official release.

Secretary to the President Mohammad Ismail Hossain, Foreign Secretary Syed Muazzem Ali and MSP Major General Jalal Uddin Ahmed were present on the occasion.

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh



Dhaka City Corporation  
Project Implementation Unit  
Dhaka Urban Transport Project

## Corrigendum Notice for Appointment of Management Consultant

Memo No: DUTP/PD/2001 (2)/74(1)

Date: 08/02/2001

IDA Credit No: 3163 BD

IDA Credit Name: Dhaka Urban Transport Project

The following amendments are hereby made for the Notice Memo No-DUTP/PD/2000 (1)/39 dated 18.01. 2001. Invitation for Appointment of Management Consultant under Project Implementation Unit, Dhaka Urban Transport Project, Dhaka City Corporation.

Reference Article	Description	Previous	Present (amended)
4.	Bid must be delivered	On or before. At 12:30 hours on 08/02/2001	On or before. At 12:30 hours on 15/02/2001
6.	Bids shall be opened	At 12:30 hours on 08/02/2001	At 12:30 hours on 15/02/2001

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged and the above corrigendum will be an integral part of the bid documents.

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Project Director

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## Sajib Knitwear and Garments Ltd Notice to the Share Holders

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If any members fails to get the accounts by any mistakes are requested to contact for the same at the Head Office of the Company at 21, Rajuk Avenue, Panbhan Bhaban, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Dhaka-1000.

This notice has been given in accordance with the rules of Securities & Exchange Commission of Bangladesh.

Abdullah Ismail  
Company Secretary

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THE PAN PACIFIC SONARGAON  
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## Director/Head-Finance & Administrative Support

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Director / Head -Finance & Administrative Support is a senior management position, which is expected to provide strategic financial management guidance to the country programme. The major roles of this position would be to ensure overall financial integrity and accountability, evaluate and improve financial performance and involve in finance related development work.

Specific jobs of this position include funding planning, budgets and forecast, financial reporting, financial monitoring & control, managing audit function, capacity building and knowledge management, developing policies, procedures and systems, assess effectiveness and benefit through performance measurement, fulfilling statutory requirement including legal affairs and supervise administrative function.

### Person Specification

- Proven capacity and skills with a recognized qualification (i.e. Professional Accountant or MBA major in Finance) in financial management and a minimum of 3 years experience in positions of senior financial management and accounting, preferably in NGO sector.
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- Good knowledge of computerized accounting software, spreadsheet and word applications.
- Fluent written and oral language skills both in Bangla and English.
- Understanding of the root causes of poverty, gender inequity and marginalisation in Bangladesh is a distinct advantage.

### Salary and Benefit package

The above position attracts highly competitive package for the right candidate.

Interested candidates may send their curriculum vitae with an application, list of three Referees, copy of photograph to Director HR & OD ActionAid, Bangladesh, House CWN(A) 32, Road 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka. E-mail: amin@actionaid-bd.org, no later than 25 February 2001.

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## 2nd CORRIGENDUM

First Para to be read as: "Applications ..... interested Firms / A Joint Venture of Local or Local-Expatriate firm may also apply having wide ..... piling works."

Second Para to be read as: Intending firms ..... during office hours on all working days upto 16<sup>th</sup> February 2001.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- To be read: The firm / Joint Venture must .... during .....
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