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## **3 DEV PROJECTS IN COX'S BAZAR**

# Syndicate finds MINES OF MONEY

ACC's Ctg office unearths long running con, involvement of ex-DC, top cop in the district

## **KEY FINDINGS IN ACC PROBE**

- Syndicate includes 44 admin, land and top police officials
- Tk 78 crore siphoned off
- Local ruling party men also
- Probe report awaits final approval



#### Mostafa Yousui

A syndicate of bureaucrats, politicians and officials of Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) in Cox's Bazar have systematically siphoned off Tk 78 crore in public money from three development projects.

 $For two \, of \, the \, projects, \, they \, acquired \, land \,$ that was far more expensive than available alternatives, costing the government an additional Tk 48 crore. Around Tk 30 crore more was embezzled in the name of land requisition for another project.

The findings, by the Anti-Corruption Commission's Chattogram office, shed light on how powerful syndicates make their fortune at the expense of taxpayers'

The 750-page probe report, prepared by an investigator in relation to three graft cases involving the three projects, names 44 government officials, including 23 admin cadre officers

They include a former deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar, former SEE PAGE 2 COL 3



Large plumes of thick black smoke spewing from iron factories fill the sky in the capital's Shyampur area. Such air pollution often contributes to respiratory diseases of people of all ages. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## POST-COVID JOB MARKET

## Govt to upskill women, youth

Set to take up Tk 4,300cr project

- >> Special training programme for youth, women, the poor
- >> Implementation period from July 2021 to 2026
- **Estimated cost Tk 4,300 crore**
- WB to loan Tk 2,580 crore, Govt to pay Tk 1,720 crore

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is set to start a training programme for creating skilled manpower fit for the job market with the view to creating employment in the post-Covid period with a particular focus on women and the underprivileged people.

About 6.5 lakh people will be given the training on emerging technology as well as allowances under the project, which was approved by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) yesterday.

The project, whose duration is July SEE PAGE 5 COL 1

## Taliban announce hardline temp govt

Core group members get top posts; supreme leader vows to uphold sharia law

AGENCIES

The Taliban announced new government yesterday, with a UNblacklisted veteran of the hardline movement in the top role, after the group swept to power in a lightning offensive which toppled the US-backed president. The announcement came







as protests were growing against Taliban rule, with two people shot dead

in the western city of Herat yesterday, a doctor told AFP. The Islamists, notorious for their brutal and oppressive rule during their first stint in power from 1996 to 2001, had pledged a more "inclusive" brand of rule as US troops completed their chaotic pullout.

But all the key positions in yesterday's cabinet went to core, veteran players in the movement.

Chief spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told a press conference that the new government would be an interim one, and that veteran official Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhund would serve as its new acting prime minister.

He had served as deputy foreign minister under the Taliban's old regime, and is on a UN blacklist. Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, head of the movement's political office,

was appointed as Akhund's deputy, Mujahid said. Baradar's appointment as Akhund's deputy, rather than to the top job, came as a surprise to some as he had been responsible for negotiating the

US withdrawal and presenting the face of the Taliban to the world. SEE PAGE 5 COL 1

## People don't have to call you ʻsir', ʻmadam'

State Minister Farhad tells civil servants, asks them to be humble

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saying that government officials' anger towards the general public or misbehaving with them is tantamount to corruption, State Minister for Public Administration Farhad Hossain yesterday said public servants' attitudes represent those of the government.

Your attitude represents government People consider your office as a part of the Prime Minister's Office ... there are no rules to address government officials as 'Sir' or 'Madam'," he said, asking bureaucrats to be humble.

"I've repeatedly said misbehaving is tantamount to corruption. It cannot be done by any means," he said replying to a

The state minister said this at a "Meet the Press" event organised by Bangladesh Secretariat Reporters Forum at the Mass Media Center at the Secretariat.

Saying there will be no difference between government officials and people, he said, "I always say that your attitude is important. If you don't have a welcoming attitude, vent your anger or scold [the

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## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

## 50 lakh to be made literate

Govt planning 5yr nationwide campaign

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

The government is working on a programme that aims at providing basic literacy knowledge to 50 lakh people aged 15 and above and skill development training to five lakh of

It wants to set up 500 permanent community learning centres at the union level and 64 livelihood skill development centres in as many districts under the proposed project, called Non-Formal Education Development Programme (NFEDP).

The Bureau of Non-Formal Education (BNFE) finalised the government-funded five-year

Beneficiaries to be aged **15** and above Project to cost

Tk **15,870** crore **500** community

built **64** livelihood skill development centres to

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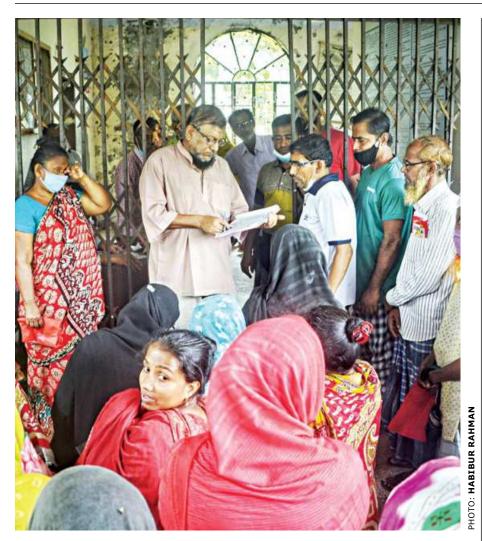
programme for Tk 15,870 crore and sent the proposal to the primary and mass education ministry for further action several months back. The ministry is now working on it.

"The work of the programme is going on. We will be able to take further steps soon. It is taking some time due to the Covid-19 situation," State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Zakir Hossen said ahead of

International Literacy Day today. The ministry is set to hold a programme, titled "Literacy for a humancentric recovery: Narrowing the Digital Divide", to mark the occasion.

Zakir also said the literacy rate in the country is currently 75.6 percent.

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People throng the vaccination centre at the ward-9 councillor office of Khulna City Corporation in the city's Mujgunni area yesterday, the first day of the mass vaccination for the second dose of Covid-19 vaccine. Many had to wait for hours.

## Enthusiastic response from recipients

Some go home without jabs

VACCINE DRIVE

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The first day of the Covid-19 second dose vaccine rollout marked much enthusiasm among the people in all centres across the country yesterday.

On the first day, people received their second jabs during the campaign from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

The campaign will continue till Sunday, according to the health officials. On August 7, around

34 lakh people, aged 25 years and above, received the first jab of Covid-19 vaccine through onspot registration under the six-day-long special inoculation campaign.

The government carried out this special campaign in 4,600 unions in rural areas and 1,497 wards in municipalities and city corporation areas countrywide, in addition to



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## Student 'taken' on arrival at HSIA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Bangladeshi student of Egypt's Al-Azhar University has been traceless for over a month since he landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka on August 4.

Rizwan Hasan Rakin, 22, landed at the airport at 8:30am and informed his father-in-law about his safe arrival over the phone, his family members

But when he was carrying out immigration formalities, some people took him to a corner and interrogated him for a long time before shoving him into a microbus blindfolded, they alleged quoting Rakin's brotherin-law Mahfuzur Rahman, who was travelling with him.

Rakin's father Abu Zafor, a Saudi expatriate, suspects his son may be a victim to "enforced disappearance".

"Does Bangladesh have any law under which a person can be kept confined for over a month?... If my son has committed a crime, produce him before a court and take legal action," said Abu Zafor, who lives in Saudi Arabia with his family.

Rakin's brother-in-law Mahfuzur Rahman, also a student of Al-Azhar University, travelled back home with

At one stage, they took Rakin and Mahfuzur out of the airport blindfolded in a microbus, said a relative of Mahfuzur.

Wishing anonymity, the relative said Mahfuzur could not say where they were taken and kept.

The next night, Mahfuzur was dropped, blindfolded in front of the residence of his brother-in-law in Jatrabari area, he added.

Rakin's father Zafor filed a general diary with Airport Police Station on September 3 after he and his wife return from Saudi Arabia on August

In the GD he mentioned that Rakin has been traceless since he passed immigration at the Dhaka airport.

Sub-Inspector Azizur Talukder, who is investigating GD, said he is trying every possible way to trace the

He was supposed to go to his legal steps.

grandfather's home in the capital's

Rakin's grandfather Selim Sarwar said, "I stood outside one of the two terminals at the airport that remained open after the Covid-19 pandemic from morning till evening to receive my grandson, but he did not come

Rakin's mother Shirin Akhter said, "My son was friendly with me. He always speaks the truth. He was memorising the Quran with tafsir so that he can spread the lesson of the holy book among the general

Asked whether her son had any link with militancy, she said he did

Rakin studied up to grade two in Rifles Public School in Dhaka. In 2007, he and his mother moved to Saudi Arabia, where his father had been living for the past 30 years.

He studied at Riyadh International School, run by the Bangladesh Embassy in Saudi Arabia, from grades three to eight. Rakin then came back to Bangladesh and was admitted to Uttara High School from where he completed his SSC in 2016 and then completed his HSC from Notre Dame College in 2018.

In October 2019, he left the country and got admitted to Cairo University. Then he got a scholarship in Al-Azhar University for his bachelor's, where he was supposed to begin classes soon, his father said.

He said Rakin got married to a Bangladeshi girl online. He came from Cairo on an Emirate's flight on a two-month vacation and was planning to arrange a post-marriage ceremony.

"All our joy has vanished. I am breaking down every day as my beloved son remains traceless for over a month," she said.

Rakin's family went to rights body Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) with a complaint.

Senior Coordinator of ASK Abu Ahmed Faijul Kabir said they advised the family to seek cooperation from law enforcement agencies and take

## People don't have to call you

FROM PAGE 1 public], then that is corruption."

He advised the government officials of different levels to talk politely. "It [talking politely] does not mean you cannot show your power or you are losing. Your attitude should

be [geared towards] providing best said Farhad. Quoting Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman, the state minister said service seekers should be considered as government officials' kith and kin.

He said officials at the field level, including AC Land and UNOs, have at different stages given directives to officials under them in this regard.

The state minister however said many talented people are now joining government service and sometimes they are given chances to correct their behaviour.

When they continue to commit offence, we take action," he said.

Sometimes, field-level officials lose

they are suggested to control their emotions, said Farhad.

Replying to another question, he said public servants must submit their wealth statements every three years to ensure accountability and transparency

Mentioning that it can be applicable for the ministers also, he said, "Since we've pledged, we must disclose our tax return every three years.'

He however said one can obtain tax return of the ministers by applying under the right to information act.

Farhad said around 3,85,000 posts at various government organisations were now vacant as the recruitment process in the public service was stalled following the Covid-19 outbreak in March, 2020.

He said the agencies concerned were asked to resume recruitment process and the government had already decided to extend the age limit considering the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent shutdown, which imposed restrictions on businesses their tempers for various reasons but and public movement.

## Enthusiastic response

the regular programme in 1,005 centres.

At that time, many people returned barehanded due to the shortage of vaccine supply, resulting in a mass outcry for the vaccine.

On the contrary, yesterday's

campaign was comparatively smooth except for the violation of health safety guidelines in many vaccination centres. "I have received my second dose

without any hassle. The vaccinators and the volunteers are doing their jobs perfectly," Kamrul Islam, inhabitants of Belgharia area of north town in Natore, told The Daily Star.

In Dhaka city, however, many had to return without taking vaccines from the centres as the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) rescheduled the dates for many in Dhaka city at the last minute on

On the official Facebook page of the DGHS, Prof Khurshid Alam announced that those who received their first jabs on August 7 and 8 in Dhaka city, they would receive their second jabs only yesterday.

As a result, many who received their first jabs on August 9 or later, but were asked to come for their second jabs yesterday, returned barehanded.

In Rajshahi city, as many as 27,000 people received their second jabs of Moderna's Covid-19 vaccine, reports our correspondent.

The campaign was carried out

simultaneously at 84 centres of 30 wards of the corporation between 8:00am and 3:00pm.

Anjuman Ara Begum, the city corporation's chief health officer, said they would jab the second dose to some 1.25 lakh people of the city in four days till September 12.

In Munshigonj, the campaign for the second dose was carried out without any chaos, but the health safety guidelines were not maintained properly, reports our correspondent.

Musnhsiganj Civil Surgeon Abul Kalam Azad said, "The second dose of the Sinopharm vaccine was started in 47 unions and one municipality. We will carry out a campaign in the remaining 22 unions tomorrow."

A total of 41,621 people received their first dose in the Munshiganj during the last month's special Quoting Cumilla's civil surgeon Mir

Mubarak Hossain, our correspondent reports that a total of 173,480 people will receive their second jabs in three days under the campaign.

In Natore district, a total of 24,975 people will get their second jabs under the mass vaccination programme, reports our correspondent, quoting Dr Kazi Mizanur Rahman, civil surgeon of Natore district.

The first day of the second dose vaccination campaign also marked people's enthusiasm in Khulna, Dinajpur and Sylhet, report our correspondents from those districts.



counterpart Lt General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed prior to a meeting in New Delhi yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Syndicate finds mines of money

additional deputy commissioner, former UNO, four former and current officials of PBI Cox's Bazar unit, including the SP and ex-additional SP. The gang also includes 23 surveyors, seven kanongos, six additional land acquisition officers and two subregistrars.

In addition, the list names seven political leaders, including Cox's Bazar district Awami League president and secretary, detailing the scale of their involvement and share of responsibility in the fraud.

The ACC office in the port city received the report on June 30. Usually, an official submits his report to a deputy director, who then forwards it to the director general (investigation)

Afterwards, the report is sent to the ACC chairman for approval. Subsequently, it comes back to the investigation officer who then submits it to the court as part of the charge

As of yesterday, the report was still sitting at the desk of Mahbubul Alam, the deputy director at Chattogram ACC office. "We are reviewing it. As the report

is too long, it will take time [to be forwarded]," said the deputy director when asked about the status of the report a few days back. THE LONG CON The government has undertaken 73

mega projects in this coastal district to acquire land worth Tk 25,000 crore project in Kalamarchara area. for the purpose. In its investigation, the ACC

found evidence of graft from the very start of three projects involving the construction of a PBI administrative office, a surface water treatment plant for Cox's Bazar Municipality and a Single Point Mooring for Eastern Refinery

For the PBI office and the water treatment plant, the District Land Acquisition Committee (DLAC) led by the deputy commissioner chose disputed sites, overlooking legal barriers.

The DLAC acquired 100 decimals of land for Tk 29.29 core at Kolatoli for the PBI office and two acres at Tk 36 crore for the municipality water

treatment plant last year. With proper procedures, the total land would have cost a little over Tk 17 crore, the investigator stated in his

It was a violation of the guidelines under the law for land acquisition and requisition. The guidelines state that the land-requiring body and DLAC representatives must look for an alternative cost-effective site and check whether the land was already acquired by any other government body.

As it was later discovered, another government body already acquired parts of the land years ago.

And, when it came to compensating the landowners, the syndicate defrauded ordinary people, the ACC investigation found. The graft watchdog found that 15

fake owners received over Tk 29 crore in the name of land acquisition for the PBI office last year. Similarly, posing as landowners, Cox's Bazar Municipality mayor's

family members pocketed Tk 36

crore from the water treatment plant

project, documents obtained by The

Daily Star show. Md Kamal Hossen, former deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar, now posted at the Local Government Division, and Ashraful Afsar, former additional deputy commissioner (revenue), now posted at the Ministry of Science and Technology, facilitated

the payments, the investigator found. In the process, thousands of landowners were denied their rightful compensation. Victims held press conferences and lodged complaints with the land acquisition (LA) office, but nobody paid heed to them.

Nazim Uddin, one such victim, said he did not receive any notice for land

came to know about it, the acquisition process was already underway. "As I am the owner, I applied

for compensation. But the land acquisition office behaved so rudely that at one stage I lost all hope. Later, in the middle of last year, my caretaker told me that a team of PBI officials led by its high-ups took the land under their control," he told this paper.

Three top police officials, who supervised the PBI construction project in phases, were fully aware that all the land documents submitted to DLAC were fake, the ACC investigator mentioned in his report.

They are Sarwar Alam, current superintendent of police of Cox's Bazar PBI, Md Moniruzzaman, exadditional SP of the PBI unit now posted in Khagrachhari, and Abdullah Al Mamun, ex-additional SP of the unit now serving at the headquarters of the Bureau.

The DLAC, responsible for land-related papers, verifying certified fabricated documents and authorised payments to fake owners, according to papers obtained by this correspondent.

GRAFT IN LAND REQUISITION

From the Single Point Mooring project, local public representatives and land officials embezzled Tk 30 crore in the name of land requisition, the report said.

contract to build a depot on 191 acres worth Tk 3.5 lakh crore, and decided of khas land requisitioned for this Tarek Bin Osman Sharif, chairman of Kalamarchara Union Parishad.

A Chinese company won the

and Mosharrof Hossen, chairman of Kutubzum Union Parishad, made a "deal" with the company to remove houses and other structures from the land and took Tk 10 crore for the job. They forcibly demolished the

houses and evicted the poor people who used to live on the land, though the task of eviction lies with the district administration, according to the ACC investigator. When any immovable property

is required temporarily for public purpose or in public interest, the district administration may requisition it in accordance with the law.

In case of requisition of immovable property, compensation shall be paid

to the rightful owner or owners. But thanks to the collaboration of surveyors, kanongos and land acquisition officials, Tarek pocketed Tk 20 crore, originally allocated by the government for farmers who used to cultivate the 144 acres of land on which the Chinese company built its office, the investigation found.

The land officials dropped the real farmers from the government list, thus depriving them of their rightful dues. Contacted, Tarek said, "I have given

my statement to the ACC when they called me. I don't think there was any chance to siphon off money from this project. Mosharrof said Tarek

representatives from the Chinese

company used to determine the

compensation. "As per the deal, he [Tarek] used to receive 10 percent from the total compensation. I have a business partnership with him. The ACC might have found my name this way. Beyond business relations, I don't have any

collaboration with him. ARRESTEES SPILL THE BEAN

The Rapid Action Battalion arrested a surveyor named Md Washim in Cox's Bazar on February 18, 2020, and the ACC Chattogram office filed a case

Three middlemen -- Sala Uddin, Kamruddin and Selim Ullah -- were arrested by the ACC separately later that month. They all "confessed" that they had paid commission to LA office The trio admitted to bribing Tk

10,123,000 to two land acquisition officers alongside dozens of surveyors and kanongos.

Eleven sacks of documents,

acquisition, as is the law. When he including applications of people seeking compensation, cheques and award books, which were supposed to be preserved at the additional deputy commissioner's office, were seized by Rab from their apartments. Their diaries have details of the

commission they paid to the LA office

The ACC came to know details about the graft in the three projects after quizzing the arrestees and analysing the seized documents.

It found that a surveyor used to work as the "commission collector" for the then DC Kamal Hossen and ADC Afsar.

Mohammad Edris, an arrested syndicate leader who is also a commercially important person (CIP), confessed to handing over Tk 40 lakh to a PBI inspector for forwarding it to ex-additional SP Moniruzzaman, according to ACC sources. NO ONE DID ANY WRONG!

Denying any wrongdoing, SP Sarwar Alam said he had found some discrepancies in the papers.

wrote to the district administration to fix the discrepancies. Then representatives from the Roads and Highways Department and the district administration conducted a digital survey and corrected those," he

But the ACC did not find any such letter when it analysed land documents relating to the PBI project.

Asked about it, Sarwar said he submitted the letter himself and when the investigation officer came to him for land-related documents, he provided him with a copy.

But the investigation officer told this paper that he did not get any such

Moniruzzaman, ex-additional SP of Cox's Bazar PBI, neither received calls nor replied to the text messages requesting his comments. Another exadditional SP of the unit, Abdullah Al Mamun, also could not be reached. Documents show

Moniruzzaman submitted proposal to the administration for land acquisition for the PBI project on March 14, 2018. The proposal included wrong plot numbers and concealed the fact that parts of the proposed site had been acquired by Roads and Highways in 1992.

After the proposal was submitted, a joint feasibility report prepared on November 18, 2018, led by the then UNO AHM Mahfuzur Rahman and a police inspector on behalf of PBI, overlooked these issues and certified the papers as genuine.

The DLAC led by the then DC Kamal Hossen approved the joint feasibility study and decided to acquire the land bypassing legal issues on January 1, 2019, the investigation officer found.

Kamal Hossen, now posted at the Local Government Department as deputy secretary, rejected the ACC findings. "I know nothing about the allegations. I did everything adhering to the law," he told The Daily Star over the phone. Former ADC Afsar, now posted at

the Ministry of Science and Technology, said the land selection was solely the business of the acquiring body. They selected the land considering their "strategic requirement," he claimed. "Land acquisition law has been

followed in full while acquiring land for the PBI project," he said in a text message to this correspondent. Mahfuzur Rahman, former UNO of

Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila, now posted as the ADC of Sylhet, claimed he did not remember anything "as the land acquisition happened a long ago." Shamim Hossain, the land acquisition officer, who released the

compensation cheques to fake owners in the PBI project, also denied being involved with any syndicate. Cox's Bazar Municipality Mayor Mujibor Rahman, also general secretary of district Awami League, could not be reached for comments

over the phone.

## Momen calls for rehabilitating climate migrants

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has called upon major carbon emitting countries to rehabilitate the climate migrants displaced from their homes and traditional jobs due to climate change. "It is the responsibility of the

international community, particularly the major carbon emitting countries, to rehabilitate the climate migrants, he said. The minister was addressing the meeting of the Global Center on

Adaptation (GCA) in Rotterdam of the Netherlands on Monday, said a press release issued in Dhaka yesterday. The GCA is Dutch initiative to develop and share knowledge and best practices for climate change

During the meeting, Momen stressed the need for ambitious nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in the area of climate change by the major polluting countries.

The Bangladesh foreign minister also highlighted the importance of ensuring the climate finance of at least \$100 billion every year, with equal importance given to mitigation and adaptation.

Momen is a board member of the GCA, while Ban Ki-moon, the immediate past UN secretary-general,

is the chairman of the organisation. The floating office of the GCA Headquarters, the largest floating office in the world, was inaugurated in Rotterdam by King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands in presence of board members, ministers from different countries, and several heads of international organisations.

Earlier, Momen chaired a meeting of the Ministers of the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF), the platform of 48 countries severely affected by climate change.

In the meeting, the recent CVF activities were reported, and also the possible actions leading up to the 26th UNFCCC Conference of the Parties (COP26) were discussed. The COP26 is scheduled to be held in Glasgow, UK in November.

## 56 more die, 2,639 get Covid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country logged 56 deaths from Covid-19 in 24 hours preceding 8:00am yesterday, said a press release of the Directorate General of Health Services.

With this, the total number of Covid deaths in the country now stands at 26,684. The death rate is 1.76 percent.

A total of 27,233 samples were tested at laboratories across the country during the 24 hours and at least 2,639 new infections were recorded, taking the total number of infected people to

15,19,805, added the release. The current positivity rate is 9.69 percent while the overall positivity rate stands at 16.67 percent.

At least 5,567 Covid patients have ecovered during the 24-hour period. The total number of recoveries now stands at 14,60,754 and the recovery

rate is 96.11 percent. Among the 56 deceased, 19 were

men and 37 women. Three of the dead were aged oetween 31 and 40, six between 41 and 50, 20 between 51 and 60, 11 between 61 and 70, nine between 71 and 80, six between 81 and 90, and one was aged between 91 and 100 years.

## 89 officials promoted to additional secy

The government has promoted 89 officials of the administration cadre, who were performing duties as joint secretaries, to the post of additional secretary

esterday issued a gazette notification in this regard, said an official press release. According to the gazette, the newly promoted officials have been made

officers on special duty (additional

The public administration ministry

secretary) to the public administration ministry. Deputy Secretary to the Public Administration Ministry Iftekharul Islam Khandker signed the

gazette notification. Another notification issued by the ministry said two joint secretaries were promoted to additional secretary.

## Israel strikes Gaza after incendiary balloon attacks

AFP, Gaza City

Israel launched airstrikes against Gaza on Monday night, the army said, retaliating after incendiary balloons launched from the blockaded Palestinian enclave had started fires.

Blaming Hamas for the balloons, the Israeli army said it had targeted locations belonging to the militant group that controls the Gaza Strip.

India's Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane, left, shakes hands with his Bangladeshi

# **WATCH YOUR**

Road 800m, lidless manholes 10, woes manifold

RAFIUL ISLAM

Maneuvering through the 800-stretch of a connecting road in South Matual is tantamount to partaking in extreme sports, with danger lurking every few steps.

In just this short part of the small but busy road, locally known as "College Road", at least 10 manholes are missing lids or have had their covers damaged.

As authorities continue to turn a blind eye, accidents have become rampant on the road, causing severe injuries commuters, locals alleged.

"One or two accidents per day is the norm here," said Mozammel Haque, owner of a grocery shop in the area. With his shop located beside one such lidless manhole, he has become an involuntary observer of the debacle.

"The manholes are right down the middle of the road. Bikers and passengers of auto-rickshaws are the biggest victims," he told The Daily Star recently.

Contacted, local representatives of Dhaka South City Corporation spun a different tale. They said they regularly visit the place and replace the damaged covers, but find them damaged again soon.

Beyond falling into the manholes, locals said accidents also occur on the road when commuters suddenly notice the holes and take sharp turns trying to avoid them, causing chaos on the road. Another shop owner of the area recalled a recent

incident. Two bikers skidded off the road when the vehicle's front wheel got stuck in one of the pits. One of them sustained severe head injuries.

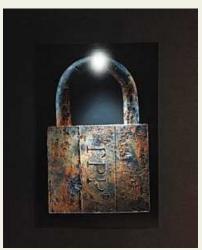
The risk escalates at night. "I narrowly escaped harrowing

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# Scorched lives not anymore

Drik pays homage to Hashem Foods Factory fire victims





NAHALY NAFISA KHAN

On the second floor gallery of the Drik Path Bhaban at Panthapath, texts are displayed on a curving wall to the left, beside a list of industrial tragedies that took place over the last two decades. The wall leads to a corridor with a photograph of a giant, burnt lock capturing the spectator's attention right away.

This photograph, taken by Shahidul Alam, portrays the narrative of the workers dying inside the locked floor of the Hashem Foods Factory in Narayanganj, due to the authority's

This was the sight at a mixed media exhibition titled "Scorched Lives at Hashem Foods", paying homage to the victims of the Hashem Foods Factory fire, recently organised by media house Drik.

The exhibition was inaugurated on September 4, 2021, commemorating the 32nd founding anniversary of Drik.

On July 8 this year, a fire broke out at the Hashem Foods Factory, killing more than 50 workers working in the seven-story factory building in Rupganj.

"Drik has been running a series titled 'Aar Na' (Not Anymore) in response to different industrial disasters that took place over the last 10-12 years. This exhibition is a continuation of that series," said eminent photographer and founder of Drik, Shahidul Alam, during the opening ceremony.

"We focus on such incidents to voice our demand that these incidents do not happen

The exhibition is displaying 36 photographs by Shahidul Alam, Parvez Ahmed Rony, Suman Paul and Istiak Karim, who worked on the site of the disaster.

In addition to the photographs, there is also an installation, a cage serving as a replica of the industrial fire, accompanied by audio-visual elements, which include a video of the burning establishment and two heart-wrenching soundtracks of crackling flames and crying victims pleading for rescue.

The exhibition is open for spectators provided they follow the Covid-19 safety guidelines until September 20, from 3pm to 8pm.

## Govt to build 3,040 flats for cleaners

PM tells Ecnec meeting not to take rent from conservancy workers

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed not to take rents from the conservancy workers against the proposed residential flats the government is

going to build for them.

The government decided to construct some 3,040 residential flats for the conservancy workers of 66 pourashobhas (municipalities). The Executive Committee of the

National Economic Council (Ecnec) yesterday approved a project in this regard involving Tk 1,142.27 crore.

The duration of implementing the roject is between January 2021 and December 2024.

At a press briefing following the Ecnec meeting, Planning Minister MA Mannan said the prime minister urged for not taking rents from the conservancy workers for those flats the way rents are taken from the government staff.

State Minister for Planning Shamsul Alam informed the briefing that the officials of the local government ministry at the meeting said there would be some monthly maintenance expenses after those flats would be handed over.

Though the prime minister was initially fully against realising any money from the cleaning workers, but following the

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## Guile, greed and bloated bank accounts

Three arrested for duping people of over Tk 10cr

Mohammad Jamil Khan

Sohidul Islam is a mason by profession, who works on various contractual jobs at construction sites.

From March 15 last year to August 28 of this year, one of his bank accounts showed that he had a transaction of around Tk 2.37

Sohidul has five accounts in three banks and the total transaction of these accounts in last one year is around 5.27

Similarly, Sajib Ahmed is an egg trader. He maintains around 21 accounts in different banks, which show a transaction of around Tk 3.02 crore in one year.

And finally, Sharif Hossain, an autorickshaw driver, has around 31 bank accounts and in the last three to four months, he made a transaction of around Tk 50 lakh.

Now the question arises, given their professions, how did they manage to tuck away that much money in so many bank accounts?

Turns out, both Sajib and Sharif were actually working for a woman named Morzina Akhter. She used to pay them Tk 1,500 each as commission for a transaction of Tk one lakh each time.

And Sohidul was their leader.

This ring was collecting this huge amount of money through cheating people across the country.

Police's detective branch (Gulshan Division) came up with the information following the arrest of Sajib, Sharif and Morzina from different areas of the capital on September 3. Sohidul is on the run.

Detectives also seized around 47 cheque books, ATM cards and details of 70 bank

accounts from their possession, Mashiur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DB (Gulshan division), told The Daily Star

This newspaper also has copies of their bank accounts, which show the Investigators said to trap people, they first became friends with various professionals

on social media identifying themselves as foreign nationals. Then they used to send them "expensive

gifts" from abroad, which, according to them, used to "get stuck" at the customs. Afterwards, a syndicate member,

identifying him or her as a customs officials called the target and asked to pay a fee to release the gift package from the customs warehouse. That person also used to give the victim an account number to deposit the

Abul Bashar, a victim from Jhenidah, told law enforcers that he had deposited around Tk 3 lakh to different bank accounts given by the syndicate.

DC Mashiur Rahman said the syndicate have deceived around 100 people so far.

"The gang also forged documents to send to the victims. They used to communicate with each other through video calls using online applications," he said.

Mashiur further said bank officials need to be more vigilant. "How can a mason or egg trader have transaction of over crores of taka? They should have monitored that or questioned about it."

Contacted, Abu Hena Md Razi Hasan, head of Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), told The Daily Star yesterday that it is the responsibility of the banks concerned to inform us if a suspicious transaction is found in any account, so that

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## Covishield to be delivered when 'situation improves'

Says info minister Our Correspondent, New

Information

Minister Hasan Mahmud, who is visiting India -ahead of his proposed meetings with Indian foreign, and information and

broadcasting ministers -- has said that New Delhi assured Dhaka of more deliveries of Covid-19 vaccines "when the situation further improves here [in India].' "The Indian government

has assured us that they would provide vaccines that are in the contract... when their situation improves," he told reporters in the Indian capital on Monday.

Hasan Mahmud, who inaugurated the Bangabandhu Media Centre at the Press Club of India (PCI) on Monday, said Indian authority

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The port city's hunger for good, juicy palm fruit is met all the way from Gazipur. Every day during peak season, a huge supply of the popular fruit reaches the city on trucks that carry up to 3,000-4,000 units. Depending on size and quality, they are sold for Tk 5 to Tk 60. This photo was taken recently from Station Road area. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

'Remove us from red-listed countries' Momen asks UK foreign secretary

Dhaka has requested London to remove Bangladesh from its red-listed Covid-19 countries, which will allow stranded British Bangladeshis to go back

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen made the request during a virtual meeting with Foreign British Dominic Raab on Monday,



Commission to the UK. The foreign minister said given Bangladesh's robust vaccine roll-out and as the Covid-19 infection rate significantly declined to 9.82 percent, the UK should

consider removing Bangladesh from its red list, the statement added. Momen held the meeting virtually from the Netherlands, as the scheduled meeting on September 2 was postponed, as the UK secretary had to travel to Doha for an emergency

meeting on Afghanistan. Dominic Raad said Britain does politically appreciate the overall pressure on the government regarding redlisting and remains well aware of decreasing Covid-19

infections in Bangladesh. However, such decisions are reviewed by public health

experts on a regular basis, he added. He said given the long-standing friendship between the two countries, and as more frequent genomic sequencing data is uploaded by Bangladesh, the British government will review Bangladesh's inclusion in the red list.

Among others, Bangladesh High Commissioner to the UK Saida Muna Tasneem participated in the meeting, said the statement.

# The curious case of a submerged road

Rain or shine, 3km stretch of Tongi-Ashulia-EPZ national highway remains under water

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

If you are a regular commuter of the Tongi-Ashulia-DEPZ road, you must have had the experience of being stuck in heavy traffic for two or even three

A lot of this can be attributed to the fact that a three-kilometre stretch of one of the major national highway has remained submerged in dirty water for the last three months, whether it's raining or not.

The road is an important pathway between Dhaka and Tangail, and as such is plied by thousands of light and heavy vehicles round the clock, which means its horrific condition is causing suffering to a substantial number of

As large potholes have been created along the three-kilometre stretch of the road from Norosinghopur to Shimultala, rickshaws, vans, and



auto-rickshaws are frequently facing problems while moving through the

Talking to The Daily Star, locals and sources inside the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) identified the lack of a proper drainage system -- which of an Uttara-based buying house. "For

Whether travelling on vehicles or by foot, commuting on the road is a nightmare scenario for everyone. PHOTO: STAR

leads to water and waste from various factory, houses, and markets to be directly discharged into narrow drains

beside the road -- as the main reason.

During a recent visit, this correspondent found the condition of the road at Shimultala, Unique, Jamgora and Narsinghpur areas especially awful. Meanwhile, workers of RHD were seen repairing the road with low quality bricks, while hundreds of vehicles remained stuck in gridlock.

I have to travel on the road every day as my job needs me to go from Uttara to Baipail," said Kamal Uddin, official

at least three hours of traffic."

Manju Ara works at a garment factory beside the road. She told this correspondent, "I walk to work everyday and have to plough through the acrid water. It's difficult as it is, and gets even harder on the days it rains."

"We do not know when this suffering will end," said Manju Ara, adding that the government should take immediate steps to improve the

RHD OFFICIALS BLAME FACTORY DISCHARGE AND CANAL GRABBING

Talking to The Daily Star, Abdus

each return journey, I have to sit through Salam, Savar Traffic Police in-charge, confirmed that traffic jam is being created only due to the condition of the road and water logging in Jamgarh, Shimultala and Unique areas.

> "I have informed RHD officials about the poor condition of the road several times," he said. "Though they come to repair the road sometimes, they only do it with bricks."

> Badiuzzaman, assistant engineer of RHD, who was a sub-assistant engineer of RHD's Dhaka Zonal office, before getting promoted and transferred recently, said locals and the factories located on the side of the road are responsible for its dilapidated

"The water logging is being caused due to direct discharge of water and waste from factories, markets, shops and households into the area's drains."

He said more than 200 factories of the area directly discharge water on a narrow drain, which is one of the main reasons behind the constant waterlogging.

"We've sent several letters to these factories, but there's little we can do if they don't pay heed to our calls," he told this correspondent.

He also cited the takeover of the nearby Nayanjuli canal by influential people as another reason behind the road's condition. As the canal remains obstructed, drain water cannot flow to the river anymore, he said.

"We're constantly trying to remove water from the road, while our workers are carrying out frequent repair works," Badiuzzaman said, adding that while it is indeed the RHD's responsibility to take care of the road, locals should also be aware of their part in it.

Raju Ahmed, the current subassistant engineer of RHD Dhaka Zonal office, echoed Badiuzzaman.

"I went to Nayanjuli canal with a team of workers recently. It once used to be 23 to 24 feet wide, but now it has come to a mere three to four feet due to rampant grabbing," he said.

"We are currently repairing the potholes and hope to complete the works within the next five days," he told this correspondent yesterday.



## Yuliya Slutskaya named Press Freedom Hero

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Yuliya Slutskaya -- founder and chairperson of Press Club Belarus, and a proponent for quality, independent journalism in the repressive former Soviet republic -- has received International Press Institute (IPI)'s 72nd World Press Freedom Hero award.

The award will be presented together with IPI-IMS Free Media Pioneer award during a special ceremony on September 16 in Austria's Vienna, as part of IPI's annual World Congress.

Slutskaya and several members of her staff were jailed on trumped-up tax evasion charges during Lukashenko regime's crackdown freedom and freedom of expression.

She and four colleagues were released in August, after eight months of pretrial detention.

The award honours journalists who made significant contributions to promoting press freedom.

## 343 hospitalised with | Guile, greed dengue in a day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In only the first seven days of September, over 2,000 dengue cases were recorded in the country.

At least 343 patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till 8am yesterday. With the new cases, 12,434 people have been hospitalised this year so far, according to Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

As per DGHS data, 52 people have died of dengue infection in the country this year. All of them died in July, August and September.

Among the 343 patients, 57 are from outside Dhaka. The total dengue cases outside the capital rose to 1,148.

প্রটেকশন এবং ডিটেকশন সিস্টেম ক্রয় ও স্থাপন করা হবে। উক্ত কার্য সম্পাদনের জন্য আগ্রহী এবং যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন অভিজ্ঞ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচেছ দরপত্র জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ আগামী ২৩/০৯/২০২১খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা। দরপত্র দলিলসহ বিস্তারিত তথ্যের জন্য যোগাযোগ- বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ কল্যাণ ট্রাস্ট, ৫ম তলা, পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ৬, ফনিক্স রোড, ফুলবাড়িয়া, ঢাকা-১০০০।

পপুলার লাইফ ইন্সুরেন্স কোম্পানী লিঃ দংশ্ৰিষ্ঠ সকলের অবগতির জন্য বিজ্ঞান্তি প্রদান করা যাইতেছে যে, উপরোক্ত আবেদনকারী-এর স্ত্রী জানুগ্রকূল দেকদৌস এর নাম পঞ্চার দাইফ ইন্যুরেন্স ক্ষেত্রদানী দিয়া এর সদস্য বহিতে লিপিবন্ধ করার জন্য ১৯৯৪ সনের কেম্পানী আইনের ৪০-থারার অহানে বাংলাপেন দুইমে কেন্ত্রের ইন্তর্জান্ত্রিকালে করালা দাকথাজ দালিক করিয়াহেন, যার মাননিয় কিয়বিক্ত জনাব বিজিল

উক্ত বিষয়ে কাহারও কোন আপত্তি থাকিলে উপস্থিতির জন্য ধার্য তারিখে ব্যক্তিগতভাবে অথবা মনোনীত আইনজীবীর মাধ্যমে মহামান্য আদাশতে খীয় বক্তব্য পেশ করিতে পারিবেন। দরখান্তের অনুশিপি ধার্যকৃত মূদ্য প্রদান পূর্বক নিন্মুখাক্ষরকারীর নিকট 

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we can monitor that and inform law enforcers.

Meanwhile, investigators said Sohidul was arrested six times for fraudulence earlier, but after getting out on bail he got involved in such crimes again. Morzina was in charge of collecting members for the gang.

In primary interrogation, Morzina said she used to open pank accounts through them. After opening the accounts, she used to give all the debit and credit cards and cheque books to Sohidul. Two cases were filed against the arrestees with Mohammadpur and Tejgaon Police stations.

## Covishield to be delivered

tackled the second wave of coronavirus effectively and the infection rate coming down from over 25 percent to two percent is a "great achievement".

Asked if he was going to flag the issue of vaccine supply during his meetings with Indian ministers, he said, "I have not come for vaccines.... We understand your [India's] local demand and complexities.... India-Bangladesh relationship is not only (about) the vaccines. There are

The minister is likely to meet his Indian counterpart Anurag Thakur and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar

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ক্রম নং নিয়োগের জন্য শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা

New Number

All concerned are requested to note the changes.



Head Office: 1/A Dilkusha C/A, (1st Floor), Dhaka-1000, E-mail: mail@phoenixinsurance.com.bd, Website: www.phoenixinsurance.com.bd



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বি:দ্র: কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। বিলম্বে প্রাপ্তি এবং অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন কোনক্রমেই গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। ইতিপূর্বে যে সকল প্রার্থী আর্বেদন করেছেন তাদের পুনরায় আবেদন করতে হবে কিন্তু পে-অর্ডীরের প্রয়োজন নাই। নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে বেসরকারী শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের (স্কুল ও কলেজ) জনবলকাঠামো ও এম.পি.ও নীতিমালা-২০২১ অনুসরণ করা হবে।

মুহান্মদ আরিফুর রহমান সভাপতি, গভর্নিং বডি উইল্স লিট্ল ফ্লাওয়ার স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ

বেতন স্কেল ও গ্রেড

injury on a Saturday night when the street lightswere switched off," said biker Rafiqul Islam, a frequent commuter of the road.

"See, the place has no precautionary sign. For someone new to the street, it's not possible to predict how bad it can get," said resident of the area Morshed Manu.

"It's a lose-lose game. It's not possible to put up a barrier or stick bamboos inside the manholes as that will restrict vehicular movement, while there's always the added risk of hitting the objects and getting injured that way."

The risk increases manifolds during load shedding, he said.

Refuting DSCC's claims of regular repairs, he said, "Around two to three months ago, DSCC came in to put new covers on the manholes, but within a day they got damaged again. Since then the area has remained like that -- unprotected," he said, pointing at the open pit in front of the shop he was visiting.

Contacted, Shamsuddin Bhuiyan, councillor of DSCC Ward-65, said though they have replaced the manhole covers several times, but overloaded trucks -- which carry nearly 70 tonnes of goods from nearby factories - damage them within a couple of days.

"We have decided to use customised and sturdy lids for the manholes," he said. "We have also spoken to the zonal engineer in this regard."

But until then, this space will serve as a reminder of urban mismanagement and the suffering it can inflict on the city's residents.

## **PROJECT AT A GLANCE**

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# Govt to build

request of the LGRD officials she later agreed to realise minimum amount of maintenance fees for those flats. The prime minister at the meeting directed to take

steps for building more flats for all the cleaning workers across the country gradually, he informed.

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## 🖭 Chattogram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital

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## **Election Notice of Executive Committee**

It is hereby notified for information to all valued Life Members of Chattogram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital that the date of election of the Executive Committee of Chattogram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital has been fixed on Saturday October 23, 2021 (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at Hospital Campus. Draft voter list (including donor voter list) will be hung on the notice board of the Hospital on 12.09.2021.

Voters who don't have Life Member Card they are requested to contact in hospital office with PP size photo and photocopy of NID card. Identity card holders only are eligible for casting their votes.

Election shall be conducted as per election schedule. Dr. Anjuman-Ara Islam

## South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce Bank Ltd.



General Secretary, Executive Committee.

Price Sensitive Inform This is for kind information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce Bank

Limited in its 125th Meeting held on September 07, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. has taken the following Price Sensitive decisions: Regarding Annual General Meeting (AGM):

hegarding Annual General Meeting (AGM):								
1.	Nature of Meeting	:	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM)					
2.	Day and Date	:	Day: Thursday Date: 21/10/2021					
3.	Record Date	:	28/09/2021 (for entitlement of Cash Dividend only and to attend & vote in AGM)					
4.	Venue & Time	:	Through Digital Platform at 3:30 p.m. (BD Time), organized from Head Office of the Bank as per Notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/08, dated: March 10, 2021.					
5.	Recommendation	:	8.00% (eight percent) dividend recommended for the year of 2020 [4.00% (four percent) Cash & 4.00% (four percent) Stock]. It is mentionable that the shareholders whose names will appear in the Share Register of the Company or in the Depository on the "Record Date" will be eligible to attend and vote in the AGM as well as will be entitled to get such recommended Cash Dividend only, if approved by the Shareholders in the 8 <sup>th</sup> AGM. The Stock Dividend is subject to approval of shareholders in the 8 <sup>th</sup> AGM and subsequent approval of the Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission (BSEC).The Record Date for entitlement of Stock Dividend (Bonus Shares) will be notified later as per Notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/23/Admin/123, dated: June 30, 2021 upon receipt of consent from BSEC.  In this connection it is mentionable that the company has declared the Stock Dividend or Bonus Shares out of profit & retained earnings and not from any reserve. The reason for declaration of					
			Stock Dividend is to meet the Basel III requirement.					
6.	Link of online registration	:	https://sbacbank.bdvirtualagm.com					

Other comparative key information is as under:

SI	Particulars	31 December 2020	31 Dec	cember 2019	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
1.	Consolidated Net Asset Value Per Share	13.59		12.22	15.28	12.78
2.	Consolidated Net Asset Value Per Share after considering inflow of Share Capital through IPO	13.14		-	14.61	12.43
3.	Net Asset Value Per Share - Bank	13.59		12.22	15.28	12.78
4.	Net Asset Value Per Share after considering inflow of Share Capital through IPO - Bank	13.14			14.61	12.43
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SI	Particulars	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	January to June 2021	January to June 2020	April to June 2021	April to June 2020
5.	Consolidated Earning Per Share (EPS)	1.39	1.41	0.31	0.49	0.18	0.16
6.	Consolidated Diluted Earning Per Share (EPS)	1.21	-	0.27		0.15	
7.	Earning Per Share (EPS) - Bank	1.39	1.41	0.31	0.49	0.18	0.16
8.	Diluted Earning Per Share (EPS) - Bank	1.21	-	0.27		0.15	
9.	Consolidated Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	(0.42)	11.39	(10.69)	(8.78)		
10.	Consolidated Diluted Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	(0.37)	-	(9.32)			
11.	Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) - Bank	(0.42)	11.39	(10.10)	(8.78)		
12.	Diluted Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) - Bank	(0.37)	-	(8.81)			

The Board of Directors of the Bank, in its 119th meeting held on 25 April 2021, adopted the financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2020 as per Section 40 of Bank Company Act 1991 and subsequent DOS Circular 03 dated

- In the same meeting the Board decided to form a Merchant Banking Company naming "SBAC Bank Capital Management Ltd." with a paid up capital of Tk. 40.00 (Forty) Crore and the authorized capital of Tk. 50.00 (Fifty) Crore subject to approval of
- The Board also decided to form an Asset Management Company naming "SBAC Bank Asset Management Company Ltd." with a paid up capital of Tk. 40.00 (Forty) Crore and the authorized capital of Tk. 50.00 (Fifty) Crore subject to approval of Regulatory Authorities.

Dated: Dhaka September 7, 2021

Md. Mokaddess Ali ACS SVP & Company Secretary

By the order of Board,

# Decision to shut Patuakhali fertilizer warehouse creates uncertainty over timely supply to farmers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Supply of fertilizer among dealers from the godown in Laukathi area of Patuakhali has been suspended due to the dilapidated condition of the warehouse. The closure of the godown has raised concerns about the timely delivery of fertilizer from Barishal to Patuakhali at the farmers' level disrupting the current Aman cultivation and production.

Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) has written a letter to the deputy commissioner (DC) of Patuakhali to instruct the local dealers to bring fertilizer from the Bangladesh Fertilizer Association (BFA) godown in Barishal.

Meanwhile, the dealers have also sent a letter to BCIC chairman not to shut the godown here considering the farmers' interest.

However, BCIC's General Manager (Marketing) Md Manjur Reza in the letter on June 24 stated that the fertilizer godown in Patuakhali is old and unusable. Although the Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Factory Aman has been cultivated in 2

Limited (CUFL) took initiative to repair the warehouse, it has not been possible to repair it and make it usable. Therefore, it has been decided to supply fertilizer to Patuakhali dealers from the BFA warehouse in Barishal.

Later, the DC on July 8 formed three-member committee headed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) GM Sarfaraz. The other two members of the committee are AKM Mohiuddin, deputy director, Department of Agricultural Extension and Mashiul Islam, Patuakhali godown in-charge. The committee monitored the overall condition of the warehouse and submitted a report with recommendations on July 28.

The report stated that some parts of the godown are flooded after heavy rains because of the leakage in the roof and the godown will be usable for a few more years if it is repaired. The estimated cost for the repair work is Tk 31.87 lakh.

The report also mentioned that

Authorities have decided to supply fertilizer to Patuakhali dealers from the BFA warehouse in Barishal.

lakh hectares of land in the district. Disruption in the supply of fertilizers will adversely impact the production of Aman.

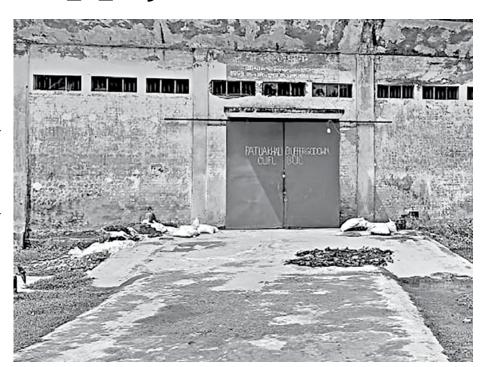
Meanwhile, Bangladesh Fertilizer Association (BFA) Patuakhali unit president Golam Sarwar and general secretary Nurul Amin have written to the BCIC chairman not to shut down the godown.

Golam Sarwar said there are 78 fertilizer dealers in the district. For the last 14 years, the dealers have been supplying fertilizer from the local godown. But now bringing fertilizer from Barishal will not be cost and time effective. Dealers in Patuakhali will suffer more to extract

Shahidul Islam, a fertilizer dealer in Patuakhali, said, "I deposited money in the bank for extracting fertilizer from Barishal warehouse four to five days ago but I have not been able to extract fertilizer from there yet."

Nurul Amin, a dealer of Barabaishadia union in Rangabali upazila, said the upazila is an isolated one. There is no alternative way to get fertilizer without waterways. Time and cost of fertilizer extraction will increase in case of Barishal warehouse and timely delivery of fertilizer to farmers will become uncertain.

According to the fertilizer godown, 18,062 tonnes of fertilizer were supplied to dealers from July 1 last year to June 30 this year. In August, 4,700 tonnes of fertilizer was allocated. Of them, 75 percent came from Barishal and 25 percent from Patuakhali warehouse. The supply of fertilizer to the Patuakhali godown finished on August 23.



Bangladesh Fertilizer Association (BFA) godown in Laukathi area of Patuakhali.

PHOTO: STAR

## Taliban announce hardline temp govt

Taliban co-founder Baradar, also once a close friend of Mullah Omar, the founder, was a senior Taliban commander in charge of attacks on US forces. He was arrested and imprisoned in Pakistan in 2010, becoming head of the Taliban's political office in Doha after his release in 2018.

Mullah Yaqoob, the son of Mullah Omar, was named defence minister, while the position of interior minister was given to Sirajuddin Haqqani, the head of the feared Haqqani network who also doubled up as a Taliban

Haqqani is the son of the founder of the Haqqani network, designated as a terrorist organisation by the United States. He is one of the FBI's most wanted men due to his involvement in suicide attacks and ties with al-

It was not clear what role in the government would be played by Mullah Haibatullah Akhundzada, the Taliban supreme leader.

Shortly after the announcement of the new lineup, Akhundzada made his first statement since his movement's stunning takeover of Afghanistan,

BNFE officials said they planned the

aiming to root out illiteracy and

improve the livelihood skills of the

disadvantaged people. These two

aspects are crucial for human resource

development and poverty reduction,

literacy knowledge to 50 lakh males

and females aged 15 and above across

The NFEDP will impart basic

Each of the beneficiaries will get

six months of education to become

literate and they would be chosen with

the help of different non-government

ability to write, understand and

explain different issues both in writing

and orally. People with basic literacy

knowledge have numeracy skills and

2021 and December 2026, would cost

Tk 4,299.99 crore, with the World Bank

to build the youth, women and the

underprivileged people as a workforce

purposes will increase in the post-

Covid era, so up-to-date skills are

essential for surviving and thriving in

"Our labour force lacks skills," said

Planning Minister MA Mannan at the

the impending competitive market,

The main purpose of the project is

The use of technology for various

providing 60 percent of the funds.

suitable for employment.

said the project summary.

BNFE officials said 5 lakh of the

Basic literacy knowledge is the

NFEDP

they said.

the country, they said.

organisations (NGOs).

the ability to communicate.

50 lakh to be made literate

non-formal education programme up 64 livelihood skill development

saying that the new government the softer brand of rule the movement would "work hard towards upholding had pledged. Islamic rules and sharia law".

Akhund, the new head of government, has been close to supreme leader Akhunzada for 20 years, and is longtime chief of the Taliban's powerful decision-making body Rehbari Shura, or leadership council. He was foreign minister and then deputy prime minister when the Taliban were last in power from 1996-

nine months to have technical and

will be used as venues for public

awareness programmes on different

A BNFE official said the project

cost was high as they would need to

set up 500 permanent community

learning centres in all Sadar unions

of the upazilas and 64 livelihood skill

land and construct buildings ....," the

Anotherofficialsaidimplementation

Recently, the government has

vocational and other technical

training for the workforce to make

estimated cost of the project has been

allotted for appointing consultants,

said Planning Commission Member

consultant firms would be appointed

to provide training on different issues

including digital technology, financial

management, industrial management

বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান অ্যাভিয়েশন অ্যান্ড অ্যারোস্পেস বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

individuals

About 3 per cent of the total

them fit for the job market, he said.

of the programme was being delayed as

the BNFE did not have infrastructural

development centres. "We would need year.

issues, including agriculture.

vocational expertise.

official added.

newly literate people, aged between approved 1,473 new posts for BNFE to

Govt to upskill women, youth

set-ups in upazilas.

meeting yesterday.

Nasima Begum.

Different

and others.

get advanced training for six to aged 15 and above, in 64 districts

The community learning centres another project to provide non-formal

The government would provide a total of Tk 3,289.73 crore also got

gone to school.

"It's not at all inclusive, and that's no surprise whatsoever," said Michael Kugelman, a South Asia expert at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

"The Taliban had never indicated that any of its cabinet ministers would include anyone other than themselves.

Washington said meanwhile it was in "no rush" to recognise the new

are being given training on basic

literacy skills. It is implementing

education to 10 lakh children who

have either dropped out or have never

basic literacy skills training to 23.6

lakh beneficiaries. It eyes to make the

remaining 21.4 lakh beneficiaries in

114 upazilas literate by the end of this

done with all preparations to make 21

lakh beneficiaries literate by this year

and provide non-formal education

to 10 lakh children, but the work got

Covid-19 situation improves," he said.

"We will start working as soon as the

Seven others projects involving

One of the projects is a revision of

approval at yesterday's Ecnec meeting.

the shipping ministry project to install

pillars on the banks of Buriganga,

Turag, Shitalokkha and Balu rivers

with the view to protecting them from

848.55 crore; it has now been revised

was between July 2018 and June 2022.

It has now been extended to June

upwards to Tk 1,181.10 crore.

The project's original cost was Tk

The original duration of the project

stuck due to Covid-19.

erosion and grabbing.

State minister Zakir said they were

Till 2019, the Bureau provided

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer Health Engineering Department (HED) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare 105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

মুজিব বর্ষে স্বাস্থ্য খাত এগিয়ে যাবে অনেক ধাপ Date: 07-09-2021

Memo No. 45.02.0000.001.14.013.21-1914

## Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

Sealed Expressions of Interest (EOI) are hereby invited from among the eligible Architectural & Engineering Consulting Firms. The details of EOI are shown in the table below: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

2001.	in no rush to recognise the new p			
Following their 20-year insurgency,	government.	2.	Agency	Health Engineering Department (HED).
the Taliban now face the colossal	"It's really going to be dependent	3.	Name of procuring entity	Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department (HED).
task of ruling Afghanistan, which is		4.	Procuring entity code	None.
wracked with economic woes and	White House spokesperson Jen Psaki	5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
security challenges including from	said.	6.	Expression of Interest for	Well experienced reputed National Architectural and Engineering Consulting firms.
the Islamic State group's local chapter.	"The world will be watching, the		selection of	
In what appeared to be a fresh sign	United States included."	7.	EOI Ref. No.	MoHFW Letter No. 59.00.0000.152.14.007.2020-180
that the Taliban are seeking to appease	Scattered protests in recent days	8.	Date	25.08.2021
sceptics, Mujahid said the government	have indicated that some Afghans do	KEY IN	IFORMATION	
as yet incomplete would only have	not believe in the Taliban's capacity	9.	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
an interim role.	to translate their promise of a more	FUNDI	NG INFORMATION	
"We will try to take people from		10.	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB) under Development Budget.
other parts of the country," he said.	In Herat, scores of demonstrators	11.	Development partners (if	None.
He said some ministries remained to	marched, unfurling banners and		applicable)	
be filled pending a hunt for qualified	waving the old Afghan flag a black,	PARTI	CULAR INFORMATION	
people. One analyst told AFP, however, that	red and green vertical tricolour with the national emblem overlaid in	12.	Project/programme code (if	Not applicable.
the new lineup was far removed from	white.		applicable)	
the new inleup was far femoved from	winte.	13.	Project/programme name (if	Expansion and Modernization of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS),
			applicable)	Dhaka, Bangladesh.
1 1		14.	<ol> <li>Submission of EOI</li> </ol>	Expression of Interest (EOI) {both hard copy (one original & one copy) & soft copy}, with
made literate				the name of the assignment to be mentioned on the envelope or cover sheet, must be
				delivered to the address below (Sl. 20-23).
15 and 45, will then be provided with	have its offices at the upazila level. It		ii. EOI closing date and time	
different skill development trainings.	was also taking initiatives to appoint	INFOR	MATION FOR INTERESTED C	
Besides, the government aims to set	more manpower.	15.	Brief description of the	
up 64 livelihood skill development	The BNFE is now implementing a		assignment	Modernization of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS), Dhaka,
centres where beneficiaries will	project under which 45 lakh people,	I		Bangladesh.

[Package No. HED/BCPS-1]

Brief description of the

services

The capacity of the existing auditorium at Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) is insufficient, and the auditorium is quite old, so a new auditorium with a greater capacity is required to meet the actual demand. Furthermore, in terms of BCPS needs, there is a crisis in classrooms, hall rooms, examination halls, and so on. For BCPS to be modernized, it will need to build a medical museum, a skill development

lab, a scientific conference room and a meeting room. To accommodate these services in one facility, a 12-story multi-purpose building with three basements having a new auditorium with 1500 seats is envisaged.

As a result, appointing a consultant firm to plan the construction of a 12-story structure with a 1500 seat capacity auditorium, basement, architectural design, and structural design is required.

Following the completion of the architectural design, the consulting firm will create the initial structural design, sanitary and plumbing design, electrical design as well as electro mechanical design (Central Air Conditioning System, fire fighting, lift and substation etc), acoustic design, proper sound and lighting system for auditorium in order to carry out the construction work properly. The design will be finalized by the design section of Department of Health Engineering Department (HED), which will implement the construction work as executing agency. All the designs would be completed: Construction on the installation would have to begin after HED gave its clearance. A senior architect from the consulting firm, a senior structural engineer, and a senior electromechanical engineer having expertise in HVAC system from the consultant firm will check the construction activity at least twice a month during the project to guarantee appropriate implementation of the design.

As per the above scope of work, the estimate of the consulting service fee of the consulting firm has been prepared as per the guideline of fee given in Schedule-9 of PPR 2006 [Rule

Other details (if applicable) The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following:

Information of the firms such as (a) Certificate of incorporation,

(b) Updated trade license,

(c) Turnover of the firm (last 5 years counting backward from date of EOI publication) (d) Document supporting financial capacity of the firm (last 5 years counting backward from date of EOI publication),

(e) Support service of the consulting firms, etc.

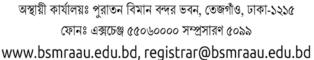
Availability of key professional staff with the experience of similar works/assignments. Availability of key professional staff with the experience of others works/assignments.

Experience of the consulting firms in similar assignments (including design, drawing & supervision).

v. Experience of the consulting firms in other works/assignments (including design,

drawing & supervision). Phasing of services Location Indicative start date Indicative completion

Association with foreign firms is: Not applicable





## ভর্তি পরীক্ষার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে বঙ্গাবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান অ্যাভিয়েশন অ্যান্ড অ্যারোস্পেস বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ২০২০-২১ শিক্ষাবর্ষের সকল বিভাগের ভর্তি পরীক্ষা প্রবেশপত্রে উল্লিখিত কেন্দ্রসমূহে আগামী ২৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২১ তারিখ সকাল ১০:০০ ঘটিকায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, লালমনিরহাট কেন্দ্রের শিক্ষার্থীগণের ভর্তি পরীক্ষা "ফাকল পুলিশ লাইন্স স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ, লালমনিরহাট" এ অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

> -রেজিস্ট্রার বিএসএমআরএএইউ

date (month/year) (month/year) PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS Name of the official inviting EOI Brigadier General Bashir Ahmed, ndc, psc. Designation of the official inviting EOI Chief Engineer. Address of the official inviting EOI Health Engineering Department, 105-106, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000. Contact details of the official inviting EOI Telephone No. 958917, 9577918 Fax No.: 9587601 III. E-mail address: <a href="mailto:hedhq@yahoo.com">hedhq@yahoo.com</a> Interested Consultants may obtain further information from the address above between 09:00am to 5.00pm on all working days until the deadline of EOI submission. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or rejects all EOIs.

> Brigadier General Bashir Ahmed, ndc, psc Health Engineering Department

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Jamuna group retracts

## He had his

"A while later, then officer-in-charge of Teknaf Police Station Pradeep Kumar Das reached the spot and kicked the man who was lying on the ground and stomped on his neck with his foot to confirm his death," the source added, quoting Amin.

Amin also claimed that he knew Liagat and Pradeep. But he did not know the victim when the incident happened. Later, he learnt that the victim was Maj (retd) Sinha.

Judge Mohammad Ismail recorded Amin's deposition, which began at 10:15am and continued for an hour and around 15 minutes. The defence then cross-examined his statement.

All 15 accused in the case were present in the court yesterday, said court's Public Prosecutor Faridul Alam.

The court began recording statements of witnesses in the second phase of the hearing on Sunday and will continue it today. The court has summoned 15 witnesses to testify during this period. Of them, three witnesses could testify before the court till yesterday.

Earlier, local fish trader Mohammad Ali and CNG-run autorickshaw driver Md Kamal Hossain placed their depositions before the court on Sunday and Monday.

In the first phase, the court recorded statements of two witnesses between August 23 and 25 -- Sinha's sister and complainant of the case Sharmin Shahriar Ferdous and one of Sinha's associates Shahedul Islam

After giving their testimonies, all the witnesses were cross-examined by defence lawyers, said PP Faridul.

According to the charge sheet, 83 people are witnesses to the incident.

On June 27, the court framed charges against 15 accused. Of them, 12 are police personnel, including Pradeep, Liaqat, sub-inspector Md Shahjahan, and assistant subinspector Liton Mia, who were all suspended from their posts.

The investigators submitted the charge sheet on December 13 last

On August 23, the court began the case's formal trial through recording testimony of Sharmin.

Sinha, 36, had been making travel documentaries for a YouTube channel called "Just Go". He was returning to Cox's Bazar from Teknaf.

He was killed in a police firing at a checkpoint of Armed Police Battalion (APBn) at Teknaf's Shamlapur area on July 31 last year.

Police claimed that they tried to search the vehicle, and Sinha aimed his pistol at them, prompting them to shoot back in self-defence. They also claimed that they seized drugs from the vehicle.

Later, Sinha's elder sister Sharmin filed the murder case with Teknaf Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court against Pradeep, Nandadulal, and several others.

> শেখ হাসিনার দিন বদলে সমাজসেবা এগিয়ে চলে

GD-1603



A man carries away a girl who was injured during aerial bombardment at a makeshift camp for displaced Syrians near the town of Kafraya in the north of Syria's rebel-held **Idlib** province yesterday.

PHOTO:

## Badly cleaned schools can help spread

remained closed for long," he said.

The government on September 5 announced that schools and colleges will reopen from September 12 in phases.

Earlier, the government also decided to reopen universities from October 15.

Educational institutions have been closed since March 17 last year due to the pandemic.

According to data of the Directorate General of Health Services, 12,434 people were hospitalised with dengue fever across the country this year until 8:00am yesterday. As many as 52 others died from dengue infection.

Visiting some schools in the capital's Gendaria and Jatrabari on Sunday and Monday, this newspaper found that the authorities took initiatives to clean their institutions before reopening. However, steps taken up by some others were not

Rahman would constitute a threat

to peace as he did not belong to

Bangladesh alone, but to the whole

proposal as put forward by the

Bangladesh prime minister and the

acting president as preconditions

to a political settlement of the

recognition of Bangladesh by West

Pakistan, unconditional release of

Bangabandhu, withdrawal of the

invading army and compensation for

all losses suffered by the people at the

MOSCOW WARNS PINDI AGAINST

Bangladesh issue. They

hands of the Pakistan army.

reiterated the four-point

The premises of Muradpur Primary School and Muradpur Adarsha High School, both situated on the same campus in Jurain, were not clean.

There are two places on the premises where benches were piled up under tarpaulin. There was stagnant water on the tarpaulin and discarded pots were lying under the benches.

"We have already cleaned our school and its premises to reopen it," claimed Mahbubur Rahman Khan, assistant headmaster of Muradpur High School.

He, however, said keeping the school clean was very tough as it was located in the DND embankment area where waterlogging occurs due to poor drainage system.

Asked whether the city corporation conducted any anti-mosquito drive at their school, the teacher replied in the

The headmaster of Muradpur Primary School also said they cleaned

The Soviet Union was reported to

have warned Pakistan against any

misadventure like going to war against

India. This had been intimated to

President Yahya Khan's special emissary

to Moscow Sultan Mohammad Khan,

Pakistan's foreign secretary, who

had suddenly cut short his visit and

from Moscow for home was said to

be linked with his desire to convey

the Soviet stand to his government as

In the Kushtia-Jessore-Khulna sector,

The reason for his sudden departure

returned to Islamabad today.

early as possible.

ON THÊ WAR FRONT

About the anti-mosquito drive, he said workers from the city corporation sprayed anti-mosquito chemicals at their school about a month ago. At that time, they had asked the workers to conduct such drives on a regular

Brig Gen Jobaidur Rahman, chief health officer of Dhaka North City Corporation, said they started carrying out larvicide and adulticide spraying activities at schools since Monday.

All educational institutions will have to clean their institutes properly and will keep watch whether there is stagnant water. They will also have to flush their toilets as Aedes also can breed there, he said.

DSCC Chief Executive Officer Farid Ahmmad said they would conduct anti-mosquito drives at any school if the authorities concerned ask them.

"We have already conducted antimosquito drives at some schools upon request," he said.

#### killing eight Pakistani troops and injuring three.

Dhaka-Comilla-Chittagong In sector, Mukti Bahini ambushed three boats carrying Pakistani troops in the Monipur area. In this action, seven Pakistani troops were killed.

In another operation, Bangladeshi freedom fighters ambushed enemy troops travelling in three country in Mohanganj area in Mymensingh district. The enemy fled leaving behind three boats and large quantities of arms and ammunitions. The boats and stores were recovered by the Mukti Bahini.

Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist Mukti Bahini today raided the and researcher. He can be contacted at Pakistani position at Brittiachara sajen1986@gmail.com

#### for funding to fill the massive hole in its books brought about by its aggressive customer acquisition strategy. In its recent submission to the

commerce ministry, As of July 15, Evaly, which is facing the wrath of customers and vendors alike for delayed delivery of goods

landscape since its entry on December

16, 2018 with its incredulous discounts.

that the Tk 200 crore of the initial

investment was in supplier's credit,

which remains outstanding. In other

words, Jamuna Group was converting

debt into equity, so it is not a cash

And the rest of the amount, as per

the letter of intent -- which is not a

legally binding contract between the

two parties -- would most likely be in

Now, Alam has quashed all

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Later, Jamuna Group divulged

and payment, has total liabilities of Tk 543 crore, according to its response on September 2 to the commerce ministry's show-cause notice on its financial status.

Of the sum, it owes Tk 311 crore to more than 2 lakh customers, who have been waiting a while for goods they purchased with advance payment on the platform.

It owes Tk 206 crore to merchants. Evaly did not disclose the number of vendors it owes money to in its response to the commerce ministry's show-cause notice.

The e-commerce platform had assets amounting to about Tk 92 crore, and of the amount, the current asset was Tk 65 crore.

Rassel, who faces a travel ban because of an ongoing probe into the disappearance of Tk 338 crore from Evaly's accounts, declined to make any comment on Jamuna Group's decision to walk back on its plan to invest.

"We are constantly on the lookout for investors," he told The Daily Star.

## May not be ready when

is 2024, the authorities planned to operate trains on the Mawa-Bhanga section on the day the bridge would be open. Currently, Bhanga is connected with a railway network.

Sujan yesterday said officials have been working to make the Mawa-Bangha section ready for train operation on the day the bridge would be open to the public.

He added that the section witnessed 69 percent progress so far.

Currently, works for installing a gas line and building a walkway on the bottom section of the bridge is going

He said it would require six months to install rail tracks on the bridge and the BR wanted to install the tracks simultaneously, but BBA did not agree to that.

"If we get a chance to start work in December or January next year, we will be able to complete the work by June. But if we get the chance in March or April next year, we may not be able to start operating trains on Day 1," he

If they fail to launch train operation on Day-1, they would try to bring Dhaka to Bhanga section under operation within December next year, the minister said.

He added that works for installing rail tracks might cause vibration and their works may be hampered. "For technical reasons, both the works should be completed simultaneously," he said, adding that they were discussing the matter with BBA.

Asked whether the June 2022 deadline can be changed for it, the minister said, "We don't want to see that the deadline has to be changed

Siddique, also the executive director

of BBA, said the gas line is being installed under a different project and it has to be done first.

Officials are working to let the installation of railways begin in January next year.

"And we hope they [railway authority] would be able to complete their works before inauguration of the bridge," he told The Daily Star last

"We want no work on the bridge to remain incomplete after its inauguration," he said. "We are hopeful about meeting the deadline. PROJECT PROGRESS

PBRLP was approved in March 2016 with the cost initially estimated to be Tk 34,989 crore. But the physical work of the project commenced only in July 2018, mainly due to the delay in signing of the loan contract with Chinese Exim Bank.

In the meantime, project costs climbed to Tk 39,246 crore and the deadline was extended up to 2024.

Although the fast-track project suffered setbacks twice due to problems in the design of viaducts and the pandemic, it witnessed 43.5 percent progress so far.

The authority has already installed 1.71km rail lines on the viaduct at Mawa end and the minister and high officials yesterday took a ride on a gang car on this part.

On the other hand, the minister yesterday inaugurated the installation of rail tracks on the viaduct at Janjira end. The Dhaka-Mawa section witnessed 40.5 percent progress while Bhanga-Jashore section witnessed 32 percent progress.

Railways Ministry Secretary Salim Reza, BR's Director General Dhirendra Nath Mazumder, PBRLP director Afzal Bridge Division Secretary Abu Bakr Hossain, among others, accompanied the minister.

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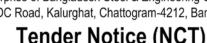
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5	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (NCT).					
6	Budget and source of fund	Gazi Wires Limited's own fund.					
7	Tender publication date	08/09/2021					
8	Tender last selling date	29/09/2021 (During office time).					
9	Tender closing date and time	Date	Time				
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10	Tender opening date and time	30/09/2021	11.45am (Bangladesh Betar Time)				
11	Name & address of the office(s)	Address					
	(a) Selling of tender document	Cash Section, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering, BSEC Bhaban,     Cash Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.     Cash Section, Gazi Wires Limited, 28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.					
	(b) Receiving and opening of tender document	At the Office of Gazi Wires Ltd., 28-FIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.					
12	Price of tender document (each)	BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand).					
13	Brief description of goods						
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GW/PU	R/74/OTM(NCT)/2021-2022	Uniform for Workers and Staffs	BDT 6,000.00 (six thousand only)				
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14	Regarding tender document	The tender document may be purchased by the interested tenderers on the submission of a written application to the addresses as mentioned in Serial No. 11(a) and upon payment of a non-refundable fee BDT 1000.00. The method of payment will be in the form of cash in favour of Gazi Wirs Ltd. No tender will be sent by courier or mail. One tender document cannot be used for submission of tender proposal(s) by more than one tenderer.					
15	Special instruction	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.					

## Court accepts charges

Mohammad Russell Mollah of the Detective Branch of police pressed charges only against Kajol before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka on April 8.

Russell appealed to the court to relieve the other accused. The charge sheet stated that Kajol posted defamatory, objectionable and indecent writings on Facebook about several leaders and activists

of the Awami League and Jubo Mohila League. Usmin Ara and Sumaiya Chowdhury Bonya, central committee members of Jubo Mahila League, filed two other cases against Kajol with Hazaribagh and Kamrangirchar police stations under the DSA

on March 10 and 11 last year. The tribunal set September 8 to decide whether to accept the charges pressed in the case filed with Kamrangirchar Police Station. The one with Hazaribagh Police Station remains pending with the

same tribunal. Kajol went missing on March 10 last year. The Border Guard Bangladesh personnel on May 3 last year said they found him roaming near the Benapole border and detained him. He was sent to jail by a Jashore court the same day under section 54 of the Code of the Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

He was later arrested in the three cases filed under the DSA. A lower court denied him bail for seven months until the High Court on November 24 granted him bail in one of the cases. The HC on December 17 granted him bail in two other cases after Kajol's lawyer argued that probes had to be complete within 75 days of filing

of the cases, and the investigators failed to do so. The photojournalist walked out of jail on December 25.

have given my opinion on the application and sent it back to the home ministry today [yesterday].

"Now, the home ministry will send the file to the Prime Minister's Office for approval. After getting the decision from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the home ministry will take necessary

He, however, refused to disclose the opinion he has given on the application. "I will not disclose my opinion now. Wait until the honourable minister's prime approval.

Replying to a query, he said the application was submitted on behalf of Khaleda for further extension of suspension of her jail sentence saying that her physical condition has worsened and therefore she needs to go abroad for treatment.

The application is similar to the previous application on which the government has suspended her jail sentence for a few times under section 401 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), the law minister said.

Khaleda's plea sent to PMO On March 25 last year, the government released the BNP chief after suspending her jail sentence as per section 401 (1) of the Criminal Code of Procedure (CrPC).

> Later, the suspension of her jail sentence was extended twice and the government issued separate notifications to this effect. The notification said Khaleda will receive treatment at her home and she cannot go abroad during this

Khaleda landed in jail on February 8, 2017, after being sentenced to five years' imprisonment by a special court in Dhaka in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case. On October 30 the following year, the High Court enhanced her punishment to 10 years after dismissing her appeal in the case.

The former prime minister was convicted by another special court in Dhaka in the Zia Charitable Trust corruption case on October 29, 2018. She was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment by the court.

## Floating

emissions.

FROM PAGE 12 to the huge ships and the smoke from the refineries of Europe's biggest seaport, which accounts for 13.5 percent of the country's

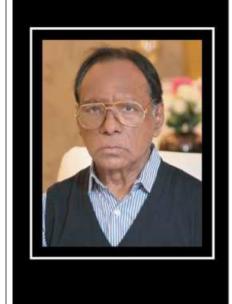
With their floating farm, which opened in 2019, Peter and Minke say they wanted to "bring the countryside into the town", boost consumer awareness and create agricultural space.

The Dutch are no strangers to advanced farming methods, using a network of huge greenhouses in particular to become the world's second biggest agricultural exporter after the United States.

But that has come at a cost. The Netherlands is one of Europe's largest per capita emitters of climate change gases and faces a major problem with agricultural emissions, particularly in the dairy sector which produces large amounts of methane from cows.

**Shvamal Sarker** Senior Purchase Office

For-Managing Director



## We Deeply Mourn

Shri S.B Prasad founder Chairman of Jaya Group passed away due to old-age complications at his residence on August 20, 2021 early morning.

The veteran businessman is survived by his wife, three sons, daughters-in-laws, daughters, sons-in laws, grandchildren, relatives and a host of well-wishers.

May the Almighty give the family and friends strength to bear this irreparable loss!

Jaya Group

2021

Anti-Taliban fighter in Panjshir Valley, Sept. 2

Taliban fighters in Laghman province, Aug. 15, 2021

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## **AFGHANISTAN CRISIS**

## Basic services collapsing: UN

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations appealed for almost \$200 million in extra funding for life-saving aid in Afghanistan after the Taliban's takeover sparked a host of new issues.

The UN humanitarian agency OCHA said the extra sum meant a total of \$606 million in aid was now needed for Afghanistan until the end of the year.

"Basic services in Afghanistan are collapsing and food and other life-saving aid is about to run out," said OCHA spokesman Jens Laerke.

The issue will be discussed next Monday at a ministerial meeting in Geneva hosted by UN chief Antonio Guterres.

OCHA voiced hope that countries would pledge generously at the conference, saying \$606 million was needed to provide critical food and livelihood assistance to nearly 11 million people, and essential health services to 3.4 million.

The funds would also go towards treatment for acute malnutrition for more than a million children and women, water, sanitation and hygiene interventions, and protection of children and survivors of genderbased violence.

Most of the requested funds had already been asked for at the end of last year as part of a \$1.3-billion humanitarian appeal for Afghanistan.

Even before the Taliban victory, Afghanistan was heavily aid-dependent.

The UN has warned 18 million people are facing a humanitarian disaster, and another 18 million could quickly join them.

## AFGHANISTAN: FROM SOVIET OCCUPATION TO TALIBAN TAKEOVER AND US DEFEAT

Main developments





#### 1992-1996 Civil war

Nearly 100,000 killed in two years. The Taliban movement, supported by Pakistan, begins to emerge

#### 1996-2001 Taliban rule

coverings

Hardline Islamic regime takes power. Led by Mullah Mohammad Omar, regime becomes close to Al-Qaeda, sheltering its leader Osama bin Laden. Women and girls mostly denied education and employment, unable to leave home without

male companion and full face

Western

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**US-led** invasion topples

Taliban, Hamid Karzai

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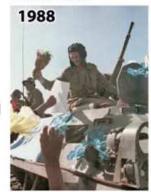
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AFP Photos/BTA/D.E.Curran/Saeed Khan/Roslan Rahman

Up to 130,000 soldiers

appointed to lead



in Kabul in the 80s

Afghan women attend a workplace literacy course

Kabul airport, Aug. 30

1980

Soviet soldier given flowers

▶ 2004-2014

suffrage

Karzai era

Karzai wins Afghanistan's

first presidential election

Karzai is reelected in 2009 in a poll marred

based on universal

by massive fraud,

and Taliban violence

low turnout



Afghan Taliban militia soldiers stand near the dynamited Buddha statue, Bamiyan, 2001

2014-2016

US withdrawal

NATO completes handover

of security to Afghan army and police. New Afghan

President Ashraf Ghani signs deal allowing some US-NATO

forces to stay on Security degenerates. In July

2016 US President Barack

Obama slows the planned

withdrawal of US troops



airbase, 2002

#### Sept 6, 2021 Panjshir taken Taliban say they have captured last pocket of resistance, in the Panjshir Valley. But National Resistance Front (NRF says still in "strategic positions", call for "national uprising"

May-Aug 2021 US withdrawal, Taliban back in power

In May, US and NATO start the withdrawal of their 9,600 troops The Taliban take the capital Kabul on Aug 15 after a rapid offensive.

President Ghani flees the country. The Afghan army. trained and equipped by the Americans, collapses.

Tens of thousands of Afghans and foreigners rush to the airport in a desperate bid to scramble into evacuation flights. A suicide bombing at the airport on Aug 26 killed over 100 people, including 13 US soldiers.

On Aug 30, the last US troops fly out of Kabul, putting an end to a 20-year war.

## JS-Taliban deal

The two sides sign a historic deal following talks that started in 2018, paving the way for the withdrawal of all foreign

troops

## US reinforcements **New US President**

2002

Donald Trump scraps pullout timetable and re-commits thousands of soldiers

Attacks on Afghan forces multiply while US steps up air strikes



## Segregation as Afghan universities reopen

Universities in Kabul were almost empty on the first day of the Afghan school year, as professors and students wrestled with the Taliban's restrictive new rules for the classroom.

The Taliban have promised a softer rule than during their first stint in power from 1996-2001, when women's freedoms in Afghanistan were sharply curtailed and they were banned from higher education.

This time, the hardline Islamist group have said women will be allowed to go to private universities under the new regime, but they face tough restrictions on their clothing

Women can only attend class if they wear an abaya -- a flowing robe -- and a niqab -- a face veil with a small window to see through -- and are separated from men, the Taliban said.

'Our students don't accept this and we will have to close the university," said Noor Ali Rahmani, the director of Gharjistan University in Kabul, on an almost empty campus on Monday. "Our students wear the hijab, not the niqab," he added, referring to a headscarf.

The Taliban education authority issued a lengthy document on Sunday outlining their measures for the classroom, which also ruled that men and women should be segregated -- or at least divided by a curtain if there are 15 students or less.

From now on at private colleges and universities, which have mushroomed since the Taliban's first rule ended, women must only be taught by other women, or "old men", and use a women-only entrance. They must also end their lessons five minutes earlier than men to stop them from mingling outside.

So far, the Taliban has said nothing about public universities.

For some students, however, it was a relief that women would still be able to attend university at all under a new

Usually, campus corridors on the first day of the term would be packed with students catching up after the summer. But on Monday, there was a strikingly low turnout at Kabul's universities, leaving education leaders wondering just how many young, talented people have fled the country as part of the "brain drain".

Rahmani said only 10 to 20 percent of the 1,000 students who enrolled last year came to the university on Monday. He estimated up to 30 percent of the students left Afghanistan after the Taliban seized control.

## Vietnam jails man for five years for spreading Covid

**MORE NEWS** 

A Vietnamese man has been sentenced to five years in jail for spreading Covid-19 after he breached home quarantine rules. Le Van Tri was convicted of "spreading dangerous infectious diseases to other people" after he travelled to his home province Ca Mau from coronavirus hotspot Ho Chi Minh City in July, according to a report on the website of the provincial People's Court. The 28-year old was accused of breaching a 21-day home quarantine regulation in the southern province. State media said eight people became infected because of Tri.

## **Climate NGOs call for**

postponement of COP26

A global network of more than 1,500 climate NGOs called on Britain to postpone the upcoming COP26 climate summit, saying in a statement yesterday that a lack of Covid-19 vaccines risked sidelining developing countries. Rising cases, unequal global vaccine rollout and stringent quarantine requirements for some 60 "red list" nations and territories hoping to attend the 12-day UN climate talks mean that "a safe, inclusive and just global climate conference is impossible," the Climate Action Network (CAN) said.



#### Nasa confirms Mars rover got its first piece of rock

Nasa confirmed Monday that its Perseverance Mars rover succeeded in collecting its first rock sample for scientists to pore over when a future mission eventually brings it back to Earth. "I've got it!" the space agency tweeted, alongside a photograph of a rock core slightly thicker than a pencil inside a sample tube. The sample was collected on September 1, but Nasa was initially unsure whether the rover had successfully held onto its precious cargo, because initial images taken in poor light were unclear. Perseverance landed on an ancient lake bed called the Jezero Crater in February, on a mission to search for signs of ancient microbial life.

#### In world first, Cuba starts **Covid jabs for toddlers** Cuba on Monday became the first country in

the world to vaccinate children from the age of two against Covid-19, using home-grown jabs not recognized by the World Health Organization. The communist island of 11.2 million people aims to inoculate all its children before reopening schools that have been closed for the most part since March 2020. The new school year started on Monday, but from home via television programs, as most Cuban homes do not have internet access. Having completed clinical trials on minors with its Abdala and Soberana vaccines, Cuba kicked off its inoculation campaign for children on Friday, starting with those 12 and older like

distributing jabs in the 2-11 age group in the central province of Cienfuegos. SOURCE: AFP, REUTERS

many other countries. On Monday, it started

# Revolt against junta

Myanmar shadow govt calls for nationwide uprising

Myanmar's shadow government, formed by opponents of military rule, called for a revolt against the junta yesterday, setting out a strategy that included action by armed militias and ethnic forces and urging bureaucrats to leave their posts.

Duwa Lashi La, the acting president of the National Unity Government, said in a speech that the shadow government, which is made up of members in exile or in hiding, was declaring a state of emergency.

Myanmar's military toppled elected government Aung San Suu Kyi on Feb. 1, triggering a wave of protests by pro-democracy supporters, and hundreds deaths as security forces tried to

quell the demonstrations. Some opponents of military rule have formed armed groups, under the banner of the People's Defence Forces, and have forged alliances with some ethnic militias that have long seen Myanmar's army as

their enemy. Declaring it was launching a "defensive war", Duwa Lashi La called for a "revolt against the rule of the military terrorists led by Min Aung Hlaing in every corner of the country.'

Myanmar's military ruler Min Aung Hlaing last month took on the role of prime minister in a newly formed caretaker government and pledged to hold new elections by 2023.

The junta has itself branded the NUG and People's Defence Forces as terrorist

Military-appointed administrators should "immediately leave your positions" Duwa Lashi La said in his 14-point speech, in which he urged members of the security forces to join them and for ethnic forces in

border areas to attack the military. Soon after February's coup, a civil disobedience movement was set up in a bid to undermine military rule.

militias have also

been involved in regular skirmishes with the army though often appear to operate independently, while it is also unclear how much coordination there is among ethnic forces that have been fighting the

army on and off

for decades.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) has been leading diplomatic efforts to end the violence and open a dialogue between the military rulers and their opponents.

Asean's envoy to Myanmar, Erywan Yusof, said in an interview with Kyodo news agency that the military had accepted his proposal for a ceasefire until the end of the year to ensure distribution of humanitarian aid.

A pro-democracy activist and another member of the NUG said the junta could not be trusted to honour such a deal. A military spokesman did not answer

calls from Reuters to seek comment on the reported ceasefire or the speech by the NUG.

## 'Accelerating' Iran strike plans: Israel

AL JAZEERA ONLINE

Military plans dealing with Iran's nuclear programme have been "greatly accelerated", Israel's military chief warned, as questions on the ability to revive a landmark accord limiting Tehran's weapons development continue to

Preparations for possible action against Iran are being intensified, Chief of General Staff Aviv Kohavi said in an interview published on Monday, adding "a significant chunk of the boost to the defence budget, as was recently agreed, was intended for this purpose".

He also said efforts were under way throughout the Middle East to check Iran's allies. The main objective is "minimising Iranian presence in the Middle East with an emphasis on Syria ... But these operations take place throughout the Middle East. They're also against Hamas, against

Hezbollah", said Kohavi. US defence chief Lloyd Austin, speaking in Qatar yesterday, said Iranian military activity in the Middle East continued to ramp up tensions.



## **POSSIBLE COVID-19 THIRD WAVE**

## India readies 'for the worst'

As Covid-19 cases and deaths exploded in India in April and May, New Delhi's premier Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and several others ran so short of oxygen that many patients in the capital suffocated.

When Reuters visited the hospital on Friday, its last coronavirus patient was readying to leave after recovery - a remarkable turnaround health experts attribute to growing levels of immunity from natural infection and vaccinations.

But hospitals have learned from bitter experience during the second Covid wave, as India braces for another possible surge in infections around its September-November festival season. "In light of the possibility of the emergence of coronavirus mutants,

with higher transmissibility and immune escape, the hospital continues to prepare for the worst," said Satendra Katoch, medical director of Nationally, India has added many more hospital beds in the past

few months and imported more than 100 oxygen carriers to raise the total to about 1,250. Companies such as Linde are planning to lift the country's overall output of the gas by 50% to 15,000 tonnes a day. The federal government, meanwhile, has approved the construction

of nearly 1,600 oxygen-generation plants at hospitals, though fewer than 300 had been set up as of early last month as imports take time. Almost all states are readying special paediatric wards as some

experts warn unvaccinated children could be vulnerable to any new virus mutations. But with a government survey estimating as many as two-thirds

of Indians already have Covid-fighting antibodies through natural infection, and 57% of its adults with at least an initial vaccine dose, many health experts believe any new outbreak of infections could be much less devastating than the second wave.

However, both government and hospitals aren't leaving it to chance

## 3-year-old survives 3-day Australia outback ordeal

AFP, Sydney

An Australian mother yesterday said she felt "blessed" after her three-vear-old son with autism was found alive and sound, scooping muddy water from a creek in dense outback terrain after a three-day hunt that gripped the country.

Police sent a helicopter with thermal imaging equipment but failed to spot the little boy in the hours after he was first reported missing on Friday morning at his family's remote property in the eastern state of New South Wales, 150 kilometres (90 miles) northwest of Sydney.

Rescue workers and police, including some on horseback, searched through the weekend before finally spotting the boy, AJ Elfalak, during a helicopter sweep of the area on Monday. AJ had a few scratches and bruises, the mother said. "Other than that he

is perfect." Police said dense terrain complicated the search for the boy, who was spotted within a few hundred metres (yards) of his home.

"The young fellow was sitting in a small creek and was drinking water. He was able to catch the eye of the pilot and the crewman," New South Wales Police superintendent Brad Monk told reporters after the rescue on Monday. Video images taken from the police helicopter showed the child sitting in a pool of murky water in a rocky creek, wearing a light-coloured top and using nis hands to scoop water to his mouth and face.

The hunt for the boy, who police said has autism and does not speak, grabbed the headlines across Australia. "What a relief. I can't imagine how traumatic this experience has been

for AJ and his parents," Prime Minister Scott Morrison said in a message on Twitter Monday.



Sikh youth shout slogans during a religious procession on the occasion of the 417th anniversary of the installation of the Guru Granth Sahib, at the Gurudwara Ramsar in Amritsar, yesterday.

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## Proposed telecom act amendment will only harm the industry

BTRC must be allowed to function independently if we are to modernise the sector

S the world continues its journey towards the Fourth Industrial Revolution, with exponential growth seen across the global telecommunications industry, we are concerned that Bangladesh, instead of following suit, is taking a huge step backwards with a planned amendment to the Bangladesh Telecommunications Act. This will strip the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) of its independence and cede most of its powers to the telecom ministry, which will hamper the commission's ability to take decisions and implement effective measures, and ultimately be hugely detrimental to the growth of the industry.

The BTRC's independence had already been curtailed in 2010 by making it a requirement for the commission to seek ministry approval for issuing, renewing, transferring or revoking telecom licences, and for setting tariffs on different services. However, the 2021 draft amendment will be the final nail in the BTRC's coffin. It will transfer almost complete control over to the ministry by requiring the commission to take ministry approval for almost everything it plans to do. It will give the ministry the power to recruit, appoint, promote, transfer and penalise all higher-tier BTRC employees (Grades 1 to 9) without involving the commission chairman; the responsibility of investigating allegations against the BTRC commissioner will be transferred from the Supreme Court judges over to the ministry as well.

The rationale that Posts and Telecommunication Minister Mustafa Jabbar has provided for taking away the BTRC's independence is that the commission can often function in an autocratic manner, especially in the case of appointments. However, if that is the case, the ministry has every authority to call for an investigation into these occurrences and act with due diligence. But it cannot be the reason behind completely transferring the authority of the BTRC over to the bureaucracy, simply because it is not functioning effectively.

It is worrying that the government does not seem too concerned about how the proposed amendment will affect consumers, the industry and the future trends of growth. According to experts, the challenges and roadblocks that are impeding the growth of the telecom industry are not addressed in the draft law, and there are no clear-cut ideas as to how it will work with and implement the "Digital Bangladesh" road map either. Rather than updating a 20-year-old law for modern times, the amendment will only tighten the government's grip on the telecom sector and create a conflict of interest, where the government will become both the regulator and the operator of the industry. We can simply find no rationale behind amending the law in a way that will not only fail to modernise the industry, but will ultimately harm it instead

# Should workers' lives come so cheap?

Hashem Food's legal ploy must be foiled

S per a report published in *The Daily Star* on Tuesday, Hashem Foods Ltd has bought legal indemnity by handing out a meagre Tk 2 lakh to each of the families of the victims killed in the devastating fire that engulfed its factory in Rupganj, Narayanganj on July 8. While paying said amount, these families were made to give an undertaking, which absolves the factory owners of all monetary liability for the 54 people who were killed in the fire.

We have two points to emphasise here.

Firstly, we believe that Hashem Foods' action is a mean ploy to circumvent the law and avoid the consequences—both penal and legal—which the culpability of their callous disregard for workers' safety makes them liable to. It can be mentioned that a writ petition is pending with the High Court, filed on July 11 by four organisations seeking Tk 5 crore in compensation for each of the victims' families.

As we have said in these very columns before, the fire was not an accident but a case of pure and simple murder, and the factory owners cannot be allowed to get away so cheaply. We are not privy to the findings of the report of the committee set up by the Ministry of Labour. But our views have been substantiated by the citizens' committee which is unanimous about the gross negligence and callous disregard for workers'safety displayed by the factory owners. Not only is the money offered a pittance, the manner in which the acquiescence of the victims' families has been obtained smacks of deceit. Most of them cannot read and did not know what they were signing on. So whatever agreement has been made by Hashem Foods is *ultra vires*—it has no legal basis.

Secondly, the agreement should not absolve the owners of the penal consequences for their culpability in the 54 deaths. In this regard, we would hope that all the necessary investigations are completed quickly, and the case is taken to court as soon as possible and the guilty parties are punished. Industrial accidents have continued to occur mainly because those responsible for the accidents have either not been called to account for their acts of omissions or commissions, or have managed to escape through legal loopholes. Unless examples are made of all those in the chain, apart from the owners, who are responsible for overseeing that safety measures are complied with—and that includes several government agencies, too—accidents will continue to occur and poor workers will continue to die.

# Legal empowerment: the missing catalyst for human trafficking victims



Shuprova Tasnee

HEN you first read it, it may seem like something scripted for the silver screen: the story of a Bangladeshi woman who is struck by an

her 17-year-old daughter lured away by traffickers and forced to work in a brothel in India. At her wit's end, and with no support from anyone, the woman decides to take her fate into her own hands, going on a hero's journey to save her. Taking the ultimate risk of being willingly trafficked to India by the same gang—yes, you read that right—she escapes from Delhi, travels around a thousand kilometres to Bihar, and pulls off a daring rescue of her child from the hands of the villains.

What makes for good content onscreen, unfortunately, translates into an extremely sombre reality. This is, of course, the story of a woman with immense fortitude and strength of character. But it is also the story of yet another marginalised family that has fallen through the cracks, and yet another woman who was unable to access the system meant to help or protect victims like her daughter. It is only after her story became viral on social media that the Rapid Action Battalion, early last month, arrested three members of the gang that trafficked them.

According to a report in *The Daily Star*, this gang has allegedly trafficked over 200 girls and women into India over the past 8-10 years. So why did the authorities only apprehend them recently? The speed with which the arrests were made suggest this could have been done much sooner.

The reports surrounding this woman's daring rescue mission do not clarify if she had reached out to local law enforcement agencies in order to get her daughter back. However, one can only imagine that the decision to get yourself trafficked to another country—opening yourself

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up to all kinds of risks, including being beaten, raped or even killed, with no idea of whether you will ever come back—is not one that is taken lightly. So what happened? Did the police ignore her? Did she lack the financial capacity to convince the authorities to take her seriously? Did she think she would be discriminated against because of her humble

background? Did she worry that, because of social stereotyping and patriarchal norms, her teenage daughter would be ostracised instead of being recognised as a victim? Regardless of whether this woman reported her daughter's trafficking or not, this incident raises serious questions about barriers to accessing justice in this country, especially for women from marginalised backgrounds.

The importance of social media in getting the attention of law enforcement agencies is also hugely disconcerting. Many will remember the horrific video

How did this gang operate for so long, right under the noses of both Bangladeshi and Indian authorities, using digital spaces that are regularly monitored and policed in both the countries (often to the detriment of free speech)?

True, in all of these cases, the law enforcement agencies acted with a great deal of efficiency and speed—but only after an online outcry stirred them into action.

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## We need proactive action—not reactive—to prevent human trafficking in Bangladesh.

of the gang rape of a woman in Noakhali that acted as a catalyst for the nationwide movement for justice for rape survivors. In an interview to *The Daily Star*, the woman had said: "I went to the [local] Member and told him that I am poor and I do not have the power to go to the police myself. I asked him to investigate the matter and seek justice on my behalf." However, her appeal fell on deaf ears, and it was only after the video of her abuse went viral that four people were arrested for the crime.

In a similar fashion, the transnational gang that used TikTok to traffic women to India and force them into sex work was only uncovered after (Indian and Bangladeshi) police began investigating a viral social media post of a 22-year-old Bangladeshi woman being tortured and sexually assaulted in India. As arrests were made on both sides of the border, one of the apprehended members of the ring admitted they had trafficked nearly 1,000 women in the last eight years. Is it possible that none of the family members of these women tried to take recourse to the law?

of Bangladesh every month. Some reports suggest that around 200,000 women and children have been trafficked out of the country over the past 10 years. Research from almost 20 years ago identified at least 18 transit points along the Bangladesh-India border—with the Benapole and Satkhira routes being the most commonly used. Yet, armed with this knowledge, and even after setting up the monitoring cell for human trafficking and several trafficking tribunals, Bangladesh has made very little headway in getting human trafficking under control. These transit points are still being used regularly, as the investigation into the TikTok trafficking ring revealed—their victims were being held at "safe houses" in bordering districts such as Satkhira before being trafficked to

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According to the US Department of State's "Trafficking in Persons Report 2021," Bangladesh prosecuted 517 suspected traffickers last year, but convicted only seven—and only one of them was convicted for sex trafficking.

Despite the existence of the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act, 2012 and Bangladesh's accession to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, in 2019, there is a clear disconnect between our policies on paper and our actions on the ground The State Department report also wrote: "The number of convictions decreased, while law enforcement continued to deny credible reports of official complicity in trafficking, forced labour and sex trafficking of Rohingyas, and child sex trafficking, including in licensed brothels, and did not demonstrate efforts to identify victims or investigate these persistent

The report also suggested that the government made minimal efforts to assist Bangladeshi victims of trafficking abroad, and did not provide support to victims penalised for the unlawful acts they were forced to commit by their traffickers. This is a fair assessment, given that at least six victims of the TikTok trafficking ring, including a minor, are reportedly still stranded in India, and only recently, seven Bangladeshi women who were trafficked to India and jailed for their "illegal entry" finally managed to return home after being imprisoned for two years.

Saying that the issue of trafficking is complicated would be an understatement, and it is almost impossible to curb it without transnational cooperation. However, there is one common theme here on our end in Bangladesh—from having appeals disregarded by law enforcement officials to being left to languish in foreign prisons/shelters, the female victims of trafficking are still extremely vulnerable and are often ignored. And now their vulnerabilities have been exacerbated by Covid-19. According to a recent report in this daily, transnational trafficking syndicates are now specifically targeting women in city slums and selling them to brothels in India after promising them lucrative jobs.

In a country where labour trafficking syndicates continue to mushroom and flourish, and where such trafficking can even occur via official channels—the case of 14-year-old Kulsum, who was killed in Saudi Arabia in September 2020 after being sent there with false papers, comes to mind—it should come as no surprise that many vulnerable women are voluntarily going abroad in the hopes of employment, only to be trapped into sex slavery. What is surprising is how little is being don to tackle this. There is much more to be said about the repatriation and rehabilitation of trafficking victims and the support that they deserve from their country, as well as about the creation of conditions within the country, so that women do not feel the need to take such dangerous decisions.

But before everything else, they must be able to access the formal justice system and the laws that are meant to protect them. It is high time state authorities seriously invested their time and effort into ensuring this legal empowerment.

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# India and the great power game over Afghanistan



Pallab hattacharya

Foreign Secretary
Harsh Vardhan Shringla was wrapping up his talks with senior US officials in Washington on the evolving situation in Afghanistan, Pakistan rushed its

ISI chief General Faiz Hameed to Kabul to ensure the inclusion of people it had backed for decades in the new Taliban government. The two contrasting pictures summed up the altered great power game over Afghanistan since the Taliban took over the country.

While India is trying to explore how to realign its Afghan policy and recover the ground it has laid with the governments of Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani by investing USD 3 billion in assistance over the last two decades, Pakistan is seeking to influence the composition of a new dispensation in that country it has always considered a "strategic depth," after remaining on the margins since the previous Taliban regime was ousted in 2001.

One of the main purposes of Shringla's US visit was how to come out with a coordinated strategy to take out their nationals stranded in Afghanistan unharmed, and to deal with the new regime in Kabul that appears to be tilting towards the China-Pakistan axis. His talks with Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Undersecretary of State Wendy Sherman provided an opportunity to exchange views on the Taliban's second accession to power in Afghanistan.

Shringla's visit to the US came hot on the heels of the first official contact between India and the Taliban on August 31, when Indian Ambassador to Qatar Deepak Mittal had a meeting with the Taliban's Deputy Political Head Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai in Doha at the latter's request. The terse readout issued by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs after the meeting spoke about India raising its concerns with Stanikzai over the safety of Indians and religious minorities in Afghanistan, and terror groups operating from that country against India and other countries. Shringla was a little more elaborative

US and the European Union. Notably, around the time Shringla was in the US, Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar was in Slovenia attending a meeting of the EU which, among other things, dealt with the Afghan developments. There is a compelling case for that. The one key area of convergence between India, the US and the EU is to put pressure on the Taliban to not allow terror groups like ISIS, al Qaeda, Jaish-e-Mohammed, ISIS (Khorasan) and Pakistan-based Haqqani network to operate in Afghanistan. The

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when he told the media in Washington that although India's engagement with the Taliban was "limited," the latter had indicated that they would be "reasonable" in handling things.

At the same time, the Indian foreign secretary made it clear that New Delhi would like to continue to be in wait-and-watch mode as far as the Taliban was concerned. The question is: How long will India be in the wait-and-watch mode? Former Indian diplomat Vivek Katju is among those Indian foreign policy experts and strategic thinkers who have disfavoured shunning the Taliban and want New Delhi to accept the reality of having to deal with the group.

Having little clout with the Taliban, it is now pretty clear that India is aligning its future Afghan policy with those of the Taliban has gone on record saying it would look to China to bankroll the Afghan economy, but it cannot afford to leave out the US, the EU and India, for that matter, when it comes to pumping in aid. Besides, the Taliban has assets amounting to USD 10 billion in the US, which could be frozen if it does not cater to the major security interests of the American and western countries. The last thing the Taliban would want is a collapse of the crumbling Afghan economy.

This is an area where the Taliban knows Pakistan cannot help in any way. So if the Taliban does not improve its acceptability to the US and the West, it cannot expect that aid and cash would flow into Afghanistan. The Taliban has to decide if it would dance to the tunes of

Pakistan and allow terror groups to have free ingress in Afghanistan at the risk of earning economical reprisals of much of the international community.

New Delhi would like all the assurances Stanikzai gave to Mittal to be translated on the ground before it takes the next steps to deal with the new regime in Afghanistan. But the Taliban has so far been sending contradictory signals. While some Taliban leaders have said that it views the Kashmir issue as a bilateral one between India and Pakistan, some others have said they have the right to flag the issue of Muslims in Kashmir. Foreign policy analysts like Katju and C Raja Mohan believe the US and the EU have given enough hints that they would not be averse to opening contacts with the Taliban. This is most succinctly brought out by the fact that while on August 2, the UN Security Council under India's presidentship—had warned the outfit against going for forced capture of power to establish an Islamic Emirate, it made no mention of either of the issues in its resolution of August 16, a day after the Taliban captured Kabul. India was the president of the UNSC during August.

The US, under Barack Obama, had once propagated a distinction between "good Taliban" and "bad Taliban" in order to help solve the Afghan muddle and pull its military out of Afghanistan. At that time, India had rejected any distinction between "good terrorists" and "bad terrorists" on the ground that it is a specious and self-serving argument. New Delhi may have to revisit some components of its known stand and come up with a reworked diplomatic template in order to come to terms with a new reality in Afghanistan.

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## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

# The politics of mass literacy: Where we stand



N the occasion of International Literacy Day, proclaimed by the United Nations in 1966, there will be pronouncements with much fanfare about the vital role of literacy in national development and the

progress that has been made. Meanwhile, Unesco has been reporting since the 1990s that about 780 million adults in the world remain non-literate—any progress made since then is apparently offset by population

The Bangladesh government reported a precise adult literacy rate of 74.7 percent in 2019. Educationists remain sceptical about the real numbers of adults and youth in Bangladesh—as well as in the world—who have the functional and sustainable literacy skills that make a difference in their lives. The effort and the goal of meaningful mass literacy appear to remain mired in shaky political commitments and the consequent policy and programmes that cannot succeed.

Paulo Freire, the Brazilian educator and author of the "Pedagogy of the Oppressed," said that literacy should enable learners to read the world, not just the word. Freire spent most of his life in exile from Brazil because of his advocacy for "conscientisation" of the literacy learner. The literacy managers of the world have remained focused on the "word"—the mechanics of decoding the alphabet—and they count literacy results accordingly. This mechanical approach does not motivate and inspire the learners—children or adults.

At Unesco's birth after the Second World War, its very first general conference, held in 1946, discussed the idea of education as the means to fight poverty and promote wellbeing of people. In 1947, an ambitious literacy programme titled "Fundamental Education" was announced as a necessary precondition for the maintenance of international peace and the growth of economic prosperity. The history of how this innocuous initiative became caught in Cold War diplomacy and failed to achieve its mission has come to light in part on the basis of declassified US Department of State records [Charles Dorn and Kristen Ghodsee (2012). "The Cold War Politicization of Literacy: Communism, UNESCO, and the

Unesco stressed the importance of education as a mechanism for social, political,

and economic development. The success of literacy campaign in Cuba, China, and the Soviet Union dominated the discussion at the UN agency. The role of mass education in the economic and social change in these particular countries, viewed as Cold War opponents, was an alarm signal for the US-led allied powers. A US government appraisal of Unesco in 1953 concluded that the UN agency had come under communist influence, and that the goals of "Fundamental Education" were "contrary to

- A Non-Communist Manifesto," was the pointsman for the US move.

Then Unesco Director General Rene Maheu opted in 1966 to pursue the "purely economic" aim, establishing a 10-year Experimental World Literacy Project (EWLP) in 11 countries. In 1969, one-third of the way into the project, an internal evaluation found that the EWLP had not produced the expected results. It had fallen seriously behind schedule, partly due to scarce funding. The US, for instance, placed its

social, and economic principles that underlie functional literacy. The evaluation team comprising members from Algeria, Brazil, Canada, India and Vietnam issued a scathing indictment of EWLP's narrow aim that regarded people as cogs in the production machine. It was also critical of the motives of the US-led protagonists and the World Bank, who pushed

McNamara, to his credit, introduced a

new paradigm—"redistribution with growth" (meeting "basic needs" in the parlance of UN organisations)—instead of unalloyed economic growth during his 13-year tenure at the World Bank. This paradigm recognised the need for education as an investment in development. World Bank undertook a reassessment of its education strategy, which included an examination of the role of basic and nonformal education. A much-cited report, in preparing which this writer participated, was published by the bank. (Philip Coombs and Manzoor Ahmed, "Attacking Rural Poverty: How Nonformal Education Can Help," 1974). While the World Bank's education

investments increased and it included primary education for the first time, its economists, abetted by its bureaucracy, were still wary of supporting a broad vision of literacy. The bank's self-defined agenda to promote redistribution excluded literacy, which was seen as ideologically linked with political, rather than economic goals. The idea of teaching poor people to read became entangled with fears of socialist revolution. The goal of a world campaign against illiteracy became a casualty of the Cold War.

Unesco has not been able to overcome the sad legacy of the Cold War. The way it defines and measures literacy (or lets countries do it), dictated by its executive board representing national governments, still remains a reductionist and mechanistic approach. Relying mostly on self-reporting of skill levels, rather than assessment by testing, raises questions about what these reported literacy rates really mean. The adult literacy projects are mostly "stand alone" and ad hoc activities, rather than a part of a lifelong learning strategy, despite recent rhetoric about lifelong learning. The Education for All (EFA) targets for literacy, first adopted in 2000 and reiterated in 2015, can be fairly described as reflecting a narrow view emphasising the mechanics of decoding symbols. Many countries have adopted programme strategies along this line and followed the simplistic and conventional definition-and-assessment approach.

The parallel to the global political dynamics that undermined the real aim and approach to

empower people through literacy can be seen in Bangladesh. The Awami League government, in its 2009 manifesto, promised to eliminate adult illiteracy by 2014. The approach indicated was similar to the previous Total Literacy Movement (TLM) initiated in 1996, which enrolled adults in courses set up by the politicians' favourite NGOs and declared the enrolees to be literate after six months. Thus, many upazilas were proclaimed to be free of illiteracy. The TLM project was later dubbed as a "Total Loss of Money."

Not until 2014, the target year to eliminate illiteracy, did the government finally take up the Basic Literacy Project to teach literacy and life skills to 450,000 people aged between 15 and 45 years in 64 districts. But the project did not begin until 2018. The life skills component was dropped "due to fund crisis."

An evaluation report by the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) of the Planning Ministry said 63 percent of the participants were wrongly selected. Experts say an absence of proper planning, a lack of will and financing as well as the implementation capacity are the reasons behind slow progress of the project ("Literacy heading nowhere," The Daily Star, September 8, 2019). The Covid-19 pandemic has brought to a halt whatever literacy activity was underway ("Literacy project falls thru," The Daily Star, September 8, 2020). The increase in reported literacy rate is mainly the result of the spread of primary education.

A Non-formal Education Development Programme (NFEDP) was formulated by the government's Bureau of Non-formal Education (BNFE) in collaboration with NGOs and academic stakeholders. It anticipated a workable multi-tier partnership model at national, district, upazila and union levels to set up a network of community learning centres and to expand the opportunity for literacy as a first step for lifelong learning. The NFEDP is premised on a concept of strong partnerships of state and non-state actors, substantial roles for NGOs, community organisations, local government; and supportive and facilitative regulatory processes and mechanisms, along with adequate funding.

A decision regarding the proposed NFEDP, however, remains stalled. Ambivalence at the policy-making level about the anticipated strong role of non-state actors appears to be a reason for the indecision. The political dynamic of policy and decision-making keeps success unattainable in respect of meaningful literacy.

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The mechanical approach of merely teaching words does not motivate and inspire the learners—children or adults. ILLUSTRATION: BIPLOB CHAKROBORTY

American ideals and traditions."

At the same time, the logic for fighting mass illiteracy could not be denied. Unesco faced increasing pressure from the administration of then US President Lyndon B Johnson to formulate a sanitised literacy programme called "functional" (the term used to refer to vocationally oriented literacy) rather than "mass" (the term used to refer to literacy meant to achieve political and social goals such as consciousness-raising). The latter became associated with Cuba and communism. WW Rostow, Johnson's national security adviser who authored "The Stages of Economic Growth

fund with the UN Development Programme, rather than with Unesco directly. There were tensions between national and international objectives, and about traditional and functional approaches to literacy instruction. Director General Maheu still asserted that the basic approach of functional literacy was the right one. The report cited the approval of World Bank's new president Robert McNamara (the architect of the Vietnam War as US defence secretary) as a good reason for the continuation

Unesco mounted a formal evaluation of EWLP in 1976 to reconsider the political,

# Community partnership can minimise learning gaps



responsible for facilitating schooling activities for the students, there are other factors as well that play crucial roles in ensuring the best learning experiences. Community

partnership is one of them. The significance of community partnership in the context of primary education in Bangladesh is enormous, particularly when children are set to go back to school after an 18-month hiatus from regular academic activities because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The concept of community partnership is almost the same in different educational contexts, but its nature could vary from one context to another. Therefore, it is considered a highly situational phenomenon. Joyce Epstein, director of Center on School, Family, and Community Partnerships at Johns Hopkins University, said that community partnership is a situation where different groups of people collaborate with schools to run and manage events, support students' academic activities, and take decisions democratically.

Considering the importance of community partnership in education, the World Declaration on Education for All, in its Article

7, puts a greater emphasis on strengthening partnership. The current pandemic situation has also heightened its importance. The major reason for prioritising community partnership is that, since schools could not be in touch with all their students proportionately, it would be tough for the teachers to properly understand what their students have been through during the pandemic. Hence through community partnership, teachers will be able to easily reach out to their students' guardians to learn about the students' academic and mental health conditions in detail.

Along with traditional teaching-learning practices, schools could help provide needbased and context-specific support to the pupils through community partnership, which may include trauma-informed and differentiated teaching. By building and strengthening partnership with the community, schools will also have greater opportunities to mobilise the resources of the community. In addition, it can help schools enhance their adaptivity to the post-Covid situation, which would eventually impact students' academic achievements positively.

According to Harvard Family Research Project reports (2010), partnership can support, transform, and strengthen individual participants, which can eventually contribute to a better curriculum and the attainment of goals. Beside this, community partnership can contribute to students' all-round improvements. Therefore, it can be said that



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community partnership will play a crucial role in ensuring a better learning experience, particularly in the post-Covid period.

Bangladesh's education policies have already undertaken two major initiatives to enhance the scopes of community partnerships: Parent-Teachers Association, and School Managing Committee. However, the results yielded by those initiatives are not satisfactory enough. A 2016 study, conducted by Mahammad Abul Hasnat, a Dhaka-based teacher, revealed that rural parents do not have a clear idea about whether or not their involvement is required and how they can

be involved. In government primary schools, which have limited resources, it has been observed that parents do not have much scope to get involved, although everything is there,

just on pen and paper. Bangladesh needs to pay close attention to the challenges around community partnership. In his study, Mahammad Abul Hasnat found that lack of communication from the school's end is one of the major barriers to community involvement. Another issue is that many parents are not aware of what it takes to build and sustain the partnership with schools. Beside this, a small section of parents are

involved, but not actively engaged due to the lack of proactive communication. In addition schools have to take extra administrative responsibilities besides their main duties. Therefore, many teachers and administrators lack the motivation and urge to build a strong partnership with the community.

In order to overcome the aforementioned roadblocks, the government can initiate a comprehensive programme, through which members of communities will develop a strong awareness of the importance of their partnership with the schools. Besides, research should be conducted to find the challenges as well as potential scopes for building effective and context-specific partnerships The government should also introduce a range of policies dedicated to enhancing the partnership building process. Also, a sense of ownership and responsibility is important from everyone's end to make it a success.

Finally, community partnership is about building an efficient and sustainable relationship among the stakeholders to run the schools effectively and to adapt to the needs of the students and community members. It can help students cope with the new normal and get the best out of formal schooling. Although Bangladesh has made some progress in building community partnerships for education, it still has room to grow.

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# QUOTABLE



**ALICE MILLER** (1923 - 2010)Swiss psychologist

Learning is a result of listening, which in turn leads to even better listening and attentiveness to the other person. In other words, to learn from the child, we must have empathy, and empathy grows as we learn,

## **CROSSWORD** BY THOMAS JOSEPH

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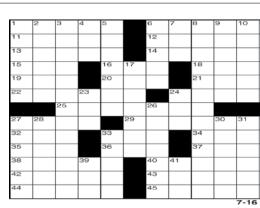
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## **BABY BLUES**

PENTING THE MOTORHOME WAS A GREAT IDEA, DARRYL



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### খোলা দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

٥.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ ও সংস্থার নামঃ	:	মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর।
<b>২</b> .	সংগ্রাহক সন্ত্রার নাম	:	প্রকল্প পরিচালক, ২০টি শিশু দিবায়ত্ন কেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্প, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, ঢাকা।
o.	দরপত্র আহবানের সূত্র ও তারিখ:	:	৩২,০১,০০০০,০২৭,০২,০৫৮,১৯-৪২৬৩, তারিখ: ০৭/০৯/২১
8.	অর্থের উৎস	:	বাংলাদেশ সরকার।
¢.	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা:	:	প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে হবে। হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এবং ইনকাম ট্যাক্স সার্টিফিকেট, ব্যাংক স্বচ্ছলতার সনদ এবং খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহের ন্যূনপক্ষে ২ (দুই) বছরের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।
৬.	কার্যসম্পাদনের সময়সীমা	:	ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টারে শিশুদের খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহের কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির তারিখ হতে ১ (এক) বছর।
٩.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা:	:	১) মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, কক্ষ নং ৮১১ (৮ম তলা),পরিবহন পুল ভবন, সচিবালয় লিংক রোড, ঢাকা। ২) বিভাগীয় কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা বিভাগ, ১ম ১২তলা সরকারী ভবন (২য় তলা), সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা। ৩) প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, ২০টি শিশু দিবায়য় কেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্প, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, ৩৭/৩ ইয়াটন গার্ডেন রোড (৬৬ তলা), ঢাকা।
ь.	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা:	:	<ol> <li>মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, কক্ষ নং ৮১১ (৮ম তলা), পরিবহন পুল ভবন, সচিবালয় লিংক রোড, ঢাকা।</li> <li>বিভাগীয় কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা বিভাগ, ১ম ১২তলা সরকারী ভবন (২য় তলা), সেপুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।</li> <li>প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, ২০টি শিশু দিবায়য় কেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্প, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, ৩৭/৩ ইস্কাটন গার্ডেন রোড (৬৬ তলা), ঢাকা।</li> </ol>
۵.	দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়:	:	২৮/০৯/২০২১ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
50.	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়:	:	২৯/০৯/২০২১ইং তারিখ বেলা: ১১:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
۵۵.	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান ও ঠিকানা:	:	প্রকল্প পরিচালক, ২০টি শিশু দিবায়ত্ন কেন্দ্র স্থাপন প্রকল্প, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর এর অফিস কক্ষ।
54.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৯/০৯/২০২১ইং তারিখ বেলা: ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
50.	কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ		

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	শিশু খাদ্যসামগ্ৰী	5	ধানমন্ডি ডে-৫	কয়ার	সেন্টার	৫০০/ টাকা	৩০,০০০/- (ত্রিশ হাজার) টাকা
	সরবরাহ	2	সরকারি কর্ম	কমি	ণন ভবন ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার	(প্রতি সেন্টারের জন্য)	(প্রতি সেন্টারের জন্য)
		9	মতিঝিল ডে-	কয়া	র সেন্টার		
		8	রায়ের বাজার	ডে-(	কয়ার সেন্টার		
		¢	কাওরানবাজা	রের '	পার্শ্ববর্তী এলাকা (কীঠালবাগান) ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার		
		৬	মুগদা ডে-কে?	ার ে	সন্টার		,
		9	পল্লবী ডে-কে?	ার (	সন্টার		
		ъ	ভূমি ভবন ক্য	<b>দপ্তের</b>	ভে-কেয়ার সেন্টার		
		8	বাংলাদেশ প	টিন	কর্পোরেশন ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার		
		50	আশুলিয়া ডে-	কয়া	র সেন্টার		
		22	রংপুর ডে-কে	য়ার (	সন্টার		
		১২	গোপালগঞ্জ ডে	-কে	য়ার সেন্টার		
		30	গাজীপুর ডে-৫	কয়া:	ং সেন্টার		
		58	কক্সবাজার ডে	-কে	য়ার সেন্টার	1	
		20	নওগাঁ ডে-কে?	ার ৫	সন্টার	1	,
		১৬	গাইবান্ধা ডে-৫	কয়া	র সেন্টার	1	
		59	ভোলা ডে-কে				
		24	টাঙ্গাইল ডে-৫	কয়া	র সেন্টার		
		29	নোয়াখালী ডে				
		20	চীদপুর ডে-বে	য়ার	সেন্টার	1	

\$8.	বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক বা সোনালী ব্যাংকে টেভার সিভিউলের মূল্য বাবদ ৫০০/- (পীচশত) টাকা ১-৩০২১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ কোডে (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিয়ে চালানের ফটোকপি জমা দেয়া সাপেক্ষে দরপত্র সিভিউল পাওয়া যাবে।
50.	দরপত্র দাখিল ও বাক্স খোলার দিন কোন কারণে অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী দিন একই সময়ে দরপত্র দাখিল এবং বাক্স খোলা হবে।
১৬.	খাদ্যসামগ্রীর বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিভিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে।
۵٩.	দরপত্র দাতাগণ The Public Procurement Regulation-2008-এর শর্তাবলী মানতে বাধ্য থাকবেন।
<b>۵</b> ৮.	প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়নের স্বার্থে যে কোন সময় যে কোন ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টারের স্থান পরিবর্তন হতে পারে।
<b>کار</b>	বর্নিত ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টারসমূহে খাদ্য সরবরাহের তারিখ ভিন্ন ভিন্ন হবে।
<b>২</b> 0.	কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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নিমিত্তে ১ম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী এবং ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলগালাকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেচে।

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

সহকারী পরিচালকের কার্যালয় ২৫০ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, পাবনা

স্মারক নং-জেঃহাঃ/পাব/দরপত্র/২০২১-২২/৩২২৩

তারিখঃ ০৪/০৯/২০২১ইং দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

২৫০ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, পাবনার (রাজস্ব ও উন্নয়ন) ২০২১-২২ অর্থ বৎসরের পথ্য সামগ্রী, ষ্টেশনারী ও বিবিধ মালমাল, লিনেন ধৌতকরণ সরবরাহের

۵	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়।
২	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী	সহকারী পরিচালক।
9	দরপত্র আহবানের পদ্ধতি	উনুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম) পিপিএ-০৬ এবং পিপিআর-০৮ এবং সংশোধনী ২০১৯ইং।
8	বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	সরকারি বরাদ (রাজস্ব ও উন্নয়ন)।
œ	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান ও শেষ	২৫০ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, পাবনা এবং সিভিল সার্জন, পাবনা কার্যালয় হইতে দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য ট্রেজারী
	তারিখ	চালানের কোড নং-১-২৭১১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ তে জমা প্রদানপূর্বক মূলকপিসহ নিজস্ব লেটারহেড প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে
		বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর হইতে ২৩/০৯/২০২১ইং পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে বেলা ০২.০০
		ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।
৬	দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান, শেষ	দরপত্র প্রকাশের পর হইতে আগামী ২৬/০৯/২০২১ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন ১০ ঘটিকা হইতে ১২ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত ২৫০ শয্যা
	তারিখ ও সময়	বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, পাবনা এবং পুলিশ সুপার, পাবনা কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাব্সে শুধুমাত্র ২৬/০৯/২০২১ইং
		তারিখে ১০ ঘটিকা হইতে ১২ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত জমা দেওয়া যাইবে।
٩	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়,	আগামী ২৬/০৯/২০২১ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায় সহকারী পরিচালক, ২৫০ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল,
	স্থান ও অনুমোদিত ব্যক্তিবৰ্গ	পাবনার দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ কমিটির সদস্য এবং দরপত্রদাতাগণের (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সামনে দরপত্র বন্ধ খোলা
		<b>इ</b> रेंदि ।
ъ	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ও	দরপত্রের সহিত নিম্নে উল্লেখিত কাগজপত্রাদি ১ম শ্রেণীর নাম সম্বলিত গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করিয়া দাখিল
	শর্তাবলী	করিতে হইবেঃ ১) ব্যাংক দ্রাফট ২) দরপত্রদাতার ০১ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি ৩) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স হালনাগাদ
		8) নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র ৫) চেম্বার অব কমার্সের হালনাগাদ সদস্য সনদপত্র ৬) হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধ সনদপত্র ৭)
		ভ্যাট রেজিষ্ট্রেশন ৮) সভ্যায়িত নমুনা স্বাক্ষর ৯) প্রত্যেক গ্রুপের জন্য আর্থিক স্বচ্ছলতার স্বপক্ষে যে কোন তফসিল ব্যাংক
		হইতে ব্যাংক স্বচ্ছলতার সনদপত্র (১০) গ্রুপ 'ক' এর ক্ষেত্রে সরকারি স্বাস্থ্য প্রতিষ্ঠানে পথ্য সরবরাহ ঠিকাদার কমপক্ষে ২৫
		লক্ষ টাকা, গ্রুপ 'খ' এর ক্ষেত্রে ২৪ লক্ষ টাকা, গ্রুপ 'গ' এর ক্ষেত্রে ৬ লক্ষ টাকা, গ্রুপ 'ঘ' এর ক্ষেত্রে ৫ লক্ষ টাকা, গ্রুপ 'ঙ'
		এর ক্ষেত্রে ৫ লক্ষ টাকার কাজ করেছেন এই মর্মে অভিজ্ঞতার সন্দপত্র (১১) সকল গ্রুপের দরপত্রের সহিত ব্যাংক স্টেটম্যান্ট
		দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং উক্ত ব্যাংক ফেটম্যান্টে জানুয়ারী/২১ইং তারিখ হইতে আগষ্ট/২১ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত গ্রূপ-ক, খ ও গ
		এর ক্ষেত্রে যে কোন একদিন ২০ লক্ষ টাকা এবং গ্রুপ-ঘ, ঙ এর ক্ষেত্রে ০৫ লক্ষ টাকার স্থিতি থাকিতে হইবে

	এর ক্ষেত্রে যে বে	এর ক্ষেত্রে যে কোন একদিন ২০ লক্ষ টাকা এবং গ্রুপ-ঘ, ঙ এর ক্ষেত্রে ০৫ লক্ষ টাকার স্থিতি থাকিতে হইবে					
8	দরপত্র সিডিউল মূল্য এবং দরপত্রের সাথে ব	দরপত্রের সাথে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন তপসিলি ব্যাংক হইতে সহকারী পরিচালক, ২৫০ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল,					
1	আর্নেষ্টমানির পরিমাণ পাবনার অনুকূলে	পাবনার অনুকূলে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে নিম্নোক্ত গ্রুপওয়ারী নির্দিষ্ট হারে টাকা জমা দিতে হইবে।					
গ্রুপ	গ্রুপ ভিত্তিক দরপত্রের নাম	সিডিউলের মূল্য	আর্নেষ্ট মানির পরিমাণ				
ক	চাল, ডাল. এসলা, তৈল, পাউরুটি, দুগ্ধজাত	১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র	১,৫০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ পঞ্চাশ হাজার) টাকা				
	দ্রব্যাদি ইত্যাদি সরবরাহ		মাত্র				
খ	খাশির মাংস, মুরগীর মাংস, মাছ ও ডিম সরবরাহ	১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র	১,৬০,০০০/- (এক লক্ষ ষাট হাজার) টাকা মাত্র				
গ	কাঁচা তরিতরকারী, শাকসজি ও ফলমূল ইত্যাদি	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মাত্র	৪০,০০০/- (চল্লিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র				
	সরবরাহ						
ঘ	ষ্টেশনারী ও বিবিধ দ্রব্যাদি মালামাল সরবরাহ	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মাত্র	৪০,০০০/- (চল্লিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র				
હ	লিনেন সামগ্রী ধৌতকরণ	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মাত্র	৪০,০০০/- (চল্লিশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র				
20	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	ডাঃ কে এম আবু জাফর, সহকারী পরিচালক, ২৫০	শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, পাবনা।				

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- ক) দরপত্র কমিটি কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। খ) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী সিডিউল ক্রয়কালে অফিস হইতে এবং দরপত্র তফসিলে পাওয়া যাইবে।
- গ) বিজ্ঞপ্তি এবং দরপত্র সিডিউলের সকল তথ্য ও শর্তবলী সকল ক্ষেত্রে বাধ্যতামূলক।
- ঘ) বিজ্ঞপ্তি ও সিডিউলের শর্তাবলী অনুসারে দরপত্র মুখবন্ধ খামের উপরিভাগে দরপত্র কাজের নাম, খামের বাম পার্শ্বে দাখিলকারী স্বাক্ষরসহ প্রতিষ্ঠানের সীলযুক্ত এবং ডান পার্শ্বে সহকারী পরিচালক, ২৫০ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, পাবনার বরাবরে দাখিল
- ঙ) কোন কারণবশতঃ দরপত্র খোলার দিন অফিস বন্ধ থাকিলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময়ে ও নিয়মে দরপত্র প্রদান করা যাইবে।
- চ) উন্নয়ন খাত সংশ্লিষ্ট গৃহীত সকল দরপত্র উৰ্দ্ধতন কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রশাসনিক অনুমোদন স্বাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা যাইবে। ছ) সফলকাম দরপত্রদাতার জামানত কোন অবস্থাতেই নিশ্চয়তার সময় (গ্যারান্টি পিরিয়ড) শেষ না হওয়া পর্যন্ত জামানত ফেরত দেওয়া
- হইবে না।
- জ) কার্য বিলের উপর সরকারি নিয়ম মাফিক ভ্যাট, আয়কর কর্তনপূর্বক বিল পরিশোধ করা হইবে।
- ঝ) কার্য বিল বাজেট বরাদ্দ পাওয়ার পর প্রদান করা যাইবে। ঞ) কার্য বিল প্রশাসনিক অনুমোদন ও ব্যয় মঞ্জুরী স্বাপেক্ষে বিল পরিশোধ করা হইবে।
- ট) দরপত্রদাতা কর্তৃক দেয় প্রতিটি আইটেমের দর জেলা মার্কেটিং অফিসার, পাবনা কর্তৃক ও স্থানীয় বাজার দরের দেয় দরের সাথে সামাঞ্জস্যপূর্ণ হইতে হইবে।
- ঠ) প্রয়োজনে মূল সনদপত্র প্রদর্শন করিতে হইবে। ড) কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বনিমু/সর্বোচ্চ দর গ্রহণ করিতে বাধ্য নহে।
- ঢ) সরকারি প্রয়োজনে কর্তৃপক্ষের নির্দেশে ২০২১-২২ইং সাল পর্যন্ত অনুর্ধ্ব আরও তিন মাসের জন্য কার্যাদেশের মেয়াদ বর্ধিত করিলে
- সরবরাহকারী অত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানে মালামাল সরবরাহ করিতে বাধ্য থাকিবেন। ন) দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিলকৃত সকল কাগজপত্রে দরপত্রদাতার স্বাক্ষর ও সীল অবশ্যই থাকিতে হইবে।
- প) কোন কারণবশতঃ দরপত্র পরিবর্তন/পরিবর্ধন করার ক্ষমতা নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারী সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- ফ) অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে।

ডাঃ কে এম আবু জাফর সহকারী পরিচালক ২৫০ শয্যা বিশিষ্ট জেনারেল হাসপাতাল, পাবনা



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## বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক

ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি সচিবালয় প্রধান কার্যালয় ঢাকা



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### নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটির সদস্যভক্ত প্রবাসী কল্যাণ ব্যাংক এ নিম্লোক্ত পদসমূহে নিয়োগের নিমিতে প্যানেল প্রস্তুতির জন্য নিমুবর্ণিত শর্তাধীনে বাংলাদেশী

ক্ৰঃ নং	পদের নাম	বেতন স্কেল ও গ্রেড (জাতীয় বেতন স্কেল, ২০১৫)	শূন্য পদ (কম/বেশি)	সর্বোচ্চ বয়সসীমা (২৫/০৩/২০২০ তারিখে)	শিক্ষাগত, পেশাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা
ক)	উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক/ভাইস প্রেসিডেন্ট	টাঃ ৫৬,৫০০-৭৪,৪০০ (প্রেড-৩) এবং তৎসহ নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সুবিধা।	<b>ট</b> ি	৫০ বছর	(ক) তপশিলি ব্যাংকে এজিএম পদে বৈদেশিক বিনিময়/ট্রেজারী/আইটি/সিস্টেম অডিট/অর্থ ও হিসাব বিষয়ে ন্যূনতম ৩ (তিন) বছরের চাকুরীসহ ব্যাংক কর্মকর্তা হিসেবে ৯ম বা তদৃর্ধ্ব গ্রেডে ১৫ (পনের) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকবে হবে। (খ) শিক্ষাজীবনে কোন পরীক্ষায় ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
খ)	সহকারী-মহাব্যবস্থাপক/ ডেপুটি ভাইস প্রেসিডেন্ট	টাঃ ৫০,০০০-৭১,২০০ (প্রেড-৪) এবং তৎসহ নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সুবিধা।	২০টি	৪৭ বছর	(ক) তপশিলি ব্যাংকে এসপিও পদে বৈদেশিক বিনিময়/ট্রেজারী/আইটি/সিস্টেম অভিট/অর্থ ও হিসাব বিষয়ে ন্যূনতম ৩ (তিন) বছরের চাকুরীসহ ব্যাংক কর্মকর্তা হিসেবে ৯ম বা তদ্ধ্ব গ্রেডে ১২ (বার) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকবে হবে। (খ) শিক্ষাজীবনে কোন পরীক্ষায় ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
গ)	সিনিয়র প্রিন্সিপাল অফিসার/এসিঃ ভাইস প্রেসিডেন্ট	টাঃ ৪৩,০০০-৬৯,৮৫০ (প্রেড-৫) এবং তৎসহ নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সুবিধা।	৩২টি	৪৫ বছর	(ক) তপশিলি ব্যাংকে প্রিন্নিপাল অফিসার/সমমানের পদে কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের চাকুরীর অভিজ্ঞতাসহ ব্যাংক কর্মকর্তা হিসেবে ১০ (দশ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকবে হবে। (খ) কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে অন্যূন দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণীর স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী থাকতে হবে। শিক্ষাজীবনে কোন পরীক্ষায় ৩য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণী গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
ঘ)	সিস্টেম এনালিস্ট	টাঃ ৪৩,০০০-৬৯,৮৫০ (গ্রেড-৫) এবং তৎসহ নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সুবিধা।	হটি	৪০ বছর	(ক) কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে কম্পিউটার সায়েঙ্গ/কম্পিউটার সায়েঙ্গ এভ ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ইলেকট্রিক্যাল এভ ইলেকট্রোনিক্স ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ইনফরমেশন এভ কমিউনিকেশন টেকনোলজি সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে অন্যুন দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণী বা সমমানের সিজিপিএসহ স্নাতক (সম্মান) বা সমমানের ভিগ্রী; (থ) কোন সরকারি/স্বায়ন্তশাসিত/আধা-স্বায়ন্তশাসিত/সংবিধিবদ্ধ প্রতিষ্ঠানে সহকারী সিস্টেম এনালিস্ট/প্রোগ্রাার/কম্পিউটার অপারেশন সুপারভাইজার হিসাবে অন্যুন ৩ (তিন) বৎসরের চাকুরী অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।
8)	মেইনটেন্যান্স ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (হার্ড/নেট)	টাঃ ৩৫,৫০০-৬৭,০১০ (গ্রেড-৬) এবং তৎসহ নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সুবিধা।	২্টি	৩৫ বছর	(ক) কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে কম্পিউটার সায়েঙ্গ/কম্পিউটার সায়েঙ্গ এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ইলেকট্রিক্যাল এন্ড ইলেকট্রোনিক্স ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ইনফরমেশন এন্ড কমিউনিকেশন টেকনোলজি সংখ্রিষ্ট বিষয়ে অন্যুন দ্বিতীয় প্রেণী বা সমমানের সিজিপিএসহ স্লাতক (সম্মান) বা সমমানের ডিগ্রী; (থ) কোন সরকারি/স্বায়ন্তশাসিত/অধা- স্বায়ন্তশাসিত/সংবিধিবদ্ধ প্রতিষ্ঠানে সহকারী মেইনটিন্যাঙ্গ ইঞ্জিনিয়ার/সহকারী প্রোগ্রামার/সিনিয়র কম্পিউটার অপারেটর হিসাবে অন্যুন ৪ (চার) বৎসরের চাকুরী অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।

- গ্রেডিং পদ্ধতিতে প্রকাশিত ফলাফলের ক্ষেত্রে শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের ০২/০৬/২০০৯ ও ০২/০৩/২০১০ তারিখের প্রজ্ঞাপন নং শিম/শাঃ১১/৫-০১(অংশ)/৫৮২ ও শিম/শাঃ১১/১৯-১/২০০৭/১৭৪ অনুসরণ করা হবে
- Job ID: Job ID No. উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক/ভাইস প্রেসিডেন্টঃ ১০১৪১, সহকারী মহাব্যবস্থাপক/ভেপুটি ভাইস প্রেসিডেন্টঃ ১০১৪২, সিনিয়র প্রিঙ্গিপাল অফিসার/এসিঃ ভাইস প্রেসিডেন্টঃ ১০১৪৩, সিস্টেম এনালিস্টঃ ১০১৪৪ ও মেইনটিন্যাস ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (হার্ড/নেট)ঃ ১০১৪৫ আবেদন ফি প্রদানের সময় নির্ধারিত স্থানে ব্যবহার করতে হবে।
- আবেদনপত্র দাখিল এবং ফি প্রদানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ২৬/০৯/২০২১ তারিখ, রাত ১১.৫৯টা।
- Verify Payment (prepaid পদ্ধতি) এবং Tracking Page সংগ্রহের শেষ তারিথ ও সময়ঃ ২৮/০৯/২০২১ তারিথ, রাত ১১.৫৯টা।
- আবেদন ফিঃ অফেরতযোগ্য টা. ২০০/- (টাকা দুইশত মাত্র) যা ডাচ বাংলা ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এর Payment Gateway 'রকেট' এর মাধ্যমে আবেদনকারীকে নিজের অথবা এজেন্ট একাউন্ট ব্যবহার করে ফি প্রদান করতে হবে।
- আবেদন পদ্ধতি
  - Online Application Form: শুধুমাত্র বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত ওয়েবসাইট (https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd)-এর Online Application Form পূরণের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। Online এ আবেদন দাখিলের সময় ফরম পূরণ করার নিয়ম ও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী
  - CV ID No. বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের সিস্টেমে ইতঃপূর্বে নিবন্ধনকৃত প্রার্থীদের বিদ্যমান CV ID No. এবং Password ব্যবহার করে আবেদন দাখিল করতে হবে। নতন প্রার্থীগণ Online এ নিবন্ধন সম্পুন করলে একটি CV ID No. এবং Password প্রাপ্ত হবেন যা ভবিষ্যতে ব্যবহারের জন অবশ্যই সংরক্ষণ করতে হবে।
  - প্রার্থীর বিবরণঃ প্রার্থীর নাম, পিতা ও মাতার নাম এসএসসি অথবা সমমানের সনদে যেভাবে লেখা আছে Online আবেদনে ঠিক সেভাবে লিখতে
  - প্রার্থীর বর্তমান ঠিকানাঃ প্রার্থীর বর্তমান বসবাসের স্থান এবং নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত চিঠিপত্র পেতে ইচ্চুক ঠিকানাকে বর্তমান ঠিকানা হিসেবে উল্লেখ করতে
  - প্রার্থীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানাঃ প্রার্থীর ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/পৌরসভার মেয়র/ওয়ার্ড কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত জাতীয়তা সনদে উল্লিখিত স্থায়ী ঠিকানা প্রার্থীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানা হিসেবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে। অনলাইন আবেদনে উল্লিখিত প্রার্থীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানা বর্ণিত পদের ক্ষেত্রে কোনভাবেই পরিবর্তনযোগ্য নয়। তবে অবিবাহিত মহিরা প্রার্থীগণ আবেদন দাখিলের পরে বিবাহবন্ধনে আবদ্ধ হলে যথাযথ প্রমাণ সাপেক্ষে স্বামীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানার অনুকূলে নিজের স্থায়ী ঠিকানা পরিবর্তন করতে পারবেন।
  - ছবি (Photo): নতুন আবেদনকারীর ক্ষেত্রে প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই Online Application Form এর নির্ধারিত স্থানে 600×600 pixel এর কম বা বেশী নয় এবং file size 100 KB এর বেশি নয় এরূপ মাপের অনধিক তিন মাস পূর্বে তোলা প্রার্থীর রঙিন ছবি (সাদা ব্যাক্যাউন্ড সম্বলিত) Scan করে আপলোড করতে হবে। ছবি তোলার সময় মুখ ও কানের উপর আবরণ রাখা যাবে না। সাদাকালো ছবি এবং Informal ছবি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
  - স্বাক্ষর (Signature): নতুন আবেদনকারীর ক্ষেত্রে Online Application Form এর নির্ধারিত স্থানে 300×80 pixel এর কম বা বেশি নয় এবং file size 60 KB এর বেশি নয় এরূপ মাপের প্রার্থীর নিজের স্বাক্ষর Scan করে আপলোড করতে হবে। আপলোডকৃত প্রার্থীর স্বাক্ষর অবশ্যই সাদা
  - কাগজের উপর কালো কালিতে প্রদত্ত হতে হবে। **অর্জিত ডিগ্রীর ফলাফলের তারিখঃ** পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রক কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত সংখ্রিষ্ট ডিগ্রীর ফলাফল প্রকাশের তারিখ অবশ্যই উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
  - বিদেশী ডিম্মীধারী প্রার্থী 'O' Level ও 'A' Level পাস হলে দেশীয় সংশ্লিষ্ট শিক্ষা বোর্ড হতে ইস্যুকৃত সমমান সার্টিফিকেট (Equivalence Certificate) এবং বিদেশী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে ডিগ্রী প্রাপ্ত হলে দেশীয় সংশ্লিষ্ট বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়/বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন/শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক ইস্যুক্ত সমমান সার্টিফিকেট (Equivalence Certificate) অনুযায়ী ডিগ্রী ও ফলাফলের (শ্রেণি/বিভাগ/জিপিএ/সিজিপিএ উল্লেখসহ) তথ্য মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় চেকিং বোর্ডে অবশ্যই উপস্থাপন করতে হবে। অন্যথায় মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
  - **পদ্ধতিঃ** আবেদন ফি জমা দেয়ার পদ্ধতি সম্পর্কে আবেদন ফি প্রদান <u>https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd/onlineapp/rocketpreepay.pdf</u> ওয়েবসাইটটি ভিজিট করতে হবে। Instant এবং Prepaid উভয় পদ্ধতিতে একজন আবেদনকারী নিজের অথবা এজেন্ট একাউন্ট এর মাধ্যমে ফি প্রদান করতে পারবেন।
    - (১) Prepaid পদ্ধতিঃ রকেট অ্যাপস বা ম্যানুয়াল উভয় ক্ষেত্রেই ফি প্রদানের জন্য Biller ID হিসেবে Bankers Selection Committee Secretariat অথবা ৪৯৯ সিলেক্ট করতে হবে। পরবর্তীতে পর্যায়ক্রমে সংশ্লিষ্ট Job ID No. নিজ CV ID No. এর ১ম অংশ {হাইফেনের (-) আগের অংশ}, ফি এর পরিমাণসহ প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্য ব্যবহার করে ফি প্রদান করতে হবে। ফি প্রদান করলে প্রার্থী মোবাইলের মেসেজ অপশনে একটি Transaction ID (TxnID) নম্বর পাবেন। প্রাপ্ত TxnID নম্বর টি ব্যবহার করে প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই পৃথকভাবে Payment Verify সম্পন্ন করতে হবে; অন্যথায় আবেদন অসম্পূর্ণ রয়ে যাবে।
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# History awaits Shakib, **TIGERS**

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4-0-24-0. Those were Shakib Al bowling figures in the third T20I against New

Zealand. And when Shakib's wicket column remains empty, more often than not, it does not augur well for Bangladesh.

That proved to be the case in the previous game, with Bangladesh missing their chance to wrap up the series and instead suffering a 52-run thumping after the Tigers were bowled out in 19.4 overs for 76 runs -- their lowest total in T20Is at home.

There is no denying that the moment in his career. The Tigers have had a number of champion all-rounder has claimed performers, especially in the numerous records over the years bowling department, in recent and now finds himself on the cusp outings such as the five-match T20I series against Australia last month and in the ongoing series against the Kiwis.

Despite that, it was often Shakib's impact that the Tigers needed more than anything to turn things around after a dismal showing. After all, Shakib is said to be the vital cog in bringing balance to the side by his teammates, coach, skipper and team management.

In going wicketless, Shakib not only affected the Tigers' chances but also delayed a crowning Mirpur and, in the process, create ways.

of becoming the leading wickettaker in T20I history.

With 106 wickets from 87 T20Is, the left-armer is breathing down the neck of Sri Lankan pacer Lasith Malinga, who tops the chart with 107 scalps from 84 T20Is, and needs just two wickets to dethrone one of the finest and lethal T20I bowlers the world has ever seen.

The question on everyone's mind is whether Shakib can do today when Bangladesh take on New Zealand in the fourth T20Is in

another piece of history by sealing Bangladesh's maiden T20I series win over the Kiwis.

That question might even be going through the 34-year-old's head, who mentioned during the series against Australia that he "sometimes keeps track of his records" after becoming the only cricketer to get 1000-plus runs and 100 wickets in the shortest format of the game.

Going by Shakib's penchant for making spectacular turnarounds, it is not unlikely that he will achieve another milestone and help Bangladesh return to their winning

# 'Reading the pitch and adapting is important'

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After suffering a 52thrashing Zealand, questioned the approach from Bangladesh's batting

department, which folded for the just 76 runs -- the Tigers' lowest T20I score at

The pitch at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur played better than in the first T20I of the series, when the visitors were bundled out for 60 runs. But in this instance, the hosts had themselves to blame for the poor batting display.

Bangladesh's batting coach Ashwell Prince admitted that the batsmen could have shown a more composed approach.

"I think we could have been a little more composed in our chase after a we were possibly being too aggressive early on. I don't think the pitch changed much and I think 129 was a competitive score and we could have gotten it if we were calmer in our chase."

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The 44-year-old also pressed the need rotate the strike because boundaries were difficult to come by on such pitches, adding that the Tigers had the right batting combination but need to adapt to

"There was one particular run chase against Australia where Nurul Hasan and Afif Hossain had a good partnership. For me what's important is to have a combination of batsmen in the team. You have guys who can rotate the strike and can hit boundaries and then you have a group of guys towards the end of the innings who can chase nine-ten runs



beautiful start where Naim [Sheikh] hit per over if necessary and if the pitches are two boundaries in the first over and then Liton [Das] hit a couple of boundaries to put us at 20-odd runs after two overs," Prince told media yesterday.

"At that stage, we were ahead of the run rate. But we lost too many quick wickets over the course of the next few overs and

conducive.

"I think we have a good combination of both types of players but what's also very important of course is that every pitch is different. Being able to read the pitch on the day and adapt accordingly is important," he added

# Sufil's goal only consolation in heavy defeat

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challenge The taking on fast-paced Kyrgyzstan proved too tough to handle for Bangladesh

as the men in red and green suffered a 4-1 defeat to the hosts in their second and final match of Three Nations Cup at the Dolen Omurzakov Stadium in Bishkek last night.

It was expected that the match against the Central Asian nation, who are 87 places ahead of Bangladesh in the FIFA rankings, was going to be a tougher affair than Bangladesh's previous game against Palestine. And the edge in terms of pace, skills, technique and tactics from Kyrgyzstan was evident as they proved difficult to deal with till the last minute.

Jamie Day made four changes to the playing eleven, drafting in Canada-based Rahbar Wahed Khan along with first-choice Anisur Rahman, goalkeeper Mahbubur Rahman and Riyadul Hasan. But the visitors time and again failed to

capitalise on their pace to score all three goals.

exposed Bangladesh's five-man backline time and again and went to the break with a comfortable 2-0 lead. After resumption, they

one department, letting them penetrated into the box a few times on either side of the break and even pulled a goal back. Kyrgyzstan dominated and The hosts made inroads in

the 10th minute when Elder Moldozhunusov tapped in an Alimardon Shukurov free-kick before Tapu made a brilliant goal-



added two more goals on either side of Bangladesh's consolation strike.

Although Day's charges failed to hold possession and exchange passes to the extent they had done against Palestine, they fought bravely and tried to attack on the contend with the home side in break. Most importantly, they

line clearance in the 16th minute. Bangladesh then caused havoc in the Kyrgyz box and exchanged passes inside the area but the ball was cleared safely at the cost of a corner in the 27th minute. Alimardon Shukurov collected a cut-back from left-back

lead with a left-footed drive from inside the box in the 39th minute.

After resumption, Kyrgyzstan made it 3-0 within the first minute as winger Gulzhigit Alykulov easily entered the box from the left and passed to captain Tursunali Rustamov, who drove home from the edge of the six-yard box.

Bangladesh reacted soon after, scoring in the 53rd minute when long throw-in by substitute Rahmat Mia was cleared feebly to Mahbubur Rahman Sufil, who brought the ball under his spell nicely before driving to the near

Despite their two-goal cushion, the home side continued to press with the same pace as they looked to widen the margin and Bangladesh survived a scare in the 69th minute as a shot came off the

Goalkeeper Anisur was then called into action in the 87th minute and made a save, but he was powerless to stop the hosts' fourth in the 89th minute.

Bakhtiyar Duyshobekov, who plays in the Bangladesh Premier League, wrapped up the win with a header that took a deflection off Kairat Izakov and doubled the a Bangladeshi player.



## WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT FIRE W

New Zealand spinner Ajaz Patel, who took four wickets in the third T20I to bring his side back into contention in the five-match series against Bangladesh, shares a light moment with batting coach Thilan Samaraweera during their training session in Mirpur yesterday. "They [Bangladesh] have had a fantastic record not just against us but also against every other team in the world [at home]. So, for them to lose, they'll come back pretty strong and they'll be hurting from that [the 52-run defeat in the third T201]. We're certainly prepared for a backlash from them but we're going to fight fire with fire, so to speak, and we're certainly up for it as well," New Zealand stand-in coach Glenn Pocknall said ahead of today's game. And definitely, the visitors will be looking forward to Patel for keeping the series alive when they take on Bangladesh in the fourth match today.

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## **SRI LANKA SEAL SERIES**

Sri Lanka's cricketers celebrate their 78-run victory in the third one-day international against South Africa, which helped them to a 2-1 series win, at the R. Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Tuesday. Debutant spinner Maheesh Theekshana claimed four wickets as the hosts bowled out the tourists for 125 in 30 overs after having themselves posted 203 for nine in their allotted 50 overs. The two sides will now play three Twenty20 internationals starting Friday at the same venue.



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Padma Bridge Rail Link

# May not be ready when bridge opens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It is uncertain whether the rail and road communication on the long-cherished Padma Bridge can be opened for the public on the same day, likely in June next year. The rail lines may not be ready for use by then.

Bangladesh Railway (BR) said it would take six months for the contractor to set up the tracks on the bridge, but Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA), has yet to officially clear the BR contractor to begin setting up the tracks.

BBA officials hinted that they may take up to March 2022 to let BR begin the installation. In that case, the tracks from Mawa-Bhanga will not be ready to be used by next June, said Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan yesterday while visiting the project site. Moreover, the BR wants both the road and the rail lines

to be complete at the same time, because opening the road to traffic while the tracks are being set up on the bridge may cause problems for the installation work. The double-decker Padma Bridge is being constructed

by BBA at the cost of Tk around 30,000 crores. The road will be on the top while the railway on the bottom. The BR is implementing the Padma Bridge Rail Link project, building a 169km rail line to connect the capital

with Jashore via the Padma Bridge at a cost of TK 39,246.80 crore. Rail tracks on the bridge would be installed by the

Although the revised deadline of the railway project SEE PAGE 6 COL 5



Around 1.5km stretch of rail line has been set up on the viaduct at Mawa end under the Padma Bridge Rail Link project. But the inauguration of the rail link and the opening of the bridge are unlikely to happen at the same time. The photo was taken yesterday.

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

## 'He had his hands up'

Eyewitness tells court about how Maj Sinha was shot

Our Correspondent, Cox's Bazar

Despite putting his hands up, Maj (retd) Sinha Rashed Khan was shot by nowsuspended police inspector Liaqat Ali, according to a witness named Hafez Mohammad Amin.

Amin said this while testifying before the Cox's Bazar District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday in a case filed over the incident, said court sources.

Amin is the muezzin of a mosque situated close to the spot where Sinha was shot and killed.

"Amin told the court that he along with some students was on the mosque's rooftop at that night and they coincidentally saw the incident," said one of the

"He said he saw a man coming out of a car with his hands up. Within a few moments, police inspector Liaqat shot him twice. The said the source.

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## Badly cleaned schools can help spread dengue

Experts warn

HELEMUL ALAM

Experts have expressed fear that the dengue fever may spread further in the country this year if the authorities concerned do not take appropriate measures before reopening educational institutions.

They suggested cleaning schools, colleges and universities properly to destroy Aedes mosquito larvae and breeding sources as well as applying adulticide and larvicide before reopening the institutions.

closed for long, carrying out extensive cleaning work in and around those is very important. Otherwise, students will be under huge risk of contracting dengue fever," said entomologist Saifur Rahman.

He said school, college, and university authorities also will have to conduct extensive fogging at their institutions with the help of city corporations.

If a school is in the area of active clusters of Aedes mosquitoes, antimosquito drives and cleaning activities will have to be done there very sincerely and effectively, he said.

Entomologist Kabirul Basher said they found Aedes mosquito larvae in some primary schools in the capital's Mirpur and Jurain during their survey from Jahangirnagar University around 15 days

ago.
"Primary schools are the most vulnerable to Aedes mosquitoes as those SEE PAGE 6 COL 2 ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

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RECOGNITION VERY SOON:

India had opened a meaningful dialogue with China and the USA, as with many other countries, on the Bangladesh

issue. Some significant developments were expected soon after Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's visit to the USA.

Disclosing this in an interview today TN Kaul, Indian external affairs secretary, made it quite clear that in a similar manner India would strongly represent the Bangladesh issue at the forthcoming General Assembly meeting of the UN. India would also plead with the UN Secretary General U Thant to use his good offices to solve the Bangladesh problem, he assured.

Asked when India would extend recognition to the Bangladesh government, Kaul said: "very soon."

90% OF BANGLADESH TERRITORY IS IN OUR CONTROL KM Shehabuddin, head of the Bangladesh mission in New Delhi, said today that Bangladesh as a free country would like to join the Commonwealth because of certain facilities available to its members. He added that was the reason M Hossain Ali had been named the Bangladesh high commissioner to India with headquarters in Calcutta.

The Bangladesh representative told a press club luncheon meeting: "Even Dacca, considered a safer place for Islamabad is no longer that safe for West Pakistan. We have achieved a lot of success in our struggle.

He claimed, "Nine-tenths of Bangladesh territory is in our control ... The control of the Pakistan Army is only up to cantonments.

Amjadul Haque, another diplomatic staffer of the Bangladesh mission, warned West Pakistan that any harm done to

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## Jamuna group retracts plan to invest in Evaly

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamuna Group has retracted its plan to invest in Evaly after analysing the beleaguered e-commerce platform's assets and liabilities and business strategy, said a top official of Jamuna Group yesterday.

"We initially became interested to invest after Evaly invited us but now we are withdrawing," Mohammed Alamgir Alam, Jamuna Group's director of marketing, sales and operation, told The Daily

Evaly's assets and liabilities, business, sales and marketing strategies did not meet Jamuna's criteria for investment, he added.

Jamuna does not want to put its reputation and money at stake, Alam said in a Facebook post earlier in the day.

In a Facebook post on July 27, Mohammad Rassel, chief executive officer of Evaly, disclosed that Jamuna Group has decided to invest Tk 1,000 crore in the company, which has disrupted Bangladesh's e-commerce

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# Floating cow farm aims to curb climate impact



Among the cranes and containers of the port of Rotterdam is a surreal sight: a herd of cows peacefully feeding on board what calls itself the world's first floating farm.

In the low-lying Netherlands where land is scarce and climate change is a daily threat, the three-storey glass and steel platform aims to show the "future of breeding".

The buoyant bovines live on the top floor, while their milk is turned into cheese, yoghurt and butter on the middle level, and the cheese is matured at the bottom.

"The world is under pressure," says Minke van Wingerden, 60, who runs the farm with her husband Peter.

We want the farm to be as durable and selfsufficient as possible." The cows are a sharp contrast SEE PAGE 6 COL 3

# man fell on the ground,

## Court accepts charges against journo Kajol COURT CORRESPONDENT

SUED UNDER DSA

A tribunal in Dhaka yesterday accepted the charges pressed against photojournalist Shafiqul Islam Kajol in a case filed under the Digital Security

Judge Mohammad Ash Sams Joglul Hossain also fixed October 20 to hear the framing of charges against Kajol was granted bail

earlier in the day.

League Saifuzzaman Shikhor of Magura-1 filed the case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station on March 9. 2020, accusing Kajol and 31 others of publishing "false news and circulating it in social media".

After nearly a yearlong probe, Sub-inspector SEE PAGE 6 COL 3



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Ignoring their safety and the law, two men ride motorcycle beside the Tejgaon-Moghbazar rail line in the capital while a column of people walk on the lines. The photo was taken near FDC level crossing yesterday.

PRABIR DAS

## Khaleda's plea sent to PMO

Treatment Abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Prime Minister's Office is to decide the fate of an application seeking

the extension of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's jail sentence suspension and permission for her to have treatment abroad.

Law Minister Anisul Huq told The Daily Star, "An application has recently been submitted to the home ministry for extending the suspension of Khaleda Zia's jail sentence and permission for her going abroad for treatment. The home ministry forwarded the application to the law ministry for my opinion. I SEE PAGE 6 COL 5

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