

'Work for people, not for making own fortune'

PM tells new Barishal mayor, councillors

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked public representatives to work for the welfare of people, not for making their own fortune.

"You're elected representatives. People cast votes for you. You'll have to value every voter. You'll have to be sincere so that all can enjoy civic amenities," she added.

The PM said this at the oath-taking ceremony of newly-elected mayor of Barishal City Corporation (BCC) Serniabat Sadiq Abdullah, held at Shapla Hall of her office.

Local Government Division's Senior Secretary Dr Zafar Ahmed Khan conducted the oath-taking ceremony.

The 30 newly-elected councillors of general wards and 10 female councillors of reserved seats of BCC were also sworn in at the event, by Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain.

"We've taken massive development programmes. You'll have to be sincere so that every penny of the allocation is used for the welfare of people," Sheikh Hasina told the mayor and councillors.

She also urged them to work for protecting the young generation from terrorism, militancy and drugs.



An agitator kicks a driver through a bus window, during a blockade on Postogola bridge in Dhaka yesterday by drivers of trucks and CNG-run auto-rickshaws. The protesters took to the street after authorities increased the toll amount for these two types of vehicles, stopping all vehicles from plying the bridge. Many passengers, including this woman, bottom right, with a newborn in her arms had to walk to their destinations.

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DEMANDING JOB REGULARISATION

Secondary school teachers call hunger strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After staging a daylong sit-in yesterday, a section of secondary school teachers who were recruited under a project for three years, announced to go for an indefinite hunger strike demanding the government immediately fulfil its pledge of making their jobs permanent.

The strike will start at 12:00 noon today in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital, the additional class teachers (ACT) declared from a sit-in that continued till filing of this report around 10:00pm.

Under the banner of Additional Class Teachers Association, several hundred teachers from different

schools across the country took part in the protest with banners and posters.

The government in 2015 recruited a total of 5,200 teachers as ACT under the World Bank-funded project titled "Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project (SEQAEP)" to increase math, science and English skills among secondary school students.

The project ended on December 31 last year. Before and after completion of the project, several government officials, including education ministry secretary, assured them that their jobs would be made permanent, the teachers said yesterday.

Although their payment remained

halted after completion of the project, they continued teaching following the assurance, in hopes that their current jobs would become permanent.

Koushik Chandra Bormon, president of the association, said they submitted necessary documents to the education ministry in August this year.

"The ministry assured us to make a decision to make our job permanent within seven days after the submission [of the documents]. Many days have passed, but we are yet to get any solution," he said.

"Many of us didn't search for other jobs. Most of us have already crossed the age-limit [30 years] to apply for government jobs. Now, we have nowhere to go," added Koushik.

"We are going through a financial crisis. We humbly request the government to publish a gazette for making our jobs permanent soon," he said.

Mahi Uddin, joint secretary of the association, said a few of them managed to take other jobs, and currently around 4,500 of the ACT teachers are still teaching at the schools.

"We helped enhance the country's education quality. Instead of being thanked, we are being deprived. The government could tell us 10 months ago that our jobs wouldn't be made permanent. Why did they give us hope?" said Mahi.

At one stage during the protest, police asked the teachers to leave the spot as they were "not given permission" for the demonstration. As the teachers denied to leave, policemen took away some of their banners.



Police snatched away banners from the protesters, after they defied law enforcers' instruction to leave the spot in front of Jatiya Press Club.

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OBITUARY



Mr. Hafeezuddin Ahmad, son of Late Mr. Fakhruddin Ahmad passed away peacefully on the morning of Sunday, October 21st, 2018. He was laid to rest in the family graveyard in Gazipur on the same day.

Mr. Hafeezuddin Ahmad was an Engineer by profession and an Alumni of St. Gregory High School, Notre Dame College and Ahsanullah Engineering College (BUET). For the first part of his career, he worked at Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) becoming its DMD and then at the World Bank. He established the International Finance Corporation (IFC) office in Bangladesh and was the first Country Head.

An active outdoorsman and avid nature lover, he was a loving father and a devoted family man who was fortunate to have his family around him at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife Shahida Ahmad, son Rumi Ahmad, daughter Saba Khondker, son-in-law Hasan Khondker, six grandchildren and many loving relatives and friends. The family solicits your prayers to the Almighty Allah for his departed soul.

A Doa Mahfil will be held on Thursday October 25th 2018, after Asr prayers at the Gulshan Azad Masjid. Family, friends and well-wishers are requested to join the Doa Mahfil.

Killed in sight of their families

3 die in Jatrabari accidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three people were killed in two separate road accidents in the capital's Jatrabari area yesterday, while the country observed National Road Safety Day.

Selim, 25, a toy factory worker and Jewel, 30, a bus driver, were passing through two parked buses at Jatrabari bus stand when the bus at the back was hit by another speeding bus, crushing both of them.

The incident happened right in front of Selim's 60-year-old mother Monwara, who came from Madaripur recently for treatment. She was walking behind her son at the time, Monwara told reporters at Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the two were rushed. Both victims succumbed to their injuries at the hospital.

Kazi Wazed Ali, OC of Jatrabari Police Station, said they seized two buses of Trans Silva Paribahan, and arrested a driver who could not produce his driving licence.

Just three hours later, a 50-year-old mother died in front of her family in the same area. Morsheda Begum, 50, was hit by a bus when she and her family members were waiting to cross the road in front of Saddam Market, said her nephew Bashirul Islam.

Morsheda came from Brahmanpara of Cumilla around 10 days back to her son Gias Uddin's house, Bashirul added.

NARCOTICS CONTROL BILL PLACED AT JS

Death penalty for carrying yaba, heroin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Narcotics Control Bill 2018 was placed in parliament last night, with provision for death sentence or life-term imprisonment for carrying, producing, trading and using more than five grammes of yaba, and more than 25 grammes of heroin and cocaine.

Home minister Asaduzzaman Khan placed the bill, which was sent to the respective parliamentary standing committee for further examination. The committee was asked to submit its report within two days.

In the existing law, Narcotics Control Act 1990, there is no provision for death sentence or life imprisonment for offences related to heroin and cocaine. The maximum punishment is 15 years.

According to the proposed law, punishment for transporting, trading, storing, producing, processing, applying and using more than five grams of yaba or methamphetamine will be death penalty or life-term imprisonment.

For less than five grammes of the substance, the punishment will be

minimum one year to maximum five years of jail, alongside the fine.

According to Department of Narcotics Control, about 50 methamphetamine pills weigh five grammes.

Methamphetamine substances were also included into A-category narcotics in the proposed law, as it is not in the existing act.

Shisha, khat and dope tests were incorporated in the draft bill, as the existing law do not address these.

Punishment for transporting, trading, storing, producing, processing, applying and using more than 25 grammes of narcotics originated from heroin, cocaine and coca will be death penalty or life-term imprisonment, while for less than 25 grammes of the A-category narcotics, the penalty will be two years to 10 years of jail.

The maximum punishment for any individual or organisation financing or patronising drug dealing will be death penalty.

On October 8, the cabinet approved draft of the act to update the existing one in line with relevant UN conventions, of which Bangladesh is a signatory.

TIB urges JS to not pass civil service bill

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday called upon the Jatiya Sangsad not to pass the bill for the "Sarkari Chakori Ain-2018", pointing out a discriminatory provision in it which is contradictory to the country's constitution.

In a statement, the anti-graft watchdog expressed deep concern over the bill's placement before parliament on Sunday.

The provision in question makes it mandatory for the Anti-Corruption Commission to take permission before arresting any public servant. As per the bill, no public servant can be arrested until a court frames charges against them unless prior permission is obtained from the authorities concerned.

The proposed provision is discriminatory and contradictory to the constitution, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said in the statement.

"While permission will not be required in case of [taking action against] common people and public representatives for similar kind of offences, adding the provision for [obtaining]

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NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC BIDDING BY THE ELIGIBLE INVESTORS TO DETERMINE THE CUT-OFF PRICE OF ORDINARY SHARES OF ADN TELECOM LIMITED

This is for kind information of all concerned that the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has given consent vide letter Ref: BSEC/CI/BB-13/2017/617 dated 5th September, 2018 to commence electronic bidding by the Eligible Investors (EIs) to determine the cut-off price of ordinary shares of **ADN Telecom Limited** under Book-building Method. Subsequently the Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (DSE) has given consent for commencement of bidding vide letter no. DSE/Listing/ULC/2018/6510 dated October 09, 2018. All Eligible Investors (EIs) are hereby requested to visit the website www.essbangladesh.com and participate in the bidding process through the electronic bidding system from 5:00 p.m. on November 05, 2018 and continue till 5:00 p.m. on November 08, 2018 (round the clock). The offering summary and detail of bidding are as follows:

Offering Summary:

Issue Name	: ADN Telecom Limited
Issuer Code	: ADNTEL
Total Public Offering Size in amount	: BDT 570,000,000/-
Face Value	: BDT 10/-each share
Issue size in amount for Eligible Investors	: BDT 356,250,000/-
Maximum amount allowed to bid by a bidder	: BDT 7,125,000/-
20% of Maximum amount for a Bidder to deposit	: BDT 1425,000/-
Market Lot	: 100 Shares
Tick Size	: 1 (One)
Manager to the Issue	: ICB Capital Management Limited

Details of Bidding

Deposit of Bidding Fees (BDT 5,000) and 20% of Bidding amount	: Start at 10:00 a.m. on November 05, 2018 and continue till 2:00 p.m. on November 08, 2018
Electronic Bidding Start	: 5:00 p.m. on November 05, 2018
Electronic Bidding Closed	: 5:00 p.m. on November 08, 2018
Duration of Bidding	: 72 Hours (Round the Clock)
Maximum Number of Bid can be placed by a Bidder	: 1 (One)
Bid Revision Limit	: 10% Variation on first bid price for once within the bidding period
Mode of payment	: Pay Order/Demand Draft/ B.B. Cheque /Cash
Browsing Website for Book-building System	: www.essbangladesh.com
Offer Period for Eligible Investors	: Start at 10:30 a.m. on November 11, 2018 and continue till 10:30 a.m. on November 12, 2018 (round the clock)
Valuation Report submission period for Eligible Investors	: Start at 10:30 a.m. on November 12, 2018 and continue till 10:30 a.m. on November 14, 2018 (round the clock)

Bank Detail for Depositing Bidding Money

a.	Bank Name	: Eastern Bank Limited
b.	Account Name	: Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited
c.	Account Number	: 1011360493189
d.	Branch	: Any Branch in Bangladesh

For and on behalf of **ADN Telecom Limited**

Sd/-
(Henry Hilton)
Managing Director