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Vacancy Announcement

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for following positions on contractual services for an **Impact Study** in project areas in the Northern part of Bangladesh.

Research Coordinator/Consultant (Male/Female)-1

Key Responsibilities :

The Research Coordinator is expected to conduct and co-ordinate an impact study according to given terms of reference. The studies will include working periods in the field up to 6 weeks. Total period of work will be initially for 6 months, but extendable. He/she need to serve as the point of reference for team members, submit reports regularly according to agreement, takes responsibility for assignments carried out and funds spent during the studies and complies with all directive given by the team leader.

Profile :

- Masters degree in Anthropology or an academic degree in a similar field
- Working experience within development work in rural areas of Bangladesh including experience on data collection, data analysis and report writing.
- Excellent communication skills in English and Bengali, both spoken and written
- Familiarity with MS Word, Excel and Outlook

Social Worker/Consultants- 2 (male-1, female-1)

Key Responsibilities :

The social worker is expected to participate in and contribute to an impact study according to given terms of reference. The study will include working periods in the field up to 6 weeks. The work will consist of desk studies of files and compiled reports and collection of data in the field. Various methods, such as formal and non-formal interviews, group discussions and participatory observation will be used. Total duration of work will be initially for 6 months, but extendable.

Profile :

- Academic degree in Sociology, Social Welfare or in similar field
- Well documented concrete working experience within development work in rural areas of Bangladesh including experience on interviewing, data analysis and report writing.
- Excellent communication skills in English and Bengali, both spoken and written.
- Familiarity with MS Word, Excel and Outlook.

Interpreter/Consultant-1 (male/female)

Key Responsibilities :

English/Bengali Interpreter with concrete experience of oral translation for 3 months of research in rural Bangladesh. The interpreter is expected to participate in and contribute to an Impact study according to given terms of reference. The study will include working periods in the field up to 6 weeks. The work will consist of translation of the local dialect to English and of English to Bengali/local dialect.

Profile :

- Master degree in English
- Well documented concrete working experience with translation between English and Bengali
- Fluency in spoken English and Bengali and capability to translate from the local dialect to Bengali and English and from English to the local dialect.

Food, accommodation and transport facility will be provided by the employer during the study in fields. Knowledge about rehabilitation of blind or other physically handicapped persons will be given preference for all posts. All members of the study team should be highly gender sensitive, friendly and willing to work with team spirit.

Interested persons may send applications with full confidence along with detailed resume and 2 copies of recent passport size photographs to Box No. A-2259, C/o. The Daily Star, 19, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215 mentioning the **expected salary** by 31st May 2002. Only short listed candidates will be called in the interview.

'Reforms in legal system a must'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Law and Justice Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday said major reforms would be made in the country's legal system for ensuring speedy justice.

He said the government is committed to the separation of judiciary and necessary laws will be enacted for encouraging and protecting foreign investments.

Moudud was speaking on 'Importance of Judicial Reforms in Bangladesh' at a meeting of the

American Chamber (AMCHAM) at hotel Sheraton in the city yesterday.

Chamber President Aftabul Islam, Executive Secretary M A Gafur and US ambassador to Bangladesh Mary Ann Peters were present on the occasion.

The law minister spoke about the multi-layered legal system where litigants have to wait sometimes 10 to 20 years to obtain justice.

He said nearly one million cases are pending in different

courts of the country and emphasised that something must be done to reduce the delay in administering justice.

"We are thinking of a permanent prosecution system. What happens is that prosecutors are appointed by the government and when government goes, they also go. So cases are not pursued", he added.

Moudud said the government has already enacted some new laws and brought changes to some old ones to give further protection to foreign investments in the country.

13 arms seized

BSS, Dhaka

Police recovered 13 firearms and six lethal weapons along with 25 bullets from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6:00 pm yesterday.

They arrested 15 people in connection with the arms recovery and lodged nine cases against them under the Arms Act, a police headquarter press release said yesterday.

Police also arrested 1633 people, including six identified criminals, during the period. Of them, 780 were arrested under warrant and 853 in connection with different cases under investigation.

Tree plantation drive begins June 15

BSS, Dhaka

Environment and Forest Minister Shujahan Siraj yesterday underlined the need for massive tree plantation for protecting the country from natural calamities.

He said an extensive mass movement would be launched centering the three-month tree plantation drive beginning June 15.

The minister was addressing an inter-ministerial meeting on implementation of 'Tree Plantation Drive-2002' at the Environment Ministry here.

State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, Secretary to the Environment and Ministry Sabihuddin Ahmed and other concerned high officials of different ministries and departments attended the meeting.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the Tree Plantation Drive and Tree Fair-2002 on June 15 at National Parade ground. This year's theme of the drive is 'Plant Fruit and Herbal Trees for Healthy and Fair Life'.

The meeting discussed different ways and means to increase tree plantation through participa-

tion of people from all walks of life.

The meeting also decided to plant trees at a specific place of the country by the ministers, advisors, state ministers, whips, deputy ministers, members of parliament and diplomats.

Decision on raising a garden of herbal trees in a specific area was also taken at the meeting.

Workshop on elocution

The English Department Drama Society (EDDS) of Dhaka University organised a workshop on elocution to improve the quality of speech of its members on May 14, says a press release.

Conducted by Prof Kaiser Hamidul Haque, the workshop was addressed by EDDS Advisor Tahmina Ahmed and President Takad Ahmed Chowdhury.

At the workshop, the participants were taught how to improve the speech in English with correct pronunciation and proper stress.

It was decided that EDDS will hold more such workshop in near future to boost its activities.

Seminar on health care June 6

Dhaka Community Hospital & Institute of Community Health-Bangladesh will organise a seminar on "State of Health Care in Bangladesh -- Present & Future" at Dhaka Community Hospital Auditorium on June 6, at 10:00 am, says a press release.

Participants are from: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Finance and ERD, Planning Commission, Members of Parliament, UP Chairmen, National-International Academicians, Civil Society, Private Health Care Personnel, Private Health Care Organisations, Community Leaders, doctors' organisations like BMA, DAB, BPMFA, Nurse, Paramedics, Palli Chikitsak, journalists, donors and UN agencies.

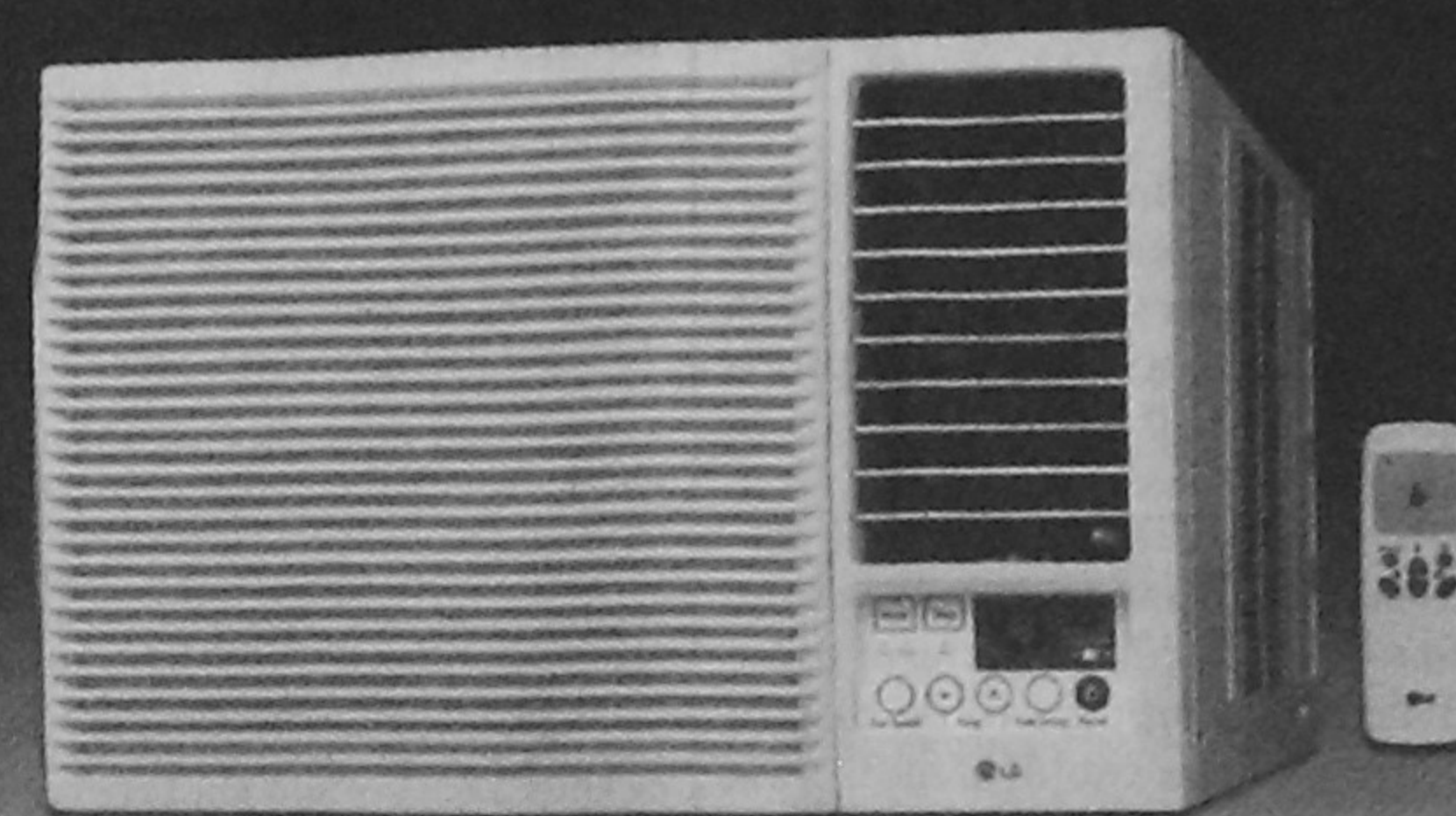
Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Qulkhwani of Dr Shireen Kazi will be held at House No 6, Road No 104, Gulshan after Asr prayers tomorrow, says a press release.

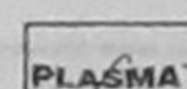
Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani.

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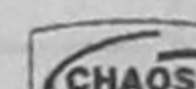
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