Israeli soldiers stand guard during a Palestinian protest against Jewish settlements in Salfit in the Israeli-occupied West Bank yesterday. | PHOTO: REUTERS

IUB honours its freedom fighter trustees

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Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) honoured six of its freedom fighter trustees at a programme on its Bashundhara campus in Dhaka on Thursday, says a press release.

IUB organised the event as part of celebrating "Mujib Centenary" and Victory Day.

The IUB trustees who were honoured are A Matin Chowdhury, chairman, the Board of Trustees; Didar A Hussain; AK Ashrafuddin Ahmed; Anjan Chowdhury; late Dr M Tajul Hossain; and late MA Mohaiman.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque was present on the occasion as the chief guest.

At the programme, IUB also awarded the winners of an essay competition it organised earlier throughout the country to celebrate the occasions.

IUB Vice-Chancellor (acting) Prof Milan Pagon and Prof Imtiaz A Hussain spoke on the occasion.

AL leader hacked

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the killing.

Nasim Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Pabna Sadar Police Station, said there had been a long-standing enmity between Mokhlesur and Bokul over control of the area.

A clash broke out in Anonto Bazar area between supporters of the two men yesterday evening. At one stage, Mokhlesur's men attacked Bokul with sharp weapons. They hacked him mercilessly, leaving him critically injured.

Bokul was taken to Pabna General Hospital where he died of his wounds around 7:00pm, the OC added.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Abdul Ahad Babu, office secretary of Pabna district AL, said Mokhlesur's men had been collecting extortion money from the drivers of battery-run three-wheelers in Anonto Bazar area for long.

Bokul protested collection of extortion money. Angered by this, Mokhlesur's supporters hacked Bokul to death, he added.

Ahad demanded exemplary punishment for the killers.

The OC said they were investigating the incident.

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livelihood opportunities and playgrounds -- facilities that are far better than those in the crowded refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

Apart from the risk of landslides, the government cited issues such as drug peddling, human trafficking, a rising trend of gender-based violence and conflicts between factions of the refugee communities in Cox's Bazar as major reasons for the relocation.

While these and other factors may have prompted the government to opt for the relocation, the fact remains that the relocation of the first batch has happened and the government will eventually transfer about 100,000 to Bhasan Char. The UN and international aid agencies are however yet to be involved in humanitarian assistance. This has given rise to questions about how the lives of Rohingya refugees in Bhasan Char will be funded and managed.

Saiful Islam Chowdhury Kalim, coordinator of the alliance of 22 local NGOs that have been engaged in humanitarian activities in Bhasan Char with their own funds, said the office of the Refugee Relief and Rehabilitation Commissioner (RRRC) that supervises the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar is doing the same in Bhasan Char.

"We have stock of food for six months. Now we are assessing the demand and challenges ahead," he told this correspondent. "Initially, the NGOs cooked food for the Rohingyas but now they are provided stoves, gas cylinders and food stuff to cook for themselves [in Bhasan Char]."

Saiful Islam said they too had negative idea about the Bhasan Char project initially, but everything became clear after visiting the site.

"I think international agencies' idea will change if they come here," he said, adding that there is no such infrastructure for refugees anywhere in the world. He said they are searching for international donors, but if they fail, they have contingency plans for mobilising funds locally.

Besides, Rohingyas can eventually be engaged in income-generating activities that can be helpful, he said.

Prof Imtiaz Ahmed, director at the Centre for Genocide Studies of the International Relations Department at Dhaka University, said it is unfortunate that the UN has not congratulated Bangladesh for its efforts to improve the lives of Rohingya refugees through relocation.

He said a country has the right to shelter refugees in places that it finds suitable. There will always be some issues wherever they are, but the government has built a planned housing. The facilities at Bhasan Char may not provide all the privileges the refugees want, but is much better than the present ones in Cox's Bazar.

"Bangladesh is not only a victim of Myanmar's genocidal acts, but also of global and regional geopolitics," Prof Imtiaz said. The international community is not as vocal on Rohingya repatriation as it is on the Rohingya situation in Bangladesh, he added.

"The UN should focus on Myanmar and repatriation, not Bangladesh, on the Rohingya question," he said.

Asked on funds and management of Rohingyas in Bhasan Char, the professor said he expects UN and other aid agencies will get involved in Bhasan Char soon.

Prof Imtiaz said the UN is not against relocation, but there is a communication gap between the government and the UN. "It should be removed immediately for the better."

Meanwhile, a few NGO officials working in the Rohingya camps said the government had become more adamant aboutthe relocation because international aid agencies made "excessive level of criticism" about the Bhasan Char project, even though the government had spent $350 million from its own fund for the betterment of the refugees. Also, they said the Rohingyas, especially families with young girls unwilling to be engaged in any conflict, had volunteered to go to Bhasan Char.

They also pointed to international aid agencies' high-handedness in management of the Rohingya camps.

A statement Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen made to this correspondent recently is reflective of this. He said government officials working in refugee camps are provided "financial incentives" by international aid agencies, whose foreign workers also draw high amount of benefits due to high per diems in Cox's Bazar, which is why they are reluctant to move to Bhasan Char.

While these claims need to be verified, local NGOs have long been saying that international aid agencies' operations in the camps were too expensive -- an issue that needs to be addressed by employing Bangladeshi NGOs at operational levels.

Two UN officials reacted differently when asked whether the UN would be involved in Bhasan Char as the government wants it to be. One said they would not go unless a technical assessment by a UN team is done, while the other said the UN Refugee Agency is obliged to go to Bhasan Char if the government wants as looking after refugees -- wherever they are -- is its mandate.

"We are observing what happens in Bhasan Char… how the community fares," a UN official told this correspondent.

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DM 80 million to Bangladesh. Of this amount, DM 15 million has been allocated for meeting emergency aid requirements of Bangladesh.

INCREASE OUTPUT

Bangabandhu today asks the working class of the country to work with missionary zeal and increase production in the fields, mills and factories. Talking to a group of workers at the Gono Bhaban, Bangabandhu says production must be increased so that the benefits of liberation could be enjoyed by all within the shortest possible time. Unless production is increased the masses could not reap the benefits of liberation, he maintains.

Bangabandhu further says socialism, as envisaged by his government, would usher in an era of peace and prosperity in the country which has long been exploited by foreign forces. He asks the workers to imbibe in themselves the spirit of socialism and work for its establishment.

Sources: December 13, 1972 issues of Dainik Bangla, Ittefaq and The Daily Observer.

LRPS Ref. No.: LRPS- BAN-2020-9163939

Request for Proposal (RFP): Establishing Long Term Arrangement for Technical support for, and development of, localized, culturally sensitive and translate language resources that address translation gaps in the Rohingya emergency response and host community programmes in Cox's Bazar district for the period of 24+12 months.

UNICEF-Bangladesh is inviting interested companies with a strong record and credibility of providing the above-required service. To receive the detailed scope of work and procedure to submit the bid response, please email to **"supplybangladesh@unicef.org"**

The deadline to submit proposal is **Wednesday, 23 December 2020; Time: 14:00 Hrs**

Please note UNICEF does not charge any fee at any stage of the solicitation process.

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Filmmaker

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told Reuters, citing the director's private secretary.

Latvian media Delfi first reported Kim's death, referring to Vitaly Mansky, a Russian documentary film director who reportedly was working with Kim.

Born in 1960, Kim made his name with a series of violent yet aesthetically challenging features, including The Isle (2000) and Bad Guy (2001) – the former of which was sanctioned by the British Board of Film Classification for animal cruelty.

Man sets alight

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sent to jail yesterday after he admitted to police that he poured kerosene on Nipa Begum and set her on fire, said the law enforcers.

The victim, Nipa, was admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barishal with critical injuries, said KM Tariqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Barguna Police Station.

Quoting family members, the OC said Himu, a tailor, recently married another woman without the consent of his first wife Nipa, who then filed a case with the Women and Children Repression Control Tribunal against him.

Himu often tried to force her to drop the charges against him and set her alight after failing to convince her, he added.

EU clinches deal on tougher

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CO2 emissions compared to 1990 -- is not now seen as sufficient to achieve this goal.

At an October summit, the EU leaders postponed the decision on the more ambitious climate target until their next meeting, given the hesitation by the eastern member states.

The new climate goals are backed by big EU powers, including France and Germany, as well as many major businesses keen to access European funding to kickstart a recovery through what Brussels has taken to calling a green new deal.

But environmental activists decried the latest move as not ambitious enough.

"It shows that political convenience takes precedence over climate science, and that most politicians are still afraid to take on big polluters," Greenpeace EU climate policy adviser Sebastian Mang said.

The climate and the budget succeeded in pushing failing Brexit trade negotiations to the side.

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen told leaders that there were "low expectations" of a deal in a short discussion at the end of the summit.

London and Brussels have said they will decide by Sunday whether to press on with talks aimed at reaching an accord or throw in the towel, as negotiators from the two sides met again to seek a way forward.

Amid their packed schedule the EU leaders also agreed to draw up a list of Turkish targets for sanctions in response to Ankara's prospecting for gas in Greek and Cypriot waters.

The move fell short of broader punitive measures urged by Athens and Nicosia, as other EU nations remained hesitant about imposing wider sanctions or an arms embargo on NATO member Ankara.

NHRC needs to play its due

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human rights violations to the government for necessary actions.

"The National Human Rights Commission can play a role of check and balance in this regard. If the government doesn't take any step against an offence, the commission itself will take appropriate legal actions."

The government must take necessary action against any incident of human rights violation if it is conveyed, said Anisul.

Mentioning that the country would have an anti-discrimination law next year, he said the government was working on formulating the law to prevent discrimination against people and it was now at the final stage.

The minister said the government has given stimulus of $4.14 billion to different sectors to face the challenges of lives and livelihoods posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The government has arranged Covid-19 testing free of cost and will take steps to provide vaccines to the people for free on a priority basis, he added.

UNDP Resident Representative Sudipto Mukherjee, among others, also spoke at the programme, chaired by NHRC Chairman Nasima Begum.

Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Controller of Stores (Eastern Zone)
Bangladesh Railway
CRB, Chattogram

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"Don't eat from the unknown person platform or the train journey"

International Sale Tender Notice

No. 2020-21/04 — Dated: 08/12/2020

Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Railway.
Invitation of tender	:	Controller of Stores (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
Nature of tender	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
Date of invitation of tender	:	08/12/2020.
Eligibility of tenderer	:	Iron Dealer.
Document selling place	:	1) Deputy Commissioner, Chattogram Office, General Section, Room No. 138, 2) Police Commissioner Office, Chattogram Metropolitan Police, Dampara, Chattogram, 3) Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chattogram, 4) Controller of Stores (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram, 5) Controller of Stores (West), Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi, 6) Asstt. Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Kamlapur, Dhaka.
Dropping place	:	1) District Commissioner, Chattogram Office, General Section, Room No. 138, 2) Police Commissioner Office, Chattogram Metropolitan Police, Dampara, Chattogram, 3) Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chattogram, 4) Controller of Stores (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram, 5) Controller of Stores (West), Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi, 6) Asstt. Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Kamlapur, Dhaka.
Opening place	:	1) Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Pahartali, Chattogram, 2) Controller of Stores (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram, 3) Controller of Stores (West), Bangladesh Railway, Rajshahi, 4) Asstt. Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Kamlapur, Dhaka.
Document selling time	:	14/12/2020 to 06/01/2021 all working days during office time.
Dropping date & time	:	14/12/2020 to 06/01/2021 all working days during office time and 12:00am to 07/01/2021.
Opening date & time	:	07/01/2021 at 12:30pm.

Sl. No.	Tender number	Short description of materials	Quantity (approx)	Location of materials	Value of tender document
1	2	3	4	5	6
01	Sale/2020/17	S.M Scrap (Cast Iron), Buffer head, Axle box, Axle guide, Outer socket, Inner socket etc.	55.174 M. Ton	Old Sale Depot, PHT	400.00
02	Sale/2020/18	i) Steel cast scrap wheel centre mounted of M S Axle with or without tyre. Condem wheel & Axle Size: 9"x4.1/2" Plain Bearing = 687 Pairs = 309.150 M. Ton. ii) -Do- Size: 8"x4.1/4" Roller Bearing = 196 Pairs = 98.00 M. Ton.	407.150 M. Ton	TJN Station Yard	750.00
03	Sale/2020/19	i) Steel cast scrap wheel centre mounted of M S Axle with or without tyre. Condem wheel & Axle, Plain Bearing, Size: 9"x4.1/2" = 902 Pairs = 405.900 M. Ton. ii) -Do- Size: 8"x4.1/4" = 589 Pairs = 265.050 M. Ton. iii) -Do- Size: 8"x4.1/4" = 14 Pairs = 7.000 M. Ton. iv) -Do- Size: 9"x4.1/2" = 64 Pairs = 28.800 M. Ton. v) -Do- Size: 8"x4.1/4" = 32 Pairs = 14.400 M. Ton. vi) -Do- = 28 Pairs = 14.000 M. Ton. vii) -Do- = 16 Pairs = 8.000 M. Ton.	743.150 M. Ton	CGPY Yard, SRV Yard & Tranjit Yard	750.00
04	Sale/2020/20	i) Steel cast scrap wheel centre mounted of M S Axle with or without tyre. Condem wheel & Axle, Size: 8"x4.1/4" Roller Bearing = 398 Pairs = 199.00 M. Ton. ii) -Do- Size: 9"x4.1/2" Plain Bearing = 393 Pairs = 176.850 M. Ton.	375.850 M. Ton	AKA Station Yard	750.00
05	Sale/2019/17	S.M Scrap tyre for Loco & Rooling Stock = 2000 Pcs.	110.120 M. Ton	Old Sale Depot, PHT	750.00
06	Sale/2019/18	S.M Scrap Buffer Helical Spring	241.724 M. Ton	Old Sale Depot, PHT	750.00
07	Sale/2019/19	Bearing Spring (7 Plate) = 4262 Nos.	183.266 M. Ton	Old Sale Depot, PHT	750.00
08	Sale/2019/20	i) Steel cast scrap wheel centre mounted of M S Axle with or without tyre. Condem wheel & Axle (With tyre) Size: 9"x4.1/2" = 76 Pairs = 36.480 M. Ton. ii) -Do- without tyre, Size: 9"x4.1/2" = 25 Pairs = 8.000 M. Ton. iii) -Do- with tyre, Size: 8"x4.1/4" = 17 Pairs = 7.820 M. Ton. iv) -Do- with tyre, BC/NSK(B) = 29 Pairs = 13.920 M. Ton. v) -Do- with tyre, Size: 7"x4" = 14 Pairs = 4.480 M. Ton. vi) -Do- with tyre, SKF(C) = 144 Pairs = 61.920 M. Ton. vii) -Do- PHT Type with tyre = 45 Pairs = 22.050 M. Ton. viii) -Do- PHT Type without tyre = 30 Pairs = 10.200 M. Ton.	164.870 M. Ton	Workshop/ PHT	750.00
09	Sale/2019/21	M S Scrap (Steel cast Scrap), Buffer head, Axle Box, Axle Guide, Outer Socket, Inner Socket etc.	99.923 M. Ton	Old Sale Depot, PHT	400.00

Eligibility of tenderers:

1.00 (a) Any foreign importer having requisite permission from their respective Govt. to import above scrap steel materials or
(b) Bangladesh exporters having export registration for scrap or any materials or
(c) Any Govt. Body sector corporation or private party of Bangladesh having melting furnace and re-rolling mills or any tenderer having an authorization letter from registered re-rolling mills.

2.00 The tenderer should submit a declaration along with the tender stating to export the scrap materials from Bangladesh/to melt the scrap materials in their **Own/Authorised** furnace within 60 days from the date of taking delivery.

3.00 Tender documents can be obtained the postal charges Tk 30/- (thirty) (if required to be dispatched to out station).

4.00 Sealed tender should be sent by postal Office of the Controller of Stores (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram before the specified date and time.

5.00 Tender should be addressed to the Controller of Stores (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram and must reach or be dropped in the tender boxes before 06/01/2021 on office time and at 12.00am on 07/01/2021. The tender will be opened at 12.30pm in presence of tenderers if any.

6.00 Due to unavoidable circumstances if the dropping and opening date as mentioned in this Tender Notice falls on a holiday/unexpected abnormal situation day, the tender will be dropped and opened on the immediate normal working day. No further amendment will be issued regarding such alternation of dropping/opening day. Other information will be available in tender schedule.

7.00 Tender security which equal to (i) From 0 to 50 lac 15% of the quoted value. (ii) From 50 lac to 1 crore 12% of the quoted value. (iii) Above 1 crore 10% of the quoted value must be submitted in favor of Financial Adviser & Chief Accounts Officer (East), Bangladesh Railway, Chattogram in the shape of Pay Order/Bank Draft issued by any scheduled bank (except National Bank) of Bangladesh. The tender which is not accompanied by Pay Order/Bank Draft for the required amount or is deficient in any manner will be liable to be rejected.

8.00 Tender validity 120 (one hundred twenty) days w.e.f. Opening date of tender. By no means shall earnest money deposited against tender be returned within the validity of tender or finalization of tender.

9.00 The authority reserves the right to cancel any or all the tenders and take any decision.

Engr. Md. Belal Hossain Sarker
Controller of Stores (East)
Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram

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New whale

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Beaked whale experts working alongside Sea Shepherd's scientific department managed to take photographs and video recordings of the three whales, and also recorded their acoustic signals using an underwater microphone.

Researchers Gustavo Cárdenas Hinojosa, Jay Barlow and Elizabeth Henderson are "highly confident" that the animals are a new whale species, according to the press release. Genetic sampling will be used to confirm whether they are correct.