

## 46 killed in 'crossfire' last month: Report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forty-six people were killed in 'crossfire' with the law enforcement agencies in the last one month.

Fourteen of them were killed by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), according to a report of Odhikar, a human rights organisation.

Of the other victims, 26 were killed under police custody and Rab and police killed four people in joint operation.

In addition, 40 people were killed in political violence during the

period, the report added.

In another report, the Bureau of Human Rights Bangladesh said a total of 314 people were killed across the country last month.

Also, a total of 403 children fell victim to violence last month, said a report of the Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum (BSAF).

Of them, 18 children were murdered, 111 were tortured and 81 died unnatural death. Ten children, including six girls, were abducted and 27 were raped, the report added.

## Rickshaw owners, workers threaten 48-hr strike

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Owners and workers of rickshaws and rickshaw vans yesterday placed a six-point demand, including issuance of 43,000 new rickshaw licences.

They also threatened to call a 48-hour strike on December 18 and 19 if their demands are not met by December 16.

At a protest rally at Muktagang, Bangladesh Rickshaw-Van Malik-Sramik Sangram Parishad also demanded withdrawal of the ban on

plying of rickshaw and rickshaw van on 10 city roads.

The government should rehabilitate the rickshawpullers before continuing to crack down on rickshaws, said Ali Akbar, president of the parishad.

Habibur Rahman, labour secretary of the Awami League, Nurul Islam, president of Trade Union Kendra, Sultan Ahmed, finance secretary of Jatiya Sramik League, and Tayab Ali, senior vice-president of Jatiyatabadi Rickshaw Malik Dal, also spoke.



PHOTO: STAR

Students are seen busy searching for the right destination for their higher studies at home and abroad at a three-day international education fair organised by BSB Global Network at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday.

## Jaundice panic still grips DU

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Jaundice panic still grips Dhaka University (DU) campus as the authorities could not yet ascertain the sources of the viral disease while final examinations of different batches of students have already started.

Many students suffering from jaundice are in a fix whether they will take rest needed for their recovery from the ailment, or sit for the examinations.

The DU authorities however announced special arrangements have been made to enable the affected students to take the examinations. A number of students alleged they are not aware of any special arrangements.

"I sat for the examinations despite doctors' advice to take rest. I have doubts about special arrangements the authorities claimed to have made," said Monirul Islam, a final year student of journalism and a resident of Jahurul Haque Hall.

Students admitted to the DU Medical Centre also said the university authorities have not clearly said anything about examinations under special arrangements.

Many students of jaundice-ridden Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall, Ziaur Rahman Hall and Kabi Jasimuddin Hall have left the

halls to stay with their relatives in Dhaka or have gone to their village homes. They are hesitant to take meals or water at the dormitories although the university authorities are now providing boiled water and have initiated a cleanliness drive.

About 400 students out of around 800 students are now staying at Bangabandhu Hall.

Meanwhile, tests of water of reservoirs at the three dormitories at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University showed the water was virus-free.

"It is now clear that water at the dormitories has not caused the outbreak of jaundice," said DU Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. M. Yusuf Haider. Students very often eat and drink at roadside shops and canteens, and this might have led to the ailment, he thought.

He also claimed that according to the DU medical centre report, there are not more than 140 students affected with jaundice. But the students at the three dormitories said more than 500 students are suffering from the disease. Many of them are undergoing treatment elsewhere.

DU Chhatra League leaders and activists yesterday marched to the medical centre and submitted a memorandum to the vice chancellor through the centre authorities.

The memorandum demanded modernisation of the medical centre and keeping it open round the clock, free check up of hepatitis virus A, B and C, and vaccination for hepatitis-B.

## Exhibition of liberation war documents begins

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A 16-day exhibition of liberation war documents collected by late diplomat SA Jalal began at the Liberation War Museum in the city yesterday.

Japanese Ambassador Matsushiro Horiguchi inaugurated the exhibition of documents, the largest single collection of documents on the liberation war.

SA Jalal, who studied in Japan in the 60s, launched a solidarity campaign in favour of the then Mujibnagar government. He organised various activities in Japan to mobilise support for Bangladesh's liberation war.

His collection contains about 3,500 press clippings from both national and international newspapers published during the War of Liberation.

Speaking on the occasion, the Japanese ambassador recalled the contribution of Jalal to the independence war.

Mofidul Haque, a trustee of the Liberation War Museum, said these documents will help the future generation know about the liberation war struggle.

Dr Sarwar Ali, another trustee, said people could know many untold stories of the liberation war from these newspaper clippings.

Selima Jalal, wife of SA Jalal, and Razul Hasan, a former diplomat, also spoke.

The exhibition will remain open from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily till December 16 except Sunday.

## Qulkhwani

BSS, Dhaka

The qulkhwani of vice-president of BCS (Information) Association and Deputy Principal Information Officer Mustafizur Rahman will be held after Asr prayers today at his residence at Godhuli in Dhanmondi.

Colleagues, friends, relations and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

## Strengthen preventive measures against Aids

### President tells World Aids Day function

UNB, Dhaka

President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday emphasised on strengthening preventive measures against HIV/Aids to save people's lives from the far-reaching negative impact of the deadly disease.

"We're determined to prevent HIV/Aids in coordination with our bilateral and multilateral development partners through national, regional and international cooperation," he said.

The president was addressing as the chief guest a function marking the World Aids Day.

The president also called upon the countrymen to make the movement against HIV/Aids a success to free the people from the deadliest disease.

Iajuddin said that according to

available data, the number of Aids-affected people in the world is 39.4 million -- half of them women. Some 3.1 million people died of Aids in 2004, he added.

The rate of Aids infection among women has increased in recent times, he said adding that nearly 13 million children became orphans due to Aids.

Nearly 5 lakh people died and 9 lakh were infected with HIV in the South East Asia this year, he said.

"Symptoms of Aids have been detected in 87 people, out of 465 HIV positives, in Bangladesh from 1989 till date and 44 of them have died," he said.

He stressed the need for creating mass awareness in preventing HIV/Aids.

To prevent the deadly disease, he also emphasised on broadcasting information in mass media, giving advice to the people to refrain from risky behaviour, inventing new work plans, taking effective measures by national and international organisations, and adhering to religious values.

Iajuddin underscored the need for ensuring careful use of medical equipment and blood transfusion apparatus, saying that if necessary, a separate centre for Aids research and blood transfusion should be established in the country.

He also laid importance on raising awareness among students, teachers

and staff in the educational institutions, and including Aids-related essays and articles in academic curriculum.

The president suggested holding of workshops and seminars for university students, imparting training to imams of mosques and priests of shrines and temples, and launching social movement in the rural areas to make people aware of the fatal consequences of HIV/Aids.

He also asked all to refrain from belittling the Aids victims and showing any discrimination towards them, "as we have some social and humanitarian obligations to them."

He called upon all to remain conscious so that the social and economic bindings could never push women into more risks.

"Half of our population is women. It's our duty to ensure all sorts of safety of the womenfolk for development and prosperity of the nation."

He stressed the need for formulating a national work plan through reviewing HIV/Aids situation in Bangladesh and analysing risky behaviours.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha were special guests at the function at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Centre in the morning.



Padakkhep Manobik Unnayan Kendra took out a procession in the city to mark the 'World Aids Day 2004' yesterday.

## DHAKA TODAY

### Education fair

A two-day education fair titled 'Qualifications@UK Fair 2004' organised by the British Council will be inaugurated. Venue: British Council, 5 Fuller Road. Time: 11.30am.

### Discussion

Moulana Bhashani Memorial Trust will hold a discussion to mark the 28th death anniversary of Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani. Venue: Moulana Bhashani auditorium, Naya Paltan. Time: 3.00pm.

### Launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of the Bangla version of 'Disabled Village Children (DVC)' will be held, with former chief advisor of a caretaker government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman as chief guest. Venue: IDB auditorium, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 10.00am.

### BMA discussion

Bangladesh Medical Association organises a discussion on 'Role of medical service providers in preventing HIV/Aids' to mark the World Aids Day. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 12.00 noon.

### Workshop

WBB Trust will hold a workshop for the anti-tobacco organisations on 'Ways to enforce tobacco control law'. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 9.30am.

### Bijoya reunion

Mahanagar Sarbanjanin Puja Committee will hold a Bijoya reunion, with Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as chief guest. A drama will also be staged by Lok Natyadal. Venue: Dhakeshwari National Temple premises. Time: 4.00pm.



## UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA WANGED

Applications in prescribed form obtainable from the office of the Registrar are invited from the Bangladesh nationals for filling up one permanent post of Professor in the Department of Sociology.

Pay Scale of Tk 11,700-300-13,500/-

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates must be distinguished scholars preferably with a PhD or an equivalent degree in Sociology. They should have at least 12 (twelve) years' teaching and research experience in a University or an Institute of Advanced research. They should have original research works published in recognised research journals. Experience and performance as a teacher as well as significant contribution to different areas of university activities especially in guiding the overall educational and co-curricular activities of the students will also be treated as qualification. In special cases the condition of period of experience may be relaxed.

Eleven copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials and mark-sheets along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk 300/- (three hundred) only, payable to the Registrar, should reach him on or before 31-01-2005. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel. GD-753



## বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন

আগারগাঁও, শের-ই-বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

### বিষয়ঃ স্টেশনারী মালামালের

### জন্য দরপত্র আহ্বান

বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশনের অফিস কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য সিডিউল-এ বর্ণিত স্টেশনারী মালামাল সরবরাহ করার নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/সরবরাহকারী এবং বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশনের তালিকাভুক্ত পাব্লিক নিকট-স্ট্রেক সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্রের সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালসন নাপাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও আরক/ভাউচর/পরিচয়পত্রের সার্টিফিকেটের সত্যায়িত কপি এবং সিডিউল ক্রয়ের মূল রশিদ দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। এছাড়া দরপত্রের সাথে উক্ত মূল্যের ৫% আনুমানিক পেমেন্ট/ড্রাফট আকারে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন এর অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে। বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর থেকে ২৭-১২-২০০৪ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত ৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা মূল্যে সিডিউল অর্থ ও হিসাব বিভাগ থেকে ক্রয় করা যাবে। ২৮-১২-২০০৪ইং তারিখ বেলা ১১.০০মিনিট এর মধ্যে কমিশন অফিসে রক্ষিত (দোস্তলায়) টেন্ডার বাস্কেট দরপত্র ফেলতে হবে এবং উক্ত দিন বেলা ১২.০০টায় দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্রসমূহ খোলা হবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় হবে না। অনিবার্য কোন কারণে নির্ধারিত দিনে দরপত্র খোলা সম্ভব না হলে পরবর্তী কার্য দিবসে একই সময়ে একই প্রক্রিয়ায় দরপত্র খোলা হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। কার্যবিশেষ প্রাপ্তির ১০ (দশ) দিনের মধ্যেই স্টেশনারী মালামাল সরবরাহ করতে হবে।

মোঃ বালেদ

উপ-সচিব (প্রশাসন)

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## Export Promotion Bureau

1, Kawran Bazar (TCB Bhaban)

Dhaka

## Circular

This is for information of all concerned that telephone number of the office of the Vice-Chairman, Export Promotion Bureau, Dhaka has been changed. All concerned may kindly take note of the changes of the telephone number as under :

### Old telephone number

9144897

### New telephone number

8159140

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Secretary

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## Department of Currency Management

### And Payment Systems

### BANGLADESH BANK

### Head Office

Dhaka.

Website: www.bangladesh-bank.org

## Minting and Supply of

## 5 (Five) Taka coins-Extension of Bid Submission Date

The date for submission of bids (Invitation for bids published on 20/10/2004 in the Daily Star) for minting and supply of 400 million pieces of 5 Taka coins to the General Manager, Department of Currency Management and Payment Systems, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka (28th floor, 2nd Annexe Building) has been extended upto January 10, 2005. The tenders are to be submitted by 1.00 P. M. on January 10, 2005. The tenders will be opened at 02.30 P.M. on the same day. All other terms and conditions of the tender shall however; remain unchanged.

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## Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain mainly dry over the country till 6.00pm today with light to moderate fog during early morning.

Chances of light rain or drizzle at one or two places over Rajshahi and Sylhet Divisions, Met office said.

Night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country during the period.

Highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Cox's Bazar and lowest 13.1 degrees at Sirmangol.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:11pm today and rises at 6:26am tomorrow.

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	29.0	15.8	57	65
Chittagong	30.5	17.3	58	48
Rajshahi	28.8	14.5	77	72
Khulna	29.0	16.8	75	67
Barisal	29.0	15.2	87	94
Sylhet	29.6	16.2	63	64
Cox's Bazar	31.0	17.0	68	69

## Office of the Project Director-PIU-"PROMOTE"

EC Project No. ALA/95/07

House # 3, Road # 112, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212

LOCAL OPEN TENDER NOTICE FOR EDUCATION KITS

BATCH # EK-02, PACKAGE # 03

## TENDER

Memo No. PIU/PROMOTE/Batch # EK-02/Pkg # 03/TN/BS/1532 25 November, 2004

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh received a grant from the EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC) towards the cost of Programme "PROMOTE" and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for which this Tender Notice has been issued only to Experienced Firms/Companies of Bangladesh/Member States of European Union for supply and delivery of Education Kits (office stationery and items related to education), by the supplier of Education Kits for PIU-PROMOTE which are termed as Batch # EK-02, Package # 03.

Tenders in sealed envelopes as described in the tender document are hereby invited by the undersigned from the Firms/Companies, who are engaged in the similar nature of supply work and will meet the criteria put up in the tender dossier. The type of tender is a local open tender in one envelope system with technical and financial offers.

The supplier shall in principle supply and deliver Education Kits (office stationery and items related to education) manufacture either in Bangladesh or in the Member States of European Union. Supply to be made to "PIU-PROMOTE". Date, time & place of selling tender : From 09 December, 2004 to 09 January, 2005 9:00AM to 5:00PM (Sunday-Wednesday) & 9:00AM to 3:30PM (Thursday). Selling shall remain closed on Friday, Saturday and Govt. holidays.

Tenderer intending to purchase the tender document must submit an application in the letter head of the firm/company the tender document will be issued by an officer designated by the Project Director, PIU-PROMOTE.

Tender documents will be issued from the address as mentioned below on payment of non-refundable amount of Tk. 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only in the form of Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, PIU-PROMOTE.

Clarification Information Meeting will be held at 10.30AM on 20 December, 2004 in the Office of the Project Director, PIU-PROMOTE, House # 3, Road # 112, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

The tenderer have to provide the following documents with the offer:

Evidence showing that the tenderer is a genuine dealer/importer/supplier of Education Kits (office stationery and items related to education).

- Up-to-date Trade Licence from the City Corporation/Pourashava which will prove that the tenderer is engaged in the trading of Education Kits (office stationery and items related to education).
- VAT Registration Certificate.
- TIN number and payment Certificate of Income Tax for the assessment year 2003-2004.
- Bank Solvency Certificate with access to credit facilities.
- Company Profile.
- Satisfactory Performance Certificate or reference from at least 2 (two) similar contract with client in last 3 (three) years.

Copy of all the above documents must be attested by Class-I Gazetted Officer. The tenderer must provide a tender guarantee (earnest money) for an amount of Tk. 84,000.00 (Taka eighty-four thousand only) in the form provided in Section-D of tender dossier in favour of the Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, PIU-PROMOTE, Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The tender in complete form will be received up to 5:00PM on 10 January, 2005 in the "tender box" kept in the Office of the Project Director, PIU-PROMOTE, House # 3, Road # 112, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

The tender will be opened in public session at 11:00AM on 11 January, 2005 in the Office of the Project Director-PIU-PROMOTE, House # 3, Road # 112, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

The authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason whatsoever. The Tender Notice will form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the contractor.

Project Director

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