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Job Opportunity

Programme Officer, Water and Sanitation Sector

The Embassy of Denmark, Dhaka seeks applications from qualified professionals for the position of a Programme Officer, Water and Sanitation Sector.

The incumbent will work under the overall management of the Embassy and under the direct supervision of the Counsellor responsible for the assistance to the Water and Sanitation Sector.

- The Role**
- Provide support to the Water and Sanitation sector and attend to various other focal point responsibilities.
 - Oversee planning and implementation of Water and Sanitation Sector programme and provide day-to-day administrative support.
 - Monitor programme implementation, including follow-up on agreed benchmarks and conditions decided through consultations, section reviews, etc.
 - Liaise with Government Agencies, partner NGOs and other institutions concerned with the sector activities, as well as with Danish Advisers.
 - Prepare and monitor disbursement plans, and perform budgetary control.
 - Plan, organize and participate in technical missions to the programme, and provide inputs and take part in High Level and Technical Consultations.
 - Assist to identify new activities and provide and coordinate inputs to strategies, reports and speeches.
 - Contribute to policy dialogue and participate in donor coordination.
 - Participate and contribute to the general tasks at the Embassy, including annual planning and reporting, assignments outside the sector programme support, etc.
 - Perform other duties, as required.

- The Qualifications and Experiences**
- Post-graduate degree in civil, water or environmental engineering, public administration, social science, development economics/planning or other relevant disciplines from a reputed university.
 - 5+ years of professional work experience in development planning and programming, out of which at least 2 years at policy level.
 - Proven experience in programme and project planning at national and local levels is essential and experience in implementation and monitoring of programmes within the water and sanitation sector will be an advantage.
 - Experience and demonstrated skills in working with diplomatic missions, UN agencies and multilateral donors in programme management and implementation is desirable.

- The Skills**
- Should have in depth knowledge of development planning and programming in Bangladesh and of development cooperation policies specially pertaining to the water and sanitation sector.
 - Demonstrated ability to act as a policy advisor.
 - Excellent analytical and report writing skills.
 - Ability and experience to develop and maintain effective communication and working relationship with GOB counterparts, NGO partners and other concerned development agencies.
 - Capacity to represent the Embassy of Denmark at different fora, as necessary.
 - Excellent spoken and written communication skills in both English and Bangla.
 - Strong in use of personal computer.

- The Competencies**
- Interpersonal skills with cultural sensitivity.
 - Team-orientation.
 - Proactiveness, dynamism and flexibility.
 - Strategic and analytical thinking.
 - Demonstrated ability to work independently and under pressure.

- Additional Information**
- The Embassy of Denmark is an equal opportunities employer.
 - Applications are welcome from qualified individuals, regardless of race, gender, religion or disability.
 - Only short-listed candidates will be contacted

- Remuneration**
- Competitive package will be offered on merit.

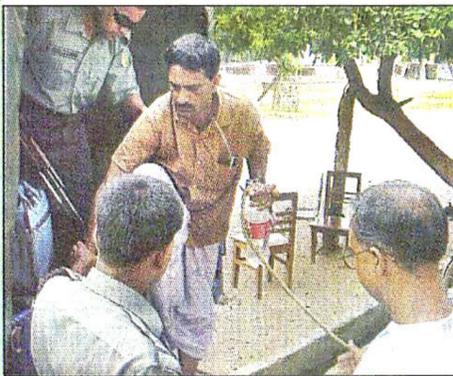
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Rajshahi University Public Relations Officer Sadekul Islam is being taken to a Rajshahi court yesterday.

Three Ctg godowns with stolen RMG sealed off

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) unearthed and sealed off three godowns piled with huge stolen readymade garments at Terri Bazar and Asadganj wholesale cloth markets in the port city on Wednesday night.

The Rab members unearthed the godowns following information extracted from two members of a syndicate engaged in running off with covered vans carrying RMG products to Chittagong port from the capital and elsewhere in the country.

The elite force arrested syndicate members Nazim Ahmed and Md Roman from Mansurabad area in the early hours of Wednesday.

On their confessional statements, Rab members in a raid unearthed two godowns of the stolen garments at Ranju Mia Mansion of Terri Bazar and another godown at Rawshan Manjil of Amin Market at Asadganj.

While being interrogated, Nizam confessed that he used to buy such stolen RMG items at one-fifth price from those disappearing with the covered vans at different points of Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Mirer Sarai, Feni and Comilla.

He stocked the items at different godowns to sell them later.

Nizam also said that a good number of gatages along Dhaka-Chittagong highway helped hide the covered vans taking Tk 5000 from each.

The drivers disappearing with the covered vans carrying RMG items ready for shipments got 50 per cent of the booty while the other members of the syndicate got rest of the share, said Nizam while talking to newsmen at Rab-7 headquarters at Patenga yesterday.

MANIK SAHA MURDER Accused held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested an accused of journalist Manik Saha murder case from rail colony area in Khulna Sadar on Wednesday.

The arrestee was identified as Hye Islam alias Kachi, 35, son of Motaheb Sarder of the same area.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case Chitrya Ranjan Pal said Sunon Sarder, an arrested extremist who is in Khulna District Jail now, made statement to CMM Court naming Kachi as one of murderers of Manik Saha.

Manik Saha, Khulna Correspondent of The New Age and stringer of BBC Bangla Service, was killed in a bomb blast on January 15 in 2004 in front of Khulna Press Club.

1380 Indian chocolate bombs seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Police seized at least 1380 Indian chocolate bombs from Birampur in the district yesterday and arrested seven people in this connection.

The arrestees were identified as Salimullah, 19, Helal Uddin, 40, Farook Hossain, 20, Humayun Kabir, 20, Abdus Sattar, 25, Golam Hossain, 27 and Shahidul Islam, 30.

Sources said, acting on a tip-off, police raided Birampur Hajj Market and seized the chocolate bombs that were imported from India in the morning.

Police also seized 26 Indian one-band radios from the market.

Smuggled Indian sarees worth Tk 1 cr seized in Chittagong

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A huge quantity of smuggled Indian sarees and garments was seized in the port city yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, a 15-member team of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized the truck-loaded smuggled items from a by-lane adjoining to Jalsa Cinema Hall at around 6:30am.

The BDR team led by Major AKM Nurul Bahar launched the drive, as a part of a combing operation ahead of the Ramadan, said sources.

Market price of the seized items that included silk, chiffon, garget sarees and different garments has been estimated at around Tk 1 crore, claimed Major Bahar.

Arms, weapons seized in Trishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The police seized a foreign-made gun with five bullets and several weapons at village Mokkhampur in Trishal yesterday.

The arms and weapons were found at the house of Shahab Uddin, a leader of an inter-district robbers' gang, who was arrested from Uttarkhan in Dhaka five days ago.

The police raided the house in the morning as Shahab Uddin confessed during the remand that he possesses some arms.

Duty Officer of Trishal Police Station Sub-Inspector Md Hedayet Ullah said an arms case was lodged against Shahab Uddin who is also an accused in several cases filed with Trishal and Bhaluka police stations.



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