

With a trench being dug up and earth piled up nearby for constructing a footbridge, this portion of footpath close to Farmgate intersection literally leaves no space for pedestrian movement. As a result, pedestrians are forced to walk one of the busiest thoroughfares -- Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue -- of the capital, risking their lives. It is more disturbing that the authorities neither made a temporary walkway for pedestrians nor did they post any caution sign to warn the approaching vehicles about the pedestrians on the road. On another note, Dhaka North City Corporation has recently rebuilt the footpath with expensive tiles at public expense. Building the footbridge soon afterwards removing the tiles is a tell-tale sign of a lack of coordination among the government agencies. The photo was taken yesterday.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ACC to probe anomalies of Hajj agencies

UNB, Dhaka
The anti-graft watchdog recently started investigating against the mismanagement and anomalies by Hajj agencies in 2017. Acting secretary of religious affairs ministry Anisur Rahman said a body was recently formed by the ACC to probe the allegations against Hajj agencies at fault, based on various media reports. The ministry will provide the list and other information of the agencies accused of graft and irregularities to the ACC by December 25, he said. "This year we found allegations against more than 100 agencies, legal steps will be taken against them after the probe committee submits its report," he added. A total of 1,27,229 pilgrims performed hajj from Bangladesh this year. Some 635 Hajj agencies sent 1,27,198 pilgrims under private management. Half the pilgrims took Biman Bangladesh flights, while the other half opted for Saudia Airlines. Some 152 people, including 119 men and 33 women, died in separate incidents while performing hajj.

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PARKING SPACES FOR COMMERCIAL USE Rajuk fines 6 landlords

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A team of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) yesterday fined six landlords in the capital's Mirpur a total of Tk 23 lakh for using their parking spaces for commercial purposes. It also demolished 17 shops constructed illegally on the parking space of a building in Ibrahimpur, said a press release. Between Mirpur 10 and 14, the team demolished 10 such illegal showrooms and two staircases and imposed the fines. It also asked the authorities of a private bank to shift its booth, which was also illegally built on a parking space, within 15 days. Executive Magistrate of Rajuk Khondokar Aliur Rahman and Authorised Officer-3 of Rajuk Md Mobarak Hossain led the team.

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PM accords reception

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Leader of Russian team Commodore GS Salkar of Russian Navy Pacific Fleet congratulated the people of Bangladesh, marking Victory Day. In 1971, Russia sincerely supported the uprising of Bangladesh people against injustice. On behalf of the Russian delegation, he expressed sincere gratitude to the people of Bangladesh for inviting them to join the celebration.

4 mayoral candidates

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Another candidate Kawsar Zaman faced lawsuits in the past. At least 102 candidates out of total 212 contesting for ward-councillor posts were either accused or sued in the past, Shujan said. Around 164 out of total 284 candidates to contest in different posts at RCC polls have academic qualification of secondary school certificate or below, the civil society platform added. Only 61 candidates were found to have either Bachelor's or Master's degrees. Moreover, five mayoral contestants mentioned business as their profession, while one candidate -- Abdul Quddus didn't mention anything. Only Sarfuffin Ahmed, the ruling Awami League nominated mayoral candidate mentioned politics as his profession. Speaking at the programme, Shujan President Hafiz Uddin Khan criticised Awami League's General Secretary Obaidul Quader for his recent comments on Rangpur city polls. "This kind of statement from a top leader of the ruling party is unfair and unjust." "We want the Rangpur City Corporation elections to be held in a free and fair manner to enable people to elect the candidate of their choice," he said. Badiul Alam said apart from some stray incidents, the election atmosphere is under control for holding free, fair and neutral polls in Rangpur.

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JOB OPENING

Save the Children
Save the Children is the world's leading, independent organisation for children
Save the Children invites applications for the following position under an urgent response program to recent Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh. We are working in different locations in Cox's Bazar, providing vital services to displaced Rohingya peoples, including distributing the food, shelter, water & sanitation, education, health, nutrition, and child protection needs of the Rohingya refugees, particularly of the children.
Qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply. Minimum requirements will be flexible for the potential female candidates. We are hiring staff on urgent basis, please apply if you can start your work within short notice of time.
Senior Manager-Government Relations
Number of position: 1 (One)
Job nature: Contractual (Initially for 1 year with possibility of extension)
Job location: Cox's Bazar
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Those who applied before need not to apply again
Application deadline: December 25, 2017
Only short listed candidates will be invited for interview
"Save the Children promotes diversity in its workforce"

Turkish premier

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Binali Yildirim yesterday praised the Bangladesh government for its efforts in lending support to the Rohingyas. "We will have the opportunity to once again underline that we are ready to make all means of contribution at the highest level in these difficult times that Bangladesh is going through," he told the media in Ankara. Foreign ministry officials said the Turkish PM is leading a 60-member delegation. In addition, representatives from a number of organisations, including Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) and the Turkish Red Crescent, are also included. The Turkish prime minister will place wreaths at Savar's National Memorial to pay respect to the martyrs. Later, Yildirim will inaugurate a chemotherapy centre at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital. Then he will visit Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in Dhanmondi. The Turkish prime minister will meet President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban in the evening today. He will go to Cox's Bazar tomorrow to visit Rohingya refugees who fled a military crackdown in Myanmar since August 25. He will also be able to monitor the refugees' situation and the humanitarian aid efforts being made by international groups along with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA), the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), and the Religious Affairs Directorate, according to Turkish media reports. The Turkish prime minister will leave Bangladesh from Cox's Bazar at 2:00pm tomorrow.

Request for Expression of Interests (Consulting Firms Selection)
Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh (BFP-B) is a five-year programme funded by UKaid from the UK government. Bangladesh Bank (BB) is the implementing agency, and Financial Institutions Division of the Ministry of Finance, the executing agency. **Nathan Associates London Ltd** has been contracted as the management agency for the programme.
Assignment Title: Addressing Market Demand through Agent Banking: Lessons learnt.
Brief Description of Assignment: The purpose of this policy study is to understand the incentives and constraints driving investment decisions of banks in the agent banking space, leading to actionable short and medium-term recommendations that key players in the financial services eco-system can implement to significantly expand agent banking in Bangladesh. The eco-system players include, but are not limited to, banks, non-bank financial institutions including MFIs and MFS/Fintechs, regulators, market-facilitators, funders/investors, and supporting actors such as IT companies, incubators and the like. The study should examine demand, supply and regulatory issues in the banking sector, and also how these interact with other demand, supply and regulatory issues in complementary markets such as mobile financial services, microfinance services and business development services. Demand side should explore the customer data analytics of the existing base of agent banking customers covering Cottage, Micro and Small Enterprises (CMSEs), Retail and individual customer base and product penetration to understand the customer demand along with Agent banking deposit and lending portfolios. It is expected that this study will respond to muted response by most of the banking industry to licenses and regulations issued by the central bank to trigger agent banking expansion. The study needs to combine deep understanding and experience of the evolution of local markets with knowledge of global insights and best practices.
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Interested Applicants may obtain further information and EOI Application Form through email (TTajreen@nathaninc.com) or download application form from **website : www.bfp-b.org**.
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