

Transformer thieves tell their tale

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Six members of a gang of power transformer thieves have confessed to stealing 100 transformers, most of them from Dhaka City Corporation area.

Divulging this sensitive information during remand on Tuesday, the arrested members of the gang said they get Tk one lakh for each transformer from the factories that make second-hand transformer.

They said the factories make three small second-hand transformers by breaking stolen one and these are sold to the Rural Electrification Board (Reb).

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Siddhirganj Police Station said the six arrested thieves gave confessional statements to police under Section 161 of the CrPC on the first day of their three days remand.

He said a section of dishonest officials of the Rural Electrification Board (Reb) might have links with the gang.

Siddhirganj police arrested the six members of the gang, raiding Kadamtoli area Saturday morning. The law enforcers also recovered a transformer, spare parts, electric cables and cutting machines from their possession.

Police also unearthed two factories that produce second-hand transformers.



Buses lie idle at the central bus terminal in Chapainawabganj town yesterday as transport owners and workers stopped running them on Chapainawabganj-Rajshahi route following clashes between the transport workers of the two districts on Tuesday night.

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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Duty Station - Dhaka.

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• **Senior Communications Officer**

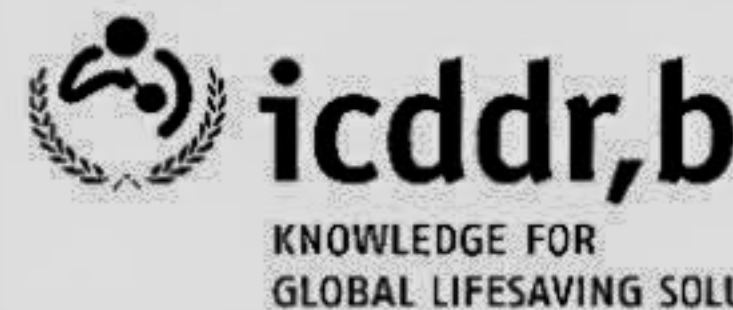
Salary - Annual Tk.391,800 /- inclusive of house rent and conveyance allowances with other admissible benefits.

• **Research Officer**

Salary - Annual Tk.309,700/- inclusive of house rent and conveyance allowances with other admissible benefits.

For detailed job profile and requirements, please visit our website: www.icddr.org. Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit an **online application** by April 18, 2010.

Only short-listed candidates shall be invited for the interview.



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sl. #	Position	Section	Qualifications
01.	Finance and Accounts Officer	Administration	M.Com. (Acct./CA (Inter)/CMA (Lvl. III)/ACCA. At least 05 (five) years practical experience is required. Knowledge in accounting software (Tally) is essential.

Applications along with CV, photograph, copies of relevant certificates and mark sheets/transcripts should reach the undersigned by **April 10, 2010**. Only short listed candidates will be called for Interview.

Registrar

70 food poisoned in Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

At least 70 poor people fell sick after taking leftover from the food served at a wedding party at Ganeshpur in the town on Wednesday night.

Of them, two are now undergoing treatment at Sadar Hospital, 21 at Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH), while the rest were released from RMCH yesterday.

Those undergoing treatment at RMCH are Akhi, 18, Ashiqur, 17, Shila, 12, Pial, 8, Rafia, 10, Oli, 34, Sagar, 10, Akbar, 11, Asma, 40, Jewel, 35, Monwara, 27, Opel, 2, Mousomi, 24, Minati, 13, Sarmin, 2, Raku, 9, Sanu, 12, Mozammel, 40, Safi, 40, Selim, 8, Nurul Islam, 48 and Rahima Begum, 34.

Mokbul Hossain of Ganeshpur area arranged the party at a community centre in the town on his daughter's wedding. After the party, leftovers were distributed among the poor. Immediately after taking food, they started vomiting and also complained of abdominal pain. Locals rushed them (poor people) to the hospitals.

It might be an incident of food poisoning, said Director of Rangpur Medical College Hospital Anisul Karim. Sazzad Haider, registrar of RMCH child ward, confirmed that the children fell sick after taking poisoned food.

Mokbul Hossain, host of the wedding party, declined to comment on the incident.

Bumper boro output likely in Dinajpur

UNB, Dinajpur

Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) is expecting a bumper production of boro paddy in the district this season as 6,858 hectares more than the target have been brought under cultivation.

A scheme was taken to bring 171,592 hectares of land under boro cultivation this season in the district with an output target of 646,860 metric tons of rice.

However, the farmers have cultivated boro on 178,450 hectares which is 6,858 hectares more than the target.

The DAE is now expecting to achieve a bumper target of 675,985 metric tons of boro paddy.

Of the total land, hybrid varieties of paddy were cultivated on 43,550 hectares of land with an output target of 208,605 metric tons while local varieties on 134,900 hectares with target of 467,380 metric tons.

Steps have been taken to ensure smooth supply of fertiliser, insecticide, diesel and uninterrupted electricity to achieve the target, officials said.

The supply and reserve of fertiliser are much higher than the last year, sources said.

Deputy Commissioner M Abdul Jalil said all necessary

measures have been taken to make the current boro season a success.

Sources said the BCIC so far supplied 58,032 mts of urea, 5,833.5 mts of TSP, 5,094.5 mts of MOP, 3,122.5 mts of DAP and 3,255.5 mts of SSP fertiliser in the district through 981 dealers.

Farmers and DAE officials are expecting a bumper boro production this season if the weather remains favourable and pests did not attack the crops.

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Please apply with CV & recent photo along with photocopy of all certificates & testimonials and mentioning the expected salary to Box no. A - 27, C/o. The Daily Star, 19 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215 by **11th April (Sun), 2010**

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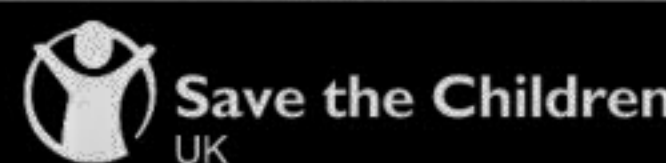
Key Requirements

- A university degree in business, social science or liberal arts
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- Strong command of and proficiency in the English language, especially grammar
- Energetic, creative and hands-on

For detailed instructions to apply, please send an e-mail to jobs@savethechildren-bd.org writing "Application Form" in the subject line or hard copy can be collected from Save the Children UK office.

Completed application forms with a detailed and updated CV and cover letter should be submitted in hard copy to: Human Resources Manager, Save the Children UK, House #14, Road #16/A, Gulshan - 1, Dhaka-1212 on or before 10th April 2010. Please write title of the position on top of envelope.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Personal contact is strongly discouraged.



Vacancy Announcement Smiling Sun Franchise Program

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