

Obituary
CITY DESK

Retired master warrant officer of Bangladesh Air Force and freedom fighter Ali Qadar Joarder died of old age complications in his Shaheenbag residence in the capital on Monday, aged 70.
His first namaz-e-janaza will be held at Shaheenbag Jame Mosque today after Fazr prayers and the second one at Jhenidah. He will be buried at Bagdanga village in Jhenidah with guard of honour.

Death anniversary
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Today is the 46th death anniversary of martyred intellectual Rafiqul Haider Chowdhury (Eshika).
On this day in 1971, Razakars, collaborators of the Pakistani Army, picked him up from his 921, Shahidbagh residence blindfolded and killed him.



Police obstruct activists of left-leaning political parties while they were moving towards the Secretariat protesting the raising of prices of electricity and daily essentials near Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Earlier, Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), and Ganatantrik Bam Morcha organised a rally there.

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HARASSMENT-FREE WORKPLACE
Specific laws sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Sexual harassment and violence against women at workplaces and educational institutions can be prevented through formulation of specific laws, rights activists said at a discussion yesterday.
People do not feel compelled to follow only policies or guidelines. But once there is a law in place, everyone must abide by it to avoid punishment, they said.
Gender Platform, an alliance of civil society representatives and seven rights bodies, organised the discussion at The Daily Star Centre in Dhaka to discuss a draft law that the platform prepared recently to prevent sexual harassment and violence against women at workplaces and educational institutions.
Ainoon Naher, coordinator of the platform, said the High Court in a directive asked the authorities concerned to take measures for the prevention of sexual harassment at workplaces and educational institutions following the verdict of a case in 2009. "But the directive was not followed properly. That's why, we felt the need for formulating a law and prepared the draft," she said.
Now the platform along with the civil society representatives will put pressure on the government to enact the law so women can stay safe at their workplaces and educational institutions," said Ainoon, also a professor of Jahangirnagar University.
Towhida Khondker, a director of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) and also a Supreme Court lawyer, said the draft law was prepared following the court's direction. "Policy is not enough, because following it isn't mandatory. But everybody is bound to follow the law."
Saki Rezwana, chairperson of Bangladesh Occupational Safety, Health and Environment Foundation; Advocate Fawzia Karim Firoze, president of BNWLA; Rokeya Rafiq Baby, executive director of Karmojibi Nari; and ZM Kamrul Anam, general secretary of Bangladesh Labour Welfare Foundation; also spoke.

Redraft Rohingya return deal

HRW asks Bangladesh, Myanmar to involve UN in the process

UNB, Dhaka

Termining Rohingya return deal a poor one, Human Rights Watch (HRW) has said Bangladesh and Myanmar should invite UNHCR to join the drafting of a new tripartite agreement.
"After the widespread atrocities, safe and voluntary return of Rohingyas will require international monitors on the ground in Burma," said Bill Frelick, refugee rights director at HRW.
This means, Frelick said, a central role for the UNHCR, the only UN agency with a statutory mandate to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of refugees.
"This should include some existing provisions, such as encouraging refugees to return voluntarily and safely to their own households and original places of residence or to a safe and secure place nearest to it or their choice," the global watchdog body said given the "critical flaws" in the agreement.
Headquartered in New York, HRW is an international non-governmental organisation that conducts research and advocacy on human rights.
The agreement by Bangladesh and Myanmar to send back Rohingyas to Myanmar by January 23, 2018, creates an "impossible timetable" for safe and voluntary returns and should be shelved, HRW said in a letter to the two governments.

Bangladesh and Myanmar invite the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to join the drafting of a new tripartite agreement that ensures adherence to international standards, it said.
Since late August 25, more than 645,000 Rohingyas have fled a campaign of ethnic cleansing by Myanmar's security forces and sought refuge in Bangladesh.
HRW has interviewed more than 200 of the refugees. Many said that they wish to eventually return home, but they do not believe it is safe to return to Myanmar for the foreseeable future and until their security, land, and livelihoods can be ensured.
"Burma has yet to end its military abuses against the Rohingya, let alone create conditions that would allow them to return home safely," said Frelick.
"This agreement looks more like a public relations effort by Burma to quickly close this ugly chapter than a serious effort to restore the rights of Rohingya and allow them to voluntarily return in safety and dignity."
On November 23, Bangladesh and Myanmar signed an "Arrangement on Return of Displaced Persons from Rakhine State" on behalf of "residents of Rakhine State" who crossed Myanmar to Bangladesh after October 9, 2016 and August 25, 2017.
The agreement makes no reference to the cause of most of the forced displacement -- a campaign for killings, widespread rape, and mass arson

carried out by Myanmar security forces that amounted to crimes against humanity.
The HRW said the agreement also fails to identify the displaced either as Rohingyas or as refugees.
It said voluntary repatriation in safety and dignity as required by international law will not be feasible until the Myanmar government demonstrates its willingness and ability to ensure full respect for returnees' human rights, equal access to nationality, and security.
The agreement also makes no direct reference to non-refoulement, the principle of international refugee law that prohibits the forcible return of refugees to places where their lives or freedom would be threatened.
And the agreement restricts returnees' freedom of movement to Rakhine State in "conformity with existing laws and regulations," many of which discriminate against the Rohingyas.
Several Myanmar officials have spoken about putting Rohingyas in "camps". This would be an unacceptable approach to their return as camps set up after previous anti-Rohingya campaigns have led to de facto detention and segregation.
While the agreement says that Bangladesh will immediately seek assistance from UNHCR to carry out safe and voluntary returns, Myanmar agrees only "that the services of the UNHCR could be drawn upon as needed and at the appropriate time."

Myanmar team due Dec 19

UNB, Dhaka

A team from Myanmar will arrive in Bangladesh on December 19 to take forward the process of forming a joint working group for the repatriation of Rohingya refugees.
Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque said this after a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and French President Emmanuel Macron in Paris yesterday.
A joint working group was supposed to be in place within three weeks of signing the "arrangement" on the return of Rohingyas.
Earlier, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali said Bangladesh and Myanmar agreed to take assistance from the UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, in the process of repatriating the forcibly displaced Rohingyas to their homeland.
"The signing of the arrangement is an initial step... there are more steps," he said.
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COMBATING DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAK
Bangladesh to vaccinate Rohingya children

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday launched a vaccination campaign against diphtheria and other preventable diseases for all Rohingya children aged between six weeks and six years living in 12 camps and temporary settlements in Cox's Bazar.
With the support of Unicef, the World Health Organization and GAVI, the accelerated immunization will cover nearly 255,000 children in Ukhiya and Teknaf in Cox's Bazar, said Unicef in a press release.
"Diphtheria usually appears among vulnerable populations that have not received routine vaccinations, such as the Rohingyas... This calls for an immediate action to protect them from this killer disease..." said Edouard Beigbeder, Unicef representative to Bangladesh.
"The Government of Bangladesh will do everything necessary to contain this out-

break. We thank WHO, Unicef and other health partners for their swift response to the request of the government to combat this diphtheria outbreak..." said Dr Abul Kalam Azad, director general of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
The children are being administered pentavalent vaccines (which protect against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, Haemophilus Influenzae, and hepatitis B), pneumococcal conjugate vaccines (PCV) and bivalent oral polio vaccine.
"We are moving quickly to control this diphtheria outbreak before it spins out of control... Beyond vaccinations, we are helping health workers to clinically manage suspected cases, trace their contacts, and ensure sufficient supplies of medicines..." said Dr Navaratnasamy Paranietharan, WHO representative to Bangladesh.

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No. PD/AADLP/Tender/WD1/2017 Dated: 11.12.2017
Package No. WD1: Construction of 10.01 km DG Main line track and 4.25 km DG loop line track along with Bridge, Other Civil Works, General Requirements, Day works including supplying all requisite materials, equipment, plants & machineries, labour & transportation costs (Bangladesh Portion).
Ref: 1. IFT No. PD/AADLP/Tender/WD1/2017; Dated 12.10.2017
2. Corrigendum No. 1 PD/AADLP/Tender/WD1/2017 dated 26.11.2017

Corrigendum No-2

SI No. of IFT	Provision as per Corrigendum-1	Provision as per Corrigendum-2
16	Tender document last selling date	17-12-2017
17	Tender closing date and time	18-12-2017 14:00hrs BST
18	Tender opening date and time	18-12-2017 14:30hrs BST
23(a)	Eligibility of tenderer	23(a) Minimum experience of similar work shall be under 1 (one) contract for Construction/Complete Rehabilitation of minimum 5Km Main line during last 5 years which includes: (i) Construction of mechanically compacted earthen railway embankment; (ii) Construction of railway bridges/culverts and (iii) Laying of railway track with pre-stressed concrete sleepers using mechanized means. 23(b) Bidder(s) having pending litigation representing in total not more than 10 (ten) percent of the Bidder's net worth. Average Annual Construction Turnover having more than BDT 1550 Million or equivalent INR (Conversion Rate: 1 USD = BDT 82.45 & 1 INR = BDT 1.27) over the best 3 (three) years in the last 5 (five) years. 23(b) Bidder(s) having pending litigation representing in total not more than 10 (ten) percent of the Bidder's net worth. Average Annual Construction Turnover having more than BDT 1550 Million or equivalent INR (Conversion Rate: 1 USD = BDT 82.45 & 1 INR = BDT 1.27) over the best 3 (three) years in the last 5 (five) years.

All other terms and conditions of the tender document shall remain unchanged.

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DHAKA EDUCATION BOARD
HC issues contempt rule against chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday issued a contempt of court rule against Dhaka education board chairman and three others for not complying with its order over holding election to the managing committee of a high school in the capital.
In the rule, the court asked the five to explain in four weeks why contempt of court proceedings should not be launched against them for violating its order.
In the order, issued on June 5 this year, the HC had asked them to hold an election for selecting the managing committee of Bhashantek High School in Dhaka in 90 days.
The bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul-Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah issued the rule after hearing a contempt of court petition filed by Khaled Mohammad Amran, guardian of a student of the school.
The other contemnors are school inspector of Dhaka

Five, including two

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Amir Hossen, 20, was arrested with 13,000 pills in Zirani Bazar area while Aminullah, 30, with 20,000 yaba tablets in Bolibhadra area.
Filing of cases is underway, said police.
Meanwhile, in port city, detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police arrested two persons with 40 bottles of foreign wine in Double Mooring yesterday.
The arrestees are Babla, 38, and Shamim, 30. A case was filed with Double Mooring Police Station.

Turn port city into digital

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necessary for the quick release of imported goods, he added.
Yasir Azman, chief executive officer (CEO) of Gramephone, said Chittagong contributes 40 percent of industrial output and 50 percent of government revenue to the economy.
"To survive in the competition with business giants of the world, Chittagong port and the city need to be developed through technology and digitisation," said Yasir.
Aameir Alihussain, managing director of BSRM Ltd; Munir H Khan, director of KDS Steel; Prof Muhammad Ahsan Ullah, head of ETE, Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology; were panel discussants.
Sajid Rahman, CEO (health) of Telenor, also spoke at the discussion moderated by Wahed Malek, managing director of the Dainik Azadi.

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Invitation for Re-Tender

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Land.			
02	Agency	Department of Land Records and Surveys (DLRS).			
03	Procuring entity name	Press Officer, Settlement Press, Department of Land Records & Surveys.			
04	Procuring entity area	Dhaka.			
05	Name of the project	N/A.			
06	Invitation for	Procurement of Package GR-2.			
07	Invitation for Tender Ref. No.	31.03.0000.216.07.002.17.1277			
08	Date	10 December 2017			
KEY INFORMATION					
09	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget, Government of Bangladesh.			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
11	Programme code (if applicable)	N/A.			
12	Programme name (if applicable)	N/A.			
13	Tender package number	GR-2.			
14	Tender package name	GR-2: Procurement of White Offset Paper (100 GSM, Legal Size: 8.5"x14") Settlement Press of DLRS.			
15	Tender publication date	Between: 10 December to 13 December 2017.			
16	Tender last selling date & time	26 December 2017 at 5.00pm.			
17	Tender closing date & time	27 December 2017 at 1.00pm.			
18	Tender opening date and time	27 December 2017 at 2.30pm.			
19	Name & address of the office(s)	Address			
	Selling tender document	i) Press Officer, Settlement Press, Department of Land Records and Surveys, 98, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. ii) Secretary, Land Appeal Board, 2nd 12 Floor Govt. Building, 7th Floor, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. iii) Deputy Land Reforms Commissioner (Admin), Land Reforms Board, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.			
	Receiving tender document	i) Director (Administration), Department of Land Records and Surveys, 28, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208. ii) Secretary, Land Appeal Board, 2nd 12 Floor Govt. Building, 7th Floor, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000. iii) Deputy Land Reforms Commissioner (Admin), Land Reforms Board, 141-143, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.			
	Opening tender document	Office of the Director (Administration), Room No. 301 (2nd Floor), Department of Land Records and Surveys, 28, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
20.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable.			
21	Eligibility of tenderer	Details in Tender Documents (GR-2).			
22	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement of GR-2 Details in Tender Documents.			
23	Price of tender document (Tk)	Price of the hard copy of the tender documents of the package can be purchased (GR-2) for Tk 2000/- (two thousand) only (non refundable). Money receipt of tender documents must be submitted at the time of submission of tender documents.			
24	Package	Identification packages of Location Tender security Completion time			
	GR-2	Procurement of White Offset Paper (100 GSM, Legal Size: (8.5"x14") for Settlement Press of DLRS	Department of Land Records and Surveys (DLRS), 28, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208	3% of the bidding price	04 (four) weeks from the date of NOA
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
25	Name of official inviting tender	A. N. M. Tariqul Islam.			
26	Designation of official inviting tender	Press Officer (Deputy Secretary).			
27	Address of official inviting tender	Settlement Press, Department of Land Records & Surveys (DLRS), 98, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Sharani, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.			
28	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 02-9114755 - e-mail: tariq22nd@gmail.com			
29	Special instruction	i) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason. 2) The procuring entity can also impose any terms and conditions in line with PPR-2008 and tender schedules & the bidder must be followed ITT 21.1(q) in Section-2 (D-Preparation of Tender) of Tender Data Sheet. 3) The maximum percentage by which quantities per item may be increased or decreased is 15% to 50% as per Section 74(4) PPR 2008.			

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