

Mechanism to implement

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a development authority.
That apart, there are various authorities like PWD, LGED, Cantonment Board and public universities, including Dhaka University and Buet, that approve their respective buildings, he said. "How can the code be enforced even across the country?" he asked.
"Repeated building disasters overwhelmed the nation time and again due to construction in violation of BNBC," said Brig Gen (ret'd) Ali Ahmed Khan, former director general of Fire Service and Civil Defense.
Noted civil engineering educator and National Professor Jamilur Reza Choudhury said that tall buildings are also being constructed in rural areas nowadays, without any regulations.
So, the proposed Building Regulatory Authority has to be instituted immediately to enforce the BNBC countrywide, he said, adding that innumerable buildings will be constructed out of BNBC purview if different authorities are allowed to construct buildings at will.
While hundreds of building are being constructed at district and upazila levels, there is no obligation to abide by building code or building rules, said eminent planner-architect Salma A Shafi. Union Parishad or municipality issue a mere administrative approval for building construction, she added. "A radical positive impact may take place in the country's building construction landscape if even the existing building code is enforced accordingly," said SK Ghosh, team leader of Rajuk's Urban Resilience Project. Khan Mahmud Amanat, a professor of structural engineering at Buet, said authorised professional supervision during building design and construction is a must to make sure the structural, electrical and mechanical designs of a building are compliant.
Building construction at will without a licensed contractor must stop once and for all, he said.
It has to be clearly defined immediately whether an authorised officer or a building official, as proposed in the BNBC, is to approve a building, said Md Emdadul Islam, former chief engineer of Rajuk.
Jalal Ahmed, president of Institute of Architects Bangladesh; FR Khan, managing director of Building Technology and Idea; Swarna Kazi, senior disaster management specialist of the World Bank's Dhaka office; and Abdul Latif Helali, project director of Rajuk's Urban Resilience Project, spoke, among others.
Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdul Qayyum moderated the discussion.

8 fingerprint scanners

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"I have informed the ministry through a letter along with pictures of the snapped machines, and asked for cooperation to reconnect those," he said.
Asked who may have disconnected the machines, Jahangir said he had no idea about it.
"I got a text message from BMA about their symbolic programme of boycotting biometric machines on Tuesday night," he said.
Contacted, CMCH deputy director Akterul Islam said no machine was disconnected at the hospital. Asked, whether the doctors put their attendance through biometric system, he said, "We would look into it tomorrow."
A professor of the hospital, preferring anonymity, said they could not put their attendance by registering their fingerprint as the machines were disconnected and covered with cloth.
"Usually we put attendance twice a day -- one while coming in and another for leaving; but today we could not put the arrival attendance," he said, adding that he managed to sign out biometrically through another fingerprint scanner at the hospital.
Contacted, Faisal Iqbal Chowdhury, general secretary of BMA's Chattogram chapter, said no machine was either disconnected or covered by them at CMCH.
"Those who told you that lied," he told this correspondent yesterday, adding, "We observed a symbolic programme of boycotting biometric attendance today, protesting the ministry's order to consider biometric attendance of doctors for promotion, which is sheer discrimination compared to other service cadres."
"There are 26 cadres in public service but biometric attendance is not considered for promotion in any of the cadres," he said.

Dr Najma Choudhury's 30th death anniversary

CITY DESK
Eminent writer, playwright and teacher Dr Najma Jesmin Choudhury passed away on this day 30 years ago.
Like previous years, a memorial speech will be held at Dhaka University's Institute of Modern Languages today at 4pm. Writer and journalist Abul Momen will deliver the speech on children and education. DU Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman will chair the programme.
Dr Najma was the wife of Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury.



Bring river grabbers

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on September 22. The National Committee to Observe Rivers Day -- a coalition of environmental organisations -- arranged the programme.
National River Conservation Commission (NRCC), in a report this year, unveiled identities of more than 40,000 river grabbers from different parts of the country, said Mihir Biswas, coordinator of Save the Buriganga Movement.
Besides, several eviction drives were held against river encroachment in the last several months, he added.
"The job cannot be done just by conducting drives. The grabbers must be punished, and the land should be freed permanently. We want to see rivers flowing freely," said Mihir, also a joint secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa).
Sharif Jamil, executive director of Waterkeepers Bangladesh -- an alliance working on protection of water bodies -- said the rivers have been ruining under political patron and support from a quarter of the administration.
The recent initiatives brought some hope but those remained ineffective, because river borders have not been identified properly and culprits are yet to be punished, added Sharif, another joint secretary of Bapa.
Abdul Matin, convenor of the national committee and vice-chairman of Waterkeepers Bangladesh, said rivers are the driving force of Bangladesh's heritage, culture, economy, trade as well as development.
"If they are ruined, we will also move towards the verge of destruction," he said.
Matin, also the general secretary of Bapa, said considering the current situation, observance of World Rivers Day has become a must for all, as it will help spread the message of the necessity of river protection.
As part of the Rivers Day observance, the committee will organise a parade titled "March for Rivers" from Bahadur Shah Park to Sadarghat on September 21, with a view to growing awareness against river pollution and grabbing.
Civil society representatives, activists of 70 environmental organisations as well as people from different walks of life will take part in the march, which will begin at 9:30am from Bahadur Shah Park.

Protest

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After the announcement of the Ducus and hall union polls schedule was made on February 11, these former and current BCL leaders got enrolled in the Masters of Tax Management (MTM) programme under Banking and Insurance Department to carry on their studentship; the admission test was held on November 30, 2018, according to the media report.

Resist those who snatched

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The petition.
Barrister Kayser Kamal, another lawyer for Khaleda, told this correspondent that, "We will file the bail application with the High Court once the court will reopen [on October 13] after its ongoing vacation."
Attorney General Mahubey Alam appeared for the state.
On July 31, another HC bench rejected Khaleda's bail petition in the same case, considering the gravity of the offense mentioned in the case, and some other issues.
"We have gone through the impugned judgement and order of conviction and sentence, but did not notice any apparent or glaring infirmity in those," the HC bench of Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice SM Kuddus Zaman had said in the order.

Nine killed

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Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital.
Police seized the truck and auto-rickshaw, but the truck driver managed to flee, police added.
In Satkhira, Mostafizur Rahman, 24, was killed and two others were injured when a motorised van collided with the motorbike carrying them at Chalteta road in Shyamnagar upazila on Tuesday, said police quoting locals.
The three injured were referred to Satkhira Sadar Hospital, but Mostafizur died on the way there.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (Statutory Original Jurisdiction) COMPANY MATTER NO. 198 OF 2019.

ERA-INFOTECH LIMITED, a private limited company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1994 and having its registered office at Bengal Center (4th Floor), 28, Topkhana Road, Dhaka-1000. Represented by its Chief Executive Officer, Md. Serajul Islam

...Petitioner

...VERSUS...

The Registrar Joint Stock Companies and Firms of TCB Bhaban (5th Floor) 1, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1212.

...Respondent

Notice is hereby given that an application made under Section 12 read with Section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the Petitioner company has intended to insert new Sub-Clauses in to its object Clauses III as 3(a) & 3(b) of the Memorandum of the Association of the ERA-InfoTech Limited. Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Md. Mozibur Rahman Miah has admitted the said application on 05.09.2019. Any person interested in the said application may appear on the date fixed for appearance himself or through his Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the under signed on payment of cost.

Mohammad Ibrahim Khalil Advocate Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Membership No # 5405, Room No # 103 (Main), Supreme Court Bar Association Building, Shahbag, Dhaka.

70 noted citizens call

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They demanded proper investigation into the allegations of misappropriation of Tk 2 crore from the project, cutting down of valuable trees and attacks on protesting students.
They also urged to stop all kinds of violence.
"We expect that an environment-friendly and cost-saving infrastructure will be built, putting minimum impact on landscape, environment, ecology and biodiversity of Jahangirnagar University," it said. The signatories also demanded inclusion of effective and specific protection strategy and planning for the implementation of the masterplan without misappropriation, financial irregularities, misuse, corruption, violence and extortion.

Invitation for Expression of Interest

GENERAL INFORMATION	
1. Client	Aga Khan Foundation, Bangladesh
2. Project Management Consultant	Deltadesh (Pvt.) Ltd
3. Invitation for	Tender for Supply and Installation of Generators for Academy Building and Senior School Building at proposed Aga Khan Academy Dhaka Project.
4. Invitation Ref No	DD/AKFB/September/2019/01
5. Date	12/09/2019
6. Budget and Source of Funds	Aga Khan Foundation
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
7. Project	Aga Khan Academy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
8. Tender Package No	Package No. 3 (a)
9. Tender Package Name	Academy and Main Courtyard; Senior School and Courtyard
10. Scope of Work	Supply and Installation of 2 nos 400 KVA and 1 nos 200 KVA Generators
11. Date of Tender Documents Distribution	14/09/2019 from 10.00 AM (with prior appointment)
12. Place for Tender Documents Collection and Tender Submission	The Aga Khan Academy Dhaka Plot no. 1692-1693, Block C, Bashundhara R/A Dhaka - 1229, Bangladesh [Opposite to Bashundhara Convention Centre]
13. Last Date for Tender Submission	26/09/2019 till 05.00 PM
14. Sub-mittals	1. Company Profile 2. Valid Trade License, Tax Identification Number (TIN) with up-to-date Income tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate, etc. 3. Acknowledgement of Contract Agreement attached with Tender Documents 4. Technical Offer as per format prescribed in the Tender Documents 5. Financial Offer as per format prescribed in the Tender Documents
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
15. Contact Person	H.M. Shahidullah
16. Designation	Manager-Project Coordination
17. Address	Deltadesh (Pvt.) Ltd. House #1A; Appt#1C; Road #79; Gulshan-2; Dhaka-1212.
18. Contact Details	Email: shahidullah@deltadesh.com Cell No.: +88-01717-746809
NOTE	
19. Note-1	Aga Khan Academy project is exempted from Import duties and local VAT. Client will open L/C on manufacturer's name to avail duty exemption facilities.
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Request for Proposal

Hereby JSC ASE EC notifies you on holding the public tender for the right to conclude the contract under lot No. 14911/262 "Supply of Portland cement for Rooppur NPP Site". The documentation is published on the official procurement site of the nuclear industry <http://zakupki.rosatom.ru>, procurement No. 190910/0536/1572.

Bangladesh

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adding that "Electricity creates job opportunities."
Hasina said only developing the capital city is not the government's aim. "Providing developed facilities to all houses is the prime task of our government. To free the country from poverty is our aim, and we're working towards that target."
The inaugurated power stations are Baghabari 200MW power station, Jamalpur 115MW power station, Bogra 113MW power plant and Kaptai 7.4MW solar power plant.
PM's Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Affairs Adviser Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, State Minister Nasrul Hamid, and Asian Development Bank Country Director Manmohan Parkash were also present.
Later, the PM talked to beneficiaries of the power stations through video-conference.

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