

Army chief inaugurates aviation school

UNB, Lalmonirhat

Chief of Army Staff General Aziz Ahmed inaugurated the Army Aviation School base at Lalmonirhat Cantonment yesterday.

He also inaugurated new infrastructures, a newly-built helipad and laid the foundation stones of an Officers' Mess and SM Barrack.

Additionally, General Aziz inaugurated a modern and automated Milking Parlor for Lalmonirhat Military Farm where over 6,000 litres of milk is being produced daily.

Aiming to cope with current trends, the aviation school will be run by the Army Aviation Group where all aeronauts, engineers and crew of Bangladesh Army will get training under 14 trades, said the army chief.

The aviation school has been extended to

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Solidarity with Maria Ressa

24 editors, media executives call on Philippine authorities to end 'harassment' of Rappler exec editor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-four leading editors and media executives from 20 countries yesterday called on the Philippine authorities to end their "campaign of harassment and intimidation" of Maria A Ressa, the chief executive officer and executive editor of Philippines-based online news site Rappler.

Issuing a statement, the editors and media executives -- all executive board members of International Press Institute (IPI) where Ressa is a fellow member -- condemned the continued legal harassment of Maria Ressa and expressed solidarity with her.

Ressa faces a verdict on April 3 in a politically motivated "cyber-libel" trial. She faces up to 12 years in prison in the case, one of 11 criminal complaints against her, reads the statement.

The 11 cases filed against Ressa are an attempt to silence her and shut down Rappler in retaliation for its critical coverage on President Rodrigo Duterte and his administration, it says.

"The harassment of Rappler is part of a larger assault on press freedom in Philippines under President Duterte," it

adds.

Maria Ressa is a journalist and editor of the highest calibre. She and Rappler, the recipient of 2018 IPI-IMS Free Media Pioneer Award, have displayed great courage in defending press freedom and continuing to deliver quality news in the public interest, it says.

The ongoing cyber-libel trial against her must end with an acquittal, the editors and media executives said in the statement.

The offence of cyber-libel should be repealed to ensure it will not be abused against journalists in the future, they said in the statement.

"We call on the Philippine authorities to drop all other charges against Maria Ressa and Rappler, ensure that all attacks -- online and offline -- against journalists are investigated, and stop all forms of harassment and intimidation against the media."

The signatories include Beata Balogová, editor-in-chief, SME, Slovakia; Ole Kristian Bjellaanes, managing editor, Norwegian News Agency, Norway; Woosuk Kenneth Choi, editor, Chosun Ilbo, South Korea; John Daniszewski, vice president, Standards, Editor at Large The Associated Press, USA;

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As river water starts to recede in Sylhet's Companiganj, fishing has reached fever pitch. It's as if everyone from Borni area, where this photo was taken, has come down to bait a meal or two out of the water. While professional anglers set out on their boats, inset, shallow waters were occupied by amateurs of all ages.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR



Germany suspends dev cooperation with Myanmar



Germany's Development Minister Gerd Müller speaking to Rohingya women at Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Germany's Development Minister Gerd Müller said they will suspend all development cooperation with Myanmar until the country ensures safe repatriation of Rohingya refugees.

The minister also said Myanmar has an obligation to guarantee that one million refugees can return safely to their homeland, and that it will protect the Rohingyas still living within its borders, according to a press release.

"Until Myanmar commits to do so, we

will suspend our development cooperation with the country," said the minister.

He made the comments during his second day of visiting the largest Rohingya refugee camp in Kutupalong on February 26.

"I have spoken to Rohingya women today, who have experienced immeasurable suffering. Here in Kutupalong, 800,000 Rohingya people are living in straw huts under the most basic conditions in one of the world's largest refugee camps," said Gerd Müller.

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2 burnt to death in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two people were burnt to death and one sustained injuries after a fire engulfed a living space in port city's Halishahar area yesterday.

The deceased are Md Mohon (35) of Cumilla and Md Jakir Hossain (36) of Chandpur.

The injured, Kabir Hossain (35), was admitted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

Farid Ahmed, assistant director of Fire Service and Civil Defence headquarters, said the fire broke out around 1:30am at a building, which also housed six shops.

Md Jahangir, a resident of the building, said, "After the fire broke out, we called for the victims but they were sleeping in their rooms. We managed to get out but they couldn't."

The entrance to the living space is too narrow and has a small main door. During the incident, the victims were asleep and were burnt to death inside the room, said officials.

Three firefighting units doused the flame around 2:30am.

Road crashes claim four lives

Human hauliers cause three separate accidents in Magura



Two Dhaka-bound buses jostling to overtake each other caused a road accident in Mymensingh that killed one and injured 15.

STAR REPORT

In another grim day on the road, four more people were added to the tally of deaths caused by accidents, report our correspondent and UNB.

In Mymensingh, at least one person was killed and 15 others were injured in a road accident at Masterbari area on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Bhaluka upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased was a male of around 50 years of age. However, his identity could not be confirmed as of filing this report, reports our Mymensingh correspondent.

Quoting locals, Al Mahmud Adnan, in-charge of Bhaluka Highway Police Outpost, said the accident took place around 10am when a Dhaka-bound bus hit a sand-laden truck from behind while jostling to overtake another Dhaka-bound bus. This killed the deceased on the spot.

The injured were taken at Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex. Later, four of them were referred to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) as their condition deteriorated.

Police seized the bus and truck but the drivers managed to flee the scene. Police drives are on to arrest the drivers. A case was lodged with Bhaluka Police Station in this regard.

In Magura, three people -- including a student -- were killed and five others were injured in separate road accidents, all involving human hauliers, in the Sadar upazila yesterday, reports UNB.

The deceased were identified as Kiblu Mridha (45), Yasin Molla (25), and Bayzid Molla (14).

In front of the Pamanduali mosque, a truck collided head-on with a human haulier around 5:30am, leaving human haulier driver Kiblu dead on the spot.

Meanwhile in Chumgati area, another human haulier driver Yasin was killed and five others were injured after a truck hit Yasin's vehicle.

In Pistorpur area, ninth grader Bayzid died after his motorcycle was hit by a human haulier. Officer-in-Charge of Sadar Police Station Saiful Islam said the body has been sent to Sadar Hospital for autopsy. Three separate cases were filed over the accidents, he said.

534 killed in February

Says Jatri Kalyan Samity report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 534 people were killed and 1,169 were injured in 504 road accidents last month, Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity said in a report yesterday.

Additionally, 48 people died and 13 were injured in 56 incidents of railway accidents; 40 people died, 56 were injured, and 64 were missing in nine incidents in inland waterways, it said in a press release.

The information was disclosed in a report by Jatri Kalyan Samity's Road Accident Monitoring Cell, the press release added. The report was prepared based on news published in different newspapers.

According to the report, reckless driving, overtaking, unfit vehicles, carelessness of passengers and pedestrians, unskilled drivers, culture of impunity due to no enforcement of traffic rules are among the chief reasons behind the accidents.

Some of the recommendations mentioned in the report are: strict enforcement of Road Transport Law 2018 through establishing CCTV cameras digitally; a campaign on TV and newspapers to prevent road accidents; evicting floating markets and freeing up footpaths, roads; training drivers of public vehicles; and modernising the process of giving license to drivers and fitness certificates to vehicles.

Jatri Kalyan Samity, a platform working for passengers' welfare, is known for its periodic publication of reports on road accident statistics.

In 2019, the organisation reported that at least 7,855 people were killed and 13,330 others were injured in 5,516 road crashes across the country. This means that on average, 21 people lost their lives on the road each day.

This was a 8.07 per cent increase on 2018's tally, which stood at 7,221 deaths, 15,466 injuries in 5,514 accidents, said the samity.

In addition to the reasons cited above, the organisation also blames fault in road design, use of mobile phones or headphone while driving, and drunk driving for the reasons behind road accidents.

JOINT HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN UN to seek \$877m for Rohingyas

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations and NGOs, in support of Bangladesh government, will launch the 2020 Joint Humanitarian Response Plan in Geneva today, seeking \$877 million from the international community for the Rohingya refugee crisis.

"We appeal to the international community to continue to provide vital support to the Rohingya community and humanitarian needs in Bangladesh," said a statement of UNHCR) yesterday.

Bangladesh State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam, UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, IOM Director General António Vitorino, Brac Executive Director Asif Saleh and UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Mia Seppo will be present there.


Three Rohingya youths will also attend the event. They were chosen because of their creative pursuits -- poetry, storytelling, and photography -- which are contributing to the richness of their culture and broadening understanding of the lives

of Rohingya youths.


A separate event following the launch of the Joint Response Plan will showcase their creative works and provide a forum for them to talk about their lives as refugees and their hopes and vision for future.

"We see their presence as an opportunity for the Member States, UN agencies and NGO partners in Geneva to hear directly the voices of Rohingya refugees," the statement said.

There are some 1.1 million Rohingyas living in the camps in Cox's Bazar.



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Invitation for Tender Through Web(3rd call)

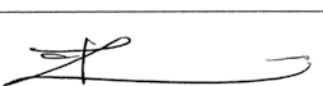
Tender No. CSD-2(MES):16/1/2020-20 Date: 01/03/2020

Tenders through electronic media (e-Tenders) are invited from contractors/firms/reputed manufacturer's local agents/distributors for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 5(Five) TR capacity 70(seventy) Nos. Ceiling Suspended Split Type Air-conditioner for Bangladesh Bank, Bogura Office, Bogura. Necessary information are given below:

01 Procuring Entity	: Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head office, Dhaka.
02 Source of Funds	: Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
03 Invitation for Tender No.	: CSD-2(MES): 16/1/2020-20
04 Method of Procurement.	: Open Tendering Method (OTM)(National).
05 Qualifications of Tenderer	: (i) Tenderers shall have at least 10(Ten) years of overall experience in the supply and installation of mechanical machineries. (ii) Tenderers shall have specific experience of Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Split type Air-conditioning Machine in any Govt./Semi-Govt./Autonomous organization worth not less than Tk.1,40,00,000/-(Taka One Crore Forty Lac) only in maximum 02(Two) contracts during the last 5(Five) years. (iii) Tenderer shall have Distributor/Agencyship certificate from the reputed Split type Air-conditioning equipment manufacturer and a copy of Distributor/Agencyship certificate shall enclose with the offer. (iv) Proposed brand Split Type Air Conditioning system installed in Bangladesh shall have the record of satisfactory running condition till now to furnish certificate in this respect from the Officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent. (v) Minimum amount of Liquid assets/credit facilities shall be of Tk. 1.5(One crore fifty lac) crore only. In case of credit facilities, Bank ensures that the above mentioned credit limit will be given if the said work is awarded to the contractor. (vi) Tenderer shall submit the Manufacturer's Authorisation on the Letter- Head Pad in original at the time of opening of the Tender. (vii) Tenderer shall have to fulfil the Qualification criteria, terms and conditions of the Tender documents, failing which the Tender may be rejected and considered as non-responsive.
06 Name & Address of the Office Receiving Tender Document	: Submit in web: www.bangladeshbank.org.bd www.bangladesh-bank.org (e-Tender)
07 Name & Address of the Offices Receiving Tender Security & Other Documentary Evidence in original.	: General Manager (Engineering), Common Services Department-2 (6th floor of 2nd Annexe Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
08 Last Date and Time for Submission of Tender Document through web.	: 18/03/2020 up to 2:30 P.M.
09 Last Date and Time for Receiving Original Tender Security.	: 18/03/2020 within 2:30 P.M.
10 Date, Time and Place for Tender Opening	: All Tenders will be opened at Common Services Department-2 (6th floor of 2nd Annexe Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 18/03/2020 at 3:00 P.M. (Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the Tender Opening).
11 Brief Description of works	: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 5(Five) TR capacity 70(seventy) Nos. Ceiling Suspended Split Type Air-conditioner for Bangladesh Bank, Bogura Office, Bogura.
12 Time for completion of the works	: 02(Two) months from the date of issue of Contract Award.
13 Tender Security	: Tender Security amounting Tk. 4,50,000/-(Four Lac Fifty Thousand) will be required in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favour of General Manager(Electro-Mechanical), Common Services Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
14 Special Instruction	: (i) The Tenderer shall submit tender through Bangladesh Bank Web site (e-Tendering) & shall have valid e-mail address for participate in e-Tendering. (ii) Original PO/BD/BG as Tender Security shall reach at General Manager (Engineering), Common Services Department-2 within stipulated date and time of TDS. (iii) Scanned copy of Tender Security document shall be submitted with the tender through web. (iv) Tenderer shall submit documentary evidence etc. (attested or original whichever necessary) at the time of Tender opening or when required, failing which the Tender may be considered as non-responsive. (v) Tenderer shall duly fill in the Form PG-1 (Tender Submission Letter) and Form PG-4 (Tenderer Information sheet) as per format given in Tender Document. (vi) PG-1 form shall be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letter-Head Pad, attached by scanning during submitting tender and original will send with sign to General Manager(Engineering), CSD-2 at scheduled time as per TDS. (vii) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents shall result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Rules 127 of PPR 2008. (viii) All sorts of Security and Safety measures shall be carried out by the firm during execution of the work. (ix) Bangladesh Bank reserves all right to accept or reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claim will be entertained in this regard.

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