

Hajj dreams of 185 Muslims fall apart for deception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dreams of 185 people to perform Hajj this year were shattered yesterday after some brokers of three travel agencies where they signed up and deposited money deceived them.

The brokers had promised to send the victims to Saudi Arabia yesterday although they did not obtain visas and asked them to come to Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the morning, officials at the Hajji camp said. On their arrival, they found none of the agents there.

"The agency people took Tk 2.25 lakh to Tk 3 lakh from each of us," said Lal Miah, a victim from Phulpur upazila of Mymensingh. They also took away their passports, he added.

The three registered agencies are South Asian Travels, Saudi Hajj Air Service, and Sandwip Air Service, said an official wishing anonymity.

With the last Hajj flight with 450 pilgrims due to take off from Dhaka today and the victims' chances of travel reducing to zero, the aggrieved people demonstrated at the airport yesterday.

During a couple of hours of protest, they tried to lay a siege to the airport road around 4:00pm but withdrew after police and Hajj taskforce officials promised harsh action against the frauds.

"We'll take tough legal action against the fraudulent travel agents and brokers after identifying them," said Joyal Abedin Talukder, joint secretary to the civil aviation ministry.

In all, 89,187 devotees were to perform Hajj from Bangladesh. Of them, 87,213 have travelled to the holy land with Biman carrying 42,784 and Saudi Arabian Airlines carrying the rest.

Apart from the 185 ill-fated devotees, 1,044 others could not go as they did not have visas particularly failing to obtain police clearance and comply with Saudi government's rules, said Joyal.

MC College hostel arsonists identified

Says Nahid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said the culprits who torched the MC College hostel over a year ago had been identified and they would be held soon.

Talking to reporters after inaugurating the reconstructed student accommodation in Sylhet city, he reiterated that the arsonists could not escape punishment.

Five out of the six blocks of the hostel of the century-old college where Nahid was a student were badly damaged by a devastating fire on July 8 last year.

Activists of ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jubo League allegedly set the structure afire after clashing with Islami Chhatra Shibir men that day.

Though three probe bodies, formed by the college, district administration and police, have found "complicity of BCL and Jubo League men" in the arson, none has been arrested till date.

The damaged hostel blocks and residences of the hostel superintendents were restored at a cost of Tk 6 crore over the last six months. The hostel will reopen in January, said the college principal, Dhires Chandra Sarker.



A procession of the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports near the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The platform called on the people to resist the government's move to set up a power plant in Rampal near the Sundarbans. Story on Page 5.

Talks better

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Research Fellow of IGS M Shahidul Islam and Research Fellow and Deputy Director of China Centre for Contemporary World Studies Dr Hu Hao presented keynote papers at the event while IGS Executive Director Dr Sultan Hafeez Rahman was in the chair.

Farooq Sobhan emphasised Bangladesh's integration with Asean, China and other countries as well as regional connectivity for economic benefit.

He suggested a long-term strategic thinking for the economic betterment. "Any long-term strategic thinking has been absent over the successive govern-

ments as we look back. We do certainly need to think about what should be our foreign policy, not for during the next five years but for the next 25 years. We must put in place all the instruments to implement this policy."

Hu Hao said the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) economic corridor is an essential programme for linking China with its neighbours and for connecting East Asia with South Asia.

Emphasising ocean economy development, Shahidul Islam said Bangladesh has not paid much attention to the Bay of Bengal until recently.

BNP-Jamaat's return

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Sengupta, Mosharrif Hossain, Kazi Zafarullah, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury, Matia Mahbul Alam Hanif and Chowdhury, Suranjit Dipu Moni were present.

to prevent the return of militancy and terrorism.

AL leaders Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Matia Chowdhury, Suranjit

Hill, char, coastal people worst-hit by food crisis: Survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People living in eastern hill region, northern char areas and southern coastal belt of Bangladesh suffer the most from food shortages, a study has found.

Food insecurity is the highest in the eastern hills where half the population do not get enough to eat, followed by char and coastal areas.

The findings were presented at a roundtable in the capital Tuesday, said a press release.

Helen Keller International (HKI) and Brac University's school of public health conducted the study in association with the European Union and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).

According to the report, the prevalence of inadequate dietary diversity is 47 percent in the northern chars, 43 percent in the coastal areas and 42 percent in the northwest, which may affect the health of women and children in those regions.

The study of Food Security Nutritional Surveillance Project (FSNSP) was carried out between February and April on 9,024 households, including 4,600 under-5 children and 9,158 women and adolescent girls, aged between 10 and 49, along the country's coastal belt, northern and northwest chars (shoals), eastern hills and haor areas.

Erica Roy Khetrin, country director of HKI-Bangladesh; Nasreen Khan, deputy programme manager, NNS, Institute of Public Health Nutrition; Golam Mostafa Kamal, director general of BBS; and Sadia Chowdhury, executive director of the Brac Institute of Global Health; were present on the occasion.

PM to open

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The project, worth Tk 462 crore, was approved in a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecne) on October 1, he said.

Abdus Salam made the announcements at a press conference at CDA in the city.

He said this is the first time Chittagong has seen so many projects being approved and implemented at once.

The prime minister on her visit to the port city will address a congregation of eminent personalities on the premises of Jamiatul Falah Mosque and will also inaugurate a mural of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Chittagong Press Club.

Wear pink today

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"I believe the first breast cancer awareness day was observed in the west, in the year 1948," says Dr Md Habibullah Talukder, one of the first individuals to raise awareness against the illness.

"Along with a few associations had observed a Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening Week back in 2006," said the head of the Department of Cancer Epidemiology at the National Cancer Research Institute and Hospital.

"In 2007, the programme got bigger and Nokia tagged along with us. Every year, our awareness programme gets bigger and reaches more people. This year we have with us more than 100 girl schools, educational institutions, university halls, basically targeting the female youth," he said.

It was last month when Dr Talukdar and his team decided to look no further and observe the day on the second Thursday of October.

"We chose this day for many reasons -- unexpected political turmoil being one of them. Also, we do not want to observe the day on a Friday. We would like it very much if the common people would come and join us in the streets and speak with us on stage," he said.

Bangladesh Breast Cancer Awareness Forum has also been formed, which will make sure that the day is observed on this day every year.

"I would like to request all to wear something pink today, if not a pink ribbon, and support our movement," says Dr Habibullah.

Employment Opportunity for SMS Based Payment Gateway Developers

Hard-own Technology Bangladesh is seeking top notch National and International programmers and software engineers (with demonstrated prior experience in writing codes for SMS Banking, Core Banking and Payment Gateways) to hire for the following positions primarily based on Dhaka, Bangladesh:

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Job Responsibilities:

- Develop Business Requirements for web and mobile based payment gateway
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Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor/Masters degree in relevant discipline
- 5-7 years experience in writing codes in different platforms
- Should have prior experience in developing SMS based solutions
- Should have experience in developing system for Payment Gateways
- Must be able to replicate popular payment systems for demonstrations

Sr. Programmer Analyst

Job Responsibilities:

- Write codes for the NUS Products (SMS Banking, Core Banking, and Payment Gateway)
- Write codes to bridge any third-party product to facilitate inter-banking transactions

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor/Masters degree in relevant discipline
- 3-5 years experience in writing codes in different platforms
- Should have prior experience in developing SMS based solutions
- Should have experience in developing system for Payment Gateways

Note: Interested system developers are requested to mail their CV (2 page max.) to mmansur9908@yahoo.com or jobs@hard-own.com. Only shortlisted candidates will be called to demonstrate their prior knowledge for SMS based mobile transactions and payment solutions. Candidates are requested to name require tools and technology to be installed for the demonstration at Hard-Own. Senior position / competitive salary packages may be offered to the deserving candidates.

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Memo No. PD/FM/LC-07/2013/213 Date: 09-10-2013

Amendment of International Tender

Invitation for Tender No. PD/FM/LC-07/2013/172 dated 21.09.2013 Published in The Daily Star & Prothom Alo dated 22.09.2013 is hereby amended as follows:

Sl.no.	Tender Package no.	Position	Description of Amendment
01	PD/FM/LC-07/2013/07	Page-32, ITT21.1(q)	(b) "ISO certificate or Equivalent of manufacturer" instead of existing.
02	PD/MCP/LC-13/2013/08	Page 75 & 78	A) iii) "Total capacity of milk should be cool down from 35°C to 3°C/4°C within 5.5 hours" instead of existing.
03	PD/RMT/LC-15/2013/09	Page-32, ITT21.1(q)	(c) "User list (with contact no.) in Bangladesh and abroad of proposed Tanker" instead of existing.

Tender last selling date will be 27.10.2013 instead of 20.10.2013.
Tender closing & opening date will be 28.10.2013 instead of 21.10.2013.

All other terms & conditions of the tender notice & tender documents shall remain unchanged.

Signed/-
(Shamima Begum)
Addl. General Manager (Planning, Procurement & Mkt.)

Gonojagoron Hartal if not scrapped

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Ruhin Hossain Prince of Communist Party of Bangladesh and Gonoatmik Bam Morcha's Saiful Haq and Zonayed Saki, among others, were present.

Meanwhile, Gonoatmik Bam Morcha announced that it will lay siege to the energy ministry today protesting the power plant.

EUROPEAN UNION DELEGATION TO BANGLADESH CONTRACT NOTICE

The Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh is looking for a company that can provide Security Guard services for its premises.

The full notice with requirements and procedure can be found at the following address:
<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:323416-2013:TEXT:EN:HTML>

The deadline for receiving requests for participation is 31 October 2013 at 16:00.

কিস্তিতে ফ্ল্যাট
পশ্চিম মালিবাগে আধুনিক সকল সুবিধাসহ ১৩৫০, ১৪৫৫ ও ১৯১৫ বর্গফুটের নির্মাণাধীন লাক্সারী ফ্ল্যাট কিস্তিতে বিক্রয়। যোগাযোগঃ ০১৯১৪৪৯৬৬৬৪, ০১৯১৪৪৯৬৬৬৩

ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয়
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Space for Office/Office Plus Godown
At Chittagong GEC Circle-North (near Bata/Singer) approx-3500sqft Ground Floor and 1200sqft (First Floor) in same compound with AC, Furniture. Preference to Multinational Company, NGO or similar reputed organization.
Contact:- 01819311040, 01917270729, 01817017720. D-772

ফাইনেস্ট ফ্ল্যাট
আকর্ষণীয় সিস্টেম দিতে উন্মাদ সেলস-১০-এ ৪ বেকরমের ২২২ বর্গফুট, ৩ বেকরমের ১১৮৭ বর্গফুট, সেলস ৪-এ ১৭১০ বর্গফুট ও উত্তর বাজার-১১২৫-১১৯০ বর্গফুটের উত্তমান সম্পদ ফাইনেস্ট নির্মাণাধীন ফ্ল্যাট এবং সেলস ০৭-এ ১৯০৫ বর্গফুটের ১টি রেডি ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয়। যোগাযোগঃ ০১৯১৪৪৯৬৬৬২, ০১৯১৪৪৯৬৬২৫

AFFIDAVIT
My Father's name has been mistakenly written in my SSC Examination-1978, Roll Dhaka No-84568 and all Educational Mark Sheet and certificates, as Samsul Haque. But actually it should be read as "LATE ABUL KHAYER SHAMSUL HOQUE". An affidavit has been done by the Notary Public which Reg. No. is 9632 dt-07.10.2013.
Mohammad Rezaul Karim E/23, Block "E", Zakir Hossain Road Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207 C-1086

Expressions of Interest (EOI)

PARI Development Trust, a local non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Mymensingh, with the technical and financial support of the Swiss NGO Enfants du Monde (EdM), has been implementing a Maternal and Newborn Health (MNH) program in Netrokona district, based on the World Health Organization's (WHO) framework for Working with Individuals, Families and Communities (IFC) to improve MNH. As one of its pillars, the MNH program aims to build the capacities of TBAs to act as referral linkages with health services, educate women and families on important MNH issues and provide social support to women in health facilities, rather than assisting births.

The partners of the MNH program are now working to identify a qualified contractor to **develop a Toolkit for reinforcing the new role of TBAs in the MNH program**. PARI and EdM invite EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) from interested individuals/groups/organizations for this consultancy.

The specific objectives of the consultancy are as follows:

- Develop a strategy for working with TBAs and health care providers to promote TBAs serving in a new role in MNH
- Develop a workshop package for TBAs to assist them in defining and serving a new role in MNH
- Develop a workshop package for health care providers to help them integrate TBAs serving in a new role into the health services

For the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and Guidelines for Application, please contact Fargana Siddiquee at fargana.siddiquee@edm.ch. Interested bidders are requested to submit their proposals by 5 pm on 22.10.2013. C-1085

BRITISH COUNCIL

CAR SALE

Sealed bids are invited from interested buyers for 3 old vehicles - (1) Land Rover Discovery, CC-2500, Registration No- ALOTH 140, Manufacturing year-2001. (2) Nissan Urvan Microbus, CC-2400, Registration No- ALOTH 135, Manufacturing year-2001. (3) Jeep Land Rover, CC-2498, Registration No- ALOTH 221, Manufacturing year- 2004. Tender forms are available at the British Council, 5 Fuller Road, Dhaka at a cost of Tk. 500/= (Non Refundable) from 11th October 2013 to 31st October 2013 (only on working days). 10% of bided money has to be deposited with the tender by a pay order in favor of British Council, Dhaka. The vehicle may be inspected any working day during office hours from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM from 11th October 2013 to 31st October 2013. Tender form must be dropped in to tender box placed at the British Council Reception by 3 PM latest on 31st October 2013. The sealed tender box will be opened on Sunday 3rd November 2013 at 10:30 AM to 12:00 noon- for ALOTH 140, 12:00 noon to 1:30 PM - for ALOTH 135 and 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM - for ALOTH 221 in presence of bidders (If Any).

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Notice to Bondholders regarding 7th Interest Period and Applicable Interest Rate

Pursuant to the Trust Deed dated October 31, 2010, we, **The City Bank Limited, as Trustee**, hereby inform the private and public investors of BRAC Bank Subordinated Convertible Bond ("The Bond") that the 7th interest period for The Bond will be calculated from October 15, 2013 to April 14, 2014. **Applicable interest rate for this period will be 16.39% per annum.** The interest will be paid by the Issuer, BRAC Bank Limited, on April 15, 2014 (Tuesday) to the respective account(s) of the bondholders.

Signed
On behalf of the Trustee
The City Bank Limited

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY

TENDER: Printer Cartridges & Photocopy Machine Toners

1. Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide/intending suppliers for supply of:

(a) Printer Cartridges (b) Photocopy Machine Toners

2. The schedule for each item with terms and conditions can be obtained from the HR & Logistics Department of the University up to **30.10.2013** (except Eid Vacation break from **11.10.2013 to 19.10.2013**) during office hours (up to 3:00 pm) on payment (non-refundable) of Tk400/- for item a and Tk.300/- for item at b.

3. Interested bidders are requested to drop their tenders/bids separately for each item mentioning name of the item on the top of the envelope, to the Chief of HR and Logistics, in the tender box kept on the 2nd floor at office of the Treasurer of East West University, Plot No. A/2, Main Road, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Dhaka-1212, by **31.10.2013 (2:00 p.m.)** which will be opened on **31.10.2013 at 2:30 p.m.** in presence of vendors (if any)

4. East West University authority reserves the right to accept any tender in full or part of it or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

Chief of HR & Logistics