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Foreign minister on official visit to Romania, Serbia

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen left Dhaka yesterday for a two-nation official visit to attend bilateral meetings in Romania and Serbia.

Momen left Dhaka for Romania -- at the invitation of his Romanian counterpart Bogdan Aurescu -- at the early hours of the day. He will attend a bilateral meeting with the Romanian Foreign Minister during his visit.

Meanwhile, Serbia will organise a commemorative event in Belgrade on October 11-12 to mark the 60th anniversary of the first NAM Conference. Momen will attend the function, alongside his bilateral engagements with Serbian Foreign Minister Nikola Selakovik.

Momen is scheduled to return home on October 14.

208 more hospitalised with Dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 208 patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till 8am yesterday, of which 35 are from outside Dhaka, according to the Directorate General of Health Services. With the new cases, a total of 1,347 were diagnosed during the running month out of a total 19,544 infected.

According to DGHS, 12 people died in July, 34 in August, 23 in September and four in October so far.

DRU, Nagad to jointly give best reporting award

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka reporters' Unity and the postal department's mobile financial service Nagad will jointly give the "Nagad-DRU Best Reporting Award 2021". The announcement came at a press briefing yesterday at DRU, said a press release.

This year, 22 best reports in two categories -- print and online and television and radio -- will be awarded. Ten journalists will select the best reports after examination. The awards will be given at the end of this month.

Legal notice served on NHRC chairman, secretary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A rights organisation yesterday served a legal notice on National Human Rights Commission's chairman and secretary for their failure to implement its (NHRC) own recommendation to give Tk 50,000 in compensation to domestic help Khadija, who was tortured by her employer at Mirpur in Dhaka in 2010.

Children Charity Bangladesh Foundation sent the notice requesting the commission to file a petition with the HC in 15 days seeking direction on the government to provide the compensation to Khadija (12).

Ties with Bangladesh to grow, says Nepalese foreign minister

UNB, Dhaka

Nepalese Foreign Minister Dr Narayan Khadka has said that the existing friendly ties with Bangladesh are set to grow further in the days ahead. "I look forward to working closely with you at the bilateral and multilateral levels to deal with the issues of our common concerns," Narayan said in a letter to his Bangladesh counterpart AK Abdul Momen.

He extended his thanks to Momen for the kind words of congratulations and good wishes to him on his appointment as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal.

TASA distributes Covid safety gears among visually impaired

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

TASA foundation, a voluntary organisation, have distributed protective gears and equipment among visually impaired people. In a government school for the visually impaired in Barishal city, TASA foundation on Monday distributed hand sanitisers and facemasks, said a press release.

Superintendent of police of special branch Md Foyaz Ahmed and general secretary of TASA Shayla Sharmin Ilme, among others, were present.

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All Applications should be reached to Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) not later than 18 November 2021.

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Project & Works
Invitation for Tenders (Works)
Ref: 30.34.0000.023.07.033.21 Date: 06th October 2021

e-Tender Notice
e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works, details are given below:

Sl. #	Tender ID No.	Invitation Reference No.	Name of work	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing & opening (date & time)
01.	613578	e-Tender Notice # 02/2021-2022	Repairing and maintenance of Civil and Electrical works of common utility areas at Biman Bhawan, Motijheel, Dhaka	27-Oct-2021 14:00	28-Oct-2021 14:30

This is an online tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches within the time limit as mentioned in tender notice. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Boshra Islam
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'CONTROLLING' VOTERS OF UP POLLS
Locals in fear after threats from AL leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Many people in Gobindapur union of Rajshahi's Bagmara upazila are in panic, five days after an Awami League leader made threats against them on video over casting votes.

During an internal meeting of the party's Gobindapur unit on October 2, Golam Sarwar, general secretary of AL's upazila unit, threatened the union's Hindu community to vote for the party in the next Union Parishad election.

The video footage of his 14-minute speech, which was shared on Facebook, went viral in different social media groups.

Contacted, Gobindapur Union Chairperson Bijon Sarker said, members of the Hindu community have been coming to me to get an idea about the situation.

"They are in fear," said Bijon, also president of Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad's upazila unit.

Bijon, who is president of Communist Party of Bangladesh's upazila unit, won the last UP elections, where the AL candidate secured fourth place.

In his speech, Golam also said AL gets

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Lighter vessel capsizes in Bay of Bengal



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

PHOTO: COLLECTED

A lighter vessel carrying around 1,000 tonnes of scrap metal capsized at the outer anchorage of Chattogram port yesterday afternoon.

All 14 crew members aboard the vessel were rescued by local boatmen.

Nabi Alam, vice president of Lighter Vessel Workers Union, said the vessel Titu-7 was on its way to Banglabazar Ghat on the river Karnaphuli after loading the scrap from a mother vessel anchored at the outer anchorage.

Around noon, the anchor of an oil tanker near Patenga Sea Beach hit the hull of Titu-7 and caused it to tilt to one side, he said quoting crew members.

Eventually, the vessel capsized, he said.

Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Secretary Md Omar Faruk said there was no disruption in vessel movement on the Karnaphuli channel due to the accident.

CPA will issue a letter to the capsized vessel's owning firm Abul Khair Group to salvage it, he said.

Two found dead

UNB, Gazipur

Two people were found dead in a house at Satanipara in Gazipur's Kaliganj upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased are Hridoy Gomez (25) -- an NGO worker -- and Evana Rozario (22), of Bandakhola village. The young woman was a nursing student. Police suspect Hridoy killed Evana over some issue and stabbed himself to death afterwards.

Quoting Evana's father Shopon Rozario, SI of Kaliganj Police Station, Saiful Islam, said Evana and Hridoy were in a relationship. She went to Hridoy's house at his request on the day. He was alone at the time.

When Hridoy's mother returned home, she found the main door and windows of the house locked from inside. She also heard loud music blaring from inside, the SI said. Getting no response, she, along with neighbours, broke into the house through a window and found the two dead.

On information, police rushed to the spot and sent the bodies to a local hospital morgue, said the SI. There was strangulation mark around Evana's neck and the body also had several injury marks, he added.

Mymensingh gears up

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said Gopal Chandra Das, a young instrument maker from the city's Boro Kalibari area.

"It is our ancestral profession. We also continued the venture on a small scale during the pandemic as these instruments are used in various religious performances of the Hindus," said Gopal.

"As both charges and orders have increased this year, we hope for a better income this season," said Ujjol Kumar Das of Nobab & Co at the city's Boro Bazar area.

A worker can earn around Tk 30,000 preparing for the occasion of Durga Puja, said Rezaul Karim Aslam, proprietor of Nobab & Co. However, the making and repairing charges haven't changed compared to the previous years, according to Sandu Das of Samir & Co of Boro Bazar.

Currently, a dhak is being sold at Tk 6,500 to Tk 10,000, a khol at Tk 2,000 to Tk 5,000 and a dholok at Tk 2,200 to Tk 4,500. Meanwhile, the price of a khol (mridanga) ranges between Tk 3,200 and Tk 4,000, and a Bangla dhol between Tk 4,500 and Tk 7,000, depending on size and quality.

An 83-year-old Narayan Chandra Das shared that he came to Mymensingh with his parents as a little boy from Manikganj and has been continuing this ancestral profession of making instruments to this day.

Though the business faced a serious blow amid the pandemic, Narayan sees a bright prospect for this profession, as more people are getting interested in the roots of the country's traditions and culture and contributing to its expansion.

Some 784 mandaps of the district are ready to celebrate Durga Puja this year, and the local administration has taken necessary security measures for the premises, said Shankar Saha, organising secretary of the district's Puja Utjapon Parishad.

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Will not rest

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At that time, they distributed a statement where they mentioned that three of the accused are fugitives even after two years. The students expressed concerns as the university administration did not fulfil their previous demands, such as marking October 7 in Buet Academic Calendar, holding a memorial meeting every year and constructing an "Abrar Fahad Memorial Sculpture". They also expressed their dissatisfaction over the delay of the trial due to the pandemic and negligence of the authorities.

Tasmia, a classmate of Abrar, said they will keep organising programmes until they get justice.

In the afternoon, Buet students distributed food among the destitute in front of DMCH and arranged a virtual meeting in the evening, commemorating Abrar's death anniversary.

The Sher-e-Bangla Hall authorities arranged a milad and doa mahfil at Buet Central Mosque.

Chhatra Odhikar Parishad also formed a human chain in front of Raju Memorial Sculpture at Dhaka University.

Rape victim's house set on fire 'by accused'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A rape victim's house was set on fire allegedly by the accused in Dhamrai upazila of Dhaka on Wednesday.

The 24-year-old's family alleged that the accused -- who was recently released on bail -- set the fire to kill them as they refused to withdraw the rape case.

Atiqur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Dhamrai Police Station, confirmed to The Daily Star yesterday morning that the house was torched.

He said the matter was being investigated as the woman's father filed a written complaint with Kawlipara Police Outpost on Wednesday evening.

Sumon Hossain, his brothers Shamim Hossain, Amjad Hossain, Selim Hossain and their brother-in-law Jahangir Hossain -- from Dhamrai -- were made accused in the complaint, said the OC.

According to the complaint, Sumon raped the woman two months ago after promising to marry her. Two days later on August 8, she filed a rape case with Dhamrai Police Station against

Sumon and his three brothers-- Shamim, Amjad and Selim.

Afterwards, police arrested Sumon's three brothers who received bail on August 31 and kept pressuring the woman's family to withdraw the case.

On September 11, the woman's father filed a GD with Dhamrai Police Station. Since then, the accused have been threatening the family, they said.

On Wednesday around 2am, Jahangir entered the house and locked the collapsible gate. They then set fire to the two tin-shed houses and left the scene.

Later, neighbours doused the blaze and rescued the family members. By that time, valuables worth around Tk 2.5 lakh were burnt, the complaint stated.

Accused Shamim Hossain claimed that the allegation against them over the fire is false.

Dhamrai Police Station Sub-inspector Arafat Uddin, who is investigating the complaint, said legal actions will be taken after investigation.

Sumon is on the run, the SI added.

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Request for Expression of Interest for Selection of Individual Consultant

Memo No.53.23.0000.001.03.046.21.4131 **Date: 08.10.2021**

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for Implementing the Bangladesh Rural Water, Sanitation & Hygiene for Human Capital Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the 'Individual Consultant' services.

The Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), now invites eligible applicant ("Consultant") to indicate their interest in providing the Services as 'Individual Consultant'. Interested individual consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the Services as follows:

Contract Package Number	Name of the Position	No.	Required Minimum Qualification, Experience and Job Responsibilities
Package No: RWSSP-SD-10	Junior Financial Management Consultant	01	a. The ideal candidate will be a professionally qualified accountant with Post-graduation in Accounting or Finance with a minimum of 03 (three) years of working experience. Professional degree from any of the IFAC accredited bodies such as CA, ACCA, CMA, CPA etc will be an added advantage. Preference will be given to those candidates who hold similar experience for more than 03 (three) years. b. Detailed job responsibilities are given in the ToR.
Package No: RWSSP-SD-13	Social Safeguard Consultant	01	a. The ideal candidate will be a Post-graduate in Social Science, Anthropology, Development Studies, Economics or related field. Minimum 5 (Five) years of working experience in the social development sector especially in WASH sector with strong leadership skills to work with a team. Experience in preparing social assessment and management plans, integration of social issues in the design, implementation and operation of rural infrastructure projects. Experience in community driven projects, especially WASH projects is preferred. b. Detailed job responsibilities are given in the ToR.
Package No: RWSSP-SD-14	Environmental Safeguard Consultant	01	a. The ideal candidate will be a Post-graduate in Environmental Engineering or Environmental Science or suitable equivalent. Minimum 5 (Five) years of working experience in the environmental sector especially in WASH sector with dynamic leadership skills to work as a team. Experience in preparing environmental assessments, integration of environmental issues in the design, implementation and operation of rural infrastructure projects. Experience in community driven projects, especially WASH projects is preferred. b. Detailed job responsibilities are given in the ToR.
Package No: RWSSP-SD-16	Data analyst	01	a) The ideal candidate will be a Post-graduate in any subject; Finance, Economics, Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science and Information Management. b) Experience • At least 5 years proven work experience in a quantitatively-heavy role in development project with at least 3 years practical experience in working with quantitative and qualitative statistical/analysis techniques; • Extensive knowledge of methodologies for gathering and reporting performance and achievement data • Significant experience in the use of a variety of relevant information technologies; • Technical expertise to ensure the quality and accuracy of the data, then process, design and present it in ways to help management make better decisions • Excellent computer skills (Internet/Windows XP) in MS office, excel and power point to prepare detailed and accurate presentations using spreadsheets • Proven ability to prepare reports and presentations using methods appropriate to varied audiences; • Strong interpersonal and demonstration skills to work in a team environment with both technical and non-technical staff. • Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team under stress and pressure environment; • Hands on experience in working with NGOs, MFIs or private sector in delivery of WASH services; • Working experience with donor-assisted government projects. • Competency in English, both oral and written. c. Detailed job responsibilities are given in the ToR.

The Applicants are invited to provide information in details indicating their qualification to perform the services (complete CV along with description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and general qualifications).

The Consultants will be hired and contracted as per the "Selection of Individual Consultants (SIC)" method of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated July 1, 2016 and as revised in November 2017 ("Procurement Regulations"). Duration of the consultancy services will be approximately for 55 months or project closing date, whichever is earlier. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignments can be found at the following link; tender.pksf-bd.org.

Expressions of interest must be submitted in a written form to the PKSF office (in person, or by mail) in a sealed envelope along with a softcopy (CD/DVD/Pen-drive) by **31 October 2021 within 3:00 PM** and clearly marked "Expression of Interest", contract package number, name of the position applied for and name and address of the individual consultant.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOIs or cancel the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s).

For Further information and clarification, intending applicant may contact the PKSF office during 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (Except holidays) or through email to rwashpksf.proc@gmail.com.

AQM Golam Mawla, Deputy Managing Director & PE