

SITAKUNDA BLAST

Negligence evident, yet no legal action

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN

Although three days have passed since the explosion at Sheema Oxygen Limited in Sitakunda's Keshabpur neighbourhood, no case was filed in this regard till yesterday.

The explosion killed seven people and injured over 25.

"No case has been filed yet [till 5:00pm yesterday]. The death toll reached seven and police handed over all the bodies to families," OC Md Tofayel Ahmed of Sitakunda Police Station told The Daily Star.

Abdul Malek, assistant director of Chattogram fire service, said, "The plant company failed to comply with factory-safety regulations, demonstrating their incompetence."

"The machines were not maintained properly," he added.

The absence of workers' safety equipment and a lack of inspections of heavy machinery are to blame for Sunday's explosion at Sheema Oxygen Plant, said probe officials after visiting the spot.



While visiting the spot, this correspondent found that two nearby factories -- "Harun Steel Rolling Mill" and Rubaiya Oxygen Plant -- were badly damaged following the blast, forcing them to halt their production.

The probe committee headed by Additional Deputy Magistrate Rakib Hasan visited the spot for the second consecutive day.

Rakib said, "So far, we have recorded the statements of 15 to 16 persons. Hopefully, the probe report will be submitted by Thursday. We will also conduct inspection to identify the risky establishments."

Chattogram Medical College Hospital Director Brig Gen Shamim Ahsan said the injured people have been provided with the best treatment.

Eight more hospitalised with dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least eight dengue patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours across the country till yesterday morning.

According to the DGHS, the total number of dengue cases this year rose to 766.

Nine people have died from dengue this year.

People living under AL misrule CPB gen secy tells rally marking its 75th anniv

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince yesterday said people are now living under the "misrule of Awami League".

"People do not have the right to vote here. They are fed up with the skyrocketing prices of daily commodities," he added.

He made these remarks at a rally held in front of the party's central

office organised to celebrate the 75th founding anniversary of CPB, the oldest political party in the country.

Claiming that AL has deviated from the spirit of the Liberation War, Prince said communal and non-political forces are now rearing their heads.

Saying that exploitation, corruption, looting, communalism, intolerance, and discrimination are on the rise, CPB President Mohammad Shah Alam called upon all to wage a movement to free the country from "AL's misrule".

Sadek Ali passes away

CITY DESK

Maj (ret'd) Sadek Ali passed away at United Hospital yesterday. He was 80.



He left behind his wife, daughter Amna Ali, granddaughters Suha and Zaha, and relatives, and well-wishers.

Sadek was the son of former minister and diplomat, president of Supreme Court Bar Association (twice), late Tafazzal Ali, and cultural and social worker Sarah Ali.

His wife was advocate Salma Ali, president of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association. His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Gulshan's Azad Mosque today after zuhr prayers. He will be buried at Banani graveyard.

Born in 1942, Sadek was educated in St Gregory's High School and Dhaka College. He obtained BA (Hons) & MA in English from Dhaka University.

He joined the Army Education Corps and took voluntary retirement as a major to pursue other careers. He was the MD of Gumti Enterprises and chairman of Kasba T Ali College. He served as an honorary consul of Lebanon.

Women face

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Advocate Kamrun Nahar, programme manager of Naripokkho, pointed out that women are victims of other kinds of abuse as well.

Referring to a 2015 survey of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, she said 72 percent of women among 100 participants responded that they faced domestic violence.

We're the only

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He further said in the year 1900, the world saw, for the first time, 1.6 billion people on the planet. The number skyrocketed to 6 billion in 100 years, and to 8 billion today.

One billion of this population were turned into consumers by 1986; 4 billion people are consumers today. This growth was exponential, and by 2000, 70 percent of these consumers comprised the upper classes living in Japan, Australia, North America, and the white population of South Africa. The proportions have been inverted today -- 70 percent of the world's consumers currently comprise the middle classes of India, Africa, etc.

Sustaining all these lives takes up energy. And the more money that humans amass, the more protein they consume, which means that more and more living beings are being consumed.

Prof Chakrabarty illustrated the point with the simple example of chickens -- 21 billion of the birds are being consumed

today; another is the smuggling of sand from the riverbeds of Bangladesh, which changes the course and pace of these rivers.

The evolution of human survival, therefore, charts the path for its mutation as well as that of the natural life with which it comes into contact, Prof Chakrabarty explained.

As the roles of language, art, and politics emerged in the discussion, the historian commented upon the impact of money on the environment. "Our cities become unlivable as consumers engage in the race to capitalise on silence and peace," he said.

And yet, the crisis of survival removes the space for despair.

"When your house is filling up with water, when you are at the front lines of suffering, you simply have to act," he said. "It is on their behalf that the government has to act in advance, be it through satellite systems or natural disaster management, particularly in the coastal regions," he added.

Breaking

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City Alo, to celebrate International Women's Day 2023.

Prothom Alo Editor Matior Rahman said, "In our society, women suffer from social avoidance, poverty, taboos, and stigmas. We are motivated by the fact that they are attempting to conquer this fear and succeed in their life."

"We must speak out against the mistreatment of women, and we will do so without a doubt," he added.

Few more successful women in their respective sectors shared their struggles and stories.

Atress Mohsina Akhter, biker Sadia Yasmin Chowdhury, and scientist Lamiya Ashraf Mawla were among them.

Mashrur Arefin, managing director of City Bank, said, "Still, the home is a site of vulnerability for women. Almost 60 percent of women experience domestic violence. If women are not included in this journey of prosperity, societal freedom will not be attainable."

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No need for dialogue

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if he feels the need," he said.

Asked whether there is any possibility that the next election will be held under the president, the minister said the Constitution never had to be amended to accept alternative proposals. "We will not compromise regarding

the Constitution. Solution has to come from the Constitution."

Apart from politics, the minister encountered other questions.

After taking charge of the road transport and bridges ministry around a decade ago, Quader set two priorities: reducing traffic congestion in the capital and bringing discipline in the transport sector to reduce road crashes.

But traffic congestion has rather intensified, and people are getting killed in road crashes every day.

Asked whether he thinks of himself as a successful minister, Quader said, "Nobody is perfect. Even the moon has dark spots... We are not sitting idle. We are working continuously."

Replying to a question, Quader said they are not considering opening Padma Bridge for motorcycles at the moment.

The government banned bikes from plying the bridge a day after it was opened to the public in June last year.

**Save the Children**

Date: March 07, 2023

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**Invitation for Tender**

Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting for tender from interested experienced bona fide vendors for Providing Group Life and Medical Coverage Insurance for National Employees of Save the Children International for its offices and other locations in Bangladesh. For details, please see the IFT schedule, which is available on <http://procurement.scibd.info/> under tender notification. Downloaded copy is acceptable for tender participation.

Description, submission time & date:				
SL	Name of IFT	Reference No.	Pre-Tender Meeting Schedule and Place	Last date of Tender Submission
1	Group Life and Medical Coverage Insurance for National Employees of Save the Children International, Bangladesh	IFT/SCI/BD/CO/ FY-23/0003	Physical Meeting: 13/03/2023 at 3:00 PM House CWN (A) 35, Road 43, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh	March 29, 2023, at 2:00 PM

**Special Instruction: (a)** All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods/Services will be guided as per the SCI's Procurement Policies. **(b)** If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place. **(c)** If the Tenderer(s) submit any false/incorrect or fake documents then the provided bid by tenderer will be considered as disqualified. **(d)** The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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**NOTICE OF INVITING QUOTATIONS FOR BELOW MENTION REQUIREMENTS**

Sealed quotations are hereby invited by National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited (the Bank) from reputed Companies/local Agents/Suppliers/Authorized Distributors/Service Providers for the below mentioned requirements under the terms and conditions mentioned detail in the Request for Quotation (RFQ) documents.

Items Description	Price of the Tender document	Sale start date	Sale end date	Date and time for Tender Submission
Item-1: Supply, deployment, installation and configuration of Hardware--Server at NCC Bank Data Center (DC) and Near Data Center (NDC).	Tk. 5,000/- (Five Thousand) only for each item separately in the form of Payment Order (non-refundable) favoring National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh	March 07, 2023	March 16, 2023	March 22, 2023 on/before 2:00 PM
Item-2: Supply, deployment, installation and configuration of SAN Switch at NCC Bank Data Center (DC) and Near Data Center (NDC).				
Item-3: Supply, deployment, installation and configuration of SAN Storage at NCC Bank Data Center (DC) and Near data center (NDC).				
Item-4: Supply, installation and configuration of Operating System License at NCC Bank Data Center (DC) and Near Data Center (NDC).				
Item-5: Supply, installation and configuration of Database License at NCC Bank Data Center (DC) and Near Data Center (NDC).				

The schedule containing detailed Terms & Conditions may be collected from the Common Services Division, Level-5, NCC Bank Ltd. Head Office, Dhaka and submit the same under sealed envelope to the Tender Box placed at Common Services Division (CSD). Manipulation or any kind of unusual approach or failure to submit offer within the stipulated time frame will be treated as "Disqualified" for the bidding. Tender will be opened on March 22, 2023 at 2:30 PM in presence of the bidders or their representatives (if any). The Bank authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposal without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Vice President & Head of Common Services Division

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RAK Tower (7th, 8th & 9th Floor), Plot # 1/A, Jasimuddin Avenue, Sector # 3, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230

**NOTICE OF THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 11:00 am (Bangladesh Time). Pursuant to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's Order No. SEC/SRMIC/94-231/91 dated 31 March 2021, the AGM will be held virtually by using digital platform through the following link <https://agmbd.live/rak2023> to transact the following businesses:

**AGENDA**

- To receive, consider and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022, together with the reports of the Auditor and the Directors.
- To declare dividend for the year ended 31 December 2022.
- To elect/re-elect Director(s) of the Company.
- To appoint the Statutory Auditors of the Company for the year 2023 and fix their remuneration.
- To appoint the Chartered Secretary in Practice (Compliance Auditors) of the Company for the year 2023 for compliance certification on corporate governance and fix their remuneration.
- To approve of entering into contract for sale or purchase of goods and materials with Mohammed Trading amounting to 10% (ten percent) or above of the revenue for the immediate preceding financial year.



QR code for AGM link

By order of the Board of Directors

Sd/-  
**(Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS)**  
Company Secretary

**Notes:**

- The shareholders whose name appeared in the Share/Depository Register as on the 'Record Date' (i.e. February 16, 2023), are eligible to participate in the 24<sup>th</sup> AGM and receive the dividend.
- The Board unanimously recommended dividend @ 10% in cash of the paid up capital of the Company for the year 2022.
- In order to comply with the BSEC notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/10/Admin/118 dated March 22, 2021; the Board of Directors has recommended to enter into contract for sale or purchase of goods and materials with Mohammed Trading [Owner is Managing Director of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited] amounting to 10% (ten percent) or above of the revenue for the immediate preceding financial year subject to approval of the shareholders.
- A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the AGM may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her behalf (such a proxy shall be a shareholder of the Company). The Proxy Form, duly filled, signed and stamped of BDT 20 must be sent through email to the Company at [sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com](mailto:sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com) not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- Shareholders are requested to submit through mail to the Company at [sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com](mailto:sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com) on or before March 22, 2023, their written option to receive dividend in the form available in Company's website [www.rakceramics.com/bangladesh](http://www.rakceramics.com/bangladesh). If the shareholder fails to submit such option within the stipulated time, the dividend will be paid off as deemed appropriate by the Company.
- The concern stock broker, merchant banker and portfolio manager are requested to submit through mail to the Company at [sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com](mailto:sharedepartment.bgd@rakceramics.com) on or before March 22, 2023; the statement along with detail of their margin client or customer who has debit balance or margin loan, who are entitled to receive cash dividend of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022. The statement should include shareholder's name, BO ID number, client-wise shareholding position, gross dividend receivable, applicable tax rate, net dividend receivable etc. along with the Consolidated Customers' Bank Account number, routing number and contact person.
- The shareholders will be able to submit their questions/comments and vote electronically 24 hours before commencement of the AGM and during the AGM. For logging in to the system, the shareholders need to put their 16 digit Beneficial Owner (BO) ID number and other credential as proof of their identity by visiting the link <https://agmbd.live/rak2023>
- Shareholders are requested to log in to the system prior to the meeting start time of 11:00 am (Bangladesh Time) on 30 March 2023. The webcast will start at 10:45 am on March 30, 2023. Please contact +8801730058055 and +8801730055355 for any technical difficulties in accessing the virtual meeting.
- Detail log in process has been sent through email to respective shareholder's mail ID available in their BO Account maintained with the Depository. The detailed procedures to participate in the virtual meeting along with link are also available in the Company's website [www.rakceramics.com/bangladesh](http://www.rakceramics.com/bangladesh)