

## Govt doing whatever necessary

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She said the government was taking steps so that the country didn't face food scarcity.

Hasina, also the leader of the House, reiterated her call for the people to utilise every inch of the country's land to produce food on.

In this regard, she said

## 4-year-old

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"I will inform her once her condition improves," he said, adding that they buried Mariam in their village graveyard yesterday.

Sakib, a friend and neighbour of injured Shahdat, said, "The fire broke out and spread to the ground floor when Begum lit the gas stove early in the morning. We rushed to the house hearing their screams and rescued them."

Rashed bin Khaled, duty officer of Fire Service and Civil Defence Headquarters, said the fire was doused before the firefighters reached there.

"We primarily suspect that the fire originated from a gas leak."

that due to the high prices of the imported items, the country's import expenditure has raised by an additional \$9 billion.

She said the export incentives will be widened to increase export and diversify it.

Hasina said the whole world got into trouble due to the Russia-Ukraine

## House body gets

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International Bangladesh have raised objections to various sections of the proposed law.

The space for independent media will shrink further if the proposed bill is passed by the parliament as it would bring the media industry and mass media employees under further control of the bureaucracy in the name of protection, said the Editors' Council (Sampadak Parishad) in a statement on April 19.

As many as 37 out of the 54 provisions are not journalist friendly, it said.

The government will be able to cancel the licences

or registration of the media for violation of the law, while the owners of the media outlets will also face punishment.

If anyone or any organisation violates the provisions of the bill, there will be a fine of Tk 50,000-Tk 5 lakh or imprisonment, the cabinet secretary said.

Once the new law is passed in parliament, the jobs of media employees will no longer be regulated under the labour law.

A separate wage board will fix the salaries and allowances of media personnel in line with the salary scale of the government employees and it will apply to the media outlets' owners.

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## Committed

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Bangladesh from August 14 to 17. During her visit, she held meetings with the prime minister, other ministers, civil society groups, and diplomats, and visited Rohingya camps, before ending her tenure as UN rights chief today.

Asked whether the government's investigation would be independent and neutral, Shahriar said yes. He asked why more than 400 Rab members and over 1,000 police officers faced actions for their misdeeds if departmental probes were not independent.

"I don't see the logic to go beyond the department... If civil society groups are engaged, they would say Shahriar Alam led these incidents," he said.

Of the 66-missing people, at least 28 are notorious criminals, he mentioned.

He said people may go missing for various reasons. Notorious criminals generally go into hiding to evade trials.

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Office has said that some media organisations in Bangladesh have published misinformation on the press conference of the body's chief Michelle Bachelet, held on August 25.

"We regret the misinformation," said UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Spokesperson Ravina Shamdasani in an email sent to the media yesterday.

Some media organisations wrote that Bachelet in her annual global report mentioned no human rights concerns about Bangladesh.

"As you must be aware, the high commissioner extensively discussed her concerns about a wide range of human rights issues in her meetings with government, civil society and other interlocutors and in her end-of-mission statement in Dhaka," Shamdasani said referring to Bachelet's press conference in Dhaka on August 17 after a four day visit to Bangladesh.

She said as the high commissioner had already extensively covered the human rights issues in Bangladesh, she chose to focus her August 25 end-of-mission statement in Geneva on global issues, as well as the Rohingya anniversary, which was on the day itself.

## 62pc healthcare

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facilities worldwide lack basic hygiene services with water and soap or alcohol-based hand rub in the toilets of these facilities.

Around 3.85 billion are at risk by using these facilities, including the 688 million who receive care at facilities with no hygiene services at all.

"Hygiene facilities and practices in health care settings are non-negotiable.

Their improvement is essential to pandemic recovery, prevention and preparedness.

Hygiene in health care facilities cannot be secured without increasing investments in basic measures, which include safe water, clean toilets, and safely managed health care waste," said Dr Maria Neira, WHO director, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health.

"If healthcare providers don't have access to a hygiene service, patients don't have a healthcare facility. Every year, around 670,000 newborns lose their lives to sepsis. This is a travesty – even more so as their deaths are preventable," said Kelly Ann Naylor, Unicef director of WASH and Climate, Environment, Energy, and Disaster Risk Reduction.

The report is being launched at World Water Week taking place in Stockholm, Sweden.

## Living

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"Later he moved to Diggida due to safety reasons. The point I'm trying to make here is that he could move because he was financially capable. That is not the reality of the tea workers who work and live there," she said.

"Among the four women who were killed in the landslide, two have children studying in our school. They come to classes regularly but a perpetual feeling of sadness has engulfed their lives and their psyche," she added.

Although the upazila administration has given instructions to move the families living at risk, the tea garden authorities are yet to comply.

However, manager of the garden Sadiqur Rahman said the families will be evacuated to safer places as soon as possible.

Assistant Commissioner (Land) and Executive Magistrate Sandeep Talukdar said, "We have asked the tea plantation authorities to evacuate the workers from the dangerous homesteads adjacent to the hills. It's just a matter of time."

Holding the cutting of hills responsible for the landslides, Abdul Karim Kim, general secretary of Bapa's Sylhet chapter, said, "As per the environment act, hill cutting is a cognisable offence."

Badru Huda, assistant director of the Department of Environment in Moulvibazar, said they now have a zero-tolerance policy against hill cutting.

Deputy Commissioner Mir Nahid Ahsan echoed the same.

## Childhood gone too soon

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by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the country currently has 34,50,000 child workers, of whom, 12,80,000 are involved in hazardous work.

Firoz Hasan, who teaches at a school for underprivileged children, said 35 to 40 children, earning a living by selling flowers around TSC, are regular students of the makeshift school they run at Suhrawardy Udyana.

"If any of the children working inside the campus canteens want to study, we

can accommodate them. But they seldom have the time to study given the work hours," said Firoz.

Contacted, Jahangir Alam, proprietor of the canteen at Shaheed Sergeant Zahirul Haque Hall, said a while back, some of the hall students used to teach these children.

"It's not that we want to encourage child labour. But these children also have no option as they have to support their families back home," he said.

"If the university authorities offer them a

chance to study during their free time, we have no objection. It will be a good initiative," he said.

Contacted, DU Vice Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman expressed interest in taking responsibility to arrange for the education of these child workers.

He, however, believes that they should be provided with technical education, instead of a traditional one. He said he will discuss the issue in the upcoming provosts' standing committee meeting.

## Monsoon doubles mosquito

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persons of 50 hospitals in Dhaka city took part, he mentioned.

## DNCC BUYS 30 BOATS TO CLEAN WATERBODIES

DNCC Chief Health Officer Brig Gen Md Zobaidur Rahman said they have purchased 30 boats to clean waterbodies and use insecticides properly.

They are also holding workshops regularly. One such workshop was held on Monday, where focal

control workers use bells when spraying larvicide to improve monitoring and inform residents about the activities, he explained.

This has been going on in 54 wards of DNCC for the last 15 days, he mentioned.

Md Abu Nasher, DSCC public relations officer, said apart from their routine anti-mosquito drives, they are also taking various measures.



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Date : 25.08.2022

## Invitation For e-Tender

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

SI	Tender ID	Name of the procurement	Last Downloading Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
I.	728247	Staff bus service	18.09.2022 17.00	19.09.2022 15.00

This is an online Tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hardcopy will be accepted.

To submit e-tender/e-tenders, registration required in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). The fees for Downloading the e-Tender Document/ Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@procure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@procure.gov.bd)/Contact Number : 01762625528-31)

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## Invitation for Tender (International)

1	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.
2	Agency	Eastern Refinery Limited, Chattogram
3	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)
4	Invitation for	Goods and related services
5	Invitation Ref. No.	ER/OPRN/ABP-F01/2022
6	Procurement method	International Open Tender "One stage two envelope (Technical and Commercial)"
7	Budget and source of funds	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)
8	Tender Package No.	ER/OPRN/ABP-F01/2022
9	Tender package name	Replacement of Tube coil and Refractory of Asphaltic Bitumen Plant (ABP) Furnace at ERL
10	Tender publication date	31/08/2022
11	Tender last selling date	25/10/2022
12	Tender closing date and time	26/10/2022 BST 1100 hrs
13	Tender opening date and time	26/10/2022 BST 1130 hrs
14	Name & address of the office(s)	<p>- Selling tender document (principal) Manager (Accounts), Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh</p> <p>- Selling tender document (others) Eastern Refinery Limited, Dhaka Liaison Office, Second floor, YMCA Bhaban, 1/1, Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh</p> <p>- Receiving tender document Board Room, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh</p> <p>- Opening tender document Board Room, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chattogram-4100, Bangladesh</p> <p>- Pre-tender meeting place/date/time Board Room, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh on 20/09/2022 at BST 1030 hrs</p>

15	Eligibility of tenderer	As per Tender Data Sheet (Section-2)
16	Brief description of goods or works	Replacement of Tube coil and Refractory of Asphaltic Bitumen Plant (ABP) Furnace at ERL

17	Brief description of related services	Dismantling of furnace, removal of old tube coil and refractory, testing and commissioning of installed tube coil and refractory
18	Price of tender document (Tk)	BDT 2,000.00 (two thousand) only

Lot	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security (Tk)	Completion time
Single	ER/OPRN/ABP-F01/2022	Chattogram	BDT 4,00,000.00 (four lakh) or US\$ 5,00,000.00 (five thousand) or Euro 5,00	