

UNFPA introduces media awards

UNB, Dhaka

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has introduced three categories of annual media awards for excellence in population reporting in Bangladesh.

The categories are: English dailies published from Dhaka, Bengali dailies published from Dhaka and English/Bengali dailies published from outside Dhaka.

There will be three prizes in each category.

The first prize is a week-long study tour to a neighbouring country like Sri Lanka, India and China, the second prize carries Tk 50,000 and the third prize Tk 30,000.

Interested journalists are requested to submit their reports on reproductive health, gender is-

sues, adolescent reproductive health, population and environment, HIV/AIDS, etc for this year's awards by June 20, 2002 along with two passport-size photographs.

The reports have to be published in national or regional dailies in the period between January 1, 2002 and June 15, 2002. In the case of Bengali materials, English translation is a must.

The awards will be handed over to winners on July 11, 2002, the World Population Day.

The objectives of the awards are to draw attention to population issues and encourage editors and journalists to acquire more in-depth knowledge on population issues and improve the standard of journalism.



Minister for Science, Information and Communication technology Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan speaking at the launching ceremony of a new centre of Pentasoft at Luxmibazar in the city on Thursday.

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1. Post Title : Business Development Executive

Duties and responsibilities : Assist the CEO to develop the company's business with Infrastructure projects in the private sector; carry out public relations activities for the company; prepare newsletters; encourage publication of papers by line ministry staff and private sector; carry out project promotion activities such that investors are attracted to a particular project; maintain liaison with the clients for obtaining service agreements; provide presentations, information, participate in discussions for structuring the projects etc. as necessary; review and evaluate the work package proposals of time, inputs, deliverables, CVs, etc. from subcontractor expatriate and/or local consultants; manage the Business Development effort in terms of time, inputs, deliverables etc; prepare budgets and an action plan for carrying out business development; assist in the selection of projects, using criteria in the Business Plan; ensure that company's annual Business plan is achieved; assist management in the preparation of the Annual Business Plan and setting the strategic direction of the company.

Qualifications : At least an MBA with a major in Marketing or Finance or a Masters in Marketing. An engineering degree would be an added advantage. Demonstrated experience of at least 5 years in a senior or managerial role in the business development activities of a large private sector concern and selling services to a variety of clients (preferably infrastructure related business). Demonstrated experience in negotiations with clients and with sub-contractor consultants (foreign and local). Excellent communication and presentation (oral and written) skills in Bangla and English. Computer skills including Word, Excel, PowerPoint Experience in meeting sales target set by a company. Excellent interpersonal relationship building and team work skills, and ability to work at all levels of a private or government organization. Demonstrated ability to work under pressure and meet dead lines. Age limit 45 years.

2. Post Title : Competition and Regulation Executive

Duties and responsibilities :

Assist in the design and preparation of private sector participation (PSP) competition in infrastructure projects; advocate policy at a government wide, and line ministry level that promotes private sector participation identify policy and regulatory changes needed; assist in the design of concession contracts; identify existing regulatory mechanisms in Bangladesh and review changes need; maintain a list of best-practices for regulation; work with consultants teams for preparing necessary changes in policy, acts etc; liaise with other agencies involved with setting up regulatory structures; maintain liaison with other international agencies working in the field of regulation such as SAFIR and APEC.

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Submission of application : Please submit applications with curriculum vitae, two(2) copies of photographs and expected salary (gross), addressed to The Advertiser, GPO Box 2348 Dhaka, Bangladesh by 30 April, 2002. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The duration of appointment will be between 2 to 3 years, which may be extended upon mutual agreement. Attractive remuneration package will be offered for all positions. Any direct or indirect solicitation will disqualify candidature.

WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

Imams demand trial of Sharon for war crimes

BSS, Dhaka

Over one hundred of Imams (religious leaders) of different mosques at a protest rally in the city yesterday demanded immediate trial of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for war crimes against the Palestinians.

The participants at the rally, held under the banner of Bangladesh Imam Sanghati Sangsad (BISS) in front of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Juma prayers, urged the Muslim Ummah to boycott all sorts of products from Israel.

The religious leaders also asked the international community to put Ariel Sharon on trial in the International War Crimes Tribunal. The leaders also expressed their solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinians.

"We are prepared to make any sacrifice for the rightful cause of the Palestinians," Chairman of BISS Hafez Moulana Mahmudul Hasan Mamtazi said in the rally.

Among others, Munshi Abdul Quddus, Engineer Abdul Hadi, Habibur Rahman Habib, Hafez Moulana Anisur Rahman and Tolazzal Huq Aziz addressed the rally.

Hashish worth Tk 5 lakh recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cig

CID police recovered hashish worth around Tk.5 lakh from a laundry in the city and arrested two persons in this connection in the early hours of Thursday.

Acting on a tip-off, a special team of CID recovered the hashish in 23 packets weighing 25 kg from the laundry named White House at Halishahar.

Owner of the shop Md. Ali Akber Hossain and the employee Md. Imam Hossain were arrested for their alleged involvement in drug trading.

They were sent to jail custody.

Obituary

Begum Hasina Khatun, wife of late Mir Rahat Ali, of village Kharara under Bheramara upazila in Kushtia, died of a cardiac arrest yesterday morning at the residence of her son at Mirpur in Dhaka at the age of 70, says a press release.

She is survived by six sons, seven daughters, and a number of grand children.

She was laid to rest at their family graveyard in Kushtia last night.

Her quikhwani will be held at her village home on Monday after Asr prayers.



The Friends of Palestine staged a demonstration in front of the Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city yesterday to protest Israeli aggression against the Palestinians.

Wrong diagnosis thru' X-rays blamed for many deaths

BSS, Dhaka

Wrong diagnosis through X-rays claim lives of many each year in the country and these happen due to lack of orientation of the radiologists and radiographers with the latest developments.

This was revealed yesterday at a workshop titled "Kodak Workshop on Radiology and Imaging" jointly organised by the Spark Limited and the Bangladesh Soci-

ety of Radiology and Imaging (BSRI).

Prof Nazrul Islam, president of BSRI, spoke at the inaugural session of the workshop as chief guest, while ASQ Mohammad Sadeque, general secretary of BSRI, Vijay Dave, National Sales Manager of Kodak, India, and Iftekharul Alam, Chairman of Spark Limited, spoke as guests of honour.

The speakers observed that the doctors and technicians in Bangladesh are good in terms of their merit and dedication to profession, but they lacked knowledge of latest developments in different fields of medical science.

"It is our duty to make physicians familiar with the developments in radiology in the developed world," Iftekharul Alam said.

With the access to latest developments in radiology, Alam said, the doctors in the country would be able to provide better treatment to the patients on the basis of accurate test reports.

He also said that introduction of modern radiological equipment in hospitals can also help patients avoid operational sufferings in most cases and high cost.

Vijay Dave observed that the problems of radiology and imaging are similar in the region, including India. He said Kodak, which markets X-ray films since 1962, has taken an initiative to acquaint medical students and doctors with the developments of radiology and imaging.

"Advancement of radiology is rapid, but access to it very slow," he added.

A total of 120 physicians from home and abroad took part in the workshop, first of its kind in the country.

Convocation of Bulbul Lalitkala Academy held

BSS, Dhaka

The convocation of Bulbul Lalitkala Academy, the oldest cultural organisation of the country, was held at the Shishu Academy in the city yesterday.

Industries Minister M K Anwar attended the function as chief guest and distributed certificates among the successful students who completed four-year diploma courses in Nazrul songs, Tagore songs, folk songs, dance, classical music, guitar, tabla, fine arts and violin categories.

Addressing the function, Anwar

said development needed a holistic approach and advance in art, literature and performing arts was necessary side by side with economic development.

He said the Academy has been contributing enormously to the development of art, culture and performing arts in the country since 1955. It is also spreading Bangladesh culture abroad, he added.

The convocation, chaired by the secretary of the Academy Amanullah Chowdhury, was also addressed by its Vice-Principal Syed Lutful Haq.

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2. Schedule consisting all terms & conditions of tender can be purchased at Tk 1000/- (one thousand) per set (non-refundable) from Relief-2 Section of Directorate of Relief Rehabilitation during office hours up to 25-4-2002.

3. Tender should be deposited in tender box kept at this Directorate by 12.00 Noon of 27-4-2002. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

4. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Director (Relief)

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South Asia Adaptation Network launched

UNB, Dhaka

A regional platform, South Asia Adaptation Network (SAAN), was launched here on Thursday to share and adapt to the common adversities of climate change.

The network, initially grouping Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan, will work as a focal point to share knowledge, information and ideas on climate change for a better understanding of the realities and strengthening the adaptive capacities of the countries concerned.

"We'll also work on promotion of integrated social, economic and environmental planning processes to facilitate sustainable development," SAAN Chairman Dr QK Ahmad said, explaining their future aims.

The launching session was followed by a workshop titled "Cooperation for adaptation to climate change in South Asia".

Dr Ahmad presented a paper on "State of Vulnerability and Adaptation in South Asia" focusing on disadvantages of climate change and its variability. He felt that proper adaptation measures could reduce severity to a great extent in the region.

SAAN Executive Secretary Dr Monirul Qader Mirza in his paper projected how climate change and sea-level rise could have substantial impacts on key economic sectors like water, agriculture and health.

Fisheries and Livestock Secretary Dr Zahurul Karim said awareness, education and training are needed by the people, who are more exposed to disasters, to help them adapt to the changes.

Dr Karim, an agriculturist, said there has not been enough research on the crop sector vulnerability caused by climate changes and to develop seed varieties that can sustain higher temperature and salinity.

Retired government secretary QJ Siddique said efficient handling of severe floods in 1998 proved that Bangladesh substantially improved its capability of managing natural disasters.

DCC polls Four-party candidates meet today

BSS, Dhaka

An emergency meeting of the four-party candidates for ward commissioner posts in the Dhaka City Corporation polls will be held at city BNP office at Nayapaltan at 11 am today.

Dhaka city BNP president and Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadek Hossain Khoka has requested the candidates to attend the meeting on time, a party press release said.

Meanwhile, BNP relieved eight party leaders of their posts and suspended their primary memberships for breaking party discipline.

The measures were taken against Sarwar Ali Pintu, Mahmudur Rahman Mithu, Mosharraf Hossain Biltu, Ziauddin Zia, Abdul Baten, Nasir Uddin, Rasheda Wahid Mukta and Keya Jobaer.



Independent Mayoral candidate Advocate Abed Raza addressing a gathering in front of the shrine of Hazrat Shah Ali Bogdadi (RA) at Mirpur in the city after Juma prayers yesterday.

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