

RMP gets digital forensic lab

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Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) yesterday inaugurated a digital forensic lab for investigating cybercrimes, identifying criminals, and examining digital evidence.

RMP Commissioner Md Abu Kalam Siddique inaugurated the lab at the Cyber Crime Unit building of RMP's under-construction headquarters at C&B intersection.

The lab was installed by the US Department of State's Anti-terrorism Assistance unit and the US embassy.

The lab will analyse data collected from computers, digital-storage media like flash drives, internet, and phone calls, said RMP's cybercrime chief Utpal Kumar Chowdhury.

The commissioner said criminals are getting involved in new types of crimes through electronics.

"RMP used to take help from digital forensic labs of CID and PBI to verify the authenticity of evidence. Now, RMP has its own lab," he said.

The state-of-the-art lab will make it easier to detect crimes and create opportunities to settle cases in less time, he added.

Senior RMP officials and US trainers were present at the inaugural function.

Rape survivors face cruel realities

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and made illicit proposals. Her husband has since left her, but he too continuously demands money from her. After the gang-rape case received wide media coverage, he falsely believes Nasima has acquired large lump sums from the government and NGOs, she said. In reality, she receives Tk 3,000 for monthly food and essentials, from a group of women's rights activists and Tk 2,000 for the tuition of her son who attended SSC this year.

Nasima lives with her in-laws in a house given to her by the local MP. "Although earlier, I stayed at my father's place, where I could raise ducks, work as a domestic help for others or stitch kanthas for neighbours and get some money, here there are no

such opportunities," she said. "Especially, after they [the rapists] hit me in the head, I cannot even thread a needle let alone stitch kanthas," she added.

Nasima doesn't even get to see her daughter, who was married off five years ago. Her daughter's in-laws don't allow her mother to come to visit her because of the stigma associated with Nasima's rape. She is never invited to any family occasions.

Ritu, 22, another survivor, was raped when she was only 13 and had not even started menstruating. "It was unbearable to process that the worst thing imaginable had happened to me, and that too, by my own father," said Ritu.

Though most didn't, Ritu's mother believed her and stood up for her. They

left the house together, went through many ups and downs, and filed a report against her father. But Ritu couldn't attend school for years, fearing what other people would think of her if they knew about the incident. She hated herself, blamed herself.

Ritu's early teenage days were spent in court. "I didn't understand what the court was, and why people go there, but I had to go there to describe that horrific experience of being raped by my own father, again and again in front of people," she said.

Now, she lives in a safe home run by a non-governmental organisation, and tries to make up for the childhood she has lost. As she started late, she is currently studying in class nine. "I

just want to finish my SSC and take a job to support my poor mother, who left everything for me," she said.

But her hope for justice is withering. Nine years since Ritu and her mother filed the case, it is still in the trial procedure, she said.

The High Court Directive stipulates that trial proceedings of cases under the Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Daman Ain 2000 are supposed to be completed within 180 days after the lower court concerned accepts the case for trial. But the survivors interviewed for this story said they have been waiting for the verdict for years. Most of them have downright lost faith in the justice system completely.

For 18-year-old Samiya, an intellectually disabled

girl from Bogra who was raped by her neighbour when she was 13, the search for justice has victimised her family too. Even six years after filing, the case is still ongoing and taking witnesses. Her father, a labourer by profession, had to sell his only 1.5 decimal land for the case.

"Last month, I had to take four witnesses to court, which took around Tk 3,500 including their transportation costs, lunch, and expenses at the court. I had to rent my neighbour's CNG on credit, and pay the rent after working for two more days," her father said.

"But every time after coming from the court, they make fun of me saying what's so wrong with raping a "rejected" girl," lamented Samiya's father.

"But rape survivors and

their families should not have to bear the medical expenses and legal costs etc, that arise from rape," said legal researcher, Taqbir.

"Under the draft Crime Victims Compensation Act, the state has a responsibility to compensate victims of violent offences, from a state compensation fund. It is regrettable that the law remains a draft despite being proposed by the Law Commission 15 years ago," he added.

With a legal system that fails to protect rape victims, they continue to suffer physically, psychologically, socially and financially. As such, rape survivors say they are alive but not living. (Victim's names have been changed to protect their identity)

No alliance with BNP

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Yesterday, Raushan made an appeal to all the members of Jatiya Party who left with Anwar Hossain Manju, Najir Rahman Manju and Kazi Zafar Ahmad became inactive to return to Jatiya Party.

"There are some problems like corruption, mismanagement of economy and inflation. The prime minister is aware of these issues, and I think cabinet members will be more sincere and proactive about them," she said.

Three MPs, including Kazi Firoz Rashid, Syed Abu Hossain and Nasrin Jahan, were present to receive Raushan from the airport.

Besides, several top JP leaders, including Ruhul Amin Hawlader and Golam Moshhi, political secretary of the opposition leader, were also present along with JP leaders who were expelled by JP Chairman GM Quader from the party, including Opposition Chief Whip Moshirur Rahman Ranga and Ziaul Haque Mridha.

BCL nat'l council

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Udyan on December 10, because of BCL's December 8 conference.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was scheduled to visit Japan on November 29 on a state visit and was expected to return on December 3, which is why she wanted the council on December 8.

However, the premier's visit was cancelled later on, meaning her presence at the newly scheduled BCL conference is guaranteed, Quader explained.

The AL leader also announced that the ruling party will also be on the streets of Dhaka during BNP's Dec 10 rally, hinting to an intense stand-off between the two largest political parties in the country.

"Nothing will happen on December 10. We will be on the streets as well. We are not obstructing them anywhere and will not in Dhaka, but if they try to play with fire, they will get a befitting reply," he said.

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Law ministry sits on EC proposals

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"The Election Commission believes it will not be able to achieve the necessary capacity to perform its duties if its requests and demands are ignored, violating the constitution and the law," the letter read.

"This may raise unwanted doubts in the minds of the people about the commission's ability, its independence and the government's goodwill regarding the election."

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No further request will be made after this letter. Once the deadline passes, the commission will take a decision regarding the matter, Habibur added.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The EC had proposed an amendment, which will give the commission the authority to cancel an election before the gazette notification of the results, provided that complaints made against the polls were proved to be true through probe.

Currently, the EC has no say after the announcement of the unofficial results.

According to the existing law, if the commission found proof of misconduct and use of muscle power, it could cancel the candidature of a contender, EC officials said, adding that the EC now proposed that such a candidate not be allowed to run in the fresh polls.

The commission also proposed empowering presiding officers to

stop voting if someone or some people, legally or illegally, enter a polling station and prevent officials from performing their duties.

It even recommended five-year imprisonment of any presiding officer concerned for not using the provision properly.

The commission further recommended a clause that would allow sentencing of anyone who prevents election officials from performing their duties to up to three years in prison.

It suggested making it mandatory for all candidates to submit income tax returns. It also recommended ensuring that candidates could file nominations regularising defaulted loans and paying pending utility bills a day before.

The commission also proposed that all political parties should have at least 33 percent positions in all its committees designated for women by 2030.

Over 34.56 lakh 3rd terminal

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The bench, led by Justice Md Mozibur Rahman Miah, delivered the order and issued the rule following a writ petition filed by rights organisation Sports for Hope and Independence in June this year, seeking necessary directives.

Lawyer Kanti Baul appeared for the writ petitioner during yesterday's hearing.

Asked about the delay in starting work for the second phase, he said they have added some additional works, including the construction of the VVIP terminal, which needed to be approved by Jica.

"Besides, we will also need to change the development project proposal (DPP), which needs the government's approval," he added.

Government

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The proposal was to form Padma division with five districts -- Faridpur, Rajbari, Madaripur, Shariatpur and Gopalgani, while the Meghna division would have six districts -- Cumilla, Noakhali, Feni, Laxmipur, Brahmanbaria and Chandpur.

Currently, there are eight divisions in the country -- Dhaka, Chattogram, Rajshahi,

Khulna, Mymensingh, Barishal, Rangpur and Sylhet.

The cabinet secretary said NICAR approved the proposal of turning Satkhira's Shyamnagar upazila into a municipality.

He said decisions were also taken to demarcate the boundaries of Bogura and Jamalpur districts and increase the boundary of Nandail municipality in Mymensingh.

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Chattogram Water Supply & Sewerage Authority

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Memo No. 46.06.0000.309.11.115.2022-108 Date: 24-11-2022

Invitation for Tender (Non-Consulting Services)

1. Brief on invitation	Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the reputed service providers for outsourcing services.
2. Ministry/Division	Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives, Ministry/Local Government Division.
3. Agency	Chattogram Water Supply & Sewerage Authority.
4. Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, Design Division.
5. Procuring entity district	Chattogram.
6. Invitation for	Procurement of Outsourcing Services for the post of Assistant Engineer, by Firm/Company under Design Division, Ctg. Wasa, Ctg.
7. Invitation Ref. No.	46.06.0000.309.11.115.2022
8. Date	Date: 24-11-2022
KEY INFORMATION	
9. Procurement method	NOTM (Non-Consulting Services)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10. Budget and source of funds	GOB (Government of Bangladesh)
11. Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12. Project/program code (if applicable)	
13. Project name (if applicable)	
14. Tender Package No.	N/A
15. Tender package name	Procurement of Outsourcing Services for the post of Assistant Engineer, by Firm/Company under Design Division, Dampara, Ctg.
16. Tender publication date	25.11.2022
17. Tender last selling date	17.12.2022 4:00pm (BST)
18. Tender closing date and time	18.12.2022 1:00pm (BST)
19. Tender opening date and time	18.12.2022 2:00pm (BST)
20. Name & address of the office(s)	Address: i) Selling tender document: Office of the Executive Engineer, Design Division, WASA Bhaban, Dampara, Chattogram. ii) Receiving tender document: Office of the Executive Engineer, Design Division, WASA Bhaban, Dampara, Chattogram. iii) Opening tender document: Office of the Executive Engineer, Design Division, WASA Bhaban, Dampara, Chattogram.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
21. Eligibility of tenderer	• Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law. • Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh; and • Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.
22. Qualification of tenderer	As defined in the tender documents.
23. Brief description of services	Providing Physical Services for the post of 01 (one) No. Assistant Engineer (CSE).
24. Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 1000/-
25. Location of services	Chattogram City Corporation area.
26. Tender security amount (Tk)	Tk. 15,000/- (Fifteen thousand)
27. Completion time in weeks/months	12 (Twelve) months; Completion date 30 th December 2023
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
28. Name of official inviting tender	Richard Nelson Penheiro.
29. Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer.
30. Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Executive Engineer, Design Division, WASA Bhaban, Dampara, Chattogram.
31. Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 02333363492 - E-mail: cswasa.design.division@gmail.com
32. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the tender proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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Mayor Hanif

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Born in Dhaka on April 1, 1944, he joined student politics in his early life. He also played a significant role in different democratic movements. Hanif was elected an MP from Dhaka-12 constituency in 1973 and served as whip of the national parliament.

Hanif, who was also a close aide to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who had a long list of contributions to different democratic movements throughout his life, said a press release of Mohammad Hanif Memorial Foundation.

Hanif served as the DCC mayor for eight years between March 12, 1994 and April 4, 2002. His son Sayeed Khokon is a former mayor of Dhaka South City Corporation.

Elephant calf

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female calf. The autopsy report will confirm the reason behind her death."

Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury, divisional forest officer of the Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation of Chattogram, said, "We have formed several elephant response teams to protect the animals. We have also requested the farmers not to produce crops in the habitat of elephants."

If anyone is found to be responsible for the death, authorities will take legal action, he added.

Mentionable, the mammal is categorised as critically endangered in the IUCN list due to its dwindling population.

According to the Department of Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation, seven elephants were killed in just 11 months this year across Chattogram and Cox's Bazar districts.

Is PS of Chittagong University

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However, all the suggestions are still to be followed.

After a phone conversation between Robin and a lecturer aspirant for the Persian language and literature department was leaked, the VC merely served a show cause notice to Robin.

The CU administration filed a GD against security guard Ahmed with Hathazari Police Station and transferred Robin from the post of PS to deputy exam controller.

Expressing their resentment, several senior teachers alleged that VC Prof Shireen Akhter is deliberately delaying to follow the recommendation to save Robin.

This correspondent managed to get a copy

of the probe committee report submitted at the CU syndicate meeting on July 7, 2022.

According to the report, those who were involved in the recruitment irregularity have to be brought to book. It also stated that according to CU employee (efficiency and discipline) statutes 3(C) and 4(I)(D) (reduction to the lower post of time scale), Robin should be demoted.

Following the official procedure, another probe committee -- headed by Prof Siraj Ud Doulla, dean of the social science faculty -- was formed on July 7 for further verification.

The Daily Star recently talked to several senior teachers and officials of CU. Seeking anonymity, they alleged that Robin, abusing the VC's power, contacted

job seekers and lured them with jobs in exchange for a hefty amount.

If an offender is not sued despite there being evidence, someone is trying to save the person, said one of them.

Requesting anonymity, a teacher of the public administration department said, "The syndicate formed the second committee to revise the recommendation of Robin's demotion. But there is no bar to file a case against him following the earlier committee's recommendation."

They are not filing a case because many others may be exposed during police investigation, he added.

Prof Siraj refused to talk about the issue.

In the latest development, a faction of the CU unit of Chhatra League beat Robin

and dragged him out of the VC's office on October 17 over the recruitment controversy, according to a media report.

CU Registrar Prof SM Monirul Hasan said, "We are waiting for the second probe committee's report. The allegation of delay is not true."

"Robin was suspended earlier, but he managed to rejoin following a court order," claimed the registrar.

VC Shireen, who earlier cancelled the recruitment process for the Persian language department in the wake of criticism, did not respond to phone calls repeatedly made by this correspondent. She did not reply to text messages as well.

Robin and Ahmed were not available for comments.

Substituted on same memo and date

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