



After the end of cultivation of amon, a woman screens through the remains in search for edible rice. This photo was taken yesterday from Mujgunni area in Khulna.

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HABIBUR RAHMAN

Reduce air fare for expats

Demands Expatriate Rights Council

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Expatriate Rights Council has demanded that the air fare be reduced for the expatriates flying to the Middle-Eastern countries with jobs.

The council submitted a three-point demand to the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, said a press release issued by the council yesterday.

The immigration expenses have been increasing rapidly in accordance with the air fare hike adding to the plight of expatriates. The council also demanded that the number of flights to the Middle-East be increased. It said that a regulatory board should be set up to control the air fare hike.

For the last one month, expatriates have been facing numerous problems due to the air fare surge for those travelling to the Middle East.

Meanwhile, the council also placed a 10-point demand to ensure the rights of the 1.20 crore Bangladeshi expatriates working in different countries. The mortal remains of Bangladeshi nationals who die abroad should be brought home on government expenses, it said.

The council also urged for ensuring the voting rights and NID of expatriates. It also asked to stop the harassment of expatriates at airports in Bangladesh. Besides, dual citizenship laws should be formed and pension facilities for expatriates should be ensured, according to the council.

Moreover, broker-free passport and embassy services should be ensured with passport modification opportunities as well as the formulation and implementation of Expatriate Protection Act. Special allocation for expatriates should be ensured in the national budget, it added.

Former BCL GS Rabbani injured in UP polls violence

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Shariatpur

Chhatra League's former general secretary Golam Rabbani was injured in an incident of electoral violence yesterday at Madaripur's Rajoir upazila.

Rabbani's uncle Salah Uddin Miah was an independent chairman candidate in the upazila's Eshibpur union parishad election held yesterday.

According to police and witnesses, the incident occurred when Rabbani went to visit the Gankandi Government Primary School polling station around 3:00pm after hearing that supporters of his uncle's rival, Mosharaf Mollah, were trying to cast votes openly.

Rabbani's protests against the alleged rigging ensued a clash where at one point some members of the opponent group stabbed him.

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Helper run over by his own bus

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Pataukhali

A passenger bus helper was crushed to death on the Mollakhali Bailey Bridge area on Pataukhali-Dumki road by the same bus he worked for yesterday.

Dumki Police Station OC Abdus Salam confirmed the incident.

The deceased is Sohag (16) of Jhalakati district.

The accident took place around 1:30pm yesterday. Police said the helper fell off the Bailey Bridge, and was run over by the bus.

The driver then fled, leaving the body behind.

Police seized the "Bismillah Paribahan" bus, recovered the body and sent it to Pataukhali hospital in the town for autopsy.

Farewell, kind soul

After 28 years in the country, Japanese social worker goes into retirement

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

She started her journey in humanitarian services at the young age of 21. After completing her training as a "sister", Naomi Iwamoto wasted little time before joining Japan Overseas Christian Medical Cooperative Service in her native country.

After working there for a while, she worked with Mother Teresa in India, Pakistan and Nepal, before coming to these lands in 1993.

On December 17 this year, after 28 years of service in the country, 24 of that spent in Mymensingh, a teary-eyed Naomi bade farewell and went on retirement.

For two decades, she served the people of the country through the Mymensingh city-based charity organisation L'Arche Bangladesh Mymensingh Community that works for people with disabilities.

The community leader of L'Arche had earlier worked for "Pratibandhi Community Centre" in Bogura for three years.

Youngest among four siblings, Naomi did her Masters in Disabilities Studies in Developing Countries from University College of London in 1997.

L'Arche is run by a nine-member Trustee Board involving locals, with its funds coming from Japan, France and affluent Bangladeshis.

Marking her farewell, members of the trustee board organised a ceremony at a city hotel recently, where board president



After coming to the country in 1993, Naomi Iwamoto (right) spent 24 years in Mymensingh, working for L'Arche Bangladesh, an organisation that serves people with disabilities. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Samorendra Sangma, vice-president Dr KR Islam secretary Sk Zahirul Haque and members Ferdous Ara Mahmuda Helen, Prof Lila Roy, Gabriel Rosario and Ratna Marma were present.

Speaking at the programme, eye-specialist KR Islam termed Naomi an "innocent soul" and said her loss will be irreplaceable.

"She has shown society how a person can spend her entire life in a foreign land, leaving the luxurious life of her native land behind," said board member Ferdous Ara Mahmuda Helen.

During her farewell speech, Naomi said since her youth she took it upon herself to give back to people.

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Reazuddin

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Meanwhile, Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud expressed deep shock over his death. In a condolence message, he prayed for his eternal peace and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

"He left us at a time when freedom of speech is being cornered every day. People like him are very much needed in trying times like these," said Mirza Fakhru.

Reazuddin died at a city hospital while undergoing treatment for Covid-19 on Saturday at the age of 77.

The Ekushey Padak winner started his career in journalism with the daily Pakistan Observer back in 1968.

He was an executive member of the then East Pakistan Union of Journalists in 1970. On March 25, 1971, he resigned from the Pakistan Observer to extend his support for Bangladesh's Liberation War.

After the country's independence, he joined The Observer and continued there till November 1990.

He served as the deputy editor of The Daily Star during 1991-1992 and was the editor of the English daily Financial Herald at the time of his demise.

Slow but not

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revenue skyrocketed as the compensation for the land acquired by the government tripled.

"The tender for appointing a contractor has been issued for a second time. However, the process of engaging the contractor is awaiting approval from the purchase committee of the public works ministry. Once approved, we will get to work immediately," the KDA official said.

During the visit, the Bangladesh premier held separate meetings with the Maldivian president, Vice-President Faisal Naseem, Speaker of the national parliament "People's Majlis", Mohammed Nasheed and Chief Justice Uz Ahmed Muthasim Adnan.

The prime minister addressed the Maldives parliament on December 23 afternoon and attended a state banquet hosted by the Maldivian president and the country's first lady in her honour.

She also joined a community reception virtually, accorded by the Bangladeshi expatriates in Male on December 24.

Syed Shaikat

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Marketing Office in Atlanta in 1981. He remained at that position until 1988. He later joined The Asiatic International Company in Boston in 1991 from where he retired. After retirement he settled in the Atlanta area with his family and lived there until his demise.



In order to make CNG and taxi services safer, Chattogram Metropolitan Police launched the 'Amar Gari Nirapod' programme, which provides designated QR codes and numeric ID cards to owners and drivers. Simply by checking either of these two, passengers can find out details of vehicle owners and drivers. This photo was taken yesterday from Chattogram's GEC circle. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society
National Headquarters
684-686 Red Crscent Sarak, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1214

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society invites fresh application from the suitable professional candidates for the position of Secretary General on contractual basis based in Dhaka. Reporting to the Chairman and Managing board, the incumbent is required to maintain effective corporate relations and head the management staff of the organization. The incumbent will be the Chief Operating Officer of the society and will exercise such executive power to implement the Society's activities. The incumbent also will be responsible for implementing the decision of the Board and oversee its countrywide project and programs. Planning, budgeting and budgetary control, supervision, monitoring, evaluation and reporting different project, Human Resources Development and Management are some of the key responsibilities. The person we are looking for should be able to maintain effective interrelations with Government of Bangladesh, UN Agencies, National and international organizations especially with humanitarian organizations.

50 years and above on 1 January 2022, the incumbent should possess a minimum Master degree in any discipline with proven administrative and managerial experience of 20 years. A computer literate, fluent in spoken English and very high proficiency in English writing are absolute requirements. Bangladesh Red Crescent Society is a voluntary organization candidate having knowledge and experience in Crisis management, disaster mitigation and working experience in humanitarian field will be given preference.

Application should be submitted with detail CV and two passport size photographs and necessary documents to the Director, HR & Admin, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, National Headquarters, 684-686 Red Crscent Sarak, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1214 by 10 January, 2022. Only short listed candidates will be called for interview. Salary and other facilities are subject to negotiation.

Chairman
Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

PROBASHI KALYAN BANK
COMMON SERVICE AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
HEAD OFFICE, DHAKA.
Website: www.pkb.gov.bd

Invitation for Tender (Goods) through e-GP

e-Tenders is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following Goods as follows:

Tender ID/Reference No.	Name of Supply	Date of Last selling of document	Closing Date & Time
641200 PKB/CSD/FUR/OTM/ 2021-22/02	Procurement of Furniture of 18 Different Branches	10-January-2022 16:00	11-January-2022 15:00

The interested bidders may visit the web site www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender.

This is an online tender invitation, 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 Portal (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 e-GP registered bank branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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AGM
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Lost

I MOHAMMED BABUL MIAH lost my passport in Agargaon area, passport No: EB0110568. I filed a GD in Agargaon police station, GD No: 1648, Date: 26/12/21, if anyone get this passport please contact with this number: 01744102989 or Agargaon police station. D-188

Meghna Petroleum Limited
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chattogram

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP portal for the procurement of the following works, details are given below:

S/N	Tender ID	Procurement title	Tender last selling (date & time)	Closing & opening (Date & time)	Procurement method
1	641433 (Pur.041)	CONSTRUCTION OF 8000 M. TON CAPACITY POL STORAGE VERTICAL STEEL TANK INCLUDING PIPE LINE, RCC OIL SEPARATOR AND OTHER RELATED WORKS AT MAIN INSTALLATION (NORTH), CHATTOGRAM.	25 January, 2022, 14:00hrs.	26 January, 2022, 15:00hrs.	OSTETM

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Mixed reactions mark

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resolve all these issues with the new system.

Speaking as chief guest, Quader said bringing the capital's transport system under discipline is in line with the government's visions.

The "Bus Route Rationalisation and Operation of Bus Services on Company Basis in Dhaka" initiative was first taken up by late mayor Annisul Huq. However, the project lost steam following his death in late 2017.

After many delays, owing to the pandemic, among other issues, the service finally started yesterday.

BRIDE WANTED

canadian citizen (now in Bangladesh), educated (America, Canada), elegant, age 30 years wants beautiful, Muslim, height (minimum 5'-5") age (under 28 years) educated (minimum masters), Unmarried bride. Contact by E-mail with picture. bd.canada52@gmail.com

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY
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Permanent Sanad Holder

Vacancy Announcement
Position: Treasurer

East West University, a leading private University, and an equal opportunity employer, invites application for a top management position of Treasurer on contractual basis:

Duties and responsibilities: To provide leadership in initiating, formulating, and overseeing business and financial strategy, monitoring of, and reporting on the implementation of the strategic policy plan thereof and ensuring compliance of accounting standards as well as of other reporting requirements including preparation of Annual Budget. The Treasurer of East West University works under the direct supervision of the Vice Chancellor. Also, will be responsible for proper financial management, discipline and maintaining accounts properly.

Qualifications: Post graduation in any discipline preferably in accounting. MBAs with Finance concentration are also eligible. Candidates should preferably be a Chartered Accountant, sufficiently experienced in company affairs and corporate sector and in Public/Private Universities or in similar organization. Those who served in a university as a Treasurer will carry an added advantage.

Experience: At least 15(fifteen) years teaching experiences as Professor, Administration or in Financial Management.

Age limit: From 50 to 60 years. Age limit may be relaxed for exceptionally qualified/experienced candidates.

Compensation: The position carries handsome salary commensurate with qualification and experience and the salary will be fixed through negotiation.

Please send your complete CV to the **Vice Chancellor, East West University, A/2, Jahurul Islam Avenue, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Dhaka-1212** with 02 (two) copies of recent passport size photographs, copies of all academic and experience certificates or apply through university website link (jobs.ewubd.edu).

Application Deadline: 15 February 2022