

NEWSIN brief

Pak army sacks 6 senior officers

AFP, Islamabad
Pakistan's army has fired six senior officers over corruption charges, senior military sources told AFP yesterday, in a rare display of accountability by the country's most powerful institution. It was unclear when the officers were fired, the precise nature of the charges against them.

Boko Haram gunmen kill 11 in Nigeria

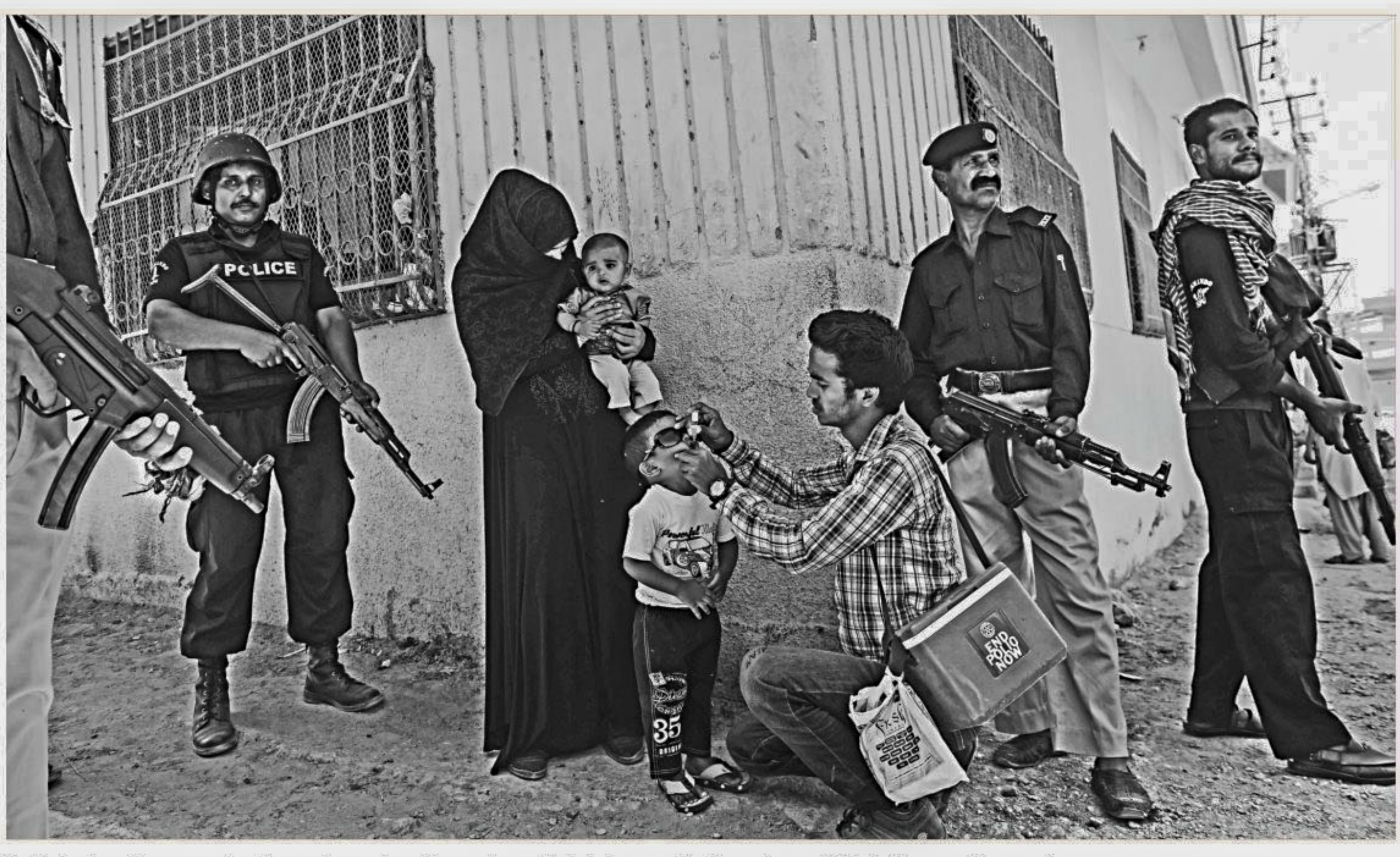
AFP, Kaduna
Suspected Boko Haram gunmen on horseback killed at least 11 people in north-east Nigeria this week, reports revealed yesterday. The attack on Zango village, in the Gulani district some 150 kilometres south of the Yobo state capital happened overnight on Tuesday to Wednesday.

Venezuela to ration electricity in crisis

AFP, Caracas
Recession-wracked Venezuela is to ration electricity in 10 of its most populous and industrialized states, including metropolitan Caracas, the socialist government said Wednesday. Venezuela has the world's largest proven oil reserves, but the government has resisted using crude to generate electricity, calling it inefficient.

South American floods kill 12

AFP, Buenos Aires
Severe storms and flooding across South America's "southern cone" have killed at least 12 people and forced thousands to evacuate, with more bad weather on the way. Argentina, Chile and Uruguay have all been hit by the deluge.



Pakistani policeman stand guard as a health worker administers polio drops to a child during a polio vaccination campaign after a day of an attack by gunmen in Karachi, yesterday. Motorcycle gunmen on Wednesday, shot dead seven policemen guarding a polio vaccination team in Karachi, officials said.

PHOTO: AFP

China leader named commander in chief

AFP, Beijing
Chinese state media unveiled a new title for President Xi Jinping calling him "commander in chief" of the country's new joint forces battle command centre, as he seeks to consolidate power over the military.
State-run Xinhua news agency and state broadcaster CCTV both carried reports in English and Chinese referring to Xi by the new description for the first time after he visited the command centre on Wednesday.
As well as president, Xi is general secretary of the Communist Party -- the position from which he derives his power -- and also chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC).
Since taking office Xi has sought to increase his authority over the People's Liberation Army, which is technically the armed force of the Communist Party rather than the Chinese state.
Some of its top officers have been among those who have fallen in his much-publicised anti-corruption drive. The military should be "absolutely loyal", he said during his visit.
Under Xi, China has taken a more assertive foreign policy stance, rapidly building up artificial islands in the disputed South China Sea and regularly sailing vessels into waters around Japanese-controlled islands in the East China Sea, raising fears of clashes.
The military should be "resourceful in fighting, efficient in commanding and courageous and capable of winning wars", Xi said.
Xi donned fatigues for the visit, although his garb did not carry any rank insignia. He has generally worn a plain black or dark green uniform for formal military occasions such as a giant parade in Beijing last year.

PIRACY SURGE ON BUSY SHIPPING ROUTE Indonesia fears 'new Somalia' along its maritime border

REUTERS, Jakarta
Indonesia fears piracy on a busy shipping route along its maritime border with the Philippines could hit levels seen in Somalia unless security is tightened, its chief security minister said yesterday, following a spate of kidnappings.
The route lies on major shipping arteries that analysts say carry \$40 billion worth of cargo each year. It is taken by fully laden supertankers from the Indian Ocean that cannot use the crowded Malacca Strait.
For the first time, concerns over rising maritime attacks by suspected Islamist militants are disrupting coal trade between the Southeast Asian neighbors, with two Indonesian coal ports suspending shipments to the Philippines.
Up to 18 Indonesians and Malaysians have been taken captive in three attacks on tugboats in Philippine waters along the route by groups suspected of ties to the al-Qaeda linked Abu Sayyaf militant network.
Abu Sayyaf, a small but violent group which has posted videos on social media pledging allegiance to Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, has demanded 50 million pesos (\$1.1 million) to free the Indonesian crew.
"We don't want to see this become a new Somalia," Indonesian chief security minister Luhut Pandjaitan told reporters, referring to the southern Philippine waters of the Sulu Sea, where the abductions took place.
Piracy near Somalia's coast has subsided in the last few years, mainly due to shipping firms hiring private security details and the presence of international warships.
The foreign ministers of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines would meet in Jakarta to discuss the possibility of joint patrols, Pandjaitan said.
Authorities at two Indonesian coal ports had blocked departures of ships for the Philippines and more suspensions were expected, said Pandu Sjahrir, chairman of the Indonesian Coal Mining Association, and a director of Jakarta-listed coal producer Toba Bara Sejahtera.

Turkey court quashes 'coup plot' trial

BBC ONLINE
Turkey's highest appeals court has overturned the convictions of 275 people, including senior military officers, accused of plotting a coup. The appeals court ruled that the convictions were unsafe because the existence of a clandestine network called Ergenekon was unproven.
The officers, journalists, lawyers and academics were found guilty in 2013 of plotting the overthrow of then-prime minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan.
The Ergenekon trial was one of the biggest court cases in recent Turkish history, pitting Erdogan's supporters in the Islamist-rooted AK Party against the secularist military establishment.

WEST BENGAL ASSEMBLY POLLS Violence mars third phase

PTI, Kolkata
A CPI(M) supporter was killed and four other party workers were injured during the third phase of polling in 62 assembly seats in West Bengal where over 67 percent turnout was recorded till 3:00pm yesterday.
Heavy turnout of 70.55 percent was recorded in 16 seats of Burdwan while Kolkata recorded 49.43 percent votes till 5:00pm. In 17 seats of Nadia, the turnout was 68.62 percent and in 22 seats of Murshidabad the figure was 70.32 percent.
The overall average was 67.55 percent, EC sources said. A government official on poll duty, who was maintaining the queue at a booth in Burdwan district, died apparently of sunstroke.
A presiding officer in a booth in Burdwan was removed complaints by polling agents that he was trying to influence voters. Union minister Babul Supriyo was allegedly heckled at a polling booth in Jorasanko constituency in the city when he went to cast his vote, along with his mother.
Election Commission sources said forces were sent and the situation was brought under control. The body of a 35-year-old CPI(M) supporter, identified as Tahidur Islam, was found about 500 metres away from the polling booth at Shibapara area of Domkal assembly seat in Murshidabad district.
In Kolkata, Trinamool leader Anwar Khan was arrested following instructions from Chief Electoral Officer Sunil Gupta after he was shown on TV channels abusing the poll panel while talking to a party worker over phone.
In Burdwan's Ketugram constituency, four persons were injured in separate incidents. A CPI(M) worker's ear was slashed and the leg of another party supporter fractured in a scuffle in front of a booth number 78. Two other CPI(M) workers were injured at booth number 48 when bombs were reportedly hurled at them.



Philippine gets its own Trump

Top president candidate uses slangs, says may cut US, Australia ties

AFP, Manila
Trash-talking Philippine presidential favourite Rodrigo Duterte has warned he is prepared to cut diplomatic ties with the United States and Australia after their envoys criticised his comments about the jailhouse rape of a missionary.
Duterte also told the ambassadors to "shut their mouths", as controversy raged over his comments last week in which he said he wanted to have been the first to rape the Australian woman who was brutalised and murdered in a 1989 prison riot.
"If I become president, go ahead and sever (diplomatic ties)," Duterte, 71, said on the campaign trail on Wednesday night, referring to the relationships with the United States and Australia, two of the Philippines' closest allies.
Duterte, who while campaigning has called the pope a "son of a bitch" and promised to kill tens of thousands of criminals, recounted at a recent rally the attack on the Christian missionary as part of his tough-on-crime pitch to voters.
"I was mad she (the missionary) was raped but she was so beautiful. I thought, the mayor should have been first," she told the crowd.
Duterte was at the time mayor of Davao, a major city in the southern Philippines where he is accused of running vigilante death squads that have allegedly killed more than 1,000 people.
The front runner has at times on the campaign boasted about running the death squads, claiming they killed 1,700 people, but also denied any links to them.
Duterte has similarly offered varying responses to the rape comments, with his media team releasing a statement in which he apologised. But on the campaign trail, he has repeatedly told reporters he would not say sorry.
Australian ambassador Amanda Gorely criticised his remarks this week, saying on Twitter: "Rape and murder should never be joked about or trivialised. Violence against women and girls is unacceptable anytime, anywhere". US ambassador Philip Goldberg later agreed with her.



Maldives to let jailed leaders attend talks

REUTERS, Malé
The Maldives government has said it would allow jailed leaders of rival parties to take part in talks on resolving the country's political crisis.
The Indian Ocean island nation has been mired in political unrest since its first democratically elected leader, Mohamed Nasheed, was ousted in February 2012.
The concession was announced on Wednesday, four days after President Abdulla Yameen's administration started talks with a UN delegation amid international pressure for reform.
The administration has jailed opposition leaders including Nasheed and members of Yameen's party, including the vice president, on various charges.
Opposition parties have demanded the release of all political detainees and allow parties to choose representatives at the talks.
He gave no date for the talks but said the government was committed to holding them.

Request for Proposal

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested Firms for the following two services:

- 1) Strengthening Municipal and National Government Capacity to Deliver Pro-poor, Climate Sensitive Urban Development.
- 2) Strengthening Community Organization in Informal Settlements.

This procurement process will be conducted through online tendering system of UNDP. Bidders who wish to submit an offer must register in the system in order to access the bidding document and submit a proposal. To register please visit the link: <https://etendering.partneragencies.org> and use the user name and password provided below to start the registration:

Username: event.guest
Password: why2change

The complete user guide and Bidding documents (RFP) can also be downloaded from the UNDP Bangladesh website in the linkbelow: <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement/>

The deadline for submission of Proposals of both RFPs is Saturday, May 07, 2016, 04:30 pm local time.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

An Italian market leader in Apparel Retailing, a fast growing in the world-retailing panorama, is expanding its business in Europe, Middle East and Asia and for this company's liaison office in Bangladesh - that is managing its operation and working with more than 80 top garments/suppliers, is seeking for professional candidates to fill up the following positions, with the ultimate goal to strengthen its structure and to meet the growing garment business in Bangladesh.

MERCHANDISER :
The candidate must have good knowledge in English language in order to communicate efficiently with buyers in Italy, a smart personality with a deep experience in garments products, garment technology, order execution, shipment follow up, and must have vast knowledge on costing (both woven & knit product), and also have experience to source accessories, fabric, yarn, factories etc. Must have leadership skill to handle factories smoothly for on time delivery. Academic qualification should be minimum Masters/ Bachelor, preferable in Textile /Business Administration. Age below 30-37 years old and 7-8 years practical experience in related field. Sourcing and development knowledge will be an advantage for the positions. Experience in foreign buying office will be preferable.

TECHNICIAN FOR SWEATER :
The candidate must have expertise in different kind of gaze of sweater products. Should have vast/strong knowledge on different kind of sweater yarns, analyzing, knitting, teaming, linking & mending - all type of sweater. Should have vast experience in sweater pattern making and fittings ideally for Italian and Europe market, capable to solve technical problems of sweater during production & development stage and have good background in English to communicate with buyer. Capable to work in a team under the management supervision, capability to support the supplier's organization to get the right products required, familiar with quality engineering, products developments, production follow up and controlling tools. Must have leadership skill to handle factories smoothly to make right sample & bulk on time. Academic qualification should be minimum Graduate / diploma in Garment Technology, fluently speaking in English & good knowledge in computer literacy. Over 10-12 years practical experience on related position & age below 40 years. Experience in foreign buying office will be preferable.

QUALITY CONTROLLER :
The candidate must have good knowledge in English as to communicate efficiently with the expatriate the staff, has to be used to check the inline productions in the factories with the accuracy required by fashion country productions, with good knowledge in woven and knit product and their productions methodology. The ideal candidate for this positions has to be young and dynamic, age within 30-37 years old, with minimum 10/12 years experience in an international context and preferably in an international garment-buying house. Must have leadership skill to handle factories smoothly for right time inspection booking and on-time delivery with required quality product. Academic qualification of the ideal candidates should be minimum Masters/ Bachelor. The candidates should be well literate in computer applications. Candidates will get preference along with the above who have good knowledge on Compliance & Audit, Labor Right, Ethical Trade Initiative etc.

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Last Date of Application :13th May 2016

Associate Safeguards Officer (Resettlement) Re-advertisement

The ADB-Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM) was established to assist its Headquarters in the implementation of projects and programs, in project processing, country programming, and economic and sector work. It also coordinates ADB's activities with other resident diplomatic and donor missions, NGOs, academic institutions, local think tanks, private sector and other members of the civil society.

Description of Responsibilities
Responsible for providing technical and operational support to the resettlement management and social development activities for various projects within the framework of ADB's policies and guidelines. In addition, the Officer assists in the area of portfolio management for the Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM).

Reporting Arrangement

- Supervisor: Designated International Staff and senior National Staff

Selection Criteria
Specific criteria include

- Suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned above at the required level
- Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences, Resettlement, or related fields, preferably with advanced training
- At least 6 years of relevant experience in socioeconomic surveys, social impact assessment, and resettlement plan preparation, and monitoring and evaluation
- Familiarity with local institutions and regulators with regard to land acquisition and resettlement practice

The Asian Development Bank's vision is a region free of poverty. Established in 1966 and headquartered in Manila, Philippines, ADB's multicultural staff come from about 67 members. The advertised position is a local staff position with a local remuneration package. It is open only to persons who are nationals and residents of Bangladesh. The position is for a 3-year fixed term appointment. ADB offers a competitive salary and benefits package applicable to local staff. While the position advertised is for the Bangladesh Resident Mission, ADB staff may be required to serve in any location outside the Resident Mission at the discretion of Management.

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