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be determined by a rule under the proposed law, he added.

“If an elderly person dies before the age of 75, the nominee will get the pension for the remaining time. If anyone dies at 62, his or her nominee will get a pension for 13 years,” he said.

At any time, people could withdraw themselves from the scheme and they will get back their money, he said.

According to the proposed law, there will be a five-member national pension authority headed by a chairman and also a 15-member governing body with the finance minister at its helm, said the cabinet secretary.

The Finance Division has placed the draft of the Universal Pension Management Act, 2022, aiming to bring the growing elderly population under a sustainable social safety net so they can better cope with the fallout from unemployment, disease, old age complications, or penury amid the high life expectancy rate.

Also yesterday, the cabinet cleared a proposal for Bangladesh to sign and ratify Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print disabled.

The cabinet cancelled its previous decision over the formation of the Sovereign Wealth Fund, which was taken in 2015.

Get ready

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a capacity of 7,500 tonnes, in Sunamganj.”

Hasina is expected to visit the flood-affected areas in Sylhet, Sunamganj and Netrakona today.

She will hold a press conference at 11:00am on Wednesday, said a release from the PMO’s Press Wing yesterday.



People on boats looking for shelter after evacuating their flooded homes on Char Jatrapur in Kurigram’s Sadar upazila. Due to the swelling of the Brahmaputra, the entire char has been inundated, leaving many homeless. The photo was taken on Sunday afternoon.

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La Nina behind

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When it is colder, the monsoon wind becomes very strong and brings in moisture. That is what is causing so much rainfall in the greater Ganges and in the Brahmaputra-Jamuna basin, he said.

Rashed added this intense rainfall will take place in coming months too and all the water will go down to the Bay of Bengal through Bangladesh.

Asked about the current forecasting system in Bangladesh, and whether it is possible to forecast specific weather events earlier, he said countries like the USA and many South American countries have been using seasonal forecasting based on

La Nina using oceanic atmosphere dynamics.

He further said Bangladesh currently just mentions level of water but not the area of inundation.

“If they want to do it, they have to find out the correlation between depth of water and the area of inundation. Then they would be able to say how much area would be inundated if the water level increases to a certain level.

With seasonal forecasting, which is the modern system, it is possible to forecast an event three months ahead.

“If we could forecast the flood three months ago, the government could have been far better prepared,” he said.

Driver knifed

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the vehicle, dragged Mostafa out of his lorry and stabbed him after an altercation, helper Aminul said.

Mostafa died on the way to Dinajpur M Abdur

Rahim Medical College Hospital.

After visiting the spot, Fakhru Islam, officer-in-charge of Biral Police Station, said they would investigate the incident and identify the culprits.

‘No record of press council members disapproving it’

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demanded it, but a number of them said they did not even know about it. Can you explain this?

Nasim: When we discuss something in the press council, we invite all bodies and they join us accordingly. As an example, when we were planning to make a digital list of journalists, we also invited all related organisations. We took approval from them and proceeded accordingly.

This process (the provision to fine journo up to Tk 10 lakh) started from 2016. I only came to this position in October, 2021. Our records state that whenever we progressed in this area, each and every member of the press council has approved it.

DS: Was there a discussion with editors and journalists who are part of the current committee?

Nasim: Yes. In our

committee, regular discussions happen.

DS: Did everyone agree to it?

Nasim: Yes. I’d say the Bangladesh Press Council has agreed. There is no record of any member not giving their approval.

DS: Then why are representative-journalists claiming they don’t know about the issue?

Nasim: I cannot comment on that. Only they can clarify this.

DS: Then there’s a confusion regarding this issue.

Nasim: There is no confusion at our end.

DS: If this law amendment is approved, would the journalists not be exposed to higher levels of trouble and inconvenience?

Nasim: Definitely not. I can vouch for it. For the instances where the journalists are tried only under the press council law, and no other law, for

Not an order but

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he added. “We also did not order Bahauddin Bahar to leave the area. We humbly requested him. However, words got spread that the MP did not comply with the Election Commission’s order to leave the city. That’s not entirely true.”

On June 8, the Election Commission issued a letter to Bahar, asking him to leave the electoral area as it found that the MP was taking part in electioneering of ruling party candidate Arfanul Haque Rifat.

It became a hot topic of discussion as Bahar did not comply with the EC directive.

The letter also read, “The commission humbly requests Bahar to leave the electoral area to cooperate with the commission in compliance with the electoral code of conduct.”

On June 12, the CEC said the Election Commission cannot do anything against a lawmaker if he “dishonours” its directives.

He came up with the remark when journalists drew his attention to Bahar not leaving the area.

“We have sent a letter asking him to leave the area ... If he doesn’t honour it, we don’t have anything to do,” the CEC said, adding,

“We have come to know that he [the lawmaker] has filed a case against the directive.”

On June 15, the election day, Bahar said the letter was beyond the jurisdiction of EC.

“For a member of parliament, the instruction cannot be given this way. Also, the letter is unfinished. There is no complete explanation of the law in the letter. So, we need to talk about the law in parliament. We will amend the law, InshAllah,” he said.

A few hours later, when asked about Bahar’s comment made on the election day, CEC Awal told journalists, “We have discussed it a lot, and now the election is over.... The matter is closed; I will not make any further comment.”

At yesterday’s press conference, he said, “We can say a lot of things mistakenly. The last sentence [of the letter] says he [the lawmaker] is humbly requested. You need to understand the difference between the request and the order.”

About the issue, former election commissioner Brig Gen (ret’d) Sakhawat Hussain told this newspaper, “When the Election Commission makes a request, it is actually an order. They

use this language out of politeness”.

According to election expert Badiul Alam Majumder, secretary of Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan), the EC issued a notice under section 22 of the code of conduct asking the MP to leave the area, with which he failed to comply.

The CEC then said the commission could not do anything further about it, though section 31 and 32 of the code of conduct clearly specify penalties for such violation, including imposition of fines, jail sentence and even cancelling the candidature of the candidate supported by the MP, he said.

“Consequently, the CEC and the other commissioners failed to faithfully discharge the duties of office according to the law. It is painful to see that by today’s [yesterday’s] statement, the CEC is further demeaning this important constitutional body.”

He added, “The CEC said they did not order the lawmaker but made a request -- what is the difference? His comments are misleading. Are they trying to make someone happy? We don’t understand this.”

those, we are simply trying to enhance the power (of the press council to take action against journalists).

DS: What would happen if this law is misused, like the Digital Security Act (DSA)?

Nasim: The other two members of the tribunal with me are both journalist-representatives. A general citizen can be the claimant, and a journalist or an organisation can become the defendant. There is no scope for misuse here, as there are no outside forces at work.

DS: Will the press council only provide training and take judicial action against journalists? Why doesn’t the press council do anything about freedom of expression?

Nasim: The press council supports freedom to express. Slowly, the council’s activities will also increase.

DS: Why doesn’t

the press council say anything when journalists get arrested, jailed and tortured?

Nasim: Maybe the press council thinks that these are not our matter. Maybe is a matter for the court (dealing with the issue), and will be sorted out in the court. I don’t want it to become like that (torture). But saying is one thing. We have to consider whether we have the authority or not, or whether the law gives us that kind of authority or not. We have to consider these.

DS: Does the press council have that kind of authority? Suppose a journalist is apprehended and tortured. Or he gets arrested through the DSA and is tortured. In such cases, does the press council possess the capability to comment or take legal action?

Nasim: When such incidents occur in certain

areas, we send letters requesting to put a stop to these. We also conducted a couple of investigations. It’s not that we haven’t done anything. But we cannot get involved with each and every incident.

DS: Do you have the legal authority or not?

Nasim: We, the press council, will mostly work to improve the quality of journalism. Legally, I am allowed to give a statement. But will that help? I think it will go in vain. Instead, if they are allowed to get some legal aid, we can arrange that.

Most importantly, we do not wish to get involved with matters of other courts. We will work with the ones that comes to us, and will keep on working in this manner.

DS: If a journalist is tortured, you will not get involved?

Nasim: We don’t have any authority in this regard.

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০৫	জব প্লেসমেন্ট অফিসার - ০১ জন (Job Placement Officer)	(মৌলভীবাজার টিটসি, চট্টগ্রাম মহিলা টিটসি ও কুলা মহিলা টিটসি)	১,৫০০/- (প্রতি মাসে ২২ দিন x ১,৫০০= ৩৩,০০০)	কেন বীকুতিয়ার বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে যে কোন বিষয়ে স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রিধারীসহ সার্টিফিকেটে ০৩ বছরের বাতর অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।

১। ইন্টারভিউ এর সময় নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্রসহ মূলকপি ও ১ সেট (১ম প্রেরণ কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত) ফটোকপি সঙ্গে নিয়ে আসতে হবে।

(ক) সকল শিক্ষণোক্ত যোগ্যতার স্মরণীয় সনদপত্র এবং একাডেমিক ট্রান্সক্রিপ্ট/মার্কশিট।

(খ) সাম্প্রতিক জেলা মুইকলি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবি।

(গ) অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র।

(ঘ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র/জন্ম নিবন্ধন সনদ।

২। ২৮/০৭/২০২২খ্রিঃ তারিখে প্রার্থীদের ব্যাস অতিথি প্রশিক্ষক (Guest Trainer)-এর ক্ষেত্রে সর্বোচ্চ ৪০ বছর এবং অন্য পদের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বোচ্চ ৩৫ বছর।

৩। আবেদনকারীর যোবাইল নম্বরে ইন্টারভিউ এর তারিখ ও স্থানের দার মেসেজ এর মাধ্যমে জানানো হবে।

৪। অংশগ্রহণকারীদের প্রতিকর জমাফল BMET-SEIP Unit নোটিশ বোর্ডে এবং বিবাহিউর ওয়েবসাইটে (www.bmet.gov.bd) এ পাওয়া যাবে।

৫। কুল তথা সম্মতি, জটিলপূর্ণ ও অসম্পূর্ণ সনদপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

৬। পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য প্রার্থীদের কোন টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা য়ে না।

৭। কে কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিসের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

খ্রিঃ-১২/৭/২২

পরিচালক (প্রশিক্ষণ পরিচালনা)

Envoys laud

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Charles Whiteley, ambassador and head of delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh, said the inauguration of the Padma Bridge is going to be an “unforgettable moment”.

In a message, the envoy conveyed warmest congratulations to Bangladesh.

“We look forward to using the bridge ourselves and to seeing what it does to facilitate people to people, family and commercial links. Congratulations, Bangladesh.”

The Russian embassy in Dhaka said Padma Bridge is a “true game changer” and “landmark achievement” as it offers multiple opportunities in terms of regional trade, investments, connectivity, employment, tourism, and many other fields.

“The dream of Sonar Bangla cherished by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is coming true right before

our eyes,” said the embassy in a media release.

Chinese ambassador to Bangladesh Li Jiming on Sunday lauded Hasina’s wise leadership and determination in building the “dream bridge”.

Terming the Padma Bridge a symbol of courage, he said, “It’s an outstanding achievement. This is going to be a big day [June 25] for Bangladesh,” he said in a Facebook message.

He termed Hasina a “true representative” of the people. Lauding Hasina’s courage and leadership, Li said Hasina was key in making of the decision to build the bridge with the country’s own resources.

He said bridge would serve as an everlasting bond of brotherhood between China and Bangladesh.

“Whenever I think of the bridge, three words come to my mind: courage, determination and prosperity,” he added.

The Padma Bridge is the longest bridge Chinese companies have built outside of China, he said.

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and 34 of the act.

“There are lots of corruption allegations against Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation. If the public hearing is held, consumers would be able to know how much extra money BPC takes from them for each litre of fuel,” he said.

After the launch of public hearings in the gas and power sectors by the BERC, it was found that liquified petroleum gas [LPG] marketing

companies were charging consumers Tk 150 extra per cylinder on average, Shamsul said.

“The gas and power supply companies had also been charging consumers extra money before the holding of public hearings.”

He said the CAB has filed a writ petition challenging the price hike of diesel and kerosene in November through a government gazette. “The High Court is yet to deliver a verdict on the petition.”

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Directorate of Planning and Development			
Corrigendum in International Tender			
Corrigendum to the tender notice published in “The Daily Star” and “The Daily Prothomalo” on 10 th May, 2022 for Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Magnetron Sputtering Tool with Accessories for the Dept. of GCE, BUET, Dhaka.			
Ref. No. P&D/FP/JS-3/BEPRC-04/21/GCE-02/International Tender/DR- 171; Date: 20/06/2022 Tender Package No.: BUET/GCE/EPRC/2021/Procurement/G01			
Sl No.	Particulars	Existing	Amendment
1.	Tender Specification	Chamber designed to incorporate load-lock via CF Flange.	There is an item named ‘Load lock’ mentioned in the tender specification. The tenderers should quote the price of this item separately.
2.	Tender Security	Pay order/Bank Draft	Pay order/Bank Draft or Bank Guarantee
3.	The existing statement under GCC 28.2	The insurance coverage shall be made by Manufacturer.	The insurance coverage shall be made as per incoterms mentioned in ITT 23.12(d).
4.	The clauses in GCC 27.1	b. 80% (eighty percent) payment of the LC value shall be made in upon submission of documents specified in GCC Clause 23 against the goods to be delivered. c. 20% (Twenty percent) of the LC contract value will be paid after satisfactory completion of Installation, Testing and commissioning of the Equipment at site and Acceptance Certificate to be issued by the user/purchaser and providing Bank Guarantee of ten (10) percent of contract price with the validity of one year from the date of installation to secure warranty period	b. 90% (Ninety percent) payment of the LC value shall be made in upon submission of documents specified in GCC Clause 23 against the goods to be delivered. c. 10% (Ten percent) of the LC contract value will be paid after satisfactory completion of Installation, Testing and commissioning of the Equipment at site and Acceptance Certificate to be issued by the user/purchaser and providing Bank Guarantee of ten (10) percent of contract price with the validity of one year from the date of installation to secure warranty period
5.	Tender Last Selling Date	21.06.2022 (during office hours)	03.07.2022 (during office hours)
6.	Tender Closing Date and Time	22.06.2022 at 11.30 AM (BST)	04.07.2022 at 11.30 AM (BST)
7.	Tender Opening Date and Time	22.06.2022 at 12.00 PM (BST). Tender shall be opened in presence of Tenderers / Tenderer’s authorized representative (if any).	04.07.2022 at 12.00 PM (BST). Tender shall be opened in presence of Tenderers/Tenderer’s authorized representative (if any).
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