Mother sues UP chairman

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Parvin along with her son Emran, 21, two daughters Selina Akhter Sheuli, 28, Rozina Akhter, 23, and Emran's friend Chuttu, 27, was going to Rozina's father-in-law's house in Chakaria.

They first went to Keranihut area of Satkania on a microbus. There, they boarded a CNG-run auto-rickshaw to go to Chakaria.

Once they reached near Lal Bridge area of Harbang, some six people on two motorbikes started chasing them. The CNG-run auto rickshaw driver became frightened and took the vehicle near Pahar Chada rail tracks.

At that place, the motorbike riders detained them and started beating them up. The riders also took cell phones, ornaments and cash from the victims.

Later, the attackers tied the victims' hands and waists with rope and paraded them towards the union parishad office, Parvin said in the case statement.

UP Chairman Miranul started rebuking them when they reached his office. He first kicked Parvin's elder daughter Sheuli on the belly and then started beating the victims with a chair, Parvin alleged.

Miranul also beat them with a stick. Around 6:00pm on the day, a police team from Harbang police outpost rescued the family members and admitted them to Chakaria upazila health complex, according to the case statement.

Parvin also alleged that the accused staged a drama to frame them for cattle theft.

Of the accused, police arrested Nasir, Jashim and Nazrul on Monday and produced them before a senior judicial magistrate court in Chakaria. The court later sent them to jail.

OC Habibur Rahman said police were trying to arrest the UP chairman.

UP Chairman Miranul, from his hideout, released a video message and claimed he was in Chattogram at the time of the incident. He claimed that after being told of the incident over phone, he asked police to rescue the family from villagers.

Cutting corners dangerously

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Asked why the licence was renewed when the hospital has been engaging in such malpractice, Alam replied, "We found the violations today after a five-hour raid done by an entire team. The authorities cannot always comb for such anomalies when they send an inspector to visit the hospital prior to issuing a renewed licence."

On August 5, a health ministry circular asked the home ministry to keep law enforcement agencies from raiding government and private hospitals without permission from the director general of the Directorate General of Health Services.

The circular came after Executive Magistrate Alam raided the infamous Regent Hospital. Yesterday, the High Court questioned why this directive of the Health Ministry should not be declared illegal.

"Magistrates are independent. They do not need permission from anyone," health ministry's Joint Secretary Umme Salma Tanzia, who participated in the raid, told reporters.

About the private health care facilities which have yet to get their licences renewed, Tanzia said that a committee is looking into the matter.

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On August 4, the health ministry issued the notification saying that the law enforcers need its permission before conducting drives in any government and private hospitals as the regular activities of the health sector are hampered due to law enforcers' sudden drives.

The notification also said coordination has to be maintained among the departments of health service, health education, and family welfare for raiding any hospitals.

Lawyer Yeadia Zaman appeared for the writ petitioner.

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four Bangladeshi men aged between 30 and 43 who were workers of the company were also held," he said in a statement.

Arifai said all suspects were detained for further investigations.

Chinese veto

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supported the cause of Bangladesh all through in the Security Council.

Uruguay, a Latin American country, has also recognised Bangladesh, informs the foreign ministry of Bangladesh.

BHASHANI FORMS ALL PARTY FOOD COMMITTEE

An all-party opposition Food Action Committee is formed in Dhaka today at a meeting of the different political parties and other organisations with Maulana Bhashani as the convener. According to a press release sent by Maulana Bhashani, the committee, which is formed with a view to organising resistance movement in the country against the existing food crisis and price spiral, includes two representatives from each opposition political party and one each from student and other organisations.

SOURCES: August 27, 1972 issues of Bangladesh Observer, Dainik Bangla and Dainik Ittefaq.

3 witnesses in cops' case

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The three were sent back to jail and Rab will interrogate them at a later date, when convenient, Khairul added.

On August 9, a Rab team arrested the three from Marishbunia village for their alleged involvement in Sinha's killing.

Later, they were produced before a court with a 10-day remand prayer on August 10 and the court granted a seven-day remand on August 12. Rab took the three into custody on August 14.

"We have placed the arrestees in court seeking [the fresh] remand as we need to verify the information we got during their interrogation," said Khairul.

Maj (retd) Sinha, 36, had been making travel documentaries for a YouTube channel called "Just Go". On July 31, he was returning to Cox's Bazar from Teknaf, when his car was stopped at a police checkpost at Shaplapur on Marine Drive.

Police claimed Sinha aimed his pistol at them when they wanted to search the vehicle, prompting them to shoot in self-defence. They also said they seized drugs from the vehicle.

However, witnesses said Sinha exited his car, put his hands over his head and then police shot him. His family members alleged he was murdered in cold blood.

On Monday, Rab took the three prime accused of the case -- former officer-in-charge of Teknaf police station Pradeep Kumar Das, in-charge of Baharchhara Police Investigation Centre Inspector Liaqat Ali and Sub-Inspector Nandadulal -- into their custody on a four-day remand for interrogation.

Four other arrestees -- Assistant sub-inspector Liton Miah, Constable Safaul Karim, Kamal Hossain and Abdullah Al Mamun -- were also placed on four days' remand on Monday, but are now in jail as Rab will interrogate them later.

A source said investigators would eventually bring all the accused face to face and match the information they are providing during their remand.

Covid-19

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reduced transmission reported from the United States and Brazil -- the world's two worst-affected countries, the data showed.

The WHO meanwhile cautioned that several countries and territories in the Caribbean had reported large increases in cases, and suggested this could be linked to growing tourism.

WHO's Southeast Asia region -- the second-most affected -- accounted for 28 percent of all new cases and 19 percent of all new deaths reported globally last week, with both categories swelling four percent compared to a week earlier, the data showed.

India continues to report the vast majority of confirmed cases and deaths in that WHO region, with 455,000 new cases last week. That brought its total to well over three million and with more than 6,700 new deaths pushed its toll up to over 56,700.

In the Eastern Mediterranean region too the number of cases continued to climb last week, rising four percent from a week earlier, but new deaths in the region dipped for the sixth week in a row.

Meanwhile in Europe, where the number of new cases has been steadily climbing in recent weeks, the pace slowed slightly, by one percent last week, the data showed.

New fatalities in Europe continued to slow, falling a full 12 percent compared to a week earlier.

ONLINE, TV CLASSES

All schools and kindergartens in the greater Seoul region were told yesterday to return to online learning as authorities battled multiple coronavirus clusters.

Sahara turned

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However, experts from the US found evidence in caves in Laos that it was also behind the "missing millennia" in inner Southeast Asia's archaeological record.

The megadrought it caused would have led to mass population movements and the adoption of new, more resilient subsistence strategies.

It may even have led to the inception of Neolithic farming in mainland Southeast Asia, the researchers have concluded.

"We provide the first proof for a strong link between the end of the Green Sahara and Southeast Asian monsoon failure during the mid- to late Holocene period," said earth scientist Kathleen Johnson of the University of California, Irvine.

Death toll

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was 17.98, the lowest for a 24-hour period in more than last one and a half months.

With this, the country's total number of confirmed novel coronavirus cases rose to 299,628. The infection rate is over 20 percent for all tests carried out so far since January 21.

With the recovery of 3,881 more patients in 24 hours till 8:30am yesterday, the recovery rate went up to 62.33 percent.

Among the latest deceased, 32 were males and 13 females. All but one of them died at hospitals.

One of the dead was aged between 21 and 30, one between 31 and 40, six were between 41 and 50, 10 between 51 and 60 and the rest were aged over 60.

According to the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR), Bangladesh crossed the figure of 100 confirmed cases on April 6, 1,000 cases on April 14, 10,000 cases on May 3, 50,000 cases on June 1, one lakh cases on June 18, 1.5 lakh cases on July 1 and 200,000 confirmed cases on July 17.

BANGLADESH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Securities Commission Bhaban
E-6/C Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Administrative Area, Dhaka1207, Bangladesh

Ref. No. BSEC/Admin/20:17/2020-462 Date: August 25, 2020

Request for Expressions of Interest for Selection of Consulting Firm (National)

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance/Financial Institution Division.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.
3.	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.
4.	Procuring entity code	
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Analyzing overall operation of ICB, list of tasks ICB has accomplished so far according to the mandate, role of ICB in the field of current securities market of Bangladesh, condition of ICB's financial and non-financial resources, ICB's governance, organizational and legal structure, manpower capacity and finally analyzing applicability of similar type of organization in other parts of the world.
7.	EOI Ref. No.	BSEC/Admin/20:17/2020-462
8.	Date	August 25, 2020
KEY INFORMATION		
9.	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) Lump Sum.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10.	Budget and source of funds	BSEC's own fund.
11.	Development partner (if applicable)	N/A.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12.	Project name	N/A.
13.	EOI closing date, time and place	12:00 hours BST, Date: 15/09/2020, Securities Commission Bhaban, E-6/C, Agargaon Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207.
14.	EOI opening date, time and place	12:30 hours BST, Date: 15/09/2020, Securities Commission Bhaban, E-6/C, Agargaon Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15.	Brief description of the assignment	The spirit of formation of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) was to assist capital market of Bangladesh. For the last several years (especially in FY 2018-2019 and 2019-2020) ICB has been facing continued losses and thereby losing equity. The situation has been worsened by failure to collect debt from manufacturing industries and non-banking financial organizations which are not directly related to stock market. In many cases where ICB has financed in stock eventually became 'Director' of the company and while holding this position ICB could not sell their portion of stocks (when portfolio was in profitable stage) due to locking status of the stocks. This has significantly reduced ICB portfolio value. Even though government subsidy package has been given several times to capitalize ICB, yet the situation has not been improved. At this moment government needs to assess whether subsidizing ICB will be appropriate or not. The need assessment can be found by analyzing overall operation of ICB, list of tasks ICB has accomplished so far according to the mandate, role of ICB in the field of current securities market of Bangladesh, condition of ICB's financial and non-financial resources, ICB's governance, organizational and legal structure, manpower capacity and finally by analyzing applicability of similar type of organization in other parts of the world.
16.	Scope of services	A. The Consulting Firm is expected to perform the following tasks, inter alia they find imperative: 1. Review the current and historical financial and non-financial performance, overall activities, contribution and role of ICB in capital market development and identify whether the operations are performed in line with its mandated responsibilities as depicted in the legal structure concerned or not; 2. Identify the actual scopes of business and contributions thereof to the income and expenses of ICB and its subsidiaries. 3. Review the investment strategy, portfolio risk analysis, portfolio diversification, investment decision making process, sources and uses of funds and management control of ICB and its subsidiaries; 4. Review the lending policy & process and loan recovery performance of ICB; 5. Review compliance with securities and other laws/rules/regulations in performing its activities and identify deviations, if any; 6. Assess the sentiments and expectations of capital market stakeholders about ICB and identify whether ICB can fulfill those or not; 7. Review the financial and non-financial resources of ICB, examine whether those resources are being utilized properly or not and suggest the way of proper utilization thereof; 8. Review the overall governance, organizational and legal structures, manpower and skill to perform the activities of ICB and its subsidiaries and suggest for improvement thereof; 9. Identify the roles of the concerned Ministry, BSEC and Bangladesh Bank to supervise ICB and their scopes of support to overcome the current stalemate situation; 10. Compare the activities, performance and role of ICB with those of similar institutions of other jurisdictions; 11. Identify the reasons responsible for consistent poor performance of ICB and its subsidiaries and suggest the area for improvement; 12. Identify the course of action for improvement in ICB's performance and recommend its responsibilities to support the capital market in long run including, among others, the role of Market Maker; 13. Recommend the restructuring plan for ICB that will help to attain better performance and good governance; 14. Address any other issue that may be asked by the Committee formed in this regard by the Commission. B. The study will involve both desk-works and interviews with the key stakeholders. C. The Consulting Firm shall submit 2 (two) interim reports to the Committee followed by presentation on those and adhere to the comments of the Committee on work process and way of fact findings within the scope of the abovementioned TOR during preparation of final report.
17.	Duration of service	The duration of service is estimated as forty-five (45) days from the date of contract signing.
18.	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	**Eligibility criteria** 1. The Consulting Firm shall be a company or partnership firm; 2. It has at least 15 years' experience in business or financial consultancy in connection with capital market related activities; 3. The Firm itself or to whom it affiliates should have working experience with any company included either under MSCI Developed Markets Index or S&P 500 Index or Dow Jones Industrial Average or FTSE 100 Index; 4. The Firm shall deploy at least 3 Consultants having mutually exclusive professional experience in any of the following areas: i. Corporate Governance & Restructuring; ii. Management Control; iii. Portfolio Management and Investment analysis. 5. The Consultants who shall provide the consultancy services should have professional qualifications as CFA, FCA, FCMA, Fellow ACCA or CIMA; 6. The Firm shall appoint required number of Associates to the Consultants and required manpower to perform the job smoothly.
19.	Other details (if applicable)	a. Short listing will be made in accordance with the "Rule-115 of Public Procurement Rule (PPR)-2008". b. EOI should be include the following information: 1) Consulting firm profile supported by necessary documents; 2) Related experiences of the firm in accordance with the requirements mentioned in Serial No. 18; 3) Agreement of joint venture, or association/consortium, if applicable; 4) Work plan and methodology conducting the proposed assignment. c. EOI as well as forms/supporting documents attached shall be written in English. All copy of original documents should be duly attested by competent authority. d. EOI notice are posted on BSEC website www.sec.gov.bd and cptu website: www.cptu.gov.bd and hard copy of the same are available from the office in the address given hereunder. Office of the BSEC Administration, Securities Commission Bhaban, E-6/C, Agragaon Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207; Telephone: +88 02 55007106; Email: jalal@sec.gov.bd e. Two (2) signed copies of EOI along with 1 (one) original shall be submitted in a sealed envelope mentioning "Selection of consulting firm (National) to analyze overall operation of ICB, list of tasks ICB has accomplished so far according to the mandate, role of ICB in the field of current securities market of Bangladesh, condition of ICB's financial and non-financial resources, ICB's governance, organizational and legal structure, manpower capacity and finally to analyze applicability of similar type of organization in other parts of the world" on top of sealed envelope and shall be submitted to the following address by 12:00 hours BST, Date: 15/09/2020. Address: Office of the BSEC Administration, Securities Commission Bhaban, E-6/C, Agragaon Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207. f. EOI submitted by firms will be screened, and firms will be shortlisted. Only short-listed firms will be invited to submit proposals. Interested applicants may obtain further information from the Office of the BSEC Administration, Securities Commission Bhaban, E-6/C, Agragaon Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207, during the office hours (9:00 to 17:00 hours BST). g. BSEC reserves the right to accept/reject one or all EOIs or stop the process of approval at any stage, at its sole discretion without assigning any reason and shall bear no liability whatsoever consequent upon such a decision.
20.	Association with foreign firms is	Encouraged.
21.	Phasing of services detail information	N/A.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
19.	Name of the official inviting EOI	Jalal Uddin Ahmed.
20.	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Assistant Director.
21.	Address of the official inviting EOI	Securities Commission Bhaban, E-6/C, Agargaon Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Administrative Area, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
22.	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Email: jalal@sec.gov.bd
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs or tenders.		

25-8-2020
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