

## Media's role was key IMF all praise for Bangladesh

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"After the report, within a few hours, the decision of vaccinating pregnant women was finalised by the government, and mothers-to-be became a priority group to be vaccinated. They did not even have to stand in the long queues," she added.

Diner Sultana, senior reporter of BTV, shared how her reportage on the reproductive health of girls who were married off early due to the pandemic successfully drew the attention of the government.

Md Saiful Hassan Badal, secretary of Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, joined the event virtually.

"We need to work on the unmet needs of women and girls from underprivileged communities. Public and private partnership is required to address their demand," he said.

"During the last census, we found that more than five crore people live in eight city corporations, but we are not being able to address their needs properly. We should not leave behind the

underprivileged people from these areas, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," he added.

Monjun Nahar, head of advocacy at MSB, presented the organisation's evidence-based advocacy in Bangladesh through a video and recommended prioritising family planning issues with a focus on Bangladesh's Family Planning 2030 and SDG 2030 goals.

She also stressed on implementing a geographically targeted service package for low-performing regions -- mainly upazilas, char and coastal areas.

Kishwar Imdad, country director of MSB; Abdus Salam Khan, joint secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Mervyn Christian, AFP senior programme officer; Dr Nurun Nahar, line director of Directorate General of Family Planning; and Ainoon Naher, professor of anthropology of Jahangirnagar University, spoke at the workshop among others.

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of the business community," he said, adding that it is the responsibility of the well-off citizens to uplift the poor and the marginalised.

If Bangladesh is to achieve its targets of implementing Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, becoming a higher middle-income country

by 2031 and a developed nation by 2041, taxes must be paid, Kamal said.

The business people and the National Board of Revenue need to work together more, he said, adding that some initiatives are being taken to modernise the VAT department.

"If businesspeople are more sincere in paying

VAT, then the revenue will further increase," he added.

At the event, which the NBR organised to mark the 12th National VAT Day and the ongoing VAT Week, Kamal presented certificates and awards to the nine firms that paid the highest VAT in the production, business and service sectors at the national level.

## Putting on a show in response

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Besides, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders and activists took positions at Shaheed Minar, Shahbagh, TSC, and Palashi intersection, said witnesses.

Ariful Islam, secretary of DU Chhatra League unit, said they occupied the areas by complying with an organisational decision.

Yesterday, BCL men blocked people in Nilkhet area -- an entrance to the DU campus -- and checked their phones. While checking, they beat up five youths suspecting their link with Chhatra Dal.

The BCL men then handed them over to police.

Nur Mohammad, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, said they detained five suspected activists of Chhatra Dal for interrogation.

Although the AL party office was full of activists, none were able to visit the BNP party office, as law enforcers blocked both roads leading to the establishment.

In the morning, correspondents of this newspaper, who tried to

reach the BNP office, found that police put barricades on the road from Nightingale intersection to Fakirapool intersection, preventing vehicles and pedestrians from moving through the area.

At 11:45am, journalists were allowed to enter the road through Nightingale intersection. They were allowed to go in front of the BNP office. The correspondents then found the office padlocked and under heavy guard of law enforcers.

Meanwhile, many city dwellers said fearing the possibility of violence due to a face-off between activists of the two parties, only those who had a pressing need to leave their houses were seen on the streets.

Although the presence of city dwellers was thin, those who were out suffered as almost all forms of public transport were unavailable.

Around 8:15am, Rafiqul Islam, a private job holder, said he waited for public transport for over 15 minutes at Mirpur-10 bus stand.

"There was no bus at

the stand. I finally took an auto-rickshaw. While going towards Farmgate, not a single bus crossed me. I did not see any buses on the opposite side either," he said.

Public buses were hardly seen in Panthapath and Kalabagan areas on Mirpur Road, and Mohakhali, Mirpur-1, Gabtoli, and Uttara areas.

Many residents also alleged that rickshaw pullers and auto-rickshaw drivers charged extra fares.

Talking to The Daily Star, Khondaker Enayet Ullah, secretary general of Bangladesh Road Transport Owners Association, said, "There were some people on the roads in the morning. That's why few buses were running. Due to the low number of passengers, many bus owners took their vehicles off the road."

Enayet Ullah also said a car was burnt in Mirpur area yesterday.

"That's why the bus owners were afraid. There was no instruction from the government or the administration to keep buses off road," he added.

**সলিমুল্লাহ মুসলিম হল এলামনাই এসোসিয়েশনের পুনর্মিলনী-২০২২**

আগামী ২৫ ডিসেম্বর, ২০২২ রবিবার সকাল ৭.৩০ টায় সদরঘাট লালকুঠি ঘাট সলিমুল্লাহ মুসলিম হল ঢা.বি. এলামনাই এসোসিয়েশনের পুনর্মিলনী-২০২২ অনুষ্ঠানটি নৌবিহার এর মাধ্যমে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

প্রাক্তন শিক্ষার্থীদেরকে নির্ধারিত টাঙ্গা একক ১০০০/-, যুগল ১,৫০০/-টাকা প্রদানপূর্বক নিম্ন ঠিকানায় আগামী ২০ ডিসেম্বর,২০২২ এর মধ্যে নিবন্ধন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। ইতোমধ্যে এলামনাই'র সদস্য না হয়ে থাকলে নির্ধারিত ফরম পূরণ করে ১০০০/- (এক হাজার টাকা) প্রদানপূর্বক সদস্য হতে পারবেন।

জাকির আহমেদ খান সভাপতি  
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যোগাযোগ করুনঃ এসএম হল এলামনাই এসোসিয়েশন,  
অফিস- রূপায়ণ টাওয়ার (২য়তলা) বাংলা মটর-ঢাকা-১০০০।  
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**USAID | BANGLADESH**

**Position Vacancy Announcement**

Position: **Project Management Assistant, FSN – 8**

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Project Management Assistant, FSN – 8** in the Office of Population, Health, and Nutrition (OPHN).

Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: January 1, 2023.

For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website:  
<http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and [www.bdijobs.com](http://www.bdijobs.com)

**ISMAT IMAM**

**22nd Death Anniversary**

Dearest **Abba** and **Amma**,

When we were young you told us we grieve for ourselves because the deceased are in a better place. We know that is true, but we still miss you immensely. It's hard to believe that you both left us. In some ways, it feels like a lifetime has passed, and in other ways, it feels like it was just yesterday.

Amma, you have now been gone for 22 years. It has been long enough since you died that almost all our memories of you these days are sweet and pleasant. We hope you could know some small pieces of our lives. We wish you could have met your two youngest grandsons and five great grandchildren.

Abba, the first thing we can say is that we are doing well, but we haven't moved on...at all. We adapted to change, but we never did "move on," and I don't think we ever will. Once again, we are happy that you and Amma are reunited after 20 years.

**Asif** and **Humaira** are now a family of four and recently had a beautiful baby girl **Sophia**. **Adam** has taken his big brother role with confidence and grace. **Nabila** and **Ruben** are expecting their third daughter. Our two princesses **Maya** and **Anyia** are the epitome of joy and love and the grandest thing on earth. **Saqib** has moved to New York and continuing to excel in his job. **Preanka** has been enjoying her new life in Washington DC where she has set up her own business with a brave heart and a strong mind. **Alicia** is enjoying her job at Kennedy Center and as caring and humble as always. **Manize** is excelling in her job and have become a beautiful young woman. **Nehal** is in his final year at VATEch and looking forward to the next adventures of his life. **Numair** is studying data analytics at the Purdue University and enjoying every moment of his college life.

**Konrad**, **Shanta** and **Sadiq** are in good health and spirit and often share their fondest memories with you.

We, your children, **Muktee**, **Mitu**, **Munmun** and **Jamil** are all doing well. The loss of you made us strong. We became even more independent as you always wanted us to be. We love that we became stronger, but we don't appreciate that we had to lose you to achieve that.

We pray that peace is in heaven with you and someday we will join you and be whole again. We love you more than air.

May Allah SWT give you eternal peace and grant you both permanent place in Jannatul Ferdous.

Son, Daughters, Son-in-laws,  
Daughter-in-law, Grandsons, &  
Granddaughters

NW(E) 13, Road # 55/57, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

**চট্টগ্রাম মৎস্য বন্দর**

মৎস্য বন্দর, চট্টগ্রাম

**চট্টগ্রাম মৎস্য বন্দরের ২০২৩ইং সালের জন্য নতুন ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্ত/নবায়ন করণের বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

চট্টগ্রাম মৎস্য বন্দর, চট্টগ্রামের ২০২৩ইং সালের রাজস্ব ও উন্নয়ন খাতের ত্রয়/মেরামত/সেবা সরবরাহের জন্য ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী/মেরামতকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান নতুন তালিকাভুক্তিকরণ এবং নবায়ন করণের দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আগামী ১২/১২/২০২২ইং হতে ২১/১২/২০২২ইং তারিখের মধ্যে অত্র কেন্দ্রের হিসাব শাখা হতে ৩০০/- (অফেরতযোগ্য) এর বিনিময়ে ফরম সংগ্রহ করা যাবে এবং ২৬/১২/২০২২ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে মহাব্যবস্থাপক এর দপ্তরে পূর্ণকৃত ফরম জমা দেয়া যাবে।

মহাব্যবস্থাপক

**Postogola**

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square feet, an office room, male and female toilets both indoors and outdoors, an electric furnace room, a gas furnace room, an equipment room, a balcony, and a public gathering place, among other facilities, will be constructed.

Apart from this, the whole area will be improved with the provision of high-quality LED lights, the construction of septic tanks and soak wells, and the renovation of circular furnaces and drainage systems.

DSCC executive engineer (zone-5) Saiful Islam Joy said, "According to the master plan of the crematorium, an electric and a gas furnace will be built. However, gas or electricity will not be supplied for now, as it is expensive and time-consuming. We will ensure the supply in future if needed."

After inaugurating Postogola Maha Shamsan's development work, Taposh said, "We have undertaken this programme by ensuring all facilities and assessing the needs. We hope that the renovation work will be completed soon."

"During the construction, cremation activities will be carried out through an alternative system. We will also arrange work for those who live nearby," the mayor added.

**জমি বিক্রয়**

বসুন্ধরা আবাসিক এলাকায় ৩০০ ফিট রাস্তা সংলগ্ন ৩০ কাঠার (চতুর্ভুজী রাজা বিশিষ্ট) বানিজ্যিক প্লট (ভুল/কলেজ/ফার্মগিটাল) বিক্রয় করা হবে।  
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**World Health Organization Bangladesh**

**VACANCY NOTICE**

World Health Organization (WHO) invites applications from the interested and eligible candidates for the following positions under following contractual modalities:

- Executive Assistant-Finance / SSA
- Project Facilitator / SSA
- Team Assistant (Secretary) / TGS

For further details on submission of applications including detailed post description please visit our websites:  
<https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/employment>  
<https://careers.who.int/careersection/ex/jobsearch.ftl>

Qualified **female candidates** are highly encouraged to apply.

WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or other tobacco users.

**Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology**  
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Office of the Chief Engineer

**e-Tender Notice**

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