



UNICEF-Bangladesh is inviting Letters of Interest (LOI) from eligible research agencies with minimum five (5) years relevant experience in qualitative and quantitative research for conducting baseline survey under the "GOB-UNICEF Environmental Sanitation, Hygiene and Water Supply in Rural Areas Project,"

Interested organisations are requested to collect detailed formatted Letters of Interest for above-mentioned services from reception desk, ground floor UNICEF, Bangladesh Country Office, Sheraton Annex Building, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 BCO or contact email: Nhuda@unicef.org, from April 30, 2002 Tuesday.

Attack on police One arrested in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police arrested one person yesterday on suspicion of involvement in the attack on a police officer who was stabbed in his hands by a gang of miscreants on Saturday evening.

The gang swooped on a police team and snatched away two peshkash sellers the team arrested from Salutar Bazaar under Gowainghat upazila. A case has been lodged against eight people in this connection. Additional SP of Sylhet said.

Police Inspector Khurshid Alam, also the OC of Gowainghat thana, accompanied by a police team, was returning to the thana from the Sunamganj district headquarters on Saturday evening. On the way, they arrested two people from Salutar bazaar.

But the accomplices of the arrested made the attack on the police and snatched away two arrested persons. At one stage, the miscreants stabbed on the right hand of the police Inspector.

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The Bangladesh Awami Sechhchasebak League took to the street in the city yesterday demanding immediate release of its leader Nirmal Goswami.

40000 die of kidney disease a yr

BSS, Dhaka

At least 40,000 people die of kidney diseases annually while 10 million others are suffering from various types of renal problems in the country.

Prof Dr Harun-Ur-Rashid, Chairman, Department of Nephrology, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) and President of Bangladesh Renal Association (BRA), told BSS that kidney deaths could be reduced to a great extent by setting up more kidney hospitals both in private and public sectors.

He said the country lacks adequate facilities for dialysis, which increases the number of death. "The kidney institute also should be made fully functional," he added.

President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury recently inaugurated a kidney bank to preserve kidneys for transplantation.

Prof Harun said 15,000 out of 40,000, who die of kidney diseases, suffer from acute or sudden kidney failures and the rest die of chronic renal failures.

Shamsuzzaman Selim elected Khetmazur Samity president

BSS, Dhaka

Shamsuzzaman Selim has been elected president of the Bangladesh Khetmazur Samity.

He was made president in the extended meeting of the central committee of Khetmazur Samity held on Saturday with Mujahedul Islam Selim in the chair.

In the meeting, Mujahedul Islam Selim and Jayad Al-Malum were relieved of the post of president and executive president respectively.

Besides, Joynal Khan, Hasan Mollah and Motaleb Hossain were also relieved of the central executive committee.

He said diarrhoea, vomiting, excessive bleeding, severe infection, side effects of anti-biotic and other medicines and pre-and-post operation complications are the reasons behind acute kidney failures.

He said in the developed countries the cost of kidney treatment is provided by the national health service or health insurers. But in a developing country like Bangladesh the cost is being borne by the patient's family.

BSMMU can provide dialysis to 30 to 40 patients a day. For this a patient has to pay Tk 20,000 in every six months. At a private clinic the cost is much higher, he added.

For kidney transplantation, a patient has to pay Tk 60,000 to 70,000. Besides, a patient needs to spend Tk 50,000 to 60,000 for post operative treatment and laboratory fees. But at a private clinic the cost about Tk two lakh.

Prof Harun said 90 per cent of the country's kidney patients are unable to bear this high cost.

The specialist physician urged the affluent section of society to come forward to establish kidney hospitals to save "thousands of lives."

"In many countries kidney related instruments and medicines are tax-free, but in our country these are not yet totally tax-free," he said.

Kidney transplantation is being done, one in every week, in the BSMMU hospital since 1988. He said adding a private clinic has

New vice-dist governor of Lions club

Lion Nazmul Haque has been elected vice-district governor of the Lions Club International District 315B1, Bangladesh for the period of 2002-2003, says a press release.

A dedicated social worker, Haque joined Lionism in 1985. He is also a successful business executive and presently vice president of GETCO Ltd. Dealer of Caterpillar Inc. USA.

He is associated with many educational institutions. Lion Haque is a life member of Bangladesh Lions Foundation. He is a keen golfer and member of Bangladesh Golf Federation.

Obituary

BSS, Rajshahi

Music Director of Bangladesh Betar and Eminent Musician and Singer AHM Rafique Hablu passed away at a city clinic in Dhaka on Saturday evening at the age of 58.

He left behind his wife, three daughters, relatives and a host of admirers to mourn his death. He was laid to rest at Kadirganj graveyard in Rajshahi after namaj-e-janaza yesterday.

Rajshahi Betar Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha, Loli Tokola Academy, Shilpashrom, Sargum Sangeet School and Sangeet Shikha Bhaban have expressed deep shock at the death of Hablu Bhai and condoled the bereaved family, a press release said.



CIRDAP Staff Welfare Assoc executives

A nine-member executive committee of the Staff Welfare Association, CIRDAP (SWAC) has been elected unanimously in the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) recently with Samir Kumar Roy and Nasim-Al-Rashid as its president and general secretary respectively, says a press release.

Other office-bearers of the committee are Md Saiful Azam - vice-president; Md Akramullah - Treasurer; and David Hilton, Jahangir Alam, Shankar C Das, Sohail Akhter, and Abdur Rahman Mollah - members. The Director General of CIRDAP, Dr Mya Maung, is the Patron-in-Chief of SWAC.

Release of Sikder, Babu demanded BCL agitation begins tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday announced a series of programmes demanding unconditional release of their detained president Liaqat Sikder and general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu.

The programmes will begin tomorrow with protest rallies and processions across the country. BCL will hold meetings and bring out processions in all educational institutions on May 2, submit memorandum to the Home Ministry through deputy commissioners on May 5 and launch a signature campaign on May 6.

They will also arrange rallies and processions in Dhaka on May 10 arms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered 10 firearms and 39 bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6 pm yesterday.

They arrested ten people in connection with the seizure of arms and lodged eight cases against them under the Arms Act, a Police Headquarters press release said.

7 and 9, form a human chain in Dhaka on May 11, arrange a token hunger strike on May 13 and submit a memorandum to the Home Ministry on May 15.

BCL acting president Marufa Akhter Popy announced the programmes at a press conference yesterday at the Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium.

BCL's acting general secretary Saifuzzaman Shikhor, Balaram Poddar, Ashraful Azim Rubon, Abdul Wadud Khokon, Mihir Kanfi Ghoshal, ASM Masud Dulal, Khan Molnul Hossain Mostaq and Zakir Hossain Maruf were present, among others.

Liaqat Sikder and Nazrul Islam Babu were elected president and general secretary of BCL on April 3.

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NOTICE INVITING NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of the Company that in view of recent notification of Securities and Exchange Commission, a new auditor of the company will be appointed at the 17th Annual General Meeting to be held on 22 May 2002 as per Agenda No. 4 of the Notice dated 22 March 2002 already published in the Newspapers.

Accordingly, nominations for appointment as auditors of the company for 2002 are hereby invited from the shareholders so as to reach the same at the registered office of the company not later than 5 May 2002 along with a consent letter from the proposed Auditors.

By Order of the Board MANAGING DIRECTOR Dated: Dhaka, 29 April 2002

Southeast University (Government Approved) A. R. Tower [8th, 9th & 10th Floor] 24, Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka-1213

CAREER OPPORTUNITY in DANIDA-PSU The Royal Danish Embassy / Danida has established a new Programme Support Unit (PSU), to assist RDE in the management of its Human Rights & Good Governance Programme (HRGGP).

Career Opportunity The Premier Bank invites applications for the following posts for the Information Technology Division having requisite qualifications mentioned against each.