

Shahana Khan passes away

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Shahana Khan, an architect and a social worker, passed away on November 12 after a battle with cancer. She was 75, said a press release.

She left behind a son, two daughters-in-law, two sisters, two grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at Eskaton Gardens Jame Masjid after Zohr prayers tomorrow. Later, she will be laid to rest at Azimpur graveyard.

They knew all along

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agencies, is constructing a 10-lane bridge over Tongi canal.

The government is supposed to tear down the two old bridges, as they are relatively low and do not comply with the vertical limit prescribed by Bangladesh Inland Water Development Authority.

“Steel plates were put on the oldest bridge around two months ago, when the damage surfaced, to keep it functional,” said Mohirul Islam Khan, project director (of the BBA part).

“But, operation of vehicles dislodged the plates and caused further damage, leaving us with no alternative but to repair the slab,” he told The Daily Star yesterday.

He, however, said the damaged bridge’s main structure is in good shape. The problem

was only with the slab.

Shafiqul Islam, managing director of Dhaka BRT Company Ltd, also said they kept the bridge operational by putting steel plates.

Roads and Highways Department (RHD) Chief Engineer Abdus Sabur, who visited the site yesterday, said it would take eight to 10 days to complete repair work.

He said although the bridge belongs to RHD, BBA is supposed to maintain it, as they are implementing a part of the BRT project.

Replying to a question, he said, “A minor repair work was done earlier, but it was not enough. So, they have to do some work again.”

Asked whether the old bridge was not maintained properly,

as it would be torn down after opening the new one, he said, “It may be a reason.”

He said authorities have arranged for alternative routes to reduce traffic gridlock on the major highway.

BBA Executive Director Abu Bakr Siddique, also the Bridge Division’s secretary, echoed the RHD chief engineer, saying that the plan to dismantle the old bridges may be the reason behind the lack of proper maintenance.

He, however, said: “We are now working to fix it and hope to complete work within a week.”

Meanwhile, due to the situation, travellers are choosing trains to reach their destination, which is putting additional pressure on the railway, according to The Daily Star’s Gazipur correspondent.

2.85 lakh fire incidents

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As recently as in 2020, 21,073 fire incidents were recorded, which was the second highest of the period, only coming second to 2019, which saw 24,074.

Experts attributed this rise in fire incidents to unplanned urbanisation, violation of building construction rules, a culture of non-enforcement of the law, carelessness, increased use of gas cylinders and different electronic devices, and lack of supervision by the authorities concerned.

As a remedy, they suggested urgent initiatives to ensure safety compliance of city establishments, such as garment factories, and raising public awareness.

THREE MAJOR CAUSES

As per the statistics, between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2020, 71,684 or over 71 percent of fires originated from electric disturbances, various types of burners, and burning cigarettes.

Buet civil engineering department’s Prof Mehedi Ahmed Ansari identified electric short-circuit of this ilk as the main reason behind the rise in fire incidents, suggesting periodical inspection of electric equipment as a solution.

He also cited people’s lack of awareness regarding fire safety as another reason.

ENFORCING BUILDING CODE

Prof Ansari said in a study a few years back, it was found that most high-rises in Dhaka and other cities were without fire safety measures, primarily as they constructed flouting the building code. “These buildings should be inspected immediately to ensure fire safety,” he said.

Ansari said the recent statistics suggest fire incidents in garment factories have declined sharply, as fire safety measures have been strictly maintained at most garment factories as Accord and Alliance, two western buyers’

platforms, created huge pressure on owners following the Rana Plaza tragedy in 2013.

“But quality fire safety is not being ensured in other offices, factories, and residential houses -- both in high-rise and low-rise ones. The government should strictly enforce the [updated] building code to ensure urban fire safety,” he said.

“Rajuk is supposed to implement the building code, but it lacks adequate and quality human resources.”

He recommended keeping fire extinguishers on every floor and training people on their use in the case of any fire incident. He also said building owners must provide tenants with keys to the entrance and the rooftop to help with evacuation.

ENGAGING PRIVATE ORGS

Experts said no government body deals with fire safety issues in most countries in the world. “Private companies are given the responsibility and the government only monitors it.”

“We’ve long been suggesting the government to assign a private organisation to work for ensuring fire-safety in existing buildings and implement the building code in constructing new ones,” Ansari told the news agency.

INCLUDING FIRE SAFETY IN TEXTBOOKS

Abdul Momen, assistant director (training) of Fire Service and Civil Defence, said trained volunteers are needed alongside awareness among people to check fire incidents.

He said the government, with the help of NGOs, can train people in the major cities and fire-prone districts to help deal with fire hazards before fire fighters arrive.

He also said it’s necessary to include fire safety issues in the national curricula.

‘BANGLADESH IN 2041’ IUB holds conference

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Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) held a conference titled “Bangladesh in 2041: Notions and Narratives of Diversification and Transformation” on the campus in Dhaka yesterday.

Planning Minister MA Mannan addressed the daylong event as chief guest. It was organised by the Department of Social Science and Humanities, said a press release.

In his keynote speech, Dr Rehman Sobhan, chairman of Centre for Policy Dialogue, spoke about the country’s transformation and challenges.

Johannes Van der Klaauw, UNHCR representative; Charles Whiteley, ambassador and head of delegation of EU; Prof Atiur Rahman; IUB Board of Trustees Chairman A Matin Chowdhury; and VC Tanweer Hasan also spoke.

Use Covid drug

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Medical College; Prof Faruk Ahmed, director of Sheikh Russel Gastro Liver Institute and Hospital; and Dr Nazrul Islam, professor of rheumatology at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University -- urged physicians to make judicious use of molnupiravir.

In his vote of thanks, Dr Mohammad Mujahidul Islam, executive director of Eskayef’s marketing and sales department, said Eskayef authorities have been working by considering the pandemic as a “war”. He informed that the company has already started exporting Monuvir to multiple countries across South East Asia and Africa.

Last year, Eskayef was among the first drug makers in the world to roll out the antiviral remdesivir, a drug that had generated significant interest for treating Covid-19, and exported it to 43 countries.

Molnupiravir was originally developed at US-based Emory University by the university’s drug innovation company, Drug Innovation Ventures at Emory, to treat influenza. It was then acquired by Miami-based Company Ridgeback Biotherapeutics, which later partnered with Merck & Co to develop the drug further.

IORA meeting begins tomorrow

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

UK Minister Lord Tariq Ahmad and US Deputy-Assistant Secretary Kelly Keiderling are among a number of delegates who will be visiting Bangladesh to attend the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) meeting beginning tomorrow.

Bangladesh, the upcoming chair of IORA, will be hosting the 21st IORA Council of Ministers’ Meeting on November 17 and the 23rd committee of senior officials and its related meetings from November 15 to 16.

IORA is an inter-governmental organisation aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and sustainable development within the Indian Ocean region through its 23 member states and nine dialogue partners.

Around 50 representatives -- including from the UK, US, China, Australia and India -- will attend the event.

Death anniv of Akhtaruzzaman

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Today is the third death anniversary of Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury, a retired deputy general manager of Janata Bank, said a press release.

On the occasion, a doa mahfil and Qurankhwani will be held at Eidgah Mosque in Dhanmondi, a milad mahfil at his Dhanmondi residence after Zohr prayers and prayers at his Banani grave in Dhaka.

Act now

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(Bapa) Sylhet chapter.

During the rally, Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bapa in Sylhet, said, “The earth is not only for humans, but for all animals. Those elephants should not have been killed, yet they are being culled by humans.”

Advocate Shahidul Islam Shahin, vice-president of Bapa’s Sylhet chapter, said, “We urge the government to be sincere. Those who are killing elephants and preparing to kill more must be punished under the law.”

আর্কিটেক্ট সাহায্য প্রয়োজন

সাতার RMG এলাকায় পানিশাইলের পুকুর পাড় ও সংলগ্নস্থানে একটি পরিপূর্ণ ১০০ শয্যার হাসপাতাল তৈরীর জন্য উৎসাহ আর্থনিক চিন্তাধারার আর্কিটেক্ট ডিজাইন সাহায্য প্রয়োজন। নবীন, তরুণরা অধিকার পাবেন। দুই সপ্তাহের মধ্যে প্রাথমিক ডিজাইন জমা দিতে হবে। মনোনীত স্থাপত্যবিদ সার্বিক দেখা শুনা, ঠিকাদার ও নির্মানীষ্ঠায় অগ্রাধি ব্যক্তি/ প্রতিষ্ঠান সরাসরি যোগাযোগ করুন:

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Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury to fix duration and agendas of the session.

The 14th session of the parliament, which started on September 1, was prorogued on September 16, with a total of seven sittings following all necessary health guidelines amid the pandemic.

Five killed

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calmed them down after half an hour.

In Pabna, two people were killed and 10 others were injured as a truck hit a human haulier on the Pabna-Rajshahi highway in Sadar upazila.

The deceased were identified as Nusrat Mithi (18), from Pachuria village in Chatmohar upazila, and one-year-old Abdur Rahman, son of Sharif Hossain from the Sadar upazila.

Police said the accident took place in Maligasa Mondoler Dhal area around 12:30pm while it was raining.

12 injured passengers of the human haulier were rushed to Pabna General Hospital, where doctors declared Mithi and Rahman dead.

Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee.

In Savar, a man was killed after a bus hit him on the Dhaka-Aricha highway in Thana road area.

The deceased was identified as Shubol Chandra Bormon (70), said Savar Highway Police Station OC Atiur Rahman.

The accident occurred around 7:30am when Shubol was waiting beside the highway to cross the road. Police seized the bus but its driver and helper fled the scene.

Driver, helper arrested

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Nezam Uddin of Kotwali Police Station. Soon, a quarrel broke out, leading to Ashraf shooting Hamid off the bus, injuring him. Locals immediately called 999 and asked for police intervention. Police detained Ashraf and seized the bus, while driver Hasan managed to flee.

Later on yesterday morning, police conducted a raid at Tiger Pass and arrested him, officials said. A case was filed.

Charges

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Ten people have been made prosecution witnesses in the charge sheet.

On April 8, one Syed Adnan Shanto filed the case against five people, including Madani on charges of making anti-state remarks and incitement of chaos.

On March 25, Madani was arrested in Motijheel area during a demonstration, protesting the visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of the golden jubilee of Bangladesh’s independence.

But he was released from custody soon after the incident.

Rab arrested him from his ancestral home in Netrakona’s Purbatola area on April 7.

Three more cases filed with Gazipur and Tejgaon police stations under the DSA are now pending against him.

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Vacancy for Project Officer

The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) - the French Development Agency - is a French public development institution that has been working for more than 75 years to implement the French Government’s aid policy in emerging and developing countries. Through a network of 85 local offices, AFD operates in 109 countries providing project finance and assistance to central and local governments, public entities and private enterprises, NGOs, banks and financial institutions. More at www.afd.fr.

AFD started operating in Bangladesh in 2012. It provides support to projects contributing to “green and inclusive growth”, with a specific focus on sustainable development and climate finance. It is involved in urban development and infrastructures (including transport, water and sanitation), green energy (energy efficiency and renewable energy), corporate and social responsibility in the garment sector, and health and social protection. AFD has committed so far a total amount of EUR 1,142 billion and plans to keep increasing its portfolio. Those projects are mainly supported concessional loans, some of which being supplemented by grants.

In order to support the development of its activities in Bangladesh, AFD is seeking to recruit a Project Officer. The position will be based in Dhaka and the occupant will report directly to the Country Director. The Project Officer will be employed initially by a Service Provider and out-deployed to AFD on a contractual basis.

Main duties and responsibilities:

- Supports AFD operations in Bangladesh within AFD (in relation with Head Office) and with local stakeholders and authorities, at every phase of the decision process for new projects (screening, appraisal, approval) as well as during the financing agreements negotiation, projects implementation and portfolio management: meetings with local stakeholders and reporting, organization of and participation in missions by team leaders, due diligence, internal reviews and evaluation
- Supports the processing of disbursement requests under loans and grants
- Maintains and develops relationship with central government authorities and public bodies in relation with the screening, appraisal and implementation of AFD-funded projects
- Maintains and develops relationship with other development partners in Bangladesh, ensures proper coordination with co-financiers and participates to aid coordination meetings
- Identifies new project opportunities with specific focus on new sectors for AFD in Bangladesh
- Monitors the national administrative, legislative and regulatory context for a selection of sectors
- Contributes to the preparation of internal notes about AFD activities and projects in Bangladesh
- Supports the communication activities (including local media watch and reporting on covered sectors)

Qualifications and requirements:

- Advanced university degree in finance or engineering
- Strong experience in project preparation and management; advanced notions in public procurement appreciated
- Experience in at least one priority sector of AFD in Bangladesh: energy, water, transport, health, climate change
- At least 5 years in similar position or other relevant professional experience, preferably in international organizations or international NGOs
- Ability to work in multi-cultural organization and to interact with high-level contacts (including GoB officials)
- Strong commitment to development and environmental goals
- Hard-worker, strong initiative and autonomy, result-oriented and constructive mind, interpersonal skills
- Fluent in Bangla and English with excellent written and verbal communication; French notions desirable

Women are especially encouraged to apply.

Applications (CV and cover letter) shall be sent by **5 December, 2021** to: afddacca@afd.fr. No phone call will be answered. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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পিপিআর/২০০৮(সংশোধনসহ) মোতাবেক চলতি ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ সালে পুলিশ ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, নোয়াখালীর নিম্নলিখিত কাজের জন্য বাংলাদেশের ইচ্ছুক অভিজ্ঞ প্রকৃত যোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠান/প্রকাদার/ব্যবসায়ী/সরকারীকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত নামে পৃথক পৃথকভাবে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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০২	সহায়	২	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
০৩	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	৩	কমান্ড্যান্ট (ডিআইজি), পুলিশ ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, নোয়াখালী।
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০৫	দরপত্রের বিবরণ	৫	জরুরি নং ১৭ এর বর্ণিত দাট ক।
০৬	দরপত্রের শর্তাবলি	৬	উক্ত দরপত্র শর্তাবলি (OTM)।
০৭	বাস্তবিক ও সত্যের অর্থ যাচাই	৭	বাস্তবিক যাচাই
০৮	দরপত্র সিডিউল ট্রেনিং সেন্টারের তারিখ ও সময়	৮	তারিখঃ ০১/১২/২০২১ খ্রিঃ অক্টোবর চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
০৯	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	৯	০১/১২/২০২১ খ্রিঃ ১২:০০ ঘটিকা।
১০	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	১০	কমান্ড্যান্ট (ডিআইজি) এর কার্যালয়, পুলিশ ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, নোয়াখালী, তারিখঃ ০১/১২/২০২১ তারিখ ১২:০০ ঘটিকার দরপত্র দাখ্য বা মনোনীত প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিত্বের উপস্থিতিতে (হদি যাতে)।
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১৪	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	১৪	কমান্ড্যান্ট (ডিআইজি) এর কার্যালয়, পুলিশ ট্রেনিং সেন্টার, নোয়াখালী।
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১৬	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ও দরপত্রের সহিত সেলেক্স কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে	১৬	পিপিআর/২০০৮ বিধিমালা এবং সর্বশেষ সংশোধিত আইন ও বিধিমালা মোতাবেক গ্রাক যোগ্যতা হিসাবে দরপত্র জমা করতে ইচ্ছুক প্রকাদারকে নিম্নলিখিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের পাত্রে আবেদনসহ নিম্নে উল্লিখিত হতে নিম্ন বর্ণিত কাগজপত্রের মূল কপি অংশেই প্রদর্শন পূর্বক সিডিউল জমা করতে হবে। ক) হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেনিং লাইসেন্স, গ) কোন কার্যকরী পিপিআর/২০০৮ এবং বিধিমালা/২০০৮ এবং হালনাগাদ সকল বিধি বিধান দরপত্রের শর্তাবলি হিসাবে গণ্য করা হবে। খ) সিডিউল জমা করতে আসার প্রতিষ্ঠান তার পাত্রে নিম্নলিখিতকারী বাবলের আবেদন করতে হবে। গ) দরপত্র সিডিউল জমাতে শর্তাবলি বিচারিতভাবে বর্ণিত আছে। দরপত্র দাখিলে দরপত্র তফসিল বর্ণিত শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলি মনোযোগের সাথে পালন করা হবে। দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল হতে পণ্য হবে। ঘ) কোন কার্যকরী পিপিআর/২০০৮ এবং বিধিমালা/২০০৮ এবং হালনাগাদ সকল বিধি বিধান দরপত্রের শর্তাবলি হিসাবে গণ্য করা হবে। ঙ) নির্বাচিত দরপত্রদাতা/যোগ্যদাতার/সরকারীকারীকে কার্যক্ষেত্র প্রদানের পূর্বে আবেদনকৃত সত্যতা/উচারক নন-ভালিফিকেশন সত্যাপন সত্যাপন করতে হবে। চ) পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স হতে অর্থ বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি প্রাপ্তি হতে বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে। এজন্যক্রমে প্রকাদারের কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। ছ) দরপত্রের সহিত কোদরপত্র অসত্য/ভুল/সত্য দাখিল করিলে এবং অসত্যদাখিলে ভায়া মিথ্যা প্রমাণিত হইলে ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের বিরুদ্ধে আইনমূলক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হইবে। জ) দরপত্র আবেদনকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বমুখ্য দর গ্রহণে বাধ্য নয় এবং কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করিলে।

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Invitation for National Open Tender

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the eligible Tenderers for the following tender as defined in the tender documents of mentioned items as per terms and conditions stated below.

Project Name	Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Linkages (SaFaL-2)
Invitation reference No	SNA/DAC/PR/8.21.56-60
Prerequisite of Tenderer	The tenderer must submit the updated Trade Licence, BIN,VAT registration certificate, TIN certificate. The tenderer must submit the updated Bank Solvency Certificate in favor of specific organization/vendors name. The tenderer must submit related previous work experience document.
Invitation to Tender for the Provision of (Group-A/B)	Group-A Milk Cooling Tank 500 Ltr - (Local), Milk Analyzer, Milk Delivery Pump, Cream Separator Machine –capacity 200ltr/hr, Milk can (Aluminum) -40 Ltr, Centrifuge Machine, IPS-1kw set , Single Phase Diesel Generator 10 kw (Detail Specifications in the tender schedule -Annexure) Group-B Air conditioner -2 Ton (Detail Specifications in the tender schedule -Annexure)
Date, Time & Place for Collecting Tender Documents	From 16th November -2021 to 24 th November 2021, tender schedule available from 10 AM to 4:30 PM at Apartment # A1, Merrydale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209
Tender Closing Date and Time	25th November-2021 at 4.30 PM
Tender Opening Date & Time & Place	Tender will be disclosed on 28th November 2021 at 2.30 PM, at Apartment # A1, Merrydale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209 The tenderers can participate single or multiple groups and all items should be included as per group. The Solidaridad shall reserve the right to accept or cancel the tender schedule at any time without prior notice.
Others Terms and Conditions	

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