



The offshore of the Dhaleshwari River being filled up, violating the environmental laws. The photo was taken beside the Dhaka-Mawa highway yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

NEWS IN brief

JMB man arrested in Naogaon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

A member of banned Islamist outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) was arrested in his Par Kasunda village house of Atrai upazila in Naogaon yesterday. The arrestee Saiful Islam, 45, is accused in three cases, including a murder case, said Officer-in-Charge of Atrai Police Station Masud Chowdhury.

British historian speaks at IUB

CITY DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) in association with the Bangladesh Forum for Heritage Studies organised a guest lecture by Dr Rosaleen Mary Llewellyn-Jones on Thursday on the university campus in the capital.

Dr Rosaleen, internationally acclaimed British historian and a recipient of the member of the order of British Empire, spoke about her latest book "The Last King in India: Wajid Ali Shah".

A good numbers of students, teachers, academics and others distinguished professionals also attended the programme.

ULAB launches MA in English

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) yesterday launched the masters of arts programme in English.

Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury attended the inaugural ceremony as chief guest with ULAB Vice Chancellor Prof Imran Rahman in the chair, says a press release.

Addressing the event, the VC urged the University Grants Commission to allow private universities to offer research-based degrees like MPhil and PhD.

VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN Awareness must for prevention: Nahid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Enforcement of laws alongside massive social awareness programmes are essential to prevent all types of repression on children, said Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday.

Social crimes cannot be stopped only through implementation of laws, he said, adding, "We must build massive social awareness."

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at a debate competition at Bangladesh Shishu Academy in the capital. The Debate for Democracy and National Female Child Advocacy Forum in association with Plan International Bangladesh organised the programme.

Highlighting various measures of the government, Nahid said stalking of schoolgirls was a serious problem a few years back, but it reduced drastically due to immediate stringent actions taken by law enforcing agencies.

Chaired by Debate for Democracy Chairman Hasan Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron, the function was addressed, among others, by Bangladesh Shishu Academy Director Mosharraf Hossain, Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School Principal Father Robi Purification and National Female Child Advocacy Forum Secretary Nasima Akter Joly.

Bajrayogini JK High School of Munshiganj and Adamjee Cantonment Public School and College became the joint champions of the competition, said a press release of the education ministry.



Greens for environment-friendly agriculture

UNB, Dhaka

Green activists at a discussion yesterday stressed environment-friendly agriculture to ensure food security in the country.

It is time to think of ensuring the standard of food apart from boosting its production, they told the discussion organised by Poribesh Bachao Andolon, marking World Food Day.

They said indiscriminate use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides in agriculture, use of underground water and introduction of genetically modified crops contribute to rapid deterioration of soil and water quality.

Poba executive general secretary Abdus Sobhan chaired the discussion.

They put forward a five-point demand including effective implementation of the Safe Food Act 2013 and a ban on chemical fertilisers, which pose a threat to

Three killed, 22 injured in road crashes

CITY DESK

Two motorcyclists were killed and two others injured when a mini-truck rammed their motorcycle at Noar Dighir Par in Lohagara upazila of Chittagong yesterday.

The deceased were Md Tanjir, 16, and Md Shakil, 15, of Sukchhari village under the upazila.

In Tangail Sadar, Osman Miah, 60, of Kunkunia village of Sirajganj was killed and 20 others were injured when a bus fell into a ditch beside the Dhaka-Tangail highway as the driver overtook a truck in Ashekpur area.

4 hospitals fined, two of them asked to shut

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) mobile court yesterday fined four hospitals in the capital's Mohammadpur Tk 6.1 lakh and ordered shutting two of those, including one claiming to be a drug rehabilitation centre providing mental health services.

Nawab Siraj ud-Daulah Manoshik and Madokashakto Hospital was given three days while Maliha Hospital seven to close. The other two are Bangladesh Trauma Specialised Hospital, and Vital Diagnostic Centre.

The nawab hospital was found operating without a Department of Narcotics Control license, adequate doctors, nurses, counsellors, and separate living space for mental and drug patients and had an unhygienic environment and unlabelled drug boxes, said a press release.

Patients and parents alleged physical torture and overcharging there, said the release, adding that 52 patients were kept in a space resembling a "concentration camp" for years and they suffered skin diseases caused by bug bites.

Rab-2 Deputy Director Md Didarul Alam told The Daily Star that the hospital charged Tk 21,000 a month and Tk 700 daily per patient.

The fines were imposed as per article 52 of The Consumer Rights Protection Act 2009 for substandard services.

Discussion
National Girl Child Advocacy Forum will organise a discussion on child marriage and child oppression. Venue: FDC, Time: 10:30am

Semina
Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) will organise a seminar on "Regional Connectivity: Opportunities and Challenges for Bangladesh" Venue: DCCI, Time: 11:00am

Discussion
The Daily Star will organise a discussion on "How to make our Roads Safer." Venue: The Daily Star centre, Time: 10:30am

Discussion
Prothom Alo and other will organise a discussion on road accidents. Venue: Prothom Alo office. Time: 3:00pm

BCL man stabbed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A Bangladesh Chhatra League leader was stabbed by miscreants following a feud with a Sramik League man over establishing supremacy in Nandail municipality Thursday night, police said. Parvez Azad Sohagh, 22, senior vice-president of the municipality BCL unit, was hospitalised.

BNP terms

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former enclave dwellers who were now Bangladeshi citizens and that the new generation would lose interest in politics if this trend continued. Denying BNP's role in arson attacks, he said a report of the Center for National Studies showsthat the government was involved in mayhem early this year.



The two years' celebration festival of the Kishor Alo, a teenage magazine published by the daily Prothom Alo, underway on the Saint Joseph Higher Secondary School premises in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Introduction of MRP & MRV in Bangladesh Project

Department of Immigration and Passport

Passport Bhaban, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka

Expression of Interest (EOI)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2	Agency	Department of Immigration and Passports.
3	Name of procuring entity	Department of Immigration and Passport.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Expression of interest	Selection of Service Provider for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Data Center, Disaster Recovery Center, Regional Passport Offices, SB/DSB and Foreign Mission.
7	EOI Ref. No.	MRP-MRV/Estb/DC-DR/Service/Maintenance/2015
8	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	15/10/2015
9	Contract period	01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 (one year).

KEY INFORMATION

10	Procurement sub-method	QCBS
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FUNDING INFORMATION

11	Budget and source of funds	GOB
12	Development partner (if applicable)	None

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

13	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
15	EOI closing date and time	05/11/2015, Time : 3.00pm.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

16	Brief description of the assignment	<p>1. On-site, On-line and Off-site Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Department of Immigration and Passport (DIP) for items/equipments of Data Center, Disaster Recovery Center, Regional Passport Office's and Foreign Mission's which are installed, commissioned and operational under management of MRP & MRV project deployed in 34 Regional Passport Office, 65, Foreign Mission, 70 SB/DSB, 26 Immigration Check Point (ICP) and 04 ICP Visa Cell.</p> <p>2. Vendor shall be responsible for carrying out "ON-Site", "Off-site" and "ON-Line" Comprehensive Annual Maintenance for (a) HP Server Type A, B, C (b) HP Switch Type A, B, C (c) Juniper Router Type A, B, C (d) HP 3 PAR System (e) SAN Switch (f) SAN storage system (g) Tape Backup System (h) Firewall System (i) HP Desktop (j) HP Laptop (k) HP Printers (l) Scanner (m) Anti Virus (n) LAN Connectivity (o) Digital Camera (p) Digital Signature Pad (q) Finger Print Scanner (r) Bar Code Reader (s) MRV Printer (t) Passport/Visa Reader (u) Air Condition.</p> <p>3. The term comprehensive means vendor will diagnose repair/replace the faulty equipment/system/component/peripherals/driver software whichever and whenever necessary.</p>
17	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required of the firm/company (required documents and certificates should be submitted with EOI)	<p>(i) The firm/company must be registered as a firm or as a company of People's Republic of Bangladesh Government.</p> <p>(ii) The firm/company should be in existence for over 05 years in the trade as on 30.06.2015 with maintenance turnover of more than Rs. 10 crore per annum during the last 05 years ending 30th June 2015, to be substantiated with audited financial statements.</p> <p>(iii) The firm/company should have a previous experience in maintenance of similar equipments in at least two projects with Government Department/Public Sector Undertaking equipment of Data Center, Disaster Recovery Center and Desktop environment.</p> <p>(iv) The firm/company must have expertise in on-site, on-line and off-site maintenance and repair of computers, printers, network components, Data Center, Disaster Recovery Center, peripherals and other hardware parts and accessories.</p> <p>(v) The firm/company also must have employees with certification on HP industry standard architecture, HP server and HP storage devices and network devices including juniper certifications. For the guaranty of the employees' credibility individual employees CVs and authentic certification must be submitted with EOI.</p>
18	Other details (if applicable)	Envelope containing the application of EOI along the relevant supporting documents to be marked with "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Service Provider for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Data Center, Disaster Recovery Center, SB/DSB, Foreign Missions and Regional Passport Offices."
19	Association with foreign firms is	Joint venture firm may participate in combination with the local partner. In course of level of action, the company would be liable to take consultancy support by themselves, who has the experience in the similar field.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
20	Name of the official inviting EOI	Project Director.
21	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director.
22	Address of the official inviting EOI	Project Director, Introduction of MRP & MRV in Bangladesh Project, Passport Bhaban, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
23	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Lt. Col. Md. Rezaul Awal, psc, Deputy Project Director, Introduction of MRP & MRV in Bangladesh Project, Passport Bhaban, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
24	Special instruction	Total work plan and methodology shall be submitted along with EOI.
Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all proposal or the proceedings.		
GD-3304		Lt. Col. Md. Rezaul Awal, psc Deputy Project Director

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