



Bangladesh Nari Mukti Kendra forms a human chain in front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding justice for the raped woman from Noakhali. The mother of four children was gang-raped in the districts' Subarna Char hours after the December 30 general election as, what the woman said, she refused to vote for Awami League.

PHOTO: STAR

Violence against women saw alarming rise in 2018

Says Mahila Parishad report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The number of rapes, sexual assaults and incidents of violence against women were higher in 2018 than the previous year, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) said yesterday.

In 2018, incidents of sexual abuse in the country saw an alarming rise, in which 3,918 women and girls became victims, BMP said in a press statement.

A total of 942 women were raped across the country, among which 182 were gang-raped, 63 were killed after rape and 71 were abused sexually, said the statement, citing media reports. Also, 19 women were victims of acid attacks, which saw death of three, according to the report.

At least 212 women became victims of violence over dowry, among which 102 were

killed and 10 committed suicide.

As per the statement, 441 women were victims of domestic violence, including 270 being killed by in-laws and 34 being killed by own family members, while 57 committed suicide.

Besides, 12 women became victims of fatwa, 87 house helps were tortured, 58 of whom died and four were compelled to commit suicide.

The number of incidents of abduction was 145, while 41 women and children were trafficked; of them 15 were sold into forced prostitution, it added.

Some 193 incidents related to child marriage took place in the last year, the report found. Among those, as many as 52 child marriages took place, while 141 attempts were resisted.

ASSAULT ON DRIVER Inter-district bus communications halted for 1hr

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Transport workers yesterday disrupted long distance bus movement to and from Barishal Central Bus Terminal for about an hour after a bus driver was assaulted by a transport leader.

Road communications in the area remained suspended from noon till around 1pm before airport police brought the situation under control.

Additional force, comprising police and Rapid Action Battalion, was deployed in Nathullabad area where the bus terminal is located.

The workers said Aftab Hossain, president of Sramik League Barishal city unit and also president of Bus Owners Association (BOA) in the city, beat up Alamgir Hossain, a driver on Barishal-Swarupkathi route.

A transport worker who took part in a procession against the assault on the driver, said, "We demand justice."

Kalam Molla, a leader of BOA, demanded Aftab's immediate resignation from the association's president post.

Contacted, Aftab told The Daily Star that he went to the spot after seeing a bus parked right in the middle of the highway and causing disruption to traffic movement.

He also said he slapped the bus driver, Alangir, as he and his helper Kaiyum misbehaved with him after he had asked the driver to show him his driving licence and other documents of the vehicle.

Regarding the agitation, Aftab said although it was a trivial matter, a group with vested interest is trying to use the incident for their benefit.

Anti-militancy

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Awami League rally on August 21, 2004, was carried out.

On August 17, 2005, bomb explosions occurred at 550 locations in 63 out of the 64 districts in the country during the BNP-Jamaat alliance tenure, which created a horrific situation, it said.

The home minister expressed his optimism that Bangladesh would become a middle-income country by 2021 as the development spree of AL will continue in the days to come.

"We have become a role model for the rest of the world in curbing militancy and terrorism due to successful drives against the menace by the law enforcement agencies," he said.

Asaduzzaman said under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina a huge development drive has been going on across the country, adding, "That is why Awami League was voted to power again to continue the development works."

He said the government established Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) and bomb disposal team to ensure safety of the countrymen.

The CTTC unit has been dealing strictly against any ill attempt to create anarchy in the country, the minister said, adding, "The cyber crime unit of police is also alert about this."

Culprit bus

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Meem died on the spot while Poly was declared dead after she was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, sources said.

The accident took place around 2pm when a Gazipur-bound bus of "Shupravat Paribahan" hit Meem and Poly near Abul Hotel in Malibagh Rail crossing area.

Following the incident, several hundred agitated workers of nearby garment factories took to the street around 3pm and blocked the Malibagh-Rampura road for around four hours, vandals set around 40 vehicles and two buses on fire.

Soon after the incident, police arrested the driver and seized the bus. Jarina Begum, Meem's mother, filed a case against the driver with Hatirjheel Police Station.

CONFUSING CRUDE BOMBS WITH 'CRICKET BALLS' Blast injures three children in Fatullah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Three children including a toddler were injured in Fatullah yesterday while playing with objects, appeared to be "cricket balls", that they found in a garbage heap in the area.

The injured are Arif Hossain, 2, and Abir Hossain, 6 -- sons of west Rasulpur resident Titu Miah -- and Akhi Akter, 10, daughter of Abul Hossain from the same area, police said.

Quoting family members of the injured, Manjur Kader, officer-in-charge (OC) of Fatullah Model Police Station, told this correspondent that the children brought home four crude bombs, confusing those

with cricket balls, from a heap of garbage near their house.

The three children sustained injuries when one of the bombs suddenly went off while they were playing with those inside a house," the OC said, adding, "We recovered the other three bombs and neutralised those later on."

The children were rushed to a nearby hospital from where they were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Akhi sustained burn injuries to her face while Arif and Abir to their hands and legs.

OC Manjur also said all the children were out of danger and police would take necessary action against the responsible after conducting investigation.

Outgoing envoys

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role after the Holey artisan cafe attack.

At the meeting with the Brunei envoy, the President said Bangladesh produced global-standard products, especially medicine, readymade garments and

juice-made goods. He urged the envoy to play a positive role in importing those goods from Bangladesh.

The president's secretaries and officials of the foreign ministry and missions of the two countries in Dhaka were present.



Police try to quell agitating transport workers at Barishal Central Bus Terminal yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Save the Children

Date: January 3, 2019
Ref No: IFT/SCI/BCDO/FY-18/0007

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

"Samsung Galaxy TAB for MaMoni-MNCSP under USAID Fund"

Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby requesting Invitation for Tender (IFT) from the interested experienced bona fide organizations for supplying Samsung Galaxy TAB for MaMoni-MNCSP as per required specification.

Name of Procuring Entity :	Save the Children International (SCI)
Procurement item :	TAB
Procurement Method :	Open Tendering Method (National)
Working Experience :	Minimum three (3) years of specific experience for supplying similar types of good. Detailed can be seen in Tender Document.
Tender document price, Selling date, Time & Place :	Tender document can be obtained from 03.01.2019 to 22.01.2019 by payment of 1000.00 (One thousand taka) in the form of pay order/demand draft from any scheduled bank in favor of 'Save the Children International'. Soft Copy can be downloaded at free of cost from the following link: http://procurement.scibd.info/ (Under Tender Notification)
Pre-Tender Meeting Time & Place :	09.01.2019 at 11:00 am at Save the Children, House No. CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh (Meeting minutes will be available at http://procurement.scibd.info/ on 10.01.2019)
Tender Security :	Tender security as mentioned in tender document should be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft/BG in favor of "Save the Children International".
Tender Document Dropping Date, Time & Place :	Sealed tender should be dropped into the Tender dropping box kept at Save the Children, House No. CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh. From 10.01.2019 to 23.01.2019 during office hour. Last date & time for submission: On or before 23.01.2019 within 2:30 pm.
Tender Opening Date, Time and Place :	The tender shall be opened on 23.01.2019 at 3:00 pm in presence of Tenderer(s) representative (if any) at Save the Children, House No. CWN (A) 35, Road No. 43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh.
Contact number :	Phone: 88-0961255333

Special Instruction :
a) All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods will be guided as per the SCI's Procurement Policies
b) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.
c) If the Tenderer(s) submit any false/incorrect or fake documents then the tender security may be forfeited.

Senior Manager, Procurement & Supply Chain

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Divisional Engineer-3, Bangladesh Railway, Dhaka

Memo No. 54.01.0000.209.02.006.17

e-Tender Notice (Open Tender Method)

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP Portal for following procurement. Interested tenderers are requested to visit <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> website for details.

Sl. No.	Tender ID, Ref. No. & Package No.	Name of works	Last selling date and time	Tender publishing & closing date & time
01.	Tender ID-267819 Ref. DEN-3/DA/epc30/18-19/3.107.4/1	Package No. DA-3.107.4/1: 1st floor lobby painting and outside thai glass cleaning work of 1st floor and ground floor, aluminum glass partition work in Director/Im Room, DD-Estate Room, and Director M&CP Room including painting, venetian blind and other related works.	20-01-2019 12:30:00	06-01-2019 11:00:00 21-01-2019 12:30:00
02.	Tender ID-267826 Ref. DEN-3/DA/epc35/18-19/3.106.4/1/D16	Package No. DA-3.106.4/1: At Shahjahanpur Railway Officers' Colony Dhaka: Repairs to Qtrs. No. D/16-A, D including painting, distempering, tiles works, renovating of toilet, sanitary fittings & other related works.	21-01-2019 14:05:00	07-01-2019 11:00:00 22-01-2019 14:05:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline hard copies will be accepted.

All tenderers are requested to register in e-GP.

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NOTICE FOR INVITING PROPOSALS OF COMPLIANCE AUDITOR FOR 2019 TO BE APPOINTED IN THE 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that as per the Corporate Governance Code 2018 of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company is in position to appoint the Compliance Auditor of the Company for the year 2019 in the forthcoming 20th Annual General Meeting.

In view of the above, proposals for appointment of the Compliance Auditor of the Company for the year 2019 are hereby invited from practicing Professional Accountant/ Secretary (Chartered Accountant/Cost and Management Accountant/ Chartered Secretary). The proposal shall be reached at the registered office of the Company not later than January 17, 2019.

For RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited

Sd/-

(Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS
Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka
January 03, 2019