



Protesting the verdict in August 21 grenade attack cases, Barishal district and city units of BNP hold a rally in front of the party office yesterday.

ASK concerned over border killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK) in a press release yesterday expressed deep concern over the recent killings of Bangladeshi nationals by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) along different bordering areas of the two countries.

On Saturday, Bangladeshi citizen Rabbani, 25, was killed as BSF shot him on Kantiviti border under Batiadangi upazila of Thakurgaon. The same month, on October 14, another Bangladeshi, Mamun Rashid, 30, was shot dead by BSF on Dana and Lobha border in Kanaighat of Sylhet, ASK said.

Such continuous killings by BSF, despite their repetitive assurance of discontinuing the use of firearms on the border, are regrettably a violation of international rules, ASK said, hoping that the Bangladesh government will take a tough stance against the killings of Bangladeshi nationals and create diplomatic pressure on India in this regard.

NEWS IN brief

Rahima Khatun passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rahima Khatun, mother of The Daily Star senior reporter Rejaul Karim Byron, passed away yesterday at her residence in Kalaroa upazila of Satkhiria.

The 75-year-old had been suffering from old-age complications for the last few years.

She left behind three sons and a daughter to mourn her death.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held today and later she will be buried at her family graveyard in Jalalabad area of the upazila in Satkhiria.

The Daily Star expressed deepest condolences to the bereaved family members.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Hamida Begum's death anniversary

CITY DESK

Today is the fifth death anniversary of Hamida Begum, wife of late Adeluddin Ahmed, founder member of Awami League and former minister, said a press release.

On this occasion, a milad mahfil will be held after Asr prayers at her residence in Jhiltuly area of Faridpur.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the event and pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul.



Form sexual harassment cell at media outlets

Women journalists suggest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Every media outlets should establish a code of conduct and sexual harassment cell, women journalists suggested at a conference yesterday.

"Women journalists experience stereotyping, unfair treatment and harassment by their male colleagues, and sometimes feel threatened and insecure about their jobs," Nasimun Ara Haque, president of Bangladesh Nari Sangbadik Kendra, said, adding that it prompts them to give up the profession.

She made the observation while speaking at the third national conference of the organisation at Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) on the capital's Circuit House Road.

Women journalists from across the country attended the conference, to address their professional challenges and explore opportunities for women in journalism.

The number of female journalists in both print and electronic media in the

country is less than expected, said Nasimun Ara Haque, adding that women should be appointed in the executive level and they should play a crucial role in decision-making in the newsroom.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu, speaking at the programme, urged women journalists to be passionate about the profession, and to develop their own writing style.

He said women and children are most vulnerable to cyber attack, and the media has a major role to play in curbing the risk.

Veteran journalist and Bangladesh Nari Sangbadik Kendra adviser Setara Musa said back in 1960s, only a handful of women came to the profession. "It is a great accomplishment to see a houseful of female journalists today. The number will increase in coming days," she added.

The programme was supported by Southeast Bank Limited, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Toma Construction and Bombay Sweets.

Fair playing foul

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Shandip Kumar Singha, additional deputy commissioner (general) of Sylhet, said the administration allotted the field as the ministry concerned permitted.

He added, "We know there are laws about not leasing out any playing field for other purposes, but the ministry must know the law better. Since they gave the permission, we have allotted it."

Shipar Ahmed, president of SCCI, who is organising the fair, denied acknowledgement of any such law.

"As far I know the rule only applies to school grounds. But even if there is one, the

administration or the ministry should know better. We are organising the fair as per their permission," he said.

NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL

NSC is developing a total of 131 fields as Sheikh Russel Mini Stadiums and has already completed development works of half of them, including the one in Sylhet Sadar.

According to NSC, these open fields are to be used for sporting purposes only, and will be open for all to play.

NSC claimed to have already informed all responsible authorities not to lease these fields for any other purpose.

Teens promise to work

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President of PKSF Qazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmad, who administered the oath, said the main condition of sustainable development is inclusiveness. Keeping it in mind, PKSF works for sustainable development, and this conference was a part of the integrated programme, he added.

Among others, Managing Director of PKSF Md Abdul Karim and member of the PKSF governing body Naznin Sultan addressed the programme.

The participants also shared their thoughts and viewpoints at the conference.

"This kind of initiatives will increase our confidence and instil leadership skills in us. It will help build quality leadership in the future," said Shahzadi Binte Razzak, a tenth-grader of Nabab Fayzunnesa Government Girls School in Comilla.

Another tenth-grader, Anika Ashraf of Duribinni High School of Jhenaidah, said, "This conference has awakened our values and given us a guideline to move in a new direction."

Detectives arrest five car thieves

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The group of five people did not own the car they put on sale. They rented it, sedated the driver on the way, and then went on to sell it. But they ran out of luck this time -- their prospective buyers were detectives.

One of the gang members was a woman, Sharmin alias Rani, 19, of Faridpur. The others were Md Mamun, 23, of Dhaka, Md Titu, 28, of Chandpur, Shahidul Islam, 30, Pirojpur, and Ashraful Islam, 23, of Bogra.

The detectives from Rajshahi arrested them at Elenga Filling Station in Tangail, said Superintendent of Police in Rajshahi Md Shahidullah. "Although from different districts, the five formed the gang in Dhaka for stealing private cars," he said.

The district police last month arrested a gang of eight who used to steal trucks and recovered 13 trucks from them. They also seized a private car from the gang leader Monir and learnt that he bought the car from a gang of carjackers.

"We then engaged a team of detectives to look for the gang," the SP said.

After locating the gang, the detectives asked to buy a car from them. The gang then targeted a Toyota Axio of Dhaka and rented it to go to Gazipur safari park from Savar. On the way, the driver was sedated and the car stolen. When the gang reached Tangail, they were arrested.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Segunbagicha, Dhaka

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Automation of Diplomatic Vehicle Management Services of Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Ministry	Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. Wing	Protocol Wing.
3. Procuring entity	DCP (Mission Service), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka.
4. Invitation for	Expression of Interest.
5. EOI for selection of	Qualified Software and Database Management Firm.
6. EOI Ref. No.	MS-1/DVMS/2018/01
7. Date	22 October 2018

KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement method	(Quality and Cost Based Selection) QCBS.
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9. Budget and source of fund	GoB.
10. Development partners	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11. Project name	Automation of Diplomatic Vehicle Management Services of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
12. Ref. No.	MS-1/DVMS/2018/01
13. EOI closing date and time	Date: 12 November 2018 Time: 12:30pm
14. Place/date/time of pre RFP meeting	Place: Office of the Deputy Chief of Protocol (Mission Service), Room No. M-206 Date and Time: Will be informed later to short listed firms.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15. Brief description of the project	a) The Protocol Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh provides necessary vehicle related permissions (e.g. Import permit, registration, purchase permission, tax exemption etc.) for all diplomatic missions and UN Organizations in Dhaka. Each service requires a set of documents to be submitted by the missions and has different approval levels which will be processed digitally in this automation project.
	b) The firm has to develop vehicular services related application management interface/online platform with different approval levels and should have database management and query function; and a mobile application (with login restriction) for the Ministry's authorized personnel.
	c) There will be a separate server along with a backup server for managing the data and the online platform that will be installed in the ministry.
	a) The minimum number of years in providing the relevant services should be at least 05 (five) years.
	b) The applicant should have similar work experiences of at least 03 (three) Nos. of contracts in last 02 (two) years which has been provided to government Ministry/Division level.
	c) Applicant should have a registered trade licence and head office in Dhaka.
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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

17. Association with foreign firms	Association with foreign firms is not encouraged.
18. Type of security amount	BDT 200,00/- (two lakh Taka) in the form of Pay Order or DD in favour of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, after selection of the qualified firm.

OTHER INFORMATION

19. Project Phasing	Duration
a) Beta version of online interface	a) Should be available for testing within 03 (three) months of awarding of the contract.
b) Final version of online interface	b) Should be ready within 5 (five) months of awarding of contract.
c) Project completion	c) Within six months of awarding of contract.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20. Name of the official inviting the EOI	Mr. Zikrul Hasan Fahad.
21. Designation of the official inviting EOI	Assistant Secretary (Mission Service-1).
22. Address of the official inviting the EOI	Room No. M-310, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
23. Contact details of the official inviting the EOI	Phone: 02-9569492, Email: ms1@mofa.gov.bd
24. The procuring authority reserves the right to accept any or reject all EOs without any reason whatsoever.	

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