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The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), a civil society think-tank, is planning to recruit for its core staff a number of qualified professionals who are interested to pursue a career which demands commitment, initiative and creativity.

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The candidate will be a mid-level researcher having a PhD in Economics (any specialisation) or an advanced academic degree in Economics or related subjects from a reputed foreign university and having an academic (research/teaching) experience of at least five years. The position carries a starting package of Tk. 25,000 per month.

Non-resident Bangladeshi scholars who would like to work for 1-2 years in Bangladesh are also encouraged to apply.

Research Associates

The ideal candidate will have a Masters degree (in Economics, Business Studies, International Relations or related Social Sciences) with at least three First Classes. Requirements may be relaxed for candidates with foreign degree and/or significant publications. S/he will work as a member of the core research team at CPD. The position carries a starting package of Tk. 10,000 per month.

Executive Assistant for the Chief Executive

The ideal candidate will have successfully completed a degree from a recognised university. S/he must be proficient in both English and Bangla and have excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Candidate should be proficient in operating MS Office, particularly Word, Excel, PowerPoint and e-mail; managing files, databases and office correspondence; planning, organising and reporting on administrative issues; and dealing with high-level executives and officials. Relevant international exposure will be an asset. Consideration will be given for both educational achievement and work experience. The selected candidate will be offered a competitive compensation.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. Those who have applied earlier need not apply again.

Interested candidates should provide their resume and a photograph by mail, fax or electronic mail by July 20, 2002. Contact Address: CPD, GPO Box 2129, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh. Fax: (880 2) 8130951; E-mail: cpd@bdonline.com; Website: www.cpd-bangladesh.org

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Vacancy Announcement

**COUNTRY DIRECTOR
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ActionAid is an international non-governmental development organization with its mission "to work with poor and marginalized women, men, girls and boys to eradicate poverty and injustice and inequity that cause it".

ActionAid as a member of the ActionAid Alliance, works in 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Caribbean regions in partnership with CBOs, NGOs, social movements, people's organization and activists. ActionAid's poverty eradication programmes focus on equity, dignity and rights of poor and marginalized people and communities. ActionAid's innovative projects, social mobilisation and policy advocacy work address issues like gender inequity, livelihood, food security, education, governance, trafficking of women/children and HIV/AIDS. ActionAid engages critically with the government, international development organizations and private companies to ensure pro-poor policies, programmes and practices.

We have an excellent track record of innovative and effective work in Bangladesh for the last 20 years. Currently, our work expands to 24 districts in Bangladesh reaching over half a million poor and marginalised people. We work in partnership with more than 50 local NGOs, networks and other civil society groups on issues of critical relevance to poor people at local level through sustained policy advocacy work and campaigns.

We are looking for an activist leader with empowering management practise for expanding and deepening our partnerships, programmes and accountability in the country. Actively committed to gender equity, our Country Director will be value driven and will have the perspectives, skills and abilities for rights-based project and policy advocacy work; fundraising and donor relations; regional and international linkages and for organizational development. A proven track record in taking public stands against issues of injustice against the poor would be highly desirable.

This is a senior position based in Dhaka with frequent travel to the field and a fair amount of international travel. It would be appropriate for persons with commitment to and relevant direct experience in Bangladesh. The candidates must be able to communicate well in writing and verbally in Bangla and English.

Women candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Application with a copy of the latest CV with the names of two referees must reach the following address latest by 30th July 2002 : Asia Regional Office, 13th Floor, Rajdamri Road, Pathumwan, Lumpini, Bangkok 10330, Thailand.
Email: job@actionaidasia.org

We will be able to respond to the shortlisted candidates only for the interview, which will take place in Dhaka during the week of 26th August 2002.

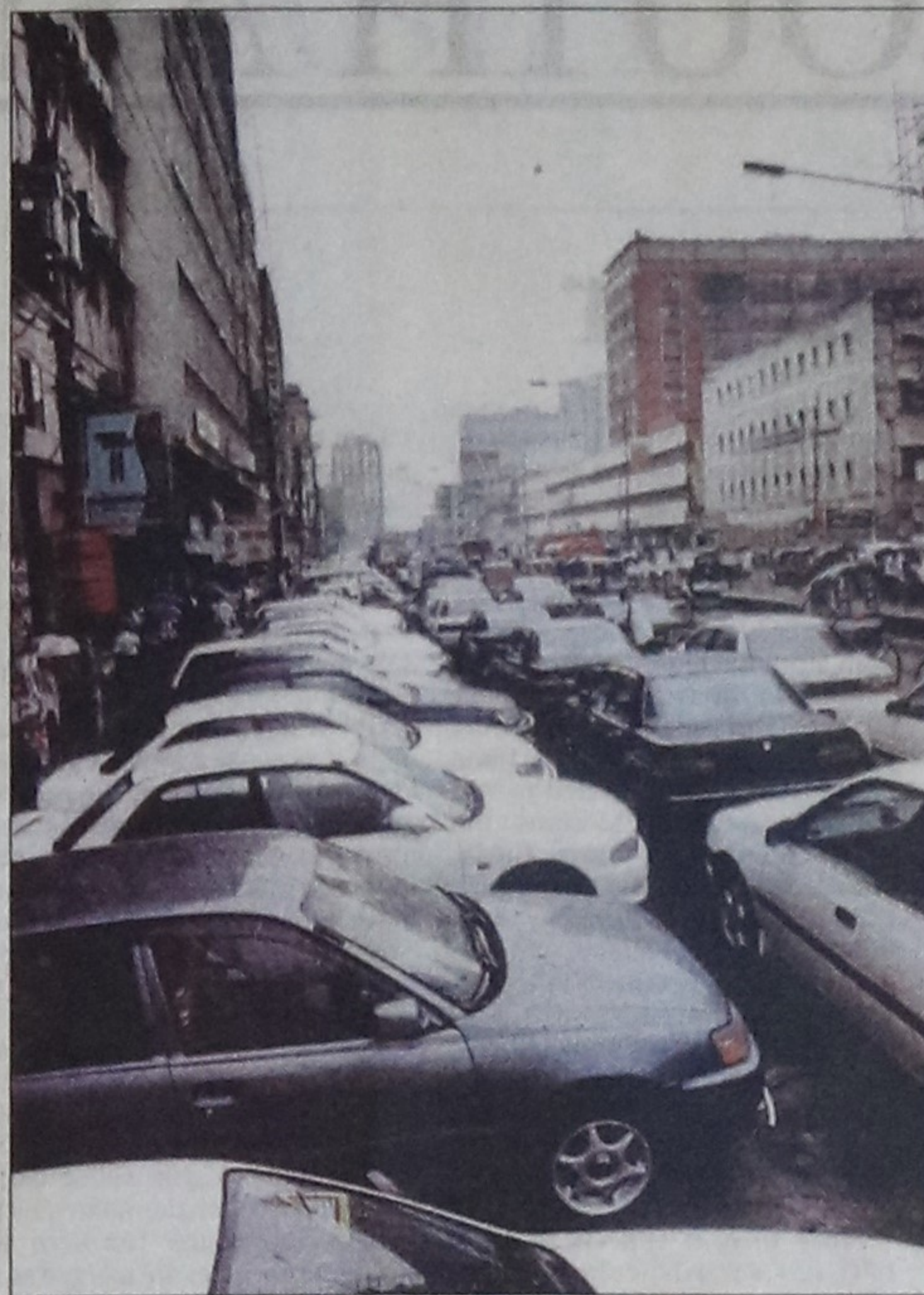


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Haphazard parking of vehicles in Molijheel area is one of the main reasons for traffic congestion as it reduces the road space.

Three per cent of population carrier Of Hepatitis-C

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some three percent of the total population of Bangladesh is the carrier of Hepatitis-C, the deadly virus that slowly damages liver cells leading to severe illness.

Hepatitis-C is positive in about six percent of all the blood donors in Bangladesh and among them around 60 percent develops liver cirrhosis leading to liver cancer.

According to an estimate of the World Health Organisation, there are some 25 crore individuals who are infected with this virus worldwide including 3,00,00,000 in India and 1,10,00,000 in Pakistan.

"Hepatitis-C or the 'silent disease' cannot be detected for years unless the disease develops into liver cirrhosis," said Prof Stanislas Pol, a renowned French hepatologist recently visited Bangladesh.

"The virus remains dormant for several years before it makes deadly strike that can even lead to cancer from cirrhosis," said the French doctor.

Hepatitis-C virus is found in the blood, and so it is transmitted from one person to another through transfusion of virus-affected blood or use of the same needle or syringe used by the affected person. These are the common ways through which it can be transmitted.

The disease develops slowly because it requires the deposition of collagen fibers in the liver and the formation of a scar which is really a slow process.

Prof Mobin Khan, head of the hepatology department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital said this is a silent disease because majority of the affected people don't have a lot of symptoms. It takes 15 to 20 years to get scarring or cirrhosis in the liver.

Prof Khan, however, said it's not only silent in most people but also doesn't develop into cirrhosis in all cases. So we shouldn't be terribly alarmed about this.

Doctors at a recently held symposium on 'Management of

Chronic Hepatitis-C' said a new drug, Pegasys, a revolutionary innovation of Roche Pharmaceutical Company has showed a glimmer of hope to the millions of people.

Studies showed that the drug has 61 percent success rate in curing the disease. Some 30 countries are now using the drug, approved by the European Union.

"Patients would no longer have to travel outside for treatment of liver cirrhosis developed from Hepatitis-C. However, there is a need for awareness among the common people about the disease," said Naser Shahreer Zahede, managing director of Roche, Bangladesh.

Int'l Cooperative Day tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

International Cooperative Day will be observed in the country tomorrow as elsewhere across the world.

The theme of this year's Cooperative Day is 'Society and Cooperative: Concerned for Community'.

To mark the day, LGRD and

Cooperatives Ministry has drawn up elaborate programmes, including a colourful rally. LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will lead the rally from Paltan Maidan at 8 am.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Ziaul Haque Zia, Deputy Minister Advocate Ruhul Kuddus Talukder Dulu and mem-

bers of different national and primary cooperative societies will join the rally.

A discussion meeting will also be held at Osmani Memorial Hall.

To strengthen cooperative movement in the country, the government has already amended the Cooperative Societies Act, said an official release.



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For more details, please refer to the information Pamphlet available at the above offices. This pamphlet provides useful information on visa application submission, interview and passport delivery process.

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Jamiruddin visits Shahabuddin at CMH

BSS, Dhaka

Acting President Barrister Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday visited former President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at the Dhaka CMH.

Justice Shahabuddin underwent cataract surgery on July 3 at the hospital.

Acting President enquired about his health and wished him early recovery.

Sanskritik Jote confec today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The fifth conference of 'Sammilito Sanskritik Jote' will be held today at 10 am at the Mahila Samity Auditorium, says a press release.

Poet Shamsur Rahman will inaugurate the conference. Ramendu Majumder will preside over the inaugural programme while a number of cultural personalities will speak on the occasion. It will be followed by a procession.

The council session of the organisation will take place in the afternoon.

