

Media freedom at stake

Speakers tell discussion marking Human Rights Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Media freedom is pertinent to flourish democracy but there is an atmosphere in Bangladesh where media professionals and outlets work under various threats and intimidation, said participants at a roundtable yesterday.

They said there are unfriendly laws, such as the Digital Security Act 2018, which curbs media access to information while there is also a growing tendency to bring down information providers.

The Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh organised the discussion on "Human Rights and Media in Bangladesh" at a city hotel, marking Human Rights Day observed across the globe on

Saturday.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said media works as a fundamental pillar of democracy whereas "media control" is used not only in Bangladesh but globally as a "convenient and powerful tool" to promote violations of human rights.

He voiced his concerns that a syndrome of "shoot the messenger" - the information provider be it institution or individual - is developing quite fast in Bangladesh.

The way the DSA has been used in Bangladesh is very concerning, said Faruq Faisal, regional director of Article 19 South Asia.

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Tying a banana tree with a rope, a farmer levels up a field to prepare a seedbed to grow boro seedlings. This photo was taken in Jhalakathi's Binoykathi area recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

3 killed as pickup, bus collide

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

At least three people died after a pickup collided head-on with a passenger bus at Dinajpur's Phulbari upazila early yesterday.

The deceased are truck driver Oli Ullah, 23; his assistant Md Nishan Islam, 25; and a trader Motassim Billah 33, who was travelling in the truck.

However, it could not be known whether any of the bus passengers were injured or died in the accident because the bus fled from the scene immediately after the accident, said police.

Quoting locals and witnesses, police said the tomato-laden truck was heading towards Rajshahi from Phulbari upazila.

The vehicle reached Phulbari upazila's Bhimalpur area on Dinajpur-Gobindganj regional road around 4.00am when the driver lost control over the steering and collided head-on with a passenger bus that was coming from the opposite direction.

The accident left the three dead on the spot, said Ashraf Islam, officer-in-charge of Phulbari police station.

Now is the time for collective action

Speakers tell discussion on antimicrobial resistance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A social movement has to be formed to contain Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) of bacteria, viruses and antifungals, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

They were speaking at a consultation meeting with stakeholders, organised by Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) in Dhaka.

"This (AMR) is a universal problem that can make humankind go extinct. We cannot deal with this without being serious," said Prof Nazmul Islam, director of Communicable Disease Control at DGHS.

He said injudicious use, desperate marketing of the pharmaceutical companies and misconception among health professionals are among the reasons behind the evolution of the germs that can escape the drug's efficacy.

Prof Zakir Hossain Habib, chief scientific officer at IEDCR, who has been leading the AMR surveillance in nine hospitals, presented a summary of the AMR situation in the country.

Prof Zahidul Hasan, renowned microbiologist and senior consultant at Square Hospitals, said, "Cheaper drugs like Cotrim and Ciprofloxacin were used to cure any infection. But there are now ineffective and we need

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Stop extracting sand from Atrai river: farmers



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

The farmers of Birganj in Dinajpur demanded that the sand extraction through dredger machines from the bank of Atrai river be stopped immediately to save crops from being harmed near the riverbed.

Around 300 farmers, who earn their livelihood by producing crops at the riverbed, raised the demand at a human chain on Jharbari-Joyganj road in Kheyaghat area yesterday.

The farmers alleged that an influential group has been lifting sand from Boldiapara area under Shataganj union for the last two years as the government

leased it to them in 2020.

Eight to ten powerful dredgers have been installed at various places. Besides, heavy trucks are being used throughout the day to transport the extracted sand from the area, they said.

The farmers also demanded cancellation of the lease order to minimise their sufferings.

UP member Md Abdul Salam and famers Abu Bakar Siddique, Abdul Motin and Arshad Ali, among others, spoke at the human chain.

Birganj UNO Zinat Rehana said they will forward a report to the deputy commissioner to take a decision in this regard.

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01	Agency	Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.	
02	Invitation for	Procurement of Bulk Butter unsalted (Foreign).	
03	Invitation for ref:	30.34.0000.063.18.012.22	Dated: 26-06-2022
04	Tender Document Selling Date	From 14-12-2022 to 09-01-2022 (During office hours).	
05	Tender receiving Date and Time	Date: 10-01-2023	Time: 12:00 Hrs BST
06	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: 10-01-2023	Time: 15:00 Hrs BST
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07	Selling Address of Schedule (Local)	(i) Address: a. Manager Finance, Biman Flight Catering Centre, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b. Manager Cash & Banking, Balaka Bhaban, Biman, Bangladesh Airlines, Dhaka.	
08	Selling Tender Document (Foreign)	(ii) Address: Manager Finance, Biman at Dubai, Bangkok, Singapore, London, Jeddah, Riyadh and Kuala Lumpur.	
09	Receiving Tender Document	a. BFCC Main Security Gate, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b. Biman Balaka Bhaban, Security Counter Gate (Ground Floor), Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.	
10	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	USD 20.00 or BDT 2,000.00 (Two thousand) only per set (Non-refundable).	
11	1) Location 2) Tender Security Amount (USD/BDT) 3) Supplying Period	1) BFCC/Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka 2) USD 5,700.00 or BDT. 6,00,000.00 (Six lac) only (Refundable).	3) 01 (One) year
12	Procuring Entity & Fund	General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. BIMAN/BFCC's own fund.	
13	Official-inviting Tender	Dy. General Manager, BFCC, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka. Phone: 880-2-8901760-64 Ext-13, Fax: 880-2-8901638	
14	Tender schedule and other related information will be available in Biman website:	www.biman-airlines.com for ready reference.	

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Re-TENDER NOTICE

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

Sl no	Tender ID No.	Tendering Method	Description of works	Online (e-GP system) tender publication date & time	Online (e-GP system) tender closing date & time
1.	758083	OTM	CONSTRUCTION OF (i). WATER RESERVOIR, PUMP & PUMP HOUSE (ii). WATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH RESERVOIR, (iii). RCC TANK WITH WATER SUPPLY LINE AND (iv). 5HP SUBMERSIBLE PUMP WITH WELL AT HARS, BARI, KHAGRACHARI.	08-Dec-2022 12:15	26-Dec-2022 12:30

This is online tender, only e-Tender will be accepted in National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. Registration is essential to submit e-Tender.

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Sl No	Tender ID	Tender & Name of Package	Tender Publication Date & Time	Last Date & Time for Tender Security submission	Closing Date & Time
1.	761720	BIGC/2022-23/G-1 Supply of Computer Content, Office equipment and Education Materials.	12-Dec-2022 Time 09:00	28 Dec-2022 Time 13:00	28 Dec-2022 Time 14:00
2.	761723	BIGC/2022-23/G-2 Supply of cleaning materials others Manihar, Chemical Product, Raw materials and Spare parts, Clothing, Sports goods and Book & Journals.	12 Dec-2022 Time 09:00	28 Dec-2022 Time 14:00	28 Dec-2022 Time 15:00
3.	761733	BIGC/2022-23/G-3 Supply of Installation and commission of Equipment for chemical testing lab.	12 Dec-2022 Time 09:00	29 Dec-2022 Time 13:00	29 Dec-2022 Time 14:00
4.	761736	BIGC/2022-23/G-4 Supply, Installation and commission of Equipment for furnace lab.	12 Dec-2022 Time 09:00	29 Dec-2022 Time 14:00	29 Dec-2022 Time 15:00

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Tender ID No.	Reference No. /Package No.	Description	Online Notice Publication Date	Online Tender Closing Date
761767	FEC/2022-2023/GD-01	Supply of Raw Materials and Spares for different Dept.	12-Dec-2022 10:00:00	02-Jan-2023 13:00:00
761800	FEC/2022-2023/GD-02	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Electronic Universal Testing Machine(UTM) with Front Loading jaw (Hydraulic) for Strength of Materials Lab.	12-Dec-2022 10:00:00	02-Jan-2023 14:00:00
761837	FEC/2022-2023/GD-03	Supply, Installation and commissioning of Machinery for Electrical Machine Lab-Trainee.	12-Dec-2022 10:00:00	02-Jan-2023 15:00:00
761886	FEC/2022-2023/GD-04	Supply and Installation of Machinery such as Brand Desktop PC & IT Equipment.	12-Dec-2022 10:00:00	02-Jan-2023 16:00:00
761904	FEC/2022-2023/GD-05	Supply, Installation and commissioning of Engineering Machinery for Different Lab and Department	12-Dec-2022 10:00:00	02-Jan-2023 17:00:00
761918	FEC/2022-2023/GD-06	Supply of Office Equipment	12-Dec-2022 10:00:00	27-Dec-2022 13:00:00
761957	FEC/2022-2023/GD-07	Supply of Computer Accessories and Teaching & Learning Materials	12-Dec-2022 10:00:00	27-Dec-2022 14:00:00
761980	FEC/2022-2023/GD-08	Supply of Engineering of Books	12-Dec-2022 10:00:00	27-Dec-2022 15:00:00

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