

Implement Marrakesh Treaty under Copyright Act

Speakers tell meeting

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Speakers at a programme yesterday urged the government to implement the Marrakesh Treaty under the Copyright Act as soon as possible.

They made the call at a consultation meeting titled, "Marrakesh Treaty Accession Progress and Way Forward", held at the Auditorium of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in the capital's Agargaon.

The event was organised by the Visually Impaired Peoples Society (VIPS), with the support of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and Sightsavers Bangladesh.

Daud Miah, NDC, registrar of copyrights at Bangladesh Copyrights Office, said Bangladesh signed and ratified the treaty and the work of formulating the copyright law of Bangladesh in line with it is almost final.

Md Jahangir Alam, general secretary of VIPS, described the treaty as a blessing for visually impaired people and emphasised that its effective implementation under the Copyright Act of Bangladesh would ensure the right and freedom to read books for over half a crore visually impaired

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PRAYER TIMING



MARCH 31

Fazr Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4:45 12:30 4:45 6:20 7:45

JAMAAT 5:20 1:15 5:00 6:25 8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

SEHRI, IFTAR TIMING

RAMADAN MARCH SEHRI IFTAR

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Even at the age of 60, Beauty Begum, a resident of Jhalakathi district's Bhoratkathi area had been hard at work since 5:00am. She boils rice and sets them out to dry in batches in an open yard, to prepare puffed rice (locally called muri). For her strenuous labour from dawn to dusk, she earns between Tk 12,000 and 15,000 a month. This photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Tangail's mass-killing ground to get due recognition

Construction of memorial centre nearly complete

MIRZA SHAKIL

The Water Tank area in Tangail town, one of the main mass-killing grounds during the Liberation War in 1971, is finally getting due recognition after over 50 years of the country's independence.

The construction of "Bangabandhu and Liberation War Memorial Centre" in the area has almost come to an end.

Walton Hi-Tech Industries PCL, a private firm based in Tangail, is constructing the four-storey centre, the first of its kind in the district, spending Tk 6.18



Construction work of this four-storey Bangabandhu and Liberation War Memorial Centre at the mass killing ground near the Water Tank area in Tangail town is almost completed.

PHOTO: STAR

crore.

Tangail was known as one of the strongest dens of freedom fighters during the Liberation War, and the brave ones of the district made a wonderful contribution to freeing the country from the Pakistani occupational forces.

After the historic speech delivered by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 7 in 1971, Tangail Zila Swadhin Bangla Gono Mukti Parishad was formed, which gradually started organising the local youths.

On April 3, 1971, the Pakistan

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Memo No. 35.01.1213.406.14.259.21.433

e-Tenders are invited in e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Brahmanbaria for the procurement of:

SL No.	Package No.	Tender ID	Name of the works
1.	24/epg/EE/RHD/Brahmanbaria/2022-2023	806370	Repairing & SBST work at Ch. 42+367m to Ch. 47+000m of Bhulta- Araihaazar-Bancharampur-Nabinagar-Shibpur-Radhika Road (R-203) under Road Division, Brahmanbaria during the year 2022-2023.
2.	31/epg/EE/RHD/Brahmanbaria/2022-2023	808096	Strengthening and DBSW Work at Ch. 60+500m to Ch. 61+500m of Cumilla (Mainamati)-Brahmanbaria (Sarail) Road (N-102) under Brahmanbaria Road Division during the year 2022-2023.
3.	32/epg/EE/RHD/Brahmanbaria/2022-2023	808118	Strengthening and DBSW Work at Ch. 65+500m to Ch. 66+500m of Cumilla (Mainamati)-Brahmanbaria (Sarail) Road (N-102) under Brahmanbaria Road Division during the year 2022-2023.
4.	33/epg/EE/RHD/Brahmanbaria/2022-2023	808124	Strengthening and DBSW Work at Ch. 66+500m to Ch. 67+500m of Cumilla (Mainamati)-Brahmanbaria (Sarail) Road (N-102) under Brahmanbaria Road Division during the year 2022-2023.
5.	34/epg/EE/RHD/Brahmanbaria/2022-2023	808132	Strengthening and DBSW Work at Ch. 76+000m to Ch. 76+599m and Ch. 82+300m to Ch. 82+628m of Cumilla (Mainamati)-Brahmanbaria (Sarail) Road (N-102) under Brahmanbaria Road Division during the year 2022-2023.
6.	35/epg/EE/RHD/Brahmanbaria/2022-2023	808140	Strengthening and DBSW Work at Ch. 73+566m to Ch. 74+050m, Ch. 76+870m to Ch. 77+070m Bridge approach and Ch. 84+430m to Ch. 84+800m of Dhaka (Katchpur)-Bhairab-Jagadishpur-Shaistaaganj-Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road (N-2) under Brahmanbaria Road Division during the year 2022-2023.

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e-Tender details can be downloaded from 28/03/2023 to 09/04/2023 & time 16:00 on e-GP System Portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> for pursue.

e-Tenders will be accepted only up to 10/04/2023 & time 12:00. Accepted tenders will be opened online immediately after 10/04/2023 & time 12:00.

Mir Nizam Uddin Ahmed

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Establishment Sheikh Kamal IT Training & Incubation Center Project (14Nos)
Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA)
Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Division
ICT Tower, Agargaon, Dhaka.
www.bhtpa.gov.bd

Memo. No. 56.02.0000.032.99.050.23-57

e-GP Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of the following work Described below.

e-GP Tender ID	Tender/Proposal Document Last selling Date&Time	Tender/Proposal Closing Date&Time
798367	02-May-2023 16:00	03-May-2023 14:00

(Engr. Mohammad Atiqul Islam)
Project Director

30/03/2023

GD-593

Date: 30.03.2023

Collaboration, solidarity and learning crucial Speakers tell webinar on fighting corruption in S Asia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday deferred the verdict on whether Mohammad Zahangir Alam will get back the mayoral post of Gazipur City Corporation (GCC) to April 4.

The HC bench of Justice Zafar Ahmed and Justice Md Bashir Ullah was scheduled yesterday to deliver the judgement on the rule that questioned the legality of the government's action to suspend Zahangir from the GCC mayoral post.

However, the bench deferred the date yesterday after Deputy Attorney General Nawroz MR Chowdhury

sought time from the court for submitting an affidavit on behalf of the ministry of local government, rural development and cooperatives opposing the rule before this court.

Anurag Acharya, director of Practice (Politics and

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Solidarity, collaboration and learning from each other are crucial to fight corruption in South Asia, as kleptocrats are globally interconnected, speakers told a webinar.

Civil society leaders stressed the need in the webinar organised by The Asia Foundation in collaboration with the US Department of State's Bureau for South and Central Asia Affairs yesterday.

They also shed light on the obstacles faced by civil society leaders across South Asia, including the wave of disinformation, the rise of populism, red tape

bureaucracy and political violence.

Anurag Acharya, director of Practice (Politics and

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Barishal Govt. Women's College College Education Development Project (Sub project-1111)

Agarpur Road, Barishal- 8200

Website: <https://bwc.gov.bd>

Date: 29/03/2023

e-Tender Notice: 02/2022-2023

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

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of Supply	Last Date and Time of Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time
1.	808615	Establishment of Campus Networking for Barishal Govt. Women's College, Barishal	16-Apr-2023 12:00	16-Apr-2023 13:00

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To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks' Branches up to 13-Apr-2023 16:00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Having iftar together to beat loneliness

Residents of old-age home share their Ramadan experience

HELEMUL ALAM

Seventy-five-year-old Hosne Ara, a former government employee, was talking to one of her close relatives in a video call, sitting on a chair at Probin Nibash, an old-age home. A box full of chickpeas was kept next to her as the time for iftar approached.

Hosne Ara chose to stay there to deal with her loneliness. She said she doesn't feel comfortable at her flat in Dhaka because no one is there with her. "I'm a widow and I don't have any children to keep me company."

"I came here around seven months back," she said. "I don't always feel good about staying here, but I like it better than being all alone in my flat."

Describing her experience, she added, "I don't have iftar alone in my room, because I love to share it with others. Around seven of us have our iftar here together on Wednesdays."

There's a distinct kind of bond that has developed among the group living there, as they prepare different iftar items and share them amongst each other.

Meanwhile, some residents have found their favourite community elsewhere, while others rely on their friends' company.

Mohammad Golam Rabbani, a retired official of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, said, "I, along with another resident of the old home, go to a nearby

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ENVIRONMENT AWARD

3 individuals, 2 orgs nominated

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The Department of Environment has nominated three individuals and two organisations for National Environment Award-2022 for their