

DONOR FUNDED PROJECTS

'Foreign consultants should not be must'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Foreign donors, especially World Bank, should drop preconditions of involving international consultants in the country's disaster management projects as it hampers the application of local expertise and the maximum utilisation of resources, said experts at a workshop yesterday.

Disaster Management Bureau organised the workshop, "Multi-Hazard Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Modeling and Mapping (MRVA)", at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital.

Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) and Institute of Water Modeling (IWM) are carrying out a study on a project on MRVA.

Addressing as the chief guest, Disaster Management and Relief Division Secretary M Aslam Alam said the practise of this precondition prevents the appointment of local experts, even if they are available.

Development partners should provide the scope for the appointment of local expertise in development projects so that their knowledge can be put into practise, he said.

Prof Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, vice chancellor of University of Asia Pacific, said, "We, as a country, are becoming more dependent on

foreign expertise day by day instead of allowing the local expertise to be applied in the country."

The speakers said the study on the MRVA project would create the basis for "building long term preparedness through strengthening disaster risk management capacity in the country..."

"...as well as enhance long term disaster risk mitigation and reduction ability of Disaster Management Bureau."

The workshop's main objectives were to identify areas in the country prone to geological, hydro-meteorological and technological hazards and to assess the exposure of people, property, infrastructure and economic activities to the hazards.

Disaster Management Bureau Director General Ahsan Zakir chaired the inaugural session where some 60 representatives of different organisations were present.

ADPC Executive Director NMSI Arambepola, ADPC Special Adviser Dr Bhicit Rattakul, Planning Division Secretary-in-Charge Bhuiyan Shafiqul Islam and Disaster Management Bureau Director (planning and training) Didar Ahmed also spoke at the workshop.

7 killed, 13 hurt in road crashes

METRO DESK

Seven people were killed and 13 others injured in separate road accidents in Manikganj, Rajshahi, Gopalganj and Dinajpur on Wednesday and yesterday.

UNB from Manikganj reports, a Mitra-bound tempo from the town plunged into a ditch beside Manikganj-Singair road at Nayakandi in the sadar upazila around 12:10am yesterday, killing Amjad Khan, 45, instantly and injuring four others.

In another accident, Sohan, 5, son of Sohrab Hossain of Bathomuri village, died when a pick-up van ran over him in Ghior upazila yesterday morning while he was standing beside the road.

RU correspondent says, two people were killed and two others, including a child, injured as a truck rammed an auto-rickshaw at Siruil bus terminal intersection in Rajshahi city around 2:00pm yesterday.

The dead Ramjan Ali, 40, the auto-rickshaw driver and Jalal Uddin, 35, its passenger, were hailing from Naogaon; while the injured are Rafik Alam, 40, Rajshahi bureau chief of the daily Banglabazar Patrika, and Sumaiya, 12, his daughter.

Police said soon after striking the auto-rickshaw, the truck hit a motorbike carrying the journalist and his daughter from behind leaving them injured.

They were rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

In Gopalganj, a mother and her son were killed and five others injured when a passenger bus fell into a ditch beside Dhaka-Khulna highway in Gopinathpur area in the sadar upazila on Wednesday.

The deceased are Ratna Begum, 30, wife of Raich Mia and her son Tamim, 3, of Parchandradighalia village of the upazila.

In Dinajpur, a college student was killed and two others were injured as a pick-up van hit them near Borsha village in Birganj upazila yesterday early morning.

The deceased Md Masud Rana, 22, son Md Aktar Ali of Borsha village in the upazila, was a second year student of HSC.

The injured are Jahangir Alam, 27, and Ranjit Roy, 45, of the same village.

Following the accident, locals blocked Thakurgaon-Dhaka road for at least six hours.

Man gets wife killed after rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Just 20 days into their marriage, a man had his wife raped and killed by a hired goon in Chhotapul area of Chittagong city on Monday.

Police arrested the man Omar Faruk, 22, and the hired goon Mohammad Milon, 23, Wednesday night. Both of them confessed to killing Nurjahan Begum, 22.

Faruk, who was presented before the media along with Milon by police yesterday, said both he and Nurjahan were divorced from their first spouses.

They got married 20 days ago, he said, but Nurjahan kept contacting with his first husband to learn about her one-year-old son.

"Nurjahan's talking to his ex-husband hurt me very much, and I asked her to not continue the communication. As she did not heed, I decided to kill her," Faruk said.

Monir Hossain, sub-inspector, Halishahar Police Station, also investigation officer of the case, said Faruk hired Milon of Chhotapul area to carry out the murder.

Milon agreed but said he would rape Nurjahan before killing her.

On Monday evening, Faruk took Nurjahan to the bank of Maheshkhal near Islam Haji Brick Kiln area, where she was raped and strangled around 10:00pm.

Justice Manik tasked with criminal cases

Several other HC judges' jurisdictions changed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain yesterday changed the jurisdictions of several High Court judges, including Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, following appointment of six new judges.

The new judges are Justice ABM Altaf Hossain, Justice Ashish Ranjan Das, Justice Mahmudul Haque, Justice Badruzzaman Badal, Justice Zafar Ahmed and Justice Kazi M Ejarul Haque Akond (Sagar).

Justice Altaf will sit with Justice Manik to hear criminal cases. Earlier, a Supreme Court lawyer sought removal of Justice Manik through an application to President Zillur Rahman on June 5.

Justice Ashish will sit with senior Justice Tariq ul Hakim to hear cases over VAT and customs disputes, labour court appeals and bank loan disputes.

Justice Mahmudul will sit with senior Justice AKM Asaduzzaman to hear criminal motions and appeals and bail petitions and jail appeals.

Justice Badruzzaman will sit with senior Justice Sharif Uddin Chaklader to hear civil petitions, first appeals and disputes of over Tk 4 lakhs. Justice Zafar will sit with Justice Farid Ahmed to hear writ petitions, Anti-Corruption Commission's cases, public-interest petitions and capital-market issues.

Justice Ejarul will sit with senior Justice Salma Masud Chowdhury to settle criminal motions, appeals and related bail petitions.

The chief justice administered oath to the new judges at the Supreme Court auditorium yesterday morning.

SC Registrar AKM Shamsul Islam said the chief justice may reconstitute the jurisdictions of some HC benches after a two-week vacation from June 22. Yesterday, the bench of Justice

Manik did not hear the case over BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's birth anniversary due to the jurisdiction change.

The bench of Justice Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim had been hearing and disposing of writ petitions till June 5. As Justice Selim went on leave on June 6 due to his sickness, a single member bench of Justice Manik was disposing of civil cases from June 6.

SC lawyer Md Mozammel Haque had sought Justice Manik's removal through the Supreme Judicial Council. Justice Manik had issued rulings on a good number of public interest litigations.

On June 9, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said Mozammel's request was unexpected and illogical. The HC, on June 12, issued a contempt of court rule against Mozammel for making derogatory remarks against the judge in the application.

Khaleda goes to KSA for medical check-up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Khaleda Zia will leave the capital for Saudi Arabia today for a medical check-up.

The former premier will be residing at the Royal Palace as the guest of the Saudi King and will undergo treatment at King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz Royal Hospital in Riyadh.

She will also perform Umrah and offer Ziarat at hol Raoza Mobarak of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM).

The BNP chairperson is expected to hold a meeting with top officials of the Saudi government, said chairperson's Press Secretary Maruf Kamal Khan Sohel.

Khaleda's Adviser Riaz Rahman and party's Vice Chairman Shamsheer Mobin Chowdhury along with her personal staff will leave Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport tonight.

She is likely to return after one week, said Kamal.

Sayedee gets parole for son's namaz-e-janaza

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat leader Delawar Hossain Sayedee was released on parole yesterday evening to attend the namaz-e-janaza of his eldest son in the capital's Motijheel.

Sayedee was released at around 5:45pm and reached Motijheel Boys' High School at around 6:15pm, said Deputy Commissioner Anwar Hossain of Motijheel Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

He attended the namaz-e-janaza of his son, Rafique Bin Sayedee, offered Maghrib prayers there and left for Dhaka Central Jail at around 7:05pm, he said.

Rafique, 43, died of a cardiac arrest after falling sick while witnessing his father's trial at International Crimes Tribunal-1 on Wednesday and was declared dead at Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital in the capital.



Communications and Railways Minister Obaidul Quader hands over a laptop to Wasfia Nazreen, second Bangladeshi woman to conquer Everest, at a reception hosted by Feni Samity Dhaka at the Institution of Diploma Engineers in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Nishat, Wasfia get reception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A corruption-free society is the prime prerequisite to foster the country's hidden talents like Nishat Majumder and Wasfia Nazreen, LGRD Minister Syed Ashrafur Islam said yesterday.

"In our country, there are many hidden talents which can bloom if we curb corruption. Let's establish a corruption-free society," he said.

The minister said everyone should be provided with equal opportunity to nurture their talents. "We have to be aware that no talent is destroyed due to political or regional factor."

Syed Ashraf was speaking at a reception accorded to Nishat Majumder, the first Bangladeshi woman to conquer Mount Everest on May 19.

Wasfia Nazreen achieved the feat as the second Bangladeshi woman on May 26.

Taqsem A Khan, managing director of Dhaka Wasa, which hosted the reception, announced Nishat's promotion from accounts officer to senior accounts officer at Dhaka Wasa.

Earlier, Dhaka Wasa gave Nishat an award of Tk 5 lakh and allotted a residence in government staff quarters.

Communications and Railways Minister Obaidul Quader and Feni Samity in Dhaka separately accorded receptions to Nishat and Wasfia yesterday.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

5-yr agreement among Brac, DFID, AusAID

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

To alleviate poverty of over 1.3 million people and support 0.68 million children for having primary education, Brac, UK Department for International Development (DFID) and AusAID signed a five-year agreement on Wednesday.

The agreement will also focus on providing contraceptive services to over 15 million couples, says a press release.

Brac Chairperson Sir Fazle Hasan Abed said the partnership will strengthen the existing bonds and commitment among Bangladesh, United Kingdom and Australia.

"Through this agreement, we are re-affirming our commitment to work together to tackle the causes of poverty..." said UK Secretary of State for International Development, Andrew Mitchell.

Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr praised the role of Brac at the ceremony.



Career Opportunity

Incepta Pharmaceuticals Ltd. is a leading dosage form manufacturing company in Bangladesh. Focus on superior technology product development has enabled Incepta to become leader in many therapeutic segments within a very short time. Over the past decade Incepta has developed and introduced in the Bangladesh pharmaceutical market for the first time many technologically advanced products including Typhoid vaccines, Insulin, Erythropoietin, Enoxaparin, Filgrastim and novel dosage forms like prefilled syringe products, mouth dissolving tablets, controlled release and sustained release tablets etc. The current portfolio of products covers all the major dosage forms of medication in almost all major therapeutic segments. Currently the company is working to introduce hormones, human vaccines etc. to the local market. To support this rapid business expansion, the company is inviting applications from prospective candidates for following vacant positions:

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- ❖ MBBS with excellent academic background from a reputed Institution.
- ❖ 1-2 years experience in related field is preferable.

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