

# UN lauds role of Bangladesh Police in int'l peacekeeping missions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations yesterday lauded the role of Bangladesh Police in establishing peace across the world, said a press release from police headquarters.

The skill, professionalism and bravery of Bangladesh Police in establishing peace in war-torn countries are maintaining high standard, said Peter Thomas Drennan, under-secretary-general for Safety and Security of UN.

He said this during a meeting with visiting Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque to Ivory Coast.

The UN official said the number of Formed Police Unit was reduced to three from seven in Ivory Coast under present circumstance but the activities of Bangladesh Police are kept continuing due to their highest morality, discipline and skills.

Alongside visiting peace keeping missions in Ivory Coast, the IGP Shahidul also tripped to missions in Mali.

# Auto-rickshaw drivers protest mobile court

UNB, dhaka

Leaders of Dhaka Four-stroke Auto-rickshaw (CNG) Drivers Union staged a demonstration in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday, protesting random towing of their vehicles by mobile courts.

The CNG-run auto-rickshaw drivers alleged they have randomly been fined and jailed by the mobile courts for over the last several months.

They also urged the government for immediate release of the drivers who have already been sent to jail by mobile courts and withdrawal of cases filed against them.



A man on a flimsy rope ladder swaying in the wind trying to gain a balance while cleaning the glass façade of a five-storey building in Sagarika area of Chittagong city yesterday. Though his upper body is tied to a rope by a belt, he has no steady footing. Many of such cleaners usually do not even have that belt either, and often die from losing balance. There needs to be a strict regulation for companies that are in the building cleaning business, and always look to cut corners to maximise their profit at the expense of the lives of cheap labourers.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

# Bengal Tigers now facing organised poaching

National dialogue on the big cats told, regional collaboration urged for conservation

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Organised poaching of tiger and deer has emerged as a new phenomenon for the Sundarbans wildlife extinction, activists said yesterday, asking the government to take immediate steps to protect the Bengal cat, their habitat and food sources, reports BSS.

"Tiger poaching is not new in the world, but comparatively new for us...Tigers are being smuggled to China and some other South Asian countries," Dr M Anwarul Islam, chief executive officer of TigerTeam, a non-profit, told a dialogue in Dhaka.

Environment Minister Anwar Hossain Manju attended the national dialogue as the chief guest, while chief forest conservator M Yunus Ali, leading environmentalist Dr Atiq Rahman and USAID officials also spoke.

"Bangladesh has a tiger population of 106-500," said Dr Islam, who identified a number of factors that led to illegal poaching including poor patrol by law enforcers and their logistical limitation, which have helped the criminals to continue their businesses unchallenged.

The minister said the dependence of people on the forest has led to malpractices by the communities and the criminals in the reserve forest, which has been declared the UNESCO heritage site. Dacoits and poachers at times, Manju said, are more powerful than the law enforcement agencies.

"The government has attached priority to the unattended or poorly attended areas, and the Sundarbans are one of those," he said. He also expressed hope that a partnership programme, being run by USAID and the government, would yield a positive result for the protection of the wildlife and ecosystem.

The minister also stressed the need for strengthening regional cooperation to save tigers in the Sundarbans, reports UNB.

"We need more collaboration with India and Nepal in protecting tigers, then outsiders (neighbouring countries) will know the problems we are facing in tiger conservation and we will also know their problems," he said.

He urged the local politicians to come forward with strong commitment to protect the Sundarbans as well as its biodiversity.

Dr Islam said there is no option now to compensate the forest guards deployed in the forest amid various risks and proposed a risk allowance. A massive scientific monitoring is required in the world's largest mangrove forest to save its biodiversity, including tigers, he added.

# ACC clears ex-Rajuk chief Nurul Huda of graft charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Anti Corruption Commission (ACC) has relieved former Rajuk chairman Md Nurul Huda of corruption allegation after primary enquiry, said official sources at ACC.

The ACC in early 2015 launched an enquiry on the allegations that Huda amassed wealth beyond known source of income and took two housing plots -- one in his name and another in his wife's name both in Purbachal New Town in violation of rules.

He took a ten-katha plot in his own name and a five-katha plot in his wife's name under affected category, said the ACC sources seeking anonymity.

Later on, as ACC launched the primary enquiry, his wife applied for surrendering her plot in November last year and Rajuk later took her plot back accordingly.

The ACC recorded the primary enquiry findings on the allegations and relieved Huda of allegations, as he was earlier relieved of amassing wealth beyond known sources.

It was natural to relieve him of amassing wealth beyond known sources in case the allegation was found unfounded, said M Hafizuddin Khan, trustee member of corruption watchdog Transparency International Bangladesh.

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# 10 Gazipur cops closed for negligence in duty

UNB, Gazipur

Ten members of Detective Branch (DB) of police were closed to Gazipur Police Lines on charge of negligence in duty on Monday and yesterday.

The action was taken against district DB sub-inspector Mostafizur Rahman Chowdhury, SI Moniruzzaman, ASI M Sumon Miah, ASI Aman Ullah, and constables Ullah, and Enshadul Alam, Shahadat Hoosain, Arif Hossain, Rafique and Mostafa Miah.

Officer-in-charge of DB of Gazipur M Amir Hossain said superintendent of police Mohammad Harun-or-Rashid took the decision for their negligence of duty.

# EMBEZZLING RUPALI BANK IN CTG 3 including bank manager jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced three people, including a former manager of Rupali Bank, to five year's imprisonment each in a corruption case filed over embezzlement of around Tk 90 lakh.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 30.12 lakh each in default of which they will serve additional six months in jail, said Public Prosecutor Mezbah Uddin Chowdhury.

The convicts are AKM Lutfar Rahman, Rupali Bank's Khatunganj Amir Market branch manager; Mahbubul Islam, an employee of Muslim and Brothers' in Khatunganj; and Zakir Hossain, former general secretary of Lalkhan Bazar Metropolitan Grihonirman Samobay Samity.

Of them, Zakir is in jail while the rest are on the run. Lutfar, with connivance of Mahbubul, withdrew Tk 1.65 crore as a bank loan in the name of M/S Russell and Brothers in Khatunganj, using fake documents in 1992, said the PP.

Later, Tk 74.78 lakh was refunded but around Tk 90 lakh was misappropriated, he added.

To hide the embezzlement, Lutfar afterwards showed a land of Tk 23.61 lakh as of Tk 1.4 crore with the help of Zakir and submitted the records and documents to the bank.

The then Anti-Corruption Bureau Assistant Director Nurul Islam filed the case on August 27, 1994.

# Finished Apartments at UTTARA

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If it is about cleaning, these people have come to the wrong place. The Buriganga water is not only too polluted to sustain aquatic life in some areas, it could give them serious skin diseases. The water colour testifies what industrial waste has done to the lifeline of Dhaka city. Despite repeated public and media outcries, the situation however remains the same with the government taking no serious measure to save the river yet. The photo was taken under Kantchpur bridge recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# TANGAIL-4 BY-POLLS SC to hear Kader Siddique's plea tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday fixed tomorrow for hearing an appeal filed by Krishak Sramik Janata League President Abdul Kader Siddique, challenging a High Court verdict that upheld cancellation of his candidacy for Tangail-4 by-polls.

Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division of the SC Justice Hasan Foez Siddique sent the appeal to its full bench and fixed tomorrow for a hearing on it.

On February 4, the HC upheld the Election Commission's (EC) decision that had cancelled the candidacy of Kader Siddique, and also directed the EC to proceed with the by-polls in accordance with law.

On February 29, the EC fixed March 20 for holding by-election to Tangail-4 constituency.

The EC on September 16 last year issued a notification fixing November 10 for the by-polls to the constituency that fell vacant following the resignation Awami League lawmaker Abdul Latif Siddique from parliament, and asked aspirants to submit nomination papers by October 11.

As the returning officer on October 13 cancelled Kader Siddique's nomination on loan default charges, he filed separate appeals, first with the EC and then with the HC.

Rejected by both EC and HC, Kader Siddique on February 25 filed a leave-to-appeal petition with the SC challenging the HC verdict.

# Dipu Moni

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Meenakshi Gopinath, former principal of Lady Shri Ram College in New Delhi; Lale Kasebi, chief communication officer and head of Strategic Engagement at Li and Fung in Hong Kong; and Lynne Anne Davis, president and senior partner, Fleishmann Hillard Asia Pacific in Hong Kong.

# Boy dies falling off train roof

UNB, Gazipur

A boy was killed and two others were injured after falling off the roof of a train engine when it collided with another train parked at Joydebpur railway station yesterday.

Mamun, 10, son of Kashem Miah of Phulpur upazila in Mymenshing, died on the spot.

Officials said the accident took place around 7:30pm when the engine of "Turag Express" from Rajshahi, collided with "Durotojan Express", parked across the track.

The train engine was running on the wrong track and the three boys, who were riding on its roof, fell off and hit the parked train on the momentum.

# Eminent citizens

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soon," the statement read. "But three years have passed and no charge sheet has been produced yet."

The statement was signed among others by Professor Emeritus Anisuzzaman, Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury, Kamal Lohani, Dr Sanjida Khatun, Prof Hasan Azizul Haque, Mofidul Hoque, Dr Sarwar Ali, and Sultana Kamal.

The statement observed that the accused, according to Rab, were roaming around in public, while many of the arrestees got bail from High Court and left the country.

"For these reasons, questions arise about the government's role and willingness with regards to the trial of the Taqi murder case," said the statement.

The press statement with the signatures of the 22 eminent personalities was issued by Sontrash Nirmul Taqi Mancha and signed by its member secretary poet Halim Azad.

Rajon and Rakib, both 13, from Sylhet and Khulna respectively were killed by some brutes in July and August last year, and two separate courts sentenced six people to death for the murders in November.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Posts Telecommunication and Information Technology.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Post Office.		
3	Procuring entity name and district	Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka.	Dhaka	
4	Invitation for	Tender of Goods.		
5	Invitation ref. No. and date	Dhaka Metro/psd/poshak-1/2015-16; 28/02/2016		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
6	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
7	Budget and source of funds	Revenue 2015-2016 (GOV).		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
8	Tender package No.	Package-1 to 6.		
9	Tender package name	1. Procurement of shoes. 2. Procurement of cloths for the uniform. 3. Procurement of umbrella. 4. Procurement of socks. 5. Procurement of female dress. 6. Procurement of special dress.		
10	Tender publication date	02/03/2016.		
11	Tender last selling date	22/03/2016		
12	Tender closing date and time	23/03/2016	12:30pm	
13	Tender opening date and time	23/03/2016	15:00pm	
14	Selling tender document (address)	1. Deputy Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka. 2. Senior Postmaster, Dhaka G.P.O. 3. DPMG North Division, Dhaka.		
15	Receiving tender document (address)	1. Deputy Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka. 2. Tender document submitted by post must reach within the submission period/time (12:30).		
	Opening tender document (address)	Deputy Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
16	Eligibility of tenderers	As per Tender Document and PPR-2008, Rule 47-49. Tenderer should provide: 1. Valid & Updated trade Licence, VAT Registration Certificate, Income Tax Certificate with TIN, Bank Solvency certificate etc. 2. A certificate from 1st class gazetted officer for completion of similar work minimum amount Tk 5 (five) lac for G1 & G2 and 1 (one) lac for G3 to G6 in a single tender and annual turnover of 10 (ten) lac for G1, G2 as per TDS GCC & PCC.		
17	Brief description of goods or works	<b>Package-G1.</b> Procurement of 913 Pairs of Bata Black Oxford Shoes. <b>Package-G2.</b> Procurement of 2282.5 Meter (Coffee colour) of Cloths for the uniform. <b>Package-G3.</b> Procurement of 1021 pieces umbrella. <b>Package-G4.</b> Procurement of 1826 pair of socks. <b>Package-G5.</b> Procurement of 61 set female dress. <b>Package-G6.</b> Procurement of 34 set special dress (Navy blue colour) As per Technical Specification of Goods.		
18	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 1000 (non-refundable) payable to the Unclassified Head (UCR) of any post office in favour of Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka-1000 for each package separately.		
19	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Liquid assets
	1. Bata Black Oxford Shoes	Dhaka	25000	10,00,000
	2. Cloths for the Uniform	Dhaka	20000	10,00,000
	3. Umbrella	Dhaka	5000	3,00,000
	4. Socks	Dhaka	5000	3,00,000
	5. Female dress	Dhaka	5000	2,00,000
	6. Special dress	Dhaka	5000	2,00,000
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
20	Name of official inviting tender	Sheikh Saiful Alam.		
21	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Postmaster General.		
22	Address of official inviting tender	Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka.		
23	Contact details of official inviting tender	9553327		
24	Other Conditions: (1) Envelope with tender documents must be properly marked and sealed as per Rule 96(6). (2) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tender. (3) If two or more responsive tenderer quotes same price for goods and tender is acceptable then the tenderer will be selected by lottery. In such case the time, place and date of lottery will be notified later.			
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