

ROAD ACCIDENTS

2,329 dead in 6 months: report

UNB, Dhaka

At least 2,329 people, including 291 women and 381 children, were killed and 4,361 injured in 2,159 road accidents across the country in the first half of the current year, says a report of Shipping and Communication Reporters Forum (SCRF).

It says the road accidents took place on various highways, national, inter-district and regional roads between January 1 and June 30.

SCRF prepared the report based on news carried by 22 national dailies, 10 regional newspapers and eight online news portals and news agencies.

According to the report, 411 people, including 53 women and 71 children, lost lives and 725 sustained injuries in 383 accidents in January last.

Some 401 accidents occurred in February in which 415 people were killed and 884 injured. Among the deceased, 58 were women and 62 children.

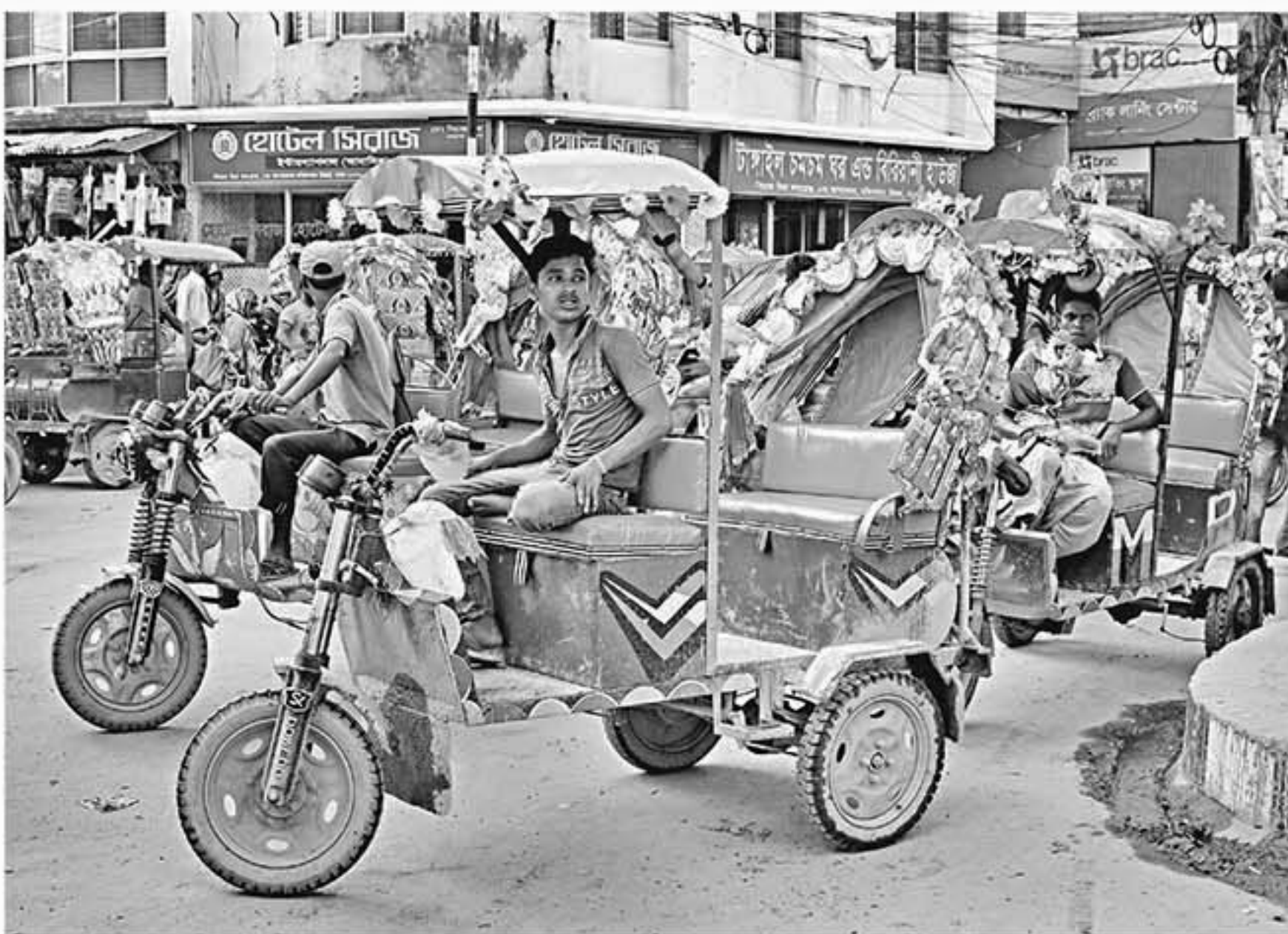
In March, 386 people, including 46 women and 82 children, were killed and 820 injured in 384 road crashes.

Some 327 accidents occurred in April which claimed 340 lives and left 610 injured. Among the deceased, 38 were women and 53 children.

In May, 338 people, including 47 women and 44 children, lost lives and 504 sustained injuries in 297 accidents.

A total of 367 road crashes took place in June claiming the lives of 439 people and leaving 818 injured. Among the deceased, 49 were women and 69 children.

Ashis Kumar Dey, president of SCRF, told the news agency that racing and reckless driving, contractual leasing of vehicles to drivers or conductors on daily basis, employing drivers without licence, lack of awareness among pedestrians, overloading and overtaking tendency of drivers are some of the reasons behind road accidents.



Battery-run rickshaws still ply Dhaka streets despite a ban. Such electricity consuming vehicles pose accident risk. The photo was taken in Ashkona area near the airport recently where there is an overwhelming number of battery-run rickshaws.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Monsoon rain

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In support of the humanitarian response led by the Bangladeshi authorities, UNHCR and partners -- including World Food Programme and UN Migration Agency -- made preparations for the rainy season a priority. The efforts included constructing retaining structures on hillsides, installing drainage, and building roads and bridges.

Besides, reservoirs have also been constructed to hold monsoon rains and stabilise water supplies, he said.

"We remain on high alert, ready to deploy additional emergency response teams to support our network of refugee volunteers and partners as needed," he also said.

To date, the 2019 Joint Response Plan for the Rohingya humanitarian crisis in Bangladesh has received only a third (US\$301 million) of the US\$920 million that is needed, he said.

Gas price

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The banking sector has been destroyed with widespread plundering while economy is now on the verge of collapse, he claimed.

He also alleged that the government is destroying the country's education and health sectors and all democratic institutions one after another, as it has no accountability.

The countrymen have been plunged into a suffocating situation and they want to get out of the prevailing state, he said.

Alpana's cookbook wins Gourmand Award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Culinarian Alpana Habib's cookbook "Alpana's Cooking" has been recognised at the 24th Gourmand World Cookbook Awards, held in Macao on Thursday.

The achievement is a first for a Bangladeshi, according to a press release.

Of the 12 finalists under the category of "First Book", Alpana's cookbook was one of the five that were nominated for the award.

This year, there were entries from 216 countries and regions in different categories.

"Alpana's Cooking", published last year, is a compilation of 250 of her most popular recipes.

Her cooking shows were aired on several TV channels.

Footbridges

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under construction on Pragati Sarani. The executive engineer said the work will be completed within this month and it will not take up walking space.

However, upon a visit to the site, this correspondent found that the bridge's columns were blocking the footpath.

Several city corporation officials said "the city wasn't planned properly" and thus pedestrian movement was not taken into consideration when building footbridges.

On the issue of cleanliness and beautification, executive engineer of DSCC, Rajib Khadem, said, "We try our best to clean up the bridges every now and then. Besides, we try to plant flowers and replace them when they wither."

"But city dwellers should also be more responsible in keeping Dhaka clean. Some people intentionally destroy plants and use flower pots as trash cans," he added.

Architect Iqbal Habib, joint secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), said, "According to the Strategic Transportation Plan for Dhaka, pedestrians should be given higher priority but this rule is hardly followed."

"Installing footbridges randomly is an unwise idea," he said, adding that if the positioning of the city's footbridges was reassessed, many would have to be removed or shifted.

When asked about better, cleaner alternatives, he referred to a competition arranged by DSCC with Institute of Architects, where the professionals submitted designs showing how the city's traffic system can be planned without obstructing pedestrian movement.

"When we construct elevated expressways and metro rail, we do not hesitate to acquire adjacent land if required. Why can't they (administration) do the same for pedestrians?" he asked.

Faculty Search Economics and Social Sciences



The Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS), BRAC University, is inviting applications for the following positions:

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3. Messenger (Registrar's Office):

Qualifications: Must have SSC. Two (2) years experience in any university or educational organization will be an added advantage. Age not below 20 years.

Applications along with UAP CV format (CV format available at UAP website www.uap-bd.edu/vacancy/Vacancies.php), 2 copies of passport-sized photograph, copies of relevant certificates and mark sheets/transcripts, NID/Birth Certificate and other relevant documents should reach at the Office of the undersigned (either by e-mail to jobs@uap-bd.edu or by post) by **18th July 2019**. All information mentioned must be backed by documents. If not, then application will not be considered. Incomplete applications are not acceptable. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview.

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Sub: Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Individual Material & Quality Engineer -- National (DCNUP/S-18)

Memo: 46.207.014.09.10.2019/30

Date: 02/07/2019

The People's Republic of Bangladesh intends to apply for a credit in the amount of about US\$ 100.50 million from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Dhaka City Neighborhood Upgrading Project (DCNUP) to be implemented by Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for the provision of consultancy services for the project by hiring of an Individual Material & Quality Engineer -- National (DCNUP/S-18).

2. Scope of Task/Service:

DSCC will engage an Individual Material & Quality Engineer -- National to achieve the objectives of the Quality Control of materials. The individual consultant will be responsible to assist DSCC PIU in material quality as per specifications of subprojects and monitoring compliance in their implementation. The consultant will be carrying out the following specific tasks and any other activities assigned time to time by the Project Director (PD):

- Ensure all sub-project designs adhere to all local or national engineering standards and compliance guidelines, and all necessary approvals are obtained from relevant agencies (BNBC, design requirements by DSCC, RAJUK, RHD, LGED and other agencies). If local standards are not available relevant standards has to be suggested.
- Carry out technical review of DCNUP sub-projects and provide input to the sub-project appraisal document.
- Review technical studies and determine appropriateness of engineering designs, materials, equipment and construction standards and methods, design/construction criteria, safety requirement equipment specifications being applied, and recommend revisions as appropriate.
- Produce overall technical guidance to Design, Supervision and Management Consultant in finalizing the designs and bid documents which will include instruction to bidders, Terms of Reference plans, drawings and technical specifications, bill of quantities, delivery time, form of contract, general and special condition of contract for the sub-projects.
- Assist PD to produce relevant supervision, evaluation reports and meeting minutes during project implementation to address bottlenecks during sub-project implementation.
- Review scope of work and specifications, verify and report physical accomplishments of sub-projects in relation to established monitoring milestones and overall plan or design.
- Assist PD in maintaining timeliness of preparation and implementation of the designs of each sub-project. Prepare project planning, design and implementation schedule which needs to be checked and monitored during different phases of work to ensure sub-project finishes on time.
- Assist PD to ensure effective coordination among the multi-disciplinary project team and promote innovation in design and construction techniques adopted in the sub-projects. Establish communication methods or protocols so that different members of project team are fully aware of sub-project requirements, various details and progress of work.
- Assist PD in generating sub-project information related to project outcomes and key performance indicators (KPI) . Set the outcomes of the sub-project and develop KPIs from project goals and objectives, meeting with stakeholders, periodic assessment to ensure success of the sub-projects.
- Conduct field inspections/visits to determine physical progress; identify key technical issues like adherence to design, construction standards, health and safety measures; formulate recommendations to address these issues; and discuss these with contractors.
- Upon reviewing technical aspect of a completed sub-projects, provide input to sub-project completion report.
- Provide training and build capacity of PIU for relevant engineering planning, design, and construction supervision requirements.
- Provide engineering related support for financial assessment and reporting related to the project.

3. General Qualification and Experience:

- S/he will have at least a Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Civil Engineering from reputed Engineering Institution or University.
- At least 6 (six) years of relevant experience of which at least 2 (two) years' experience of working on urban scale development projects.

4. Specific skills and experience:

- Candidates must be able to work under supervision and experience of working in multi-disciplinary team environment.
- Prior experience of working with local government agencies and in World Bank/Donor assisted Projects will be of advantage.
- Knowledge on green/energy-efficient design is also desirable.

5. The Project Director now invites eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (**complete CV, attested certificate, Expected remuneration & Submission letter**).

6. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) will be available upon request from the address provided below either through email or in person.

7. The consultants will be selected using the selection of Individual Consultant in accordance with the current World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 updated in November 2018.

8. The services will be commenced immediately after selection at Dhaka, Bangladesh. Consultant's contract duration will be 60 (sixty) months with possible extension of service subject to satisfactory performance to be evaluated yearly.

9. Expressions of Interest shall be submitted by **28/07/2019** during office hours on weekdays either in sealed envelope sent to Project Director, and be clearly marked "Expressions of Individual Material & Quality Engineer -- National (DCNUP/S-18)".

10. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all REOIs without assigning any reason, whatsoever.

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