

Birthday wishes pour in for Sir Abed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wishes poured in from the global leaders in celebration of the 80th birthday of Brac Founder and Chairman Sir Fazle Hasan Abed on April 27.

Gordon Brown, former prime minister of the UK, Desmond Swayne, minister of State for International Development, UK, Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, minister of International Development and the Pacific, Australia, and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, president of Liberia, are among a few of those who wished their best.

"You've helped millions of people in Bangladesh and beyond to escape poverty through the dignity of their own work. In doing so, you've revolutionised the way we all think about development. Luckily for all of us, you show no signs of slowing down anytime soon," said former US President Bill Clinton in a message, according to a press release.

Bill Gates, co-chair and trustee of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said, "We've had a great partnership with Brac for more than a decade, and it's made a huge difference. Through Brac, you have changed the course of history for millions globally. For your vision and commitment to creating a better world, we salute you."

"Abed bhai, happy birthday," said Jim Kim, president of the World Bank, adding, "The scale and impact of what he's done, and yet the utter humility with which he's done everything, I think is a lesson for every single one of us who are working in development."

Nilkhet shopkeepers being evicted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Owners of Bakusha Hawkers Market in Nilkhet has started evicting its tenants from Monday, allegedly without giving proper time to shift shops, leaving over 1,200 shopkeepers in huge trouble.

Abdul Alim, director of the market, told The Daily Star that there was 1.68 acres of land at the place, which they had given to a developer to construct a 15-storey market-cum-office building under a contract.

"We had given them around one year to shift their shops ... but tenants did not leave their shops by this time," he said.

Abdul Latif, a tenant of a shop named "Jui General Store", said he was running the shop for the last four years.

He alleged the owners' claim of giving the tenants a year was not true.



In a classic example of how a bane for one can turn into a boon for another, goats feed on soggy dried chillies left to dry on this footpath on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue yesterday after getting soaked during efforts to douse a fire that gutted 186 shops in the capital's Kawran Bazar on Sunday.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

EVALUATING KU INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT Ministry starts probing 'graft' by own officials

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The education ministry has opened an investigation into an allegation of demanding a "remuneration of Tk 10 lakh" by its officials from the Khulna University (KU) authorities for evaluating the university's infrastructure project.

The committee headed by Ashoke Kumar Biswas, additional secretary of technical wing of the ministry, was asked to submit a report in the shortest possible time, the ministry sources said. He already left for KU yesterday.

The ministry formed the committee on Monday after the KU vice chancellor lodged a written complaint with it about the remuneration for a mid-term evaluation of the project whose term will end on June 30.

Two officials of the ministry's planning wing and an official of University Grants Commission (UGC) made the demand during an inspection at the university on Friday, alleged KU officials. They were the members of a 10-member mid-term evaluation committee of the ministry.

The ministry has already asked the officials -- Swapan Kumar Gosh, joint chief of planning wing, and Imrul Mohsin, deputy chief of the wing -- not to join office until further notice. Swapan is the chief of the evaluation committee.

The UGC, on the other hand, sent its two officials -- Nasima Rahman, acting director of planning and development division, and Atower Rahman, its senior assistant director -- into forced leave on the basis of the complaint by the KU VC about "demanding bribe of Tk 10 lakh", said an UGC press release.

It also formed another three-member probe committee with its member Prof Md Akhtar Hossain as its convener to look into the matter, the release said. It has been asked to submit its report within two weeks.

The four-year project was launched in 2010 at a cost of Tk 80 crore, but its term was extended twice as the fund was not released

on time. The project cost stands at around Tk 86 crore, said KU officials.

The ministry and KU sources said these two ministry officials incorporated the component of a remuneration of Tk 10 lakh in the Revised Development Project Proforma (RDPP) as mid-term evaluation without informing the education secretary.

Talking to reporters at the ministry yesterday, Swapan said it was not illegal as there was a provision of remuneration in the RDPP.

Imrul could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

KU VC Prof Mohammad Fayek Uzzaman told The Daily Star that the evaluation committee visited the university on April 29. During a meeting, he asked the team about the mid-term evaluation at this stage when the project was about to end in two months.

Swapan and Imrul replied that they could do it anytime, he added.

About remuneration, they told him that this issue was incorporated in the RDPP and was approved by the secretary and UGC chairman, he said.

Seeking anonymity, a ministry official said although the RDPP was approved by the secretary and UGC chair, it was not possible for them to read all of its papers.

"During the meeting with the vice chancellor one of the members of the team said he was not aware of any remuneration," he said.

Before leaving the campus, Swapan asked the director of planning and development wing of the university to send the money to them by Monday.

"They threatened not to release the last instalment of the fund if the money is not sent by the stipulated time. They even said they would create problem for the upcoming projects," said a KU official.

During a coordination meeting on Monday, the education secretary uttered a note of caution for the officials, saying actions would be taken if any of them was found involved in corruption.

BNP against govt move to amend Press Council Act Says it is designed to curb press freedom

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday said the government's move to amend the Press Council Act was aimed at limiting media freedom.

The amendment will destroy the last pillar of the country's democracy, BNP senior joint secretary general Rizvi Ahmed told a protest meeting at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

The programme was organised, demanding the release of Gazipur City Corporation Mayor MA Mannan.

Addressing the programme, BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan said the government was reluctant to fulfil the opposition alliance's "just" demand of holding the national election under a non-party administration as it feared losing power.

"The government knows that it would not be able to remain in power if it meets BNP's demand. They don't have any popularity," Khan said.

"There is no earth under the government's feet. The ruling party has engaged in widespread vote rigging and violence in all types of local election. That's why BNP has long been demanding a general election under a neutral administration... elections cannot be free and fair under the present government," he added.

Khan also said BNP was in a movement to form an elected parliament through people's vote.

Pointing to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy, he said the government should investigate suspicious transactions of Tk 2,500 crore in Joy's bank account. "People want to know the source of this money."

NEWS IN brief

CCC installs LED lights in city streets

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The authority of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) installed LED lights in 1.25 kilometre of the city streets, stretching from Kazir Dewry intersection to Tigerpass intersection.

The lights were installed spending around Tk 50 lakh under a pilot project aiming to save energy and reduce electricity bills, said Mohammad Javed, chairman of the CCC's standing committee for water and electricity.

Man's body found in port city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police recovered the body of an unidentified person aged around 50, from Anderkillah intersection in Chittagong city early yesterday.

Locals noticed the man lying unconscious at the intersection around 12:30am and informed police. He was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where physicians declared him dead, said police adding, there was an injury mark on his head.

Ticket scalper held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested a ticket scalper from Chittagong Railway Station in the city on Monday.

On information, police arrested Burhan, with nine tickets of 19 seats of inter-city train Turna, said Chittagong Government Railway Police. They also recovered Tk 42,000 that he got by selling tickets. A case was filed.

Sylhet Agri Institute graduates want admission to universities

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Students of Agriculture Training Institute (ATI) in Sylhet yesterday demanded that the government allow its diploma graduates to get admitted to bachelor's programmes in universities like candidates from general education. The demand came from a human chain, under the banner of ATI Student Committee, in front of Central Shaheed Minar in the city. The speakers also demanded that the government give them stipend during their diploma courses and pay scale and job security.

Icecream factories, house catch fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Fire gutted valuables, worth Tk 8 lakh, of two ice-cream factories and a house in Pahartali area of Chittagong city yesterday.

The fire, originated from an electric short circuit in an ice-cream factory at No-3 Rail Gate, soon spread to the adjacent factory and tin-roofed house, said Agrabad Fire Service Control Room. On information, fire fighters rushed there and doused the blaze after an hour.

Khaleda sued for comments

FROM PAGE 3 couldn't have known about Tk 2,500 crore had he not been arrested."

The government arrested Rehman on "false charges" of his involvement in a plot to abduct and kill Joy, said Khaleda. "Now they are also implicating Amar Desh [acting] Editor Mahmudur Rahman."

She demanded to release the two journalists and arrest Joy to grill him over the "laundered" money.

Senior Information Officer of the court Mir Ahsanul Kabir said he had not received the copy of the order. "After receiving it, I will work as per the court's directives," he said.

Complainant Shariful Alam Chowdhury said the PM's son Joy is an information technology expert and Khaleda Zia's comments about him were not acceptable.

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
নং-০১/২০১৫-২০১৬

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়	সমাজকল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়
২।	দফতর	সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর
৩।	কার্যালয়	জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, খুলনা।
৪।	প্রকিউরিং কোড	প্রয়োজ্য নয়
৫।	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (ওটিএম) পদ্ধতি
৬।	উৎস	রাজস্ব তহবিল
৭।	প্রকিউরিং জেলা	খুলনা

৮। কাজের বিবরণ:

কাজের বিবরণ	দরপত্রের জামানতের টাকা (ফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্রমূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	টিকাদারের শ্রেণী	মন্তব্য
(ক) সরকারী শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), খুলনার মেরামত ও সংস্কার	১২,০০০/-	৪০০/-	বিকল্প টিকাদারী	
(খ) সরকারী শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), খুলনা হোটেল ভবন মেরামত ও সংস্কার	৭,০০০/-	২০০/-	প্রতিষ্ঠানের	
(গ) সরকারী শিশু পরিবার (বালিকা), খুলনার ষ্ট্রাক কোয়ার্টার মেরামত ও সংস্কার	৭,০০০/-	২০০/-	হালনাগাদ	
(ঘ) পিএইচটি সেন্টার, খুলনার বাক-শ্রবণ প্রতিবন্ধী বালিকাদের ডেরমিটারি ভবনের বিশেষ মেরামত, স্যানিটারী, জানালার গ্রীল এবং বৈদ্যুতিক বিশেষ মেরামত কাজ	১৩,৫০০/-	৫০০/-	তারিকাতুল	
(ঙ) অস্থায়ী সেড নির্মাণ কাজ (ডেরমিটারি ভবন)	৪২,০০০/-	৫০০/-	টিকাদার	
(চ) উপজেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয় রূপসা, খুলনার ২টি ল্যান্ড্রিন নির্মাণ এবং স্যানিটারী মেরামত	৬,০০০/-	২০০/-		

৯। দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ: ০৪-০৫-২০১৬খ্রিঃ

১০। দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ দিন: ১৮-০৫-২০১৬খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।

১১। দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়: ১৯-০৫-২০১৬খ্রিঃ তারিখ সকাল ৯টা হতে দুপুর ১২:০০টা পর্যন্ত

১২। দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা ও মূল্যায়ন: ১৯-০৫-২০১৬খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকাল ৩:০০ টা।

১৩। দরপত্র সিডিউল গ্রহণের স্থান: জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, খুলনা ও জেলা পরিষদ, খুলনা

১৪। দরপত্র সিডিউল গ্রহণের স্থান: জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, খুলনা ও জেলা পরিষদ, খুলনা

১৫। দরপত্র খোলার স্থান: জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, খুলনা।

১৬। দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা: রসিন ছবি এক কপি, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র সত্যায়িত কপি, ট্রেজারী চালানের মূলকপি অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ব্যাংক স্বাক্ষরিত সনদ, আয়কর সনদ, ভ্যাট সনদ (১১ ডিজিট ২০১৪-২০১৫ অর্থ বছর) দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিলযোগ্য এবং টেন্ডার সিডিউলের শর্ত মোতাবেক প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্র সরবরাহ করতে হবে।

১৭। দরপত্র জামানত: চালানের মাধ্যমে কোড নং ১-২৯৩১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ অফেরতযোগ্য সিডিউলের মূল্য জমা প্রদানপূর্বক ক্রমিক নং ১৩ এ বর্ণিত স্থানসমূহ হতে দরপত্র ক্রয় করতে পারবেন।

১৮। দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী: উপ-পরিচালক, জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, খুলনা।

১৯। দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা: জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়, ৯ নং শেরে বাংলা রোড খুলনা।

২০। দরপত্র আহবানকারীর যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম: ০৪১-৭২১১৯৮

বিশেষ নির্দেশিকা: ১) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন। ২) দরপত্রের সাথে জমাকৃত কোন ডকুমেন্ট, সার্টিফিকেট, অন্যান্য কোন কাগজপত্র ভুল/মিথ্যা/জালিয়াতি পূর্ণ হলে জমাকৃত টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটির টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত বলে গণ্য হবে। ৩) অস্থায়ী টিকাদারগণ সিডিউলের শর্তাবলী হতে নিয়মাবলি জানতে পারবেন।

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