



The Ekushey book fair wears a deserted look as many were apprehensive about visiting the fair yesterday. Security was heightened in the capital over the verdict in a graft case against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia. The photo was taken at Suhrawardy Udyan. PHOTO: COLLECTED

'BNP men attack' Bangladesh mission office in London

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

BNP activities allegedly forced their way into the Bangladesh High Commission in London on Wednesday and assaulted its employees while vandalising some valuables.

Following a demonstration by the UK chapter of BNP and its front organisations, a group of demonstrators entered the high commission in the name of submitting a memorandum, according to a press release issued by the high commission.

The release, which was circulated among journalists during a press conference by Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at the foreign ministry yesterday, condemned the attack and said the incident has tarnished the country's image. "Bangladesh High Commission in London represents Bangladesh in the UK. So, damaging the high commission's assets is same as damaging state assets, and attack on the high commission is tantamount to attack on Bangladesh," said the statement read out by the foreign minister.

Responding to a query, Foreign Minister Ali said one of the attackers was arrested by the British police from the spot.

Police were present during the sudden attack, he said, adding that a video clip was given to London police to take action in this regard.

Meanwhile, the attackers are trying to create confusions among people by spreading fake photos on the social media, added the release.

Tuition Wanted

Ex-Maple Leaf Int. School's student wants to teach from Class III-VII all subjects for O Level, only Physics, Chemistry and Maths B. Contact: Hasan-0183598466

TO-LET

Approx 2200 Sq.ft. Apt (4th Floor) 3 Beds, 3 Baths, Drawing & Dining. Can be used for office/showroom. Road # 13/C, House # 52, Block-E, Banani. **Topu: 01914-001915**

Dr Syed Wali Ashraf passes away

CITY DESK

Dr Syed Wali Ashraf, a senior physician, passed away on February 3. He was 66, said a press release.

He left behind his wife Dr Shanaz Chowdhury, mother, son, daughter-in-law, grand daughters and a host of well-wishers to mourn his death.

A doa mahfil will be held today at his Mohammadpur residence after the Asr prayers, the release added.

He was a valiant freedom fighter and had served in the Ministry of Health and Family Planning (Bangladesh), the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (Iran), BIRDEM, and various other NGOs and private organisations.

Fair affected too

MATHEWS CHIRAN

Like rest of the country, the Amar Ekushey Granthamela also wore an almost desolate look yesterday.

Only a handful of booklovers were seen walking around the premises of the Bangla Academy and Suhrawardy Udyan in the afternoon.

The reason for such a small crowd was the unprecedented security blanket the capital was wrapped in ahead of the verdict in a corruption case against the BNP chairperson.

The situation remained the same after the verdict. With no rush of visitors, many of the publishers were seen sitting idle. They said not many people visited the fair as they feared any untoward incident might take place centring the verdict.

"Usually, we sell books worth Tk 50,000 by evening on an average. But today [yesterday] we made only Tk 25 so far," said Muhammad Shahin of "Anupam Prokashoni".

Nasir Ahmed Selim of "Kakoli Prokashoni" and Mohammad Yunus of "Kothaprokash" said hardly a few people visited their stalls.

However, as the evening rolled in, people who lived nearby or were in the vicinity started dropping by.

Tofail Ahmed came to Dhaka University with his daughter for her admission. "Since we are here, we decided to visit the fair," said the Uttara resident.

Most of the visitors were from nearby educational institutions, especially DU.

"Since there's no rush, my friends and I have the entire fair to us," said a smiling Debasis Sikhder, a master's student at DU.

Yesterday, 64 books arrived at the fair.

Today, there will be a "Shishu Prahar" from 11:00am to 1:00pm, dedicated to children.



Corporate Professionalism For You

Three months course on policy making, planning, preparation of development projects/programmes, evaluation, human resource dev, CSR, negotiation, leadership, conflict resolution, performance appraisal and effective communication in English. Candidates must have intermediate knowledge of English for desired results. Call 01711530824 for interview and selection.

D-47



“শেখ হাসিনার উদ্যোগ, ঘরে ঘরে বিদ্যুৎ”

ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LTD.
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)
Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3402, Bangladesh

Fax: +88-08528-74014, 74044
E-mail: apsc@apsc.com, apscld@yahoo.com, Website: www.apsc.com

Memo No.: APSC/Pro-19/e-GP/2018/229 Date: 07/02/2018

“e-Tender Notice”

e-Tenders are invited through e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. (APSC), Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria as stated below:

SL No.	Tender ID No.	Name of Supply	Tender Publishing Date & Time at e-GP portal	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	Tender ID: 152485	Supply of Flow meter and Level transmitter for Unit 3, 4 & 5 of APSC.	29-Jan-2018 11:00 BST	19-Feb-2018 15:00 BST

This is online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>)

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

(Md. Rafiquddaula)
Manager (Procurement), APSC,
Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3402,
Phone: 08528-74033



Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Awards 2018

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is inviting submission of both print and electronic media reports for its Anti-Corruption Investigative Journalism Awards 2018. A total of six awards will be given in two categories. For details about the eligibility and the submission process, please visit: www.ti-bangladesh.org/tja2018

Deadline 11 March 2018





রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
এম.ফিল. ও পিএইচ.ডি. প্রোগ্রামে
ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অনুষদভুক্ত বিভাগসমূহে ২০১৮-২০১৯ শিক্ষাবর্ষে এম.ফিল. ও পিএইচ.ডি. প্রোগ্রামে ভর্তির জন্য আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। পূরণকৃত আবেদনপত্র ২৮/০২/২০১৮ তারিখের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট বিভাগে জমা দিতে হবে।

ভর্তির যোগ্যতা ও বিস্তারিত তথ্যসহ পূর্ণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি এবং প্রাথমিক আবেদনপত্রের নমুনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট www.ru.ac.bd-তে পাওয়া যাবে। এ সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সংশ্লিষ্ট বিভাগ থেকে নিজ দায়িত্বে জেনে নিতে হবে।

রেজিস্ট্রার (ভারপ্রাপ্ত)
রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
রাজশাহী

জিডি-৩৭৬

Returning the love

PM confirms British activist Lucy Helen, who has been living in Bangladesh for 57 years, doesn't need visa renewal for next 15 years

BSS, Barisal

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has come forward to help Lucy Helen Frances Holt, a British citizen, who is living in Bangladesh for 57 years.

The premier yesterday handed over to Lucy, her passport with a 15-year multiple visa for Bangladesh, ending her long ordeal for visa renewal every year.

"Our honourable Prime Minister handed over the passport to Lucy just before the public meeting at Bangabandhu Udyan in Barisal city," PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim told the news agency.

He said while handing over the passport, the premier also talked to the 87-year-old Lucy, a humanitarian who is now working at Oxford Mission in Barisal city.

"She was very impressed while talking to the prime minister," the press secretary added.

Lucy, daughter of John Holt and Francese Holt, was born in the British town of St Helens on December 16, 1930. After competing 12th grade, she first visited Bangladesh in 1960.

Lucy joined Barisal Oxford Mission that year and taught primary school children.



Lucy Helen

She never returned home and has been staying in Bangladesh as she fell in love with the country and the people.

She worked in Jessore, Khulna, Naogaon, Dhaka and Gopalganj for 57 years. Lucy, who went on retirement in 2004 returned to Barisal Oxford Mission the same year.

Now she is providing English lessons and mental growth to the distressed children. Besides, she is collecting fund from the rich people for them.

Lucy also made outstanding contributions to Bangladesh's Liberation War when she took care of the war-wounded people.

At that time, Lucy taught English at Jessore Catholic Church. When the war started, all except Lucy went to Khulna for safe shelter after closing the school.

During the war, she worked at Fatema Hospital and provided nursing to the war-wounded people where the doctors were amazed at her generosity.

Barisal Metropolitan Police honoured Lucy on December 16 last for her invaluable contributions to the Liberation War.

SC adjourns hearing on DNCC by-polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday adjourned the hearing of two separate appeals regarding Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) by-polls.

The appeals were filed by the Election Commission (EC) seeking a stay on the High Court orders that halted the election for six months.

The HC stayed the polls on January 17, and issued two rules asking the EC and the government to explain why the schedule should not be declared illegal.

The EC petitioned against the stay on January 31, and the apex court was scheduled to hear the appeals yesterday.

British secretary Boris Johnson due today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Boris Johnson arrives in Dhaka this afternoon on a two-day visit to discuss bilateral issues and the Rohingya crisis with top government officials.

He will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and hold a bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali this evening. The meeting will be concluded with a joint statement by Mahmood and Johnson. "...such a visit is taking place after a long time," Mahmood told a press briefing at his ministry yesterday.

The visit takes place after 10 years. Former British foreign secretary David Miliband visited Dhaka in 2008.


The British official will visit Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar, and the focus of his visit would be to demonstrate UK's solidarity with Bangladesh over the Rohingya issue.

Bangladesh is eagerly waiting for a positive announcement during the British foreign secretary's visit regarding withdrawal of the UK's ban on direct air cargo flights from Dhaka to London around two years ago.

On March 8, 2016, the British government slapped the ban, citing that Biman failed to meet some international security requirements.

Johnson will depart Dhaka tomorrow.





Save the Children
RFP/SCI/BDCCO/FY-18/0008

Date: February 09, 2018

Looking for Consultancy Firm

Save the Children is the world's leading, independent organisation for children

Save the Children International (SCI) is looking for a consultancy firm, **For Conducting Endline Evaluation of Government Primary School (GPS) at Naogaon, Reading Enhancement for Advancing Development Project under Education Sector**

For detailed information please see the RFP document which is available from February 09, 2018 on the link: <http://procurement.scibd.info> (printed downloaded copy is acceptable for submission)

N.B: A Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held on February 13, 2018 at 11am
Last date of Proposal Submission: March 01, 2018 within 2.00pm

SCI management reserves the right to accept or reject part/whole of any or all the application without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Senior Manager, Procurement & Supply Chain



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 09 February 2018
Deadline: 24 February 2018

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications from qualified candidates to the following position to be filled as soon as possible. The duty station is Dhaka. Duration: 6 (six) months with possibility of extension depending on incumbent's performance and budget availability.

- **Office Assistant (Secretary)**
(Un Salary scale and benefits for similar positions apply)

Interested and qualified candidates will find the post descriptions from our website <http://www.fao.org/bangladesh/fao-in-bangladesh/employmentprocurement/en/>. To create the PPF kindly click <https://irec.fao.org> which will be found in the post description.


Applicants are requested to send their Personal Profile Form (PPF) to the following address: **FAOBD-Vacancies@fao.org by close of business on 24 February 2018**

All recruitment to FAO posts are made on a competitive and transparent basis. Candidates are encouraged to apply directly to FAO and follow the instructions on the above mentioned website. Please note that no intermediary is allowed to expedite or facilitate such process. All those who represent themselves as such are fraudulent and should be reported to FAO immediately.

Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.




European Union



Sida



UN CDF



UN DP

Request for Information (RFI)
RFI-BD-2018-002

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh is inviting response to this call for RFI from interested CSOs/NGOs for **Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC) Project**.

The RFI format along with other relevant information and documents for submission are available in the link at <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/procurement/>

Submission of RFI document: The envelope should state **-RFI for Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC) Project** and the necessary documents must be submitted as per the instructions specified in the "solicitation document" available in the link above.

Pre-Proposal meeting: Time: 11.00 am (LOCAL BD TIME), Monday 19 Feb. 2018, Venue: UNDP Office, IDB Bhaban, (19th floor), Sher-e-Bangla Dhaka

The deadline for submission of RFI document is on Thursday, March 01, 2018, 4:30pm local time and to be sent by hand delivery, postal service/courier at the United Nations Development Programme, Procurement Unit, UNDP Bangladesh, IDB Bhaban (19th floor), E/8-A Begum Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka 1207, Bangladesh. Attn. Head of Procurement