

Jhenidah shoppers at risk of death

350 shopkeepers busy at work in the rundown Kaliganj town market

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With 350 shopkeepers busy at work, the covered market in the centre of Jhenidah's Kaliganj town has a lot to offer. Hundreds of customers throng the bazaar daily to buy rice, groceries, sweetmeats, betel leaf, molasses and vegetables. But the 150-foot long by 150-foot wide concrete roofing that would normally add convenience and comfort is in a shocking state of repair. All below are at risk of injury or death from falling debris.



The ceiling of the Kaliganj covered market in Jhenidah is in a shocking state of repair, posing a life risk to traders and shoppers every day.

PHOTO: STAR

"The overhead beam at my shop has developed severe cracks," says Shib Bashu, a betel leaf seller. "It may collapse at any time."

Shib has no choice but to continue his work since the business supports his struggling family. "Even though business itself has declined, because customers don't gather as they once did, due to fear of the roof condition, I cannot stop," he says. "But if I die my family will be absolutely destroyed."

Unfortunately his fears of death are not hyperbole. On 28 October 2010 a tea stall owner, Ajoy from Chashra village, was indeed killed when part of the dilapidated roof broke away and fell on his head as he sold tea.

"All the shopkeepers are terrified," says Sunnat Ali, 70, a grocer from Foyla village who has worked at the covered market for fifteen years. "At any time there can be a fatality, just like Ajoy." The grocer, who pays Tk 60 per week for his spot inside the market, urges that repair work should commence immediately.

Kadar Ali, 65, who has been selling rice at the market for 20 years and pays Tk 40 per week to the market authority for the privilege, is similarly worried. "The authorities really need to fix the roof without delay."

According to the general secretary of the market's association, Jahangir Hossain Moni, the mayor has been informed of the danger. "Our market traders work at great risk," he says. "Every day chunks of the roofing fall. The whole roof may collapse at any time causing heavy loss of life."

Local administrative officials told The Daily Star that construction of the large roof was organised in 1987 by the then Kaliganj upazila chairman Hajji Rafi Uddin, using public funds. The newly covered market was inaugurated by the then deputy commissioner of Jhenidah Ashaduzzaman. The current mayor of Kaliganj Moksed Ali agrees that the

roofing needs repair. "It has become dilapidated and risky," he says, "and I have discussed the matter with our local lawmaker. I will take steps to fix the roof as soon as the municipality has funds made available to it which can cover the repair costs."

The sub-assistant engineer in Kaliganj Upazila, Ovijit Kumar Biswas says that due to poor water drainage on the rooftop, the anticipated longevity of the structure has been

compromised. "It was not built properly," he says, "and needs urgent repair. The authorities should remove all the grocers from the ground floor and relocate them to the first floor after constructing solid support pillars. If they are relocated, there would be no risk to traders and shoppers."

In the meantime, buying and selling daily necessities at the covered market will continue to be, quite literally, a question of life and death.

Abducted college girl rescued

Prime suspect, his friend held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Detective Branch (DB) of police rescued a college girl from Moharaja Road area in Mymensingh town yesterday, a day after her abduction.

They also arrested prime suspect Ishtiaq Ahsan Pranto, 24, son of Shamsul Ahsan of the area, and his friend Gobinda Saha in this connection.

Police and family sources said Pranto, a student of a private medical college in Dhaka, used to tease the girl of Kaborkhna area in the town.

When she went out of their house on Monday night for going to a 'Flexiload' shop, Pranto and his gang abducted her, said Additional Police Superintendent Md Noor-Alam.

Informed by the victim's father, police arrested Pranto's friend Gobinda from the town yesterday morning, he said.

Later, detectives raided a house in Moharaja Road area around 12:30pm and rescued the girl.

They also arrested Pranto from the spot, the ASP said, adding that the arrestees were later handed over to Kotwali Police Station.

'JMB man' arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Detectives arrested a suspected member of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) from Khakchapura village in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila yesterday.

The arrestee is Mizanur Rahman alias Palash, 28, son of Rafiqul Islam of Angariapara Moholla in Chapainawabganj municipality area.

Inspector Hamidur Rashid of Chapainawabganj DB police said on secret information, they arrested Palash from the village around 3:30am.

He is a fugitive accused in two cases filed with Sadar Model Police Station, said the inspector.

'Comrade Farhad's dream was to make new society'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

Speakers at a memorial meeting in Panchagarh said Comrade Mohammad Farhad worked for a revolution to make a new society.

The discussion was held at Sakoya Bazar in Boda upazila on Sunday to mark the 29th death anniversary of Comrade Farhad, also former general secretary of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), and a former member of the parliament.

Prof MM Akash of Dhaka University attended the programme as chief guest while upazila unit CPB President Dipak Kumar Dey was in the chair.

Akash said the revolution is not for bloodshed but for creating a new society

where people can live free from repression, oppression and disparity.

The communist movement of Bangladesh would not be divided as much as it is now if he was still alive, said the professor.

CPB district unit General Secretary Asraful Islam also spoke at the programme.

Earlier on the day, Comrade Farhad Community Hospital chalked out different programmes in the upazila headquarters on the occasion.

Born in Dinajpur in 1938, Comrade Farhad, also a freedom fighter, died in 1987 in Moscow at the age of 49. He played a vital role in different movements of the country, including the Language Movement and the Liberation War.

Youth stabbed to death

UNB, Comilla

A youth was stabbed to death at Chotna village in Debidwar upazila of Comilla yesterday.

Locals said an altercation ensued among some young men including victim Foyez over a trifling matter on Monday night.

At one stage, some young men stabbed Foyez, leaving him critically injured. He later died on way to a hospital in Dhaka.

Three other people were also injured in the attack as they tried to save Foyez.

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Memo No. 46.207.000.09.07.055.2016/161

Invitation for International Competitive Bids (ICB) for Supply of Specialized Search and Rescue Equipment (Emergency Tenders for FSCD), Package No. URP-DNCC/G-2.1 (IDA Credit No. 5599-BD) IFB No. ICB-1/2016-17

1. The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for procurement of **Specialized Searched and Rescue Equipment (Emergency Tenders for FSCD)**.
2. The Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part, Dhaka North City Corporation now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for procurement of **Specialized Searched and Rescue Equipment (Emergency Tenders for FSCD)**. The quantity of Emergency Tender is 22 with customization and a number of Search and Rescue Equipment with it. The location of delivery of goods is Dhaka, Bangladesh. The delivery period is six months from the date of contract. Qualifications requirements of the bidders include: (i) general experience of manufacturing/supplying of the proposed goods is at least five years; (ii) specific experience of supply similar type of goods (similar functional and technical characteristics) of at least one contract value of US\$ 10.00 million or equivalent in last three years; (iii) minimum total amount of available liquid asset and/or working capital and/or credit facility of US\$ 10.00 million or equivalent. A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically shall be applied. More detail qualifications requirements are provided in the bid documents.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director, Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part, Dhaka North City Corporation, electronic mail address: tariqbinyousuf@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents during office hours (0900 to 1700 hours) at the address given below.
5. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11:30am local time (GMT+6hrs) on 30 October 2016 at the office of the address below.
6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 25000.00 (twenty-five thousand Bangladesh Taka) or US\$ 300.00 (three hundred US Dollar). The method of payment will be Cash or Bank Draft.
7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 02:00pm local time (GMT+6hrs), 28 November 2016. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on 02:30pm local time (GMT+6hrs), 28 November 2016.
8. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of in favour of the "Project Director, Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part" in the form of an unconditional and Irrevocable Bank Guarantee/Bank Draft/Pay Order from a reputed bank. The amount and currency of the bid security shall be US\$ 312500.00 (Three hundred twelve thousand and five hundred US Dollar) or BDT 25.00 million (Twenty-five million Bangladesh Taka).
9. The address referred to above is: Office of the Project Director, Urban Resilience Project-DNCC Part, Dhaka North City Corporation, Flat No. A-8, Road No. 44, House No. 27, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh, Tel: +8802 9858592, Fax: +8802 9858598, E-mail: tariqbinyousuf@gmail.com, pdurpndccpart@gmail.com.

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UGC এর HEQEP এর অধীনে আই.এ.টিতে ব্যবস্থাপনাবাদী CP 4020: "Establishment of Technology Transfer Office (TTO) in BUET" শীর্ষক উপ-প্রকল্পে ০২ (দুই) নম্বর মেসারের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত পদসমূহে বাংলাদেশের নাগরিকদের নিয়ুক্তি হতে সম্ভাব্য আবেদন করা যাচ্ছে।

ক্র. নং	পদের নাম	সংখ্যা	মাসিক বেতন-ভাতা	যোগ্যতা
১.	বাবস্থাপক	১টি	সর্বসম্মত টাকা ৬৫,০০০/- (সিমান্বসূত্রে উৎকর্ষ বোনাস)	প্রাথমিক সর্বল পর্যায়ে কমপক্ষে ২য় শ্রেণী/বিভাগসহ কোন অনুমোদিত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে কমপক্ষে মাস্টার্স ডিগ্রিধারী অথবা এম.বি.এ অথবা বি.এসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে হইবে। এছাড়া ১ম শ্রেণী বা সমমানের পদে প্রাসাদনিক কর্মকর্তা পদাধীনে কাজে কমপক্ষে ১০-১৫ বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন হতে হবে। কম্পিউটারে ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং ও ডাটা প্রসেসিং কাজে দক্ষ হওয়া বাঞ্ছনীয়। Project Management, Intellectual Property Management, Patent Registration ইত্যাদি কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীকে অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হইবে।
২.	প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা	১টি	সর্বসম্মত টাকা ৩২,০০০/- (সিমান্বসূত্রে উৎকর্ষ বোনাস)	সর্বল পর্যায়ে কমপক্ষে ২য় শ্রেণী/বিভাগসহ কোন অনুমোদিত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে বি.এসসি ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/প্রকৌশল/এম.বি.এ ডিগ্রিধারী হইতে হইবে। এছাড়া কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে অফিসার পদে প্রশাসনিক কাজে কমপক্ষে ৩ বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে। প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই কম্পিউটারে ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং ও ডাটা প্রসেসিং কাজে দক্ষ হইতে হইবে।
৩.	হিসাবরক্ষক	১টি	সর্বসম্মত টাকা ২০,০০০/- (সিমান্বসূত্রে উৎকর্ষ বোনাস)	প্রাথমিক বাণিজ্য বিভাগে কমপক্ষে দুইতম ডিগ্রিসহ কোন প্রতিষ্ঠান/HEQEP প্রকল্প বা অন্য প্রকল্পে হিসাবরক্ষক ও বিভিন্ন ধরনের একাউন্ট সফটওয়্যার পরিচালনা কাজে কমপক্ষে ৩ (তিন) বৎসরের বাধন অভিজ্ঞতা থাকিতে হইবে। কম্পিউটারে ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং ও একাউন্টস প্রসেসিং কাজে দক্ষ হইতে হইবে।
৪.	অফিস সহকারী-কাম-কম্পিউটার অপারেটর	১টি	সর্বসম্মত টাকা ২০,০০০/- (সিমান্বসূত্রে উৎকর্ষ বোনাস)	প্রাথমিক অবশ্যই কমপক্ষে এইচ.এস.সি/সমমানের পরীক্ষায় পাস হইতে হবে। প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই কম্পিউটারে ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং ও ডাটা প্রসেসিং এর কাজে দক্ষ হইতে হইবে। কম্পিউটারে ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং এর ক্ষেত্রে কমপক্ষে প্রতি মিনিটে বাণ্যায় ২৫টি ও ইংরেজিতে ৩৫টি শব্দ কম্পিউটারে কমপক্ষে করার দক্ষতাসম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে। কম্পিউটার ডাটাবেজ এ অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রার্থীকে অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হইবে।
৫.	এম.এল.এস.এস (MLSS)	১টি	সর্বসম্মত টাকা ১৫,০০০/- (সিমান্বসূত্রে উৎকর্ষ বোনাস)	প্রাথমিক এস.এস.সি/সমমানের পরীক্ষায় পাসসহ সফটওয়্যার কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন হইতে হইবে।

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দরখাস্ত সাবমিটের শেষ তারিখঃ ২০/১০/২০১৬ তারিখ বিকাল ৫:৩০ মিনিট।

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CORRUPTION CHARGE Sale of rice for poor suspended

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Local administration in Jessore district yesterday suspended selling rice allocated for ultra poor bringing charge of corruption against dealers.

Keshabpur Upazila Nurbahi Officer (UNO) Sharif Ryhan Kabir confirmed the incident.

Following corruption complaints filed against the dealers, the upazila administration suspended selling rice, he said.

State minister for public administration was also informed about issuing cards to those who are not entitled for the rice, he added.

Selling of rice for Tk 10 per kilogram will be started soon after preparing fresh lists of beneficiaries, said the UNO.

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Corrigendum of Request for Expression of Interest for "Financial Management Specialist"

With reference to the REOI (No. PC/Prog/URP/PCMU/13/2015/2723; dated: 26.09.2016) for "Financial Management Specialist" published of "Urban Resilience Project: Project Coordination and Monitoring Unit (URP: PCMU)" project, the following corrigendum is stated:

Paragraph 3. i. Master's/MBA in Finance/Accounting or CA intermediate with minimum of 10 (ten) years of experience. Professional accreditation of FCA, CFMA, etc. will be an added advantage. Candidates must have at least 5 (five) years of specific experience with project financed by international development organization preferably IDA.

2. The date of submission of EOI is extended to October 20, 2016.

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