

## AL likely to face

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conference at the city's Town Hall Auditorium.

They held the conference following a series of reports published in media in the last few days, stating that Rifat is a top patron of drug dealers and smugglers in the district.

As per sources, the news reports cited a list of drug traders, smugglers and their patrons. The list was prepared by the Prime Minister's Office with assistance from a government intelligence agency in 2018.

"The allegations are baseless and false. We don't accept it," said Atiqullah, joint secretary of Cumilla

city unit AL. Meanwhile, Rifat yesterday filed a Tk 10-crore defamation case with a court in Cumilla against national daily Borer Kagoj for publishing news against him.

Borer Kagoj publisher Saber Hossain Chowdhury, editor Shyamol Dutta and three others of the newspaper were accused.

After submitting his nomination with the election's returning officer yesterday noon, Rifat told journalists that he filed the case.

On Sunday, the newspaper published a report that said Rifat was a top patron of drug dealers.

## 314 brick kilns shut down

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The HC has delivered stay orders for six months following the petitions, and therefore, necessary action could not be taken against several brick kilns, he added. The Air Pollution Control Rules 2022, which has been prepared to effectively control and reduce air pollution, is awaiting final approval from authorities concerned, the DG said after appearing before the

HC bench of Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam and Justice Mohi Uddin Shamim.

Deputy commissioners of the five districts also appeared before the HC bench and explained their steps to shut down the illegal kilns.

The bench ordered them to demolish all the remaining kilns immediately and submit detailed reports before it in two weeks.

The HC also fixed May 31 for hearing and passing further order on this issue and exonerated the DoE, DG and DCs from personal appearances before the court.

Lawyer Manzill Murshid appeared for the petitioner, while lawyer Amatul Karim Swapna stood for DoE and Deputy Attorney General Kazi Mynul Hassan represented the state during the hearing.

## Invest more in education

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competency level of education, culture and other ministries were some obstacles to working holistically to implement the goals.

SDG 4 targets to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning.

Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies Senior Research Fellow Zulfiqar Ali pointed out that net enrolment in primary schools increased significantly but a good number of children are still out of school. "Quality of education from primary to higher education level has been deteriorating. The proficiency and

primary and mass education additional secretary Ruhul Amin in his presentation said low contact hours, due to double shifts in most primary schools, lack of pedagogic skills of teachers, and inadequate training are some of the reasons behind the low quality of education.

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) executive director Rasheda K Choudhury said education and cultural ministries were allocated with low budgets. She also

pointed out that there was a lack of coordination among the ministries.

"We have seen positive results of investment in the agriculture sector. We need to invest in human development similarly," she added.

Rasheda also proposed the nationalisation of secondary education.

Planning Commission member Mosammam Nasima Begum moderated the session in which representatives from Social Welfare Ministry, Culture Affairs Ministry, Secondary and Higher Education Division and Technical and Madrasa Education Division, presented papers.

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even those who worked as house helps went missing. However, no such instance was found.

"Now we have been collecting information of all the missing persons since that time," said an official.

Owner of the building, Abdul Halim Sarker, earlier said he started construction of the building, holding No 389, in 1990 and the work ended in 1993. He said the building remained abandon for several months after the construction.

## No headway in 1.5 years

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owing to the country lacking in technology and experts to crack a case's mystery by examining only the skeleton of a victim.

A CID officer involved with the investigation said in developed countries, experts can reconstruct the face of a victim from skull, how long ago the victim was killed and can determine victim's height combining the bones.

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among all South Asian countries, except for Myanmar.

He proposed that the retail price of low-tier cigarettes should be set at Tk 50 for 10 sticks, followed by Tk 32.50 as specific supplementary duty (SD),

while for the medium-tier, the retail price should be set at Tk 75 and a supplementary duty of Tk 48.75.

For the high-tier products the retail price should be Tk 120 for 10 sticks, followed by a supplementary duty of Tk

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## STUDENT'S DEATH PBI given time again to finish probe

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday again asked Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) to submit -- by June 5 -- the probe report in a case filed against Bashundhara Group Managing Director Sayem Sobhan Anvir and seven others over the rape and murder of a college student in Dhaka's Gulshan.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Begum Yesmin Ara passed the order, after investigation officer Md Alauddin, also an inspector of PBI, failed to submit the report yesterday, said court sources.

With the latest one, PBI has taken 12 dates to submit the report.

On April 20 this year, the same court asked the investigator to submit the report by yesterday.

The magistrate also dismissed a petition seeking a travel ban against Anvir yesterday. She, however, did not mention any reason behind dismissing the petition.

Police recovered the body of the 21-year-old college student in a Gulshan flat on April 26 last year.

Her elder sister on September 6 filed a case with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-8 of Dhaka, bringing allegations of rape and murder.

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Rural Development and Co-operative Division  
Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB)  
Rural Livelihood Project-3rd phase (RLP-3rd phase)

05, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

Memo No.- 47.62.0000.911.07.055.22.455

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InterContinental Dhaka hereby invites sealed tender from experienced bidders for colleagues pick & drop microbus services. Bidders must have at least 4 years relevant experiences with any star hotel or renowned organization during last 5 years. Bidder must have average annual turnover of BDT 01 crore or more during last 3 years. Interested bidders who meets above criteria's are requested to obtain schedule from the Office of the Materials Manager up to 25 May 2022 during office hour on payment of BDT 3,000.00 in cash (non-refundable) & an application. A pre-bid meeting on this tender will take place on 22 May 2022. Prospective bidder(s) who will purchase tender document, only they will be allowed to participate in that pre-bid meeting.

Prospective bidder(s) will submit Tender Schedule through email only at bid@intercontinental-dhaka.com on 26 May 2022 up to 02:00pm.

Contract period will be for 12 months. InterContinental Dhaka reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever.

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Date: 11-05-2022

1 Ministry/Division  
Rural Development and Cooperative Division

2 Agency  
Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB)

3 Procuring Entity Name  
Project Director, Rural Livelihood Project-3rd phase (RLP-3)

4 Procuring Entity NID  
N/A

5 Procuring Entity District  
Dhaka

6 Invitation for  
(i) Procurement of Computer, Scanner, Printer, UPS and related Goods.  
(ii) Procurement of Furniture for Project purpose.

7 Invitation Ref No.  
47.62.0000.911.07.055.22.455

8 Date  
May 11, 2022

9 Procurement Method  
Open Tendering Method (OTM).

10 Budget and Source of Funds  
GoB

11 Project Code  
13801-01-224343200

12 Project Name  
Rural Livelihood Project-3rd phase (RLP-3)

13 Tender Package No.  
(i) GD-3 (ii) GD-4

14 Tender package name  
(i) Procurement of Computer, Scanner, Printer, UPS and related Goods.  
(ii) Procurement of Furniture, (iii) Office Equipment

15 Tender publication date  
May 11, 2022

16 Tender Last Selling Date and Time  
May 31, 2022 Up to 5:00 pm.

17 Tender Closing Date and Time  
June 01, 2022 Time: 1:00 pm.

18 Tender Opening Date and Time  
June 01, 2022 Time: 3:00 pm.

19 Name and Address of the office(s)  
- Selling Tender Document

Office of the Project Director,  
Rural Livelihood Project-3rd phase (RLP-3),

BRDB, 6th floor, 05, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.

- Receiving Tender Document

- Opening Tender Document

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20 Eligibility of the Tenderer  
i) Manufacturer/Authorized Distributor/Dealer/Supplier in Bangladesh  
Upto date Trade licence, VAT & TIN Certificate.

ii) The tender shall have a minimum 03 (three) years of overall experience in the supply of similar goods under any government/semi-government or autonomous bodies.

iii) Minimum liquid asset or bank solvency Tk.1.75 crore and last 3 (three) years average annual turnover Tk. 5.00 crore.

21 Price of Tender Document (Tk)  
Tk.2,000.00 (Two thousand taka) for each lot Non-Refundable.

22 Brief Description of the Goods

Lot-1 Location Tender Security Amount (Tk) Completion Time in weeks

Computer-(stated in the tender document) Different Upazilas under project area. 5,20,000.00 (five lac twenty thousand taka only)

Lot-2 Furniture (stated in the tender document) Different Upazilas under project area. 6,90,000.00 (six lac ninety thousand taka only)

Lot-3 Office Equipment (stated in the tender document) Different Upazilas under project area. 10,95,000.00 (ten lac ninety five thousand only)

23 Designation of Official Inviting Tender Project Director

24 Address of Official Inviting Tender Office of the Project Director  
Rural Livelihood Project-3rd phase (RLP-3) BRDB, 6th floor, 05, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.

Phone No. 02-8180037, Mobile Number: 01931-999777,

E-mail: pdrlp2rdb@gmail.com

25 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender

26 Special instructions: (Details in Tender Document)

N.B: if there any leave of the tender opening date, the tender will be opened on the first office day after the leave.

27 Md. Alomgir Hossain Al Nawaj Project Director

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