

# Judiciary may collapse for pending cases: Shafique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday said the sheer number of cases which are now on trial or pending in the courts may cause the whole judiciary system to collapse.

According to sources at the Supreme Court, there are nearly 16 lakh cases pending in different lower courts across the country. Among them, over nine lakh are criminal cases and seven lakh are civil cases.

"It would be better if most problems are solved mutually outside the court," he said, "One benefit of mutual negotiation is that both parties would gain something from it and if the case goes to the court

there will be only one winner."

The law minister said told the National Workshop on Children Justice System in Bangladesh organized jointly by Save the Children and Children Justice Network (CJN) at BIAM Auditorium in the city.

Mutual negotiation is more applicable in the case of children held for criminal offences, said the minister.

The police should consult the community and family members to solve the problem instead of bringing formal charges, he said.

"Children lack the maturity to express their opinions, understand their rights or know how to practice them, and therefore they need a separate justice system," said Barrister Imman Ali of the High Court

Division of the Supreme Court.

"This goes on to show that many of our police officials, magistrates or judges are not fully aware of the 1974 law," Kazi Rezaul Hoque, permanent member of National Human Rights Commission.

Executive Director of Centre for Development Communication Muhammad Jahangir moderated the programme while Country Director of Save The Children UK Suman Sengupta was in the chair.

Child Protection Specialist of Unicef Md Aminul Islam and CID & NPD, PRP Additional Inspector General Md Mokhesur Rahman, among others, also spoke.



Bangladesh Christian Association leaders present a bouquet to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Prime Minister's Office in the city yesterday.

# PM says govt has ensured religious harmony

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government wants to work with people of all faiths for the overall development of the country.

She said like her party Awami League, the present grand alliance government also ensured religious harmony in the country.

The prime minister (PM) made the remarks during a meeting with a delegation of Bangladesh Christian Association at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Hasina said Bangladesh is a land of religious harmony, which is the spirit of liberation war and her government ensured an environment of performing religious rituals of all people freely and peacefully.

She said her government for the first time established Christian Welfare Trust last year and increased its fund from Tk 1 crore to Tk 5 crore this year.

Hasina said an ambassador from the Christian community will be appointed.

Later, the Prime Minister cut the cake to mark the Christmas Day.

# Vaccine can prevent 97pc cervical cancer

Says study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cervical cancer can be prevented in 97 percent cases if adolescents are vaccinated with human papilloma virus (HPV) before their sexual exposure, a study revealed yesterday.

The research found HPV vaccine highly effective in immunising people against the cancer that kills 18 women a day across the country.

Bangladesh Cervical Cancer Vaccination Programme Committee (BCCVP) and Oncology Club conducted the pilot study on "Prevention of cervical cancer by HPV vaccination in Bangladesh".

Funded by Grameenphone Ltd, the pilot scheme was carried out over 50 underprivileged girls aged between 13

and 19 of Dhaka and its outskirts from December 2008 to July 2009.

After vaccinating all the girls with three doses of HPV, their bodies were found to have developed antibody against cervical cancer.

"It indicates they will have almost no chance to develop cervical cancer afterwards," said gynecologist Prof Dr Sameena Chowdhury of Central Hospital.

"The research, however, is still in progress to find out if the vaccine would work for lifetime," she added.

Experts at a city hotel seminar yesterday said 6,561 deaths from the cancer are reported every year against an estimated 12,931 cases in the country.

Early marriage, frequent childbirth, and sexual relationship with more than

one partners are identified as external factors to cause the disease, they said.

They also asked for the government's undertaking to make the vaccine available, as each HPV dose costs Tk 4,500 -- too expensive for poor women.

Prime minister's health adviser, Prof Dr Syed Modasser Ali, attended the seminar as the chief guest.

He said corruption and Koko was synonymous during the tenure of BNP-led four-party alliance government.

"At that time, those who took bribe and worked were known as honest, those who took bribe but did not work were termed dishonest, and those who neither took bribe nor worked for others were called callous."

"Thousand crores of taka was laun-

dered from the country at that time and it became a culture of the then government," he added.

"Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, however, has set an example of honest ruling and nobody can say that a taka is laundered in last two years."

BSMU Vice Chancellor Prof Pran Gopal Datta; Aman Ashraf Faiz, deputy director (communication) of Grameenphone Ltd; Prof Emeritus Dr ABMF Karim; Prof SAR Chowdhury of gsk; Prof Sabera Khatun, member secretary of BCCVP; and Prof Kohinur Begum, president of Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB); also spoke at the programme.



Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director, Iftekharuzzaman, addresses the launching ceremony of a survey on corruption in the service sector at BISS auditorium in the city yesterday organised by TIB. On his left are Ghulam Rahman, M Hafizuddin Khan, Kazi Saleh Ahmed and Prof M Kabir. (Story on Page 1)

# BDR MUTINY TRIAL IN PILKHANA HQS

# First verdict likely on January 15-20

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The verdict in a mutiny case filed against 111 BDR jawans of Record Wing at Pilkhana headquarters in the city is likely to be pronounced between January 15 and 20 next year.


After the end of the proceeding of the BDR Special Court-9, prosecutor of the case Lt Col Mizanur Rahman yesterday said it would be the first verdict against any battalion under Dhaka sector headquarters.

Ten witnesses gave their depositions before the special court on Thursday while 44 accused cross-examined them.

Earlier, the prosecutor introduced 46 witnesses before the court. On the 9th day of the proceeding, he added two more witnesses who gave depositions against two of the 111 accused.

The special court, headed by BDR Sector Commander of Dhaka, Col Habibul Karim, started the trial at about 9:15am, which continued till 1:30pm.

Habibul asked the accused to prepare to produce arguments and for self-defence on the next proceeding day and adjourned the court till 10:00am of December 27.



## THE WORLD BANK

**Administration & Finance Manager (Senior Resource Management Officer)**

The World Bank is seeking to recruit an Administration & Finance Manager (Senior Resource Management Officer), who will be based in the Bank's Dhaka Office, for the Bank's South Asia Resource Management Unit to manage the resource management, accounting, general administration, facilities management, security coordination, and information technology functions to support the Bank's Bangladesh country program. The incumbent will supervise over 20 administration and resource management staff and contractors. This is a 2-year renewable term appointment.

**Responsibilities:**

- The World Bank currently has a portfolio of 27 active projects with a net commitment of \$3.61 billion. The Bank supports projects in education, health, social protection, infrastructure, energy, community driven development, water management, environment, and local governance. Trust funds play a significant role in supporting the overall program. Around 150 regular staff work in the Country Office in Dhaka. The Country Director for Bangladesh is also based in Dhaka.
- Under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), this position serves as the **resource management and administrative adviser** to the Bangladesh Country Director and Operations Advisor on all matters relating to General Administration, Accounting and Resource Management, Facilities Management, Security Coordination, and Information Technology functions of the Bangladesh country program.
- The incumbent is responsible for ensuring the **quality and effectiveness** of the Resource Management (RM), Administration, IT and Security services to all staff and managers in the Dhaka office, while ensuring **client satisfaction**.
- The incumbent is the **focal point for advising staff/managers** on administrative and RM/accounting/administration policies and practices and will ensure alignment with the country and regional program strategies and priorities.
- In leading and supervising staff and contractors, the incumbent ensures appropriate **skills mix, staff training, mentoring and coaching**, and timely feedback and performance evaluation.
- The incumbent supervises and **coordinates** the country office activities in RM, General Administration, and IT areas with the **relevant units at HQ**, e.g., General Services, Accounting, Human Resources, Health Services, Central Security, Information Solutions, and Legal.
- In performing the duties and responsibilities listed below, the incumbent will report to the CAO and on a day to day basis will report to the Country Director and/or Operations Adviser in the Dhaka office.

**Selection Criteria:**

- The candidate should have minimum MBA/MA/MS degree in a related field (e.g., Finance, Accounting, Business, Economics, etc.) or relevant Bachelor's Degree plus an internationally recognized professional accounting qualification (e.g. CPA, CA, ACCA).
- A minimum of eight years of experience (preferably 5 years of supervisory/management experience) in Administration and/or Finance, in a large international private or public sector setting is required. The candidate should have a commitment to development; ability to understand business planning, financial and administrative management; and excellent communications skills.

This is a country office position in Bangladesh subject to local recruitment under the Bangladesh compensation plan. The World Bank offers a locally competitive package.

Details (vacancy #102494) are available in the World Bank Careers website: [www.worldbank.org/careers](http://www.worldbank.org/careers). All applications must be submitted through this website. The World Bank Group is committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, nationality, culture and educational background. Individuals with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

Closing date is January 13, 2011.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.

### 13th Annual Scientific Conference of ICDDR,B

**14 -17 March 2011, Dhaka, Bangladesh**

**"Science to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage"**

ICDDR,B invites scientists, health professionals, programme managers, community organizers, and policy-makers to take part in the 13th Annual Scientific Conference (ASCON XIII) to be held at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 14 to 17 March 2011. The theme of the Conference is "Science to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage".

**The sub-themes are:**

- Policy and regulatory frameworks
- Disease burden and healthcare priorities
- Service infrastructure and health workforce
- Financing
- Measurement, monitoring and health information systems
- Equity
- Experience in Universal Health Coverage


This forum provides an opportunity to disseminate and share results of research, experience, and lessons learnt from recent projects and programmes in Bangladesh and the region. However, findings of studies from other settings are also welcome.

Participants are requested to register by **31 January 2011**. Interested persons are invited to submit abstracts keeping the theme of the conference in mind. Abstracts should be prepared following the abstract-preparation guidelines and forwarded to [ascon13@icddr.org](mailto:ascon13@icddr.org) or be submitted online by 31 December 2010.

For details please visit the conference website: [http://www.icddr.org/events\\_detail.cfm?ID=54&EventID=1](http://www.icddr.org/events_detail.cfm?ID=54&EventID=1)

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference.

**Conference Chair:** Dr Alejandro Cravioto, Executive Director, ICDDR,B.




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মেট্রো পলিটন চেম্বার বিল্ডিং (৭ম ও ৮ম তলা), ১২২-১২৪ মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০।

**ট্যাক্সি ক্যাব এর অনুমোদন (শাইস্যাল নম্বর)**

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## Position Vacant (Re-advertisement)

Institute of Water Modelling (IWM) is an independent Trust established by the Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh providing specialist services to the government, national and international agencies in the field of water modelling, computational hydraulics and allied sciences using mathematical modelling as a useful tool. IWM has an excellent working environment. IWM is now looking for immediate appointment of the following position:

**Position : Director, ICT Division**

The incumbent should have proven leadership quality in management of a team of Information technology and GIS professionals, a wide network with ICT people and organization, significant experience in ICT service providing in the water related sectors, having ability to contribute further development of ICT as a self-sustainable division.

**Basic responsibilities and essential functions**

- leads the team comprising GIS, System & ICT, monitors progress, provide backstopping, facilitate new knowledge;
- relays management decisions to the Division and receive feedback;
- identification of business area and search of business opportunities in IT field;
- proposal preparation and negotiations about new projects in IT field;
- ensuring resources for ICT projects, divisional resource management, sorting out of capacity bottlenecks.
- Training Need Assessment of ICT people to update knowledge and skill to cope with new challenges.

**Educational requirements**

M.Sc.Engg./M.Eng in Electrical & Electronic Engg./Civil/WR Eng. or M.Sc. in ICT/ Computer Science

**Experience:**

15 years experience in the ICT related environment with at least 5 years experience in a senior management position

**Remuneration package**

A highly competitive remuneration package will be offered to the deserving candidate.

**Instructions to apply**

Eligible candidates are requested to visit IWM website <[www.iwmbd.org](http://www.iwmbd.org)> for online job application and submit the completed form online on or before 31 December 2010. Those who applied earlier for this position, do not need to apply again. Only short listed candidates will be called for interview.

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