

‘It’s creating an environment of terror’

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1800 in the western world, in the wake of 200 years of abuse of such laws.

“There was no discussion or debate in the parliament over the DSA bill. How can one even expect a discussion when 60 to 70 percent of the assembly is filled with businessmen?” he said.

Barrister Sara Hossain, executive director of Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST), said that ICT Act must be kept in discussion, as many cases are still being prosecuted under the law. “No reasonable debate was raised on DSA despite reservations of the UN.”

Monir Haider, founding member of Forum for Bangladesh Studies; Sultan Mohammed Zakaria, Pakistan and Bangladesh country specialist at Amnesty International; Faruq Feisal, regional director at Article 19, academician Shapan Adnan, and Golam Mortoza, Bangla editor at The Daily Star, also spoke.

Eid rush leads

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Sources at the country’s four airlines – Biman, US-Bangla, Novoair and Air Astra – said tickets for domestic and outbound tourist destinations have become scarce due to the ongoing rush of holidaymakers.

Different airlines are counting profits, they said, adding that holidaymakers nowadays prefer travelling by air to avoid extra trouble.

“Almost all tickets on Saidpur, Jashore, Rajshahi and Barishal routes before five to six days of Eid day have already sold out,” Kamrul Islam, spokesperson of US Bangla Airlines, told The Daily Star.

Ticket prices on the routes have increased by around two to three times due to the high demand.

Tickets to different international destinations – including India, Nepal, Thailand, Malaysia and the Maldives – have also been booked or sold out for that period, said the sources.

Demand for air tickets for Cox’s Bazar, a popular holiday destination, is also very high, Kamrul said.

“Improvement in people’s financial condition as well as competitive and reasonable prices of air tickets have considerably boosted domestic and international air traffic,” he said.

Kamrul said ticket prices are high as the price of jet fuel kept rising for the last one and a half years.

He said people who have bought tickets one or two months ago, got them at the regular prices. But as there are limited seats left now, prices shot up accordingly.

A Biman official, wishing anonymity, said, “It’s not true that we are increasing prices targeting Eid. It’s a normal trend in the aviation sector across the globe, that prices shoot up when demand is high.”

According to Kazi Wahidul Alam, an aviation expert, the number of domestic air passengers has increased by about 64.73 percent in the country in the last five years since 2019.

Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (Toab) said according to its estimate, around 15 lakh holidaymakers are likely to go on a trip to different domestic tourist destinations this Eid.

‘Threat to press freedom’

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a statement terming the incident as a threat to press freedom and democracy.

They said the incident took place after the country’s premier slammed Prothom Alo in parliament.

“If anyone is aggrieved at the publication of any report, they can complain to the Press Council. But journalists are being threatened by implicating them in cases under repressive laws, which worries the journalist community,” the statement said.

In a separate statement, Dhaka Reporters Unity echoed the same.



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TENDER INVITATION

Tender is invited from the bonafide / intending suppliers /firms for the following items:

1. Making of Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for Data Center (DC) & Network Infrastructure for ICS Section of EWU
2. Procurement of Liveries (Shirt, Pant & Apron) for the supporting staffs of EWU
3. Supply and Installation of 02 sets LED English & 02 sets LED Bangla Signage of EWU
4. Renovation of MBA/EMBA Office and premise, EWU
5. Sub-Soil Investigation work at 20 Katha Land of EWU

The schedule of the items with terms and conditions (hard copy) can be obtained from the Finance & Accounts Department (2nd floor) of the University up to **14.05.2023** during office hours (**up to 03:00 p.m.**) on working days. The price of the tender schedule (non-refundable) is **Tk.500/-** (excluding online service charge for e-tender process).

The interested bidders are requested to submit the tender schedule by 15.05.2023 within 02:00 p.m. Hard copy of the tender must be dropped in the tender box kept at the 2nd floor of the Office of the Treasurer (Room No-316) of the University. Tender(s) submitted within the deadline will be opened on the **same day (15.05.2023) at 02:30 p.m.** at the Conference Room (4th floor, Room No # 508) of East West University in presence of the bidders (if any) by ensuring health safety.

The University will remain closed from 19-27 April 2023 due to Shab-E-Qadr, Jumat-UI-Wida & Eid-UI-Fitr.

The bidders must mention the “**name of the item**” at the top of envelop. Otherwise, the bid document will be treated as cancelled.

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Memo: 46.207.007.17.02.2023-334
Date: 11-Apr-2023

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

Sl. No.	Method of tender & tender ID, Ref. No.	Procurement item descriptions	Publishing date & time	Last selling date & time	Closing & opening date & time
1.	OTM (NCT) Tender ID. 806012 Ref. 46.207.007.17.01.2023-289	Supply of various types of flowers saplings, fertilizers and pesticides for gardening in the rainy season in the financial year 2022-2023.	10-Apr-2023 17.00.00	26-Apr-2023 17.00.00	27-Apr-2023 14.00.00
2.	OTM (NCT) Tender ID. 810061 Ref. 46.207.007.17.01.2022-42	Supply of Hand Trolley for use in waste management work of Dhaka South City Corporation in the financial year 2022-2023.	12-Apr-2023 17.00.00	26-Apr-2023 17.00.00	27-Apr-2023 14.00.00

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Another heritage

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for being part of a historic chain of development activities taken during the British period. The authorities have already demolished the western part of the building, but it is still possible to protect it by renovating the demolished part,” said Taimur.

He also mentioned that Rajuk, for the first time, prepared a list of 94 heritage buildings and 13 heritage zones in 2009 and the Railway Hospital building was in it. It was also in the 2017 list prepared by Rajuk.

However, the building’s name was mysteriously dropped from the list that mentioned the names of 75 heritage buildings in 2020, according to Taimur.

“We are observing that one after another, heritage buildings are being demolished. This is also a clear violation of the High Court’s directives,” he said.

During a human chain in front of the building protesting its demolition yesterday, Sazzadur Rasheed, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Architecture at Primeasia University, claimed the authorities have long tried to demolish the structure and took the chance when everyone got busy with the recent Bangabazar blaze.

Participating in the human chain, advocate Md Waliul Haque told this correspondent, “These buildings carry our history with them. History will be protected as long as these structures are protected.”

“If we can at least protect the part which has not yet been demolished, we will be able to preserve our history and pass it on to the next generations,” he added.

Who will save Karatoya?

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orders has been implemented.

After the meeting, the organisers submitted a memorandum to the Bogura Deputy Commissioner Saiful Islam to save the river.

The Khulshi Three-Vent Regulator is a sluice-gate-like structure, built across the Karatoya River in Gobindaganj upazila in Gaibandha. Its purpose is to regulate the water flow of the river to prevent flooding in the surrounding areas during monsoon.

However, the regulator obstructs the natural flow of the river upstream, causing it to remain dry up for almost 9 months in a year, alleged environmentalists.

This obstruction prevents fish migration and causes pollution, as the stagnant water creates a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other disease-carrying organisms, they added.

85pc inland

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unregistered vessels.

In the meeting, it was suggested that the number of seafarers (sailors) be increased through special programmes.

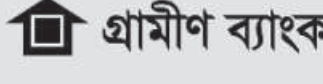
Meanwhile, in yesterday’s meeting, some complaints presented by the river commission in the previous meeting of the committee were refuted.

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury, a member of the committee, said that some statements of the National River Protection Commission are not in favour of the interests of the government and country.

It is necessary to take strict decisions in the parliamentary committee so that those who are with the government do not go beyond the law and the government’s directives,” the junior minister said.

According to the press release of the parliament secretariat, the committee also recommended a re-examination of the existing projects of the shipping ministry because of the revolutionary changes in the shipping communication system, especially in the southern region, due to the launch of the Padma Bridge.

SEARCHING FOR ICT EXPERT



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Position: Team Leader
Vacancy: 02
Responsibilities and Qualifications of Team Leader
Responsibilities

1. Lead development of software solutions following the software development lifecycle and methodologies.
2. Report to Chief Software Architect.
3. Analysis and documenting detailed designed with UML, flowcharts, layouts, PERT chart.
4. Liaise with developers, designers and system administrators to identify new features.
5. Planning for various tests and identifying the best-suited testing tools for different projects and products.
6. Scaling up system, ensuring security and fault tolerant.
7. Develop software solutions quickly with rapid prototyping and later full featured systems d using latest software development stacks.

Qualifications

1. At least B.Sc. in Computer Science/Computer Science and Engineering from reputed University.
2. At least 10 (Ten) Years' working experience in related field.
3. Proficiency with the .NET Framework, React, Graph QL, Redis, Kubernetes, Oracle/MySQL/Postgres.
4. Competency with Python, NodeJS, React Native, JavaScript, Flutter, Java, C#, C++, Swift, Kotlin, SQL, Android and iOS development.
5. Experience in developing large-scale system which demands fast data processing, fault tolerant, high security of data and system.
6. Good control over an automated testing tool, DevOps, CI/CD.

Position: System Analyst
Vacancy: 01
Responsibilities and Qualifications of System Analyst
Responsibilities

1. Requirement analysis, design of software solutions following the software development lifecycle and methodologies.
2. Coordinate with Chief Software Architect and Project Manager.
3. Analysis and documenting detailed designed with UML, flowcharts, layouts, PERT chart.
4. Liaise with developers, designers and system administrators to identify new features.
5. Scaling up system, ensuring security of system.
6. Design software solutions quickly with rapid prototyping.

Qualifications

1. At least B.Sc. in Computer Science/Computer Science and Engineering from reputed University with at least 5 (Five) Years' working experience in related field.
2. Competency with Python, NodeJS, React Native, JavaScript, Redis, Kubernetes, SQL, Android and iOS development.
3. Experience in designing rapid prototyping system as well as large-scale system which demands fast data processing, fault tolerant, high security of data and system.
4. Good control over an automated testing tool, DevOps, CI/CD.

Position: Senior Programmer
Vacancy: 01
Responsibilities and Qualifications of Senior Programmer
Responsibilities

1. Coordinate with the Team Leader or Project Manager.
2. Planning for various tests and identifying the best-suited testing tools for different projects and products.
3. Scaling up system, ensuring security and fault tolerant.
4. Develop software solutions quickly with rapid prototyping.
5. Develop full featured software solutions using latest software development stacks.
6. Module a system, assign and review work done by the programmers.

Qualifications

1. At least B.Sc. in Computer Science/Computer Science and Engineering from reputed University with at least 5 (Five) Years' working experience in related field.
2. Competency with Python, NodeJS, React, JavaScript, Redis, Kubernetes, SQL, Android and iOS development.
3. Experience in developing rapid prototyping system as well as large-scale system which demands fast data processing, fault tolerant, high security of data and system.
4. Good control over an automated testing tool, DevOps, CI/CD.

Position: Senior Database Expert
Vacancy: 01
Responsibilities and Qualifications of Senior Database Expert
Responsibilities

1. Responsible for database design and implementation, database security implementation and monitoring, upgrades, performance monitoring, installations, managing replications, diagnosing system problems, disaster recovery testing and maintaining user accessibility.
2. Resolving complex issues involving: database performance, database capacity, resiliency, scaling up, stability, replication and other key aspects of distributed database technology.
3. Coordinate with Chief Software Architect and Team leader.

Qualifications

1. At least B.Sc. in Computer Science/Computer Science and Engineering from reputed University.
2. Minimum 5 years of direct DBA experience working with MySQL and Oracle Database for the post of senior level.
3. Oracle Certified Professional (OCP) ie. DBA desirable.
4. Experience with features such as Oracle Real Application Clusters (RAC), ASM and Active Data Guard.
5. Good control over an automated testing tool, DevOps, CI/CD.

Position: Programmer
Vacancy: 01
Responsibilities and Qualifications of Programmer
Responsibilities

1. Develop software solutions quickly with rapid prototyping and full featured software solutions using latest software development stacks with well-organized, optimized and documented source code as directed by senior programmer.
2. Execute various tests and the best-suited testing tools for different projects and products.
3. Coordinate with project manager to finish the job assigned by senior programmer in due time.

Qualifications

1. At least B.Sc. in Computer Science/Computer Science and Engineering from reputed University with at least 2 (Two) Years' working experience in related field.
2. Competency with Python, NodeJS, React, JavaScript, Redis, SQL, Android and iOS development.
3. Good control over an automated testing tool, DevOps, CI/CD.

Compensation Package: NEGOTIABLE
Interested candidates who meet the requirements of the positions are encouraged to apply with their CV, early mentioning the role in cover letter and recent passport size photograph to the Deputy Managing Director, Human Resources and Service Management. Grameen Bank, Head Office, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216. The deadline for receiving applications is 25 April, 2023.

Only Short-listed candidates will be called for interview.
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Position: Director – Agriculture Policy (01 position)
Description: Working in complex and changing environments, under the supervision of the Country Lead and as a key member of the Senior Management Team, the Director will provide overall leadership to the Agriculture Policy team. The Director will guide the team to stay abreast of policy trends in the agricultural sector and strategize how the Policy Activity can most effectively engage, influence, and strengthen policies and systems that directly contribute to the growth of this sector. Primary functions include – developing working relationships with government, private-sector, and civil-society counterparts; partnering with influential coalitions; facilitating complex policy dialogues and strengthening the capacity of system actors.

Please refer to LINK for application submission: <https://fs23.formsite.com/OLJTgx/9rzjgr3eyk/index>

Position: Manager – Agriculture Policy (04 Positions)
Description: The Manager – Agriculture Policy, under the supervision of the Senior Manager – Agriculture Policy, will stay abreast of policy trends in the agricultural sector and will implement activities that can most effectively influence and strengthen policies and systems that directly contribute to the growth of this sector. Primary functions include – collaborating with partner coalitions and other key stakeholders, maintaining effective relations with government, private-sector and civil-society counterparts; and frequent field visits to develop and work with regional counterparts.

Please refer to LINK for application submission: <https://fs23.formsite.com/OLJTgx/9rzjgr3eyk/index>

Position: Senior Manager – Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) (01 Position)
Description: The Senior Manager – MEL is responsible for providing leadership to the monitoring, evaluation, and learning efforts of the Policy Activity in Bangladesh. S/he will play a significant role in helping to manage and strengthen systems to assess and monitor Activity performance across interventions in different regions of Bangladesh, ensuring that data relevant to the Bangladesh context is integrated into country-specific as well as project-wide reporting and analysis. S/he will bring expert qualitative skills to support continuous data collection aligned to the prioritized learning questions and the Policy Activity program cycle and lead collaborative interpretation of data, to facilitate data-driven decisions and adaptations.

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For all the above positions, we seek candidates who will continually reinforce Policy LINK’s core purpose and principles, are critical thinkers, proactive when working independently or in a team, and solutions focused. S/he will contribute to fostering a learning environment in which personal and team growth is supported, with a shared understanding that the “team” always comes before the “individual.”

Deadline: The application will close on April 30, 2023. However, applications will be reviewed and interviewed on a rolling basis – so **early application is encouraged!**