

# NEWSIN brief

## Shoeb Chowdhury meets White House press secretary

CITY DESK

M Shoeb Chowdhury, general secretary of the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA), Bangladesh, has met Josh Earnest, press secretary of US President Barack Obama, and exchanged opinions on global press freedom, media strategy, cyber security, and globalisation aspects for developing countries like Bangladesh, says a press release.

They met during a special event in the USA, organised by the Institute of Politics of Harvard Kennedy School. Shoeb is also director of FBCCI and Bapex.

## Dense fog disrupts Shimulia-Kawrakandi ferry service for 4hrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) yesterday halted ferry service on Shimulia-Kawrakandi route for four hours from 4:30am as all beacons became invisible in dense fog.

As a result, eight ferries got stuck in the river while some 200 vehicles got stuck on both sides of the river, said Abdul Alim, BIWTC manager at Shimulia ghat.

Now, 14 ferries are running on the route.

## Couple injured by robbers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Locals held two of a robbery gang when they were fleeing after injuring an elderly couple in their house in Dinajpur town on Thursday night.

Some five robbers beat Mohit Kumar Saha, 70, and his wife Royally Saha, 55, of Borobandar area, with bricks when they shouted for help. Royally's condition is more critical, said doctors at Dinajpur Medical College Hospital. Anwar Hossain and Asim Majumder were handed over to police.

## Fertiliser factory fined in Jessor for selling fake product

Another shut down in Nilphamari Crv Desk

A mobile court yesterday fined a fertiliser factory in Noapara Bazar area in Jessor Tk 1.2 lakh for selling fertiliser without an expiry date, reports our Benapole correspondent.

The court led by Sifat Mahnaj, upazila nirbahi officer of Abhognagar, also ordered police to destroy fertiliser of the factory, Akter Agro Fertiliser Factory.

Meanwhile, the upazila administration in Saidpur of Nilphamari shut down a fertiliser factory on Thursday night for selling fake fertiliser under the brand of another company, according to our Nilphamari correspondent.

The administration also seized a large amount of fertiliser from the factory.

Sources said the administration received complaints from authorities of Grameen Shakti Organic Fertiliser Factory that some people were selling products under their name.

Owners of the factory - Abdul Mannan, Mizanur Raham Mizan and Badsha Mia -- fled when the administration reached there. A case was filed.



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Chairman and CEO of Shornokishoree Farzana Brownia, State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak, and Managing Director of Microsoft Bangladesh Ltd Sonia Kabir, in the middle of the crowd, with other guests and 70 schoolgirls who were given laptops at the inaugural ceremony of the "YES SHE CAN" training campaign at Microsoft's Dhaka office in Gulshan yesterday.

## YES SHE CAN

# Microsoft to help train rural girls in info tech

## Partners with govt, NGO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division, Shornokishoree Network Foundation, and Microsoft Bangladesh Ltd have taken a joint initiative to educate rural female students across the country on information technology, health and well-being.

The ICT training initiative will improve learning skills of students.

The inaugural ceremony of the training titled "YES SHE CAN" was held at the Microsoft Bangladesh Office in the capital's Gulshan where State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak donated 70 laptops to students from 64 districts, says a press release.

At the daylong training, the students were taught basic computing, Internet browsing, troubleshooting, MS Office, MS Excel, Outlook.com and video conferencing via Skype.

Palak said, "Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in education, especially in education for girls, helping the country achieve one of the Millennium Development Goals, gender parity, ahead of schedule."

"Despite this, the high rate of dropout and quality of education remains a concern. A modernised system and the introduction of information technology are expected to bring rural poor children into the folds of mainstream education, and improve educator and student performance," he said.

The implementing partner, Shornokishoree, began working with female students in 2012, primarily in the area of health.

Microsoft is the technology partner for this project.

"Microsoft is proud to be partnering in a project that ties in three key accelerators for development - women, education and ICT," said Sonia Kabir, managing director, Microsoft Bangladesh Ltd.

"I am personally passionate about bringing women into the world of technology, from creating employability to creating entrepreneurs. Microsoft is proud to be hosting the YES SHE CAN event and we look forward to more initiatives around women and technology," she added.

Dr CS Karim passes away

UNB, Dhaka

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

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The one-hour test was postponed indefinitely for unavoidable reasons an hour before its scheduled start at 3:30pm, said Zinat Ara Begum, chairman of RU management studies department, which was holding the test on the bank's behalf.

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## Career Opportunity

CARE Bangladesh invites application from qualified and dynamic professionals for the following position for its Women and Girls' Empowerment Program based in CARE Bangladesh Headquarters in Dhaka. The duration of the proposed contract will be initially two years with high possibility of extension.

### Coordinator – Workforce Empowerment

Coordinator-Workforce Empowerment is responsible for leading the development of CARE BD's Workforce Empowerment Program aiming to improve the lives of RMG sector workers. It will provide strategic guidance to multiple projects and advocacy initiatives under the theme. For details, please visit and apply online by November 30, 2015 through [http://carebangladesh.org/why\\_join.php](http://carebangladesh.org/why_join.php).

*Note: CARE is seeking to increase diversity in its staff profile and looks forward to receiving applications from qualified women. We are committed to a workplace that is attractive and supportive of women.*

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(Bangladesh Country Programme)

Location: Dhaka

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**For Job Description, forms and other information please go to [www.traidcraft.co.uk/careers](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/careers)**

**Interested?** Send your completed application form and Equal Opportunities form to [recruitment@traidcraft.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@traidcraft.co.uk).

**Closing date for applications:** Sunday 6th December 2015

**Provisional date for Interviews:** 13th and 14th December 2015

Woman candidates are encouraged to apply

## FACULTY SEARCH

For the School of Environmental Science & Management (SESM)



INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY,  
BANGLADESH (IUB)

INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH (IUB), one of the leading private universities in the country, invites applications for two positions of Professor or Associate Professor level in the School of Environmental Science & Management (SESM).

### Minimum Requirements :

#### 1) Environmental Management:

♦ Ph.D in Environmental Management/ Geography/ Environmental Economics / Geology or any field relevant to Zoology or Plant Science/GIS / Ecology or any field relevant to Climate Change from a reputed University preferably from North America/ UK/Australia/ Western Europe.

♦ Distinguished Research and Publication record.

2) Environmental Science:

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Please visit the following website for more details: Independent University, Bangladesh: [www.iub.edu.bd/jobs](http://www.iub.edu.bd/jobs)

Post specifications of the above positions:

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Please mention the position you are applying for as the subject of your e-mail

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Only online applications will be acceptable

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## Request for Expression of Interest

Project Team consisting of KNJV, a joint venture of Katahira & Engineers International and NEC Corporation, and Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) for the project for Establishment of Clearing House for Integrating Transport Ticketing System in Dhaka City Area (Project) invites suitable qualified companies (tenderers) to register their Expression of Interest in managing Rapid Pass System Trial Operation. Terms and Conditions of the undertaking are detailed in the tender document to be issued to short-listed tenderers. Tenderers shall be a company registered in Bangladesh or a joint venture of Bangladesh companies.

The Project is funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and JICA's rules for procurement are applied to this tender. KNJV administers this tender process with consultation of DTCA and JICA. Agreement will be made with KNJV and the selected tenderer.

"Request for EOI documents" is available by 5:00pm on 24 November, 2015 upon request by e-mail addressed to [seiyamatsu@gmail.com](mailto:seiyamatsu@gmail.com) with the following information:

(1) Name and URL of the company

(2) Person in charge with designation, phone number and e-mail address

(3) Brief description of company's achievement in IT field using IC card.

Details of document distribution will be notified by e-mail.

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## Job Opportunity Program Assistant

Application Deadline: December 1, 2015

IFC is part of the World Bank Group. It is the largest international financial institution focused on the private sector. IFC undertakes investment operations and advisory services in Bangladesh. Current portfolio in Bangladesh is approximately \$800M in investment commitments and 20 advisory services projects. IFC is active in supporting infrastructure investment, competitiveness of the textiles sector, access to finance, and improving the investment climate. IFC strategy in Bangladesh is to be the leader in mobilizing relevant knowledge and investment for private sector development in Bangladesh.

IFC is looking to recruit a Program Assistant for office administration to ensure full administrative support to all IFC staff in Bangladesh and its country operations in compliance with IFC/WBG policies and procedures, meeting best standards and expectations required by an International Organization. The position reports to IFC's Country Manager for Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan.

Interested individuals are requested to visit [http://www.ifc.org/careers/Current\\_Opportunities\\_\(Job\\_#\\_152481\)](http://www.ifc.org/careers/Current_Opportunities_(Job_#_152481)) for detailed job description and selection criteria. All applications must be made through the on-line job posting portal.

Only short-listed candidates will be notified.

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বসুকরা বারিধারা আবাসিক এলাকায় একটেনশন "আই-রকে" ১০ কাঠার প্লট বিক্রয় করা হবে। প্লটের ২ দিকে রাস্তা, রেজিস্ট্রেশন ও মিউটেশনকৃত প্লট নং-৩০১৯ ও ৩০৩৬। মালিক সরাসরি। যোগাযোগ: ০১১১৫৪৬৬৮৭, E-mail: [fariduddin77@gmail.com](mailto:fariduddin77@gmail.com)

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