

Traffic constables assault Rtv journo

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An Rtv journalist was hospitalised after being allegedly dragged down from a three-wheeler auto-rickshaw and assaulted by two traffic constables at the intersection of Panthapath and Green Road yesterday evening.

Nazib Farayazi is being treated for being punched and stomped on the chest, Rtv News Editor Akhtar Hossain told The Daily Star.

Nazib and his three family members, including a child, were crossing the intersection on the vehicle when one traffic constable struck and shattered the windshield using a signal wand, saying it had violated traffic rules, said Akhtar quoting the victims.

An altercation ensued over the shattered glass hitting the passengers. Shortly afterwards, the duo assaulted Nazib, added Akhtar.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (traffic division) Assistant Commissioner Hasan Mostafa said the duo had been withdrawn from duty while high-ups have been recommended to take punitive measures against them.

Legal clerks to get recognition

Announces Law Minister Anisul Huq

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will enact a law very soon to give professional recognition to advocates' clerks in the country, Law Minister Anisul Huq said yesterday.

The minister made the announcement at the fourth convention of Bangladesh Advocate Clerks Association on the Supreme Court premises.

"I will take all necessary steps to pass the law as early as possible," Anisul Huq said, adding that the recognition of advocate clerks is needed to drive out frauds from court premises.

Addressing the programme, Food Minister Qamrul Islam said the judiciary of the country is fully independent now.

Earlier, Deputy Speaker of Parliament Fazle Rabbi Miah inaugurated the convention, while Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, senior lawyers Rafiq-Ul-Huq, Abdul Baset Majumder, Rokonuddin Mahmud, and Zainul Abedin, and Supreme Court Bar Association Secretary AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon, among others, spoke.

Govt working for peaceful

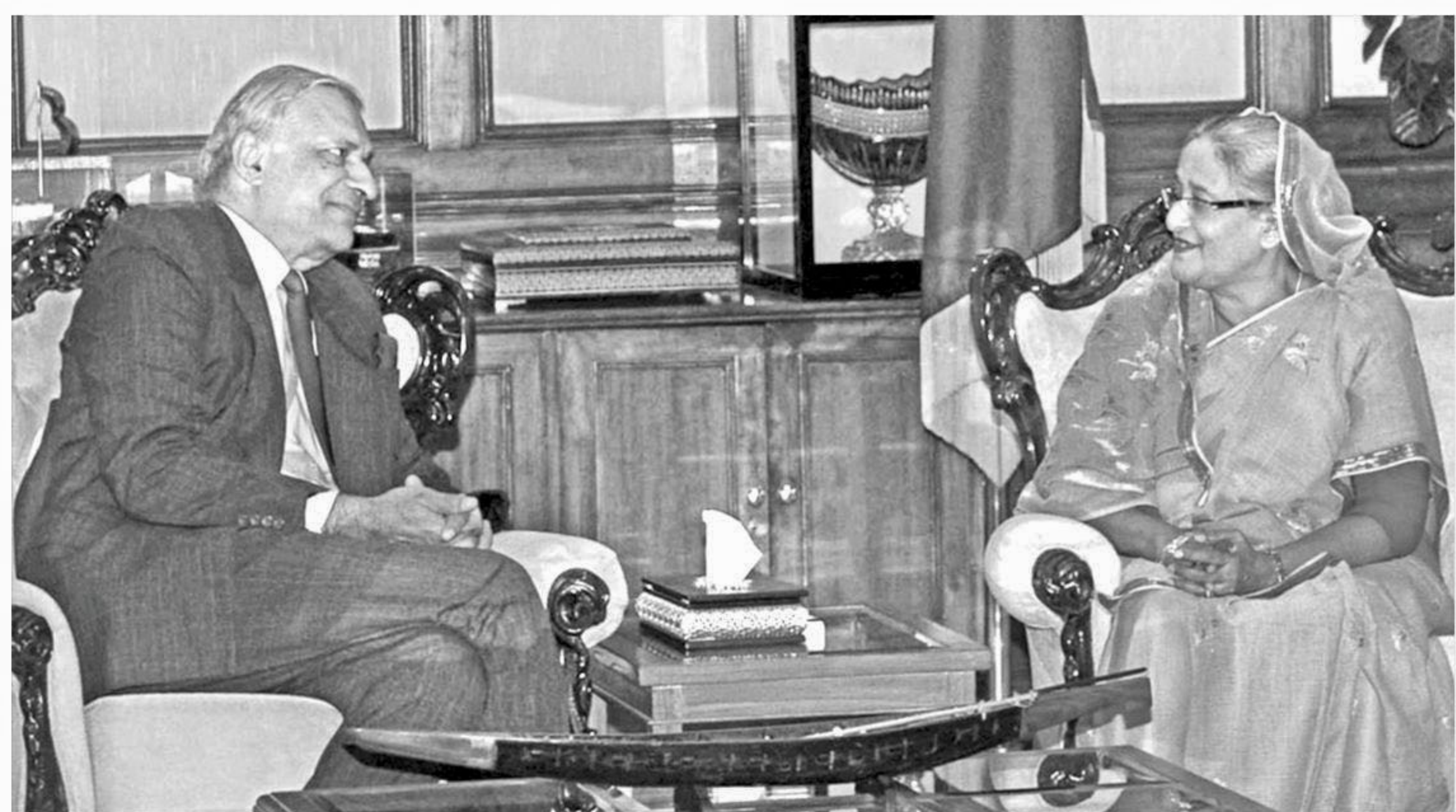
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brilliant in education and enlightened with moral virtues as well as sound knowledge in science and technology.

The prime minister was addressing a function organised at Gono Bhaban in the capital to distribute prizes among the winners of drawing and essay writing competitions on Bangabandhu's birth anniversary. Jatir Janak Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust organised the competitions on the 92nd, 93rd, 94th and 95th birth anniversaries of the father of the nation.

Sheikh Rehana, younger daughter of Bangabandhu and vice-chairperson of the trust, was also present. President of Bangabandhu museum artist Hashem Khan, Member Secretary of Bangabandhu Memorial Trust Sheikh Hafizur Rahman and Executive Officer of the trust Mashura Hossain also spoke.

Hasina, also president of the memorial trust, distributed prizes and certificates among 150 winners.



Commonwealth Secretary General Kamalesh Sharma calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her official residence Gono Bhaban yesterday. He informed her of the Commonwealth summit of the heads of government of all 53 member states, due to be held in Malta in November. He also met Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at the foreign ministry, said a press release. After a three-day visit, the Commonwealth chief is scheduled to leave Dhaka today.

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Focus on neglected tropical diseases

WHO regional director tells health meeting in Dili

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

World Health Organization (WHO) has called for renewed commitments and focused efforts to eliminate neglected tropical diseases such as kala azar, leprosy, yaws and lymphatic filariasis.

These diseases continue to disable, disfigure and kill people in the WHO South-East Asia Region, a press release said on Thursday.

"Though called neglected diseases, these are diseases of the people who are neglected, the poorest of the poor," said Dr Poonam Khetratal Singh, regional director of WHO South-East Asia.

"Strong political commitments and renewed and focused efforts centred around the affected population are needed to control, eliminate and eradicate these diseases," she told a meeting of health ministers and senior health ministry officials from 11 member countries in Dili, Timor-Leste.

Some of these neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are fatal if not treated. Others leave the affected population disfigured and disabled, leading to discrimination, high stigma and often social isolation,

pushing them further into poverty, the release added.

Among the NTDs, though progress is being made against leprosy, the disease continues to be endemic in all countries of the region, which reported 1,55,000 cases, 73 percent of the global cases, in 2013, it said.

Nearly 1,26,000 cases were reported from India. Six countries in the region -- India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka -- are amongst high burden leprosy countries in the world, reporting more than 1,000 new cases annually, it added.

The region alone accounted for 60 percent global leprosy disabilities in 2013, said the release.

As many as 60 million people in the region are infected with lymphatic filariasis which is half the global case count. About 700.9 million people in the region are at risk of lymphatic filariasis with the disease being endemic in nine countries, all except for Bhutan and North Korea, it added.

The WHO South-East Asia Region reports around 10,000 cases of kala azar every year.

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Six 'killers' held in Dhaka, Manikganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Police arrested six of a gang of killers and kidnapers in Savar and Dhamrai in Dhaka and Manikganj yesterday.

Akter Hosen, Badsha Miah, Monowar Hosen, Lal Miah, Shukur Ali, and Azgor Ali confessed to killing two men after abduction recently, said police.

The gang demanded ransoms from the families over the phone by using the recorded voices of the victims, Kazi Ashraf Azim, additional superintendent of police in Dhaka, told the press at Savar Model Police Station.

On August 25, Md Munser Ali Munna, a student of Savar College, was abducted from Nama Bazar in Savar, then killed and dumped into the Bongshi river, he said.

The body was not found yet. The gang also killed one Monir Hosen of Manikganj the same way, the ASP said.

Ensure democracy within

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wanted to know the number of meetings the standing committee, the party's highest policymaking body, would hold during the "ongoing crisis" of the country.

Dr Zafrullah said it was unacceptable that Khaleda's elder son Tarique Rahman would be running the party from London as per his own will.

He also strongly criticised the strategy of a standing committee member, Mirza Abbas, to contest for the mayoral post in the Dhaka South City Corporation polls while staying in hiding to avoid arrest.

"Do not we know that he was able to remain in hiding through an underhand dealing with the police? This policy will not bring any good for himself or the party or Khaleda Zia," he observed.

Dr Zafrullah also said praises showered upon Khaleda Zia by the party's leaders and activists would not bring any good to the party.

Another standing committee member, Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, said now the party's activists were not being able to form committees or elect their leaders.

The central leaders are forming the committee's at the grassroots incorporating their loyalists considering their own interests, he said, adding, "That is why dedicated leaders and activists are leaving the party one after another."

Atul Khare of UN due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Under-Secretary-General for Field Support of the United Nations Peacekeeping Atul Khare arrives in the capital today to discuss peacekeeping cooperation.



This is going to be a routine visit the UN Under Secretary General undertakes in different countries, said the official.

Atul will visit Bangladesh Institute for Peace Support Operation and Training (BIPSOT) besides holding meetings with top government officials, said diplomatic sources. He will also meet the media before wrapping up his three-day tour.

Atul became the head of the Department of Field Support on March 2.

RCC ward-14 councillor held with pistol, ammunition

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested the councillor of ward-14 under Rangpur City Corporation (RCC) with an unlicensed foreign-made pistol, a magazine and one round of bullet in Rangpur Railway Station area early yesterday.

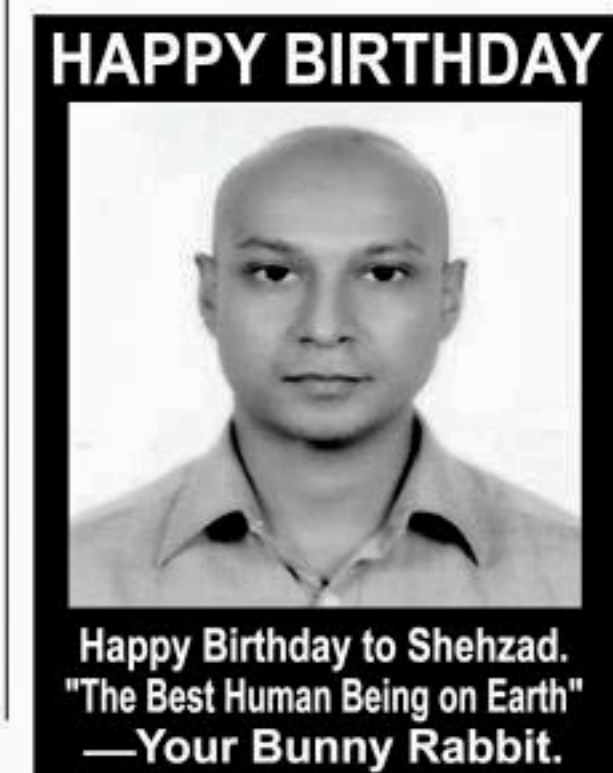
On information that pro-BNP councillor Raju Ahmed was carrying unlicensed arm, Rab conducted a drive and also arrested his associate Md Faruk Hossain, 38, of Deodoba in Rangpur city.

Rab did not disclose any more information regarding the arrest. A Rangpur court sent the two to jail.

Road crash kills 1

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A motorcyclist, Kamal, 32, was killed when a human hauler hit his motorcycle on Nekmarad-Kathar road in Nekmarad village in Thakurgaon's Ranishankoil upazilayesterday.



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Public univ teachers

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his comments about the agitating teachers of public universities, he gave some misleading information about higher education institutions. We will speak up, as it needs interpretation," Prof Maksud Kamal told The Daily Star.

Muhith said on Thursday, "A universal payscale was declared in the face of teachers' movement in 1973. Since then the teachers had been receiving salaries and allowances under a unified payscale."

He also said the new pay structure had 20 grades and professors like in the past were given the same status as secretaries who under grade 1 would get a monthly salary of Tk 78,000.

He added, "The number of university teachers is higher in the upper ranks than in the lower ones."

Public university teachers say the new payscale has deprived and devalued them because it created two special positions for bureaucrats putting them two notches above the teachers. They demanded equal salaries, status, allowances, and benefits for senior secretaries and senior professors and for secretaries and professors.

"Due to abolition of the selection grade, the professors won't get promoted to grade 1 where the secretaries stand, and professors are now under grade 3," said Prof Maksud.

The cabinet approved on September 7 a new payscale for civil servants with a minimum basic salary of Tk 8,250 and a maximum of Tk 78,000 per month.

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Tender document along with bid bond is to be dropped on **5 October, 2015** in the Tender box of "SMC Enterprise Ltd" kept at 1st floor of SMC Tower, 33 Banani C/A, Dhaka-1213 from 08:30 A.M to 3:00 P.M. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 3:15 P.M. in presence of the bidder if any. No Tender shall be received after the above mentioned date and time.

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Firm/Company for Providing Outsourcing Staff Services for Municipal Support Unit (MSU) Under Municipal Governance and Services Project of Local Government Engineering Department

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) Cr No. 5339-BD towards the cost of the Municipal Governance and Services Project (MGSP) and intends to apply a part of this credit to eligible payments under the contract for Outsourcing Staff Services for Municipal Support Unit (MSU) as stated below:

Sl No.	Name of project	Posts	Indicative start date	Indicative completion date
1.	Municipal Governance and Services Project (MGSP): IDA Cr. 5339-BD	(i) Assistant Directors (ii) Office Assistant Cum Computer Typist	November 2015	October 2018

A firm/company will be selected on outsourcing basis to get the services mentioned above for CMSU & RMSU of LGED offices for a varied duration following PPR-2008. One company/firm may associate with other firm/company to enhance their qualifications. It is preferable to limit the number of firms in an association including the lead firm to 04 (four).

The Local Government Engineering Department now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. The firms/companies are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, qualifications and experiences among staff, availability of appropriate staffs, financial & technical capability, last 5 years turnover, logistics etc.).

Expression of interest shall be submitted on or before 12 October, 2015, up to 12:00 noon in sealed envelope delivered to the Project Director's Office, Municipal Governance and Services Project (MGSP), Level-6, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. Interested firm/company may obtain further information by applying to the address below during normal office hours up to 11 October, 2015. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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