

A PERFECT MATCH! A man smiles at his reflection after finding the right tupi at a roadside shop. These caps are a must for Eid mornings and demand for the item increases significantly during Ramadan. Tupis come in various shapes, designs and prices and can be found almost anywhere in the city. The photo was taken near the south gate of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque yesterday.

Purbachal New Town

HC seeks Rajuk's layout plans

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The High Court yesterday sought Rajuk's fourth-amended layout plan that demonstrated forest, open spaces, playgrounds, parks and waterbodies in Purbachal project and its proposed fifth plan for the project.

The court ordered Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha to submit its plans and copies of its board-meetings' decisions after March 13, 2014 about the Purbachal New Town project in Gazipur before it by June 30.

The HC bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Ashraful Kamal came up with the order while hearing a writ petition filed by seven rights organisations.

The rights bodies, including Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Associations (Bela) and Ain O Salish Kendra (ASK), submitted the petition in April, challenging Rajuk's reported action to create and allocate new plots through shrinking spaces for educational institutions, playgrounds and forest at Purbachal New Town.

After yesterday's proceedings, the HC bench fixed July 4 for passing further

Advocate Syed Rizwana Hasan, a lawyer for the petitioners, told The Daily Star that the HC on March 13, 2014 finally SEE PAGE 4 COL 6 TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Streamlined approach needed: speakers

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efforts from Comprehensive government and donors for effective planning and its implementation is necessary for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and skills development sector, speakers at a roundtable said yesterday.

Introduction of Sector Wide Approach (SWAp) in the TVET and skills development sector is needed, but there are big challenges ahead before adopting the approach, they added.

Discussants said SWAp is a process in which funding for the sector -whether from the public exchequer or donors -- supports a single policy and expenditure programme, under government leadership.

Participating in a roundtable on "Way to TVET SWAp: Opportunities and Challenges" arranged by Bangla daily Prothom Alo at its office in assistance with ILO Bangladesh, participants proposed a thorough analysis of demand of skilled labour in local and international market before adopting SWAp.

They said better linking between education and training to current

and emerging demands for jobs in country and abroad are important. All stakeholders will need to work together under the leadership of the government, who will need to next four years. set the priorities.

"There is a huge challenge before introducing SWAp in the technical education sector," said Unicef Senior Education Advisor Chowdhury Mufad Ahmed, also former additional secretary of education ministry.

Apart from ministry education, other ministries are involved in the technical education sector as well as skill development process, he added.

Technical Madrasa and Education Division Secretary Md Alamgir said 22 ministries work on the technical education and skill development process.

Alamgir alleged that many donors do not respond to request for funding in technical education, adding that the government is working on reaching technical education to more people. "Government is planning to introduce a technical education

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N Taking care of elderly parents

Govt drafting rules to ensure children look after them

JAMIL MAHMUD

The government is going to formulate a set of rules in line with the Parents' Maintenance Act-2013, in a bid to make sons and daughters take good care of their elderly parents.

"Every offspring has to ensure appropriate care of parents... If an offspring cannot be present in person, appropriate care has to be ensured by their spouse, children or other family members," says provision 18 of the proposed Parents' Maintenance Rules-2017.

According to the Parents' Maintenance Act-2013, failing to comply with some of its provisions is an offense.

In such case, the offspring in question, if proven guilty by

a court, will have to pay up to Tk 1 lakh fine or serve up to three months' jail sentence for failing to provide the money. A draft copy of the proposed rules is now available on the social welfare ministry website. Once published through gazette notification, the

rules will help improve living condition of the country's elderly people, who often find themselves in abusive and neglected condition in family surroundings because of their non-productive age. AJM Ershad Ahsan Habib, deputy secretary (law and

agencies) of the ministry, said they are hopeful about publishing the rules in six months. Although the draft rules mention 2017 as the projected

he told The Daily Star over phone. According to provision 2 of the rules, care means Mohammad "physical cleanliness, toileting, timely feeding and medication, and necessary walking or physical exercise in morning and afternoon as per doctor's advice".

Parents' maintenance means ensuring "food, clothing, medical treatment, living opportunity and company".

On the other hand, a "productive and capable" offspring will be one who is a bread-earning family member even one with disability, but have income-generating opportunity.

If an offspring cannot ensure care by him or family members, then he has to provide it through a caregiver or at dedicated Parents' Care Centre, says the proposed rules.

Provision 11 says the base of minimum standard for parents' maintenance will be "through adjusting their logical needs and offspring's affordability". Each offspring will take necessary steps to live with his

or her parents. However, in case of more than one offspring, parents' decision to choose who to live with will get priority. SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

UN to honour 12 Bangladeshi peacekeepers

UNB, Dhaka

Twelve fallen peacekeepers from Bangladesh will be honoured by the United Nations on Friday, when it will observe the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will lay a wreath to honour all peacekeepers who lost their lives since 1948.

He will preside over a ceremony where the Dag Hammarskjold Medal will be awarded posthumously to 119 military, police and civilian peacekeepers, who laid down their lives in

2018 and early 2019. Bangladeshi Twelve peacekeepers will be among those honoured, the UN said in a statement.

They are: SNK Arzan Howlader and SNK Md Ripul Miah who served with UN Multidimensional Stabilization Integrated year, it would be changed to the current year in the gazette, Mission in the Central African Republic; SNK Jamal Uddin, WO Mohammad Azad, SNK Abul Kalam Mohammad Rayhan Mohammad LCPL Akter Hossain, and Mohammad SNK Rasheduzzaman who United with served Nations Multidimensional Stabilization Integrated Mission in Mali; SNK Md Zane Alam who served with the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the DR Congo; SNK Md Motian Rahman, SNK Md Monjur Ali, LCPL Md Mizanur

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Shahidullah new UGC chair STAFF CORRESPONDENT **Dhaka University Professor**

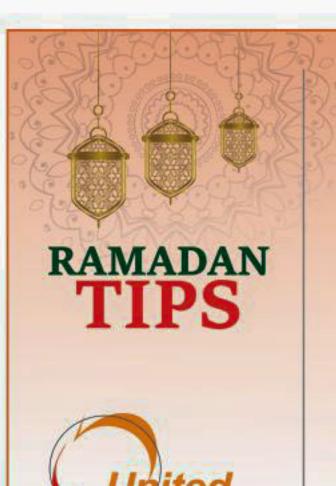
Prof Kazi

Kazi Shahidullah has been appointed chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) for the

The education ministry issued a circular yesterday in this regard.

Shahidullah, a supernumerary professor of history at DU, and former VC of National University, will replace Prof Abdul Mannan, whose tenure ended on May 7. UGC member Prof Md Yousuf Ali Mollah was carrying out duties as chairman of the statutory apex body of higher education.

Shahidullah's appointment order will be effective from his joining date to the post, said the circular.

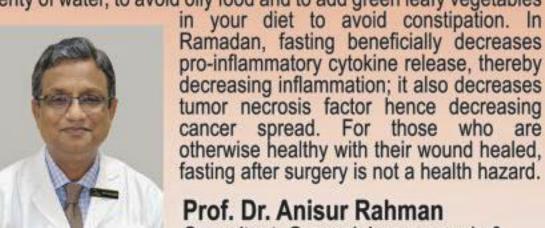


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SUB-GRANT OPPORTUNITY 2019

WorldFish-led, USAID-funded Feed the Future Bangladesh Aquaculture and Nutrition Activity is looking for innovative business ideas/concepts from private sector companies and organizations that have the potential to transform aquaculture in Bangladesh, particularly for women, youth and small-scale farmers. The Activity is announcing its third Call for Proposal (CFP).

TYPE OF GRANT - Standard or Fixed Amount Sub-grant

GRANT AMOUNT - Up to USD 250,000

PROJECT DURATION - One Year

COST SHARE: Activity anticipates at least 30 percent program cost-share from each sub-grantee depending on the proposed business ideas.

INTERVENTION AREA AND DEADLINE	WHO CAN APPLY organizations
Increased aquaculture productivity	Fish Hatcheries, Fish Feed Companies, Aqua machinery companies, Aqua inputs (medicinal Products, ingredient etc.) companies.
Strengthened aquaculture value chains	Fish/ Fish food processing companies, Institutional buyers of food fish (online marketing companies, super-shops, wholesaler, trader companies, depot owners, companies etc.), Financial Institutions (Banks, Insurance companies, Credit Unions, Savings and Loans Associations, Impact Investment Companies, Venture Capital Companies), Packaging material producing company, transportation companies, ice producing companies and other similar service providing companies, Research organization, Educational institutes, training institutes, private training firm, Association representing different industries in aquaculture sector
Improved nutrition-related behaviors of rural households	Fish/ Food processing companies, Media and advertising companies, private company has experience on working with SBCC
CFP Issue Date	May 15, 2019
CFP Submission	Interested applicants are requested to submit their application to wfbanaproject@cgiar.org mentioning the potential business area in the subject line Submission Deadline: June 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm (Bangladesh time)
CFP Application Form and Guidelines	Please visit WorldFish website for detailed guideline and Application form: www.worldfishcenter.org
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SMALL GRANTS OPPORTUNITY 2019

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TYPE OF GRANT - FIXED AMOUNT SUB-GRANT

GRANT AMOUNT - Up to USD 25,000

PROJECT DURATION - One Year

COST SHARE - Activity anticipates 30 percent cost-share from each sub-grantee depending on the proposed business ideas.

WHO CAN APPLY?	Fish Hatcheries, Fish Nurseries, Associations: Local Service Providers (LSPs), Community based Organizations (CBOs), Women and Youth associations and others. Women and Youth owned companies/enterprises, Small and medium entrepreneurs (SMEs), Disabled/marginalized associations/ organizations
POTENTIAL BUSINESS AREAS	Improve accessibility and availability of quality fish and tilapia seed at the small holder farmer level including women, youth along with technical services on best management practices (BMP) Strengthen small scale business enterprises and help entrepreneurs to provide quality inputs and services to smallholder men, women and young fish farmers. Small Private Companies that are advancing innovative solutions to development challenges in aquaculture sector.
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