

World Bank lauds Supreme Court

BSS, Dhaka
The World Bank (WB) has lauded the role of Bangladesh Supreme Court in ensuring good governance and stressed the need for providing adequate support to the judiciary to make law enforcement prompt and effective.

Appreciating the existing role of the Supreme Court, the WB in a recent report on reforming the governance in Bangladesh, said the higher court in the country is widely recognised and respected as the ultimate guarantor of citizens' rights under the Constitution.

"Protecting and enhancing this independent role is crucial to achieving good governance," the report said.

It pointed out that the Supreme Court in many cases has been issuing orders requiring the government to justify its actions. The roots of this activism appear to lie in the Court's growing willingness to order the release of individuals detained under the country's preventive detention act.

This assertion of judicial power has now extended beyond individual human rights cases, the report added.

It mentioned that in 1995 the Appellate Division, Bangladesh's highest court, ruled that an environmental NGO had a sufficient interest in the impact of a pro-

posed flood action plan to bring suit on behalf of itself and those who would be displaced by the plan's implementation.

Since then, the report said, there have been more than 30 major public interest litigation (PIL) cases brought in Bangladesh. These appear to have had a significant impact. On occasion the Court has ordered the government to refrain from certain actions.

In April 1999, perhaps it was the most far reaching case to date where the police were instructed not to arrest or detain a member of an opposition political party without first seeking the Court's permission.

The report said it was an extraordinary order by common law standards and it was only issued after the Court found a troubling pattern of police harassment.

The pivotal role of the judiciary in Bangladesh's accountability system underlines the importance of moving forward with the judicial reform programme that has been under preparation for the last three years.

The report suggested that by computerising the court's records and case management, upgrading their facilities, supporting initiatives to improve management of physical and human resources, and providing better training for justices, the rule of law could be enhanced in Bangladesh.

Directive to take action against untrained navigators

BSS, Dhaka
Shipping Minister Lt Col (ret'd) Akbar Hossain yesterday directed the authorities concerned to take stern actions against operation of passenger launches by untrained navigators.

The minister gave the directive while visiting the Dock Personnel Training Centre under Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) at Narayanganj. Shipping Secretary Ghulam Rahman and BIWTA Chairman M Shahidul Islam Chowdhury were present on the occasion.

Akbar Hossain expressed dissatisfaction at the dispatch of only five navigators in place of 25 to the training programme and called upon the private launch owners to send more navigators for training.

Acting president assents to three bills

BSS, Dhaka
Acting President Barrister Muhammad Jamiruddin Sircar yesterday gave assent to three bills passed by the third session of the 8th parliament.

The bills are: Sylhet City Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2002, Barisal City Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2002 and the Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (Amendment) Bill, 2002.

14 air pollution check posts in city soon

BSS, Dhaka
As many as 14 air pollution check posts will be set up in different parts of the capital soon to curb emission of black smoke and other toxic gases that pose health hazards.

Forest and Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj told the news agency that new laws will also be enacted soon to penalise vehicles emitting black smoke in the city streets.

He said it would be made mandatory for all diesel- and petrol-run vehicles to have catalytic converter and filters. All vehicles should pay Tk 5,000 in fines if found as first-time offenders.

The minister said that if the vehicles violate the air-pollution related rules for the second time they will have to pay Tk 10,000 in fines. And the third-time offenders will face one-year imprisonment.

Director General of the Environment Directorate Hedayetul Islam said environment inspectors in 14 check posts with assistance from Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) will enforce the air-pollution related rules.

He said the directorate has set up one Continuous Air Monitoring Station (CAMS) near the Jatiya Sangsad. The Environment Directorate will set up more such stations in other parts of the capital, he added.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina visited ailing Marzina Khanam, a protocol officer to the former prime minister, at BIRDEM hospital in the city yesterday.

New textbooks for madrassah students next yr

BSS, Dhaka
New textbooks for Ebtedayi, Dakhil and Alim classes of Madrassah Education Board will be distributed from next academic year.

Decision to form an 'expert committee' has also been taken for formulating the curriculum and syllabus of Madrassah education to make the course more modern and scientific.

The decision was taken at a joint meeting of the committee of textbook revision and supervision, and subject-wise specialists at the education ministry with its president and vice chancellor of Islamic University Dr Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman in the chair.

A revised textbook report of Ebtedayi, Dakhil and Alim level was also handed over to the education minister during the meeting.



Light rain likely

UNB, Dhaka
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at few places over Khulna, and Rajshahi divisions with moderately heavy falls at places during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.4 degree Celsius was recorded at Syedpur and the lowest of 24.4 degree at Dhaka.

The sun sets in the capital at 6.48 pm today and rises at 5:22 am tomorrow.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.7	24.4	83	71
Chittagong	30.4	26.5	85	75
Rajshahi	34.0	26.8	81	72
Khulna	32.5	28.0	82	73
Barisal	31.2	26.5	92	78
Sylhet	33.7	26.8	88	--
Cox's Bazar	32.7	26.0	85	85

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A 100% export oriented Textiles Dyeing & Finishing Industry requires the following highly experienced, hard working and result oriented professional for its factory at Bhaluka, Mymensingh.
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CORRIGENDUM TO INVITATION FOR BIDS
Invitation for Bids for the Design-Build and Turnkey Contract for Construction of Mymensingh P.S.- Joydeypur 132kV Double Circuit Transmission Line published in the Daily Star on July 15, 2002 has been amended as follows:
a. "All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US\$ 250,000" shall be replaced by "All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US\$ 250,000" in item 7.
All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.
Mohammed Salim
Company Secretary

JOB VACANCY
CARE-Bangladesh invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of **Assistant Project Coordinator (Capacity)** for BUILD Project. This is a Bogra based position and requires extensive field trips to other parts of the country.
Major Responsibilities and Task:
The incumbent is responsible for ensuring quality design, implementation and evaluation of Capacity Building training interventions. This will include; assessment of training needs, development of strategies and designing of training packages for the staff, elected representatives, counterpart officials and NGOs. S/he will also maintain liaison and networking with the Training Institutes of GOB, NGOs. S/he will ensure effective and efficient use of project resources including staff development and performance management, training, budget, logistic support and procurement of training materials. The incumbent will facilitate and oversee financial and administrative management.
Required Qualifications and Competencies:
- Minimum Bachelor degree in any discipline
- 7 years working experience in development organization and 5 years experience in staff supervision and performance management.
- Good knowledge on participatory training methods.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Good experience in monitoring project activities including training intervention, assessing strengths and weaknesses, and adjusting strategies based on the lesson learned
- Good communication skills in both verbal and written in Bangla and English
- Good understanding of MS-Office application (including word, Excel)
- Abilities to contribute to designing project AIP, MYP and prepare PIR.
Compensation: Take home package is around Tk. 31,693.00 per month. Other admissible benefits as per organizational policy after confirmation. In addition 32.5% housing allowance on basic salary will be entitled if the incumbent is married and his/her family resides in Dhaka.
Interested candidates who fulfill the above requirements are requested to apply with a curriculum vitae including names and addresses of two referees, a recent photograph, a forwarding letter, on or before **31st July 2002 to the Advertiser, Box No-A-3176 C/O, The Daily Star, 19, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka.** Only short listed candidates shall be called for interview. Please mention the position applied for on the top of the envelope.
Qualified women are encouraged to apply
Internal & External candidates will be treated equally
ANY PERSUASION WILL BE TREATED AS THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE CANDIDATE
Candidates those who applied for the position earlier need not to apply.

RUPALI BANK LIMITED
Engineering Division
Head Office (7th floor)
34, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka- 1000
TENDER NOTICE
Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Electrical Contractors for renovation & reconstruction of existing Electrical System of Rupali Sadan Bhaban, 156-157, Motijheel C/A Dhaka. Interested firms may collect Tender Schedule From the office of the undersigned during office hours up to 07-08-2002 on payment of Tk = 500/- (five hundred only) in the form of Pay Order (non refundable) from any scheduled bank in favour of "Rupali Bank Ltd. Head Office, Dhaka." Earnest money @ 2 1/2 % of the quoted price must be submitted along with the tender in the form of pay order from any scheduled bank in favour of "Rupali Bank Ltd. Head office, Dhaka." without which no tender will be accepted.
Eligibility:
The intending Contractor will have to take prior permission in writing from the Deputy General Manager showing the original copies of the following documents for purchasing of Tender document:
1) Satisfactory documentary evidence showing their past experience and specialization in the supply, installation, testing & commissioning of minimum 500 KVA, 11/0.415 KV Power sub-station in any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous Organizations. The certificates supported by work order must be issued by the Engineer/Officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer.
2) First Class Current Enlistment certificate in Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous Organization for this particular nature of works (not applicable for reputed foreign manufacturer)
3) Financial solvency certificate from any scheduled bank, upto date Municipal Trade Licence, upto date Income Tax clearance certificate, TIN & VAT Registration certificate are to be furnished
4) Valid ABC contractory and supervisory electrical licence in original is to be shown while obtaining of Tender Schedule and copy of which is to be attached
5) The tenderers are requested to visit/inspect the existing electrical system and get well acquainted with the conditions (present power supply system to be uninterrupted at the cost of the contractor till completing new system) of the site for scope of works and the present available space before submission of tender
The tenders are to be dropped in the tender box kept at 7th floor up to 1.00 pm on 08-08-2002 which will be opened on the same date at 2.30 pm by the Tender committee in presence of the bidders (who may like to remain present) or on the following date for any unavoidable circumstances. No schedule will be issued on the opening date.
The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the Tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.
Deputy General Manager
Engineering Division

DHAKA TODAY
Film show
The Film Academy will screen a French film titled 'La Cage Aux Folles' to celebrate the Bastille Day of France. Venue: 21/C Jigatola. Time: 6:00pm.
Rotary meeting
The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhanmondi Dhaka will be held. It will be followed by a talk on 'Thoughts on Fair Examination' by Prof Mohammad Junaid, chairman, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education. Venue: Dhaka Club. Time: 5:30pm.
Launching ceremony
Wintel Limited organises the launching ceremony of world renowned vtech mobile phone. Venue: Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 11:00am.
Grand rally
Cable Operators Association of Bangladesh will organise a grand rally demanding the withdrawal of VAT. Venue: Engineers' Institute auditorium. Time: 11:50am.
Classical music
Alliance Francaise will host a classical music evening presented by renowned Indian classical vocalist Kalpana Bhattacharya. Venue: La Galerie of Alliance Francaise. Time: 7:00pm.

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UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Project title: **Appropriate Resources for Improving Street Children Environment (ARISE)**
UNOPS/UNDP is seeking proposals from any national or international NGO registered with the relevant government authorities, experienced in providing counselling services, training, joyful learning techniques through Bangla. NGO/organisation with working experience in counselling of disadvantaged/vulnerable children is eligible to apply.
This project supports the children with provision of appropriate vocational training/education, as well as access to safe shelters and drop-in centers, health services and counselling. The services required are imparting training on specific techniques for the Psychological Counselling of street children, who have distinct and different needs for psychological support than ordinary children. In this connection the scope of the work will require but is not limited to reviewing all related studies, documents about the psychological problems of the street children and developing a proposal for imparting psychological counselling training. If you think your firm/institution is qualified to submit a proposal and is able to provide the services, you may obtain a copy of the UNOPS Request For Proposal (RFP) (including a detailed terms of reference) by visiting or writing to:
UNDP Dhaka - Procurement Unit (UN Reception Desk on 14th Floor), IDB Bhaban, E/8-A, Begum Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, 1207, Bangladesh
or emailing request to **HelplineKL@unops.org**
All proposals must respond and conform to the requirements of the UNOPS RFP, and submitted to the above UNDP Procurement Unit.
The closing date for submission of proposals is close of business 28th July 2002.
Please note that:
* proposals received after the closing date will not be considered.
* only the selected firm/institution (if any firm is selected) will be notified.