

10,000 to get training on citizen journalism

UNB, Dhaka

The government will impart training to some 10,000 entrepreneurs of union digital centres (UDC) on citizen journalism to regularly post grassroots development news on UP websites and various social networking sites.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division and Tathyaseba Barta Sangstha (TSB) in this regard yesterday. TSB will implement the three-year programme.

At the event, ICT Division Secretary Shyam Sunder Sikder said the ICT Division has taken the programme to train up the UDC entrepreneurs on citizen online journalism so that they can upload news stories on traditional culture, heritage, technological development and other issues on 4,547 UDC websites.

Additional Secretaries to the division Hurunur Rashid and Susanta Kumar Saha and Chief News Editor of UNB Mahfuzur Rahman were, among others, present.

BYLC holds workshops on leadership

CITY DESK

Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) held the eighth and ninth national workshops "Art and Practice of Leadership" on its premises in Dhaka from December 26 to 28 and January 2 to 4 respectively.

Of 500 university students, 120 were chosen to participate in the event, supported by Bangladesh Bank, said a BYLC press release yesterday.

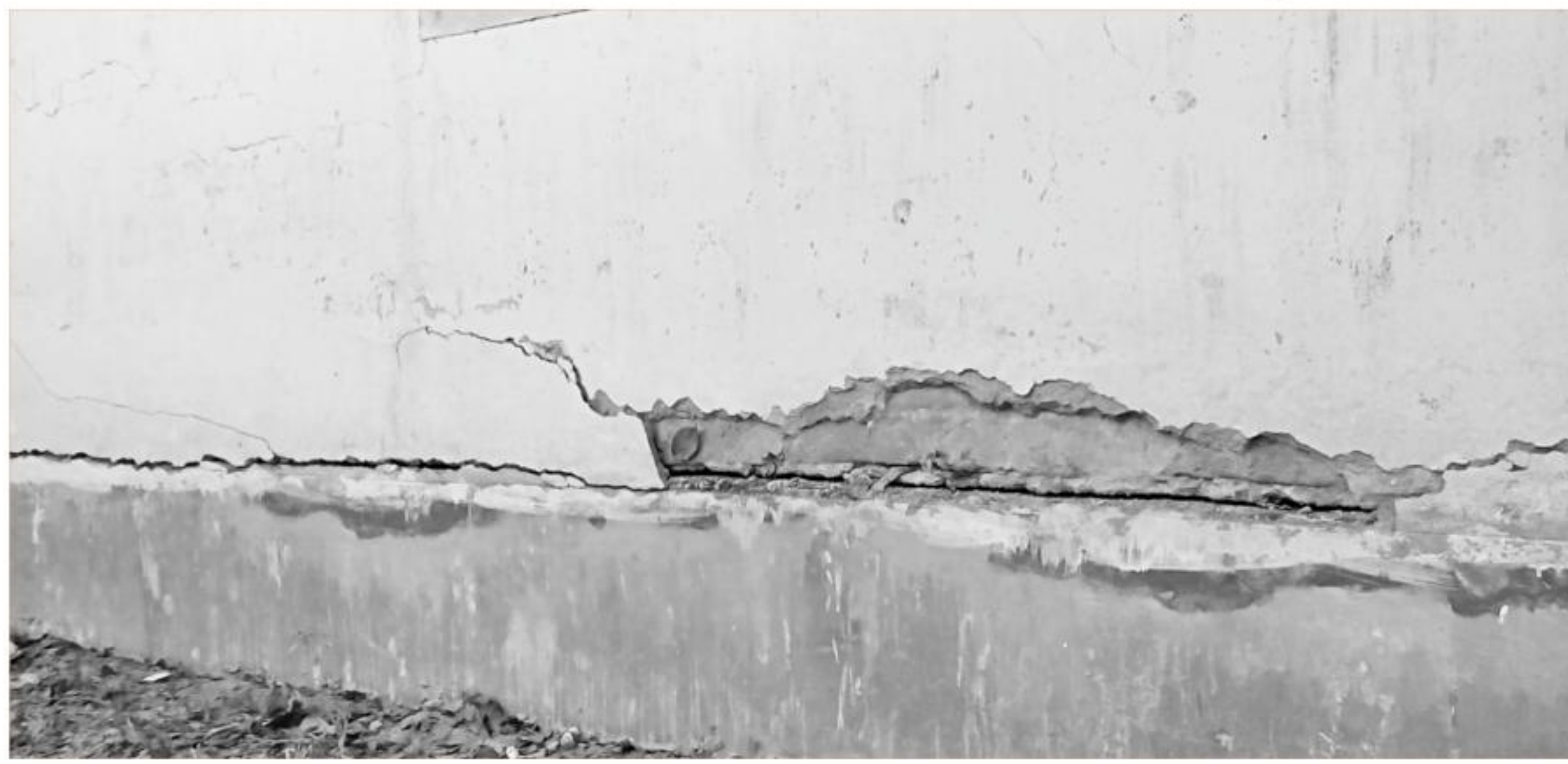
The workshop also consisted of career panels with dignitaries from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

Pavel Hoq, chief operating officer, Grameen Intel Social Business Limited; Devabrata Chakraborty, director, Governance Innovation Unit, the Prime Minister's Office; and Farzana Kashfi, senior manager, Brac, spoke.

Ivdat Ahmed Khan Mojlsh, co-founder and managing director, LightCastle Partners; Ishrat Hossain, head of New Media, UNDP; and Asif Iqbal, deputy director, Bangladesh Bank shared inspiring stories from their own careers.

David Hasanat, chairman, Viyellatex, and Mohammad Naushad Ali Chowdhury, BB executive director, attended the certificate giving ceremonies.

JU DORMAT HIGH RISK AFTER QUAKE



Wide and dangerous cracks have developed in the one-storey tin-roof building, constructed as an extension of Al-Biruni Hall of Jahangirnagar University, after Monday's earthquake, but the authorities were yet to evacuate the dorm. Fearing collapse, many of the 200 students residing in the six-block building, however, have left on their own accord. Provost Prof AKM Jasim Uddin said the vice chancellor visited the building, and the authorities would decide whether the building, constructed in 1982, would be abandoned or repaired. This photographer spotted at least 40 cracks in the wall, pillars, ceiling and basement. The photos were taken on Monday.

PHOTO: SM NAJMUS SAKIB

OVERSTAYING

194 Bangladeshis charged in Malaysia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Malaysian authorities charged a total of 251 illegal immigrants including 194 Bangladeshis at the Sessions Court at Pekan Nenas Immigration Depot on January 4 for not possessing valid documents and overstaying, reported the country's news agency Bernama.

All of the 251 accused, aged between 19 and 47 years, allegedly committed the offences.

Man shot in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was shot by miscreants in the capital's Dakhkhin Khan on Monday night.

Shafiqul Islam, 39, a broker of a Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) agent at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka, was shot in the waist and lower abdomen near his house on Medical Road, police said.

He was shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Police said the attack might have been carried out following a workplace feud.

Floor Space for Sale/Long Term Rent

An under construction (Eight storied) building (finishing stage) around 1500 sft per floor located at House No. 18, Road No. 3/F, Sector No. 09, Uttara, Dhaka, beside 40ft wide road suitable for commercial use is available for sale / long term rent. Interested persons may contact by E-mail: jobcircular.2015@gmail.com or Mobile: 0195557740, 0195557744, 01966622557

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Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement

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The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications of qualified and experienced candidates for the following positions to be filled under GCP/BGD/058/ USA 'Strengthening National Forest Inventory and Satellite Land Monitoring System in support of REDD+ in Bangladesh'.

1. Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant- Deadline: 16 January 2016
2. Intern- Deadline: 31 January 2016
3. National Consultants Roster - Deadline: 31 January 2016 (UN salary scale and benefits for similar positions apply)

Interested and qualified candidates will find the post descriptions from our website <http://www.fao.org/bangladesh/fao-in-bangladesh/employmentprocurement/en/>. Interested applicants are requested to send their Personal Profile Form (PPF) / Personal Profile Form (PHF) as applicable to the following address: FAOBD-Vacancies@fao.org by the deadline mentioned for different positions.

PRE-QUALIFICATION NOTICE

1. Applications for Pre-qualification are hereby invited by the undersigned from the reputed and experienced firms for "Construction of SMC Tower-2 (15-storied Commercial Building with 2 Basements) at Mirpur, Dhaka."
2. For issuance of Prescribed 'Pre-qualification Application Form' the applicants must apply in their letter heads to the undersigned along with necessary supporting documents and certificates duly attested by an Officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer for fulfilling following primary eligibility criteria:
 - a) The applicant must have 20 years General Experience in the building construction sector.
 - b) Experience of pile foundation with at least two basements.
 - c) The applicant must have Valid ABC Category Contractor and Supervisory License.
 - d) The applicant must have Valid Trade license, Up-to-date Income Tax Clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate.
 - e) The applicant must be financially solvent and must enjoy credit facilities from the Applicant's Bank.
 - f) The applicant must have experience in completion of at least 3(three) 12 or above storied Office/ Commercial buildings under Govt./ Semi-Govt. Autonomous/ Reputed Private Organizations.
 - g) The applicant must have experience of completion one high rise building (12 or above storied) with work value minimum Tk. 30.00 Crore under single work order.
 - h) The applicant should have experience of using crane (preferably), excavator for high rise building and must have sufficient steel shuttering materials.
3. Interested Applicants are requested to collect Pre-qualification Application Form from January 6, 2016 to January 14, 2016 during office hours (8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Sunday through Thursday) from the office of the undersigned on cash payment of Tk.500.00 (Five hundred) only nonrefundable for each set.
4. Application for Pre-qualification duly filled in and complete in all respect by the applicant as per prescribed Application Form must be dropped in Tender Box at 1st floor of Social Marketing Company, 33, Banani C/A, Dhaka-1213 up to 4:00 PM on or before January 14, 2016.
5. Social Marketing Company reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Pre-qualification Applications without any reason whatsoever.

SOCIAL MARKETING COMPANY

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Cox's Bazar

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by the tribunal. Trial of the accused, however, is yet to be started.

With Jinnat, at least six war crimes accused died in hospitals due to old age complications while they were in jail.

Death penalty

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A total of 23 prosecution witnesses including the investigation officer of the case testified to prove the charges. But defence declined to produce any witness.

Yesterday, Badal and Sabina Yasmin Munni placed arguments citing testimonies of the prosecution witnesses. However, the prosecutors, on several occasions, failed to answer the questions of the judges.

While Badal stood up to place arguments on the sixth charge, the prosecutor admitted that they could not produce witness from victim families and the three prosecution witnesses regarding the charge did not implicated the accused with crimes narrated in the charge.

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United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces exciting job opportunity for following positions under Service Contract modality:

- Programme Specialist-Disaster Resilience (SB5)
- Programme Specialist - Environmental Sustainability & Energy (SB5)

For details of the job description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/jobs/>. Applications should be received no later than 21 January 2016.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

Militancy Bangladesh's new crisis

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"Our society is not united like 1971. It is divided into many groups and ideologies. In the past, people came out spontaneously to prevent communal riots. We need to bring that spirit back."

He said a true Muslim did not hurt anyone through his word or action, and Islamic clerics should spread the message.

Chairman of Bangladesh Jamiatul Ulema Parishad Maulana Fariduddin Masud said there was a gap between

Islamic clerics and general people, which needed to be reduced to fight militancy.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan urged Islamic clerics to raise awareness against militancy at mosques.

People suffer as most

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in the morning. "It usually takes five to 10 minutes", she said. Masuma said she saw waiting crowds in Technical, Shyamoli, Asad Gate areas in the morning, and most of those waiting were women.

"Political leaders always promise to work for people. But sometimes they make our life very difficult -- this is a breach of the promise," she said.

Abdur Rashid, resident of Kalabagan, told The Daily Star that he could not get into a bus to go to Banani because the buses were packed. The auto-rickshaw drivers also refused to go on hire, he added.

Rashid had to walk to Panthapath and take an auto-rickshaw from there.

Chhatra Union

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the assaults took place, but they did not do anything to stop it. Moreover, one officer released two of the culprits who were caught and handed over to him by our activists," said Lucky Akhter, BCU president.

Prof Gitiara Nasreen of DU's Mass Communication and Journalism department said the probe report is an attempt to relegate the issue into oblivion.



Request for Expression of Interest for Design & Construction Supervision Services



Date: January 06, 2016
Contract No.: KOICA Bangladesh 2016-01

1. The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Bangladesh Office invites qualified contractors to express their interest in Design and Construction Supervision Services for the Project for the Capacity Development Program of Rajshahi TTC in Bangladesh. The Project is to be implemented with the grant aid of the Government of the Republic of Korea.

Description of Project

- Bid Title: Design & Construction Supervision Services for the Project for the Capacity Development Program of Rajshahi TTC in Bangladesh
- Summary of Design & Construction Supervision
 - Academy Building : 1 Nos (1,974 sqm/4-story Bdg.)
 - Dormitory : 1 Nos (1,147 sqm/3-story Bdg.)
 - Generator and Water Pump Shed : 1 Nos (110sqm)
- Duration: Design(6 months), Supervision(21 months)
- Service Area: Rajshahi
- Estimated Price: Approx. USD 288,000 (All taxes and expenses are included)

- ① Employer : Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Bangladesh Office
- ② Bid Type : Open Competitive Bidding
- ③ Selection of the Successful Bidders : Selection by Negotiation
 - i. Eligible tenders should have Trade License for Consultancy in Bangladesh
 - ii. Eligible tenders are selected by conducting a technical proposal evaluation, a Bidder which obtains over 85% of technical points.
 - iii. After a price quotation evaluation of eligible tenders, A bidder which obtains the highest points total (technical points: 90%, price points: 10%) shall have the highest priority for negotiation.
- ④ Bidding Explanation : 11 January, 2016, 11:00 a.m. KOICA Bangladesh Office
- ⑤ Place of submission of a Letter of Interest : KOICA Bangladesh Office
- ⑥ Submission of an LOI : 17 January, 2016, 17:00 p.m.
- ⑦ Bid Submission Place : KOICA Bangladesh Office
- ⑧ Time, Date of Submission: 21 February, 2016, 17:00 p.m.
- ⑨ Place of Opening : KOICA Bangladesh Office
- ⑩ Time, Date of Opening : 24 February, 2016 11:00 a.m.
- ⑪ Name of Currency: USD

2. The available budget for this procurement assignment is Approx. USD 288,000 and Bidders' Proposals should not exceed this budget. Any bid exceeding this project budget may result in rejection of its bid.

3. The RFP includes the following documents:
 - Chapter 1 Contract of Consultant Services
 - Chapter 2 Conditions of Contract
 - Chapter 3 Instructions on the Bidding
 - Chapter 4 Invitation to Bid
 - Addendum 1 Scope of the Services
 - Addendum 2 Terms of Reference for Design
 - Attachment 1 Form of Bid
 - Attachment 2 Forms of Price Proposal
 - Attachment 3 Form of Technical Proposal
 - Attachment 4 Security Forms
 - Attachment 5 Design Reference

(*Note: The above RFP documents will be distributed only to participants at the Bidding Explanation. Please contact the KOICA Bangladesh Office for more information.)
4. The service may not be provided by a joint venture.
5. Language of Proposal: English
6. The KOICA Bangladesh Office requires that Bidders and Contractors observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, KOICA:
 - (a) will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the Bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question.
 - (b) will recognize such a Contractor as ineligible, for a period determined by KOICA.
7. The KOICA Bangladesh Office will invite sealed bids from eligible Bidders via an invitation letter.
8. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the KOICA Bangladesh Office.
9. KOICA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
10. Failure to furnish all information required by the bidding documents or submission of a bid not substantially responsive to the bidding documents in every respect shall be at the Bidder's risk and may result in the rejection of the bid.
11. Address: Level 5N, Grand DELVISTAA, House CES(A) 1A, 113 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka-1212
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