


Obituary



Former DG of NSI and diplomat Major General (Rtd) Anwar Hossain expired last Thursday at 02.15pm (07/02/2019) in Dhaka CMH (Inna Lillahi Owa Inna Ilaihi Rajjun). He was buried at Banani Cantonment graveyard.

He is survived by his wife Dr. Sultana Khanam and two daughters. His QuKhwani will be held on Saturday at Banani DOHS Jame Masjid after Asr prayers. In 1938, he was born in a respectable Muslim family "Eliyatgonj Munshibari" in Comilla. He was DG of NSI and Quarter Master General of Army. Later, he served as High Commissioner of Bangladesh at Malaysia, Brunei and Ambassador of Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria.

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Empowered women driving Bangladesh's development: envoy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Women in Bangladesh are driving its development journey in a big way, as the country's economic transformation is driven -- in large part -- by social changes, starting with the empowerment of women.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the Netherlands Sheikh Mohammed Belal made this assertion while speaking in a high-level seminar at the International Criminal Court, The Hague as a designated panelist.

The embassies of Canada and Switzerland, in partnership with the International Criminal Court (ICC) arranged the seminar on the occasion of launching of the International Gender Champions- Den Haag Hub.

"Gender Champion" is an initiative where individuals make specific commitments to pursue the cause of women empowerment, while pledging to uphold the spirit of gender equality in all spheres of work.

Terming women empowerment a great social achievement of Bangladesh, Ambassador Belal said innovative initiatives like microfinance, apparel and textile industry helped women in Bangladesh come out from the confines of their households to the marketplace and industry.

Citing the World Economic Forum's "Global Gender Gap Report 2018", he shared how Bangladesh earned its rank at 48th well ahead of the countries like USA, Italy, Austria, Croatia, Slovak Republic, Czech Republic and Singapore.

Bangladesh performed exceedingly well in political empowerment domain, being ranked at fifth position in the same report where only Iceland, Nicaragua, Norway and Rwanda are above Bangladesh, he noted.

President of the ICC Judge Chile Eboe-Osuji inaugurated the seminar, where Fatou Bensouda, prosecutor of the ICC; Caitlin Kraft, executive director of Women@TheTable, and Hans de Boer, chairman, Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW), took part in the discussion.



A section of secondary school teachers taking part in the hunger strike since Thursday in front of the Jatiya Press Club.

PHOTO: STAR

We have no options

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hundred teachers are taking part in the programme.

"We are yet to get any assurance from the government so far; we have been demonstrating since Sunday," said Mahi Uddin, joint secretary of the association.

"As we have no other option left, we want to continue the hunger strike until our demand is met," he added.

So far, 20 teachers, including a woman, have become sick in the two days of hunger strike, Mahi said. They were given primary treatment at nearby hospitals.

In 2015, the government recruited a total of 5,200 ACTs under a World Bank-funded project to improve mathematics, science and English skills of students at different secondary schools across the country. The payments of the teachers were halted after the project ended in December, 2017.

Despite the fact, some 4,500 of them continued teaching at the schools as the government, on several occasions, had assured them of making their jobs permanent.

On October 22 last year, the ACTs staged a sit-in in front of the press club demanding that the government make their current jobs permanent.

To press home their demand, the teachers staged another sit-in at the same place on February 3.

On the third day of the demonstration, they staged a symbolic hunger strike. Then, they started the hunger strike on Thursday.

Miller's day out

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had come across any Bangladeshi literature before, Miller smiled and replied, "My Bangla is poor... I need to master Bangla so that I can truly appreciate the nuance and beauty of the language."

Then again, the ambassador said, those who have come across the famous poets of the country know how "inherently rich in spirit" their poems are.

"There is tenderness in the poetry here that is absolutely amazing," he said.

He said there is "power" in the poetry and in other literary pieces, which were composed revolving the country's Liberation War and the struggle for independence.

Praising the book fair, the ambassador said, "The month-long fair is amazing and inspiring and so well attended..."

On the eighth day, a total of 263 books hit the fair.

Khaleda Zia

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possible to stay in the office cheating people," he added.

Moudud Ahmed, another BNP standing committee member, said, "I think it is not possible to ensure Khaleda Zia's release through legal battle as the lower court is completely influenced by the government. We have no other option but to wage movement."

The former law minister said there is no alternative to strengthening the organisational strength of the party. Those who suffered and sacrificed during movement should be brought into the party leadership, he added.

He said, "A state cannot sustain without the existence of opposition party. We have to revamp the party... to utilise our full force during movement."

Standing committee member Abdul Moyeen Khan said, "Khaleda Zia was sent to jail in a political case and it would not be settled through legal battle. We have to release her by waging movement."

Nazrul Islam Khan, another standing committee member, said, "It is our failure that we could not release her [Khaleda] from jail in last one year. We have to move forward even after this failure because Khaleda Zia is waiting for us."

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Sl.	Tender ID No.	Name of work	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
01	282869	Establishing 560 model mosques and Islamic Cultural Centers in Zila and Upazila of Bangladesh 1 (one) at Mohammadpur in Magura District. (Sub-Head-Construction of 3-storied Mohammadpur Upazila Model Mosque Complex with 3-storied foundation Type-B).	10-March-2019 15:00	10-March-2019 15:00

This is an online tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and offline & hard copies will not be accepted. e-Tender details may be obtained from e - GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training
"Capacity Development Program of TTC, Rajshahi"
89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka

Invitation for Re-Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment.									
2	Agency	Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training.									
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, "Capacity Development Program of TTC, Rajshahi".									
4	Procuring entity code	4112316, 4112314									
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka, Bangladesh.									
6	Invitation for	Tender of Goods (Multiple lots-Procurement of Training Equipment).									
7	Invitation Ref No.	49.01.0000.338.07.003.18.30									
8	Date	07.02.2019.									
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National).									
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, GOB (2018-2019).									
11	Development partners (if applicable)	KOICA.									
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	223006700.									
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	"Capacity Development Program of TTC, Rajshahi".									
14	Tender package No.	Package-01									
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Training Equipment.									
16	Tender publication date	08.02.2019.									
17	Tender last selling date	19.02.2019.									
18	Tender closing date and time	20.02.2019, 12:00 Noon.									
19	Tender opening date and time	20.02.2019, 12:30pm.									
20	Name & address of the office selling tender document	(i) Project Director, "Capacity Development Program of TTC, Rajshahi", 8th Floor, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.									
	Receiving tender document	(i) Project Director, "Capacity Development Program of TTC, Rajshahi", 8th Floor, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka. (ii) Deputy Chief, Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, 7th Floor, Probashi Kallan Bhawan, 71-72, Old Elephant Road, Eskaton Garden, Ramna, Dhaka.									
	Opening tender document	Project Director, "Capacity Development Program of TTC, Rajshahi", 8th Floor, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.									
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Project Director, BMET, 8th Floor, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka, 17.02.2019 at 11:00am.									
22	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	As per condition of STD.									
23	Brief description of goods	Training Equipment (Details as per schedule).									
24	Brief description of related services	As per schedule.									
25	Tender document price	Price of tender document on Serial No. 26 is to be submitted in the form of original Treasury Chalan in favour of govt. treasury code 1-6531-0000-2366.									
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender document price	Tender security amount	Completion time in weeks/days/months					
	Lot-03	Training Equipment	TTC, Rajshahi	1,000.00	1,40,000.00	08 weeks					
27	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Md. Nurul Islam.									
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, "Capacity Development Program of TTC, Rajshahi".									
29	Address of official inviting tender	Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training, 8th Floor, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000.									
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 9361474, 9335463 Fax: 9353203									
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings without showing any reason.										
Project Director "Capacity Development Program of TTC, Rajshahi"											

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To nurture dreamers

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initiatives will not indulge in any bad activities."

Transparency International Bangladesh Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said BSK is an organisation that Bangalees can be proud of.

In between speeches, noted singers Mustafa Zaman Abbasi, Saadi Mohammad, Kiran Chandra Roy, Chandana Majumder, Priyanka Gope and others presented songs, while several dancers and troupes presented classical dance forms of Manipuri, Bharatanatyam and Gaudiya.

Earlier in the morning, the day's proceedings began with a colorful rally that started in front of Public Library in Shahbagh and ended at BSK office in Bangla Motor.

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Source of fund	Own fund
IFT ref. no. and date	BRAC/AI/FWA/19-04 February 06, 2019
Price of the tender documents	BDT 1,000.00 (Tk. One thousand only) non-refundable
Tender document available	BRAC procurement department (ground floor) BRAC Center, 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. For study purpose please visit website: procurement.brac.net
Date and time for selling documents	10 February, 2019 to 24 February, 2019 between 10:00 am to 03:00 pm
Tender dropping place, date & time	Tender box-3, BRAC procurement department, (G. Floor) 25 February, 2019 between 10:00 am to 03:00 pm
Tender opening place, date & time	BRAC Center, Procurement, Ground Floor, 25 February, 2019 at 03:30 pm
BRAC, BRAC Centre, 75 Mohakhali Dhaka-1212 Phone: 9844180 Ext: 5488	

Content, collaboration

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Television Channel Owners, said private televisions should be turned into "pay channels" so that they can make some profit.

Attending the discussion, Information Minister Hasan Mahmud said he will sit with television channel owners to listen to their problems and find a way out.

Rubana Huq, managing director of Mohammadi Group, said a time-bound plan is needed and owners have to be more collaborative for the development of private television channels.

Awami League lawmaker and media personality Asaduzzaman Noor stressed on developing skills of those work in the newsroom.

Shah Alamgir, director general of Press Institute of Bangladesh, said the government is working towards formulating a national broadcast commission law.

The act will allow forming a national broadcast commission, which will be empowered to shutdown any television channel based on evidence against allegation, he said.

Journalist Naim Nizam and Executive Director of Management and Resources Development Initiative Hasibur Rahman also addressed the session, moderated by BJC Trustee Board Member Secretary Shakil Ahmed and its member Munni Saha.

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1	W-043-BMDF-MGSP-3P/MONG-18-PM-CC/02	Construction of Poura Market cum Community Center under Mongla Port Pourashava	281929	10-03-2019 13:00	10-03-2019 16:00

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