

Mymensingh cinema blasts Arrest of culprits demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political and socio-cultural organisations yesterday continued to send in their strong protest and condemnation of the Mymensingh cinema bombings that killed at least 17 persons and injured hundreds others on Saturday.

Demanding immediate investigation into the serial bombings of the four cinema halls, leaders of the organisations demanded of the government to arrest the culprits and mete out exemplary punishments to them.

In a written statement yesterday, Dr. Qazi Faruque Ahmed, president of ADAB said the blasts at Mymensingh were part of a 'serial bombing conspiracy' the likes of which were earlier executed at different cultural programmes to destroy the 'Bangalee culture'.

He said ADAB strongly protested such barbaric acts and demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the culprits.

Sigma Huda and Masuda Gaus, secretary-general and executive director respectively of the Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR), expressed their deep shock at the bombing incidents and conveyed their sympathy to the members of be-

reaved family of the victims. They hoped the one-member inquiry committee of Justice Sultan Hossain Khan formed by the government would be able to successfully investigate the incident and that the culprits would be given stern punishment.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad acting president Selma Khaleque

Baul Samity formed UNB, Dhaka

Mohammad Makhan Dewan has been elected president and Mohammad Alam Dewan general secretary of the Bangladesh Baul Shilpi Samity (BBSS) recently.

The other office-bearers are vice-presidents M Shaheed Dewan, M Abul Sarker, M Suruj Dewan, M Razzak Dewan and M Pagal Monir, assistant general secretaries M Julhash Dewan, M Nurtaf Dewan and M Shahjahan Boyati, organising secretary M Sohrab Hossain, treasurer M Torab Ali Dewan, cultural secretary M Babul Sarker, social welfare secretary M Abdul Hye Dewan, women affairs secretary Momtaz Begum, publicity secretary Newaz Ali Dewan, office secretary M Habib Sarker, and executive members Mirza Shamsul Alam, M Bakul Boyati, A Malek Sarker (Bhandari) and M Jamal Hossain.

and general secretary Avesha Khanam in a statement condemned the bombings and urged the administration and the government to ensure proper medical treatment for the injured.

In a joint statement, Sammito Sangskritik Jote president Nasiruddin Yusuf and general secretary Golam Quddus, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation chairman Mamunur Rashid and secretary general Liakat Ali Lucky, Bangladesh Patha Natak Parishad president Mannan Hira and general secretary Mizanur Rahman, Bangladesh Abriti Samannoy Parishad president Asaduzzaman Nur and general secretary Hasan Arif, and Bangladesh Charu Shilpi Sangsad president Hashem Khan and general secretary Maniruzzaman strongly condemned the incident and demanded immediate punishment to the perpetrators of all bombing incidents through trial in special tribunal.

Among others who also condemned the bomb attack are Jatiya Party (N-F) president Md. Nazir Rahman and general secretary Qazi Firoz Rashid, Dhaka Lawyers' Association president SM Sultan Hossain and general secretary Md. Sana Ullah Mia, Dhaka University Film Society, and Jatiya Sramik League president Abdus Salam Khan and general secretary Ahsan Ullah Master MP.



Awami League leaders offered munajat after a gayebana janaza at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday for those killed in Mymensingh bomb blasts.

Arrest of AL leaders condemned

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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday condemned the arrest of her party leaders and intellectuals.

In a statement, she said the government completely failed to give minimum security to the people even after the deployment of the army in the country.

Sheikh Hasina said police arrested some senior AL leaders and intellectuals without any specific charges just after a few hours of Mymensingh bomb blasts to shift the blame on the opposition.

She also demanded their immediate release.

Different organisations also yesterday protested the arrest of AL leaders and intellectuals. In separate statements, President of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal Hasanul Haq Inu and General Secretary Syed Zafar Sajjad, and President of Communist Party of Bangladesh Rashed Khan Menon and General Secretary Bimol Biswas censured the arrest of AL leaders and intellectuals.

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Secretary General Liakat Ali Laki, President of Bangladesh Path Natak Parishad Mannan Hira and General Secretary Mizanur Rahman, President of Bangladesh Abriti Samannoy Parishad Asaduzzaman Nur and General Secretary Hasan Arif, President of Jatiya Kabita Parishad Belal Chowdhury and General Secretary Dr Muhammad Samad, President of Bangladesh Charu Shilpi Parishad Hashem Khan and General Secretary Maniruzzaman also protested the arrest of AL leaders and intellectuals.

President of Bangladesh Chhatra League Liakat Shikdar and General Secretary Nazul Islam Babu in a statement criticised the arrest of AL leaders Tofael Ahmed and Motiur Rahman.

They said students' community of the country would launch greater movement if the government does not release them immediately.

131 murdered, 48 raped in November

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 131 persons were murdered and 48 women and children raped across the country during the month of November, according to a report published by Democracy Watch, a non-government research and human rights organisation.

Among the murdered were 67 men, 39 women and 25 children, and 21 of those raped were children, said the report, which was based on newspaper reports. The report also said 60 persons including 30 women, 16 men and 14 children committed suicide in

November. It mentioned that five women were killed and two others injured in seven dowry-related incidents during the same period. The victims were identified as Moslema Khatun and Nasima of Satkhira, Jahanara of Mymensingh, Rowshanara of Jessore and Noorjahan of Natore.

It said 24 persons including 13 women, six men and five children received burn injuries from acid attack during the month. Baby Akhter, Mosharrar, Sabina and Annu of Dhaka, Abul Kalam Azad of Pirojpur, Sheuli of Rajshahi, Kulsum and Bakul of Barguna and Mariam of Laxmipur were among the victims.

Of the total murder victims, 38 men were killed and 811 others injured in land dispute, extortion and property grabbing incidents.

Begum Rokeya Day observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different socio-cultural organisations held various programmes to mark the Begum Rokeya Day yesterday.

Speakers at a discussion on the occasion organised by the Bangla Academy said Begum Rokeya worked throughout her life for the enlightenment and emancipation of the Muslim women.

Terming Begum Rokeya a Muslim feminist and a tireless soldier in the struggle for social reforms, they recalled her contribution to female education and self-reliance through writing novels, and establishing educational institutions and associations for women. They said she devoted her life for the emancipation of women and defied all forms of contemporary conservatism to achieve that goal.

The discussion held at the seminar room of the Bangla Academy was presided over by Dr. Nazma Chowdhury.

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association also held a discussion to mark the day.

Meanwhile, Civil Society for Women's Empowerment formed a human chain at the Manik Mia Avenue in observance of the Begum Rokeya Day.

Butter, butter oil, vegetables of different cos harmful: BSTI

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a recent test conducted by Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institution (BSTI), it was found that butter, butter oil and vegetable oil of different companies available in the market are not safe for consumption as the product ingredients were found to be harmful, said a CAB press release.

The Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) collected 11 brands of such products from the market and sent them to BSTI to determine whether the products complied with BSTI standards.

The test results showed that nine out of the 11 brands failed to meet the BSTI standard while four were not BSTI approved and have been using its logo illegally.

The brands without the BSTI approval are 'Tangail Ek Number Gavaa Ghee', 'Pabna Banaspati Ghee', 'FR Special Banaspati' and 'Aseel Vegetable Ghee'.

Situation Vacant

An apex body of General Insurance is looking eligible candidates for the following positions:-

Name of the post	No. of post	Salary	Qualification
a) Executive Officer (Survey & Risk Inspection)	1 (One)	Tk 10,000 (Fixed)	BSC Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) from any recognised University preferably with BBA/MBA.
b) Executive Officer (Rating & Statistics)	1 (One)	Tk 10,000 (Fixed)	MBA or equivalent degree from any recognised University.
c) Junior Officer	1 (One)	Tk 3,000 (Fixed)	Diploma Engineer (Civil/Mechanical) from recognised Poly Technic Institute.

Age in both cases not exceeding 35 (thirty-five) years on the date of advertisement. Computer literacy and good command in English is required. Interested candidates are requested to submit their CV with two passport size photographs and attested copies of all educational qualifications by 20th December, 2002 latest to Advertiser Box No. C-2584, The Daily Star, Dhaka Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

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JOB VACANCIES

A foreign-aided organisation is willing to fill the following vacancies on an urgent basis. Initially, the staff will be appointed on a one-year contract and it can be renewed for another two years depending on their performances.

- Programme Officer - 1**
Master's degree in Journalism/English or any subjects on Social Science with minimum seven years of working experience in development agencies. S/he should have expertise on project planning, perpetration, implementation and capability to coordinate with officials of donor agencies and concerned government organisations. The responsibilities will also include organising workshops.
 - Programme Officer - 1 (Part-time)**
The candidate must have Master's degree in Journalism/English or any subjects on Social Science with minimum seven years of working experience in development agencies in programme implementation and administrative affairs. S/he should have the expertise in project planning, perpetration and capability to communicate with officials of donor agencies.
 - Senior Writer - 1 (Part-time)**
The candidates must have Master's degree in Journalism/English or any subjects on Social Science with minimum five years of working experience, preferably in journalism. S/he should have expertise in planning and conducting studies/surveys and editing English copies.
 - Graphics Designer - 1 (Part-time)**
The candidate should have minimum Bachelor's degree with at least five years of working experience in graphics designs, including page makeup, data presentation, image editing and publication.
 - Accountant - 1**
The candidate must have Master's degree in Accountancy with minimum five years of job experience or Bachelor's degree in commerce with eight years of working experience in foreign-aided organisations. S/he must have a good command on computer accountancy. Women candidates are encouraged to apply
- Interested candidates are requested to send their CVs with recent photographs to GPO Box 3034, Dhaka 1000, by December 21, 2002, mentioning the positions on the envelope. Only short-listed candidates will then be contacted for Assessment Process

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Concern is an International Development Agency working in Bangladesh for the last 30 years. The organisation works towards bringing about positive changes in the lives of the poorest people in 27 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Concern invites applications from suitable candidates for the position of **PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER** for its Northern Regional Programme, based in Saidpur under Nilphamari District.

Profile of the position
The position, while reports to the Regional Manager, will contribute mainly to the development of the regional programmes by suggesting and implementing new areas of intervention, ensuring proper monitoring system, improving the management and development skills of regional staff through facilitation, support, innovation and training. Assisting management to pushing forward the regional strategy in line with the corporate strategy and supporting participatory planning with communities and partner organisations will be important tasks.

Requirements:
The ideal candidate should
- hold a post graduation degree with a minimum of five years experience in development sector, mainly in the areas of community development, project planning or participatory research and evaluation work;
- able to carry out research, write reports and provide recommendations to Management
- able to administer, plan and prioritise work plan and to work as part of a team
- in depth knowledge in Project Cycle Management and Log Frame Analysis
Ability to prepare reports both in Bangla and English to a high professional standard is an essential requirements for the position. The person should be able to work in team and able to foster team building in all working situations.
The position entails a minimum starting salary of Tk 21,840/-. Limited flexibility in the starting salary may be negotiated depending on the level of qualifications and experience presented by the candidate. Interested candidates are requested to send their résumés, copy of recent passport size photographs and names and addresses of two referees to **Human Resource Department, GPO Box No 650, Dhaka - 1000 by 17 December**. Please mark the envelope with the position applied for.
Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply

BFC

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ZIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KURMITOLA, DHAKA, BANGLADESH. PHONES: 8914700-4. CABLE: AIRBANGLA, TLX. 642649 DABG BJ, FAX: 880-02-8913006. E-mail: bfc@bfcitechco.net
REF. BFC/HS/TENDER/44/2002/144 DATE 08-12-2002

Tender Notice No. 75/2002

Biman Flight Catering Centre, (BFC) invites sealed tender in 02 (two) envelope system from the owners for hiring minibuses for the following job:

Sl No.	Name of item	Date for sale of tender	Earnest money (Taka) (Refundable)	Cost of schedule (Non-refundable)	Time & date of dropping of tender	Time & date of opening tender
01.	Hiring of Minibus for Pick-up and Drop (Seat Capacity 30 must not be of Model before 1997).	From 12-12-2002 to 28-12-2002.	50,000/=	750/=	From 10:00 Hrs. to 12:00 Hours on 29-12-2002	At 14:30 Hours on 29-12-2002.

Schedule of tender along with other terms and conditions may be obtained on request in the official letterhead pad during office hours on payment of cost of schedule from Office of the Manager Finance, BFC, Zia International Airport, Dhaka and the Office of Additional Commissioner (General), Room No. 205, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka. Any eligible bidder may participate in the tender.
BFC Management reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tender/tenders and also to change the opening date of the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. If tender opening day happens to be holiday, the tender will be opened on the next working day at the same schedule time.

GD-1057 For Biman Flight Catering Centre
Dy General Manager, BFC

BASIS

Bangladesh Association of Software & Information Services

Notice of 4th AGM of BASIS

Notice is hereby given for the fourth AGM of BASIS to be held at following time, date and venue:
Time : 10:00 am.
Date : Tuesday, 31st December, 2002.
Venue : BASIS Office, BSRB Bhavan (14th Floor-East), 12, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

- The agenda of the AGM are as follows:**
- Confirmation of minutes of last AGM held on 3rd November, 2001.
 - Present and approve the annual report.
 - Present and approve the annual accounts.
 - Appointment and fixation of remuneration of auditor for 2002-2003.
 - Miscellaneous.

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Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd.

Career Opportunity for Company Secretary

The Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd. (DSE), the premier bourse of Bangladesh, will appoint a **Company Secretary** for the DSE. The position is vacant at present and will be filled immediately.

Key Responsibilities:
The Company Secretary of the DSE is fully and solely responsible for managing the Company Affairs, Board and Secretarial matters under the present Companies Act and Securities Laws. He shall also be responsible for the general and personal administration of the DSE under the supervision of the CEO and any other matters that may be assigned to him by the Council of the DSE and the CEO from time to time.

- Profile:**
- University Masters preferably in Law/Finance/Accounting/MBA.
 - Minimum 10 years' relevant experience in a senior level position, deserving candidates for experience may be relaxed.
 - Must be well conversant with Companies Act, Labour Law and the regulatory framework of Bangladesh capital market.
 - Basic computer literacy is needed.

Attractive compensation package will be offered for the deserving candidate. If you meet the above criteria, please apply with a CV along with photocopy of academic & experience certificates and two copies of photograph by 20th December 2002 to **Chief Executive Officer (Current Charge), Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd., 9/F, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka-1000.**

Please mark "Application for Company Secretary" on the envelope of your application and note that any campaign to influence the concerned authority shall be treated as "Disqualification", also candidates who already were interviewed need not apply.

Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd.

Career Opportunity for Chief Executive Officer

The Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd. (DSE), the premier bourse of Bangladesh, will appoint a **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** under the DSE (Council & Administration) Regulations, 2000. The position will be filled immediately.

Key Responsibilities:
The CEO will be responsible for leading and managing, overseeing and administering the day to day executive operations of the Exchange. He will have to effectively interact with the different players of the capital market such as investors, institutions, sponsors, regulatory authorities and the government.

- Profile:**
- Minimum Masters preferably in Finance/Accounting/MBA/Economics/Law Relevant professional qualification will be given preference.
 - At least 15 years' relevant experience in senior level positions, deserving candidates for experience may be relaxed.
 - Knowledge of Bangladesh economy, stock exchanges and global capital market is essential.
 - Reasonable exposure to the legal framework of Bangladesh capital market is required.
 - Basic computer literacy is necessary.
 - Should possess excellent interpersonal, analytical and leadership skills to work as a creative team leader.
 - Must be capable of running the Exchange in a changing and dynamic economic environment.

Attractive compensation package will be offered for the deserving candidate. Candidates having a total salary of less than Tk 40,000 per month need not apply. If you meet the above criteria, please apply with a CV along with photocopy of academic & experience certificates and two copies of photograph by 20th December 2002 to **Chief Executive Officer (Current Charge), Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd., 9/F, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka-1000.**

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