



Md Arfan Ali, president and managing director of Bank Asia, attends the inauguration of an orientation course for 49 management trainees of the bank at the financial institution's training and development institute in Dhaka yesterday.



Quazi Osman Ali, managing director of Social Islami Bank; Zabed Amin, head of card division, and Md Shafiqul Islam, head of marketing and sales at US-Bangla Airlines, attend a deal signing ceremony at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday. The bank's Islamic credit cardholders can now purchase the airline's tickets through equal monthly instalments.



Damon Yang, managing director of Oppo Bangladesh, and Taskin Ahmed, national cricketer, attend the launch of Oppo F9, the latest smartphone of the Chinese mobile maker's F-series, at Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden yesterday. The smartphone is priced at Tk 28,990 (4GB RAM) and Tk 31,990 (6GB RAM).

<b>Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh</b> WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1 Level-12 (West side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000 Memo No: 26.00.0000.066.07.007.18-197 Date: 30/08/2018			
<b>Re-Invitation for Tenders</b>			
01	Ministry/division	Ministry of Commerce.	
02	Agency	WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.	
03	Procuring entity name	Project Director (Joint Secretary), Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, MOC.	
04	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.	
05	Invitation for	Procurement of Goods.	
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
06	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).	
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
07	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget and GOB & Development Partners.	
08	Development partners (if applicable)	IDA (The World Bank).	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
09	Project code	5004	
10	Project	Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, MOC.	
11	Tender package No.	BRCP/GD-04/2018-19	
12	Tender package name	Supply and Installation of Computer, Accessories and other Electrical Equipment at BRCP-1.	
13	Tender publication date	30-08-2018.	
14	Tender last selling date and time	10-09-2018 at 05:00pm.	
15	Tender closing date and time	11-09-2018 at 3:00pm.	
16	Tender opening date & time	11-09-2018 at 4:00pm.	
17	Name & address of the office(s)	Selling tender document Level-12 (West side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000. Receiving tender document Same as above. Opening tender document Level-12 (West side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000.	
18	Pre-tender meeting	Will not be held.	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>			
19	Eligibility of tenderer	#The minimum number of years of general experience of the tenderer in the supply of goods as supplier shall be 05 years. #The minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods of at least one (1) contract successfully completed within the last 03 years, with a value of at least Tk. 10 lac. #The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk 12 lac (detail stated in TD).	
20	Brief description of goods & related services	Supply and Installation of Computer, Accessories and other Electrical Equipment for BRCP-1 (detail stated in TD).	
21	Price of the tender document	By Cash BDT 500.00 (five hundred taka only) non-refundable.	
22	Identification	Location	Tender security BDT 40,000.00
			Completion time 14 days
23	Supply and Installation of Computer, Accessories and other Electrical Equipment for BRCP-1	Level-12 (West side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000	
24	Name of official inviting tender	Md Hemayet Uddin.	
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director (Joint Secretary).	
26	Address of official inviting tender	Level-12 (West side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Dhaka-1000. Tel: +02-55138022; Email: hemayet7572@gmail.com	
27	Contact details of official inviting tender		
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders.		
N.B: If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time & same venue.			
Md Hemayet Uddin Project Director (Joint Secretary), BRCP-1, MOC			

## Oil rises on Iran sanctions, lower US fuel inventories

REUTERS, London

Oil prices rose on Thursday, extending gains on growing evidence of disruptions to crude supply from Iran and Venezuela and after a fall in US crude inventories.

Benchmark Brent crude oil was up 50 cents a barrel at \$77.64 by 1130 GMT. US light crude was 40 cents higher at \$69.91. Brent has risen by almost 10 percent over the past two weeks on widespread perceptions that the global oil market is tightening and could run short in the next few months as US sanctions restrict crude exports from Iran.

Iranian crude exports are likely to drop to a little more than 2 million barrels per day (bpd) in August, against a peak of 3.1 million bpd in April, as importers bow to American pressure to cut orders.

"The oil market is once again tightening," said Giovanni Staunovo, analyst at Swiss bank UBS in Zurich. "Iranian oil export declines are already visible well in advance of US oil-related sanctions, which enter into force in November."

## India's RBI says almost all banned notes returned

AFP, Mumbai

Almost all Indian currency notes scrapped two years ago have been returned to the banking system, the country's central bank says, raising questions about the point of the controversial attempt to tackle illegal money.

India's economy suffered a sharp downturn after Prime Minister Narendra Modi stunned the country in November 2016 by withdrawing 86 percent of banknotes from circulation in a move known as "demonetisation".

He said the decision to scrap all 1,000-rupee (\$14) and 500-rupee notes was necessary to clean up India's graft-ridden

economy, suggesting that stashes of so-called black money would be unearthed.

The government said it would leave people hiding large sums of illegal cash with a difficult decision: either declare the money and face possible criminal action or do nothing, rendering it worthless.

However, late Wednesday the Reserve Bank of India announced in its annual report that 15.3 trillion rupees (\$216.4 billion) worth -- or 99.3 percent -- of the devalued bills had been returned.

The RBI, which added that it had completed its assessment of demonetisation, gave no explanation for what that meant for the success of the policy.

## Trump and Trudeau upbeat about prospects for Nafta deal by today

REUTERS, Washington

The leaders of the United States and Canada expressed optimism on Wednesday that they could reach new Nafta deal by a Friday deadline as negotiators prepared to talk through the night, although Canada warned that a number of tricky issues remained.

Under pressure, Canada rejoined the talks to modernize the 24-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement after Mexico and the United States announced a bilateral deal on Monday.

Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland said late on Wednesday that talks were at "a very intense moment" but said there was "a lot of good will" between Canadian and US negotiators.

"Our officials are meeting now and

will be meeting until very late tonight. Possibly they'll be meeting all night long," Freeland said. She and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer had agreed to review progress early on Thursday.

US President Donald Trump has set a Friday deadline for the three countries to reach an in-principle agreement, which would allow Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto to sign it before he leaves office at the end of November. Under US law, Trump must wait 90 days before signing the pact.

Trump has warned he could try to proceed with a deal with Mexico alone and levy tariffs on Canadian-made cars if Ottawa does not come on board, although US lawmakers have said ratifying a bilateral deal would not be easy.

"They (Canada) want to be part of

the deal, and we gave until Friday and I think we're probably on track. We'll see what happens, but in any event, things are working out very well," Trump told reporters at the White House.

The upbeat tone contrasted with Trump's harsh criticism of Canada in recent weeks, railing on Twitter against Canada's high dairy tariffs that he said were "killing our Agriculture!"

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he thought the Friday deadline could be met.

"We recognize that there is a possibility of getting there by Friday, but it is only a possibility, because it will hinge on whether or not there is ultimately a good deal for Canada," he said at a news conference in northern Ontario on Wednesday. "No Nafta deal is better than a bad Nafta deal."

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Child Sensitive Social Protection in Bangladesh (CSPB) Project Phase-II Department of Social Services (7<sup>th</sup> floor), E-8/B-1, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

#### Vacancy Announcement

The Department of Social Services (DSS) under the Ministry of Social Welfare has been implementing Child Sensitive Social Protection in Bangladesh (CSPB) Project, Phase II through technical and financial support of UNICEF for a period of July 2017 to December 2020. The project is inviting applications from the qualified and experienced candidates for the following post and positions on Temporary basis for the period Till December 2020.

Title of Position, Responsibilities and Educational Qualification and Experience	
1.	<b>Name of Post: Psychosocial Counsellor. No. of Position-5: (for Child Help Line Call Center-2 and Institution-3), Any where in Bangladesh.</b> <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assess the psycho social needs of children in selected institutions;</li><li>Provide psychosocial counselling support to the children to reduce their mental stress and trauma;</li><li>Ensure children's progress in online case management system;</li><li>Upload information to the online case management system;</li><li>Arrange and provide orientation/training/capacity building supports to staff on psycho-social counselling;</li><li>Maintain networks with relevant government and non-governmental organisations providing specialized psychosocial counselling;</li><li>Collate data and produce monthly and periodic progress report and disseminate to the project office;</li><li>Prepare and disseminate situational reports on activities of psycho-social counselling;</li><li>Able to work in any diverse situation and field visit as required;</li><li>Discharge any other relevant assignments/ responsibility as given by the authority (institution &amp; project);</li></ul> <b>Educational Qualification and Experience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Master degree in Psychology/ Clinical Psychology from any recognized university.</li><li>Educational qualification could be relaxed for those who have sufficient experience in the relevant field.</li><li>Minimum three years' experience in the relevant field and good understanding on gender issues</li><li>Excellent written and oral communication skills both in English &amp; Bangla.</li><li>Presentation &amp; Report writing skills.</li><li>Advanced knowledge on MS Office, and online system;</li><li>Experience in dealing with GoB, NGOs and other social stakeholders.</li><li>Ability to work under pressure;</li></ul> <b>Salary and Benefits:</b> Monthly Starting Salary Consolidated Tk. 28,350/- and Yearly Two Bonuses.
2.	<b>Name of Post: Social Worker. No. of Position-33: (Local candidate should apply from the districts mentioned below).</b> <b>Responsibilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Identify children in conflict and contact with the law, vulnerable children in the society, police stations, court or in the selected institution;</li><li>Initiation of case management and support to the Probation Officers/USSO, and institutional caregivers to develop appropriate intervention plan for the children.</li><li>Work with the children in conflict with law for ensuring diversion system and refer them to appropriate community services</li><li>Explore referral opportunities considering best interest of the children whenever needed especially refer the vulnerable children to the CWB.</li><li>Progress monitoring of children and link them with other social protection services exists within the institution or in the community to enhance their development;</li><li>Provide or upload information in the online case management system maintaining required level of standard and time;</li><li>Prepare children for reintegration from the safe home, SUK and orphan and destitute children in the community;</li><li>Visit family and community for family identification and ensuring sustainable reintegration into family and community.</li><li>Provide necessary support to the authority to promote the child friendly environment in the institution and provide support to the functioning of the child council;</li><li>Provide all necessary support to the authority to ensure necessary instalments of CCT to the children on time;</li><li>Assist to Probation Officer and DD-DSS to prepare resource directory.</li><li>Form and functioning of Community based Child Protection Committee(CBCPC)</li><li>Provide information to the line manager and project personnel;</li><li>Collate data and produce periodic progress report and provide progress report to the project;</li><li>Able to work in any diverse situation and field visit as required;</li><li>Discharge any other relevant assignments/ responsibility as given by the authority (institution &amp; project)</li></ul> <b>Educational Qualification and Experience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Masters/Bachelor degree in any discipline from any recognized University. Educational qualification could be relaxed for those who have sufficient experience in the relevant field.</li><li>Minimum three years' Experience in the field of social protection of children, case management;</li><li>Sound knowledge on CRC, family Tracing, Mentoring, and reintegration techniques etc.</li><li>Good written and verbal communication skills both English and Bangla.</li><li>Advanced knowledge on MS Office, and online system;</li><li>Experience in dealing with GoB, NGOs and other social stakeholders.</li><li>Ability to work under pressure;</li></ul> <b>Salary and Benefits:</b> Monthly Starting Salary Consolidated Tk.23,100/- and Yearly Two Bonuses.
	<b>Name of Post: Call Agent for Child Help Line. No. of Position-2: Based in Dhaka.</b> <b>Responsibilities:</b> Responsible to carry out day to day CHL 1098 activities of the project; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Record call information in the prescribed database</li><li>Take initiative for forwarding calls to the decentralized level stakeholders for taking outreach action</li><li>Preserve and maintain CHL data based/ software information;</li><li>Maintain confidentiality of any complain of adult/children and also Supervise/ monitor CHL activities ;</li><li>Maintain liaison with District and Upazila level mobile team &amp; Child Welfare Board (CWB), and other stakeholders ;</li><li>Take follow up action as required</li><li>Provide child friendly telephonic services to children contact CHL.</li><li>Provide Psychosocial Counseling to the callers ;</li><li>Coordinate and collaborate within the CHL team and call center manager.</li><li>Participate in capacity development activities and bring new areas of improvement in terms of CHL database and outreach response to the management ;</li><li>Organize monthly review meeting, monitor cases as well as follow up cases.</li><li>Take any other action as assigned by NPD of CSPB-II and CHL Officer ;</li></ul> <b>Educational Qualification and Experience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bachelor or preferable Masters in Social Science major in relevant areas of Social Work, Law or Psychology</li><li>Minimum three years' experience in the relevant field and good understanding on gender issues</li><li>Excellent written and oral communication skills both in English &amp; Bangla.</li><li>Presentation &amp; Report writing skills.</li><li>Advanced knowledge on MS Office, and online system;</li><li>Experience in dealing with GoB, NGOs and other social stakeholders.</li><li>Ability to work under pressure</li></ul> <b>Salary and Benefits:</b> Monthly Starting Salary Consolidated Tk.23,100/- and Yearly Two Bonuses.
<b>General Conditions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Interested and eligible Bangladeshi nationals are encouraged to apply in plain paper in own handwriting or word processed containing i) Applicant's name; ii) Father's/Husband's name; iii) Mother's name; iv) Present and Permanent address; v) Nationality; vi) Educational Qualifications; vii) Relevant professional training; viii) summary on relevant professional experience &amp; ix) Contact information: Telephone, mobile and e-mail.</li><li>Inhabitants/permanent residents in the selected districts ( Bandarban, Cox'sBazar, Rangamati, Khagrachari, Chittagong, Barisal, Bhola, Barguna, Patuakhali, Sylhet, Hobigonj, Sunamgonj, Moulvibazar, Gazipur, Sherpur, Netrakona, Jamalpur, Kushtia, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Khulna, Jessore, Chapai Nawabgonj, Sirajganj, Rajshahi, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Panchaghor and Lalmonirhat) should apply from the post of serial number 2 and applicants must accompany attested copy of certificate to prove their residential status.</li><li>All applications must accompany attested (i) Two copies of recent passport size colour photographs; (ii) copies of all educational and experience certificates; (iii) National ID.</li><li>In-service applicants shall submit the applications through proper channel.</li><li>Only short listed candidates will be invited for next process</li><li>All applicants must write the name of the post and name of district on the top of envelope.</li><li>Any persuasion shall be treated as disqualification.</li><li>The last date of the application is 30 September 2018.</li><li>Applications must be sent via post and addressed to "The Advertiser, GPO Box No 573 Dhaka-1000.</li><li>The CSPB project phase-II reserves the right to accept any decision required for this recruitment process.</li></ol>	