

Uranium tests not done properly

SHUJAN press conference on Haor situation told

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The government did not carry out substantial tests to detect whether water in flood-affected Haor areas is contaminated by uranium, some eminent citizens alleged yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference on the sufferings of the flood-hit people, they also called upon the government to carry out proper tests on the alleged presence of uranium in the Haor area water and to make it public.

Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (SHUJAN), a platform that advocates for good governance, organised the conference at Jatiya Press Club. Presided over by SHUJAN President M Hafiz Uddin Khan, the speakers demanded that the government declare flood affected areas as disaster-prone. "The test should not be limited to only water. The government should have taken some more time and test samples of dead animals of Haor areas. The government should make public the test report on uranium and coal mine," Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association chief executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan said.

Journalist-columnist Syed Abul Maksud, also an executive member of SHUJAN, said it seemed BNP had got a political issue because they were saying uranium in the Haor areas had come from India. "But what are they doing? They are not standing beside the people to mitigate their sufferings."



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina cuts a cake at the 13th anniversary programme of Rapid Action Battalion at the elite force's headquarters in the capital yesterday.

55th death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla today

BSS, Dhaka

The 55th death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla Abul K Ashem Fazlul Huq will be observed in the country in a befitting manner today.



Different political parties and socio-cultural and professional bodies have chalked out various programmes to observe the day.

The programmes include holding discussions, placing wreaths and offering doa and munajat at Sher-e-Bangla's mazar in the city.

President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages marking the death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla.

They paid glowing tributes to the late leader and recalled his struggle for economic freedom of the peasants and toiling people of this country.

They also prayed for eternal peace of his departed soul.

To observe the day, Sher-e-Bangla Jatiya Shriti Parishad will organise a meeting on the premises of Sher-e-Bangla Mazar today morning. Jatiya Sangsad Chief Whip ASM Firoz will address the meeting as the chief guest.

Jatiya Ganotantrik League will also organise a meeting on the mazar premises at 10:00am. Awami League Publicity and Publication Secretary Dr Hasan Mahmud will speak as the chief guest at the programme.

FOREIGN PATIENTS IN INDIA

'One in 3 from Bangladesh'

UNB, Dhaka

Of the 460,000 patients seeking treatment at Indian hospitals, more than 165,000 were from Bangladesh in 2015-16, making Bangladesh the largest foreign clients of India's health services.

Over 58,000 medical visas were issued to Bangladeshi nationals in 2015-16. They bought \$0.34 billion worth of services, Indian media Business Standard reported yesterday, quoting a recent report by the Directorate-General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics.

Since 2016, Bangladesh has unseated the US as the origin of the highest number of foreign tourists, mostly due to medical tourism, the report reveals.

A new bus service between Dhaka and Kolkata and a rail link between Kolkata and Khulna in Bangladesh were inaugurated earlier this month during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New Delhi.

Medical tourism from nations with higher average health costs or poor infrastructure stood at \$620 million in 2016-17, more than \$890 million in the last financial year.

After Bangladesh, the highest number of medical visas was allowed to Afghanistan (29,400), followed by Iraq (9,139) and Nigeria (5,994). The highest average spending was by Pakistan.

Each patient spent about \$2,906. A total of 1,921 Pakistani nationals were issued medical visas, a mere 1.35 percent of all incoming patients.

India's services exports rose to \$155 billion in 2015 from \$52 billion in 2005, with a share of 3.3 percent in global services exports.

In the first 11 months of 2016-17, services exports stood at \$146.5 billion.

4-hr surveillance can check

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Mashiur Rahman Ranga, state minister for LGRD and cooperatives ministry, said "... all the ministries should come forward to curb the child drowning rate. I am ready to support the project to expand its activities to 457 upazilas across the country."

State Minister for women and children affairs ministry Meher Afroz Chumki said programmes like anchal are required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

A concerted government effort, in addition to creating awareness, is needed to reduce the child death from drowning, she said.

CIPRB director Aminur Rahman presented the report and said high exposure to water bodies, a lack of adult supervision, and no barriers around water bodies are the major causes of child drowning.

But programmes like anchal can help check the phenomenon, he underscored.

Deputy Executive Director of icddr, Syed Monjurul Islam said experiences from Anchal can act as a guide for us in preventing drowning deaths among children.

Directorate General of Health Services Additional Director General AHM Enayet Hossain, CIPRB Executive Director Dr AKM Fazlur Rahman, icddr, Senior Director Shams El Arifeen and John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Assistant Professor Dr Olakunle Alonge spoke among others.



Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique speaks at a seminar organised by the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban auditorium of DU yesterday, marking DNA Day-2017.

DNA revolution celebrated at DU

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Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology organised a daylong programme at the Senate Bhaban of Dhaka University.

Addressing the opening session as chief guest, Vice Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique highlighted the importance of DNA and gene editing in revolutionising the field of biological science and also stressed the need for application of scientific discoveries for the betterment of the society and the world.

Prof Sharif Akhteruzzaman, chairman of the host department, presided over the session. In his opening remarks, he spoke on the usefulness of DNA fingerprinting technology in identification of individuals in disasters such as the Rana Plaza incident.

Dr Shah M Faruque, director of genomics centre at the icddr, delivered the keynote speech. He explained how the DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid) works as the blueprint of all organisms and change in its sequence drives evolution. He then talked more specifically on "Evolution of microbial genomes through arms-race and symbiosis at the DNA level: The cholera paradigm."

Prof Dr M Imdadul Hoque, dean at Faculty of Biological Sciences, University of Dhaka, was present as special guest and Prof Aftab Uddin, convener of the DNA Day organising committee, delivered the vote of thanks.

The programme had two segments of idea presentation as part of a competition from participation of university students from related disciplines where best three were declared as winners.

Dr Haseena Khan, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, Dhaka University, and an eminent molecular biologist of the country delivered a popular lecture in the evening session. Teachers and scientists from different universities and research organisations of the country were present during the event. The Daily Star was the media partner for the programme.

Pay Buet senior teachers justly

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(UGC) sent a list of 20 teachers, who had extended their services under the Buet ordinance, saying the 2012 act will not apply to the teachers who reached age 60 before July 10, 2012 and those teachers have to retire at 60, said the release.

Recently, the university administration is unjustly refraining from giving the teachers pensions and other allowances they deserve, it said.

Prof Farida Nilufar, president of the association, said that the syndicate decided that the senior teachers deserved pensions based on the pay scale approved in 2015, but the administration was not paying them accordingly.

Haor people

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considering their miserable condition this year the government must not lease out Haor fisheries to influential people and ensure of affected people's access there.

Brac took initiative to distribute relief goods to Haor people, he added.

Nazmul Haque, executive director of Institute of Development Affairs, alleged the Haor embankment project which could have saved crops was not implemented in due time this year.

He said a fair probe is needed to find out people involved in such corruption and ensure their punishment.

Khaleda again appeals for case

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On March 8, the HC transferred the case from the Special Judge Court-3 to the Senior Special Judge's Court, and asked the latter to dispose the case in 60 days. The HC passed the court-transfer order following a similar petition filed by Khaleda.

After the hearing, Judge Kamrul Hossain Mollah fixed April 27 for placing Khaleda's self-defence statements in the case.

The ACC filed the case on July 3, 2008 with Ramna Police Station accusing Khaleda, her elder son Tarique Rahman and four others for misappropriating over Tk 2.10 crore that was received as grants for orphans via a foreign bank.



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Invitation for Tender Through Web (e-Tender)

Tender No. CSD-2(CES):03/01/03/2017-44 Date: 23/04/2017

Tenders through Electronic Media (e-Tenders) are invited from the bonafide contractors/construction firms for the Modernization of Cash Counters by replacing existing old damaged cash counters in banking hall at Bangladesh Bank, Chittagong.

Necessary informations are given below:-

01	Procuring entity	Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
02	Source of funds	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
03	Invitation for tender No.	CSD-2(CES):03/01/03/2017-44
04	Method of procurement	Open Tendering Method (OTM), National.
05	Bidders eligibility	This Invitation for Tender is open to all eligible contractors/construction firms of Bangladesh who have: i) Minimum general experience of 07 (seven) years in the construction works and satisfactorily completed at least 01 (one) works of similar nature worth not less than Tk. 20.00 lac (Taka twenty lac) only in a single contract, in any government/semi-government/autonomous organization of Bangladesh during the last 03 (three) years. The tenderers shall have to furnish certificates in this respect from officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent. ii) Minimum average annual construction turnover shall be at least Tk. 35.00 lac (Taka thirty-five lac) only over the best 03 (three) years in last 05 (five) years. iii) Minimum liquid assets/credit facilities shall be Tk. 12.00 lac (Taka twelve lac only). In case of credit facilities bank will ensure that the abovementioned credit limits will be given if the said work is awarded to the contractor. iv) Tenderers shall have to fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the ITT, TDS & other Terms and Conditions of the Tender Documents. i.e.: Contractor should have valid trade license, up-to-date Income Tax Certificate & VAT Registration Certificate etc.
06	Address of the web receiving tender document.	Submit the tender through web: http://etender.bb.org.bd http://www.bb.org.bd (e-Tender)
07	Name & address of the offices receiving tender security & other documentary evidence	General Manager (Engg), Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor of 30-storied 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
08	Last date and time for submission of tender document through web	15/05/2017 up to 2:30pm.
09	Last date and time for receiving original tender security & tender submission letter as per format PW2a-1, PW2a-2	15/05/2017 up to 2:30pm.
10	Date, time and place for tender opening	All tenders will be opened at Common Services Department-2 (6th Floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 3:00pm; 15/05/2017 (Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of tender opening).
11	Brief description of works	The work consist of dismantling existing cash counter, renovation, RCC work, installation of tiles, granite, marble, glass etc. at Banking Hall, Bangladesh Bank, Chittagong.
12	Time for completion of the works	06 (six) months from the date of issue of Contract Award.
13	Tender security	Tk. 85,000.00 (Taka eighty-five thousand) only in the form of PO/BD.
14	Special instructions	The tenderer shall submit tender and scanned copy of documentary evidence through Bangladesh Bank website http://etender.bb.org.bd ; www.bb.org.bd (e-Tender) i) Tenderer must have valid e-mail address for participation through e-tendering. ii) Original PO/BD as Tender Security along with original tender submission letter (PW2a-1 form) signed by the authorised signatory with name on the letterhead pad shall be reach at General Manager (Engg), Common Services Department-2, within stipulated date and time mentioned in TDS. iii) Scan copy of PW2a-1 form shall be submitted through web and original should be sent to General Manager (Engg), Common Services Department-2, within stipulated date and time mentioned in TDS. iv) Tenderer shall provide all documentary evidence (original or attested whichever necessary) when requested, falling which the tender may be considered as non-responsive. v) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008/Regulation 12 of BBPR 2004. vi) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

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