

# Business as usual

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The Daily Star correspondent, who was at the terminal, saw gang members in groups beginning to come to the terminal at 11:00pm. They took control of the terminal within an hour.

Terminal sources say local ruling party leaders, police and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) directly support the gang for monetary interest.

They work as a strong syndicate and in close coordination in a situation where transport owners or workers have nothing to say. In many cases, police and BIWTC seek support from the dalals regarding the passage of a vehicle.

The Daily Star correspondent found that the gang members operate at the terminal openly. Transport drivers and helpers are fully dependant on them for serials and tickets.

According to the official system, drivers or helpers upon arrival at the terminal will take serials and collect ferry tickets by paying official fees. They are supposed to wait and board the ferry according to serial.

But this system has disappeared with the appearance of gang members.

"Now dalals are all in all. You can't buy a ticket or

move your vehicle without their help," said Mintoo Sardar, a truck driver. He paid Tk 1,500 to a dalal as ferry charge although the official rate is Tk 1,060.

Talking to The Daily Star, many truckers said the gang members had become so strong and influential that they now maintain regular contact with them for serials and tickets.

"We keep their cellphone numbers and call them before reaching Daulatdia so that they can fix everything," said driver Abdul Karim of Sunny Enterprise.

Dalals on Monday night and Tuesday were seen continuously talking to drivers and assuring them of ferry services over phone. As soon as the vehicles reached the terminal, they were seen taking money from the drivers and giving them tickets.

Ironically, there were a number of police personnel with the dalals as well.

Drivers and locals allege that BIWTC doesn't receive the ferry charges, while the gang doesn't allow them to pay them either. There are instances in which dalals beat up and harassed BIWTC staff for taking ferry charges from drivers or preventing dalals from buying tickets on behalf of drivers.

The BIWTC office filed complaints with the local police station several times in vain. "Dalals belong to the local ruling party. They are always backed by the police. We are helpless here," said a BIWTC official, asking not to be identified.

Finding no other alternatives, several transport owners now maintain permanent links with the gang so that their vehicles can quickly cross the river.

GM Enterprise is one such transport agency. It has appointed Sultan for quick passage of its 19 trucks. "Sultan takes Tk 300-400 for passing each truck," said a helper of GM Enterprise.

Drivers who don't maintain dalals are forced to stay off the road and park at the terminal's scheduled parking space. These drivers face huge difficulties in getting serials and buying ferry tickets.

They can resolve the problem only after paying the police Tk 100-200; otherwise, they will have to wait there for one or two days to cross the river.

For truck drivers, involving dalals does not always bring about a solution. "This illegal practice hardly helps us now as everyone is seeking the service," commented a truck driver.

"I reached Daulatdia at

3:00am yesterday and engaged a dalal at 8:00am. But I don't know when my serial will come," the driver told The Daily Star at 2:00pm. "I will be very happy if I get my turn before the evening," he added.

Many drivers, helpers and locals say the dalals and their patrons have managed to establish the system in which they are the only beneficiaries.

They estimate that Tk 4-5 lakh is realised illegally every day from around 800 trucks at Daulatdia terminal.

The Daily Star learned that the syndicate is comprised of separate small groups and each group works under a leader.

Sattar Sheikh and his brother Billal Sheikh lead a group, while Hai Mollah and his brother Mannan Mollah run another one. Tokon, Mohammad Molla, and Mostafi-Moti also maintain their groups. Each of the groups has eight to 10 members.

Daulatdia Union Awami League President and Union Parishad Chairman Nurul Islam Mondol, who is the brother-in-law of Hai Molla, allegedly operates the entire syndicate along with local BCL leader Nurul Islam Mondol and Daulatdia union AL organising secretary Mohammad Molla.

"The chairman does not come out in the open. He controls the entire syndicate from behind the scenes with support from the local lawmaker," said a group member, who refused to reveal his name.

Nurul Islam Mondol said his men and some outsiders were there to "help transport owners manage their vehicles at the terminal".

He claims the transport owners appoint the men in their own interest. "The number of such men is rising with the rise in the number of vehicles," he told The Daily Star over phone, adding that 60 to 70 of his men are involved in Daulatdia terminal.

The number of outsiders will be around 30, he added.

Manager (Commerce) of BIWTC Khandakar Md Tanveer Hossain said it was not possible for them to distinguish between drivers and dalals. "People come to us with money and vehicle numbers and we give them ferry tickets," he said, claiming that BIWTC took only government-fixed fees.

The reign of dalals came up in a meeting of transport owners, police and BIWTC officials at Daulatdia on Monday night.

The owners urged the police and BIWTC officials to stop the dalals, but the

meeting failed to reach a solution in this regard. The BIWTC officials suggested that the owners avoid engaging dalals, but the owners told the meeting that they were helpless.

## Beat them up!

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factions at Rajshahi University over fund collection for the bridge on Monday.

Muhit said those who were collecting money in the name of fund-raising for the bridge were extortionists. "They should be beaten up," he remarked.

People can deposit cash voluntarily to the two accounts the government has decided to open to collect donations for the bridge, the minister said, talking to journalists at his office at the Secretariat.

He, however, quickly added that no one would be forced to contribute to the bridge funds.

The cabinet on Monday decided to open the bank accounts -- one for local currency and the other for foreign currency.

After the World Bank pulled out of the Padma bridge project citing a corruption conspiracy, the prime minister announced that the bridge would be built with the country's own funds.

# Witness testifies

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"Since she is an old woman who maintains purdah and since five of her family members were killed and one went missing, we had asked for her testimony to be recorded in camera, which the court agreed on," he said.

The tribunal, headed by Justice ATM Fazle Kabir with members Justice Obaidul Hassan and Judge Md Shahinur Islam, had on July 12 decided to allow two female witnesses, members of victims' families, to give their testimonies against the Jamaat assistant secretary general behind closed doors to protect their identity and privacy.

The tribunal usually conducts proceedings in an open court where journalists and other observers can be present, but in camera none except the judges, selected lawyers, the accused and court officials are present.

On May 28, the tribunal framed six charges against Quader Mollah for his alleged involvement in murders and mass killings during the Liberation War in 1971. Two prosecution witnesses have so far given their testimonies before the tribunal.

**GHULAM AZAM'S BAIL**  
Meanwhile, defence counsel for war crimes accused and former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam sought a 30-day bail at International Crimes Tribunal-1 so that the

accused could fast with his family throughout the holy month of Ramadan.

Defence counsel Abdur Razzaq said Ghulam Azam had been performing i'tikaf (an Islamic practice consisting of a period of retreat in a mosque for a certain number of days, especially during Ramadan) since 1978. He had been offering Taravi prayers during Ramadan, Razzaq said, adding that his client wanted to do the same this year and that was why he needed the bail.

Opposing the bail Prosecutor Zead Al Malun said many pious people could not fast during the Liberation War due to the atrocities and the bail petition had been wrapped up with religion. "There is no scope for bail," he said.

The tribunal fixed today for delivering an order on the bail petition.

Ghulam Azam has been indicted on five charges of crimes against humanity.

Earlier, the tribunal recorded the cross-examination of the investigation officer of a case filed against Jamaat-e-Islami leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee in connection with his involvement in crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

Sayedee is facing charges on 20 specific counts of crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY - FOR LEADERS



# UCEP Bangladesh

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#### Major Responsibilities

To take overall responsibility of directing UCEP's general and technical education program for improved quality, expansion and sustainability. To advise the Board and report to the Executive Director on all matters and activities of educational programs.

#### Summary of the main tasks

- Plan, develop and implement strategies for improvement in quality of education and skills development training in UCEP schools.
- Identify gaps in quality, opportunity for expansion, develop and implement new initiatives for producing results in quality, expansion and sustainability.
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- Design and implement system for supervision and monitoring for tracking improvement in quality of education and skills development training and applying program assessment data for planning program improvements.
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- Direct teachers and staff development activities, and create result oriented mind-set across program staff.
- Develop and use frequently distance monitoring system for trouble shooting and undertake fields monitoring visits as and when needed to UCEP institutions at different locations of the country.
- Develop cost effective budget for educational programs and implement effectively.
- Carry out other relevant tasks assigned by the UCEP authority as and when required.

#### Experience and Educational Qualification

- 14 years experience (at least 7 years in leadership position) in analyzing quality of work/using data for decision making, managing development programs, preferably education and skills development programs in NGO sector.
- Minimum Master's degree/MBA/B. Sc. Engineering with MBA in any discipline from any recognized university/institute with good academic background.
- Conversant with TVET programs in Bangladesh and excellent communication skills for directing staff under supervision.
- Possess leadership qualities, be a good team player and a flexible mind set.
- Must be result-oriented and striving for achieving optimum value for money.

### Director, Business Development

#### Major responsibilities

To prepare and to execute new business development strategy and plans in business and financial targets set for sustainability of UCEP Programs. To oversee and prepare budgets of Income Generating Activities (IGA) projects of UCEP. To develop a marketing branding and promotional plans for UCEP. To guide, plan and monitor the activities of Employment Support Services (ESS) Component. To advise and report to the Executive Director on all matters and activities of Business Development and Employment Support Services (ESS) Components.

#### Summary of the main tasks

- To take ownership to prepare, develop and achieve the targets for new business development strategy and plans for the sustainability of UCEP programs.
- To provide timely management information that supports the business strategy and objectives of the organization.
- To assess and determine UCEP's fundraising goals and ways of achieving the targets.
- To analyze, improve and oversee all Income Generating Activities (IGA) projects of UCEP and prepare required budgets.
- To develop and maintain strategic relationships with Corporate Houses, foundations, sponsors, business houses, individual donors and employers.
- To study trends in employment demand from market demands for development of skills training by UCEP.
- To improve marketing strategy for job placement of UCEP graduates in better salary and employers.
- To carry out any other relevant tasks assigned by the UCEP Authority as and when required.

#### Experience and Educational Qualification

- 14 years experience in marketing/business development sector.
- Must have experience in marketing of products/services, branding and promotional services.
- Ability to negotiate business deals.
- Masters / MBA in Marketing / Business Development / Entrepreneurship with good academic background.
- Possess leadership qualities to lead the Business Development team.

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**Female candidates are especially encouraged to apply**  
**Request for any candidates will be taken as candidate's disqualification.**

# World to see we can do it

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The government is doing its best to make the country economically self-reliant, she said, and urged the workers to work hard with utmost sincerity to help achieve this goal. "You must increase production in all mills and factories so that we can boost exports," she added.

The present government is pro-worker, and the AL always works for the welfare of workers and poor people, the premier said. And this is why she put pressure on the owners of RMG factories to raise the minimum wages of their workers from Tk 1,600 to Tk 3,000. The government's target is to protect the rights of the workers.

Criticising the previous BNP-Jamaat government for shutting down a good number of mills across the country, including Adamjee Jute Mills, Hasina said they wanted to make the country

## BNP council

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the issue in the Monday meeting for discussion and decided to hold further discussions to finalise a plan for the national council.

"We will hold the council as per the party constitution and the RPO (Representation of the People Order). Otherwise, Awami League may make it a legal issue," said meeting sources quoting Khaleda as saying.

The sources said the standing committee, the party's highest policymaking body, had mainly discussed the provisions in the party constitution and the RPO.

Sources among BNP high-ups, however, could not confirm whether the council of the party's 75 district units would be held before the national council.

Asked, standing committee member Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahbubur Rahman said they had discussed the issue in the Monday meeting but the committee would sit again to finalise the decision.

"We will decide complying with the party constitution and the RPO since BNP is a registered political party," he told The Daily Star.

Another member of BNP standing committee told The Daily Star that the issue might be finalised in the next committee meeting.

He said, "Recruitment in the party will begin soon and the senior leaders will then visit district units to ready the party for council."

After the crushing defeat in the 2008 general elections, BNP had reorganised all its units across the country. It went for the fifth council after forming most of its unit councils.

The council re-elected Khaleda as the party chairperson and created a new post of senior vice-chairman. Khaleda's son Tarique Rahman was elected to the post.

dependent on others.

She mentioned that her government has reopened the closed mills and made sure these do not plunge into losses again.

Referring to various "destructive activities" of the BNP-Jamaat, Hasina said she believed people would not vote for those who would bring back militancy in the

country.

The AL president urged the Sramik League leaders and workers to remain alert so that none can play with the fate of the people again.

Others who spoke included Minister for Labour and Manpower Khandker Mosharraf Hossain and State Minister Monnujan Sufian, Shipping

Minister Shahjahan Khan, AL Labour Affairs Secretary Habibur Rahman Siraj, International Labour Organisation (ILO) country director André Bogui and Sramik League general secretary Roy Ramesh.

Sramik League President Abdul Matin Master presided.

### PM'S NEW PHONE NUMBER

The PM has taken a new cellphone number -- 880155588855-- to increase her interaction with people, said her Special Assistant (Media) Mahbul Hoque Shakil.

The two other numbers -- 8801711520000 and 8801819260371 -- will also remain active, he added.

# Vacancy Announcement



**United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh** a vacancy for the following positions under **Service Contract** for the 'Improving Democracy through Parliamentary Development' Project. The project duration is until 30 June 2014.

- Research Service Specialist (Environment and Climate Change)**
- Research Service Specialist (Law and Social Sciences)**

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, 28 July 2012.**

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

BIRDEM GENERAL HOSPITAL (An Enterprise of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh) 122 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh		
INVITATION FOR TENDERS		
01.	Nomenclature of tender	Conversion of Ward No-71 and SCABU into ICU & HDU at 6 <sup>th</sup> floor of BIRDEM General Hospital.
02.	Invitation Ref. & Date	No-BIRDEM/ Cons. work/2012/ 4543 17/07/12
03.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method
04.	Source of fund	BIRDEM own fund.
05.	Date of selling tender documents :	Tender documents will be available from 18 July to 04 August, 2012, during office hour.(9.00am-1.00pm)
06.	Price of tender document	Taka-Five thousand (Tk.5,000.00)
07.	Tender closing date & time	<b>05 August, (Sunday) 2012 at 12.00 Noon</b>
08.	Tender opening date & time	<b>05 August, (Sunday) 2012 at 12.30 pm</b> (In presence of the tenderer or their authorized persons, if anybody present)
09.	Name & address of the office selling tender documents	Office of the Asstt. Director (Cash), Room # 208, 1st floor of OPD Building, BIRDEM
10.	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Brig Gen (Retd.) Dr. Md. Shahidul Hoque Mallik Director Hospital, BIRDEM General Hospital
11.	<b>Eligibility of tenderers:</b>	(a) Special Class-I, & Class-II enlisted contractors of PWD, LGED, CMMU & MES having requisite financial limit. (b) The tenderers shall have valid Trade License. TIN, VAT registration & income tax clearance certificate.(c) Joint venture of two firms (one civil & one electrical) may also participate in the tender, but one of them must have ABC Electric License of Electricity Licensing Board. (d) The contractor should have at least five (05) years experience of Installation and Commissioning of medical gas pipe line in any renowned hospital may also participate separately (e) The contractor should have experience to completion the work of tk-5 lac at related works.(f) The evaluation of Medical gas pipe line(B-part) will be done separately.
12.	Tender security	3% of quoted amount shall have to be deposited in the form of Demand Draft or Pay-order from any local commercial bank in favor of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh
13.	Time for completion	Maximum 60 (sixty) days after NOA.
14.	Details specification, terms & conditions is enumerated in the tender schedule.	
15.	A prebid meeting will be held on 30 July, 2012 at 10.00 Am.	
16.	BIRDEM authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning Any reason thereof.	

Brig Gen (Retd.) Dr. Md. Shahidul Hoque Mallik  
Director Hospital, BIRDEM General Hospital