

# Brac official killed

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The Taliban stormed the office just before dawn.  
Another Bangladeshi Samiul Haq managed to escape, said the policeman. Murtaza said a wounded attacker was arrested and the detainee told police that five insurgents involved in the attack wanted to kidnap the Bangladeshis.  
Samiul told Pajhwok Afghan News that the militants wanted foreigners so that they could get their men held by the Afghan government released through exchange. He said, "The office chief was killed on the spot but I succeeded in

fleeing soon after the assailants entered the building."  
He said an Afghan worker of Brac, who was sharing the room with the office head, also escaped unhurt in the assault.  
However, Ariful of Brac Afghanistan brushed aside the claim of Taliban attack, saying, "I am sure that they were not Taliban and it was not a targeted attack. Besides, I think we have gained acceptance of the Taliban."  
Talking to The Daily Star over the phone, Ariful said, "Usually, Taliban forces issue threats before any attack or ask to stop any

activity that they do not like. In this case, there was no such threat or directive."  
"It might be a robbery," he speculated, adding, "Police have arrested an attacker. Information will come out as they interrogate him."  
Samiul was brought to Kabul along with the body of Mohiuddin around 12:30pm yesterday on a UN flight, said Ariful. As there was no Bangladesh embassy in Afghanistan, they would have to bring the body to Bangladesh after completing some procedures through Bangladesh embassy in Uzbekistan, he

said.  
"If we get clearance from the embassy in Uzbekistan, we hope to be on a plane tomorrow [Saturday] evening and hope to land in Bangladesh Sunday [tomorrow] morning," Ariful said.  
Talking to The Daily Star yesterday evening, Mohiuddin's wife Parveen said, "He [Mohiuddin] went to Afghanistan to earn money. But we have lost him forever. Now, who will take care of my family?"  
Mohiuddin, an agriculture specialist, had been working in Brac's community-based livelihood

improvement project since 2009. A few days ago he started working on a new project on water management in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Afghanistan, the Brac statement said.  
Brac started its activities in Afghanistan in 2002. Currently, it has 173 offices in Afghanistan with around 3,000 employees among which 152 are Bangladeshi, said the statement.  
This is the second killing of a Brac official in Afghanistan in the last 10 years. On September 12, 2007, unknown gunmen shot Brac official Abdul Alim, 38, dead during clashes between the Taliban and Afghan security forces.  
In October 2008, a criminal gang abducted Mohammad Shahjahan Ali and Akhter Ali, two officials of Brac in Ghazni, southwest of Afghan capital Kabul. Nurul Islam, another Brac official, was abducted from his office in September, 2007.  
However, Ariful claimed that two killings in 10 years were not significant in Afghanistan.

# Japan for effective

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He also asked the Bangladesh government to resolve various other problems including shortage in gas and electricity supply to attract more investment from his country.  
Many Japanese companies are eager to come to Bangladesh considering it a promising destination for investment, Okada said.  
He also suggested the Bangladesh government solve its difficulties one by one.  
Okada, who came here on Thursday, said Japan will support Bangladesh to overcome its challenges while Japanese investment in this country is increasing gradually.  
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ate with the World Bank (WB) to end the impasse, reiterating that his government would also talk with the WB as Japan wants a breakthrough in this issue.  
The Japanese deputy prime minister termed the existing relations between the two countries excellent and hoped that it would deepen further.  
He gave an assurance that Japan would continue its support to Bangladesh in its development endeavours.  
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Japanese companies complained to him of not getting adequate power and gas supply to their establishments, Okada said, "I have informed the Bangladesh prime minister of the matter."  
Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) organised the meeting.  
The Japanese deputy premier also visited Matsuoka Apparel Factory in Ashulia on the outskirts of the capital. During his visit Okada told reporters that he was highly impressed to see many Bangladeshi people working hard in the factory.  
Quoting the factory manager, he said "Bangladesh is a diamond. If you shine it, the country will become a real diamond."  
Minister for Food and Disaster Management Muhammad Abdur Razzaque briefly spoke at the press conference and saw off the Japanese deputy prime minister.  
Ambassador at-Large Mohammad Ziauddin, Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Shiro Sadoshima, among others, were present at the airport.

# Ex-Rab official

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Police filed a prayer seeking a seven-day remand for interrogation.  
The court fixed Monday for remand hearing as police failed to submit the original case document before it, said court sources.  
Zulfiqar was picked up from one of his relatives' house on Daktarar Goli in the capital's Moghbazar area around 4:00am on Thursday.  
Plainclothes members of Rapid Action Battalion-7 on November 4 last year entered the Talsara Darbar Sharif in Anwara upazila and kept Pir (religious leader) Ahammed Safa Shah confined to a room at gunpoint, according to case statement.

The law enforcers broke three cupboards open and looted Tk 2.07 crore kept in six travel bags.  
Four months later, driver of the shrine Idris Ali filed the case accusing 10 Rab men including Zulfiqar and two of their informants.  
Arguing for the remand, investigation officer (IO) of the case Inspector Abdus Samad said the accused looted Tk 2.07 crore and shared the amount with his team members.  
Police earlier arrested three other accused, who have confessed their involvement in the robbery to a magistrate under article 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code.  
The three said Zulfiqar

was involved in the crime and that is why the accused should be remanded to reveal how they distributed the money, pleaded the IO.  
The lawyers of the accused argued that Zulfiqar was not named in the First Information Report (FIR) and he has been sued as part of a conspiracy. The case was lodged by the driver of the shrine after several months of the incident.  
They also said neither the Pir of the shrine nor any member of the shrine committee has filed the case. They prayed for granting bail to Zulfiqar.  
The Rab authorities sent the 10 accused back to their mother organisations after a departmental investigation

found them guilty of robbery.  
Later the army carried out a departmental investigation and sacked Zulfiqar. **ZULFIQAR KEEPS MUM**  
The former Rab official on Thursday refrained from making any comment about the robbery charges brought against him.  
"I was the commanding officer of Rab-7 when a routine operation was conducted at Talsara Darbar Sharif on November 4 last year," Zulfiqar told newsmen at Anwara Police Station.  
Asked whether he was involved in the robbery, he said, "I won't say anything about the matter.... I will tell the court whatever I have to."

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Garment exports to India are also increasing because of high demand for basic garment items of the growing middle class consumers in India, exporters said.  
According to data from the state-owned Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh exported garments worth \$30.61 million during the September-March period of the current fiscal year, registering a

77.92 percent growth over the same period last fiscal year.  
Of the total amount, knitwear worth \$6.47 million was exported, registering a 69.73 percent rise compared to the same period last year.  
Woven garment worth \$24.15 million was exported, a 80.25 percent growth from that of the corresponding period of the last fiscal year, according to the bureau.

The demand for Bangladesh-made trousers, shirts, blouses, skirts, kids wear, cotton nightwear, jeans, swimwear and track-suits is high in India even though India itself is a major garment producer and a strong competitor for Bangladesh in the global market.  
Before the duty-waiver facility, Bangladesh used to have duty-free exports of eight lakh pieces of garment items under the Saarc Free

Trade Agreement (Safta), which came into effect on July, 2006.  
Managing Director of Envoy Group Abdus Salam Murshedy, who has business with India, said the country's garment export to India was increasing mainly for two reasons: duty-waiver facility and geographical proximity.  
He said exports to India do not need air shipment or long shipment time. "We can send goods in short time even through trucks, whereas exports to other destinations like the EU and the US need a long time and sometimes air shipment," he said.

India is a new market for Bangladesh, he said, adding that both government officials and exporters were still working to remove different trade barriers. Recently, some garment exporters expressed concern over delayed payment by some buyers in India, he said.  
A senior commerce ministry official preferring anonymity said, "We are still working to remove all kinds of trade barrier between Bangladesh and India. If any businessman lodges complaint with us regarding trade barriers between the two countries, we will respond and try to solve it in the shortest possible time."  
The country's export trend to India is still good, said Faruque Hassan, vice-president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association and a member of the business survey delegation that visited India after the announcement of the duty-free facility to get an idea about the Indian market.  
"We have bright export potential in India as the country has strong middle-class consumers," he said.  
Hassan said they would hold meetings with buyers in different Indian cities, including Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Bangalore and Chennai, in July and August to attract them.  
Bangladesh imported goods worth \$3.26 billion during the July-February period of the current fiscal year, according to commerce ministry data. However, it is estimated that goods worth \$3 billion is imported through informal means every year.  
Export to India was \$512 million in 2010-11, which was 68 percent higher than that of 2009-10.

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## Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.			
2	Agency	Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education.			
3	Procuring entity name	Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP).			
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.			
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Award Books for Developing the Reading Habit.			
6	Invitation Ref No.	SEQAEP/Procure/Award Book Purchase/G9.2/182/2011/104.			
7	Date	29 April 2012.			
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (NCB).			
9	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (Credit).			
10	Development partners	International Development Association (IDA).			
11	Project/program code	5-25-2531-5620.			
12	Project/program name	Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP).			
13	Tender package No.	G9 (G9.2).			
14	Tender package name	Procurement of Award Books for Developing the Reading Habit.			
15	Tender publication date	02 May 2012.			
16	Tender last selling date	17 May 2012 during office hours.			
17	Tender closing date and time	20 May 2012 at 11.00am.			
18	Tender opening date and time	20 May 2012 at 11.30am.			
19	Name & address of the office(s)	Address Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP), Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education (DSHE), Shikha Bhaban, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.			
20	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) Tenderer must have 5 years of overall experience in supply of books, (b) Valid trade license, TIN & VAT registration, (c) Tenderers can submit a tender for one or all lots, (d) Tenderers must fulfill terms & conditions of the tender document.			
21	Special instruction	1. The suppliers/publishers may form association/consortium between them to supply the books. 2. The supplier(s) other than the publisher(s) must submit authorization letter from the publisher(s) concerned, and submit the same with the tender.			
22	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of Award Books for Developing Reading Habit Sub-component.			
23	Brief description of related services	The described goods are to be delivered to Bishwo Sahitto Kenro, 14, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka, where the books will be inspected by the project authority.			
24	Price of tender document (Tk.)	BDT 1000.00 (one thousand only).			
25	Lot No.	Identification of lots	Location	Tender security amount (PO/BG)	Completion time in weeks/months
26	01	Procurement of Award Books-of 46 titles	Dhaka	70000.00	3 weeks
26	02	Procurement of Award Books-of 48 titles	Dhaka	60000.00	3 weeks
26	03	Procurement of Award Books-of 48 titles	Dhaka	80000.00	3 weeks
26	04	Procurement of Award Books-of 43 titles	Dhaka	65000.00	3 weeks
27	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Shahid Bakhtiar Alam.			
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, SEQAEP.			
29	Address of official inviting tender	Project Director, SEQAEP, DSHE, Shikha Bhaban, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Block, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 16, A Gani Road, Dhaka.			
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9555137	Fax: 9555134	E-mail: seqaep@bdcom.net	
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				

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**DIABETIC ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESH**

## INVITATION FOR TENDERS

**DIABETIC ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESH (BADAS)**  
122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Shahbag, Dhaka

01	Procuring Entity Name	Director (Project and Development), BADAS.		
02	Project Name	Establishment of Liver Transplantation Unit in Bangladesh Diabetic Association (BADAS)		
03	Invitation for Tenders Reference & Date.	Memo No-BADAS / Project / HIVAC / 12 / 01 Date: May 03, 2012.		
04	Name of Work	Price of Tender Documents.	Amount of Tender Security.	Completion Time.
	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning Of Central Air-Conditioning System For Liver Transplantation Unit At 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Of Annex Building In Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (BADAS) Complex, Shahbag, Dhaka	Taka 3000/00 (Non-refundable)	3% (Three) percent of quoted amount	06 (Six) Months.
05	Eligibility of Tenderers.	(i) Contractors Class I & II of PWD, LGED or MES or Reputed Firms expertise in Central Air-conditioning system, having work experience of at least 01 similar work in Bangladesh during last 05 years. (ii) Other required eligibility & conditions are shown in Tender Data Sheet of Tender Documents.		
06	Name and address of the Office(s) Selling & Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Director (Project and Development) Diabetic Association of Bangladesh, 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka.		
07	Name and address of the Office(s) Opening Tenders.	As above.		
08	Date and Time for Selling Tender Document.	During 8-30 AM to 4-00 PM (On all working days) from <b>May 16, 2012 to June 14, 2012.</b>		
09	Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional).	<b>On May 31, 2012. At 11-00 hours (Morning).</b>		
10	Last Date and Time for Submission of Tenders.	<b>On or before June 16, 2012 within 12-00 hours (Noon).</b>		
11	Date and Time for Opening of Tender.	<b>On June 16, 2012 At 12-30 hours (Noon).</b> Intending Tenderers may remain present during opening of Tenders. Authorized representative of Tenderers are also allowed to attend.		
12	Contact Details of official inviting Tender	Telephone: 861664, 9661551, Ext: 2521 Facsimile number: + 880-2-9677772		
13	Budget and Source of Funds	"Own Fund"		
14	Special Instruction.	01. An application with supporting documents (Copies of Enlistment, Experience certificate, Trade license, VAT, AIT etc.) is required to be submitted to the undersigned for obtaining permission for purchasing of the Tender Documents. 02. The authority is not bound to accept the lowest tender and reserves the right to accept any or reject the whole Tender or part of it or annual the tendering process without having any obligation to assign or communicate reasons thereof whatsoever and without any financial implications thereto.		

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