



Rosy Akter on duty in front of the capital's Ruposhi Bangla Hotel after Dhaka Metropolitan Police launched the country's first female traffic police service in January.

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DMP moves a notch up in gender equality

Launches country's first female traffic police service; barriers yet to be addressed

TRIBENI CHAKMA

Even a few days back, boarding a crowded bus amid heavy vehicular movement in the mad streets of Dhaka was a huge challenge for the female commuters, who could hardly imagine getting any help from traffic police with this hurdle.

Things have, however, begun changing with the introduction of the country's first female traffic police in the city.

"A few minutes ago, a woman couldn't get on a bus. I signalled the bus to halt and helped the woman board it," said Traffic Sergeant Ismat Tara, hailing from Dinajpur, while performing her duty at Crescent Road intersection on Mirpur Road on Wednesday morning.

A total of 24 females underwent a six-month-long training at Bangladesh Police Academy in Rajshahi's Sharda.

Twenty two of them have been posted as traffic sergeant, a rank equivalent to that of a sub-



Rosy Akter Ismat Tara Lima Chisim

inspector, at different intersections in the capital since the beginning of this year while 2 others did not join the service.

"We came up with the idea because it would have a positive effect on ordinary people and the society, when they would see that even women can carry out such challenging jobs," said Nazrul Islam, assistant inspector general (media) of police headquarters, adding that it would boost the confidence of women.

"We are getting positive feedbacks about them. They behave politely with the people while discharging their duties," said Mosleh Uddin

Ahmed, joint commissioner (traffic) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

It looks like the posting of female sergeants has already begun affecting the young girls' psyche.

"School going girls often tell us, Apu [sister], we feel good seeing you at work. We want to grow up and join the police like you," said Traffic Sergeant Lima Chisim, who joined the force on January 3, after graduating from Eden Mohila College in the city.

Hailing from Mymensingh, Lima took up this profession as she liked taking challenge.

Asked how she was treated by others, Lima said none misbehaved with her in the streets, but rather they looked amazed seeing a female working as traffic sergeant.

"At first I used to feel uneasy, but now I feel good helping others when I can," Ismat said, adding that when some rowdy drivers disobey her orders, her seniors help her out then.

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KHALEDA'S "SEDITION" Cops asked to submit probe report by March 3

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again directed police to submit a probe report by March 3 into a defamation allegation against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and party leader Goyeshwar Chandra Roy for their comments on the Liberation War martyrs.

Metropolitan Magistrate Md Nuru Miah passed the order after Shahbagh police failed to submit any report or any application for what they could not submit.

Earlier on January 5, AB Siddique, president of Jananetri Parishad, filed the case against the two for their "insulting" remarks on the martyrs.

Following the case, Metropolitan Magistrate Md Aminul Haque directed officer-in-charge (investigation) of Shahbagh police to investigate the complaint and submit a report to the court by yesterday.

On December 21 last year, Khaleda, in a public address, said, "There are controversies over how many were martyred in the Liberation War."

Four days later, Goyeshwar termed the 1971 martyred intellectuals "anti-liberation elements" who "died like fools" and drew salaries and allowances from Pakistan till the end of the war.

Two more cases were also filed against Khaleda for her comments on the same issue.

Rajuk drive

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built encroaching upon roads.

After concluding the first spell of the drive on January 26, Rajuk endorsed the second spell with a nine-day drive for each team till February 29.

Mariners not okay with 'move to give CDCs to fishers'

Seek prime minister's intervention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cg

Bangladesh Marine Academy graduates yesterday expressed their disapproval of an alleged move to provide Continuous Discharge Certificates (CDC), a type of experience logbook of mariners issued under the shipping ministry, to graduates of Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Academy.

They claimed that CDCs were exclusively meant for mariners of merchant vessels and the move would prompt International Maritime Organization to blacklist Bangladesh as there was a "difference in training" at the two academies.

It will also saturate the job market, making it harder for around 50 percent of the 8,700 merchant mariners who are currently unemployed, they added.

Reading out a written statement at a press conference in Chittagong Press Club, Ashraf Ibn Noor, president of Jaldia Marine Academy Alumni Association, demanded that the prime minister intervenes in the matter.

Later around 100 marine academy graduates formed a human chain demanding that the government forms a commission to address the issues, including complexities visa applicants face, a decrease in the number of Bangladeshi merchant vessels and issuance of handwritten CDCs and COCs (Certificate of Competency).

No big budget is required as the government's sincerity, correct planning and diplomatic efforts will do, they added.

Ashraf claimed that, as per a government report, the number of Bangladeshi merchant vessels had decreased while ones for fishing increased and that 60 percent of the posts for officers in 269 fishing vessels were vacant.

Contacted over the phone, Department of Shipping Director General Commodore Zakiur Rahman Bhuiyan said a new committee was formed recently to look into the issues as another formed in 2013 had made a probe report contradicting its own recommendations.

The contradiction was that though it found out about the vacant posts, it had recommended giving CDCs to fisheries graduates so that they could serve in merchant vessels, he said.

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He said the government hardly took up any policy working against the businesses of pesticides and chemical fertilisers and that successive governments never thought about occupational health hazards faced by farmers.

Presenting the keynote speech, Prof Ainun Nishat explained the problems farmers were facing due to changes in the traditional crop calendar, stating that spring, autumn and late autumn were not that much noticeable now. For the drop in prices, rice farmers of northern Bangladesh were switching to mango or litchi cultivation, he said.

Prof Abdul Bades, director Brac research and evaluation division, presented his observations while Asif Saleh, senior director, strategy and communication and empowerment, Brac, chaired the session.

New UK envoy

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the Prime Minister that she was overwhelmed to see the enthusiasm at the ongoing Amar Ekushey Boi Mela in the capital's Bangla Academy.

Recalling the support and contribution of British people and political leadership during the War of Liberation, Hasina appreciated the continued British development assistance to Bangladesh since its independence.

Expressing satisfaction over the existing bilateral relations between the two countries, Hasina hoped that this would further be strengthened in the future.

She also assured the British High Commissioner of providing all-out support and cooperation while discharging her duties

Qatar to recruit

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to increase the monthly minimum wage of Bangladeshi workers from 700 riyal to 1200 riyal, which he believes would increase to at least 1000 riyal.

JP MPs start

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Ruhul Amin Hawladar as secretary general by Ershad and the second on Raushan's appointment.

The third decision stipulated that the JP chairman would not take any decision without discussions with the JP presidium and parliamentary body, it said.

Today's views-exchange meeting is scheduled to be held with JP chiefs of district, metropolitan, upazila and municipality units over the debates centring the appointments.

Kader Siddique's

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vacant following the resignation of Awami League lawmaker Abdul Latif Siddique from parliament.

Following a government petition, the SC on November 2 last year stayed the process for holding the election till February 4 this year.



An exhibition of dogs on MC College premises in Sylhet city on Saturday. Around 50 dogs of six breeds participated in the six-hour event arranged by Kennel Club of Sylhet.

PHOTO: STAR

60m people face food insecurity in country

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and medicine for plants and animals needed by farmers.

The project would be carried out in six north-western and two southern districts of the country, he added.

Under the MMWW project which is expected to reach out 6002 agro-entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs will be trained on nutrition, sexual and reproductive rights, behavioural change, leadership, business development and advocacy in two north-western districts and two south-western districts.

Mike Robson, FAO representative, said the poor food handling practices still remain as one of the major concerns in Bangladesh.

"Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IECDR) research reveals that contamination in street food is 90 percent", he said observing dearth of awareness among the people of the issue.

Meanwhile, recognising the role of female farmers, Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, underscored the importance of recognising their role in the country's agriculture.

Court takes case against AL MP Latif

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local AL leaders and activists.

Meanwhile, Latif yesterday held a press conference at the World Trade Centre in the port city where the photo's designer, Kabir Hossain, said the fault was his, not the lawmaker's.

Kabir said, "The photo of Bangabandhu which I had in my archive could not be enlarged because it had a low resolution. So I asked Rajib Das, an employee of the Chittagong Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CCCI), to send me a picture of any person wearing a Mujib coat."

"He sent me a picture of MP Latif clad in a Mujib coat," he said. "MP Latif did not know anything about it." Rajib admitted he had sent the photo. Latif is a former president of CCCI,

and Rajib was dealing with the printing of the banners and festoons on his behalf.

Local AL leaders, however, rejected Latif's claim. "Criminals will say anything to hide their crimes. Such statements are not acceptable," said Chittagong city AL President ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

"After joining Awami League from Jamaat, Latif is trying to besmirch AL's image," he added.

Latif denied being involved in Jamaat-e-Islam. Meanwhile, Awami Muktijoddha Projonna League and Sacheton Nagorik Samaj demanded punishment for Latif yesterday.

The prime minister visited Chittagong city on January 30.

Database of

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comprise of about 200 types of information of a prisoner, including biometrics finger prints of 10 fingers of both hands and retina scan.

Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed said other law enforcement agencies could also use the database.

On November 27 in 2014, Rab developed a computerised database of 22,000 convicted criminals and 18,000 detained persons.

Using the database under a network, Rab personnel across the country had been about 150 types of information of re-arrested persons, including their names, addresses, photos, fingerprints, occupations, and past crime records.

Rab Legal and Media Wing Director Commander Mufti Mahmud Khan said the information from the earlier database would be integrated with the



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প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশের নির্বাচন কমিশনে নিম্নে বর্ণিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্ত করার লক্ষ্যে আত্রহী আইনজীবীদের নিকট হতে প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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- প্রস্তাবকারীকে এককভাবে মহামান্য হাইকোর্ট বিভাগে রীট পিটিশনসহ অন্যান্য মোকদ্দমা পরিচালনায় কমপক্ষে ১০ বছরের এবং ক্ষেত্রমত, মহামান্য আপিল বিভাগে পিটিশন/মোকদ্দমা পরিচালনায় তালিকাভুক্ত অথবা এডভোকেট-অন-রেকর্ড হিসেবে তালিকাভুক্ত থাকতে হবে। অধিকন্তু প্রস্তাবকারীকে কমিশনের চাহিদা মোতাবেক বিভিন্ন বিষয়ে আইনগত মতামত প্রদানে সক্ষম হতে হবে।
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