JNU CORRESPONDENT

Two Dhaka courts yesterday directed police to interrogate BNP Joint Secretary General Habibun Nabi Khan Sohel at the jail gate within ten days in connection with two cases filed against him in February and July for causing violence and obstructing police from discharging duties.

The courts of Metropolitan Magistrate Saiduzzaman Sharif and Sadbir Yeasir Ahsan Chowdhury passed separate orders directing police to interrogate Sohel at the jail gate, after he was produced before both courts with a seven-day remand prayer.

Meanwhile, Metropolitan Magistrate Saiduzzaman Sharif also ordered police to interrogate seven other BNP leaders and activists including Md Arifur Rahman, Md Abu Taher, SM Kabir, Md Fazlul Haque Moni, Nurul Huda, Md Aminul Islam and Md Emdadul Haque, in the violence case filed with Ramna Police Station in



Experts and stakeholders share opinions on the outcomes of a baseline survey on measures taken to stop violence against children, at The Daily Star Centre yesterday. It was organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST).

# Children punished mostly for poor academic performance

Shows BLAST-Save the Children baseline study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some 52.5 percent of children of the country face different forms of punishment both at home and outside while 15.2 percent experience sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), according to a baseline survey.

The study also revealed that the children are mostly punished, in 72 percent cases, only for their poor educational performance which, educationists say, could be reduced if the burden of exams is taken off their shoulders.

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) launched the survey report at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

BLAST and Save the Children jointly conducted the three-month study during the first half of 2018 on 402 children and 402 parents or guardians in Dhaka, Chattogram and Rajshahi cities, Shibganj of Chapainawabganj, Sreemangal of Moulvibazar, Sylhet and Faridpur.

Prof Salma Akhter, consultant of ARCED Foundation; Advocate Tajul Islam, advisor of BLAST; and Mahbuba Akter, deputy-director of BLAST, presented the findings while educationist Rasheda K Choudhury addressed the programme as chief guest.

The study investigated two aspects -- Physical and Humiliating Punishment (PHP) and Sexual and Gender-based Violence (SGBV).

According to the report, 76 percent of children in Dhaka city face violence related to PHP at home while 63 percent face the same kind of punishment in Godagari upazila of Rajshahi.

Some 51.46 percent of fathers, 54.35 percent of mothers, and 51.06 percent of other guardians justified punishing children as a disciplinary action, the study says.

Findings also show both boys and girls face SGBV by their close relatives or by strangers. Some 19.92 percent of girls and 7.69 percent of boys faced SGBV during the one-year preceding the study time.

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FROM PAGE 3 David Blunkett, who is blind since birth, was the home secretary of the United Kingdom from June 8, 2001 to December 15, 2004.

Asif told UNB that he will advocate for the rights of physicallychallenged people so that they have their representation in the Jatiya Sangsad and enter government services.

He will also advocate for a provision in tax law so that physically-challenged people do not have to pay value added taxes.

Asif is the joint secretary of religious affairs in Jatiya Party. He collected the nomination form on November 13 and submitted it to the party office on November 15.

Though his ancestral village is under

Patuakhali-1, Asif did not purchase the nomination form to contest the polls from that constituency as Jatiya Party Secretary General ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader is a probable candidate from there.

Born in 1969 at Paschim Dewkhali village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, Asif studied up to Dhakil (equivalent to SSC) at Patukhali Nesaria Madrasah.

A father of three children, Asif supports his family by delivering religious lectures across the country.

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said she was unhappy as her work did not leave time for much else. She wanted to live life on her own terms. Now, she is doing exactly that and earning five times more than that of her previous job.

Most of the 23 full-time freelancers had conventional jobs and almost all of them reported higher job satisfaction and were making double to 20 times more than what they used to.

"My current profession allows me to spend a lot of time with my child," said Kazi Drohee Rahman, a freelancer in administrative support.

Among the 23, 16 said their families supported their decision; seven replied in the negative.

Shohel said his family is happier as his wife and children would hardly see him when he had a regularjob. "In my early days of freelancing,

my family was not on board. But now when they see that I'm happier and more successful, they have accepted it," Marilin said.

SOCIAL DISCOMFORT

As far as the feeling of social unease or discomfort is concerned, most freelancers (14 of the 23) said they felt no discomfort, while nine admitted to have the feeling of unease at varying levels.

Although they are aware that some people around them fail to value their profession, they also know that others' impression of

them is not in their hands. Shaihan Murshed, a software developer, said, "I don't care what

others think of me. I do what I do best and that's what matters." Shohel suggested that such feel-

ing of social discomfort or anxiety should not be an issue as freelancing is just another profession. Different estimates put the

number of freelancers in the country to be around 650,000. Export earnings from software and information technology enabled services in Bangladesh increased to \$800 million in 2017 from \$400 million in 2014. The government aims to increase it to over \$1 billion by this year and \$5 billion by 2021.

Bangladesh is already the second largest country in supplying online labour, according to the Oxford Internet Institute (OII).

### Six arrested over

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he devised the plan. He and his products. accomplices committed the burglary on November 22," the DC said.

Three CPUs, four UPS, an airconditioner and some other goods were stolen. Police identified the suspects from CCTV footage, he added. Mostafa, Dulal and Kalu were

involved in the theft, police said, adding that they also arrested the persons who bought the stolen

Earlier, Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka in a press release said burglars broke into its Consular Section on November 22 evening and took away computers containing official records and sensitive data.

The matter was immediately reported to police and an FIR was lodged.

#### First death anniversary of Prof Aminul Islam today

CITY DESK

Today is the first death anniversary of Prof Dr Aminul Islam,

founder vice chancellor and emeritus professor of Daffodil

International University, says a press release. He was also a professor

of soil science at Dhaka University and VC of National University.

Family members have requested relatives, friends and well-wishers to pray for the eternal peace of the departed

#### HC order

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against the siblings in 2010 for not submitting wealth statements, said Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik.

He also said the cases are now under investigation.

Barrister Ajmalul Hossain argued for the siblings, while Advocate Khurshid Alam Khan appeared for ACC.

### Muzaffar Ali's

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Barakanda of Meghna and in 1970, he cofounded Bangabandhu College in Manikarchar of Homna. In 1984, he founded Muzaffar Ali Foundation in Sonargaon of Narayanganj for the welfare of underprivileged children.

Muzaffar Ali died of cardiac failure in 1998.

## Ctg candidates

Chattogram-4 (Sitakunda) candidate Didarul Alam submitted their nomination papers from AL at the returning officers' offices.

Chattogram Divisional Commissioner Mohammad Abdul Mannan said they distributed an adequate number of nomination papers and hoped that the election would be

held in a free and fair manner. According to the election schedule, deadline for submission of nomination papers ended yesterday.

# Dhaka's microclimate BNP banking on new faces

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In the presentation, it was said that Dhaka will be the 4th largest megacity, considering its population, on the planet by 2025 but due to a lack of proper action plan, its microclimate situation is deteriorating fast.

Dr Atiq Rahman said water, energy and food management have to be in a coordinated manner as everything related to environment is linked to the three.

An official of the Bangladesh Meteorological Department informed the workshop that his office has set up 200 air quality monitoring stations across the city.

He said some more stations will be set up soon. Iqbal Habib said Dhaka's population grew enormously

since independence while it lost greenery, ponds, and canals. But no action plan was implemented to recover the lost water bodies although it is still possible to recover those.

Prof Maruful Haque said the government undertakes too many policies and plans. However, little has been implemented. The lack of implementation has huge costs.

Prof Shamsul Alam said that Dhaka city's air quality is reaching a dangerous level and many diseases are the result of that.

He said the government has undertaken an 81-year Delta Plan to deal with environment and other issues, adding that the Delta Plan 2100 will be upgraded every five years to accommodate the emerging issues.

## Digital journalism

Esselborn said their aim is to support the university to

"We are also providing trainings to university teachers and students on different digital topics so that they can

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develop and strengthen journalism education in Bangladesh, especially in the field of digital journalism.

acquire knowledge about digital technologies," she said.

(Ref# IFT/SCI/BDCO/FY-18/00006)



International tender for "Procurement and distribution of Medical Equipment, funded by USAID" published by Save the Children International in "The Daily Prothom Alo & The Daily Star" on November 14, 2018 has been cancelled due

to some unavoidable circumstances. Senior Manager, Procurement and Supply Chain

Dhaka city Jamaat leader Selim Uddin also

submitted nomination form for the same constituency as a backup candidate. He is contesting as an independent candidate. Ganasamhati Andolon's Chief Coordinator Zonayed Saki submitted his

for Dhaka-12 as an independent candidate. Since morning, the room of Dhaka Divisional Commissioner's office, where assistant returning officers (ARO) were completing necessary formalities, was almost packed with aspirants and their associates and journalists. After completing formalities there,

returning officer (RO) at an adjacent room. After lunch, police barred additional people from entering the RO office, which led to altercations with supporters of the aspirants.

they submitted the nominations papers to the

Meanwhile, AROs had to work till 6:00pm as several aspirants came to the office a few minutes before the closing time at 5:00pm.

RO KM Ali Azam later told reporters that they did not receive any complaint about violation of electoral code of conduct. "We are committed to hold a free and fair election and have taken necessary measures to execute rules and directives of the Election Commissioners," he said.

Azmira Sultana, an independent candidate, submitted hers for Dhaka-14.

A huge number of law enforcers were deployed in the area to avert any untoward situation. A total of 32 returning officers worked at six counters to collect nomination letters of candidates for Dhaka's 15 constituencies, said KM Ali Azam.

In total, 213 candidates submitted nominations for the 15 constituencies, said Mohammad Shahjalal, an ARO of Dhaka.

1,2,3,19,20 -- outside the metropolitan area have submitted their nomination papers at the offices of respective AROs. 'EC DIDN'T ACCEPT NOMINATION'

Aspirants for the five seats -- Dhaka

BNP standing committee member Mirza

Abbas last night alleged that the Election Commission did not accept his nomination paper for Dhaka-9 constituency.

"The returning officer did not accept his nomination paper for Dhaka-9," Mizanur Rahman Sohel, personal secretary of Mirza Abbas, told The Daily Star.

The BNP leader, however, has submitted nomination paper for Dhaka-8 constituency while his wife Afroza Abbas submitted hers for Dhaka-9, said Sohel. Abbas submitted the nominations through his representatives, he He informed that only one candidate added. The Daily Star could not get comsubmitted nomination paper online. ments of the returning officer in this regard.

#### **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**



BRAC University, the top ranked private university in Bangladesh is looking for a suitable candidate for the following position:

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Manager, Security and Logistics Management

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skills, abilities and experience meet the requirements as outlined in the job description and job circular.

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Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

# Associate Project Analyst

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Description of Responsibilities

members of the civil society.

A special emergency project for the Rohingya refugees has been approved by ADB and will require an office to run its activities. In line with this, the Associate Project Analyst will provide high quality, timely and accurate administrative, statistical, and analytical support to the functions of portfolio management and project administration in general. The incumbent will report to the designated international staff and senior national staff of BRM.

Reporting Arrangement Supervisor: Designated International Staff and senior National

Selection Criteria Specific criteria include

application software

Suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned above at the required level

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Bachelor's degree or equivalent professional and/or academic qualification in engineering, economics, finance, business administration or related area. Minimum of 5 years of relevant professional experience

- Good knowledge of processing and project administration
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- areas and relevant workflows and their purposes. Able to work independently by managing priorities and workload within general schedule of work, instructions and standardized

Able to maintain composure under pressure

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Reporting Arrangement

Selection Criteria Specific criteria include Suitability to undertake the responsibilities mentioned above at

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- equivalent academic qualifications At least 5 years of relevant experience in urban sector and a
- sound understanding of procedures and practices related to country operations programming, project development, and processing; related experience in international agencies will be preferred

Proven ability to undertake background research and analysis on difficult and well-defined tasks, collect and organize required data and information, apply appropriate computer skills in analyzing and developing data, and in preparing notes, papers

and sections of reports Ability to establish and maintain productive contacts with appropriate officials of host government, donor agencies and executing agencies

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