

A nice artwork

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The Daily Star.
He says he still wants to complete the work if assisted by the authorities.
"As per the contact, Heritage was supposed to give me the contract money. But I did not get a single taka," Mrinal adds.
Those doing business occupying the footpath there, thus blocking the view of the piece, say they are unaware of the significance of the mural or even the existence of it.
"I am doing business here for the last six years but nobody told me about it. I saw people urinating and dumping debris along the wall," said Jahangir Khan, a hawker.
"Why did the authorities

spend so much money to create such a beautiful artwork if they cannot take care of it?" says Babul Mia, a shopkeeper at New Market.
Mohiuddin Majumder, whose makeshift shop also covers the painting, said neither the city corporation nor anybody else told them about the importance of the mural.
Asked, he said the hawkers are to pay the police for doing business there.
But New Market Police Station Officer-in-charge Mostafizur Rahman dismissed the allegation, terming it false.
Rafeya Abedin, managing director of Pay Heritage, said they failed to pay Mrinal, as they could not collect money through advertise-

ment due to opposition from the city corporation.
She, however, said her firm would pay Mrinal his due and also complete the mural if the city corporation allowed the firm to set up billboards over the mural to collect revenue.
ANM Iftekharul Haque, who was then in charge of the city corporation's beautification cell, supports Rafeya and blames the then city corporation authorities for not allowing Heritage to set up billboards.
"We gave Heritage the permission to build the mural but there was no condition in the agreement that the city corporation will finance the project. There was a verbal agree-

ment with Rafeya for setting up of a billboard there. But it was not approved by the authorities concerned," he added.
Such decisions and negligence of the city corporation authorities are the main reasons for the ruining of the beautiful artwork, he said.
Contacted, Mohammad Tajul Islam, chief estate officer of DCC (South), said the city authorities were continuously removing the illegal structures from across the city.
"I do not have any idea about Mrinal Haque's mural. However, we evict hawkers from the illegally occupied area, but they return within a few days and set those up again," he told The Daily Star.

Biggest mystery

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gathering of scientists and the world's media near Geneva yesterday.
"The discovery of a particle consistent with the Higgs boson opens the way to more detailed studies, requiring larger statistics, which will pin down the new particle's properties, and is likely to shed light on other mysteries of our universe."
Two independent studies of data produced by smashing proton particles together at CERN's Large Hadron Collider produced a convergent near-certainty on the existence of the new particle. It is unclear whether it is exactly the boson Higgs described.
But addressing scientists assembled in the CERN auditorium, Heuer posed them a question: "As a layman, I would say I think we have it. Would you agree?" A roar of applause said they did.
For some, there was no doubt the Higgs boson is found: "It's the Higgs," said Jim Al-Khalili of Surrey University, a British physicist and popular broadcaster. "The announcement from CERN is even more definitive and clear-cut than most of us expected."
Higgs, now 83, from Edinburgh University was among six theorists who in the early 1960s proposed the existence of a mechanism by which matter in the universe gained mass. Higgs himself argued that if there were an invisible field responsible for the process, it must be made up of particles.
He and some of the others were at CERN to welcome news of what, to the embarrassment of many scientists, some commentators have labeled the "God particle", for its role in turning the Big

Bang into a living universe. Clearly overwhelmed, his eyes welling up, Higgs told the symposium of fellow researchers: "It is an incredible thing that it has happened in my lifetime."
END OF AN ERA
He later told Reuters of his admiration for the work of the thousands of scientists and engineers who worked on the practical experimental and statistical work which had, finally, confirmed what he and others had described with mathematics.
"I had no expectation that I would still be alive when it happened," he said of the speed with which they found evidence.
"It is very satisfying," he said. "For me personally it's just the confirmation of something I did 48 years ago."
He predicted further investigation by the CERN teams would probably confirm the particle is at least related to his idea: "It would be very odd if it were not any kind of Higgs boson."
"For physics, in one way, it is the end of an era in that it completes the Standard Model," he said of the basic theory physicists currently use to describe what they understand so far of a cosmos built from 12 fundamental particles and four forces.
The two separate teams at CERN worked independently through data, hunting for tiny divergences that might betray the existence of the new boson, a class of particle which includes the photon, associated with light. The class is named in honor of Albert Einstein's Indian collaborator Satyendra Nath Bose.
"It's a boson!" headlined Britain's Science and Technology Facilities Council in a statement on its researchers' role in the delivery of the

"dramatic 5 sigma signal" for the existence of the long-sought particle.
Five sigma, a measure of probability reflecting a less than one in a million chance of a fluke in the data, is a widely accepted standard for scientists to accept the particle exists.
"The fact that both our teams have independently come to the same results is very powerful," Oliver Buchmueller, a senior physicist on one of the research teams, told Reuters.
"We know it is a new boson. But we still have to prove definitively that it is the one that Higgs predicted."
Surrey's Al-Khalili said the researchers' caution was extreme: "Cutting through all the jargon about sigmas and decay channels, the bottom line is that CERN have indeed discovered the Higgs boson," he said. "In my view, if it looks like the Higgs, smells like the Higgs and is exactly what we expected from the Higgs, then it's the Higgs. Nobel prizes all round."
UNIVERSAL THEORY
The Higgs theory explains how particles clumped together to form stars, planets and life itself. Without the Higgs boson, the universe would have remained a formless soup of particles shooting around at the speed of light, the theory goes.
It is the last undiscovered piece of the Standard Model that describes the fundamental make-up of the universe. The model is for physicists what the theory of evolution is for biologists.
What scientists do not yet know from the latest findings is whether the particle they have discovered is the Higgs boson as exactly described by the Standard Model. It could be a variant

of the Higgs idea or an entirely new subatomic particle that could force a rethink on the fundamental structure of matter.
The last two possibilities are, in scientific terms, even more exciting.
Packed audiences of particle physicists, journalists, students and even politicians filled conference rooms in Geneva, London and a major physics conference in Melbourne, Australia, to hear the announcement.
EXPLORATION AHEAD
Despite the excitement, physicists cautioned that there was still much to learn: "We have closed one chapter and opened another," said Peter Knight of Britain's Institute of Physics.
Buchmueller at CERN said: "If I were a betting man, I would bet that it is the Higgs. But we can't say that definitely yet. It is very much a smoking duck that walks and quacks like the Higgs. But we now have to open it up and look inside before we can say that it is indeed the Higgs."
Jerome Gauntlett, head of theoretical physics at London's Imperial College said further experiments at CERN could begin to lighten the unexplained "dark matter" which theoreticians hold makes up much of the universe, explore a fourth dimension and beyond and resolve contradictions between the subatomic world of particles and the larger universe described by Einstein.
Paul Nurse, president of Britain's science academy The Royal Society, said: "This is a big day for science and for human achievement ... Today moves us a step closer to a fuller understanding of the very stuff of which the universe is made."

Peace Committee

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Muntassir deposed as a prosecution witness on Sunday in the war crimes case against Azam. Defense counsel Mizanul Islam began cross-examining him on the same day.
On May 13, Ghulam Azam, who was the ameer (chief) of the East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) Jamaat-e-Islami in 1971, was indicted on five charges based on 60 incidents of crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.
Mizanul asked Muntassir whether the peace committee was a legitimate organization.
"The peace committee was formed [in 1971] in consultation with the government. Therefore, it's irrelevant [to ask] whether it was formed legally or not," said the witness.
The defence then asked him whether there were any government facilities for the peace committees.
"Those who were in peace committees at the time could say it well. All matters about the peace

committees are based on documented information. I've nothing to say more in this matter," he replied.
Mizanul asked him further whether the peace committees could order and send any member or military unit to any operation during the War in 1971.
Members of the peace committee had suggested that the authorities (the Pakistan government) take part in various activities. The members had also participated in the activities, the Dhaka University professor said.
"Could the peace committee members punish the armed forces for chaos during operations?" asked the defence.
An associate organisation does not have the right to take action against its authorities, Muntassir replied.
Mizanul then placed a question to the witness as to whether the peace committees could push any Pakistani occupation force into leading an operation.
"The peace committees could suggest, promote and

make propaganda before the Pakistani military for the latter to lead an operation," the witness replied.
The defence also asked him whether any member of the peace committee had forced anyone to convert to Islam.
"There is information and I have got it. But without any documents I cannot say anything about it," Muntassir said.
The proceedings of the trial were adjourned until today.
Ghulam Azam was present at the tribunal for about one and a half hours.
Earlier, Prosecutor Zead Al Malum drew the attention of the tribunal to the headline in a report published in the Bangla daily Naya Diganta on July 4 on Tuesday's proceedings at the tribunal.
The newspaper had said the witness (Muntassir Mamoon) denied his testimony soon after giving it.
On that issue the Chairman of the Tribunal, Justice Md Nizamul Huq, asked the on duty correspondent of the newspaper in the court whether he had any idea about court proceedings

or a recording of testimony.
Justice Huq said once the deposition of a witness is recorded, it is read out again for his or her consent. If the witness agrees, only then the deposition is finally recorded.
The tribunal chairman said the testimony was recorded on Tuesday after the prosecution, the defence and the witness had reached a consensus.
"How could you say he denied it? It's a matter for the tribunal," Justice Huq said and added, "You gave the verdict."
"For God's sake, consult with the lawyers if you don't understand [the court proceedings]," the tribunal chairman told journalists present in the courtroom.
Justice Huq suggested, "There is nothing wrong if you don't understand. But if you [Naya Diganta's correspondent] are in need of learning, your report will have to be correct."
Addressing the reporters who were present at the tribunal, he suggested that they become more cautious in writing reports.

ACC quizzes 3 Bridge Division officials

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Deputy Director of ACC Zainul Abedin Shebli and its Assistant Director Mirza Zahidul Alam interrogated the officials for about three and a half hours from 11:00am at the Segunbagicha office of anti-graft commission.
ACC sources said the engineers had admitted their Canada tour but denied receiving any travel support from the Canadian company and taking part in the training programmes. They had also denied being present in the meetings at the Bridges Division office.
"There is no scope for denying their travel to Canada, as we have already collected the Government Order regarding their visit. Besides, we have also verified their passports," said one of the ACC investigators.

He said ACC was now trying to find out whether the officials had visited Canada on SNC-Lavalin's arrangement and taken part in the training.
Meanwhile, comments of the engineers interrogated could not be collected immediately, as they hurriedly left the ACC building to avoid the media.
According to sources, at least 15 officials of the Bridges Division went to Canada on SNC-Lavalin's arrangement before and after the company had dropped its tender. Apart from financial and accommodation supports, the firm had also allegedly arranged their visas.
"We have decided to interrogate six of the officials who went to Canada between January and May last year, after SNC-Lavalin had dropped its bid," said

one of the ACC investigators, adding, "The interrogation of three other officials will take place soon."
So far ACC interrogated former state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury on June 14, civil contractor Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury alias Nixon Chowdhury on June 19 and Ziaul Huq, managing director of Engineering and Planning Consultant Ltd, local agent of SNC-Lavalin, on July 2.
Sources said they would soon interrogate former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain and former secretary of the Bridges Division Mosharrif Hossain Bhuiyan.
Abul Hossain, Abul Hasan, Nixon, Mosharrif, Ziaul Huq, Ismail Hossain and several others used to be present in the meetings at the Bridges Division and

played key roles in hiring SNC-Lavalin as the consultant for the bridge project, said ACC sources.
Last November, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on a WB request launched an investigation against SNC-Lavalin in connection with alleged corruption in the bridge project. They seized documents from its office and arrested three of its top officials -- former chief executive Pierre Duhaime and former vice-presidents Indian-born Canadian citizen Ramesh Saha and Bangladesh-born Canadian citizen Ismail Hossain.
The WB has recently provided the ACC the RCMP findings. Following no "satisfactory" steps against the suspects, the WB on June 29 cancelled its \$ 1.2 billion loan for the construction of the Padma bridge.

MTB Tower a green building

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

SEALED TENDERS containing "Technical Offer" and "Financial Offer", in 2 (two) separate envelopes, are hereby invited by Mutual Trust Bank Ltd. (MTB) from reputed Electrical Contractors for "Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Diesel Generators for MTB Tower" now under construction at 111, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka.

The intending tenderers will have to apply on their letterhead, to the undersigned, along with the following documents in support of their eligibility, and obtain prior approval for the issuance of the Tender Documents:

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2. Photocopies of the valid ABC contractory & supervisory electrical license.
3. Photocopies of the valid Trade License, up-to-date Income Tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate.
4. Photocopies of satisfactory completion certificate from reputed companies/institutions for supply, installation, testing & commissioning of minimum two (2) 500 KVA D.G Sets with ATS, Synchronizing panel.
5. Photocopies of Financial Solvency Certificate from any Scheduled Bank in Bangladesh, certifying that the bidding company enjoys an overdraft limit of TK 2.00 (two) crores.
6. In case the bidding company is a Joint Venture firm, then a copy of the Agreement detailing the responsibility and obligations of each of the constituent firm.
7. Minimum work experience of the bidder must be of 10 (ten) years in supply & installation of D.G Sets in Bangladesh.
8. Minimum work experience of the manufacturer of 5 (five) years in supplying DG Sets to Bangladesh.

Bidders without having the required eligibility as stated above need not apply for issuance of Tender Documents.


Tender documents will be issued from July 12, 2012 to July 31, 2012, only to the eligible bidders from the office of the undersigned at MTB Centre, 26 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan 1, Dhaka 1212, on non-refundable cash payment of Tk. 5,000.00 (Taka Five Thousand only) on all working days during office hours from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

The bidders will have to submit a lump sum earnest money of TK 10,00,000/- (Taka Ten Lacs only) in favour of "Mutual Trust Bank Ltd." in the form of a Bank Guarantee along with the Technical Offer. The tender will be rejected outright without the Earnest Money.

For any clarification regarding submission of the Tenders, the bidders may contact **Dexterous Consultants Ltd.**, Plot No. 6/3 (1st Floor), Block D, Lalmatia, Dhaka 1207. Phone: (02) 912 3154 or the Chief Engineer, Mutual Trust Bank Ltd.

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Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 5 July 2012
Deadline for Application: 19 July 2012

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified candidates to the following vacant positions to be fielded as National Project Personnel (NPP) under the project "Improving Food Safety In Bangladesh" GCP/BGD/047/NET with the support from the Government of Netherlands:

1. Finance and Administrative Specialist (SB4)
2. National Food Safety IEC Specialist (SB4)
3. Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist (SB4)

(UN salary scale & benefits for similar positions apply)

Interested qualified candidates will find the job description, the link to the Personal History Form (PH-Form) and the information on how to apply in the following web link: <http://www.fao.org/asiapacific/bangladesh>. Hard copies of the completed PH-Form must reach to the FAO Representation in Bangladesh, House # 37, Road # 08, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 in a sealed envelope by close of business on **19 July 2012**.



Vacancy Announcement

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces a vacancy for the following position under Service Contract for the **Judicial Strengthening Project**. The project duration is until **December 2014**

1. ICT Manager
2. Project Officer
3. National Expert: Strategic Planning

The duration of the Service Contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds

For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than **17:00, 14 July 2012**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.
Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.