

January sees 84 rapes

7 gang-rapes among those; figures almost double compared to Jan last year, says BMP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first month of 2016 saw 84 incidents of rape including seven gang rapes, reads the monthly Violence Against Women (VAW) data gathered by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP). The number of rapes almost doubled compared to January 2015, when BMP data showed 48 rapes had been committed, including nine gang rapes.

VAW incidents in January also increased from that of December 2015 with a total VAW incident of 320, as per BMP report.

The women's rights organisation gathers data from reports published in 14 national Bangla and English dailies. Rape as usual was the most frequent crimes committed against women.

Among other significant VAW incidents last month were 70 murders, 38 mysterious deaths, 33 physical tortures and 28 child marriages.

TOBACCO CONTROL ACT

Why smoking in public places not being stopped

HC asks government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rahman told The Daily Star.

Supreme Court lawyer Shammi Akhter recently filed the petition saying owners, caretakers or controllers, and managers of public places and transports will have to mark a separate smoking zone there as per section 7 of the act.

As per section 8, they will have to put up signboards asking people to refrain from smoking in public places, and mentioning that smoking in such places is a punishable offence, she said.

The authorities concerned are also violating the provisions of the law by not taking necessary steps to stop smoking in public places, she added in the petition.

JR Khan Robin appeared for the petitioner.

Obituary

CITY DESK

Md Mosleh Uddin, senior executive (collection) of The Daily Star, died in the capital yesterday.

He left behind his wife, a son, a daughter and colleagues to mourn his death, says a press release.



Death anniversary

CITY DESK

The fifth death anniversary of Begum Khurshida Haque, wife of former minister and writer late MA Haque, will be observed today, says a press release.

On this occasion, a prayer session will be held at her elder daughter Rehana Ashequr Rahman's Banani residence in the capital.



Destiny's Didarul Alam denied bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked the trial court concerned to finish the charge framing of a money laundering case against Destiny Group officials within a month and conclude its trial proceedings in one year.

The HC passed the order while rejecting a bail petition filed by Destiny Group Director Lt Col (ret'd) Didarul Alam saying it was not moved properly.

The Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) on May 4, 2014 pressed charges against 51 Destiny officials including Didarul, Destiny Group Managing Director Rafiqul Amin, and Destiny 2000 President Lt Gen (ret'd) Harun-Ar-Rashid, in two cases for misappropriating Tk 42,000 crore through its tree plantation projects, cooperative firms and laundering, according to the charge sheets.

Young readers find trove at book

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anniversary of Bangla Academy.

Litterateurs Fazle Rabbi, Azizur Rahman Aziz, Begum Aktar Kamal and Mohit Kamal took part in the discussion, saying the academy had been an integral part of the cultural history of the country. They hoped for more contribution of the academy.

Bangla Academy will hold an international poetry festival today. The first session will start in the Abdul Karim Sahityabisharad Auditorium at 10:00am, and the second one at the central stage of the fair at 4:00pm.

Doa Mahfil



The founder of Pharmacy Department of Dhaka University Professor Emeritus Dr. Abdul Jabbar passed away on 30/01/2016 (Inna..... Rajjun).

A doa mahfil will be held on 5 February, 2016, Friday at his residence (Dhaka University Quarter) after Asr Prayer. Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the mahfil and pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

- Family members

RU makes

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which was formed on the very day of the violence has yet to submit the report, and the probe has virtually stalled.

RU Registrar Prof Entajul Haque, a member of the team, said, "We found no one (witnesses) to narrate the incident of the day after publishing a notice in the newspaper urging witnesses to meet with one of our members immediately after the body was formed".

He added, "There is nothing the probe body can do when no one communicated with us".

While asked about media reports and video clips on the violence, he said those were not enough to draw a conclusion.

Vice Chancellor Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin told The Daily Star that the university authorities had already asked police to take steps for withdrawing the two cases.

Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police Mohammad Shamsuddin recognised that the cases had been a burden on the students and said they would meet the university authorities soon to withdraw those.

Court accepts charges against

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Of the accused, Fakhru, Moudud, Goyeshwar, Noman, Aman and 25 others are now on bail while Abbas and Annee are in jail. Four others have been absconding.

Mohammad Enamul Haque, an inspector of Detective Branch of police and also the investigation officer in the case, submitted two charge sheets to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka on May 11 last year.

According to the case statement, Fakhru, Moudud and 24 others along with 1,000 to 1,200 activists brought out a protest procession in front of Twin Tower in the capital's Shantinagar on March 2, 2013.

At one stage, they hurled five crude bombs at policemen and damaged several vehicles, leaving several law enforcers seriously injured.

Miracle boy suffers minor head

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"We questioned the other girl, aged around 13 years, to learn about the incident," said Mashiur.

"The parents of the teenage girl heard about the incident from a girl who worked in another apartment in the neighbourhood. They said they want do not want any part of it and refused to visit their daughter," the OC added.

The teenage mother dropped the baby through the window of the flat, wrapping him in a plastic shopping bag, in fear of social stigma.

The baby fell on the roof of a nearby tin-roof shop. Hearing his screams, local shopkeepers rescued and took him to Ad-din Women's Medical College Hospital in Moghbazar.

"Forensic test was conducted yesterday and we will conduct test to identify her age today," said Bilkis Begum, one-stop crisis centre coordinator. Sample from the baby would be collected for identifying his father through DNA tests later, Bilkis told The Daily Star.

"Two cases will be filed. One against the girl for attempting to murder the baby and another against the brother-in-law for alleged rape," she said.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be informed that, **Mr. Mosharraf Hossain**, son of Mr. Kamal Uddin Sikdar, has been employed in **DIRD Garments Ltd., Dipta Garments Ltd and DIRD Washing Plant Ltd.** as Executive Director -Operation and Marketing till 31st December, 2015. He has resigned from his service with effect from 1st January 2016 and his final settlement is still pending. Therefore, any individual or organization dealing business with him will be doing it on their own risk & responsibility. DIRD Group or any of its concerns will not be liable for such type of dealings.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY OF ENHANCEMENT & STRENGTHENING OF POWER NETWORK IN EASTERN REGION OF PGCB

Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development II (RERED II) Project
Credit No. 5158-BD

No. 27.71.0000.002.12.66.16-137 **Dated: February 1, 2016**

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a fund from the International Development Agency towards the cost of the Rural Electrification and Renewable Energy Development II (RERED II) Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payment under the contracts for "Consulting Services for Feasibility Study of Enhancement & Strengthening of Power Network in Eastern Region of Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB)".
- Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. The EOIs will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:
 - Age of firm
 - Availability of key professionals
 - Experience of the firm in similar task
 - Experience of the firm in other works
 - Resources & Support services of the firm

While indicating information relating to experience of the firm in similar task, it shall be made clear whether responsibility of the firm was in capacity of a principal firm (lead partner) or as an associated firm (sub-consultant/JV partner).

- Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents against the above mentioned criteria: (a) Registration paper of the firm (s); (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm's brochure; (d) Audited financial reports for last three years; (e) Service experience record (f) Short Biography of Key Professional, (g) IT Certificate or IT Registration Certificate of the firm.
- Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Consultant will clearly mention the form of the association in the EOI, i.e. joint venture or sub-consultancy.
- Detail scope of work will be available in the Terms of Reference (TOR) which can be downloaded from the website of Power Cell (www.powercell.gov.bd) from the date of publishing of EOI.
- A consultant will be selected under QCBS method in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines.
- Interested consultants may obtain additional information from the office at the address below during office hours i.e., 0900 to 1700 hours BST, Sunday to Thursday.
- Expression of Interest (2 copies) must be delivered to the address below by February 29, 2016.

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E-Tender Notice

e-Tender will be invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of Power Generator

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description	Online tender notice publication date	Online tender closing date
46090	UGC/HEQEP/DU/CP3257/ Procurement/ G01(6827)-2016	OTM	03/02/2016	18/02/2016

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for last selling/downloading the e-Tender documents from the e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to date and time.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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LOCAL RE-TENDER NOTICE

Tender ref.: EDCL/PUR/LT/2016/163 **Dated: 02/02/2016**

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Contractors having experience for successful completion of Roof treatment works in any single work worth of Govt. / Semi Govt. / Autonomous bodies during the last 5 (five) years.

Name of Item	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Schedule
Supply and application of water proofing on Roof top of Production building at EDCL, Dhaka (Details as per Tender Schedule and BOQ)	Tk. 5% of quoted amount	Tk. 1000.00/set (Non refundable)

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of **Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka** on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above in the form of Bank Draft / Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

The interested bidders may drop their offer along with detailed specification & relevant papers (as per tender schedule) into the tender Box kept at the Purchase Departments, EDCL, Dhaka office till 12.00 noon on **11/02/2016** which will be opened on **11/02/2016** at 12.30 PM in presence of the tenders / their representatives (if any).

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Deputy General Manager
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