

'Hijra, not third gender'  
Say trans rights activists at dialogue on transgender, gender-diverse population

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is a massive knowledge gap when it comes to the issues of the transgender and Hijra community in the country, said members of the community at a dialogue yesterday.

"Most of the time, media address us as the 'third gender', which is a derogatory term. In 2013, the government recognised us as 'Hijra', not 'third gender'," said Tanisha Yeasmin Chaity, a trans woman and trans rights activist.

She made the remarks at the dialogue, titled "Developing the inherent capacities of ", organised by Somporker Noya Setu at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh.

Trans woman S Srabonti said people of the transgender community face a lot of discrimination in accessing healthcare in mainstream hospitals and the most basic of things, like toilets and sanitation.

"No one talks about the discrimination we face in the workplace. We face wage discrimination and sometimes sexual harassment from colleagues," said Mizanul Haque Mitu, vice president of Paddakuri Hijra Sangha.

"The Tk 10,000 after the completion of training provided by the social services department cannot change our fate. If they can involve us in work or allow us networking opportunities, that could be helpful," she added.

The recent population and housing census 2022

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PHOTO: MOKAMMEL SHUVO

# How to kill a canal

Once mighty, Subhadda falls victim to encroachment, pollution

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, back from Keraniganj

Do you know how much garbage it takes to kill a 13-kilometre-long flowing canal?

If you don't, then you have to visit Dhaka's Keraniganj upazila and witness the death of a canal named "Subhadda" to get a firsthand experience.

During two recent visits to Keraniganj, this correspondent witnessed how a canal has been killed by indiscriminate dumping of waste and subsequent encroachment.

The huge heaps of garbage, composed of polythene and fabric scraps from nearby factories, are dumped on the canal at several points. In many places, the canal has been filled with water hyacinths.

"In some areas, the polythene layer is so thick that people can walk through the canal without getting their feet wet," said Selim Khan, a Baruitola resident.

"People are grabbing the canal by dumping

waste there first," he alleged.

Besides local grabbers, the Zila Parishad had also built a market by grabbing the canal's land in Aganagar area, the starting point of the canal, said Water Development Board (WDB) sources.

Afterwards, other grabbers occupied portions of the canal to build markets, they added.

One end of the Subhadda canal started from the Buriganga at Aganagar and the other end falls in the Dhaleswari at Mollahat, said Masud Rana, section officer of WDB Keraniganj circle.

The canal's width is 20 metres at best, said ML Saikat, executive engineer of WDB Dhaka-2.

However, at present, huge piles of scrap fabric have clogged its connectivity at Aganagar point due to the surrounding garment factories. "Twenty years ago, we sailed to the Dheleswari through the canal

from the Buriganga. Big boats transported goods using this route," said Mohammad Hasim, a resident of Keraniganj's Kacharipara.

Sukumar Mandal (60), another resident, said, "Once, people living on the canal bank used its water for drinking and cooking. But now the canal has dried up in many areas due to garbage dumping."

"The union parishad is not equipped to handle the sheer amount of garbage produced by households and garment factories. So the garbage eventually ends up in the canal. We are working on a holistic approach to solving the problem," said Keraniganj UNO Md Mehedi Hasan.

On the issue of the grabbers, he said he could not confirm their numbers. All the illegal structures will be demolished soon, he added.

"A recast Development Project Proposal (DPP) worth Tk 1,055 crore has been sent to

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# 'Trying for peaceful repatriation'

Says home minister amid fear of Rohingyas' fresh entry

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN, from Cox's Bazar

Amid fears of fresh entry of Rohingyas into Bangladesh, following the continuous assaults by the Myanmar military against the Arakan Army along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border in the past few weeks, the government has said they are trying to repatriate Rohingyas peacefully.

"We, specially the inhabitants of Cox's Bazar, are facing many problems after Rohingyas came to Bangladesh. Myanmar is not taking them back," said Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday.

The minister was addressing a workshop titled "Nabajagaran - Say No To Crime" as chief guest at a Cox's Bazar hotel.

While the government is trying to send Rohingyas back, a new cause of concern emerged

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# PROF TAHER MURDER Mohiuddin killed him to secure his promotion at RU Observes SC in full verdict

ASHUTOSH SARKAR



Prof Taher

Mia Mohammad Mohiuddin, then associate professor of Rajshahi University, plotted to kill S Taher Ahmed, the then senior-most professor of its geology and mining department. He hatched the conspiracy to clear his way to become a professor in the department, observed the Supreme Court in its full text of verdict released yesterday.

"In view of the evidence as discussed earlier we have no hesitation to hold that Dr Mohiuddin, a highly educated man and Associate Professor of Rajshahi University, only for the purpose of getting promotion as Professor annihilated Dr Taher from this world presuming that if Professor Taher lived, the chance of his getting promotion as Professor was zero," said a six-member bench

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
SEPTEMBER 16

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:35	12:30	4:30	6:09	7:45
JAMAT 5:10	1:15	4:45	6:12	8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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**SELIM KHAN**  
A resident of Baruitola

## 22-day ban on hilsa netting begins Oct 7

UNB, Dhaka

The government is going to impose a 22-day ban on catching, selling, hoarding and transporting of hilsa from October 7 across the country to protect safe spawning of the fish during its peak breeding period.

This information was disclosed in a notification issued by the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock yesterday. According to the notification, collection, transportation, purchase, sale and storage of hilsa will be banned from October 7 to 28.

The ban covers hilsa sanctuaries in six districts - Barishal, Chandpur, Laxmipur, Bhola, Shariatpur and Patuakhali.

## Two killed in Cumilla road accident

UNB, Cumilla

Two people were killed and two injured when a bus crashed into a three-wheeler on Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in Cumilla yesterday.

The deceased are Joyal Abedin, 35, and Imran Hossain, 30. All the victims were passengers of the three-wheeler. The accident took place in the Beltola area of the upazila around 8:00am when the Dhaka-bound bus of "Econo Paribahan" coming from Chattogram hit the three-wheeler at high speed, said Akul Chandra Biswas, officer-in-charge of Mainamati Highway Police Station.

Police have seized the bus. Efforts are on to identify and arrest its driver.

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**PROCUREMENT & LOGISTIC SUPPORT DIRECTORATE**  
REF: DACPFINTL TENDER009 & 010 (2022-2023) Dated: 15-09-2022

**INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE**  
Sealed tenders are invited for supplying the following equipment to Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.

S/N	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
01	DAPFINTL TENDER009/2022-2023 DT. 15-09-2022	Aircraft Towing Tractor (Cargo/Baggage)	18 units
02	DAPFINTL TENDER010/2022-2023 DT. 15-09-2022	Aircraft Potable Water Service Cart	06 units

Tender schedule with detailed specifications, terms & conditions will be available at the Office of Manager Accounts, Cash & Banking, Balaka, Head Office, Kurmitola, Dhaka and Biman's outstation in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai & London on all working days up to 10/10/2022. A formal application in bidder's letterhead pad mentioning Tender Number and date shall be required for purchasing the tender schedule(s). The purchase price of each tender schedule is BDT 4000.00 (BDT four thousand) or equivalent foreign currency (non-refundable). Tender schedule and other related information may also be viewed at Biman's website www.biman-airlines.com. The last date of submission of tender is on 11/10/2022 at 11:30 hrs (BST).

Mohammad Shafiqur Rahman Akand  
Asst. Manager Commercial Purchase

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**বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক**  
(সেন্ট্রাল ব্যাংক অব বাংলাদেশ)  
প্রধান কার্যালয়: বাংলাদেশ সিস্টেমস কমিটি সচিবালয়, মতিবিল, ঢাকা-১০০০

তারিখ: ৩১ ভাদ্র ১৪২৯  
বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-১১২/২০২২  
তারিখ: ১৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২২

**৯টি ব্যাংক/আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানে ২০১৮ সাল ভিত্তিক 'অফিসার (জেনারেল)' (Job ID-10086) এর ২০৪৬টি শূন্য পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণের পরিবর্তিত সময়সূচি**

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Police Telecom Bhabon, Rajarbag, Dhaka.  
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**Invitation for Local Tenders**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs (Public Security Division)		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police		
3	Procuring Entity Name	SP (Training), Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka.		
4	Invitation for	Tender	Goods	Multi Lot
5	Invitation Ref No & Date	44.01.0000.057.15.007.22.5088 /Betr. Date: 15-09-2022		
KEY INFORMATION				
6	Procurement Method	NCT (National)	Open (Framework)	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
7	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
8	Tender Package No.	GD1-GD2-GD3/231301/2022-2023		
9	Tender Package Name	Training Materials, Goods & Foods		
10	Tender Publication Date	16-09-2022		
11	Tender Last Selling Date	01-10-2022		
		Date	Time	
12	Tender Closing Date and Time	04-10-2022	11:00 AM	
13	Tender Opening Date and Time	04-10-2022	11:30 AM	
14	Name & Address of the office's	Address		
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	ASP (Procurement), Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217		
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	DC (Logistic & Procurement), DMP, Dhaka.		
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS				
15	Receiving Tender Document & Opening Tender Document	Police Telecommunication Organization, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217		
16	Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Date	Time	Place
		22-09-2022	11:30 AM	Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	1) Up in date trade license 2) Current income tax certificate, 3) VAT registration 4) Bank Statement and 5) Other requirements described in the standard tender document.		
18	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Purchase of Training Materials, Goods & Foods for Police Telecom Training.		
19	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	1000/- (One Thousand) Taka only		
	Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
	20	Lot-1	Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka.	43,200/- (Forty Three Thousand Two Hundred) Taka only
		Lot-2		37,000/- (Thirty Seven Thousand) Taka only
		Lot-3		1,00,000/- (One Lac) Taka only
		Lot-4		7,100/- (Seven Thousand One Hundred) Taka only
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
21	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Asma Begum Rita		
22	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	SP (Training), Bangladesh Police		
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Police Telecom, Rajarbag, Dhaka-1217.		
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone 02-226663810, Mobile 01320-020042		
25	Special Instructions:	a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date. b) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any/all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason. c) The Procuring Entity also reserves the right to omit, increase or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from mentioned in tender. d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue. e) The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Rules 2008		

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