UK stands by Bangladesh on Rohingya issue: envoy

IUB holds daylong event

City Desk

A daylong event titled "Rohingya: City on the Hill" was held at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on its Bashundhara campus in Dhaka on Wednesday.

Global Studies and Governance Program of the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at IUB organised the programme that highlighted humanitarian and repatriation challenges in Bangladesh since Rohingyas influx, said a press release.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert Chatterton Dickson was the chief guest at the inaugural session. He said the UK remains beside Bangladesh in addressing Rohingya-related challenges.

Giorgi Gigauri, chief of mission, IOM Bangladesh; and Fumiko Kashiwa, assistant representative, UNHCR, were special guests. A Matin Chowdhury, chairman of IUB; and Nilufer Zafarullah, chairman, Education, Science, Technology and Cultural Development Trust, founding trust of IUB, took part in the programme. IUB Vice Chancellor (Acting) Prof Milan Pagon spoke.

At the closing session, Senior Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen was the chief guest. Dr Mercy Tembon, country director for Bangladesh and Bhutan, World Bank; and Mia Seppo, UN resident coordinator, were special guests.

Road accidents kill two

Star Report

Two people were killed in road accidents in two districts on Wednesday, according to reports from our correspondents.

Our Patuakhali correspondent reports, a truck driver was killed as the truck loaded with rods fell into a ditch in Barguna's Patharghata upazila at night.

The accident took place near Abdus Salam Ideal Madrasa in Patharghata Municipality. The deceased was identified as Abu Bakar (30) , said Patharghata Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Shahabuddin.

Abu Bakar's assistant Naeem said the accident happened while the vehicle was being loaded with rods in Kakchira area. The trucker died on the spot.

Our Dinajpur correspondent adds, a truck hit a motorcycle from the opposite direction on Dinajpur-Gobindaganj regional highway at Laxmipur village in Phulbari upazila, leaving the biker dead.

Lebu Islam (25) from Stationpara in Phulbari died on the spot, said Phulbari Police Station OC Fakhrul Islam.

Govt served legal notice not to reopen schools

Staff Correspondent

A Supreme Court lawyer has served a legal notice on the government, requesting it not to reopen the educational institutions until the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic is completely over.

Khandaker Hasan Shaharyar sent the legal notice to the authorities concerned of the government on January 27 also urging them to take necessary steps to provide 100 percent online classes to the students through using digital system during the pandemic.

He also appealed the government to cancel its decision to reopen the institutions in February. Citing the legal notice, Shaharyar told The Daily Star yesterday that if the academic institutions are reopened now the students' health will be at risk as the Covid-19 pandemic is yet to end.

He said he will move a writ petition before the High Court for necessary orders if the government reopens the academic institutions in this situation.

Earlier on January 11, another legal notice was served on the government requesting it to reopen all the educational institutions including the schools and colleges across the country from January 16.

Lawyer Faruque Alamgir Chowdhury sent the legal notice on behalf of Abdul Kaiyum Sarkar, principle of Vawal Mirzapore Public School and College, to the education secretary and director general of the directorate of education for taking steps to reopen academic institutions from January 16.

Citing the legal notice, Faruque told The Daily Star that the educational institutions of the country have remained closed since March last year due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic situation hampering the study of the students. The shutdown of the institutions was extended for 11 times so far and therefore, lakhs of students are facing adverse impact.

Duping jobseekers

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In the first week of January, one of the accused, Bokul, sent the job offer letters to Ali and asked him to verify those if there is any confusion.

Ali verified it with the company's website and deemed it genuine.

"Actually, it's a fake website made by the fraudsters. Such company doesn't exist," the PBI Chief said.

On January 19, Bokul sent a visa approval list and visa copy to Ali's WhatsApp. It showed that one of them got approval for a study visa.

"Ali told Bokul that they wanted employment visa… so why did they issue study visa? Bokul told him that they can change it again and it will not be a problem," explained the PBI Chief.

"Ali then instantly wrote to Ireland Embassy in New Delhi, India through email. In reply the embassy said these visas are not genuine," Banaj Kumar said, adding that the fraudsters could not think that Ali would go to such lengths to verify the visa.

Ali then filed a case over human trafficking and fraudulence with Hatirjheel Police Station.

PBI arrested Shahin and Bokul near Dutch Bangla Bank in Motijheel while Galib was picked up at Gulshan area.

Raiding Shahed's office in Banani, they seized 13 passports including the victims' ones along with two laptops, cheque books, seals, fake job offer letters, police clearance forms and bio-data of the job-seekers.

The PBI Chief said they are trying to arrest Shahed.

Women's

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"Just like 2020, this year, we are continuously protesting due to increasing incidents of rape and gender-based violence. But I think the government should be tougher in addressing these horrific incidents, and there must be strong accountability of state representatives," she added.

BMP Central Committee Vice President Rekha Chowdhury, General Secretary Maleka Banu, Joint General Secretary Shima Moslem, Assistant General Secretary Advocate Masuda Rehana Begum, among others, spoke at the programme. Later, they visited the Parliament House and handed over a memorandum to the representative of the Speaker.

Jona Goswami, director of advocacy and lobby of BMP, moderated the rally.

Two murder

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dead at the area in the morning of election day. His family alleged that the thugs took the firearms from officers of Khulsi Police Station and opened fire on Alo, who was heading to his workplace.

Munna was stabbed dead due to the feud, but locals said both brothers belonged to camps of rival candidates.

EVM VANDALISM: BNP-SUPPORTED COUNCILLOR CANDIDATE ON 1-DAY REMAND

A Chattogram court yesterday placed a BNP-supported councillor candidate for CCC election on one-day remand, in connection with vandalising two Electronic Voting Machines (EVM) inside a polling station at Patharghata area on Wednesday.

The court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohiuddin Murad placed Mohammed Ismail Bali on remand, after police produced him before court, with 10-day remand prayer, said Assistant Commissioner (Prosecution) Shahabuddin Ahmed of Chattogram Metropolitan Police. Bali was immediate past councillor of Ward-34.

Earlier, AL and BNP supporters locked into a clash inside Patharghata City Corporation Girls' High School polling centre, where the EVM machines were vandalised at one point. After the incident, voting was suspended at the station. Later, police detained Bali.

Following the incident, Md Shahjahan, the station's assistant presiding officer, filed a case, accusing Bali and 24 others with Kotwali Police Station on Wednesday night. He was then shown arrested in the case, said Nezam Uddin, OC of the station.

Apart from that, 40-50 unnamed persons were also made accused in the case.

HC wants

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But they refused to appear before the ACC office, he said. Following the media reports on it, HRPB filed the petition.

Following the petition, the HC on February 10, 2014 issued a rule upon ACC to explain why its inaction to quiz the CBA leaders should not be declared illegal.

ACC is yet to take any action against them after the HC issued the rule, Murshid told the HC bench.

Lawyer MA Aziz Khan appeared for ACC while Deputy Attorney General AKM Amin Uddin Manik represented the state during hearing.

Probe

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Analysing the hospital's CCTV footage, Anisul was seen being dragged into a soundproof room by several staffers and thrown to the ground by six employees during the admission procedure.

Two employees dressed in blue garbs held his leg and two others hit him with their elbows. Anisul's hands were tied behind his back with a piece of cloth.

There were no doctors in the soundproof room at the time, police said.

On November 10, Anisul's father Faijuddin Ahmed filed a case with Adabor Police Station, accusing 15 people, including five hospital shareholders and directors, for murdering his 35-year-old son.

Police have so far arrested thirteen people, including three directors, in connection with the case. The three directors are Dr Md Niaz Morshed, Dr Abdullah Al Mamun and Fatema Khatun Moyna.

The six accused who gave confessional statements are marketing manager Arif Mahmud Joy, pharmacist Tanvir Hasan, kitchen chef Masud Khan, and ward staff Asim Chandra Pal, Tanif Mollah and Sajib Chowdhury.

Earlier, expressing distrust over the police investigation, psychiatrists demanded a judicial probe into the officer's death and arrest of their colleague NIMH Registrar Dr Abdullah Al Mamun.

Police claimed that the doctor had referred Anisul from NIMH to Mind Aid, as he received 20 percent commission for such referrals.

Dr Mamun also ran a private practice at the facility, for which he was paid separately, said police, adding that several other doctors of NIMH and other government hospitals were also maintaining private practices at Mind Aid and referred patients there.

The other directors -- Sakhawat Hossain, and Sazzad Amin -- are still on the run.

Minor poses

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months back and learned how to make threats on the phone and craft bomb-like objects -- going through content in online video-sharing platform, Indian films and serials. He learned how to speak Hindi through watching the serials as well, the DB official said. He later made the bomb-like object and fitted it to the businessman's car when he went to Munshiganj's Louhajang recently.

The DB official urged residents to inform police whenever they get such calls.

The Daily Star could not independently verify the incident and claims.

Govt mulls

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venue hosted a test and five one day international cricket matches in 2006. Since then, no international match was hosted there, he said.

The state minister while replying to another query said the government is going to take a project for providing skills training to 3.30 lakh youths at upazila-level across the country.

'INCORRECT NEWS OVER NID SERVICES'

Meanwhile, Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday told parliament that some "aggrieved" journalists publish "incorrect" news over public hassles while availing services regarding the national identity card.

Anisul Huq, in-charge of the Election Commission Secretariat in the House, in reply to a lawmaker's question, said there are some mistakes in the NID cards due to lack of required number of skilled and technical manpower as per demand.

Most of the mistakes are spelling mistakes, he further said.

The minister said application for amendment or correction on NID cards needed to be disposed of within 30 working days. But if the application includes proper documents, disposal of applications happen within five or six days.

He made the comments as lawmaker Mozaffar Hossain complained about people's hassles while availing the NID services.

Anisul said the EC gives the chance of amendment to the mistakes in line with laws and regulation but many have not taken the opportunity.

However, the demands made in the application seeking corrections are in many cases "unreasonable and unrealistic".

As a result, submission of proper document, investigation and re-investigation are needed to dispose those of, which cause delay and make the process complicated.

For this reason, some "aggrieved" journalists publish various reports about the services which are not completely true, Anisul said.

Qulkhwani of Aminur Rahman

Staff Correspondent

Qulkhwani of Aminur Rahman, a former deputy inspector general of prisons, will be held today.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil would be held at Allahu Masjid inside Dhaka Cantonment after Juma prayers.

His relatives, friends, and well-wishers are requested to attend the programme, said a press release.

Aminur, who was a prosecution witness of the Jail Killing case, died on Monday at Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka, at the age of 84.

জমি/বাড়ি বিক্রয়

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e-Tender Notice 01/2020-2021

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following package:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	541302	Procurement of Furniture & Fixture for ICT and other Lab of Govt. Shah Sultan College, Bogura	15-Feb-2021 13:00	15-Feb-2021 14:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.
The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to **14-Feb-2021 4:00pm**.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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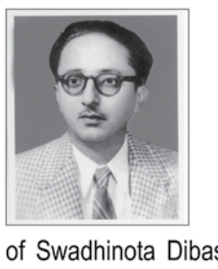
Death Anniversary



Today is the 41st death anniversary of Advocate Late Zahiruddin, Former Central Minister MNA, Former Awami League leader and ambassador. He was also a close associate of Bangabandhu and a recipient of Swadhinota Dibash Puroshkar. Milad & dua was held for him. D-21

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Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	541310	Renovation and Refurbishment of classrooms, laboratories, office rooms, wash room, common room (Boys & Girls), Canteen and Hostel at Govt. Syed Hatem Ali College, Barishal.	16-02-2021 2:00pm	16-02-2021 3:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.
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Request for Expressions of Interest

Covid-19 Response Consultancy Services
(Consulting Services - Individual Consultant Selection)
Western Economic Corridor & Regional Enhancement Program (WeCARE) Phase-I

Assignment Title: Covid-19 Response Consultancy Services.
Reference No.: SP-06 (G)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Western Economic Corridor & Regional Enhancement Program (WeCARE) Phase-I and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Covid-19 Response Consultancy Services.

The broad scope of consulting services ("the Services") includes carrying out the following in the project influence areas of Jashore, Jhenaidah, Magura, Chuadanga, Satkhira and Meherpur.

1. Formulate and implement COVID-19 response plan for the project.
2. Ensure a safe work environment in terms of infection prevention in the project area.
3. Train project personnel on infection prevention and response.

The expected date for commencement of the services is February 2021 and the tentative duration of the entire assignment is about 12 (twelve) months. A draft TOR can be found at the following website: (www.lged.gov.bd or can be obtained at the address given below).

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) under the Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of Bangladesh now invites eligible individuals to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested individual should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Experience in formulating and implementing a response plan for COVID/Contagious diseases.
2. Experience in imparting training on COVID/Contagious diseases.
3. Experience in IDA funded similar projects.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the section III, Para 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 and updated in August 2018," setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

An Individual will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants Selection (ICS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (9:00am to 17:00pm BST). Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by 17:00pm (BST), 25 February, 2021.

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