

Keep DGFI away from politics

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politics, and closing the interrogation cells of the task force and joint forces.

"Common people and politicians are tortured in these cells, which can't continue in any civilised and democratic country," noted the parliamentary standing committee on education ministry in its report.

The House body, however, suggested measures to improve relations between the civil and military administration and reduce the gap between the two through issuing a new warrant of precedence, giving public representatives precedence over any of the forces.

It also held former caretaker government adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed, former army chief Gen (ret'd) Moeen U Ahmed, Maj Gen (ret'd) ATM Amin, Brig Gen (ret'd) Fazlul Bari, Col (ret'd) Shamsul Alam, and former police chief Nur Mohammad responsible for "inhuman torture" on teachers and students during the campus unrest and recommended bringing them to book under existing laws.

"The incident [the violence] was not only unwarranted, but also disgraceful

and unfortunate for the entire nation. It's vital to take action to prevent a recurrence of such incidents," the report observed.

The committee found in its investigation that some army officers had deliberately disregarded the civil administration, and accused the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI), the main military intelligence agency of the country, of "excesses" at the time.

"The DGFI and some army officers committed offences by torturing teachers and students, which are not pardonable," says the report.

On August 20, 2007, during the period of the caretaker government under the state of emergency, a few army officers beat up three Dhaka University students and insulted a DU teacher during a football match on DU's gymnasium ground.

Following the incident, thousands of DU students took to the streets demanding an apology from the troops and withdrawal of the army camp, which had been set up on the campus after the declaration of emergency without the permission of the DU authorities.

As violence spread to other campuses across the country in the days that followed, the government imposed a curfew in the divisional headquarters and shut down all public universities and colleges on August 22.

Four teachers and eight students were arrested and kept behind bars for around five months while a thousand others were allegedly tortured on the campuses and also in other places across the country.

The detained teachers and students were eventually released in January 2008.

After the Awami League-led alliance formed the government through the December 2008 elections, its House body on education ministry in August 2010 formed a four-member sub-committee to probe the violence.

Rashed Khan Menon, chief of the parliamentary body, placed the 383-page report in the House yesterday. **COMMITTEE'S OBSERVATION** In its report the committee observed that the violence was inevitable against the backdrop of "efforts to establish martial law" in the

country in the name of state of emergency at the time.

"Excessive interference in the university's internal matters by the DGFI, Rab, police and other forces were one of the main reasons behind the incident," the report said, adding, "The incident would have been avoided had the DGFI, Rab and police not had the mindset to disregard the civil administration."

Citing statements of the then education adviser Ayub Quadri, the report said it was evident that some army officers had interfered in the activities of the then caretaker government.

"The education adviser said [at a sub-committee meeting] in the wake of the campus unrest that the council of advisers at an urgent meeting made four decisions, including seeking apology for the incident, withdrawing the army camps, forming a judicial commission to probe the matter and punishing the individuals responsible for the incident," reads the report, "but some DGFI officials appeared at the meeting suddenly and opposed the decisions and pressurized the council into not keeping any record of the decisions."

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS Among other recommendations are withdrawal of all cases filed against teachers, students and others over the violence and realising money from the persons responsible for the atrocities to compensate the injured teachers and students for their treatment.

It asked the government to recompense the family of a rickshaw puller who died at the Rajshahi University campus during the violence.

In future, the army will have to take permission from the university authorities for setting up camps on the campus, the report said.

The committee also recommended the enactment of a law making it mandatory for individuals to appear before the parliamentary bodies for giving testimonies.

Diabetes

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data from more than 400,000 pregnancies in North East England.

The risk of defects such as congenital heart disease and spina bifida were increased.

National guidelines already recommend having good control over blood sugar levels before trying to conceive.

Both Type 1 diabetes, which tends to appear in childhood, and Type 2 diabetes, largely as a result of diet, lead to problems controlling the amount of sugar in the blood.

This is known to cause problems in pregnancy, such as birth defects, miscarriage and the baby being overweight due to too much sugar.

There is concern that rising levels of diabetes, particularly Type 2, could make the issue worse.

Researchers analysed data from 401,149 pregnancies between 1996 and 2008 - 1,677 women had diabetes.

The risk of birth defects went from 19 in every 1,000 births for women without pre-existing diabetes to 72 in every 1,000 births for women with diabetes.

Their report said that sugar levels in the run-up to conception were the "most important" risk factor which could be controlled.

The lead researcher, Dr Ruth Bell from Newcastle University, told the BBC: "Many of these anomalies happen in the first four to six weeks."

She said the number of pregnancies with poor sugar control were "more than we would like".

"It is a problem when the pregnancy is not intended or when people are not aware they need to talk to their doctors before pregnancy," she said.

Guidelines from the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence say women should reduce their blood sugar levels to below 6.1 percent before trying to have a baby.

Dr Bell said: "The good news is that, with expert help before and during pregnancy, most women with diabetes will have a healthy baby."

"The risk of problems can be reduced by taking extra care to have the best possible glucose control before becoming pregnant."

The charity Diabetes UK funded the study. Its director of research, Dr Iain Frame, said: "We need to get the message out to women with diabetes that if they are considering becoming pregnant, then they should tell their diabetes healthcare team, who will make sure they are aware of planning and what next steps they should be taking."

"It also highlights the importance of using contraception if you are a woman with diabetes who is sexually active but not planning to become pregnant."

Stocks hit new low

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(BSIA).

Police picked up the investors due to their unruly behaviour, said Sharifuzzaman, a sub-inspector of Motijheel Police Station. "We are yet to take any decision to file cases against them."

BSIA President Mizanur Rashid Chowdhury, however, said they were trying to hold a peaceful demonstration in front of the DSE.

Analysts said the New York-based Time magazine in its online edition on February 2 ran a news item on Bangladesh stockmarket, fuelling the downward trend.

Following the publication of the report headlined "The Rise and Fall of One of the World's Worst-Performing Stock Markets", the investors went for huge sell-offs to save their meager amount of equity they have left.

Besides, the country's overall economic situation, lack of investor confidence, high interest rates on deposits, tightened monetary

policy, liquidity crisis and relatively poor quarterly earnings report by some listed companies are the reasons behind the continuous fall, the analysts added.

They also said most of the institutional investors remained inactive, frustrating the retail investors further and forcing them to quit the market.

Yawer Sayeed, managing director of AIMS of Bangladesh, said, "It's become a market of free-fall."

The free-fall in the market is caused by structural problems of the economy such as high interest rates on deposits and high inflation rates, he said.

Yawer Sayeed said long-term remedy is important to eliminate the gloomy situation of the market.

In 1996, most of the investors traded without loans but in the recent years they traded with margin loan, which is very harmful for them, he added.

"Investors are selling off

their holdings irrespective of the fundamental of the stock in order to save meager amount of equity they have left," Lanka Bangla Securities, a leading stockbroker, said in its regular market analysis.

Liquidity crunch in the financial institutions are discouraging infusion of new capital in the market, the stockbroker said.

Turnover, however, gained 25.8 percent compared to the previous trading day. A total of 6.05 crore shares and mutual fund units were traded on a value of Tk 247 crore on the DSE. Of the traded issues, only nine advanced, 247 declined and three remained unchanged.

The Chittagong Stock Exchange also declined sharply with the Selective Categories Index falling 365 points to 6,881.

Losers beat gainers 183 to 2 on the port city bourse, which traded 1.08 crore shares and mutual fund units on a value of Tk 35.29 crore.

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Strengthening Comptrollership and Oversight of Public Expenditures (SCOPE) Project

Tender Ref.: SCOPE.IT.006 ; CIDA Project No.: 7049333

Supply & Installation of Network Printers for OCAG users

Under an agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has provided funds for the cost of the **Strengthening of Comptrollership and Oversight of Public Expenditures [SCOPE] Project**. The SCOPE project intends to apply part of the allocation of this credit to payments under the contract for: **Supply & Installation of Network Printers for OCAG users**.

Cowater International Inc., the Canadian implementing agency of the SCOPE project now invites sealed tenders from eligible bidders for the supply of related goods/services described in the above mentioned tender package.

A complete set of bidding documents in the English language will be available upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka One Thousand (Tk. 1,000) only, for which a receipt will be issued. Bidding documents are available at the address below, during normal working hours.

SCOPE Project;

2nd 12-Storey Govt. Office Building (9th floor);
Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
Tel: 9335363, 9335357, Ext- 103

BID DOCUMENT WILL BE SOLD UNTIL

4:00 P.M. TUESDAY 14TH OF FEBRUARY 2012



Vacancy Announcement

Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in the Chittagong Hill Tracts



United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces vacancy for the following position for "Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility" under "Service Contract" modality. The duration of the contract is one year initially and subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of Funds.

IT Associate - 1 position

For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Hard copy of the TOR can be collected from UNDP-CHTDF Offices of Dhaka, Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban. Applications should be submitted no later February 22, 2012

"Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Submitted documents will not be returned to the applicants"

"Qualified female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply"



**Asian Development Bank
BANGLADESH RESIDENT MISSION
INVITATION FOR BIDS**

CIVIL, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND WATER/SANITATION WORKS FOR BRM OFFICE EXPANSION AT SHRE-E-BANGLA NAGAR, DHAKA - PACKAGE A

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of civil, electrical, mechanical, water/sanitation and external works for its Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM) office expansion at Plot No. E-31, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. The expansion of the existing two storied building will be at the second and third level with a built-up area of 1,292 sqm (second floor 1,260 sqm and third floor 32 sqm.) finishing area of 817 sqm and connected external services work in the ground.
- National competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's single stage: one envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries.
- Bidders must meet the following main criteria to be considered (i) a bidder's net worth, calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities, should be positive; (ii) minimum average annual construction turnover of Taka33 million, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed within the last three years; (iii) demonstrated experience under construction contracts in the role of contractor, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least the last five years prior to the bid submission deadline; (iv) demonstrated participation as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least one contract within the last three years, each with a value of at least Taka22 million that have been successfully or are substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed works; (v) demonstrated having the key equipment listed in the bid documents; and (vi) demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means of minimum Taka5.5 million, other than any contractual advance payments.
- The bidding document, in the English language, is available for inspection and may be obtained by interested bidders from the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka 2,500.00 (or U.S.\$ 30) Sundays-Thursdays from 08 February (between 9 AM and 4 PM) and until 07 March 2012 at 4 PM.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 15.00 hrs. on 08 March 2012. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount as specified in the bidding document. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 15.15 hrs. on 08 March 2012.
- ADB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation and delivery of bids. ADB reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the bidders.

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Lecturer Positions at IBA, University of Dhaka

The Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka invites applications in prescribed form for the following positions:

Number of Positions: Four Lecturers (against leave vacancies)

Pay Scale: Tk. 11000-490 x 7-14430-EB-540 x 11-20370/- (NPS-2009)

Candidates must fulfill any of the following academic degree requirements:

- Regular MBA degree majoring in Finance or Marketing;
- Master's in Accounting/Finance/HRM or Marketing;
- Both Master's & Bachelor with Honors in Economics or Law or Statistics.

Applicants must have a minimum CGPA of 3.50 (on a 4.00 point scale) or equivalent in both Master's and Bachelor degree examinations from recognized universities. They must have a minimum CGPA of 3.50 (out of 5.00) or equivalent divisions in both SSC & HSC (or equivalent) examinations. Applicants having higher degree may be given preference.

Application Procedure:

Interested candidates have to submit 8 (eight) sets of applications, enclosing attested copies of all educational certificates, marksheets and passport size photographs with Pay Order/Demand Draft of Tk 750.00 (Taka seven hundred and fifty) drawn in favor of 'Institute of Business Administration'. The prescribed application form may be obtained from the Office of the Secretary, IBA. The properly filled-in application along with the Pay Order/Demand Draft must reach the Office of the Director latest by February 18, 2012 during office hours (from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

Candidates already in service should apply through proper channel.

The Director

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