

**Apologise**  
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present at the talk show -- Ekattor Journal -- hosted by Mithila Farzana on Tuesday. Barrister Mainul was connected via video-conference.

During the discussion, Masuda referred to a video [which went viral on social media] that showed Mainul Hossain had addressed a programme of Islami Chhatra Shibir, expressing solidarity with the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami.

She posed a question during the show: "As a result, many are commenting that you are in the alliance [Jatiya Oikya Front] as a representative of Jamaat-e-Islami... is it true?"

"Giving no response, he made a verbal attack and tried to tarnish my image and dignity. He instructed me to pose questions like that of an 'educated and gentle woman'," she said.

She said Mainul Hossain also shouted and raised his fingers in efforts to stop her. Mithila Farzana warned him that he should not hurl such verbal abuses at a guest during the show.

"Though I was upset, because of my long career as a journalist I kept calm and refrained from counterattacking you [Mainul Hossain]," Masuda said in her statement.

She said he called her on Wednesday evening and sought apology. "Even if I forgive you, it does not justify the grudges of numerous women... the issue is no longer a personal one, but rather an attack on journalists, women professionals and conscious citizens."

"When the attacker is a veteran lawyer, the attack is very exploitative, as well as a violation of law," she said.

Rokeya Kabir, executive director of Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha, said hurling abuses at women, questioning their character, looking down on them have become a norm -- a practice that must be stopped.

In a separate statement, Kazi Reazul Hoque, chairman of National Human Rights Commission, termed Mainul's remarks unexpected, and demanded that he apologise. Ain O Salish Kendra said his remarks are contemptuous and unacceptable. Mainul had demonstrated his narrow-minded attitude towards women.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad termed the remarks indecent and ill-mannered, and said such a comment is an extreme manifestation of existing patriarchal attitude, which is a violation of human rights.

## PROMOTING ANTI-PLASTIC POLICY EU delegation's cleaning drive at Hatirjheel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A delegation of the European Union yesterday organised a token clean-up operation at Hatirjheel Lake in Dhaka to promote EU's anti-plastic policy.

Around 400 members of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) joined the delegation, led by Ambassador Rensje Teerink, during the cleaning drive.

In the face of a global concern for plastic pollution, the EU has taken a strong anti-plastic stance. As its part it initiated various measures to discourage plastic use not just in the EU but in partner countries.

Hatirjheel is considered a place where people can breathe fresh air. But this beautiful lake is littered with plastic and other garbage. The cleaning drive was an effort to generate awareness to protect the lake from pollution.

## Six cops sued

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The case statement added that the plaintiff and her brother Alam went to the police station with breakfast for Kashem where SI Alauddin asked Alam for Tk 2 lakh in exchange of Kashem's release and said that otherwise he (Kashem) will be implicated in a case. When the family members and locals went to talk to the OC, they were not allowed to enter the police station.

However, on September 28 police produced Kashem before the court, telling family members that a murder case was lodged over Ibrahim death and Kashem was the accused.

Lawyer Fazlul said when Rubi Begum went to the court and managed to procure a copy of the case statement, she found that police made her husband accused in an

arms case, dated September 27. Her brother was shown as "fugitive" in the same case.

"From September 26 night to September 28, Kashem was under the custody of Akbar Shah police but they mentioned that a firearm was recovered from his possession. The plaintiff said as police failed to extort money from Kashem, they implicated him in the false case," said lawyer Fazlul.

"The cattle farm run by Kashem's brother-in-law is on a disputed land and a section of influential persons of the area have been trying to grab the land. Kashem used to help his brother-in-law to run the operations of the cattle farm," said lawyer Fazlul, adding that the family said police filed the "false case" and implicated Kashem and his brother-in-law in favour of the land grabbers.

## Trucker's helper

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The police official said, "We had information about him, not his wife." But during interrogation, Morium confessed her involvement. She learnt the ins and outs of the business from her husband and helped him expand its network, he added.

A case was filed with Boalia Police Station in this regard. The couple was placed before a metropolitan magistrate court later in the day, which sent them to jail.

The assistant commissioner said while working in the transport sector, Monwar got involved in the trade. The couple knew a drug peddler in Cox's Bazar who supplied the pills to them

and in return they supplied him with heroin, he added.

In August 2016, Rapid Action Battalion arrested him with 60,000 yaba tablets in Sirajganj. But he was freed on bail.

Monwar then moved to Rajshahi city, after his parents found out about his illegal business, Fazlul Karim said quoting family members.

Monwar also owns a four-storey building on a 5-katha land in the city's Terokhadia area. Other than owning two flats in Dhaka, he had a flat at Uposhahor, which he sold early this year, said the police official.

"We will take them in remand for further investigation," he added.

## 44pc of marriages

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both primary and secondary data.

The factors behind early marriage were cited as superstition about marital status of girls, dowry, insecurity, social pressure, poverty, death of parents, love affairs, sexual harassment, and seeing girls as a family burden.

Of the child brides, 15 percent were students of grades III and V, 50 percent of grade-VIII, and the remaining 35 percent of grades IX and X.

The report also reveals that out of the 85 cases, 35 percent of grooms were underage. Based on their analysis, the coalition recommended establishing a monitoring cell to check underage marriages and finalise the Draft National Action Plan to Eliminate Child Marriage (2015-2021).

Addressing the programme, Ain o Salish

Kendra Executive Director Sheeba Hafiza said, "A fact-finding mission should be formed to better understand the situation of child marriage at the field level."

Laila Jesmin, additional secretary of the women and children affairs ministry, said that besides the Child Marriage Restraint Act-2017, the government has recently formulated the Child Marriage Restraint Rules-2018.

As per the rules, a "verification committee" headed by the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) will be formed in each upazila to evaluate the "best interest" of underage children if they have to be married under the "special circumstances" provision of the law, she said.

She added that they have also planned to celebrate a national day to build awareness about birth registration.

## Railway's Pahartali workshop

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bogies (chassis that carries the train's wheelset) before this Eid-ul-Fitr, while 103 bogies were repaired before Eid-ul-Azha, Mohiuddin said, adding, "In both cases, we got only two months."

Seeking anonymity, a worker told this correspondent, "I have been working here for over 10 years. Makes me wonder how I have survived the insane workload all these years."

"The work stress takes away everything from our lives. We don't have any social life. Our work is quite risky too. I have lost a finger in an accident, and have become chronically fatigued over time", said another worker, also wishing anonymity.

When asked about the accidents, the works manager admitted that everyday at least one worker suffers some sort of injury while working at the workshop. The number goes higher during Eid seasons.

He, however, mentioned that the workshop has adequate safety gears, including helmets, gloves, boots and goggles.

"The workers have become habituated to working without safety gears, and are reluctant to use them; they say when they work with the heavy safety gears on, they cannot give their 100 percent, which results in low productivity."

"As we are always under work pressure, we cannot even force them to wear safety gears even though we know it's risky," Saiful admitted.

Since 2016, the workshop has witnessed a number of developments during different phases of a government project titled "Improvement of Pahartali Workshop".

Most of the antiquated machineries have been replaced with modern equipment; shabby infrastructure has been developed while new sheds and rail tracks have been built. The almost Tk 200 crore-project will be completed next year.

"Till 2015, some 500 coaches remained unattended annually, but we have been fulfilling all our targets since 2016", Saiful added.

"We have full logistics support now. By the next year, we can increase our capacity to six units per day, only if we get the required manpower", he added.

Several letters have been sent describing the manpower crisis to the higher authorities on different occasions, said divisional superintendent FM Mohiuddin.

"Bangladesh Railway is responsible for the overall recruitment. Even in our last monthly meeting, we proposed a policy under which workshop authorities would be able to directly recruit skilled workers", he added.

When contacted, General Manager of Bangladesh Railway's East Zone, Syed Faruk Ahmed said he was aware of the manpower crunch.

A recruitment drive is about to start soon, he said but could not give any further details.

## Policy

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ensured for the women of the society. The government has been working to ensure nutrition-enriched food for both mother and children, she added.

Dr Naznin Ahmed said people have a responsibility to create awareness to check misuse of food. "There should be a social movement against misuse of food," she said.

Speakers at the seminar also said enactment of a law is essential to protect agricultural land to ensure food security.

## 93rd birth

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Nachole uprising from 1946 to 1950. She was arrested in 1950 and in police custody, she underwent brutal physical abuse and torture. She was sentenced to life imprisonment by the court.

In 1954, after she fell seriously ill in Rajshahi jail, the erstwhile government of Pakistan allowed her to go to Kolkata for treatment on parole. She never returned home and later resumed her political activities in Kolkata. She died in Kolkata on October 13, 2002.

## Official

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"We should work from the policy level to ensure their rights in all aspects. Also, social awareness should address the challenges the Hijra community faces and bureaucracy should be strengthened to ensure their rights," said Menon.

NHRC Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque said they proposed an anti-discrimination law and sent the draft to social welfare ministry for review.

He added that the education board should accept the affidavit from transgender individuals to have their names changed on certificates, and said that he would discuss it with the concerned authorities.

Reazul urged the Election Commission (EC) to make a separate voting list for the Hijra community or instruct presiding officers to make special arrangements for the third gender to enable them to cast votes with ease at the upcoming national election.

Norwegian Ambassador Sidsel Bleken, among others, spoke at the programme.

## Calls grow louder

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movement, brought out a protest procession on the campus demanding cancellation of "Gha" Unit entry test and its result.

Later, they held a rally at Raju Memorial Sculpture, and demanded immediate arrest of those involved in this year's question leakage and expelling students who enrolled in the university through unfair means in the last three years. They also threatened to wage tougher movement if the DU authorities failed to meet their demand by yesterday.

The protesters carried placards which read: "Stop question leakage", "Save DU, save education system", and "Those who are involved in question leak are enemy of the nation".

The top hundred qualifiers in the "Gha" Unit admission test had failed in their respective unit's examinations. "It is enough proof of question leak in Gha Unit," said Rashed Khan, a joint convener of the platform.

"Do not destroy the lives of students and the backbone of the country only for retain-

ing so-called image," another joint convener Bin Yeamin Molla urged the authorities.

Law enforcers have found evidence that hand-written question paper of "Gha" Unit admission test was leaked 43 minutes prior to the exam, and circulated by two admission information centres in Bogura.

Six people, including an admission seeker and his father, were arrested on Saturday in connection with the incident.

The DU authorities admitted that the question paper of "Gha" Unit admission test was leaked, but seemed unwilling to label it as "question leak", and called it "digital forgery".

The "Gha" Unit admission test, held on October 12, saw a surprising pass rate of around 26 percent, which is the highest pass rate in this unit in the last five years.

Allegations of question paper leak in "Gha" Unit admission test had also surfaced last year, after e-mails containing questions of the English part of the exam were sent to some admission seekers around eight hours before the exam.

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No- 27.27.2666.103.03.021.18. 2.636

Date: 18 October 2018

**Corrigendum-01**

The following corrigendum has been made to the Tender No.: 27.27.2666.103.03.021.18.2257, dated 09 September 2018 for Procurement of Spares for Boiler Feed Pump and Deaerator Pump for Haripur 412 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant, EGCB Ltd., Haripur, Bandar, Narayanganj, Bangladesh:

Sl. No.	Sl. No. of Invitation for Tenders	Items/ Descriptions	Existing	Revised As
1	17	Tender Last Selling Date	22/10/2018 up to 17:00 Hr (BST)	20/11/2018 up to 17:00 Hr (BST)
2	18	Tender Submission Date & Time	23/10/2018 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)	22/11/2018 up to 12:00 Hr (BST)
3	19	Tender Opening Date & Time	23/10/2018 on 12:30 Hr (BST)	22/11/2018 on 12:30 Hr (BST)

All Other Terms and Conditions of the Tender shall remain unchanged.

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**bpkt** **Corrigendum of Express of Interest (Eol) Notice**

Memo No-BPKT/63-2016/881

Date: 17.10.2018

Invitation for Express of Interest (Eol) Notice published in different national dailies as per Memo No-BPKT/63-2016/829 Date: 04/10/2018 for design, procurement and installation a data center is hereby amended as follows:

Sl No.	Description	Published	Revised
9.	Eol closing date & time	21 October 2018 at 14:00	25 October 2018 at 14:00
11.	Qualification and experience	The firm can make Joint Venture (JV) with any international firms having proven experience of designing data center, manufacture and supply of passive equipments of data center and establishing data center both domestic (at least 3) and international (at least 3). The list of works completed along with the certificates of completion from the respective procuring entity (PE) must be submitted.	The firm shall have experience of successfully designing, installing and commissioning of at least 03 (Three) data centers (DC) of which one must be in financial institution/banks for last 05 (Five) years. The list of works completed along with the certificates of completion from the respective procuring entity (PE) must be submitted.
	The international partner of JV must state its position in the data center equipments in the Magic Quadrant published by Gartner (2017 & 2018)	Statement of skilled and professionally competent workforce of the firm, availability of wealth in accomplishing the work.	Statement of skilled and professionally competent workforce of the firm and managerial competency in accomplishing the work.
	Financial solvency and managerial competence showing bank Statement of last 12 months.	Financial Solvency Certificate	
	Warranty of two years for the equipments supplied	Removed	
	Ten years annual maintenance agreement of which first two years will be free of service charge	Removed	
	Organization brochure containing fields of expertise and advantages.	Organization brochure containing fields of expertise and competence. Detail product/solution Brochures/Catalogues have to be submitted.	

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