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SCENES FROM DYSTOPIA... An aerial view shows a residential building destroyed by shelling in the settlement of Kyiv region's Borodyanka, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues. The picture was taken with a drone yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Putin vows not to back off

Zelensky says Ukraine defence lines are holding as warring sides meet for ceasefire talks

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Russian President Vladimir Putin vowed no let-up in his invasion of Ukraine yesterday, even as the warring sides met for ceasefire talks and Zelensky said Ukrainian lines

After the fall of a first major Ukrainian city to Russian forces, Putin appeared in no mood to heed a global clamour for an end to hostilities as the war entered its second week

"Russia intends to continue the uncompromising fight against militants of nationalist armed groups, Putin said, according to a Kremlin account of a call with French President Emmanuel Macron.

Russian armoured columns from Crimea pushed deep into the southern Ukrainian region of Kherson on the first day of their invasion yesterday, triggering fighting that left at least 13 civilians dead.

Nine Ukrainian soldiers were also killed, the Kherson regional administration said, as the Russian force seized crossing points from Crimea to the mainland and a crossing over the Dnipro river.

But Ukraine insisted on the need for humanitarian corridors, to get urgent supplies into cities and trapped civilians out, as negotiators met at an undisclosed location on the Belarus-Poland border.

A first round of talks on Monday yielded no breakthrough, and Kyiv said it will not accept any Russian "ultimatums".

Putin, however, said any attempts to slow the talks

Not at all unexpected

Experts say about Dhaka abstaining from **UNGA vote on Russia**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh's abstention from voting on the UN General Assembly resolution, which reprimanded Russia for invading Ukraine, is not unexpected, said international relations analysts.

"This abstention is for the sake of our national interest," said Amena Mohsin, a professor of international relations at Dhaka University.

The US, the UK, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Brazil, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and most of the European countries supported the resolution, which demands that Russia "immediately, completely and unconditionally withdraw all of its military forces from the territory of Ukraine within its internationally recognised borders".

Bangladesh was among the 35 countries, including India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Laos, Vietnam and China

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Bound for safety

28 Bangladeshi sailors now in safe shelter in Ukraine en route to a neighbouring country; they seek prayers for safe return





MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA and DWAIPAYAN BARUA

Twenty-eight Bangladeshi sailors were evacuated from the Banglar Samriddhi vesterday and taken to a safe shelter in

On Wednesday, one of the 29 sailors on board, Hadisur Rahman, was killed in a "missile" attack on the state-owned ship that has been stranded at a port in war-hit Ukraine since February 23.

Since the attack, which took place

around 9:00pm Bangladesh time, the Bangladesh embassy in Poland has been working on taking the sailors from Ukraine to a neighbouring country.

"We will take them to a neighbouring country at an opportune time," Bangladesh Ambassador to Poland Sultana Laila Hossain told The Daily Star over phone last night. She said they would also start preparations for

sending the sailors back to Bangladesh. The embassy in Warsaw in a press note said the ship had been hit by an

air strike and that the sailors were rescued with the help of Bangladeshis in Ukraine and the authorities of Olvia

Shahriar Alam, state minister for foreign affairs, in a video message also confirmed the evacuation last night.

"The sailors are in a safe zone now. We are trying to bring them to Warsaw and then to Bangladesh.'

The Daily Star also talked with sailors over phone last night.

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SEE PAGE 2 COL 1 The son that will

SOHRAB HOSSAIN

He had promised his mother he would come back and build her a new home. On his word, she dreamed of a better life provided by one of the three sons - the lone bread-winner of the family.

never return

That dream, however, turned into rubble with one big explosion when Hadisur Rahman, third engineer of the MV Banglar Samriddhi ship, was killed in a missile attack at the Olvia port in Ukraine around 9:25pm (Bangladesh time) on Wednesday.



"I was on the phone with bhaiya [elder brother] on Wednesday night. He told me about how the situation kept worsening by the minute,' said Md Tareque.

"Suddenly, there was a big bang on the other side of the call and everything went silent. I called out his name but I never heard his voice again." A resident of Hosnabad village in Barguna's Betagi

upazila, Hadisur had completed his SSC from Betagi Government Pilot Secondary School in 2008 and HSC from Betagi Government College in 2010.

The 32-year-old completed his education from Bangladesh Marine Academy in Chattogram in 2013 and joined the ship in 2018, said family members.

His father Abdur Rahman, who worked at a local madrasa, retired around seven years ago, and mother

Cooking

becomes

12kg LPG now Tk 1,391,

The price of 12kg liquefied petroleum

gas supplied by firms in cylinders has

increased to Tk 1,391, up Tk 151 from

It's one of the steepest hikes in

same rate, said Abdul Jalil, chairman of Bangladesh Energy Regulatory

Commission (BERC), at a virtual press

In February, a 12kg LPG cylinder

costlier

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

recent times -- 12 percent. The price of LPG cylinders of other sizes will also go up at the

up Tk 151

its February price.

briefing yesterday.

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Bowlers pull together in T20I win

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI

Bangladesh assailed an Afghan side known for their T20 prowess in the first of the two-match T20I series at Mirpur's Sher-e-Bangla and the margin of victory will surely bring some relief in the Tigers' camp before the final T20I on March 5.

Left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed was the architect of the Tigers' victory with four wickets inside the Powerplay after the batters, having won the toss, managed to put on 155 for eight.

Afghan batters, known for their strokeplay, found Nasum hard to get away from early on and his four overs on the trot broke the visitors' resistance as they were bowled out

Nasum finished with four wicket in four overs, conceding just 10 runs. Shakib Al Hasan chipped in with two wickets for 18, accounting for key middle-order figures of Mohammad Nabi and Najibullah Zadran before Shoriful Islam's three for 29 ended the Afghan innings and saw Bangladesh record their biggestmargin of victory in T20Is against a SEE PAGE 12 COL 3



Left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed jumps to celebrate one of his four wickets in Bangladesh's thumping 61-run win in the first of two T20Is against Afghanistan at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. His four for 10 is the best bowling figure by anyone in Bangladesh-Afghanistan T20ls. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

was available for Tk 1,240. Meanwhile, the price of autogas or LPG for motor vehicles has increased from Tk 57.81 to Tk 64.78 a litre.

in December after increasing in the previous five months. In January, the price went down by 4 percent. But in February it rose by 5 percent. BERC chairman Jalil said the

The LPG price started decreasing

Russia-Ukraine war pushed up the LPG price globally, creating a crisis in the energy market.

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Make sure your work helps people

PM urges researchers

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the researchers to ensure that the practical use of their research

knowledge is for the wellbeing of the country's people. "The

practical application of your invented knowledge should be for the welfare of the people. So, I also want to see what would be the impact of the research you are doing now," she said. The prime minister

said this while conferring "Bangabandhu Science and Technology Fellowship", "NST Fellowship" and special research donations among teachers, scientists, researchers and science students of different universities and research

The science and technology ministry arranged the ceremony at Osmani Smriti Auditorium, while the PM joined the event virtually from the Gono Bhaban.

On her behalf, Science and Technology Minister Architect Yeafesh Osman handed over the cheques of the fellowships and donations to recipients.

Sheikh Hasina said the fourth industrial revolution (4IR) is now knocking at the doors.

'So, we'll have to create skilled manpower for it [4IR]. We've been assisting you [researchers and students] keeping it in mind. We want the people of the country to get assistance from you," she

Noting that the fellowships and research donations are provided from the government's revenue fund, she said, "You, those who are getting the fellowships, will have to work hard for the utmost responsibility."



Holding each other, Tareque and Sanjida cry near their home in Hosnabad village of Barguna's Betagi upazila yesterday. Their brother Hadisur Rahman died in a "missile attack" on a Bangladeshi ship in Ukraine on Wednesday. PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

IPCC paints grim picture for Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh would face serious challenges due to climate change and the national economy might bear the burnt, suggested a report of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

According to the report, the continuous greenhouse emission in the country would result in the displacement of millions of people, reduced agricultural production and weather with extreme heat and

IPCC Working Group II AR6, in its recently released report, also predicted that the agricultural production would reduce between 31 and 40 percent by this century as the sea level would rise.

The country's power plants may also need to be relocated over the next decade to avoid floods caused by the rise of sea

Rawshan Ara Begum, one of the lead authors of the report, said the rise of sea level could eat up between 2 and 9 percent of annual GDP by the middle and end of

Citing the report, she said the climate

change could displace 1 to 2 million people and commodity price rises, could lead to living in the south by mid-century.

The overall impact will further worsen the country's current challenges including extreme poverty, income inequality, economic and non-economic losses and damages and low adaptive capacity.

Rawshan also said that urgent and accelerated actions are required for rapid and deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions in the country to avoid increasing losses and adapt to climate change.

"As a result of climate change and increasing demand for water, about 25 percent of people in Bangladesh will live with water scarcity by 2050, compared with about 10 percent now. Both the Ganges and the Brahmaputra river basins

supply chains, markets, finance, and trade, reducing the availability of goods in Bangladesh, and increasing their price, as well as damaging markets for Bangladeshi exports, she said.

change, including reduced agricultural yields, damage to critical infrastructure, financial instability in the country, she

This report informs scientific evidence of climate change impacts and potential risks, as well as provide a range of adaptation options for reducing vulnerability and enhancing resilience.

Mohammad Arfanuzzaman, another lead author of the IPCC report, said the climate change impacts Bangladesh facing now would increase substantially

It is very likely that most of our existing adaptions would be ineffective under both 1.5 and 2C warming conditions, he

environmental vulnerability and build resilience Bangladesh must focus on transformative and multi-sectoral adaptations," he said.

Shab-e-Barat on March 18 night

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muslims in Bangladesh will observe the Shabe-Barat on the night of March 18 because the Shaban moon was not sighted in the country

The decision was made at the National Moon Sighting Committee meeting at the Baitul Mukarram Jatiya Masjid last evening, the religious affairs ministry said in a press release. State Minister for Religious Affairs Faridul

Haque Khan presided over the meeting. Shab-e-Barat is observed on the 15th night of the Arabic month of Shaban. Muslims offer special prayers, recite the Quran,

and take part in other religious rituals. Two burglary suspects

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

beaten dead

Villagers beat two burglary suspects to death and seriously injured another in the Banparil area of the district early yesterday.

Police have yet to identify the two men. The three men are suspected to be part of a gang that committed a burglary at a house before daybreak and was fleeing the area when the locals caught them, said Abdur Rouf Sarker, officer-incharge of Manikgani Sadar Police Station.

He added that the two men died at the scene, the OC said, adding that a case would be filed regarding the incident.

5 die, 657 get Covid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officials reported 657 new cases of Covid and five deaths from the disease as the positivity rate dipped below three percent in the 24 hours preceding 8:00am yesterday

At least 4,628 patients recovered from Covid during the period, said a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services

The latest number takes the total number of confirmed deaths from the disease to 29,058. The positivity rate from 22,584 samples tested in the period was 2.91 percent.

Of the five reported dead yesterday, one was male and four were female. One was aged between 31 and 40, two were between 41 and 50, one was between 71 and 80, and one between 81 and 90.

BGB man dies by suicide

UNB, Naogaon

A Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) man allegedly died by shooting himself with his service weapon at a camp in Sapahar border in Naogaon early

Tanvir, 26, hailed from Narail district and was posted at the BGB camp in Sundarail.

Other BGB members at the camp rushed a severely injured Tanvir to Sapahar Ūpazila Health Complex around 7:00am.

He died on the way to another hospital, said Tarekur Rahman Sarkar, officer-in-charge of Sapahar Police Station.

in this regard.

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process would "only lead Kyiv in our negotiating position".

For his part, Macron on high alert. said he feared that "worse is to come" in the conflict column appears stalled and condemned Putin's "lies", according to an aide.

eighth day, has created a a three-day siege that refugee exodus and turned left it short of food and Russia into a global pariah medicine. in the worlds of finance, diplomacy and sports.

The UN has opened a probe into alleged war are besieging the port crimes, as the Russian city of Mariupol east of military bombards cities Kherson, which is without in Ukraine with shells and missiles, reports AFP.

In his latest message, Zelensky said yesterday Ukrainian lines were holding. "We have nothing to lose but our own

freedom," he said. Moscow said it has lost 498 troops. Russian people, according to the

"We are forced to hike the

local LPG price as the Saudi

risen globally -- from \$775

local firms faced supply

disruptions. But now the

problem has been resolved."

beginning of each month

by Saudi Arabia's state-

The Saudi CP is the

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international

Cooking becomes

Lavrov kept up a verbal barrage, accusing Western to additional demands on politicians of fixating on "nuclear war" after Putin relief. placed his strategic forces

While a long military north of Ukraine's capital Kyiv, Russian troops seized Kherson, a Black Sea city The invasion, now in its of 290,000 people, after

> Russian troops have been advancing elsewhere on the southern front and water or electricity in the depths of winter.

"They are trying to create a blockade here, just like in Leningrad," Mariupol mayor Vadym Boichenko said.

The war has displaced more than one million Foreign Minister Sergei United Nations.

The BERC chairman,

the state-owned LP Gas

unchanged as it's not

linked to the global market

The BERC, for the first

time, fixed the retail-level

year after holding a public

Aramco.

contract price (CP) has however, said prices of

benchmark set at the LPG price on April 12 last

price

loss of Hadisur.

ship," said Alam. Asked about

Alam, a father of two daughters and as many sons, said he could not talk generator was damaged in

Omar Faruk, chief engineer of the ship, said he was not in a mental state

Another sailor said they

will also see increased flooding," she said. Climate change will hit international

The economic shocks caused by climate

in the coming years.

"To reduce socio-economic and

This report assesses a wide range of adaptation options across sectors and regions for societal choices to act and implement in the decades to come which in turn will determine future pathways to climate-resilience.

Papul's aide

In December 2020, CID filed a money laundering case against Papul, his daughter Wafa Islam, brother Kazi Badrul Alam Liton, sisterin-law Jesmin Prodhan, Papul's employees Monir and Golam Mostafa, and two overseas employment agencies owned by Badrul and Jesmin.

According to the case, Papul and his family members amassed more than Tk 355 crore and the money was transacted through more than 500 bank accounts and fixed deposit receipts (FDRs).

Over Tk 130 crore was available in these accounts, most of it gotten from human trafficking, it added.

Papul's Monir took Tk 5-7 lakh from each victim seeking overseas jobs through "Job Bank International", an organisation owned by

38.22 crore was transferred and withdrawn by Papul, Wafa and Jesmin from Monir's account with a state-run bank between 2016 and 2020. Though Jesmin had no

business relationship with Monir, Tk 17.48 crore was transferred to her bank account from Monir's. He also transferred Tk 1.18 crore to Papul's company "Four Point Housing and Real State", the case statement said.

On November 28, 2021. Kuwait's top appeals court upheld Papul's sentence of seven years in prison and fine of Kuwaiti Dinar 2.7 million (Tk 76 crore) in a human trafficking case.

Bound for safety

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"Alhamdulillah! It is a new lease of life," said GM Noor-e Alam, captain of the ship, heaving a sigh of

"We are not out of danger yet. I have lost words to express gratitude to the Almighty. I still cannot believe we survived. We will feel that we are safe only when we will be able to cross the border."

He said that all 28 sailors have safely reached the shelter and they were all still in mourning for the

"It is really painful to carry our bother Hadisur's body with us. We did not leave our brother in the

condition of the ship, Alam said, "It is damaged so badly that it would be tough to voyage in this condition."

to his family members for a long time as the ship's the attack.

"We are really tired and hungry. We are very happy that we reached safely in a shelter centre at last. Just per tonne to \$911. Earlier, Company's LPG will remain pray for us so that we can return home safely. Just pray, nothing else brother," he said in a weary tone.

were evacuated around 20 hours after the attack.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen told journalists last night that the ship has that her daughter, a finalbeen abandoned.

"We received a letter the shipping ministry approving the abandonment of the ship and we informed them [Ukraine authorities]."

Concerns over the stranded sailors' safety gripped the country after Hadisur Rahman, who was serving as the third engineer of the vessel owned by the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation

(BSC), was killed. The anxious family members of the sailors were critical over the authorities taking "no steps" to move the vessel from the Ukrainian port of Olvia to a safer zone in the

last one week. They had been urging the government to bring back their loved ones safely and quickly at any cost.

Several hours after the "missile" attack on the ship, family members thronged the head office of BSC in the port city yesterday morning to know the whereabouts of their loved

On a day of panic and concern, some of the sailors who were stranded in the engine room until 1:00pm Bangladesh time yesterday, sent family members voice messages and asked the government to take steps for their immediate evacuation from the ship, fearing further attacks.

Roksana Khondokar, mother of one of the two female sailors, Deck Cadet Fariatul Jannat Tuli, told The Daily Star

honours student of nautical department Bangladesh Marine Academy, boarded the ship in March last year as part of her one-year internship.

"She was supposed to get off the ship after finishing the internship by the end of this month," said the mother.

daughter told her in a voice message around 1:00pm yesterday that the sailors were panicking. In weeping tones,

urged

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government for immediate rescue of all the sailors. BSC Executive Director (Commercial) Pijush Dutta at a press briefing at the BSC conference room yesterday morning said their main concern and task now were to bring back the survivors as early as possible by ensuring proper security

arrangements. authorities concerned including the shipping ministry, foreign ministry, DG shipping and others are now trying to accomplish this, he informed.

Talking to reporters, Minister State Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury said extensive diplomatic efforts were underway to rescue the sailors. "Every effort is going

on to shift them to a safer place," he said while briefing reporters at the secretariat yesterday. He also said bringing

Hadisur's body back to Bangladesh will depend

Ukraine, adding that the government will support Hasidur's family in every possible way.

Family members of at least four sailors were found waiting at the BSC office to know the latest updates on their loved one's evacuation from wartorn Ukraine.

Sixty-year-old Obaidul Hoque came from the city's Kathgar area in the early morning as he could not sleep the whole night after getting a voice message at 3:00am from his son Masum Billa, one of the crew members of the ship.

the attack and asked us to pray for him," the anxious father said, adding that he tried to contact his son several times but failed. Masum's family were able to talk to him while

the ship was stranded in

the port. Obaidul said

"My son informed about

the attack, but the sailors were in panic afterwards. He requested government to immediate steps to bring

Masum, third of his six children, joined the profession two years ago and boarded the vessel in January.

back all the sailors unhurt.

Abdullah Al Mamun, a service holder of Pally Biddut, came from Sitakunda to know the whereabouts of his brotherin-law Masudur Rahman, an electrical engineer on the ship.

Abdullah said Masudur's elderly parents, who live in Russian invasion.

on the situation in Bongaon village in Rajbari, became very worried after

hearing about the death of their son's fellow sailor. Masudur's elder brother Mofizur Rahman, who is now in Dhaka, told one of these correspondents over phone that his brother sent a text at 12:30pm yesterday informing that all the equipment needed for cooking was destroyed in the attack and the sailors

had only biscuits to eat. The anxious brother had also urged for immediate evacuation of the sailors from the ship since the ship has already been targeted once.

MOSCOW CONDOLES **HADISUR**

Russia yesterday expressed condolences to the family of Bangladeshi Hadisur Rahman.

"We express deep condolences to the near and dear ones of the deceased," said Russian everything was okay until Embassy in Dhaka in a statement on its verified Facebook page, adding that the it will make every effort to ensure safe departure of the Bangladeshi ship from the port.

> It also said it is establishing circumstances around the killing of the Bangladeshi. Banglar Samriddhi

had reached the outer anchorage of Ukrainian port Olvia on February 23 to load ball clay. But due to delay in

getting port clearance, the ship failed to leave and was stranded as the port's operations halted after the

Papul's brother Badrul. The CID found that Tk



After the pandemic hit two years ago, the lives of paint workers got immensely difficult. To this day, demand for their labour is yet to pick up, which leads to waiting by the road at specific spots for long hours for contractors to come and recruit them. This photo was taken from Siraj-ud-Dowla Park near Old Dhaka's Babubazar Bridge yesterday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Getting urbanisation right

Experts say focus should be on developing secondary cities rather than Dhaka, Ctg



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Given that Bangladesh has gone through unstructured and imbalanced urbanisation over the past decades, experts said it will harm the country's economy if measures are not taken in this regard.

To retain growth, developing balanced urbanisation is a must in the country's northern part, as many people will migrate due to climate change in future. Experts also underscored the need for improvement of road connectivity to bring a balance in urbanisation and trade diversification.

The discussion was part of a technical workshop titled "Getting Urbanization Right in Bangladesh", organised by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) yesterday.

Dr Nora Dihel, senior economist at the World Bank, said Dhaka is generating onefifth of the GDP right now and almost half of the formal employment of the country.

"That is why the focus should be on

organising secondary cities. We are trying to look at the roles of secondary medium-sized cities in sustaining structural transformation and increasing productivity," said Dr Dihel.

Dr Binayak Sen, director-general of BIDS, said, "So the question arises whether we

URBAN SPRAWL OBSESSIVE FOCUS ON DHAKA CONGESTED CAPITAL CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS

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foster secondary urban development rather than obsessively focusing on Dhaka and

Chattogram." "Successful urbanisation is crucial for

economic growth and it is important for Bangladesh that urban areas become more productive, supporting more innovation and growth," she added.

The World Bank's senior economist Dr Forhad Shilpi and economist Dr Alejandro Molnar made a keynote presentation showing how congestion in Dhaka has increased over the years and what impact climate change could have in the future

with the existing state of urbanisation. Mentioning that the urbanisation rate will rise to 60 percent in 2050 from the existing 38 percent, Shilpi said, "Another 50 million people will be added to the urban population. Will Dhaka be able to take the load?"

"People are going to move away to higher grounds with the rising sea level. But the strategies on climate mitigation and adaptation will also need to be taken into account alongside the expansion of urbanisation to create a balance." she

JP to stay on the streets

Leaders tell event on price hike of daily essentials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiya Party leaders yesterday said the party will not leave the street until price of essentials are not controlled and corruption is not put to an end.

"With the people, we will build a strong movement to fulfil their demands," JP Secretary General Mujibul Haque Chunnu said while speaking at a human chain at Bijay Nagar in the city.

"The country is going through a difficult time with commodity prices skyrocketing. People are struggling to run their families," he further said.

"There's at least five crore unemployed people in the country right now. Most people are getting poorer by the day. It seems like the government has no

sympathy for them.' JP co-chair Syed Abu Hossain Babla said the long queues in front of TCB trucks are symptomatic of people's miserv.

Salma Islam, co-chair of JP, also addressed the human chain and said her party will not leave the people's side in their time of need.

DNCC, DSCC to oversee construction

Says LGRD minister about buildings in capital, gives directives to tackle Aedes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is planning to involve city corporations to check whether building owners have constructed their establishments at designated locations, following approved designs. Rajuk, however, will approve the designs, as

Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) Minister Md Tazul Islam said this yesterday in an inter-ministerial meeting on controlling Aedes mosquitoes at its conference

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MEETING AT A GLANCE

- Impose holding tax on residential houses of govt agencies, if they fail to clean their areas
- Take action against owners who don't clean stagnant water in rooftop gardens
- DNCC mayor demanded more entomologists from govt for mosquito drives

Online gamblers laundering crores abroad: CID 5 held from Keraniganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police claimed to have arrested five members of an online-gambling racket, which was involved in laundering money abroad through virtual currencies and e-transactions.

"They [racket] had been using social media sites like Facebook and WhatsApp for a long time, inviting people to join various messenger groups. Many youths across the country are addicted to online betting,"

Imam Hossain, additional deputy inspector general of CID, told a press briefing yesterday.

For a long time, multiple rackets have been organising gambling activities using virtual currencies through

various websites during major sporting events, the official said.

A team of CID's Dhaka metro (south) unit arrested the five from Keraniganj area in the last two days, he added.

The arrestees are Tofayel Ahmed Rasel (27), Shakil Khan (35), Parvez (24), Sagar (30), and Ziaul Haque Rony (39).

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New era in heart treatment

Mechanical heart implant completed successfully for the first time in country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the first time in the country, a mechanical heart implant procedure has been successfully performed, marking a new era in the treatment of heart disease in the country.

Dr Jahangir Kabir, chief cardiac surgeon and director of the Cardiac Center at United Hospital, placed a mechanical heart or Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) in the heart of a 42-year-old woman at the hospital on Wednesday.

The patient was suffering from chronic heart failure, with her heart gradually approaching complete failure, even after receiving treatment at home and abroad.

In the current world of medical practice, the only

treatment is to replace the almost dysfunctional heart with another healthy heart. However, if a healthy heart is not available while the organ's condition continues to deteriorate rapidly, then a mechanical heart implant or LVAD remains the only option.

Upon completion of the procedure, the patient's heart regains blood circulation in the whole body, giving other organs in the body a chance to heal as

On Wednesday, Dr Jahangir Kabir and his colleagues placed a mechanical heart called Heartmate-3 in the left ventricle of the patient's heart through a successful surgery, which was conducted for about 4 hours.

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Who is SCBA president? Kamal Hossain, 3 other jurists ask

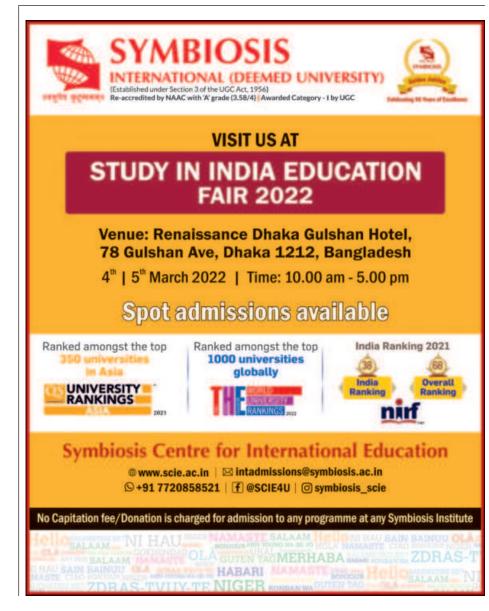
STAFF CORRESPONDENT Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain and three other

former presidents of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) wanted to know who the current president of the association is.

The others are M Amir-Ul Islam, Mainul Hosein and Rokanudin Mahmud.

In a letter sent to SCBA executive committee on February 28, they said it has come to the notice of all general members, including former presidents, that after death of advocate Abdul Matin Khasru -- who was elected president for the period of April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, but passed away on April 14, 2021 -- the post remained vacant. Under SCBA constitution, such vacancy should have been filled within a month.

SCBA secretary Md Ruhul Quddus Kazal, who has been leading the executive committee, said decisions will be taken on the questions raised.



Children's Film **Festival begins** tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 15th edition of the International Children's Film Festival, organised by Children's Film Society Bangladesh, will start on March 5.

The festival will be held at Bangladesh Film Archive office in Agargaon. A press conference was held at Alliance Française in this regard yesterday.

A total of 117 movies from 38 countries will be screened at the festival, which is free and open for all. Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud will inaugurate the festival.

The inaugural ceremony will be presided over by Dr Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, president of Children's Film Society Bangladesh.

The event will conclude on March 11.

WaterAid, City Group sign MoU

CITY DESK

WaterAid Bangladesh and City Group have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) recently where WaterAid will provide technical support to access safe and adequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene services for tea pickers.

City Group Chairman and MD Fazlur Rahman inaugurated the signing ceremony at City Group's Gulshan-2 office in Dhaka, said a press release.

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(৩য় পর্যায়) শীর্ষক প্রকল্পের আবাসিক প্লট বরান্দের লটারী অনুষ্ঠানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (অঃদাঃ)



AKM Rafiguddin, founder and managing director of consultancy firm

Development Design Consultants (DDCL), breathed his last early yesterday.

He was 78 years old. Under his leadership, DDCL has conducted and overseen various national infrastructure projects such as parts of Metro Rail, Bangabandhu Railway Bridge, Dhaka airport Terminal-3, Kuril Flyover, Bangladesh National Building Code, Matarbari Power Plant and Port Facilities, including new port etc. DDCL has also consulted on various projects abroad.

He left behind his wife, daughter, two sons, one son-in-law, two daughters-in-law, three grandchildren, and well wishers to mourn his

114 Bangladeshis return from Libya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As many as 114 Bangladeshis returned home vesterday in a chartered flight from Libva.

A Buraq Air flight carrying them landed at Dhaka airport around 8:30am. Fakhrul Alam, assistant director of Expatriates'

Welfare Desk at the airport, confirmed their arrival. Wishing anonymity, an official of International Organisation for Migration Bangladesh said most returnees attempted to cross the Mediterranean to enter Europe illegally but failed. Later, they became

IOM provided necessary support to the returnees upon their arrival, he added. IOM also facilitated the repatriation process, according to a social media post of Bangladesh embassy in Tripoli.

undocumented in the North African country.

The Bangladeshis left Libya's Mitiga International Airport near Tripoli on Wednesday. Libya, which faced two civil wars since 2011, has been known as a transit country for illegal migration to Europe.

Online gamblers

Among them, Rasel, an honours student of English, collected virtual dollars from betting sites and converted those into Bangladeshi currency.

Arrestee Shakil was an associate of Rasel. Using official said.

the pseudonym "Mahim Khan" on WhatsApp, he participated in betting on websites. This racket has laundered crores of taka, which they earned through gambling websites, through illegal e-transactions, the

New era in heart

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It restored the patient's heart functions to normalcy and is illuminating hopes of greatly reducing her risk of death and improving symptoms of heart failure. The same team of leading heart surgeons

behind the procedure has performed successful heart surgeries on more than 15,000 people since the inception of United Hospital and brought smiles on the faces of patients and their families.

DNCC, DSCC

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"We have decided to involve city corporations to oversee constructions, building as some people construct them by grabbing 80 feet of a 100 feet wide canal," the minister said.

Citing the recent Bosila canal drive by Dhaka North City Corporation, Tazul said buildings were constructed in the canal, but that would not have been done if the corporation would have known about it.

Even if the corporations address not encroachments, the government would be able to make them accountable, he said.

Regarding the mosquito menace, Tazul instructed and Gazipur also took part Dhaka's city corporations to impose holding tax on residential houses of different government agencies, if they fail to take necessary steps to clean their own areas, and take

action against owners who do not clean stagnant water in rooftop gardens.

South City Dhaka Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh, at the meeting, pointed out two areas from where Aedes mosquitoes spread: rooftop gardens and housing areas of different government agencies.

DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam said they have started their anti-Aedes mosquito drive on Tuesday. He demanded more entomologists from the government for his 10 zones to conduct the drives properly.

Among others, mayors of Chattogram, Narayanganj in the meeting.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Regional Controller of Food 119, Sadargat Road, Chattogram http://food.chittagongdiv.gov.bd Web: www.dgfood.gov.bd Memo No. 13.01.0000.217.55.013.22-671

e-Tender Notice No. 01/2021-2022 (LTM)

Date: 28.02.2022

SI. No.	Tender ID/Package No.	Description of works	Procurement method	Procurement nature & type	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing & opening (date & time)
1.	Tender ID-661736 Package No-RCF CTG 2021-22/01	Repair of sanitary works, electrical works, Interior decoration Refood room and Installation of Tube-well, submersible water pump motor set with ancillary facilities at Refood office Chittagong.	Limited Tendering Method (LTM)	Works NCT	20-March- 2022 17:00	21-March- 2022 14:00
2.	Tender ID-662357 Package No-RCF CTG 2021-22/02	Repair of Oclad office cum Qtr and twin drawan Qtr with ancillary facilities at Satkania Lsd, Chittagong.	Limited Tendering Method (LTM)	Works NCT	20-March- 2022 17:00	21-March- 2022 14:00
3.	Tender ID-662816 Package No-RCF CTG 2021-22/03	Repair and re-construction of boundary wall with ancillary facilities at Jhilonga Lsd under District of Cox's Bazar.	Limited Tendering Method (LTM)	Works NCT	20-March- 2022 17:00	21-March- 2022 14:00
4.	Tender ID-663372 Package No-RCF CTG 2021-22/04	Repair of food godown Fs-1 (500 MT), Twin drawan Otr with ancillary facilities at Babuchara Lsd, Khagrachari.	Limited Tendering Method (LTM)	Works NCT	20-March- 2022 17:00	21-March- 2022 14:00
5.	Tender ID-663685 Package No-RCF CTG 2021-22/05	Repair of food godown Fs-1 (500 MT), Oclsd office cum Qtr, twin drawan Qtr and Re-construction of	Limited Tendering Method (LTM)	Works NCT	20-March- 2022 17:00	21-March- 2022 14:00

Naniarchar Lad, Rangamati.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender 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 bank branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

> Md. Zahirul Islam Khan Fax: 031-636730

মরহুম হোসেন তওফিক ইমাম-এর ১ম মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী



আজ ৪ঠা মার্চ পাথমার্ক এ্যাসোসিয়েটস লিমিটেড-এর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা চেয়ারম্যান জনাব হোসেন তওফিক ইমাম (এইচ টি ইমাম) এর ১ম মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী।

স্বাধীন বাংলাদেশের প্রথম মন্ত্রীপরিষদ সচিব জনাব এইচ টি ইমাম তাঁর বর্ণাঢ্য কর্মময় জীবনে ২০০৯ সালে গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনার জনপ্রশাসন

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তিনি পাথমার্কের সকল কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারীদেরকে অফুরন্ত স্লেহ ও ভালবাসা দিয়েছেন। এই দিনে আমরা "পাথমার্ক এ্যাসোসিয়েটস্ লিমিটেড" পরিবারের পক্ষ থেকে তাঁকে গভীর শ্রদ্ধার সাথে স্মরণ করছি।

মরহুমের মৃত্যুবার্ষিকী উপলক্ষে সকল আত্মীয়-স্বজন, বন্ধু-বান্ধব ও শুভাকাঞ্চীদের তাঁর রূহের মাগফেরাত কামনা করার জন্য অনুরোধ করছি।

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Date: 03/03/2022

Memo No: 46.02.7507.000.20.001.22-136

10. Payment will be made as per availability of fund

Invitation for Tender Tender Notice Number-02/2021-2022 (LTM)

SL No	Package Number				Estimated cost	Tender Security	Schedule Price	Completion Time
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02	ADP/BEGUM/NOA/2021-22/V	-		-	8,00,000.00	24,000.00	1,000.00	90 Day
03	ADP/BEGUM/NOA/2021-22/V	-		-	4,00,000.00	12,000.00	1,000.00	90 Day
04	ADP/BEGUM/NOA/2021-22/V	-		+	7,00,000.00	21,000.00	1,000.00	90 Day
05	ADP/BEGUM/NOA/2021-22/V	of the latest dealers.		-	6,00,000.00	18,000.00	1,000.00	90 Day
06	ADP/BEGUM/NOA/2021-22/V	_		4	6,00,000.00	18,000.00	1,000,00	90 Day
07	ADP/BEGUM/NOA/2021-22/V	_		-	8,00,000.00	24,000.00	1,000.00	90 Day
08	ADP/BEGUM/NOA/2021-22/V	V-08			7,00,000.00	21,000.00	1,000.00	90 Day
1.	Name of Project	:		l D	Development Prop	gramme (ADP)		
2.	Source of Funds	:	GOB			y		
3.	Procurement Method	1	LTM	_				
4.	Date, time and place of pre-tender	:	Date	1	The state of the s	Time	: 11.00am	
	meeting	_	Place	1		and the same of th		
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6.	Last date, time and places of receiving	2	Date	10		Time	: 12.00pm	
	tender		Place					Dist: Noakhali
7.	Last date, time and places of opening	:	Date	:	The state of the s	Time	: 12.30pm	
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			c)	The cost of tests for materials & other as required by the technical specification should be included in the quoted rates. No additional payment will be made for those tests.				
		:	d)	Tenders submitted with more than 5% less or more than 5% above of the estimated cost will be treated as Non Responsive.				
		:	e)	The tenderer must have the following documents that should have to be submitted with the tender document.				
		:				of VAT registration &	t TIN certificates	
	Tender shall be valid for a period of 60	:			i) Attested copies			

chalan/ bank draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the opening of

enders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

(Kazi Kamrul Islam) Upazila Engineer LGED, Begumgonj, Noakhali Phone: 0321-51058

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director (ACE, RHD)

SASEC Dhaka-Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project Part-3, Level-2, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 www.rhd.gov.bd

Memo No. 35.01.0000.083.07.052.22-928

GD-431

Date: 03.03.2022

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Individual Consultant Service as Social Safeguard Expert (National) [06 Persons]

SASEC DHAKA-SYLHET CORRIDOR ROAD INVESTMENT PROJECT

The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has obtained a loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB) to partly finance the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka-Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project (the Project). The Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges (MORTB) is the sponsoring ministry and the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) under MORTB is

the implementing agency for the project. The scope of civil works under the Investment Project includes the Improvement of the existing 2-Lane Dhaka—Sylhet National Highway over the length of approximately 210 km into a 4-Lane divided carriageway National Highway with Service Lanes on both sides, To withstand heavy load (truck traffic) as well as extreme weather conditions, polymer modified bitumen (PMB) will be used for pavement. To widen the existing Dhaka-Sylhet highway corridor RHD engaged design consultants to finalize the alignment, design the new road and prepared necessary documents to implement the project. Because of high dependency of people on natural resources and widespread poverty, the social and environmental impacts are visibly significant, particularly when construction works are undertaken in subproject areas. The environmental and social risks will be triggered by land acquisition, displacement/damage of permanent assets and loss of land, loss of forest, biodiversity and agricultural land, effect to water sources due to sedimentation and water logging etc. for the project. These problems are apparent not only during construction but also during operation phase. To widen the existing Dhake-Sylhet highway corridor RHD engaged design consultants to Finalize the alignment, design the new road and prepared necessary documents to implement the project including RP, IEE, EIA, SIA, EMP etc. Therefore, it is necessary to engage individual consultant to review and make necessary improvements on social safeguard documents before going to start the physical work and help PIU to monitor the social safeguards related issues during implementation. For this purpose, under this

Service, 06 (Six) Individual Consultants as Social Safeguard Expert (National) shall be engaged.

According to the latest ADB procurement guidelines, an REOI for this Consulting Service has been published electronically in the ADB Consultant Management System (CMS). The interested Consultants are hereby advised to access the REOI through the link below. The Consultants shall have to submit their Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) electronically through ADB CMS by 14 March 2022.

any contradiction is found between CMS notice and Newspaper notice, the information on CMS notice shall prevail. For

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Notice is also available in the Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU), Roads and Highways Department (RHD) and Road Transport and Highways Division websites at www.rhd.gov.bd and www.rhd.gov.bd respectively.

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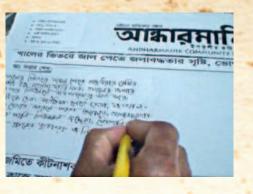
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Stories of joy and sorrow

It took a lot for me to study up to HSC. **But after** passing it, I had to stop my studies altogether due to financial troubles.

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

In this day and age of digital printing, the bi-monthly "Andharamanik" is a curious phenomenon. Published by Kalapara upazila's own Hasan Parvez, the paper is

actually handwritten by Hasan himself! Locals treat the paper as something of a miracle. Due to its remote location, the upazila is generally inaccessible to vehicles that can bring daily newspapers. As a result, locals are left without the means to stay updated with not only the world, but their own area as well.

What's more, as stable network is hard to come by, the area doesn't have much internet to be able to access news sites

Publishing a newspaper or magazine also requires heavy investment. Cameras, cutting-edge smartphones, advanced digital technology -- none of which Hasan

> What he does have though is his hands, and with them he

has been publishing the "Andharamanik" for the last two and half years.

> Reader Abu Saleh said, "We don't have any newspapers here. Andharamanik is our hope. Through its pages, we get to know the stories of joy and sorrow

of our area." The newspaper was named after the Kalapara town. As a



paper dedicated to the working people, it was first self-published on May 1, 2019, marking May Day. Hasan himself is the editor and publisher.

"It took a lot for me to study up to HSC. But after passing it, I had to stop my studies altogether due to financial troubles," he told The Daily Star. "My father had fallen ill, and I had to shoulder the family's burdens."

"I had a pipe dream of publishing a newspaper one day, but this was impossible for someone like me."

"But then I decided to go for it even though I didn't have any capital for such a venture. I mean, I still had hands and I could write, right? This realisation lead me to bring my dreams into reality," a

confident Hasan said.

"I've been blessed with everyone's love so far, and if that continues, I'll surely be able to improve the paper in the future."

But despite his optimism, the bimonthly publication keeps running into financial trouble, which makes its publishing cycle rather irregular.

At 38, Parvez is the eldest among Hasina Begum and Mostafa Kamal Hossain's four children. The family lives at West Sonatala village of Kalapara, some 61km south of Patuakhali district town. He passed his SSC in 2015 and HSC two years later.

On the toughest days, Hasan has to make a living by working as a day labourer. But he's still publishing the paper as regularly as possible, as he feels there's a need for the locals to read about the injustices, problems and possibilities of society.

Walking around the village, he collect stories and puts them up on his four-page

"I had a pipe dream of publishing a newspaper one day, but this was impossible for someone like me."

paper by hand. It is then photocopied and sold at a price of Tk 10 in the village market. Earnings from this and his temporary jobs help the family have two whole meals a day.

Contacted, Nilganj UP chairperson Nasir Uddin Ahmed said, "Hasan Parvez is the pride of locals. We're at awe of his talent. I will aid him in his work as much as possible."



"Koingri Panna Arong Library" is now a full-fledged library of 500 books.

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An example of religious harmony

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

For the first time in 47 years, a British-era temple has been reopened for prayers in Rajshahi city's Khojapur area on Tuesday night.

The first few days after its opening has been marked by the gathering of large groups of devotees, who on Tuesday night observed the Hindu religious festival of Maha Shivratri at the

The temple, called Khojapur Sarbojanin Shib and Kali Matar Mondir, had been shutdown over land issues, said Monoranjan Sarker, convener of the temple's governing body. "No religious festival was held at the temple since 1975, when the



temple's land was sold to a Muslim man named Korban Ali," he said.

Syamol Kumar Ghose, a local Hindu leader, said the temple remained unused for all these years due to lack of Hindu devotees in the area.

"Recently, when some local devotees inquired about the temple, they found that the Muslim owner has no issues with its use," he said.

Owner Korban Ali, an entrepreneur, said, "The temple was set up during the British rule by Zamindar Hare Krishna Roy. Roy built the temple beside his own house." In the 70s, Korban Ali bought a piece of land from Roy's grandson Sudhir Roy. The land included the temple as well.

"At the time, Sudhir requested me not to demolish the temple and allow people to come for prayers. The temple remained unused as none came to observe a festival," Korban said.

Finally, when some devotees contacted him ahead of Maha Shivratri, he opened his door for the Hindus. He also felled two large mango trees from the temple premises for convenience of those who would attend the festival.

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Spreading the light of knowledge

CU student builds library in Khagrachhari with support of locals

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

With educational institutions being closed owing to the pandemic, children living in the hill tracts had been severely affected, as remote learning remained a distant dream for them.

However, a Marma youth did not just sit idle. Under the banner "Esho boi pori, alokito manush gori" (Let's read books and build enlightened humans), he built a library at Koingri Para of Khagrachhari's Guimara upazila to spread the light of education.

"It's been a dream of mine to build a place where village students could gather for exchanging knowledge, and get inspired to pursue higher education," said Chittagong University (CU) student Tanimong Marma, initiator of the project.

"I called my friends and some juniors to build the library, after discussing with local leaders, who appreciated our initiative." Locals also chipped in to help with the

"Some villagers helped us by providing wood. Others provided bamboo and tin, and through their contributions, our library

The library was named in Marma language "Koingri Panna Arong Library" which in Bangla means "Gyaner Alo Pathagar".

came to life on September 28, last year," said

The library was named in Marma language "Koingri Panna Arong Library" which in Bangla means "Gyaner Alo Pathagar".

They created a students' committee which looks after the library rotationally.

"For many decades this has been our ancestral home, yet the socio-economic conditions and state of education is dire. Now there's 500 books in this library, collected from different cultural institutes and other organisations for learners' access," Tanimong said.

"Every day, students from Boro Thali Para Govt Primary School, Guimara Model High School and College and indigenous communities avail the library's resources. A range of events like poetry recitation and debating are also hosted here.'

Besides that, the members also conduct fundraising programmes for students going through a financial or family crisis.

Just a few months ago, the practice of education under Marma tongue started there. Parents also push their children to finish homework at the library, aware of the support they can get there, he said.

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unskilled labour for Bituminous work & clearing and grubbing work under the wage programe of departmental labour at 1st (p), 2nd (p), 3rd (p), 4th (p) & 5th (p)

Netrokona-Modon-Khaliajuri Road (Z-3701) under Netrokona Road Division during the year 2021-2022. Supplying Semi-skilled and

unskilled labour for Bituminous work & clearing and grubbing work under the wage programe of departmental labour at 8th (p), 9th (p), 10th (p) & 11th (p) km's of Netrokona-Birishiri Road (Z-3709) under Netrokona Road Division 15-Mar-2022 17:00 16-Mar-2022 11:45

during the year 2021-2022. The interested persons/firms may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the

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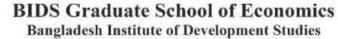
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ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT 2022-2023 Master's in Development Economics (MDE)





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APPLICATION PROCESS

- The application form can be downloaded from BIDS website (www.bids.org.bd) and submitted through email to bgseadmission@gmail.com by 11/03/2022.
- Qualified applicants will be notified through email for a written test to be held on 25/03/2022.
- The admission test will evaluate the candidate's quantitative aptitude, language skills and analytical ability.
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Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Materials/Chemicals for the Department of Zoology, Botany & 21-March-2022 21-March-2022 200pm (14.00)
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2	665669 DDIRWSP/Man ikganj/Saturia/ 21-22/RD-04	Widening and Strengthening of Nayadingi NHW-Katigram GC (Saturia Portion) Road from Ch.0+000-2+760k (BC Road =2710m, RCC Road=155m , Protective work=134m) under Upazila: Saturia, District: Manikganj. (Road ID: 356462003) (Salvage Cost:Tk.413853.00)	отм	& 04-April-2022 16:00

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উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়

٥.	বাতভাবের নাম		वरिवादिन जाजात्र गर्मन गाठवानद्र ।		
۹.	অর্থের উৎস	:	জিওবি।		
٥.	দরপত্র আহবানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর ও ও তারিখ	:	১১.০০.০০০০.৬০৯.০৬৯.০০৫.২০২২.৫৯ ভারিখ: ০১-০৩-২০২২.		
8.	দরপত্রের ধরণ	:	ওপেন টেন্ডার।		
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٩.	দরপত্রের সংখ্যা	:	०३ि।		
ъ.	সরবরাহের সময়	:	চুক্তি অনুযায়ী।		
8.	দরপত্র দাতার যোগ্যতা	3	(১) দরপত্র তফসিলের সাথে ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছরের ট্রেউ লাইসেন্স, (২) ২০২১-২০২২ কর বর্ষের আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র (কোম্পানীর ক্ষেত্রে তার সর্বশেষ আর্থিক বছরের পরিশোধিত আয়কর সনদ), (৩) বিন সার্টিফিকেট, (৪) ব্যাংকে কমপক্ষে পঁচিশ লক্ষ টাকা থাকার প্রমাণক হিসেবে অরিজিনাল ব্যাংক সলভেন্দি সার্টিফিকেট, (৫) ব্যাংকে পঁচিশ লক্ষ টাকা থাকার অরিজিনাল ব্যাংক স্টেমেন্ট (০৭ মার্চ ২০২২ হতে ২১ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিষের মধ্যে), (৬) সরবরাহকারী হিসেবে পণ্য ও সংশ্লিষ্ট সেবা সরবরাহের ক্ষেত্রে কমপক্ষে তিন বছরের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র (সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্মকর্তার স্বাক্ষর, নাম, পদবি ও টেলিফোন নম্বর থাকতে হবে), (৭) বিগত তিন বছরের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের কমপক্ষে বিশ লক্ষ টাকার অনুরূপ কাজের কার্যসম্পাদন সার্টিফিকেট (সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্মকর্তার স্বাক্ষর, নাম, পদবি ও টেলিফোন নম্বর থাকতে হবে), (৮) উৎপাদনকারীর পণ্য সরবরাহের অরজিনাল ক্ষমতা প্রদানপত্র, (৯) দরপত্র ক্রয়ের মূল রশিদ, (১০) এনআইডি-র কপি ও (১১) দরপত্র তফসিলের মূলকপি ও ভুপ্লিকেট কপি দাখিল করতে হবে। বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী ছাড়াও দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী এক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য হবে এবং সকল কাগজপত্র সত্যায়িত হতে হবে।		
٥٥.	দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল্য	:	১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।		
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34.	টেভার ভ্যালিডিটি	:	দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন থেকে ১২০(একশত বিশ) দিন।		
30.	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের স্থান ও ঠিকানা	:	সহকারী সচিব (অর্থ-১), (দক্ষিণ পশ্চিম ব্লক, লেভেল-৫, কক্ষ নম্বর-৫২৩) বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।		
١8.	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	:	০৭ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ সকাল ০৯-০০ ঘটিকা হতে ২১ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ অপরাহ্ম ৫-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যস্ত ।		
30.	দরপত্র দাখিল এবং খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্হান	:	দাখিল : ২৩ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ, রোজ বুধবার, সকাল ৯-০০ ঘটিকা বিকাল ৩-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।		
			খোলা : ২৩ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ, রোজ বুধবার, বিকাল ৩-১৫ ঘটিকা।		
			স্হান : উপসচিব(প্রশাসন-১) এর কার্যালয়, কক্ষ নম্বর-৭৪১, ব্লক-পূর্ব, লেভেল-৭।		
১৬.	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	:	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।		
۵٩.	টেভার আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও ফোন নম্বর	1	ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। আবদুর রহমান, সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব (সদস্য ভবন শাখা), বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭, ফোন নম্বর-৫৫০২৮৯৮৯।		

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۵.	প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	:	বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়।			
۹.	অর্থের উৎস	:	জিওবি।			
೦.	দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর ও ও তারিখ	:	১১.০০,০০০০,৬০৯,০৬৯,০৬৭,২০২২.৫৮ জারিখ: ০১-০৩-২০২২।			
8.	দরপত্রের ধরণ	:	ওপেন টেন্ডার।			
¢.	প্যাকেজ নম্বর	÷	পাকেজ-৪৮			
৬.	কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	i	মানিক মিরা অ্যাভিনিউস্থ ৪ নং সংসদ-সদস্য ভবনের ৩৬টি ফ্ল্যাটের জন্য ৩৬টি ডাইনিং টেবিল ২১৬টি ডাইনিং চেয়ার ক্রয়।			
۹.	দরপত্রের সংখ্যা	:	ी वी देव			
ъ.	সরবরাহের সময়	:	চু क्তि अनुयायी।			
8.	দরপত্র দাতার যোগ্যতা	3	(১) দরপত্র তফসিলের সাথে ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছরের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, (২) ২০২১-২০২২ কর বর্ধের আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র (কোম্পানীর ক্ষেত্রে তার সর্বশেষ আর্থিক বছরের পরিশোধিত আয়কর সনদ), (৩) বিন সার্টিফিকেট, (৪) আইএসও সার্টিফিকেট (৯০০১-২০১৫ এবং ১৪০০১-২০১৫), (৫) ব্যাংকে পঁচিশ লক্ষ টাকা থাকার প্রমাণক হিসেবে অরিজিনাল ব্যাংক সলভেন্দি সার্টিফিকেট, (৬) ব্যাংকে পঁচিশ লক্ষ টাকা থাকার প্রমাণক হিসেবে অরিজিনাল ব্যাংক সলভেন্দি সার্টিফিকেট, (৬) ব্যাংকে পঁচিশ লক্ষ টাকা থাকার অরিজিনাল ব্যাংক স্টেটমেন্ট (০৭ মার্চ ২০২২ হতে ২০ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখের মধ্যে), (৭) সরবরাহকারী হিসেবে পণ্য ও সংশ্লিষ্ট সোবা সরবরাহের ক্ষেত্রে কমপক্ষে তিন বছরের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র (সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্মকর্তার স্বাক্ষর, নাম, পদবি ও টেলিফোন নম্বর থাকতে হবে), (৮) বিগত তিন বছরের মধ্যে আসবাবপত্র সরবরাহের কমপক্ষে বিশ লক্ষ টাকার অনুরূপ কাজের কার্যসম্পাদন সার্টিফিকেট (সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্মকর্তার স্বাক্ষর, নাম, পদবি ও টেলিফোন নম্বর থাকতে হবে), (৯) দরপত্র ক্রেরের মূল রশিদ, (১০) ম্যানুফ্যাকচারিং প্লান্ট সার্টিফিকেট, (১১) উৎপাদনকারীর পণ্য সরবরাহের ক্ষমতা প্রদানপত্র, (১২) উড সিজনিং আড ট্রিটমেন্ট সার্টিফিকেট, (১৩) লেকার সার্টিফিকেট, (১৪) আসবাবপত্র তৈরিকারক কোম্পানীর পরিবেশের ছাড়পত্র, (১৫) Forest Stewardship Council Certificate (FSC), (১৬) Import Registration Certificate (IRC), (১৭) এনআইডি-র কপি ও (১৮) দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল কপি ও ডুপ্লিকেট কপি দাখিল করতে হবে। বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী ছাড়াও দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী এক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য হবে এবং সকল কাগজপত্র সত্যায়িত হতে হবে।			
٥٥.	দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল্য	:	১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।			
33.	দরপত্র জামানত	:	দরপত্রের সাথে সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব, সদস্য ভবন শাখা, বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয় এর অনুকূলে ৬০,০০০/- (ষাট হাজার) টাকার পে–অর্ডার (ফেরত যোগ্য) দাখিল করতে হবে।			
32.	টেন্ডার ভ্যালিডিটি	:	দরপত্র দাবিলের দিন থেকে ১২০ (একশত বিশ) দিন।			
٥٥.	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের স্থান ও ঠিকানা	:	সহকারী সচিব (অর্থ-১), (দক্ষিণ পশ্চিম ব্লক, লেভেল-৫, কক্ষ নম্বর-৫২৩) বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।			
\$8.	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	:	০৭ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ সকাল ১০-০০ ঘটিকা হতে ২০ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ অপরাহ্য ৫-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যস্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন) ।			
\$0.	দরপত্র দাখিল এবং খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্হান	:	দাখিল : ২২ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ, রোজ মঙ্গলবার, সকাল ০৯-০০ ঘটিকা বিকাল ৩-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।			
			খোলা : ২২ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ, রোজ মঙ্গলবার, বিকাল ৩-১৫ ঘটিকা।			
			স্থান : উপসচিব(প্রশাসন-১) এর কার্যালয়, কক্ষ নম্বর-৭৪১, ব্লক-পূর্ব, লেভেল-৭।			
36.	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	\$ 1 8	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।			
39.	টেভার আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও ফোন নম্বর	•	সংরক্ষণ করেন। আবদূর রহমান, সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব (সদস্য ভবন শাখা), বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭, ফোন নম্বর-৫৫০২৮৯৮৯।			

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track.

ASHLEY SHOPTORSHI SAMADDAR

Somnur Monir Konal never had to look back after "Channel i Shera Kontho", making her presence felt with her lively and mellifluous voice in films, singles and

The singer recently received the National Award for her performance in "Bhalobashar Manush Tumi", in the Kazi Hayat directorial "Bir".

We talk to the songbird about this milestone, her career, and more.

What first came to mind when you have to know about the award?

I lost my father to Covid in 2020, and missed him very much at that moment. I dedicated this success to him, as he always inspired me to follow my passion for music. I shared the news with my mother, she was obviously happy, but an emptiness remained, as we were missing our rock.

However, as we started getting calls from friends, relatives, and loved ones from my village -- their elation made everything worthwhile, and our bittersweet moments turned into

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Like some other entries in the National Awards this year, your triumph did not come without controversy. What do you have to say about it?

The disagreements or controversies revolve around the lyrics of the song. "Bhalobashar Manush Tumi' has not received the 'Best Song'; rather, I have received the award in the category of 'Best Singer' for my vocalisation. The two categories are completely different.

I find the argument irrelevant, and thus, it does not concern me.

Are you looking forward to any new film tracks?

I have already recorded three upcoming playback numbers, directed by Emon Saha.

We recently finished shooting the music video for a single, composed by Bappa Mazumder. We shot the production in Old Dhaka, and I am really looking forward to its release.

Besides these, I have worked with renowned artistes like Emon Chowdhury, Mushfik Litu, and promising music directors like Avral Sahir, Akash Mahmud, over the past few months, and I am excited for the release of these songs.

What else are you busy

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Since I returned from the USA in December last year, I have been busy with stage. I had to stop performing last month, but have resumed work in full swing since the first day of March.

Are you looking forward to releasing another solo album anytime soon? I am not ready to go for a full-fledged solo album at this moment.

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PRIYANKA CHOWDHURY

Prominent cartoonist Syed Rashad Imam Tanmoy, in association with A2i HD Media and Cartoon People, a community of Bangladeshi cartoonists and visual storytellers, has launched a show titled, "Cartoon Cartoon". It airs on BTV, and is awaiting release on Duronto Television. Besides, Cartoon People broadcasts one

episode weekly on their YouTube channel. In creating "Cartoon Cartoon", Tanmoy was inspired by children's television shows like "Moner Kotha", "Art Attack" and "M.A.D." The show is directed by Tanmoy

himself.



target audience for "Cartoon Cartoon" are teenagers. "Instead of just feeding concepts and techniques to teenagers, we want to initiate ideation in them," shares Tanmoy.

From strip comics to caricature, character design, and animation, the show covers a variety of topics, along with conversations with seasoned artists and popular personalities. "Very rarely do we see artists draw, while

sharing their professional stories. We want our show to be an archive for future generations to know about the history and trajectory of our cartoonists," shares Tanmoy.

Ahsan Habib, Mehedi Haque, and Morshed Mishu, among others were featured as guests on "Cartoon Cartoon".

Junaid Iqbal Ishmam and Oishik Jawad are the animators of the show, while the lyrics of the title track is written by Tanmoy himself.

Although "Cartoon Cartoon" is created for teenagers, Tanmoy shared that younger kids are enjoying it too.



'Mukhosh' hits theatres today

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The highly-anticipated film, "Mukhosh", starring Mosharraf Karim, Pori Moni, Roshan and Iresh Zaker, among others, releases in 38 theatres across the country today.

"Mukhosh" is based on a novel written by Iftekhar Shuvo, who also directed and produced the government grant-winning film. "Mukhosh" focuses on the mysteries in the life of thriller writer Ibrahim Khaledi.

Before the release, a special screening of the movie was organised at the Bashundhara City branch of STAR Cineplex on March 2. Pori Moni, along with other stars and media personalities, attended the screening.



Kim Kardashian declared legally single

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A Los Angeles judge granted American reality TV star Kim Kardashian's request to be declared legally single from rapper Kanye West after nearly eight years of marriage.

Kardashian filed for divorce a year ago, citing irreconcilable differences with West, who has legally changed his name to Ye. The couple have four children ranging in age from 2 to 8.

West had objected to the divorce and publicly appealed for his wife to return to their marriage. In recent Instagram posts, he criticised her parenting and her new relationship with "Saturday Night Live" actor Pete Davidson.

NAZRUL UTSAV 2022 to commemorate the National Poet's legacy

MORMEE MAHTAB

A press conference for 'Nazrul Utsav 2022', a two-day festival to commemorate the work of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam, was held yesterday at the Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) premises at Shegunbagicha.

The event, organised by the Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sanstha, Arunaranjani and Gulshan Society, will also commemorate the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence. It is set to be held on March 11 and 12 at the capital's Gulshan Society Lake Park. 'Nazrul Utsav 2022' is sponsored by the German Chamber of Commerce and HSBC.

Karim Hasan Khan, Syed Ahsan Habib, Khairul Anam Shakil, Yakub Ali Khan and Masuda Nargis Ahmed were present at the conference, as a part of the organising committee.

"We are proud to present artistes and singers of our generation who have specialised in Nazrul Sangeet. If we can work towards uniting Nazrul singers from all over Bangladesh, we will be able to promote the significance and influence of the will celebrate the life of the poet by bringing

"Through this event, we not only plan to promote Nazrul's influence in music and poetry, but also inspire the vounger generation of artistes to carry his legacy forward. We will celebrate the life of the poet by bringing together artistes from both the Bengals."

National Poet," shared Ekushey Padak-winning Nazrul Sangeet exponent, General Secretary of the Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sanstha, and Director of Arunaranjani Khairul Anam Shakil.

He also stated that the vounger generations still have a long way to go in understanding Nazrul's struggles and philosophies.

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together artistes from both the Bengals," shares noted singer and Acting President of Bangladesh Nazrul Sangeet Sanstha Yakub Ali

'Nazrul Utsav 2022' will feature an audio anthology of 125 Nazrul songs performed by seasoned veterans and emerging artistes from Bangladesh and West Bengal.

Eminent actor and Member of Parliament Asaduzzaman Noor, Liberation War Museum Trustee Dr Sarwar Ali, Gulshan Society President ATM Shamsul Huda, Founder Trustee of the Liberation War Museum Mofidul Hoque, noted singers Khairul Alam Shakil and Yakub Ali Khan, along with Khilkhil Kazi, granddaughter of Kazi Nazrul Islam, will be present at the festival as special guests.

2,000 to 2,200 songs by Nazrul in their authentic form will be launched during the event. Noted artistes from Bangladesh and West Bengal, including Sreeradha Bandyopadhay, Susmita Goswami, Srikanta Acharya, Manomay Bhattacharyya, Jayati Chakraborty, and Priyanka Gope will perform Nazrul Sangeet at the programme.



A press conference, announcing the event, was held at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday.

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ङ. नः	পদের নাম ও বেতন স্কেল	শ্ৰেভ	পদ সংখ্যা	ৰয়স সীমা	প্রয়োজনীয় শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা
٥	\$	0	8	¢	6
٥	ইনস্মান্তর (Instructor) [২২,০০০-৫৩,০৬০/-]	à	à	অনুৰ্ধ ৩০ বংসর	টেক্সটাইল টেকনোলজিতে ডিগ্ৰী অথবা ৩ বংসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ টেক্সটাইল টেকনোলজিতে ভিপ্লোমা।
Ą	ডিজাইনার (Designer) [২২,০০০-৫৩,০৬০/-]	à	2	অনুর্ধ ৩০ বংসর	টেক্সটাইল টেকনোপজিতে ডিগ্ৰী অথবা ৩ বংশরের এভিঞ্চতাসহ টেক্সটাইল টেকনোলজিতে ডিপ্লোমা।
9	হিসাব সহকারী (Assistant Account) [১১,০০০-২৬,৫৯০/-]	20	8	অনুষ্ঠ ৩০ বংসর	স্নাতক ডিগ্রী এবং প্রার্থীকে কম্পিউটার জ্ঞানসম্পন্ন হতে হবে।
8	টেকনিশিয়ান (Technician) [১০,২০০-২৪,৬৮০/-	38	2	অনুষ্ঠ ৩০ বংসর	তাঁত বুননের কাজে ৫ বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসহ অষ্ট্রম শ্রেণি পাস।
ē	মান্টার ভায়ার (Master Dyer) [৯,৭০০-২৩,৪৯০/-	24	8	অনুর্ধ ৩০ বংসর	ন্যুনতম টেক্সটাইল সাটিফিকেট কোর্স পাস এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট ক্ষেত্রে ৩ বংসরের অভিজ্ঞতা অথবা এইচএসসি (বিজ্ঞান) এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট ক্ষেত্রে ৫ বংসরের অভিজ্ঞতা (প্রতিটি ক্ষেত্রেই প্রার্থীকে প্রশিক্ষণার্থীদের প্রশিক্ষণদানে সক্ষম হতে হবে)।
ė	দক্ষ তীতি (Skilled Weaver) (৯,৩০০-২২,৪৯০/-	56	8	অনুর্থ ৩০ বংসর	৮ম প্রেণি পাসসহ সূতা হইতে কাপড় তৈরি পর্যন্ত বিভিন্ন প্রক্রিয়ায় সমাক ও বাপ্তবজ্ঞান সম্পন্ন হতে হবে। সিএইচপিইডি, নরসিংদী ও বস্ত্র দপ্তরের প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র হতে সংখ্রিষ্ট ক্ষেত্রে প্রশিক্ষণ প্রাপ্তবের অগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে। প্রার্থীকে প্রশিক্ষণাধী ছাত্র ছাত্রীদের প্রশিক্ষণ দানে সক্ষম হইতে হবে।
٩	ক্রাফটসম্যান (Craftsman) [৯,৩০০-২২,৪৯০/-	36	8	অনুর্থ ৩০ বংসর	তাঁত বুননের কাজে ৩ বংসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতাসহ অইম শ্রেণি পাস।

২। আবেদনের শর্তাবলীঃ নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তাবলী আবেদন ফরম পরণ এবং পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের ক্ষেত্রে অবশ্যই অনুসরণ করতে হবেঃ

- ক) বাংলাদেশ তাঁত বোর্ডের গত ০১ ভিসেম্বর ২০১৯ খ্রিঃ তারিখের ২৪,০৫,০০০০,৫১১,১১,০০৪,১৯,৫৭৪ নং ম্যারকমূলে গত ০৩ ভিসেম্বর ২০১৯ খ্রিঃ তারিখে 'দৈনিক ইত্তেফাক' এবং 'The Daily Star' পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে 'ইনস্ট্রাক্তর','ডিজাইনার','হিসাব সহকারী', 'উকনিশিয়ান' মাষ্ট্রার ভাষার', 'দক্ষ তাঁতি' এবং 'ক্রাফটসম্যান' পদে আবেদনকারীদের আবেদন বহাল থাকবে। তাঁদের পুনরায় উক্ত পদে আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।
- থ) ২৭ মার্চ ২০২২ তারিখ প্রার্থীর বয়সসীমা বিজ্ঞন্তির ৫ নং কলামের বর্ণনা অনুযায়ী হতে হবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুদ্র-কন্যা ও শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা সবোর্চ্চ ৩২ বছর। বয়স প্রমাণের ক্ষেত্রে এফিডেভিট প্রহণ্যোগা নয়।
- সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি ও স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকরিরত প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমতিক্রমে আবেদন করতে হবে তবে সকল চাকুরিরত প্রার্থীকে মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত অনাপত্তি ছাড়পত্তের মূলকণি জমা দিতে হবে। নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারের বিদ্যমান বিধি-বিধান এবং পরবর্তীতে a সংক্রান্ত বিধি-বিধানে কোন সংশোধন হলে তা অনুসরণ করা হবে।
- মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় সকল সনদপত্রের মূল কপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে এবং পূরণকৃত Application Form সহ সত্যায়িত একসেট কটোকপি দাখিল করতে হবে। এছাড়া জেলার স্থায়ী বাসিন্দার প্রমাণ হিসেবে ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা/সিটি কর্পোরেশন কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদ, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্তের ফটোকপি এবং প্রযোজ্যক্ষত্তে আবেদনকারী মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যার পুত্র-কন্যা হলে আবেদনকারী যে মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যার পুত্র-কন্যা এ মর্মে সংখ্রিষ্ট ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/সিটি কর্পোরেশনের ওয়ার্ড কাউন্সিলর/পৌরসভার মেয়ঃ/কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক প্রদুত সনদের সত্যায়িত ফটোকলি দাখিল করতে হবে। আবেদনকারীকে তার সর্বশেষ অর্জিত শিক্ষাণত যোগাতার
- বিষয়টিও উল্লেখ করতে হবে। চ) নিখিত পরীকার পর কেবলমাত্র উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের সদ্য তোলা ০৩ (তিন) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের হবি, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদের কপি, জাতীয় পরিচয় পত্র/জন্ম নিবন্ধন সনদ-এর কপি, মুক্তিযোৱা কোটায় আবেদনকৃতদের সংশ্লিষ্ট মুক্তিযোৱা সনদের কপি, মুক্তিযোৱার সাথে সম্পর্ক সম্বলিত প্রতায়ন ও অন্যানা আনুমন্ধিক কাগজপত্র Online-এ আবেদনের প্রিন্ট কপি Applicant's Copy সত্যায়িত করে বাংলাদেশ তাঁত বোর্ড, বিটিএমসি ভবন (৫ম তলা), ৭-৯ কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫ ঠিকানায় প্রেরণ করতে হবে। দাখিলকৃত দলিলাদির সঠিকতা যাচাই সাপেক্ষে তানেরকে মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য ভাকা হবে। এ সংক্রান্ত নির্দেশনা বোর্ডের নিজস্ব ওয়েবসাইট www.bhb.gov.bd
- ছ) চাকুরিরত প্রার্থীদেরকে অবশাই যথাম্থ কর্তৃপক্ষকে অবহিত করে আবেদন করতে হবে। দিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ হলে দলিলাদি দাখিলের

সময় খথাবথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে সংশ্লিষ্ট কাগজপত্র প্রেরণ করতে হবে। ত। অনলাইন (Online) -এ আবেদনপত্র পুরণের নিয়মাবলীঃ

পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীগণ http://bhb.teletalk.com.bd ওয়েবসাইটে প্রবেশ করে আবেদনপত্র পূরণ করবেন। আবেদনের

- i. Online-এ আবেদনপত্র পূরণ ও পরীক্ষার ফি জমাদান শূরুর তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ০৩ মার্চ ২০২২ সকাল ১০:০০টা। ii. Online-এ আবেদনপত্র জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ২৭ মার্চ ২০২২ বিকাল ৫.০০টা।
- উক্ত সময়সীমার মধ্যে User ID প্রাপ্ত প্রার্থীগণ Online -এ আবেদনপত্র Submit -এর সময় থেকে পরবর্তী ৭২ (বাহাতর) ঘন্টার মধ্যে এসএমএস (SMS) এর মাধ্যমে পরীক্ষার ফি জমা দিবেন।
- পরীক্ষার ফি:

ক্রমিক নং-১ ও ২ এ উল্লিখিত পদের জন্য প্রতি প্রার্থীকে পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ ৭০০/-(সাতশত) টাকা এবং ক্রমিক নং- ৩ হতে ৭ এ উল্লিখিত পদের জন্য প্রতি প্রার্থীকে পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ ৫০০া-(পাঁচশত) টাকা টেলিটকের এর মাধ্যমে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।

অনলাইনে আবেদনপত্ৰ (Application Form) যথাযগভাবে পূরণ করে তাঁর রঞ্জিন ছবি (দৈর্ঘ্য ৩০০x প্রস্থ ৩০০ pixel) ও স্বাক্ষর (দৈর্ঘা ৩০০× গ্রন্থ ৮০ pixel) স্ক্রান করে নির্ধারিত স্থানে Upload করে আবেদনপত্র Submit করা সম্পন্ন হলে কম্পিউটারে ছবিসহ Application Preview দেখা যাবে। ছবির সাইজ সর্বোচ্চ 100KB ও স্বাক্ষরের সাইজ সর্বোচ্চ 60KB হতে হবে। নির্ভুলভাবে আবেদনপত্র Submit করা সম্পন্ন প্রার্থী একটি User ID, ছবি এবং স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত একটি Applicant's copy পাবেন। *যদি* Applicant's copy তে কোন তথা তুল থাকে বা অস্পষ্ট ছবি (সম্পূৰ্ণ কালো/সম্পূৰ্ণ সাদা/ঘোলা) বা ছবি/যাক্ষর সঠিক না থাকে তাহলে পুনরায় আবেদন করতে পারবেন। তবে আবেদন ফি জমাদানের পরে আর কোন পরিবর্তন্য পরিমার্জন্য পরিবর্ধন গ্রহণযোগা নয় বিধায় আবেদন ফি জমাদানের পূর্বে প্রার্থী অবশ্যই উক্ত Applicant's copy তে তার সাম্প্রতিক তোলা রঙিনছবি, নির্ভুলতথা ও স্বাক্ষর সংযুক্ত থাকা ও এর সঠিকতার বিষয়টি PDF copy ভাউনলোড পূর্বক নিশ্চিত করে রঙিন প্রিন্ট করে সংরক্ষণ করবেন। Applicant's কলিতে একটি User ID নম্বর দেয়া থাকবে এবং User ID নম্বর ব্যবহার করে প্রার্থী নিম্নোক্ত পদ্ধতিতে যে কোন Teletalk Pre-paid Mobile নম্বরের মাধামে ০২ (দুই) টি SMS করে নির্ধারিত ফি জমা দিবেন।

এখানে বিশেষভাবে উল্লেখ্য, "Online-এ আবেদনপত্রের সকল অংশ পূরণ করে Submit করা হলেও পরীক্ষার ফি জমা না পেয়া পর্যন্ত Online আবেদনপত্র এ কোন অবস্থাতেই গৃহীত হবে না।"

প্রথম SMS BHB<space>User ID লিখে Send করতে হবে 16222 নমরে।

Example: BHB ABCDEF send to 16222

Reply: Applicant's Name, Tk-700/500 will be charged as application fee. Your PIN is (8 digit numbers). To pay fee, type BHB<Space>Yes<Space>PIN and send to 16222.

দিতীয় SMS: BHB<space>Yes<space>PIN লিখে Send করতে হবে 16222 নছরে। Example: BHB Yes 12345678

Reply: Congratulations: Applicant's Name, payment completed successfully for BHB

Application for post xxxxxxxxx User ID is (xxxxxx) and Password (XXXXxxxx).

৬। User ID এবং Password পুনরুষার পছতি:

শুধু টেলিটক প্রি-পেইড মোবাইল ফোন থেকে প্রার্থীগণ নিম্নবর্ণিত SMS পদ্ধতি অনুসরণ করে নিজ নিজ User ID এবং

i. User ID জানা থাকলে: BHB<space>Help<space>User<space>User ID & Send to 16222 Example: BHB Help User ABCDEF & send to 16222

ii. PIN Number জানা থাকলে: BHB<space>Help<space>PIN<space>PIN No & Send to 16222. Example: BHB Help PIN 12345678 & send to 16222.

অনলাইনে আবেদন ফরম পূরণ ও পরীক্ষার ফি জমাদানের সময়সীমা (তারিখ ও সময়):

ক)	অনলাইনে আবেদনপত্র পূরণ ও পরীক্ষার ফি জমাদান শুরুর তারিখ ও সময়ঃ	০৩ মার্চ ২০২২ খ্রিঃ
	্উল্লেখ্য যে, প্রার্থীদেরকে আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের সময় থেকে পরবর্তী ৭২ (বাহাত্তর) ঘন্টার মধ্যে পরীক্ষার ফি জমাদান সম্পন্ন করেতে হবে।]	সকাল ১০:০০টা।
খ)	অনলাইনে আবেদনপত্র জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ঃ	২৭ মার্চ ২০২২ খ্রিঃ
	্তিক্ত সময়সীমার মধ্যে শুধুমাত্র User ID প্রাপ্ত প্রার্থীগণই পরবর্তী ৭২ (বাহাত্তর) ঘণ্টার মধ্যে অর্থাৎ ৩০ মার্চ ২০২২ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে জমা দিতে পারবেন।]	বিকাল ৫,০০টা।

(25"x3"

উল্লিখিত পদসমূহে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে অনলাইন আবেদনে প্রার্থীর মোবাইল ফোন নম্বরে টেলিটক হতে SMS এর মাধ্যমে শুধুমাত্র যোগ্য প্রার্থীদেরকে যথাসময়ে প্রয়োজনীয় নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হবে। অনলাইন আবেদনপত্রে প্রার্থীর প্রদন্ত মোবাইল ফোনে পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় যোগাযোগ সম্পন্ন করা হবে বিধায় উক্ত নম্বরটি সার্বক্ষণিক সচল রাখা, SMS গড়া এবং প্রাপ্ত নিদেশনা তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে অনুসরণ করা বাঞ্চনীয়। SMS-এ প্রেরিত User ID এবং Password ব্যবহার করে পরবর্তীতে রোগ নম্বর, পদের নাম, ছবি, পরীক্ষার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান/কেন্দ্রের নাম ইত্যাদি তথ্য সংবলিত প্রবেশপত্র প্রার্থী Download পর্বক Print (সম্ভব হলে রঞ্জিন) করে নিবেন। প্রার্থীর প্রবেশপত্রটি সকল পরীক্ষায় (লিখিও/ ব্যবহারিক /মৌখিক) অংশগ্রহণের সময়ে প্রদর্শন করবেন।

- মুদ্রিত/হস্তলিখিত কোন প্রকার আবেদনপত্র বা কাগজপত্র ডাকযোগে বা জন্য কোন উপায়ে প্রেরণ করা হলে তা গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- ১০। নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারের বিদ্যমান বিধি-বিধান এবং পরিবর্তিত ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য বিধি-বিধান অনুসরণ করা হবে।
- ১১। দিখিত পরীক্ষা/ ব্যবহারিক পরীক্ষা/ মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন প্রকার দ্রমণ বা দৈনিক ভাতা (টিএ/ডিএ) প্রদান করা
- বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি পত্রিকা ছাড়াও বাংলাদেশ তাঁত বোর্ডের ওয়েবসাইটে (www.bhb.gov.bd) এবং https://bhb.teletalk.com.bd অথবা অথবা QR code স্ক্যান এর মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশের একমাত্র রাষ্ট্রীয় মোবাইল অপারেটর টেলিটকের জবপোর্টাল http://alljobs.teletalk.com.bd ওয়েবসাইটে সরাসরি প্রবেশ করেও বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি পাওয়া যাবে।



১৩। বিজ্ঞাপনে উল্লিখিত পদ/পদসমূহের চূড়ান্ত সুপারিশ প্রণয়নের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারের সর্বশেষ কোটা নীতি অনুসরণ করা হবে। বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লিখিত পদের সংখ্যা হাস-বৃদ্ধি, বাতিল বা প্রত্যাহার করার ক্ষমতা নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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NUCLEAR THREAT

'All of humanity' at risk: UN

AFP, Geneva

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The UN human rights chief yesterday slammed Russia's attack on Ukraine, warning of a "massive impact" on the rights of millions and cautioning that heightened nuclear threat levels showed all of

humanity was at risk. Speaking before the UN

Human Rights Council in Geneva, Michelle Bachelet warned that Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, launched a week ago, "is generating massive impact on the human rights of millions of people across Ukraine."

"Elevated threat levels for nuclear weapons underline the gravity of the risks to all of humanity," she added.

Her comments, during an urgent council debate on the Ukraine conflict, came after Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday ordered Russia's nuclear forces be put on high

Earlier yesterday, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov accused Western politicians of fixating on nuclear war.

"It is clear that World War Three can only be nuclear," Lavrov said in an online interview with Russian and foreign media.

"I would like to point out that it's in the heads of Western politicians that the idea of a nuclear war is spinning constantly, and not in the heads of Russians," he said.



Indian students flee Kharkiv on foot

REUTERS, New Delhi

Shells exploded nearby, shaking buildings and sending debris flying around a group of Indian students making a dash out of central Kharkiv on foot after warnings from their government to flee the Ukrainian city hit hard by the Russian invasion. Aditya Narayan Patra, a 21-year-old medical

student from eastern India, said he was near the front of the group fleeing on Wednesday when the explosions rang out.

'The bomb fell only around 100 meters from me," Patra told Reuters via phone yesterday, describing a particularly harrowing moment in the journey that around a thousand students took to

One Indian medical student was killed in the area this week, prompting a promise by Moscow to try to organise an urgent evacuation through a "humanitarian corridor," following pressure from New Delhi, an ally.

reach relative safety on the outskirts of Kharkiv.

It was not immediately clear whether Russia had any involvement in the escape. The students said Ukrainian soldiers ushered them through. The Indian foreign ministry on Wednesday said it issued two advisories asking students to flee Kharkiv after receiving information from Russia.

Top US general hails Ukraine defence

Top US General Mark Milley yesterday hailed the "very effective defence" being put up by Ukrainian forces as they battle invading Russian troops.

Western officials say Moscow has been surprised by the ferocious resistance being put up by Ukrainian forces and that it has thwarted the Kremlin's plan for a lightning advance.

Not at all unexpected

that abstained from voting on the resolution.

"As a small country, any war or international crisis goes against Bangladesh's national interest," Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen, who is visiting New York, told a local TV channel.

He did not say why Bangladesh abstained from voting.

It will not be right to think that Bangladesh took the position under the influence of India or China, Mohsin said. "Bangladesh can now make decisions

independently." Former diplomat M emphasised the need for Humayun Kabir said Dhaka maintaining respect for has so far been able to maintain its neutral policy of "friendship to all and malice to none" for the national interest.

is nothing but a reflection of that policy," he added.

This is the biggest assault on a European country since World War II, and the European Union and G-7 countries are taking punitive actions against "The global dynamics

are evolving. So, how long Bangladesh can stick to its policy remains to be seen," Kabir said. Bangladesh is dependent

on the Western countries for international trade, said another former diplomat on condition of anonymity."We never know. We may need to change our position in the future..." he said.

Participating in the debate on Tuesday. Bangladesh's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN in New York Monwar Hossain sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine in line with the obligations stipulated in the UN charter.

He also called for an "Abstaining from voting immediate cessation of the ongoing hostilities and military operations in the Ukrainian territory as well as restraint by all parties.

He stressed immediately resuming diplomatic efforts and dialogue to settle all disputes by peaceful means.

'Learn the word of reparations'

Zelensky vows to rebuild Ukraine, says Russia will pay

AFP, Kyiv

President Volodymyr Zelensky yesterday promised Ukrainians that damage to infrastructure inflicted by invading Russian forces would be repaired and that Moscow would foot the bill.

"We will restore every house, every street, every city and we say to Russia: learn the word of reparations and contributions. You will reimburse us for everything you did against our state, against every Ukrainian in full," Zelensky said in a video statement.

In a late night video posted on the Telegram messaging service on Wednesday, he said that his country had thwarted Russia's "sneaky" plans, saying he was proud of the "heroic" resistance to Moscow's

"We are a nation that broke the enemy's plans in a week. Plans written for years: sneaky, full of hatred for our country, our people," Zelensky said.

The president said he "sincerely admired the heroic residents" of cities who have resisted the advance of

He added that around 9,000 Russian soldiers had been killed since the invasion began a week ago, a claim not immediately verifiable as Moscow does not report its

On Twitter, Zelensky wrote that he had spoken to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and "thanked him for the leadership in imposing anti-Russian

"Stressed the need to expand restrictive measures," he added. "The bombing of civilians in Ukraine must be stopped immediately."



Two women sit on the ground with a child at the train station in Lviv, western Ukraine, yesterday. Russian forces have taken over the Ukrainian city of Kherson, local officials confirmed on Wednesday. PHOTO: AFP

Army of cyber hackers rise up to back Ukraine

AFP, Paris

An army of volunteer hackers is rising up in cyberspace to defend Ukraine, though internet specialists are calling on geeks and other "hacktivists" to stay out of a potentially very dangerous computer war.

According to Livia Tibirna, an analyst at cyber security firm Sekoia, nearly 260,000 people have joined the "IT Army" of volunteer hackers, which was set up at the initiative of Ukraine's digital minister Mykhailo Fedorov.

The group, which can be accessed via the encrypted messaging service Telegram, has a list of potential targets and institutions, for the hackers to target.

It's difficult to judge the effect the cyber-army is having.

The actions reported so far seem to be limited to "denial of service" (DOS) attacks, where multiple requests are sent to a website in a coordinated manner to saturate it and bring it down. Defacement actions, in which the targeted site displays a hacked page, have also been briefly observed on

Russian sites. The "cyber-army" could also ask hackers to try to identify vulnerabilities of certain Russian sites, and send that info to more seasoned specialists.

Russia moving cluster munitions

Says US envoy to UN; UNGA in historic vote denounces Russia over Ukraine invasion



AFP, United Nations

The United States ambassador to the United Nations accused Russia Wednesday of moving the Geneva Convention into Ukraine as Moscow seeks to escalate the attack on its eastern European neighbour.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield spoke as Russian forces shelled several Ukrainian cities Wednesday and massed outside the capital Kyiv, raising fears of an imminent assault. "It appears Russia is preparing to increase

the brutality of its campaign against Ukraine," Thomas-Greenfield told the United Nations General Assembly.

"We have seen videos of Russian forces moving exceptionally lethal weaponry into Ukraine, which has no place on the battlefield. That includes cluster munitions and vacuum bombs which are banned under the Geneva Convention."

She also cited published images of a 40-mile long convoy of Russian troops which she said were "charging toward Kyiv."

Thomas-Greenfield spoke ahead of an extraordinary vote which saw the General Assembly demand Russia withdraw its forces from Ukraine "immediately."

An overwhelmingly majority of nations at the global body voted in favour of the non-binding resolution deploring Moscow's attack, in a powerful indicator of Russia's isolation on the world stage.

After more than two days of extraordinary debate, which saw the Ukrainian ambassador accuse Russia of genocide, 141 out of 193 United Nations member states voted for the non-binding resolution.

"The world is rejecting Russia's lies," US President Joe Biden said in a statement later Wednesday. "Russia is responsible for the devastating abuses of human rights and the international humanitarian crisis that we are watching unfold in Ukraine in real time."

China was among the 35 countries which abstained, while just five -- Eritrea, North Korea, Syria, Belarus and of course Russia -- voted against it.

The resolution "deplores" the invasion of Ukraine "in the strongest terms" and condemns President Vladimir Putin's decision to put his nuclear forces on alert.

Russia has defied massive economic and diplomatic sanctions to push on into pro-Western Ukraine, where its forces have encountered stiff resistance.

'Ukrainians go first' People of colour struggle to escape

Russian invasion

AGENCIES

Over one million refugees have fled the conflict in Ukraine so far, with neighbouring countries opening their doors to tens of thousands of people since the Russian invasion

began last week. But while international praise is heaped upon countries like Romania, Hungary and Poland for accepting asylum seekers from Ukraine, not all refugees are being welcomed with open

As border queues continue to form, reports are emerging of black and brown people being stopped and - in some cases - turned away completely from neighbouring nations.

"We went to the border of Ukraine and Poland, but we African foreigners had problems crossing," said Jean-Jacques Kabea, a Congolese pharmacy student living in the Ukrainian city of Lviv.

"It's normal for women and children to be given priority, but for men, we stayed from morning to night in the cold, standing up, without food. We stayed four days without eating anything."
"The soldiers there, they

tell you: 'you are going to stay here, you are fleeing the war, stay here, you are going to fight with us, you are not going to leave, especially you black people'.

Jean-Jacques has now returned to Lviv, where he hopes the Congolese Ambassador to Germany will help him secure safe passage across the Ukrainian border.

RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE **Developments**

RUSSIA ADVANCES IN SOUTH

Russian forces take the Black Sea port of Kherson in southern Ukraine, the first major city to fall after a string of setbacks for Moscow. They also pound and encircle the strategic port city of Mariupol, which is without water or electricity.



IN KHARKIV A Ukrainian observer for the Organization for Security and

OBSERVER KILLED

Co-operation in Europe is killed in the country's second city Kharkiv, which has come under intense bombardment.

MOSCOW'S MILITARY 'DISASTER'

Russia's invasion so far has been astonishingly badly managed, a blundering "disaster, through and through", US defence experts say. It is like Moscow "tripped over the doorframe on the way into the house," one expert says, citing food and fuel shortages, poor intelligence and planning. KYIV COLUMN 'STALLED'

A senior US defence official says the massive column of Russian military vehicles amassed north of Kyiv has "stalled" due to fuel and food shortages and Ukrainian resistance.



NOT THINKING OF **NUCLEAR WAR:** LAVROV Russian Foreign

Minister Sergei Lavrov accuses of raising thoughts of "nuclear war" because of the invasion of Ukraine but says the idea is "not in the heads of

Russians".

ONE MILLION FLEE

More than one million people have fled Ukraine since Russia invaded, the UN's refugee agency says, with the number rising rapidly.

FIRST RUSSIAN TOLL

Russia says 498 of its troops have been killed in Ukraine, its first death toll since President Vladimir Putin launched his invasion a week ago.

HUMANITARIAN CORRIDORS

Russia's Defence Ministry announces "humanitarian corridors" for civilians to leave the most battered Ukrainian cities including Kyiv,

Kharkiv and Mariupol. CEASEFIRE TALKS

Russia floats the possibility of a ceasefire with talks with Ukraine due to restart on the Belarus-Poland border.



PARALYMPICS BAN Russian and Belarusian athletes are banned from the Beijing Winter Paralympics, reversing an earlier decision to allow them participate.

'JUNK' DEBT RATING Ratings agencies Fitch and Moody's slash Russia's

credit rating to "junk" status, signifying it risks not being able to repay its debts. MOSCOW RADIO SILENCED

The liberal Ekho Moskvy radio station, a symbol

of media freedom in post-Soviet Russia, is taken off air over its coverage of the invasion.

WAR CRIMES PROBE

The International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor says a probe into possible war crimes in Ukraine "will immediately proceed" after his office received the backing of 39 countries.

RUSSIAN JETS IN SWEDISH AIRSPACE The Swedish Armed Forces say four Russian

fighter jets entered Sweden's airspace to the east of the island of Gotland in the Baltic Sea.

DEBATE OVER JOINING NATO

Finnish president urges 'cool head'

AFP, Helsinki

Finland's president yesterday called for the country to remain calm while deciding whether to apply to join Nato as a defence against potential Russian aggression.

"In the midst of an acute crisis it is particularly important to keep a cool head and carefully assess the impact on our security" from the Ukraine crisis, President Sauli Niinisto said in a statement after meeting senior MPs and defence chiefs.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sparked a lively debate in Finland over whether the militarily non-aligned country should join Nato, with a recent poll showing majority support for membership for the first time.

Petitions in favour of a referendum on Nato membership have amassed tens of thousands of signatures in the last week, meaning the issue will be debated by MPs in parliament, the Eduskunta. Finland, which shares a 1,300 kilometre (800 mile)

War in exchange for assurances from Moscow that Soviet troops would not invade. The Nordic country of 5.5 million people has since joined the EU and enjoys a close partnership with Nato,

border with Russia, remained neutral during the Cold

sharing intelligence and resources. "Our security environment is now undergoing rapid and dramatic change," Niinisto said.



Flemming Moeller Mortensen (R), Danish Minister for Development Aid, hoists the Ukrainian flag in front of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Copenhagen, Denmark, yesterday, in support of those suffering from the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

EDITORIAL

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Killing us one breath at a time

Air pollution is reducing people's life expectancy in Bangladesh

recently published global report on air pollution has revealed that the average life expectancy of a Bangladeshi has been cut by almost three years due to polluted air. According to the report, the life expectancy loss in Bangladesh is 2.91 years; 1.16 years is cut short by outdoor air pollution, while 1.53 years by indoor air pollution. The report also made a dangerous revelation that "air pollution reduces people's average life expectancy by almost as much as tobacco use does." Being one of the worst affected countries in the world in terms of air pollution, Bangladesh must take these findings seriously and try to mitigate the factors behind

Bangladesh and its capital Dhaka have repeatedly been in the news for the past several years for suffering from the worst quality of air. In February this year, Dhaka's air was found to be the world's second-most polluted-its Air Quality Index (AQI) score was recorded at 194, which is considered "poor" or "very unhealthy." According to the World Air Quality Report 2020, the average annual PM2.5 concentrations in the country was 77.1 micrograms per cubic metre, which was more than two times higher than the WHO-recommended level.

It's only natural that this polluted air will take its toll on people's well-being, since exposure to hazardous air leads to many short- and long-term health complications. Air pollution is directly linked to heart disease, chronic respiratory diseases, lung infections and cancer, as several studies have found. It's among the toprisk factors for death and disability worldwide.

The main reasons for air pollution in Bangladesh were identified by the experts long ago. A report by the Department of Environment (DoE) and the World Bank in March 2019 pointed out that brick kilns, fumes from vehicles and dust from construction sites are the three main sources of air pollution in Dhaka. Sadly, illegal brick kilns are still operating across the country, despite the High Court's directives to shut them down, while the number of unfit vehicles is also increasing on our roads. And nothing substantial has been done by the authorities to stop dust pollution from the construction

Only recently, our average life expectancy increased by 0.2 years, according to a BBS study: it increased to 72.8 years in 2020 from 72.6 years in 2019. That unchecked air pollution will take away our hard-earned progress is totally unacceptable. Since the main reasons for air pollution have already been identified, it's high time the authorities chalked out a special action plan to tackle the menace. They should prepare time-bound mitigation measures to set up air quality monitoring systems in appropriate places and save people from exposure to unhealthy air, as per the High Court directive.

Evacuate trapped **Bangladeshis** from Ukraine

One Bangladeshi citizen dead in attack on Ukrainian port

T is disturbing to learn that a Bangladeshi sailor was killed after a vessel owned by Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), which remains stranded at a port in Ukraine, came under a missile attack on March 2, 2022. The deceased, identified as Hadisur Rahman, 32, was the third engineer of the ship carrying 29 sailors. This is perhaps the first-known Bangladeshi casualty in the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine over fears of an expansion drive by the anti-Russian North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato) in the eastern European country. BSC officials have already confirmed the attack, saying efforts are underway to bring the trapped sailors back home safely.

In the eight days since the war broke out, it has been increasingly clear that its fallout will not be limited to Ukraine, or even Russia, which faces widespread condemnation and biting economic sanctions. The human cost—with over 2,000 civilians killed by now—is but a part of its already far-reaching consequences involving global trade, security, geostrategic relations, etc. Many are fearing a reversion to the frigid Cold War era, which will not be good for anyone.

Bangladesh—which on March 2 abstained from voting on a UN General Assembly resolution demanding an immediate withdrawal of Russian forces, perhaps to protect its own interests by keeping the diplomatic channels open—will not be spared either. We're already facing the brunt of rising international prices and trade uncertainties. With an estimated 2,500 Bangladeshismostly students—stuck in Ukraine, the danger may grow further if they are not urgently evacuated. We have heard harrowing tales of how they are passing their days in danger, without help, trying to escape through the heavily hit regions. This has rightly prompted calls for a clearer stance from Bangladesh and further diplomatic and humanitarian measures to ensure the safety of our

We're told that hundreds of Bangladeshis have already crossed the Ukrainian border. Bangladeshi missions in Poland and Romania are said to be receiving expatriates leaving Ukraine through their borders. But clear safety assurances are needed from all parties, especially the Ukrainian and Russian authorities, and Bangladesh should continue to coordinate with them to ensure their cooperation. We urge the government to expedite its efforts in this regard, and post regular updates about what it is doing. Most importantly, Russia must stop the war now and all involved parties must pursue peaceful means to resolve their disputes.

A citizen's manifesto for **Election Commission**



OF MAGIC & MADNESS

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Let me explain what I mean by that. I don't mean a large-scale revolution involving drastic changes—in how we resolve the bigger issues of EC formation, election-time government, or the overall electoral exercise—which, frankly, are beyond the scope of the present EC. What I mean is a personal, doable revolution on

revolutionary EC comes up.

to working in a milieu that demands adherence to orders from upstairs, which needs to change now. A conscious decoupling from that habit would also mean breaking from the bureaucratic tradition of preferring norms to results.

For example, in engaging with the opposition parties, the bureaucratic way would be to invite them for dialogue. The BNP has already said they will not join elections," the new CEC commented. "But can't we still sit with them? Invite them over for tea?" Good point. But this merely ensures the continuation of the formality of dialogue; it doesn't promise results. The opposition parties will need more than verbal assurance to be convinced of this commission's sincerity. With all the laws, rules and constitutional provisions at their disposal, it may be tempting to hide behind legal mumbo jumbo to avoid difficult questions of representation and fairness. This is where a result-oriented commissioner would be

What does it mean to set individual examples of honesty and integrity? For a commissioner, it means upholding the highest ethical and professional standards in all their conducts. It means taking a lesson from the distasteful allegations of financial anomalies raised against the last EC, or the allegations of lies, inaction, favouritism and not doing the bare minimum to uphold the sanctity of their office.

As for undertaking changes within their institutional mandates, there can be any number of them, and they will have to decide what best serves the democratic process. Among some of the unresolved issues that come to mind are the concerns over using Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Or the demand for reforming the Representation of the People Order (RPO) to give EC field officials magisterial power to promptly deal with irregularities during national elections. (Traditionally, the roles of returning officers with magisterial power are given to deputy commissioners.) Or the debate about deploying the army to maintain law and order during elections. The EC can, undertake some decisive changes that will help calm frayed nerves and combat election-related irregularities. The question, in the end, is not "if they have the power," but "if they

have the will." Unfortunately, the EC culture is built around following the letter, not the spirit, of the EC rules and laws. This, as we know from previous experience, rarely adds up to a spirit of reform and moving forward. Only a revolutionary mind, accountable only to the people, can rise to the occasion, change how things are done at the EC, and get us out of the present

N his first media briefing on February 28, 2022, the newly swornin Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Habibul Awal ticked almost all the right boxes. Speaking to the Election Commission (EC) press corps, he touched upon all the major issues raised. He pledged to work with honesty and sincerity to fulfil his constitutional duties to hold free and fair elections in Bangladesh. He invited all political parties, especially the opposition, to stay on the electoral trail and participate in the polls-regardless of what happensfor the sake of democracy. He talked about restoring public confidence in the voting process and the need for a consensus among political parties, assuring them of "swift actions" in case of any election-related complaints.

As first media briefings go, this was a pretty uplifting statement, rooted in a desire to signal a new beginning. The CEC struck a hopeful note about the future, but was cautious enough not to oversell it by pointing out the fault lines. He even made, earlier in the day, a memeinducing comment about having only blood pressure, and no other pressure at

Despite the positive vibe, however, one may be pardoned for having a sense of deja vu, and of stagnation, seeing how certain words and phrases have a way of coming back. We seem to be stuck in a time loop in which the same conversations keep happening. Imagine, for a second, travelling back to February 15, 2017, when KM Nurul Huda was sworn in as the chief of the 12th Election Commission. In his first public comment, he too talked about trust, neutrality and gaining the confidence of all political parties. He, too, promised to uphold their constitutional duties to deliver free and fair elections. Five years later, we all know how that ended.

This is not to cast aspersions on the new EC-which deserves the benefit of doubt despite how it was formed-or the CEC's sense of responsibility. But the repetitive nature of these conversations and promises is a sad commentary on how our present electoral system keeps throwing up the same problems over and over again. The disastrous tenures of the last two commissions should be enough to shake us into a new sobriety: the realisation that "it's not really working."

This is where the need for a

the part of the election commissionersby rejecting the *laissez-faire* approach of their predecessors, setting individual examples of honesty, and moving the needle on much-needed institutional reforms that they should undertake. In short, they will basically be doing their job. But since no one in their positions seemed to care before, it will have the revolutionary impact of challenging the Right now, the main task for the new commissioners is to restore public

trust in the EC. There are at least three associated challenges: 1) Eliminating the reasons for the opposition's disinterest in engaging with the EC; 2) Ensuring that the ruling party will not interfere in its activities or the electoral process; and 3) Ensuring that the whole administration, not just election officials, remain impartial in discharging their duties.

But it's the EC's approach to these challenges that matters more now. As Albert Einstein famously said, "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."

So, what does it mean for the new commissioners to reject their predecessors' laissez-faire approach? For one, not allowing bureaucratic deadweight to drive them off their path. Most of the new commissioners are former bureaucrats. They have been used

Can Ukraine war spell a nuclear disaster?



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N a callback to its trigger-happy Soviet days, Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022, blocking all avenues of dialogue and negotiation. In the eight days since, things have only escalated. Russia has already occupied the Ukrainian cities of Donetsk and Luhansk. They have attacked and/or captured sensitive installations, including military bases, airports, land ports, and the Chernobyl nuclear power station.

As per an estimate, more than 9,000 people have died so far, at least a million have become displaced, and massive destruction has swept over the Ukrainian soil. Russia's main goal now is to seize control of the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, as soon as possible.

This is Russia's deadliest and most sensitive military strike in two decades. The attack sparked a war of attrition between NATO member states and the former communist bloc. It is difficult to say where this war will end up. While the NATO superpowers—that is, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Germany—are currently refraining from military action, Russia is facing strict economic sanctions.

Concerns over the severity of the attack on Ukraine are spreading all over the world. Per barrel oil prices have jumped from USD 70 to USD 110. Food prices are already rising. As a result of the Covid-19

policymakers are concerned about the security of Ukraine's nuclear power plants. In this regard, **both Russia** and Ukraine should be very alert and prudent. The damage from

victims.

crisis, the world economy was already in a state of turmoil. Although there are many concerns in my mind, the biggest one is the safety and security of Ukraine's nuclear power plants.

Fifty-one percent of Ukraine's electricity comes from 15 running nuclear power plants. These are Russian Generation II plants that were built in the 1970s and lack fortification and safety features of the current Generation III+ plus reactors. Their safety system cannot last more than half an hour without electricity. Moreover, all these nuclear reactors are incapable of withstanding missile or bomber strikes. Cyber-attacks can also destroy the power system and data system of a power plant. This could lead to a catastrophic situation like Chernobyl if the power transmission line breaks down, or the power dependent emergency cooling system is not turned on in time.

The three major nuclear accidents that have occurred so far globally (Three Mile, Chernobyl and Fukushima) have all had contributions from the inefficiency or negligence of certain plant workers. Now, if the workers are mentally strained or worried about the security of their families and the country, then there is a good chance that a nuclear accident may happen. In the case of the nuclear industry, it is known to all that ensuring safety and security is largely dependent on human performances and reliability. The rest depends on equipment quality and reliability of the systems.

Another highly sensitive issue is nuclear security risks. Enriched material security at nuclear facilities is extremely fragile during times of war or political instability. As a result, domestic or regional terrorists may utilise this

opportunity to hijack radioactive material in an attempt to make a dirty bomb, or even a nuclear weapon. Imagine the damage that could cause! None of us would be safe.

On the first day, Russia launched a military offensive in Ukraine, taking control of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant on the Belarusian border, and taking its staff hostage. The Chernobyl site, though inactive, is still undergoing waste management at its four reactors, and Ukraine has set up a central waste management facility there to handle highly radioactive waste generated from the country's 15 nuclear power plants. According to international law, a nuclear power plant can never be the target of a military strike. If a nuclear power plant is hit mistakenly by a wayward missile or a bomber, the damage could be greater than all other devastations of the war combined. This will spread radioactivity in the neighbouring countries. Russia may not want to launch direct attacks on Ukraine's nuclear power plants and may instead take control of them. But this will result in Ukraine's defence system no longer working. Then, Ukraine will have nowhere to go.

Experts and policymakers from the international community, including those from the International Atomic Energy Agency, are concerned about the safety and security of Ukraine's nuclear power plants. In this scenario, both countries should be very alert and prudent. The irreparable damage from the Chernobyl or Fukushima nuclear accidents is still being borne by Ukraine and Japan, respectively. We don't want to witness war anymore. It is our expectation that responsible policymakers will act sincerely to protect future generations.

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N February 22, 2022, during a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council (Ecnec), the prime minister instructed the relevant government agencies to gradually cut down on subsidies supporting economic activities of the country. She specifically mentioned stopping subsidies to the power and energy sectors in Bangladesh. The directive comes at a time when the finance ministry has been struggling to accommodate the exorbitant demand for subsidy payment for 2021-22 fiscal year (FY), due to the rise in the prices of petroleum and liquefied natural gas (LNG) in the global market. According to news reports, the demand for subsidies in different sectors has outweighed the budget allocation for FY22: about 135 percent of additional budget allocation (Tk 11,500 crore) is required for the power sector, 525 percent (Tk 21,000 crore) to import LNG, and about 194 percent (Tk 18,500 crore) to produce fertilisers using

No doubt, the prime minister's directive is aimed at reducing the fiscal pressure on the public exchequer to cover the import and other incentivebased payments. However, her directive indicates a medium- to long-term perspective on revising subsidy-related activities. Therefore, we welcome the prime minister's directive on the gradual withdrawal of subsidy, particularly from the power and energy sectors.

Implementing the directive requires a number of short-, medium- and long-term impacts and implications for the power and energy sectors to be considered. In the absence of subsidy, the immediate implication would be faced by the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) and Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), two leading agencies in the power and energy sectors—how they would realise their additional financial burden due to a rise in petroleum and LNG prices.

The medium-term implication would include how the BPDB and BPC would undertake a drastic reduction of operational costs and thereby come out with a gradual reduction of operation losses—particularly for the BPDB, which has been operating at a loss for years. The long-term implication would be how the power and energy sectors would take this directive as an opportunity to gradually reduce the burden of fossil-fuel-based energy mix and gear towards renewables.

In fact, the prime minister, immediately before COP26 last year, wrote in the UK-based daily the Financial Times about achieving the target of meeting 30 percent of the total energy requirement in Bangladesh with clean power by 2030.

The impacts and implications of subsidy withdrawal in the power and energy sectors are largely linked with the state of BPDB and BPC's financial conditions. According to their annual reports in 2021, the state-run organisations are in an about-face where their operating incomes are concerned. BPDB's net operating income has been in red over the last several years—even after receiving subsidies. In 2021, BPDB incurred a loss of net income (-Tk 8,665 crore), which was 99 percent higher than that of 2020 (-Tk 4,351.7 crore). Meanwhile, BPC's operating income has been green over the years. In 2021, its net operating income was Tk 6,593.7 crore, which increased by 30.2 percent from that in 2020 (Tk 5,065.3 crore). However, due to a rise in energy prices during FY22, the financial balances of BPDB and BPC have weakened significantly, and will be in the red, which will be better understood after the end of this fiscal year (June 2022). Against such a backdrop, both the organisations' subsidy issues need to be considered.

Over the last decade, the BPDB has received a significant amount of subsidy: a total of Tk 71,466 crore between 2010 and 2021—Tk 5,956 crore per year, on average. The amount of subsidy increased every year. On the other hand, the BPC received a subsidy of Tk 30,086 crore between 2010 and 2015, and from 2016, it did not take any subsidy from the government as it was making profits.

Subsidising the power sector is different from subsidising the energy sector. Across the power and energy sector value chains, subsidies are used in many channels. In the case of primary energy, subsidies are provided to the power generation companies to supply fuel (petroleum and LNG) at reduced prices. The power tariff offered to end consumers is administered by the government—reviewed and suggested by the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC). These administered prices are lower than the generation cost, which is complemented by a considerable amount of subsidy. Apart from that, the BPDB pays capacity charges to the private power producersindependent power producers (IPPs) and quick rentals-if the minimum amount of electricity is not acquired from them. At present, more than 50 percent of BPDB's operating expenses are the capacity charges that it has to pay. These charges are a major reason behind the high subsidy requirement of BPDB.

The private power generation companies enjoy other forms of subsidies, such as long-term tax breaks, duty waivers at the import stage, and lower rates of

corporate taxes. Similar tax breaks are also provided to renewable energy-based power producers.

Overall, subsidy reduction should take into cognisance both direct and indirect forms of subsidies used in the power and energy supply chains. Hence, these different forms of subsidies and the means to address them across the value chains need to be identified.

To reduce the financial pressure in recent months, both BPDB and BPC need short-term solutions. A possible option would be to take loans from international development banks or bilateral development partners. The government took a loan of USD 25 million in 2007 under import payment financing from the Islamic Development Bank. In 2018, it planned to borrow USD 1 billion from the same bank for the same purpose. Taking such loans to address sudden and transitory situations would be the right option.

Another option could be to put pressure on different public, semi-government and private entities to pay their massive dues to these two organisations; as of 2021, the amount that BPDB was owed stood at a staggering Tk 9,000 crore. Collection of these dues in the shortest possible time would reduce the financial pressure on both the organisations. Besides, the government should not take the available surplus fund from these organisations that they could use to meet their expenses.

We strongly oppose the adjustment of power and energy tariffs at the retail level to accommodate the temporary financial burden on BPDB and BPC. Any kind of tariff adjustment would be a long-term burden on the end consumers, further intensifying the inflationary pressure on

In the wake of subsidy withdrawal, the BPDB needs to look into improving its operational efficiency in power generation and withdrawing from the obligation of paying capacity charges to the IPPs for the medium term. The power sector abounds with surplus generation capacity, which is as high as 59 percent as of February 26. 2022. First, the BPDB should not approve the extension of the quick rental power plants' contracts after completing their current terms (most scheduled to end in 2023 or 2024). Second, old, dated and inefficient power plants (mostly under the public sector) should be shut down. Third, the BPDB should consider discontinuing power plants using expensive fuels.

Fourth, it should offer a new contractual arrangement to the IPPs by replacing the clause of obligatory capacity charges with the "no electricity, no payment" clause. This has been applied to a number of power plants recently approved for extension. In fact, this "no electricity, no payment" clause should be considered for all new contracts. Such measures would help reduce the financial burden on the

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BPDB. Finally, the BPDB should focus on improving efficiency throughout the power supply chain—generation, transmission, and distribution.

Similarly, the BPC should not promote LNG-based energy systems in the country; it should pursue respective ministries and departments as well as the private sector stakeholders about shifting the focus towards alternative energy options. Sectors such as transport, industry, and agriculture have ample scopes for going to alternate energy mix based on renewables, such as rooftop solar photovoltaics (pv) technology in the industries, battery based transportation, solar power-based irrigation, etc.

Withdrawing subsidies in the mediumto-long term would create opportunities for a market-based system in both power and energy sectors. A subsidy reduction under a comprehensive market-based system, with special focus on reducing fossil-fuel-based power generation, would help reduce the cost of sourcing power from fossil-fuel-run power plants only. This would require the withdrawal of fiscal benefits provided to IPPs and quick rentals in the forms of tax breaks, waiver from VAT and other duties, etc. Such a measure would create space for renewable-energy based power generation in Bangladesh. This process would be further promoted if the government considered a "positive discrimination" in favour of clean energy, by providing a special subsidy to renewable energy-based power producers, which could attract more local and foreign investments to the country.

In the BPC's case, it should focus on exploring local gas reserves more, instead of importing the costly LNG. There are several options in exploring local gas reserves: (a) Discovery of gas fields to increase the reserve base; (b) Field development with an increasing number of development wells per field; (c) Resume production at stranded gas reserves; (d) Optimise the production wells; (e) Work over the dried-up production wells; and (f) Recover unconventional reserves.

One of the challenges of subsidy cutdown would be implementing the alternative measures efficiently. Any unwanted situation due to subsidy withdrawal should not become a burden on the end consumers. The required measures need to be undertaken with the cooperation of the private sectorparticularly the IPPs. This also requires accommodating their concerns, if any. At the same time, the government should be bold enough to resist any unnecessary pressure from the vested quarters. A gradual and efficient way of implementing subsidy phase-out would help us develop a market-based system that would create better scopes for clean energy and clean power systems in the country in the long

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The possession of knowledge does not kill the sense of wonder and mystery. There is always more mystery.

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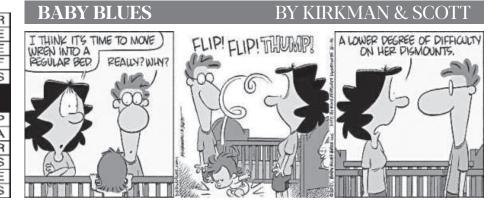
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COUNTRYWIDE

Children drowning doubles in **Patuakhali**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Child deaths due to drowning have doubled in Patuakhali in one year. A total of 29 children died by drowning in 2020 but the number rose to 56 in 2021

At that time, 168 children survived even though they were about to drown. And in January this year, seven

children drowned in the district. Among the 29 deaths in eight upazilas of the district in 2020, nine were in Dashmina, eight in Kalapara, four in Baufal, three each in Dumki and Mirzaganj and two in Galachipa upazila.

Most of the incidents occurred between morning and afternoon in water bodies near their homes.

The average age of the victims was below six years.

In 2021, the death rate almost doubled. At that time 17 out of 56 children

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drowned in Dashmina upazila, 10 children drowned in Kalapara, nine in Baufal, eight each in Dumki and Galachipa and three in

A two-year-old boy Niloy Majhi drowned in Pashchim Laxmipur village in Dashmina upazila on January 15 this year.

The child's father Bimal Majhi said Niloy was playing with other children near to yard of the house around 10:00am.

Suddenly, he could not be found anywhere. About an hour later, his floating body was recovered from a pond near the yard.

"The pond was unfenced," he said. "If the pond had been netted, my child would not have drowned," he added.

Nahid Akhter, communications manager at the Centre for Injury Prevention and Research (CIPRB), a non-government organisation working to prevent infant mortality, said 60 per cent of deaths by drowning in the country occur between 9:00am and 1:00pm.

Therefore, if the children are kept in a safe shelter at this time, it is possible to prevent infant mortality, said the

Patuakhali Civil Surgeon SM Kabir Hossain said a campaign is being launched to raise awareness to prevent child deaths by drowning.

Ponds will be fenced with net and unnecessary ponds next to the homesteads will be filled up with soil.

Besides, teaching children swimming after a certain age should be turned into a social movement, he added.

Saidpur admin grabbing martyred FF's land: Family

Houses under Ashrayan-2 project being built occupying 1.22 acres of land belonging to the FF's family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Saidpur upazila administration has been building new houses under Ashrayan-2 project allegedly occupying land belonging to martyred freedom fighter Solaiman Kha's family at Laxsmanpur Charakpara village.

Following the development, Lutfar Rahman Kha, the eldest son of the martyr, moved a petition to the court seeking an injunction on the work and held a press conference at his residence recently to draw the attention of the prime minister.

Talking to this correspondent, Lutfor Rahman said 1.22 acres of land belong to their family and showed the valid documents including the latest Bangladesh survey (BS) in favour of his claim.

He also said that they would regularly pay land revenue but in 2013, when they went to pay the tax, the then assistant land officer of the concerned Bangalipur union land office refused to receive the taxes claiming that the land was abandoned property.

Lutfar Rahman then applied to the deputy commissioner (DC) urging to exclude the land from the abandoned property list as it was a mistake of the field level land officials.

Accordingly, the then DC directed Saidpur upazila administration to investigate and file a report.

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Ignoring the report, the authority did not exclude the land from the list and Lutfar Rahman

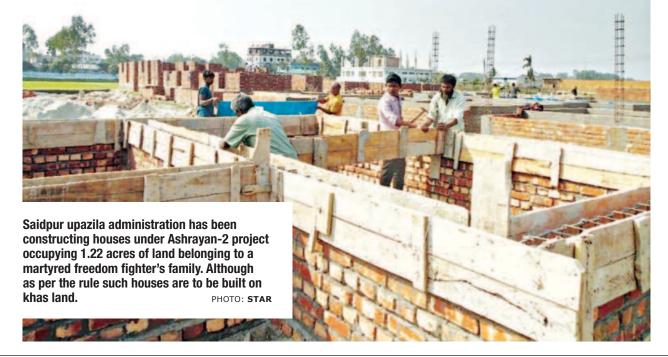
filed a case with the Judge court against the DC and others which is now under trial, the litigant said.

Though the case is under trial now, the Saidpur UNO, AC Land, project implementation officer (PIO) and others trespassed the land on February 17 and erected red flag threatening owners of dire consequences if an attempt was taken to hinder the government work, he alleged.

Finding no way, the family prayed to the same court on February 19 for a temporary injunction to prevent construction work and ensure justice as the land is the only means of sustenance of the family.

Visiting the site recently, this correspondent found that construction work was going on very fast as 45 houses were scheduled to be completed on the land before March 26 under the third phase of Ashrayan-2 project.

Contacted, UNO of Saidpur Shamim Hussain said the claim that the land is an individual property is baseless and the houses are being built on the land under Ashrayan- 2 project following all rules and regulations.



GOGALICHHRA RIVER BANKS

Delay in repair work irks locals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The delay in repairing the banks of the Gogalichhra River, which originated from the hilly area of Kulaura in Moulvibazar, affected by three landslides last year has irked the villagers.

Although seven months have passed since the work order was given, the emergency repair works have yet to commence much to the resentment of the locals.

The engineering department of the municipality blamed the contractor for the delays. On July 26, the executive engineer of the Water Development Board (WDB), accompanied by the mayor of the Kulaura municipality,



Water Development Board (WDB) authorities and Kulaura municipality mayor visited the affected area in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila PHOTO: STAR recently.

the affected area and ordered emergency repair works. Rahad Construction, a Dhaka based firm, was given the work order for repairing the three places at a cost of Tk 6 lakh 15 thousand.

According to the Engineering Department of Kulaura municipality, a total area of 70 metres of the bank was affected by the flood.

The WDB directed the damage assessment committee to complete the work as per the instructions.

A work order signed by Prakash Kanti Sarkar, supervising engineer of WDB in Moulvibazar, was issued on July 29 last year.

Although seven months have already passed, the contractor has not started the work. The matter has been informed to the WDB more than once by the mayor of the municipality, Principal Sipar Uddin Ahmed. Rabiza Begum, wife of late Altaf Hossain of

Joypasha village, said "I live in a shack near the river with my two children. I am very scared. If the flood starts again, the water will enter and destroy my house. That is why I am demanding to expedite the work."

Rina Begum, owner of the construction firm, said the reason behind the delay was mainly the pandemic situation.

She said that the work will start in a few days. Kulaura Municipality Assistant Engineer Kamrul Islam said the work has not started yet and after a month when the monsoon sets in it will be difficult to finish the work. The negligence of the contractor is responsible for this.

How to manage PMS Bowlers pull together in T20I win

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cutting caffeine may prevent the symptoms from getting worse.

Reducing stress is also helpful in managing the symptoms while increasing physical exercise helps fight off severe symptoms.

However, depending on the severity symptoms, doctors may prescribe medication for premenstrual syndrome.

Commonly prescribed medications premenstrual

syndrome include antidepressants,

inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), diuretics, and hormonal contraceptives. Calcium and vitamin D supplements may be useful in some cases. Mostly, maintaining a

nonsteroidal

healthy lifestyle may help in managing the symptoms PMS. and eating healthy is important. However, if the symptoms are extreme and unmanageable, one should see a doctor for accurate format. diagnosis.

Seals help Japanese

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interview with Reuters on Friday.

"However, even in such a situation, many animals such as seals are living in the area of Antarctica, so I thought we should have them collect the data," Kokubun added.

The data successfully gathered from seven seals showed one of them had travelled as far as 633km (393 miles) from the coast of Japan's Showa Station in Antarctica, while another had descended to a depth of 700m (2,297 ft).

Kokubun said the

scientists also learned from the data that warm seawater from the upper layer in the open sea reached Antarctica from March through winter that year. The water flowed below the ice, bringing in sea creatures like Antarctic krill, a major food source for seals.

Aiming to examine further the impact of global warming on Antarctic coastal areas, Kokubun next hopes to make the device small enough to fit on other animals at the South Pole such as penguins.

Momen asks

combating violent extremism, drug and human trafficking, and other transnational crimes.

Momen invited the lawmakers to congressional delegations,

to celebrate 50 years of been at the forefront of diplomatic ties between the terrorism, two countries.

He thanked the US for its strong humanitarian and political support to Bangladesh in dealing visit with the Rohingya crisis Bangladesh, along with and for sending Covid-19

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Test-Playing nation. Overall, it was their thirdlargest T20I win.

But the fact that Nasum bowled so well should not take focus away from what was an average batting display, with only Liton Das having any real impact Exercising in the innings. Bangladesh packed their line-up with eight batters, but that only displayed the lack of clarity they have in the

Mohammad Opener Naim's struggles at the top Shahriar showed some merit on his debut. He at least attempted to hit boundaries, but the rest of the batting line-up did not merit the kind of batting

depth that the Tigers had. In Mushfigur's absence,

the roles were jumbled. Each batter tried to go after deliveries according to the match scenario, but a governing idea was missing. While Liton played breezily during a brilliant 44-ball 60, the rest did not support his

The Tigers' governing philosophy in building their innings in the format had so far revolved around having a top-order batter play the anchor role. Here, continued while Munim Liton's start handed him the role of anchor but without clarity about a batting plan, it was Liton himself who also had to try

and accelerate. If the in-form batter

in the top-order cannot play freely, the concept of roles in the batting order become insignificant. No one got in enough except Afif Hossain, who struck 25. A middling score may be good enough at Mirpur, but in terms of the overall motto of T20 cricket around the world, Bangladesh's batting philosophy left a lot to be

desired. While it would have been prudent to let loose a Yasir Ali or Mahedi Hasan to put further pressure on Afghanistan after Liton's classy innings was paying dividends, other who came before them such as Shakib or Mahmudullah neither carried the innings forward nor provided the necessary

lower-middle The order did not find enough deliveries to get momentum late on and, as Liton perished in the 17th over, there was no powerhitter who could produce carnage in such a short time at the crease.

Mahmudullah said on the eve of the game that they would look at scores of 150 to 160. That sort of total will not be fit for the format going forward, especially with a World Cup to come this year.

Packing the line-up provides insurance, but it also delivers the message of playing it safe and that cannot be the modus operandi in a smash and grab format.

The son FROM PAGE 1

Hadisur was the second

His elder sister, a nurse at Patuakhali Medical College Hospital, is married and his two brothers are

"My son promised he would come back. He said he would build a new house and get married. I want him back..." Amena wailed while talking to The Daily

"I spoke to him just five days ago. He told me they were trapped in the war and are all panicking. I was also worried for him ...

Rahman said, "I feel like I have lost everything. I now wish to at least see my son's body for one last time."

speak to his family. At that very moment, the ship came under the missile attack. "We want

government to take necessary measures and bring his body back home as soon as possible.' Contacted, Shahabuddin

Ahmed, assistant director of Barguna district employment and manpower office, said he already spoke to senior officials about bringing Hadisur's body back. The MVBanglar

Samriddhi ship, owned by Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), reached the outer anchorage of the Ukranian port on February 23, with 28 crew members on board, to load ball clay.

With the Russia-Ukraine conflict escalating, the BSC then cancelled the cargo load plan and directed the ship's master to shift to international waters.

However, due to delay in getting port clearance, the ship failed to leave the port immediately. It got stranded after operations

Australia orders 200,000 to flee floods

AFP, Windsor

Australia's emergency services yesterday ordered 200,000 people to flee from the path of a wild storm that has killed 13 people in a week of record-setting east coast floods, but the city of Sydney escaped the worst of

Authorities issued severe rain and wind warnings for a 400-kilometre (250-mile) stretch of the coast as water levels rose rapidly -- including in suburbs around Sydney, Australia's largest city and home to five million people.

State minister's son beat up wife

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domestic help. The mother and the domestic help waited downstairs, while the complainant went up his flat to see their daughter.

"The defendant kept the complainant locked in a room till 2:00pm that day. During that period, he beat her up, punched and slapped her several times, threatened to kill her, and in an attempt to take her life, he picked up a metal flower vase and struck it at the occipital region of the back of her head, leaving

Hearing her screams, domestic worker rescued and brought victim downstairs.

her severely injured."

She was found in a semiunconscious state, stated the report. Tasnova was then rushed to a nearby hospital.

The hospital conducted a CT scan and found proof of an assault at the back of her head, according to the PBI report. "A swelling can still be noticed," it said, adding that Saikat divorced Tasnova following this incident.

Talking to The Daily Star, Saikat, however, said he did not assault Tasnova during that visit. "She was not supposed to visit our house. As per a court order, she was supposed to see the child via video calls," he said.

PBI

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further stated that the their stay, the victim's complainant was physically assaulted by her husband in 2018, when they lived in Malaysia. Tasnova was degree there. "On March 6, 2018, the university authorities had to rescue the complainant from her dormitory when she was

being tortured." The investigator took into account a note, written by the senior psychology officer of the university, which stated "Husband's sexual conduct towards her was inappropriate and traumatising", according to the report.

"There was also an incident at UTM Residency magistrate's court [in Malaysia] where during further deliberations.

supervisor Dr Rohayah had to send home security guards to rescue the victim as Saikat became pursuing a post-graduate violent towards her and threatened the baby.' Saikat denied this too. "She was being abusive

and then she called the security to frame me."

The inspector attempted to talk to Saikat, but he did not respond, the report also said. Saikat denied this as well. "The police never tried to contact me. I don't believe they could not find me or my father."

PBI sent the report to the chief metropolitan

Amena Begum is homemaker.

of four siblings.

college students. The family now lives in an old tin-shed house.

Star yesterday.

But...he is now dead." Hadisur's father Abdur

Maksudur Rahman Forkan, Hadisur's uncle and chairman of Betagi Upazila Parishad, said, "Hadisur had gotten out of his cabin for good network at the port were halted due reception to be able to to Russia's invasion.



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(ii) PIN Number জানা থাকলে MORA<Space>Help<Space>PIN<Space>PIN No and Send to 16222

Example:, MORA Help PIN 12345678 & send to 16222. (বা) বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি পত্রিকা ছাড়াও <u>www.mora.gov.bd</u>, ওয়েবসাইটে, জেলা তথ্য বাতায়ন অথবা QR Code স্ক্যান এর মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশের

বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি পাওয়া যাবে। নিয়োগ পরীক্ষার তারিখ, সময় ও অন্যান্য তথ্য http://mora.teletalk.com.bd ওয়েবসাইট হতে জানা যাবে। (ঞ) অনলাইনে আবেদন করতে কোন সমস্যা হলে টেলিটক নম্বর থেকে ১২১ নম্বর অথবা vas.query@teletalk.com.bd ই-মেইলে যোগাযোগ করা যাবে। (Mail এর subject-এ Organization Name: MORA, Post Name: Computer Operator,

(ট) অনলাইনে আবেদন এবং টাকা জমার কাজটি প্রার্থী নিজে করবে। এক্ষেত্রে অন্য কোন মাধ্যম থেকে উক্ত কাজটি সম্পন্ন করে প্রার্থী প্রতারিত

(৩) বয়সসীমা: ০৯.০৩.২০২২খ্রি, তারিখে বয়স:

ক) বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধাগণের পুত্র-কন্যা, প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থী ছাড়া অন্যান্য সকল প্রার্থীর জন্য বয়স ১৮ হতে ৩০ বছর পর্যন্ত।

(৪) জাতীয়তা:

খ, সরকারের পর্বানুমতি ব্যতিরেকে কোন প্রার্থী কোন বিদেশী নাগরিককে বিবাহ করে থাকলে বা বিবাহ করার জন্য প্রতিজ্ঞাবদ্ধ হলে তিনি আবেদন করার জন্য অযোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবেন।

এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় অনুমতির কপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।

(৬) মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় নিম্নোক্ত কাগজপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে:

ক) প্রার্থী বীর সুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধাগণের পুত্র-কন্যা অথবা পুত্র-কন্যাদের পুত্র-কন্যা হলে মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক জারিকৃত ২৬/০২/২০০২খ্রি. তারিখের মুঃবিঃমঃ/সনদ-১/প্র-১/২০০২/০২ নং প্রজ্ঞাপন মোতাবেক মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের ইস্যুকৃত সনদ অথবা ১৯৯৭ হতে ২০০১খ্রি. পর্যন্ত তৎকালীন মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী কর্তৃক প্রতিস্বাক্ষরিত এবং মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সংসদ কর্তৃক ইস্যুক্ত পিতা/মাতা/পিতামহ/পিতামহী/মাতামহ/মাতামহীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ২ কপি অবশ্যই জমা দিতে হবে। উল্লেখ্য, মুক্তিবার্তা/গেজেটের ২টি করে সত্যায়িত কপি মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সনদের সঞ্চো দাখিল করতে হবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সনদের ২টি সত্যায়িত ফটোকপির উপর

কর্পোরেশনের ওয়ার্ড কাউন্সিলর অথবা পৌরসভার মেয়র/কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক প্রদন্ত সার্টিফিকেটের ২টি সত্যায়িত কপি। উল্লেখ্য, বীর

গ) এতিম ও শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী কোটায় প্রার্থীদের সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তরাধীন জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়/উপজেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়/শহর

ঘ) ক্ষুদ্র নৃ-গোষ্ঠী সম্প্রদায়ভুক্ত প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট জেলা প্রশাসক কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদপত্র।

চ) আনসার ও ভিডিপি প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বশেষ নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদপত্র।

দাবি করলে তাকে সে মর্মে সংশ্লিষ্ট ইকুইভ্যালেন্স কমিটি কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত ইকুইভ্যালেন্স সনদের মূলকপি এবং সত্যায়িত কপি মৌখিক পরীক্ষার

(৭) ৬ নম্বর অনুচ্ছেদের বর্ণনামতে সকল তথ্য ও কাগজপত্রসহ অন্যান্য শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা সংক্রান্ত সাটিফিকেটের মূল সনদপত্র

(৮) অনলাইন-এ পূরণকৃত বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/ক্ষুদ্র নৃ-গোষ্ঠী/এতিম ও শারীরিক প্রতিবদ্ধী/আনসার ও ডিডিপি কোটায় প্রার্থীতা দাবি না করলে

(৯) কোন প্রার্থী যদি ফৌজদারি আদালত কর্তৃক নৈতিক স্থলনজনিত অভিযোগে দভিত হন কিংবা কোন সরকারি বা স্বায়ন্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে বা স্থানীয় কর্তৃপক্ষের চাকরি থেকে বরখাস্ত হয়ে থাকেন এবং উক্তরূপ বরখাস্তের পর দুই বছর অতিক্রান্ত না হয়ে থাকে তবে তিনি আবেদন করার জন্য যোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবেন না। তবে তথ্য গোপন রেখে আবেদন করলে বিধি অনুযায়ী আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

(১০) আবেদনপত্রে নাম, জন্ম তারিখ ও অন্য কোনোরূপ substantive ব্রুটি থাকলে পরবর্তী সময়ে সংশোধনের কোনো সুযোগ থাকবে না।

(১১) স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় প্রার্থী কর্তৃক উল্লিখিত জেলার প্রার্থী হিসাবে প্রার্থীর পরীক্ষার ফলাফল নির্ধারণ করা হবে। আবেদনপত্র জমাদানের পর সঞ্চত কারণে প্রার্থীর স্থায়ী ঠিকানার পরিবর্তন হলেও আবেদনে উল্লিখিত জেলার ভিত্তিতেই প্রার্থীর ফলাফল নির্ধারিত হবে।

(১২) নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারের বিদ্যমান কোটা পদ্ধতি এবং প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে পরিবর্তিত বিধি-বিধান অনুসরণ করা হবে। (১৩) লিখিত, বাবহারিক ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য প্রার্থীকে কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।

(১৪) কর্তৃপক্ষ পদের সংখ্যা হাস/বৃদ্ধি/ বাতিল কিংবা বিধি মোতাবেক নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত যে কোন পরিবর্তন করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

(১৫) লিখিত, ব্যবহারিক ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময়সূচী www.mora.gov.bd ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশ করা হবে। ব্যবহারিক ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য আলাদাভাবে কোন সাক্ষাৎকারপত্র প্রেরণ করা হবে না।

(১৭) বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়স শিথিলযোগ্য। চাকুরিরত প্রার্থীদের সকল শর্ত পুরণ সাপেক্ষে আবেদন ফরম পুরণের সময় Departmental Candidate এর ঘরে টিক চিহ্ন দিতে হবে। অন্যদের ক্ষেত্রে এই শর্ত প্রযোজ্য নয়।

(১৮) পরীক্ষার সময় পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্রে স্বাস্থ্যবিধি মেনে পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে।

(১৯) ডিক্লারেশন: প্রার্থীকে অনলাইন আবেদনপত্রের ডিক্লারেশন অংশে এই মর্মে ঘোষণা দিতে হবে যে, প্রার্থী কর্তৃক আবেদনপত্রে প্রদত্ত সকল তথ্য সঠিক এবং সত্য। প্রদত্ত তথ্য অসত্য বা মিথ্যা প্রমাণিত হলে অথবা কোনো অযোগ্যতা ধরা পড়লে বা কোনো প্রতারণা বা দুর্নীতির আশ্রয় গ্রহণ করলে কিংবা পরীক্ষায় নকল বা অসদুপায় অবলম্বন করলে, পরীক্ষার পূর্বে বা পরে এমনকি নিয়োগের পরে যে কোনো পর্যায়ে প্রার্থীতা

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ক্রম: নং	পদের নাম ও বেতনক্ষেল (জাতীয় বেতন ক্ষেল ২০১৫ অনুযায়ী)	শূন্য পদের সংখ্যা	প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতা	যে সকল জেলার প্রার্থীদের আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই
03	গাঁট মুদ্রাক্ষরিক কাম কম্পিউটার অপারেটর টাকা ১১,০০০/ ২৬,৫৯০/- (গ্রেড-১৩)	০১ (এক) টি	(ক) কোনো স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হইতে স্লাভক বা সমমানের ডিগ্রী; (খ) কম্পিউটার প্রশিক্ষণ প্রাপ্ত এবং (গ) কম্পিউটারে Word processing সহ ই-মেইল ও ফ্যাক্স পরিচালনার দক্ষতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসহ সাঁটলিপি ও কম্পিউটার মুবাক্ষর পরীক্ষায় গতি (প্রতি মিনিটে) যথাক্রমে সাঁটলিপি: ইংরেজী-৭০ শব্দ ও বাংলা-৪৫ শব্দ এবং কম্পিউটার-মুব্যক্ষরঃ ইংরেজী-৩০ শব্দ ও বাংলা- ২৫ শব্দ।	তবে এতিমখানা নিবাসী ও শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী কোটায়
٥٤.	কম্পিউটার অপারেটর টাকা ১১,০০০/ ২৬,৫৯০/- (গ্রেড-১৩)	০৩ (ভিন) টি	(ক) কোনো শ্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হইতে বিজ্ঞান বিভাগে স্মাতক (সম্মান) বা সমমানের ডিগ্রি; এবং (খ) কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরে প্রতি মিনিটে বাংলায় ২৫ শব্দ এবং ইংরেজিতে ৩০ শব্দের গতিসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট বিষয়ে Standard Aptitude Test এ উদ্রীর্ণ হইতে হইবে।	

- ০২। নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তাবলী আবেদন ফরম পূরণ এবং পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের ক্ষেত্রে অত্যাবশ্যকীয়ভাবে অনুসরণীয়:
- (১) প্রার্থীকে http://mora.teletalk.com.bd এই লিংকে প্রবেশ করে জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক প্রবর্তিত নির্ধারিত আবেদনপত্র অনলাইনে পুরণ করে আবেদন করতে হবে।
- (২) অনলাইনে আবেদনপত্র পুরণ সংক্রান্ত নিয়মাবলী ও শর্তাবলী
- (ক) আবেদনের সময়সীমা নিমুরূপঃ
- (i) Online-এ আবেদনপত্র পুরণ ও আবেদন ফি জমাদান শুরুর তারিখ ও সময়: ১০.০৩,২০২২খ্রি, তারিখ সকাল ১০:০০টা।
- (ii) Online-এ আবেদনপত্র পূরণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়: ৩১.০৩.২০২২খ্রি. তারিখ বিকাল ৫:০০টা।
- উক্ত সময়সীমার মধ্যে User ID প্রাপ্ত প্রার্থীগণ Online-এ আবেদনপত্র Submit-এর সময় থেকে পরবর্তী ৭২(বাহাত্তর) ঘন্টার মধ্যে SMS-এ পরীক্ষার ফি জমা দিবেন।
- (খ) Online আবেদনপত্রে প্রার্থী তার রঞ্জিন ছবি (দৈর্ঘ্য ৩০০ x প্রস্থ ৩০০ Pixel) ও স্বাক্ষর (দৈর্ঘ্য ৩০০ x প্রস্থ ৮০ Pixel) স্ক্যান করে নির্ধারিত স্থানে Upload করবেন। ছবির সাইজ সর্বোচ্চ ১০০ KB ও স্বাক্ষরের সাইজ ৬০ KB এর মধ্যে হতে হবে।
- (গ) Online আবেদনপত্রে পুরণকৃত তথাই যেহেতু পরবর্তী সকল কার্যক্রমে ব্যবহৃত হবে, সেহেতু Online-এ আবেদনপত্র Submit করার পূর্বেই পূরণকৃত সকল তথ্যের সঠিকতা সম্পর্কে প্রার্থী নিজে শতভাগ নিশ্চিত হবেন।
- (ঘ) প্রার্থী Online-এ পুরণকৃত আবেদনপত্রের একটি প্রিন্টকপি পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত যে কোনো প্রয়োজনে সহায়ক হিসেবে সংরক্ষণ করবেন এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় এক কপি জমা দিবেন।
- (৩) SMS প্রেরণের নিয়মাবলী ও পরীক্ষার ফি প্রদান: Online-এ আবেদনপত্র (Application Form) যথাযথভাবে পূরণ করে নিদের্শনা মতে ছবি ও স্বাক্ষর Upload করে আবেদনপত্র Submit সম্পন্ন হলে ছবিসহ Application Preview দেখা যাবে। যদি Applicant's copy তে কোন তথ্য ভুল থাকে বা অস্পষ্ট ছবি (সম্পূৰ্ণ কালো/ সম্পূৰ্ণ সাদা/ঘোলা/ঘষা মাজা) বা ছবি/ স্বাক্ষর সঠিক না থাকে তাহলে আবেদন ফি জমা না দিয়ে থাকলেই কেবল পুনরায় (ওয়েবে) আবেদন করতে পারবেন। উল্লেখ্য যে, আবেদন ফি জমাদানের পরে আর কোন পরিবর্তন/পরিমার্জন/ পরিবর্ধন গ্রহণযোগ্য নয় বিধায় আবেদন ফি জমাদানের পূর্বে প্রার্থী অবশ্যই উক্ত Applicant's copy তে তার সাম্প্রতিক তোলা রঙিন ছবি, নির্ভূল তথ্য ও স্বাক্ষর সংযুক্ত থাকা ও এর সঠিকতার বিষয়টি PDF copy ডাউনলোডপূর্বক নিশ্চিত করে প্রিন্ট করে সংরক্ষণ করবেন। Applicant's copy তে একটি User ID দেয়া থাকবে এবং User ID ব্যবহার করে প্রার্থী নিম্নোক্ত পদ্ধতিতে যে কোন Teletalk Pre-paid Mobile নম্বরের মাধ্যমে ০২(দুই)টি SMS করে আবেদন ফি বাবদ ১০০/-(একশত) টাকা এবং অনলাইন ফি বাবদ ১২/-(বার) টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য মোট ১১২/-(একশত বার) টাকা ৭২(বাহাত্তর) ঘন্টার মধ্যে জমা দিবেন। এখানে বিশেষভাবে উল্লেখ্য যে, Online -এ আবেদনপত্রের সকল অংশ পূরণ করে Submit করা হলেও আবেদন ফি জমা না দেয়া পর্যন্ত Online আবেদনপত্র কোন অবস্থাতেই গৃহীত হবে না।

প্রথম SMS: Mora<Space>User ID লিখে Send করতে হবে 16222 নম্বরে।

Example: MORA ABCDEF & send to 16222

Reply: Applicant's Name, TK.112 will be charged as application fee. Your PIN is 12345678. To Pay Fee Type MORA Yes PIN and send to 16222.

দ্বিতীয় SMS: MORA <Space>Yes<Space>PIN লিখে send করতে হবে 16222 নম্বরে।

Example: MORA Yes 12345678 & send to 16222

Reply: Congratulations Applicant's Name, Payment completed successfully for MORA

Application for xxxxxxxx User ID is (ABCDEF) and Password (xxxxxxx)

(চ) প্রবেশপত্র প্রাপ্তির বিষয়টি http://mora.teletalk.com.bd ওয়েবসাইটে এবং প্রার্থীর মোবাইল ফোনে SMS এর মাধ্যমে (শুধুমাত্র যোগ্য প্রার্থীদেরকে) যথাসময়ে জানানো হবে। Online আবেদনপত্রে প্রার্থী প্রদত্ত মোবাইল ফোনে পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় যোগাযোগ সম্পন্ন করা হবে বিধায় উক্ত নম্বরটি সার্বক্ষণিক সচল রাখা, SMS পড়া এবং প্রাপ্ত নির্দেশনা তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে অনুসরণ করা বাঞ্ছনীয়।

(ছ) SMS-এ প্রেরিত User ID এবং Password ব্যবহার করে পরবর্তীতে রোল নম্বর, পদের নাম, ছবি, পরীক্ষার তারিখ, সময় ও ভেন্যুর নাম ইত্যাদি তথ্য সম্বলিত প্রবেশপত্র প্রার্থী Download পূর্বক প্রিন্ট করে নিবেন। প্রার্থী এই প্রবেশপত্রটি লিখিত, ব্যবহারিক ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় অবশ্যই প্রদর্শন করবেন।







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

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GD-423 Superintending Engineer (In-charge)

16:10

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একমাত্র রাষ্ট্রীয় মোবাইল অপারেটর টেলিটকের জবপোর্টাল http://alljobs.teletalk.com.bd ওয়েবসাইটে সরাসরি প্রবেশ করেও

Applicant's User ID © Contact Number অবশাই উল্লেখ করতে হবে।) হলে কর্তৃপক্ষ দায়ী থাকবে না।

খ) বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধাগণের পুত্র-কন্যা, প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থীর জন্য বয়স ১৮ হতে ৩২ বছর পর্যন্ত।

ক. প্রার্থীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক হতে হবে।

(৫) সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি ও স্বায়ন্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকরিরত প্রার্থীগণকে অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমতিক্রমে আবেদন করতে হবে

প্রার্থীর নাম ও রোল নম্বর এবং মুক্তিবার্তা/গেজেট নম্বর স্পষ্ট অক্ষরে লিখতে হবে।

খ) আবেদনকারী বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যার পুত্র-কন্যা হলে সে মর্মে সংশ্লিষ্ট ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/সিটি মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধাগণের উপযুক্ত পুত্র-কন্যা পাওয়া না গেলে। পুত্র-কন্যাদের পুত্র-কন্যাগণ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কোটায় বিবেচিত হবেন।

সমাজসেবা কার্যালয় কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত পরিচয়পত্র (আইডি কার্ড) এর সত্যায়িত কপি।

ঙ) তৃতীয় লিঙ্গাভুক্ত প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট জেলার সিভিল সার্জন কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদের সত্যায়িত কপি।

ছ) কোনো প্রার্থী বিদেশ হতে তার অর্জিত কোনো ডিগ্রিকে উপরোল্লিখিত পদসমূহের পার্শ্বে বর্ণিত কোনো শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সমমানের বলে সময় সাক্ষাৎকার বোর্ডে অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবে।

এবং সত্যায়িত কপি ও ছবিসহ মৌখিক পরীক্ষার বোর্ডে জমা দিতে হবে। অন্যথায় মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

পরবর্তীতে নতুন করে কোনো কোটার প্রার্থীতা দাবি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

substantive বুটির কারণে প্রার্থিতা বাতিল হবে।

(১৬) নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত সকল বিষয়ে নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চুড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

বাতিল করা হবে এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রার্থীর বিরুদ্ধে আইনগত ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা যাবে।

An on-song Bangladesh batter Liton Das is poetry in motion and once again the stylish right-hander made his presence felt with a 44-ball 60 during his side's 61-run victory in the first T20I of the twomatch series against Afghanistan in Mirpur yesterday.

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NASUM SHOWS

155 for eight is Bangladesh's highest total against Afghanistan in T20ls. Bangladesh's previous highest score against Afghanistan was 144 for six in Dehradun back

Nasum Ahmed's four for 10 is the best bowling figure by anyone in Bangladesh-Afghanistan T20ls, surpassing Rashid Khan's figures of four for 12 in Dehradun in 2018

This was also Nasum's joint-best bowling figures in T20Is after he recorded a similar figure against New Zealand last year.

Nasum became the first Bangladesh bowler to take four wickets inside the Powerplay

Shakib Al Hasan became the first left-arm spinner in history to pick 400 international wickets in white-ball cricket (ODIs and T20ls). He is the ninth bowler in history to pick 400 wickets in limited-overs formats.

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There are few spinners in T20 cricket that prefer to bowl in Powerplays, when the batters tend to go hard and put runs up in a hurry at the start, but Nasum Ahmed is among that select few that can pull it off

The left-arm spinner registered joint-T20-best figures of four wickets for 10 runs as Afghanistan were bundled out for just 94 in chase of a 155-run target to seal a comprehensive 61-run win for the Tigers in the first T20I yesterday.

The mantra to keep things tight up front paid dividends for 27-year-old Nasum, who broke the back of the Afghan batting line-up right. At one point, the visitors were reeling on 20 for four inside five overs and all four wickets had been supplied by Nasum, who became the first Bangladeshi to take four wickets in the Powerplay of a T20 innings.

"I was challenged to limit it to twelve runs in two overs before the start of the innings and I am happy that I picked four wickets and conceded ten runs," the man of the match said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

Nasum's first victim was the inform Rahmanullah Gurbaz. As Gurbaz attempted to make some room, Nasum dragged the length back and away from the batter and he could only top-edge it.

Nasum's variations in terms of pace also kept the Afghan batters on their toes.



Hazratullah Zazai was lucky to be dropped by debutant Munim Shahriar, but Nasum got his man soon enough.

Just an over later, Nasum bowled a much slower, looping delivery to Zazai, who totally mistimed the shot and topedged to mid-off for a simple catch.

"He [Nasum] is not a typical left-arm spinner. From my experience of playing him in the nets, he always tries something different and mixes his pace really well. It's easy for the batters to pick things up when someone bowls at the same rhythm. But he is different from that point," Liton Das, who top-scored with sixty off 44 balls for the Tigers yesterday, said.

Nasum's strategy of keeping things simple and tight also earned him the wicket of Darwish Rasool, who tried to play across the line and was bowled. Nasum then forced Karim Janat into a shot with a turning delivery going away from the batsman and Janat handed a simple catch as he tried to get something on the ball.

"We had a chat in the team meeting that the target was something we could bank on and defend if we could get early wickets. I think Nasum's bowling was game-changing for us. If they were 40 for 1 after the Powerplay, it would have been a different ball game. I think the wicket was better to bat on and the way Nasum bowled was extraordinary," said Liton.

However, it was not the first time that Nasum provided early breakthroughs. Last year, Nasum registered his previous best bowling figures of four for ten against New Zealand and even then the left-armer picked up two wickets inside the Powerplay. The Sylhet native provide instrumental in bundling the Kiwis out for just 93 and the eventual win.

Undoubtedly, Nasum is proving to be the go-to man for the skipper in

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Pakistan vs Australia

Live from 10:00 am

1st Test, Day 1

Fight for 50-over glory begins

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India vs Sri Lanka

1st Test, Day 1

Live from 10:00 am

It has been a five-year wait since England won the 2017 title on home soil, but after a 12-month postponement due to Covid-19, the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup get underway when hosts New Zealand play West Indies in Tauranga today.

The tournament is an eight-team round robin involving Australia, England, New Zealand, Pakistan, West Indies, South Africa, India and Bangladesh.

Australia will go in as favourites to win their seventh title. However, they will face stiff competition from defending champions England, hosts New Zealand, 2017 runners-up India and the world's second-ranked ODI side, South Africa.

March 5: Vs South Africa, 4:00am.

March 7: Vs New Zealand, 4:00am.

March 14: Vs Pakistan, 4:00am.

March 18: Vs West Indies, 4:00am.

March 22: Vs India, 7:00am. March 25: Vs Australia, 4:00am.

March 27: Vs England, 4:00am.

**All are Bangladesh Standard Time

Tamim, Shakib return to Tigers' Test squad

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced Bangladesh's Test and ODI squad for the upcoming tour of South Africa, scheduled for March-April this year, in which the two stalwarts of Bangladesh cricket – Tamim Iqbal and Shakib Al Hasan - made their way back into the Test

Tamim last played in the longest format for the Tigers in their Sri Lanka tour last year and went on to miss the away series against Zimbabwe, Pakistan at home and the away series against New Zealand. Shakib, on the other hand, only missed the historic New Zealand series this year. However, batters Naim Sheikh and Fazle Mahmud exit from the Test squad that travelled to New Zealand.

Shakib had previously asked the BCB about his intention to skip the South Africa series

before the Indian Premier League auction However, as the all-rounder remained unsold in the auction, Shakib's

involvement in the Test team was confirmed. The ODI squad is pretty much unchanged, from the one that featured against Afghanistan at home recently, with Khaled Ahmed being the only inclusion. Test squad: Mominul Haque (Captain), Tamim Iqbal, Shadman

Islam, Najmul Hossain, Mushfigur Rahim, Liton Das, Shakib Al Hasan, Nurul Hasan Yasir Ali , Mehedi Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Taskin Ahmed, Abu Jayed, Ebadot Hossain, Shoriful Islam, Khaled Ahmed, Shohidul Islam, Mahmudul Hasan Jov.

Mud-slinging in DPL still in vogue

SPORTS REPORTER

Former Prime Doleshwar head coach Mizanur Rahman alleged on Thursday that the club did not pay his salary for the last season. Mizanur, who joined Gazi Group Cricketers this time around, added that he had complained to the BCB about unpaid salaries.

News surfaced on Wednesday that Prime Doleshwar would not participate in the upcoming Dhaka Premier League, which was supposed to be a 12-team league. It was learned that Doleshwar blamed coach Mizanur and captain Forhad Reza for bad performances last season in a letter to CCDM and cited their misconduct as the reason for pulling out.

CCDM chairman Salahuddin Chowdhury told The Daily Star that no such complaints were made in the letter. "We can't give a decision yet, since they can register at any time before the tournament begins. They didn't cite any reasons," Salahuddin said on the last day of the DPL players' transfers vesterday.

"They (Doleshwar) did not pay us and are now questioning our motives," Mizanur told The Daily Star yesterday. "The timing of their allegations is curious. I am not in Dhaka so I don't know why they are spreading these rumours and allegationss now. We have already complained to the board."

"When I am in Dhaka, I will be able to talk to them and the board," he concluded.

The Daily Star could not contact any club official for

Rohit wants to give Kohli a 'special' victory

AFP, MOHALI

Test cricket is the "real cricket", Virat Kohli said yesterday ahead of his 100th game for India in the five-day format, his first since stepping down as captain in January.

"I personally never grew up thinking I have to score small runs, the idea was to score huge runs," Kohli said ahead of the match in Mohali against Sri Lanka -- also the visitors' 300th Test. "My idea was to bat long. I used to enjoy batting

for long periods of time, try to win games for my team, or try to get a first-innings lead, which is the format we used to follow," he said. These are the things which reveal your true character. I just felt that Test cricket needed to stay

alive, because this for me is real cricket," Kohli said

in the interview with the Indian cricket board. Kohli, 33, threw in the towel as India's most successful Test leader with 40 wins and 17 losses in 68 Tests as captain. Under his leadership, India rose to top the Test rankings and stayed there for over three years, beating all comers at home and away including winning a series in Australia for the first

But India failed to win any international tournaments, including last year's inaugural World Test Championship, when they lost to New Zealand in the final. A few months later, Kohli quit as T20



captain after a disastrous World Cup that included a heavy defeat to arch-rivals Pakistan and failing to make it to the knock-out stage. He was then sacked as one-day captain and after publicly falling out with the head of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Saurav Ganguly resigned the Test captaincy

in January following a series loss in South Africa. Rohit Sharma, who last month replaced Kohli as captain across all formats, was one of a string of players past and present to pay tribute to his predecessor on Thursday ahead of the landmark

"As a Test team, we stand in very good position. If you look at the last five years of our Test cricket... the whole credit goes to Virat for getting us going in this particular format," Rohit told reporters.

"What he has done with the Test team was brilliant to see," Rohit told reporters, saying he wanted to give Kohli a "special" victory over the visitors --- who have never won a Test in India.

Sachin Tendulkar said in a video message to Kohli that it had been "fantastic" to watch him over the years. "Numbers will have their roles, but your real strength is being able to motivate the whole generation," he said.

"That's been your real strength and your immense contribution to Indian cricket. That is something which I would say is your real success."

India's coach Rahul Dravid said: "To be able to play one (Test) is great. To play 100 is a fantastic achievement. "It's an achievement Virat Kohli can be very proud of. It's a great achievement for one of India's greatest players. Just looking at his fitness and looking at where he is, I think he has a lot more to go."

A golden chance to engender INSPIRATION

We are trying to deliver our best here.
Just want to motivate and encourage the young cricketers, who are eagerly waiting for us to do well here.

Nigar had said in an interview with the International Cricket Council NABID YEASIN

When the Nigar Sultana-led Bangladesh women's cricket team march onto the University Oval in Dunedin to play South Africa in the wee hours of Saturday, a brand new chapter in the country's cricketing history will commence by marking the Tigresses' first-ever appearance in the ODI World Cup.

The 12th edition of the mega event, which already began with the hosts New Zealand taking on the West Indies currently in Mount Maunganui, has a mixed bag of various challenges on offer for the inexperienced Tigresses. More importantly, however, with it arrives the opportunity to make an impactful statement amid global exposure.

But results aside, for a crop of players who had to tackle the conservative mindset of the society and, in some cases, their families' restrictions in order to make it to this grand stage, it will be a glorious opportunity to inspire more girls to take up the sport in future. And that's what skipper Nigar intends to accomplish as well.

"We are trying to deliver our best here. Just want to motivate and encourage the young cricketers, who are eagerly waiting for us to do well here," Nigar had said in an interview with the International Cricket Council (ICC).

However, for the only 42-ODI-old Bangladesh, the task will be no less daunting since apart from venturing into their maiden ODI World Cup, this will be their first tour to New Zealand -- a place their male compatriots encountered the harshest challenges over the years. In fact, this is the first time that Nigar and Co are set to face the vastly experienced Australia, England, New Zealand and the

BANGLADESH WOMEN'S TEAM KEY STATS IN ODIS

211 for nine against Pakistan in 2019 is Bangladesh's highest team total.



60 all out against South Africa in 2012 is their lowest team total.

With 893 runs and 45 wickets, Rumana Ahmed is the highest run-getter and highest wicket-taker for Bangladesh.

75 by Salma Khatun and Rumana Ahmed both against India in 2013 is the highest individual score by a player.

Bangladesh players have scored 23 half centuries.

Rumana Ahmed's 15 catches is also the most number of catches by a player in the side.

Fargana Hoque scored seven half centuries, most by any one in the team.

West Indies

And although Bangladesh enter the tournament ranked sixth — above the likes of Pakistan and the Windies — in the ICC ODI rankings, this bit of statistics should not be overly read into as their ratings had escalated due to a three-match ODI series win over a feeble Zimbabwe recently.

Nevertheless, the ranking boost aided the Tigresses to land into the mega event after the World Cup Qualifier was halted midway due to Covid upsurge last year.

But Bangladesh fans can afford to buckle up with excitement as the likes of Jahanara Alam, Salma Khatun and Rumana Ahmed are definitely no strangers when it comes to punching above their weights. Cases in point: their recent win over Pakistan in the World Cup Qualifier and their Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup triumph by beating India in 2018.

Looking back to 1999 when Bangladesh's men's cricket team stunned all in their inaugural World Cup, with wins over Scotland and cricketing powerhouse Pakistan, it had instilled a great amount of belief in the following generations of players.

Now, arguably, a similar opportunity lies in front of the Tigresses. Even a few acts of bravery from the Tigresses' ranks, like Sharmin Akhter's fighting 81-run knock against defending champions England in the warm-up, could help lift the spirit of the nation in the upcoming days.

The ICC Women's Cricket World Cup was held for the first time in England in 1973, two years before the men's showpiece event was first held.

To be a cricketer,

two things are very important for a girl in our country. One is family support and the other is discipline.

Former Bangladesh skipper Salma Khatun

Bangladesh will make their debut this year which will be the 12th edition overall.

Bangladesh go into the tournament sixth in ODI ranking, above West Indies and Pakistan. Australia sit on top of the chart.

Starting on March 4, the month-long tournament will feature 31 games played across six venues in New Zealand.

There are reserve days for semifinals and the final. The ··· trophy will be shared only if the final is unable to be played even on the reserve day.

Due to Covid, teams will be allowed to field nine players and two substitutes -- even from within their management team -- who will not be allowed to bat or bowl.

Unlike the Men's World Cup final in 2019, where the winner was decided by a boundary count after the super over was also tied, unlimited Super Overs can be used here until a clear winner emerges.

'A stepping stone for Bangladesh women's cricket'

It took a long time for the Bangladesh women's national cricket team to qualify for the ICC ODI Women's World Cup. But now, the Tigresses, led by Nigar Sultana, are all set for their maiden World Cup appearance in New Zealand. Former Bangladesh pacer Monjurul Islam, who is the only

selector and also the team manager of the women's national team, is confident that the Tigresses can make their maiden World Cup memorable. The 42-year-old, who is currently in New Zealand with the team, spoke to *The Daily Star's Mazhar Liddin* and shared his views.

Zealand with the team, spoke to *The Daily Star's Mazhar Uddin* and shared his views on the team's preparation and their ambition in the mega event. The excerpts of the interview are below:

The Daily Star (DS): What does the maiden ODI World Cup appearance mean for the girls?

Monjurul Islam (MI): To be honest, World Cup is always special and the biggest stage for any player. The atmosphere here and the festive mood

have made things even more special for our girls as they are very excited to make an impact. This is our chance to make this opportunity count as we had to wait for a long time to qualify for the fifty-over World Cup. We did play the T20 World Cup previously but this is huge for us. I was part of Bangladesh's [Men's team] maiden ODI World Cup in 1999 and I can relate to the girls' feelings.

DS: How challenging will it be to cope with the New Zealand condition as none of them have ever played in that part of the world?

MI: Weather and condition here in New Zealand are always challenging. But luckily, we got ten days of preparation camp in Nelson before the World Cup and I think it really helped our girls to cope with the condition. Wind plays a big role in New Zealand and adapting to such conditions was really important for us.

DS: What is the strength of the Bangladesh team?

MI: Obviously, bowling is our strength as we have got a few experienced players in the side, including the likes of pacer Jahanara Alam and Salma Khatun, who is our main strength in the spin department. The likes of all-rounder Rumana Ahmed, Sharmin Akhter and skipper Nigar Sultana are also there to guide the side. I think it's important to hit the right areas for our bowlers to get the best out of the surface and condition. There have been a lot of talks about our batting but I think we have the ability to deliver with the bat as well.

DS: What's the target of your team in their maiden World Cup?

MI: All the teams are very good, especially England, Australia and India. But I think it's a great opportunity for our girls to showcase their talent. Being the selector and the team manager, I hope we can win at least a couple of big games. If we can take something positive from this World Cup, it will help us go further in the coming days. The ICC has already set a Future Tour Programs (FTP) for us and we will be playing a lot of games both home and away in the coming days. So I think this World Cup can be the stepping stone for Bangladesh women's cricket.



We know if we play a really exciting brand of cricket that we can get the whole country behind, that's going to leave a legacy.

New Zealand skipper Sophie
 Devine hopes to use the home
 support

You probably wouldn't want to play the hosts in the first game but it is what it is. I think for us, we have to go out there and play to the best of our abilities.

— West Indies captain Stafanie Taylor on facing the hosts in first game.

The impacts of the 2017 World Cup have obviously changed the way we play but, from now on really moving forward, this World Cup is completely different.

 Australia skipper Meg Lanning eager to avenge the disappointment of their 2017 campaign.

India-Pakistan is the most followed match around the

world, and we definitely want the girls to be inspired.

Pakistan captain Bismah Maroof excited about their tournament opener against India on March 6.

I think if we get to the semi-final stage again, we're going to make sure we push through even if it's the last thing we do, so we're going to try our best to get to the final.

– South Africa captain Sune Luus

hopes to play the final.

I think the tournament we had in 2017 will give a lot of the players confidence that they can deal with the ebbs and flows of the tournament and know how to be successful in World Cups.

- England skipper Heather Knight hopeful of defending the title.

They [India players] all have been given good game time, and those series have really helped them and me as a captain to find out where they fit in into the composition of the team.

— India captain Mithali Raj confident of her team's composition.

We've been working so hard for this and this is our first ever World Cup. I think if we could do well here, it will be a great moment in Bangladesh cricket.

Bangladesh captain Nigar
 Sultana eager to make the nation proud.





Papul's aide held in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department of police has arrested a close associate of former independent lawmaker Kazi Papul, who was sentenced to seven years in jail in a human trafficking case by a Kuwait court last year.

Sadiqur Rahman Monir was arrested in a money-laundering case from Dhaka's Khilgaon area on Wednesday, Humayun Kabir, special superintendent (financial crime unit) of CID, told a press briefing yesterday.

Monir was a close associate of Mohammad Shahid Islam alias Kazi Papul. Over Tk 38 crore, amassed from human trafficking, was deposited in one of his bank accounts. The money was later transferred to different accounts as per Papul's order, the CID official said.

Monir's arrest is a major development in the case as prime accused Papul is in a Kuwait jail, he said.

HEALTHLINE

How to manage

PMS

Premenstrual Syndrome

symptoms many women

go through every month

ahead of their menstrual

The symptoms can

emotional. The common

be both physical and

emotional symptoms

include irritability and

rapid changes in mood.

The common physical

It is thought that

the menstruation cycle

play a role behind PMS.

causes it is still unknown

Nevertheless, there are

have been found helpful in

managing the symptoms.

In most cases changes

However, exactly what

mainly due to lack of

many measures which

in lifestyle work fine to

keep symptoms under

control. The success of

in relieving symptoms varies from person to

such behavioural changes

Reduction of salt intake

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lessens PMS effects and

research.

person.

symptoms include skin

problems, tender breasts,

bloating, and exhaustion.

hormonal changes during

periods.

(PMS) refers to certain

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Meth coming in via new routes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Myanmar-based narcotics smugglers are supplying the synthetic drug "ice" to Bangladesh by taking only 20 or 30 percent of the payment in advance in cash or hundi, according to the Rapid Action Battalion.

Drug smugglers from either side of the border meet in the deep sea pretending to be fishermen, Rab has learnt following the arrest of five members of an ice-smuggling syndicate on Wednesday night from Munshiganj.

Rab recovered about 12 kilograms of ice worth about Tk 50 crore -- making it the largest haul of recovery in recent history

-- from the arrestees as well as one lakh pieces yaba, two foreign pistols, Myanmar SIM cards, Tk 1.64 lakh in cash and one lakh Myanmar kyat.

In the deep sea, they communicate with one another using long-range flashlights, and in 20 to 25 minutes, the parties exchange ice and money in the deep sea.

The syndicate, which has at least 15 members, always moved in two engine boats: one followed the other and the consignment would always be in a boat behind, Rab learnt from the arrestees Jashim Uddin, 32; Maksud Mia, 29; Riaz Uddin, 23; Saheen Alam, 28; and Shamsul Alam, 35.



HOW 'ICE' IS DEALT

- Transaction done in deep sea
- Smugglers go in pretending to be fishermen
- Communicate with long range flashlights
- Ice enters through St Martin's
- Divided into small packages and sent to Dhaka

The consignment is first taken to Saint Martin and then to Sonadia Island, from where the arrestees hail. Ice is then transferred to Sandwip, where it is divided into small packages and sent to the Barisal, Munshiganj, Manikganj and Narayanganj By road tl

By road, the drugs are then transported to Dhaka and elsewhere.

The syndicate used to buy per 10-gram ice from Myanmar for Tk 1,500 to Tk 2,000 and sold those in Bangladesh for Tk 25,000 to Tk 35,000, said Khandker Al Moin, director of Rab's legal and media wing, at the press conference vesterday.

The price went up after the law enforcers stepped up vigilance and supply tightened, he said quoting the arrestees as saying.

Asked why the border forces are not able to detect the consignments, Moin said the syndicate employed different

techniques to douse law enforcers' eyes.

"They would even stuff the drug inside dried fish and fruits," he said, adding that as long as there is demand, the syndicate will try to come up with novel ways to

smuggle in the drug.
Of the arrestees, Jashim has a salt
business and in name of exporting 'salt',
he would visit Myanmar and coordinate
the smuggling racket with the Myanmar
based narcotic syndicate, said Rab.

He has been involved in the smuggling of vaba for the last six to seven years.

Saheen is wanted in two cases, Shamsul in three cases and Maksud in six cases. Rab is now conducting drives to trace the other members of the syndicate.

State minister's son beat up wife: PBI probe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Musheq Alam Saikat, son of State Minister for Planning Shamsul Alam, had physically abused and attempted to murder his ex-wife Tasnova Iqbal, according to a police investigation report.

The report said Tasnova was battered multiple times and she suffered injuries in different parts of her body. In 2020, Saikat had struck the back of her head with a metal vase, with the intent to kill her, it said.

PBI Inspector Kabir Hossain conducted the investigation and submitted the report to a Dhaka court recently. He had initiated the probe following a court order, which came after Tasnova sued Saikat in November over the matter.

The Daily Star obtained a copy of the PBI report yesterday.

The report also mentioned it was difficult to find anyone willing to testify against Saikat because "the defendant's family is an influential one".

Saikat had formally slapped a private television channel with a Tk 100-crore lawsuit for reporting on an ongoing child custody battle between him and Tasnova.

According to the report, Saikat had been physically abusive towards Tasnova since their marriage in 2015. "Around 10:00am on February 8, 2020, the complainant went to the defendant's house to see their four-year-old daughter. She was accompanied by her mother and their

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Seals help Japanese researchers collect data under ice

REUTERS, Tokyo

A seal wearing a helmet with an antenna might look unusual, but eight Weddell seals, each with a 580g monitoring device on

their heads, have been helping Japanese researchers survey

the waters under the thick ice sheet in Antarctica. Tapped for a research project

research project between March and November 2017 - winter in Antarctica these seals were equipped with the head-mounted conductivity,

temperature and depth sensor, which allows scientists to collect observation r temperatures and salt levels,

data, such as water temperatures and salt levels, in areas with extremely harsh environmental conditions.

Project leader Nobuo Kokubun said such research helps scientists trace the animals' behavioural patterns and ecology.

"During the summer, we can go to Antarctica on icebreakers to conduct actual research activities, so that we can collect data there. But during the winter, such things cannot be done in so many places," Kokubun said during an

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Momen asks US lawmakers to help lift them

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen has sought support of two US lawmakers to have the sanctions on the Rapid Action Battalion and seven of its current and former officials lifted on a priority basis.

During a virtual meeting with Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) and Congressman James P McGovern (D-MA), co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, on March 1, he said Dhaka was willing to work closely with the US to find ways to have the sanctions waived.

Momen was visiting New York from February 23 to March 2 to attend official meetings at the United Nations. He is currently on his way back home.

Expressing concern over the US sanctions imposed on the Rab on December 10, he told the lawmakers that Bangladesh has always shown its readiness to deal with specific allegations against Rab and its officials.

He mentioned that the Rab has emerged as the most efficient law enforcement agency in Bangladesh over the years, and has

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Tied with nothing but a few pieces of rope, construction equipment, used for piling, dangerously sticks out of a pickup on a street in the capital's Shahbagh area yesterday. If the ropes snap, these objects can fly towards vehicles following closely behind. Two men are also travelling on top of the equipment, putting their lives at risk.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

