



Long queues of homegoers continued at the Chittagong Rail Station yesterday, the last day of advance Eid ticket sales -- for journey on June 4. *Inset*, a man is relieved after getting hands on the much-coveted tickets.

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## Transgender rights

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her identity in her educational certificates, but in vain. She finally resorted to obtaining her NID in 2007 as Mamun Molla, and a passport with the same name in 2017. Her conflicting identities lead to raising of eyebrows, series of questions and harassment in every step of her life. This has to end, said Chaity and her peers, present at the event.

Neighboring countries have made notable progress in ensuring the rights of transgender people. Indian Supreme Court accepted self-identification as the principle that should govern gender recognition, with no other requirements like gender-affirming surgeries or hormone therapy. Nepal did it first in 2007.

Pakistan is one step ahead; it made a law last year allowing transgender community to have full recognition in their official documents.

Social Welfare Minister Nuruzzaman Ahmed, present as the chief guest at the event, assured that his ministry would work to facilitate the changes needed to protect the rights of transgender people. NHRC Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque was also present at the event.

## Law minister

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parliamentary affairs division of the law ministry, Anti-Corruption Commission, Bangladesh Bank and Bangladesh mission in Vienna.

Bangladesh has already formulated public-interest-related laws including Information Disclosure (Protection) Act, 2011; Anti-Terrorism Act, 2009; Right to Information Act, 2009; Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012; and Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act, 2012 -- as part of implantation of UNCAC.

## Rohingya crisis to take

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Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal; PM's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Salman F Rahman; State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam; State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid; State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Imran Ahmad and other officials will accompany PM to Japan.

A 53-member delegation of top business leaders will also be part of the entourage.

On May 31, Sheikh Hasina will leave for Saudi Arabia to attend the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's conference.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, who will also attend the OIC conference, said the event will discuss the overall situation of Muslims, especially where they are minorities, including Rohingyas and Palestinians.

Global terrorism, Islamophobia, humanitarian crises and economic cooperation among the OIC countries will also be discussed at the event, he added.

PM Sheikh Hasina will leave for Finland on June 3 from Jeddah. She is scheduled to meet the president of Finland.

**MAHATHIR MAY VISIT BANGLADESH**  
Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad may visit Bangladesh, Foreign Minister Momen said yesterday.

"We hope he will be coming to Bangladesh. We've already invited him," he said.

Meanwhile, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque, senior-most cabinet member, will represent Bangladesh at the swearing-in ceremony of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The ceremony will likely take place on May 30.

## Don't politicise Khaleda's treatment Info minister tells BNP

UNB, Dhaka

Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud yesterday asked BNP leaders not to do politics over their Chairperson Khaleda Zia's medical treatment.

"The government is trying to provide the best medical treatment to Khaleda Zia," said the minister while talking to reporters during a views-exchange meeting at the Secretariat.

He said when Khaleda was at the Old Dhaka jail, there were doctors, nurses and physiotherapists for her. Besides, there was a house help with her. "I don't know whether anyone receives such facilities in the Indian subcontinent."

The minister said Khaleda's illness is an old issue. She has been suffering from knee problem for the last 15 years and it sometimes gets worse, he added.

Responding to a question about Dr Kamal Hossain, Mahmud asked how will those who cannot maintain unity among themselves forge a greater unity to protect democracy?

About the growing number of newspapers, the minister said there are 3,500 newspapers, including 1,200 dailies, in the country. "The online media will be brought under a registration process soon," he added.

On Friday, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir alleged that the government is trying to kill Khaleda in jail. "The government is prolonging Khaleda Zia's stay in jail by creating obstacles to her release using various ploys. They are trying to interfere in the trial and push her towards death in jail without treatment," he said in a press conference at BNP chairperson's Gulshan office.

BRTC to get 400 more buses: Quader

Bss, Dhaka

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) is getting 400 more buses on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

"Two hundred buses have already been added to BRTC fleet under Indian line of credit and 400 more are on their way," he said at BRTC office in Motijheel while discussing Eid-time traffic management.

Quader urged BRTC officials to improve service and restore its goodwill. He also underscored the need for making BRTC a profitable organisation.

BNP Chairman Farid Ahmed Bhuiyan and officials concerned were present.

Asian Development Bank Country Director Manmohan Parkash earlier called the minister and expressed his keen interest to impart training to drivers.

## SSC (vocational) to be

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Students of classes 9 and 10 will be given 10 options and will need to pick one.

They said the country needs more skilled manpower, and technical education is important to meet that need. Many developed countries have more than 50 percent students under technical education.

Madrasa and technical education officials have said that currently 16 percent students are availing technical and vocational education in the country; the ratio was one percent in 2009.

The government has set up a target to have 20 percent students under technical education by 2020 and 30 percent by 2030.

Many guardians are reluctant about their children receiving technical education as it was traditionally considered for academically weak students and there is a stigma associated with that.

SSC vocational courses at general schools and colleges were introduced in Bangladesh in 2004. Currently 2,30,395 students are enrolled in SSC vocational at 2,711 general schools, according to Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics (BANBEIS) data.

BANBEIS also said that 10,67,484 students were enrolled in 16 types of 6,865 technical and vocational institutes in 2018.

The numbers of such educational institutions and their students are increasing steadily. Total institutions were 1,137 in 2000, 2,317 in 2003, 5,790 in 2015 and 5,897 in 2017. Total students were 1,16,055 in 2000, 1,88,686 in 2003, 8,72,658 in 2015, 8,75,270 in 2016 and 8,91,964 in 2017.

An overwhelming 95 percent of the institutions are privately managed.

## ASIAN UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN Vacancy Announcement

The Asian University for Women (AUW), an independent international institution of higher learning, is currently looking for suitable candidates for the following positions:

- Deputy Director, Security and Protocol
- Finance Officer
- Faculty position in Drama and Performance

Detailed information/job descriptions for the above positions are available at: <http://asian-university.org/career-opportunities/>

As an equal opportunity employer, the Asian University for Women strongly encourages qualified women to apply. The positions are based in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

[www.asian-university.org](http://www.asian-university.org)

## EAST WEST UNIVERSITY Progoti Foundation for Education and Development Permanent Sandad Holder Vacancy Announcement

### 1. University Engineer (Mechanical) (01)

**Qualification:** B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from a reputed university. Computer Literacy including proficiency in engineering applications.

**Experience:** 10 (ten) years in a professional position not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent. Must have experience in maintenance of HVAC, pumps and lifts.

**Age:** Maximum 50 years as on 11 June 2019.

### 2. Deputy Director, Students' Welfare and Career Counseling Center (01)

**Qualification:** Master Degree from a reputable university with no third class/division in any examinations. He/she should have good communication skill in English & Bangla with ability to use a computer.

**Experience:** Minimum 10(ten) years experience in a senior mid level administrative position in Govt. /Semi Govt. /Private organization/Universities. Preference will be given to candidates having experience in soft skills training and student development.

**Age:** 32-40 Years as on 11 June 2019. Age limit may be relaxed in case of exceptionally qualified candidates.

### 3. Lab Officer (Pharmacy):01

**Qualifications:** Candidate should have a Master Degree in Pharmacy, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Microbiology or Botany from any reputed university. Must have at least 2nd Division/Class/CGPA-3 out of 5 or 2.5 out of 4 in all examinations. Knowledge of Laboratory principles, techniques, equipments and preparation is required. Ability to plan, inventory and assist in operation of laboratory work. Preference will be given if there is experience in HPLC, GC and FT-IR instruments.

### 4. Departmental Officer: (01)

**Qualifications:** Masters Degree in any discipline. At least 2nd Division/Class/CGPA-3.00 out of 5.00 or 2.50 out of 4.00 in all examinations. Must have good drafting skill in both English and Bengali. Computer skill in office application packages, data management/processing and Internet is essential. Minimum typing speed in English-30 and in Bengali-20 wpm. Experience will be preferred but not essential.

### 5. Library Circulation Officer (01)

**Qualification:** The applicant should have MA/MSS with BA/BSS (Hons.) in Information Science/Studies and Library Management from any reputed university with at least 2nd Division/Class/CGPA-3 out of 5 or 2.5 out of 4 in all examinations. He/she should possess IT skills, knowledge of modern library software and metadata standards, good command in English, strong interpersonal relationship skills and should be available for shifting/roaster duty and flexible to work in a variety of situations. Candidates with professional membership will be preferred.

### 6. CCTV Monitoring Operator (Junior) (02)

**Qualification:** Minimum SSC in science group. CCTV Security Camera and Networking Certificate is preferred.

**Experience:** 01(one) year experience in operating and maintaining surveillance equipment, watching both live and recorded video surveillance footage. Previous experience in a security position is preferred.

**Age:** Below 32 years as on 11 June 2019

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Please apply through the University Website link ([jobs.ewubd.edu](http://jobs.ewubd.edu))

**Application Deadline:** 11 June 2019

## Improve road, drainage system Residents urge Savar municipality

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Residents yesterday urged the Savar municipality authorities to take necessary steps to construct adequate number of roads and sewers and repair damaged roads to minimise their sufferings.

They made the call at a pre-budget dialogue held at Savar municipality auditorium. Residents from several colonies in Savar municipality were present during the programme arranged by Urban Development Project of Brac.

They said they always face difficulties to move from one place to another due to poor condition of roads. Lack of proper drainage system causes waterlogging in most of the colonies during rainy season.

Addressing the event, the residents requested the municipality authorities to resolve the crisis.

Savar municipality Mayor Haji Abdul Goni, who was present at the dialogue, said they will try their best to meet the demand. "We will allocate more fund from budget in this regard," he said.

Saf Iqbal, manager, knowledge management of Brac; Rashidul Islam, monitoring and evaluation officer of Brac's Savar office; municipality ward councillors and officials were, among others, present on the occasion.

## Listed mugger arrested in port city

CU CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested a listed mugger with a firearm and ammunition in Chattogram city's Bakalia area yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Md Ismail Hossen, 32.

He was arrested from Bastuhara Colony in the port city's Bakalia area, said police.

Upon information, police arrested him at City Corporation Stadium Gate on Bastuhara Road, said Bakalia Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Nezam Uddin.

Law enforcers seized a light gun and two rounds of bullets from his possession, said the police official.

Ismail is accused in seven cases filed with different police stations on various charges.



European Union

## Vacancy Announcement



United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces for the post of Gender Specialist under Service Contract modality with the Activating Village Courts in Bangladesh Project Phase II.

The duration of the service contract is one year initially, subject to renewal upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/jobs.html>. Applications should be received no later than 8 June 2019.

All posts in the SC categories are subject to local recruitment.

Applicant information about UNDP rosters

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