

# NEWS IN brief

## Huji operative held in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion arrested an active operative of outlawed Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (Huji) in the capital's Khilgaon area on Monday night.

A team of Rab-3 arrested Mufti Jubaer Abdullah, alias Sazed Mohammad Foyez, alias Khairul Hasan, alias Nayan, 43, at Dakkhin Goran, Rab sources said yesterday. On his information, the team recovered some jihadi books, his some of writings that provoke jihad, and some identity cards and photos of militant training sessions from his possession.

## 20 SC officials get training

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty Supreme Court officials yesterday were awarded with certificates for receiving a month long management training conducted by Bangladesh Institute of Management (BIM) under the Judicial Strengthening Project of UNDP.

Addressing the awarding ceremony in the capital's Supreme Court auditorium, Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain said judges and magistrates should achieve management knowledge as they also have to deal with case management and court administration. BIM Director Shahdat Hossain and acting registrar of the SC SM Kuddus Zaman also spoke.

## Gas production starts under Bibiyana Expansion Project

CITY DESK

Chevron Corporation has announced that its Bangladesh subsidiary has commenced producing natural gas from the Bibiyana Expansion Project in the northeastern part of the country, said a press release.

The project, including an expansion of the existing gas plant to process increased natural gas volumes from the Bibiyana Field, additional development wells and an enhanced gas liquids recovery unit, is expected to boost Chevron-operated natural gas production capacity in Bangladesh.

## AIUB gets ISO 9001:2008 certificate from SGS-UKAS

CITY DESK

American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) was awarded the ISO 9001:2008 certificate by Societe Generale de Surveillance (SGS)-United Kingdom Accreditation Services (UKAS) on Monday, says a press release yesterday.

AIUB Vice-Chancellor Carmen Z Lamagna received the award from Ariel Miranda, SGS managing director Bangladesh Ltd during a ceremony held in the Auditorium of the university.



Residents of Hazaribagh area in the capital along with city corporation officials sweep the Maneshwar First Lane to create awareness about a clean environment yesterday. The participants also visited different households urging them to dump rubbish in dustbins. The programme was organised by Shotabdi Janakallyan Samity.

PHOTO: STAR

## Political parties should hold talks to end violence

Says UK minister, assures support to Bangladeshi girls, women in education, security

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Visiting UK Minister for International Development Lynne Featherstone yesterday said all political parties of Bangladesh should hold talks to end the cycle of election violence, and ensure that the next election is participatory, free, fair and accountable.

"This is the way forward that I see," she told a pre-departure press conference at the British High Commission Staff Amenities Centre.

Lynne, who came to Dhaka on a three-day visit to attend the Bangladesh Girl Summit-2014, also encouraged the political parties to create a ground so that everybody feels that elections are fair and just.

Replying to a question, Lynne, the British parliamentary under-secretary of state for international development, said the political parties need to continue conversations to end the five-year cycle of violence for the betterment of the country's future.

Meanwhile on the issue of women's rights, Lynne assured that the UK government would continue to support women and girls in Bangladesh in education and security.

Lynne further said that the UK wanted to help keep the commitments made by Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina regarding curbing child marriage in Bangladesh.

She said Bangladesh has the highest rate of child marriage in South Asia -- 65 percent - that is two in every three girls, and the fourth highest in the world.

Sheikh Hasina, at the Girl Summit in London, pledged that Bangladesh would end marriage of girls under the age of 15 by 2021 and under the age of 18 by 2041, and reduce the number of girls getting married between 15 and 18 years of age by more than one third by 2021, she said.

"We want to help make those commitments a reality," Lynne said. Asked about reducing the marriageable age of girls to 16 from 18, she said it seemed to "contradict" what Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina pledged.

The UK government and Unicef hosted the first ever Girl Summit 2014 in July in London and began to mobilise domestic and international efforts to end female genital mutilation and child, early and forced marriages within a generation.

British High Commissioner in Dhaka Robert Gibson and Country Representative of the Department for International Development (DFID) Sarah Cooke were also present at the conference.

## 3 killed as bus rams human hauler

CITY DESK

Three people were killed when a bus ramed into a human hauler in Aryabo area of Rugganj upazila in Narayanganj yesterday.

The deceased were Mohan Mian, 10, of Noapara area, Mobarak Hossain, 50, and Ali Hossain, 32, of Barpa area. Meanwhile, 13 students of Jahangirnagar University were injured when two jeeps collided head-on as the driver of one vehicle lost control over it on Bandarban-Chimbuk road in Kapruapara area of Bandarban yesterday.

## 4 secys respond

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days to reply to those.

The 10 working days expired on Monday.

Under the Government Servants Rules, a public servant may face reduction to a lower post or time-scale, compulsory retirement, removal from service and dismissal from service for misconduct, desertion and corruption.

Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, secretary to the public administration ministry, who is abroad at the moment, will take further decision in the matter after returning home.

Sources also said the ministry already recommended the cabinet division to take action against former senior secretary Molla Waheeduzzaman, now chairman of the Privatisation Commission with the status of a state minister, for securing freedom fighter credentials by committing fraud. In its probe, the Anti-Corruption Commission found that the five officials obtained freedom fighter certificates through illegal means.

## Obituary

CITY DESK

Abu Ahmad Arif, former additional secretary (division chief) of the Planning Commission, died at Central Hospital in the capital on Monday. He was 71.

He left behind his wife, a son and a daughter. He was buried in Banani Graveyard.

## Death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the 9th death anniversary of M M Rezaul Karim, a diplomat, columnist, Rotarian and social worker.

Karim played an active role during the Liberation War in 1971 in the United Kingdom and after the war served the country as an ambassador in a number of countries. He contributed columns to newspapers on a wide range of subjects. Friends and relatives are requested to join the prayers for him.

## Another arrest

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summoned him before it on October 27.

The first arrest warrant was issued on October 15, and the second one on October 20.

Siddique who is now staying in Kolkata was removed from the cabinet as well as the Awami League presidium on October 12.

## Don't reduce

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between girls and boys.

The CRGA, which works for child rights and good governance, organised the conference in Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium in the capital. Md Emranul Haq Chowdhury, the CRGA president, chaired the conference while its Secretary AKM Mustaque Ali also spoke.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP)  
Directorate of Technical Education  
Ministry of Education  
F-4/B, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207  
IFT Ref. No. STEP/Admin(1)/11.17(Microbus)/2014-656 Date: 26.10.2014

### Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education (DTE).
3	Procuring entity name	Directorate of Technical Education (DTE) represented by Project Director, Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP).
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5	Invitation for	Tender, Goods (Single Lot).
6	Invitation Ref. No.	STEP/Admin(1)/11.17(Microbus)/2014-656
7	Date	26.10.2014.

**KEY INFORMATION**

8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)/National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

9	Budget and source of funds	International Development Association (IDA).
10	Development partners	IDA (World Bank).

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

11	Project/programme code	5-2551-5030.
12	Project/programme name	Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP), DTE.
13	Tender package No.	GD-21.
14	Tender package name	Supply of Microbus for PIU Office, Skills and Training Enhancement Project.
15	Tender last selling date and time	19.11.2014; up to 5:00pm.
16	Tender closing date and time	20.11.2014; 2:00pm.
17	Tender opening date and time	20.11.2014; 2:30pm.
18	Name & address of the office(s)	Office of the Project Director, Skills and Training Enhancement Project, Directorate of Technical Education, 3rd Floor, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	09.11.2014, 11:00am; Place: Same as SI-18.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

20	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) The tenderers should be the manufacturers/distributors/sole agents of "Microbus" having authorisation from the manufacturers. (b) Shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (c) Shall have experience of satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of minimum BDT 30 lac (thirty lac) under single contract in the last 3 (three) years. (d) Others (as mentioned in the tender document).			
21	Brief description of goods	Supply of Microbus.			
22	Brief description of related services	After sale services including spare parts.			
23	Price of tender document	BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand) only.			
24	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time after contract signing (weeks)
	GD-21	Supply of Microbus for PIU Office, Skills and Training Enhancement Project	Office of the Project Director, Skills and Training Enhancement Project	90,000/-	08 (eight)

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

25-28	Name, designation, address and contact details of official inviting tender	A.J.M. Abdullal Baki Project Director (In-Charge), Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP), Directorate of Technical Education, 3rd Floor, F-4/B, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207. Telephone: 88-02-8181457; Fax: 88-02-9140538; E-mail: step.dte@gmail.com
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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## Bangladesh, UAE

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Father of the Nation of Bangladesh and late president of UAE His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, founding father of the UAE, for laying the foundation of the existing excellent relationship between the two countries.

The Bangladesh premier invited her UAE counterpart to visit Dhaka at a mutually convenient time. Accepting the invitation, the UAE leader said the dates of his visit will be decided through mutual consultations.

## SI Anwar sent

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three-day remand in two phases.

Defence lawyer submitted a bail petition along with cancellation of the remand saying that police had earlier taken their client on a three-day remand.

Police arrested SI Anwar on October 22 after getting his involvement in making an attempt to kill the car driver.

The police officer was nabbed after Alam's brother Golam Mostafa filed a case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station the same day.

## Media distort my

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criticised the government at a rally.

CHILDREN IN POLITICAL PROGRAMMES

Although the law does not allow children's participation in political programmes, the JP yesterday tricked around 25 to 30 orphans into attending the programme.

Talking to The Daily Star, Raihan, 6, who was brought from Attalib Cadet Madrasa in Dholaipar, said they were told that a milad mahfil would be held there.

Hasan Khandaker, a teacher of the madrasa, refused to make any comment and left the place hurriedly.

JP Secretary General Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu said some children were brought to the event to give them food.

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