

Polls schedule Law there, loopholes too

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that usually take place during submission of nomination papers," he added.

He said the commission has a desire to send the ballot papers to easily accessible polling centres on the morning of the polling day.

"We will do so keeping in mind the security of ballot papers so that no misuse of the ballot paper can take place," he said.

Asked whether the commission wants to send ballot paper in the morning to avoid any kind of debate that took place centring the last election, Anisur said they do not want to comment on this issue.

"We do not know what happened during the last election. We do not want any controversy. We want to send ballot papers in the morning for its security," he added.

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mentionable development in this regard yet, she said.

Lutfun Nesa also spoke of Tottho Apa app, an application to provide primary and preventive healthcare services to the marginalised, especially women residing in rural areas, highlighting that the app failed to raise awareness in regards to domestic violence.

Aysha Siddiki, deputy director (planning) of DWA, urged a collaborative effort by government and non-government organisations to help implement this act.

"A number of laws are in place to help mitigate violence against women and children, but we cannot reap their benefits. Creating laws won't solve the issue, awareness and utilisation of laws will," she asserted.

The number of women and children repression prevention tribunals has



Speakers at the discussion yesterday.

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been increased to nine from five. This shows that violence against them has also risen. However, most magistrates don't take domestic violence cases seriously, said Moshir Rahman, a lawyer at Dhaka Judge Court.

The speakers

recommended increasing monitoring initiatives, introducing a chapter on domestic violence in textbooks, and appointing more legal officers to cater to a larger number of victims to lessen such cases.

Humaira Parveen,

deputy police commissioner; Rehana Khan, senior programme officer on Human Rights and Democracy, Embassy of Sweden; and representatives from Brac and BLAST, working under CIDV, were also present.

Indigenous not ethnic minority

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Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Section 107 of the ILO's Indigenous and Tribal Populations Convention," he demanded.

Due to this lack of recognition, this day is not observed with due significance in the country, Hossain added.

Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, popularly known as Santu Larma, urged the youths to organise and lead a tougher movement imbued with the spirit of political ideology and principle to reclaim their rights.

Emphasising the threats on the existence and identity of the indigenous communities, Larma called for organised efforts in this regard by upholding the political ideology.

Lawmaker Rashed



A procession was also brought out on the occasion yesterday.

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Khan Menon, president of the Workers Party of Bangladesh, mentioned

that the CHT peace accord was signed after years of movement, hoping the long

struggle of the indigenous people would end.

"After 26 years of its signing, the implementation of the treaty remains a myth," he said, adding that indigenous people are treated in accordance with Ziaur Rahman's assertion – there are no indigenous people in the country.

Criticising the government for not observing the day, Lawmaker Fazle Hossain Badsha, president of Parliamentary Caucus on Indigenous Affairs, shared incidents of witnessing letters arrive from the secretariat, asking not to observe the day.

"The problem persists," he said, demanding that the day be observed by the state. He also demanded a functioning Land Commission in CHT areas.

Echoing the demand for constitutional recognition, Mohammad Shah Alam, president of the Communist Party, said, "Provide them with constitutional recognition first and then fully implement the CHT peace accord."

"If you cannot

implement the treaty, why did you sign it? Had it been implemented fully, the crisis would have been resolved years ago," he added.

Professor Mesbah Kamal of Dhaka University pointed out that larger countries in the world acknowledge indigenous communities on the grounds of historical accounts of injustice against them, highlighting the authorities' failure to do so.

"The youths of these communities need to understand the necessity of joining this movement and drive it forward until the demands are realised," he added.

Indigenous communities are facing eviction threats due to development projects, expansion of tea gardens, razing of hills and sand extraction from rivers, said Sharif Jamil, former general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon.

"To address this repression, they have been waging a movement for years," Jamil added.

Shamsul Huda, executive director of Association for Land Reform Development, asked the prime minister to provide constitutional recognition to indigenous people within the next three months before her parliament expires.

"The indigenous people are referred to as 'ethnic minorities' in the constitution, which is humiliating. Developed countries like Australia and New Zealand have recognised them as indigenous communities long ago. However, we have failed at this," said Prof Sadeka Halim of Dhaka University.

The discussion was followed by a cultural programme and procession.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Engineer
Health Engineering Department (HED)
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
105-106, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000
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Memo No. 45.02.0000.002.07.024 & 025.23-165 Dated: 09/08/23

e-Tender Notice
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works, details are given below:

Sl No.	e-Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of work	Last date & time of selling tender document	Tender closing date & time
1.	860409	WP-4885/SDP-4-GOB-HED, Lot-I	Vertical Extension of Hospital Building, Repair & Renovation of existing Building, External Civil Works, Construction of Sub-station Building with Equipment and deep tube well under Upgradation, Repair & Renovation of Fatkchari Upazila Health Complex (UZH) from 50 to 100 Bed in Chattogram District.	10.09.2023 16.00	11.09.2023 14.00
2.	860410	WP-13417/SDP-4-GOB-HED	Completion of the incomplete works of 20 Bed Hospital at Sonaimuri at Barura Upazila in Comilla District.	10.09.2023 16.00	11.09.2023 14.00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System 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 bank's branches.
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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AGM 2021/22
St. Joseph Old Boys' Foundation (SJOBF)

The Executive Committee of St. Joseph Old Boys' Foundation (SJOBF) requests you to join the Annual General Meeting of 2021/22 to be held at School premises on Friday, September 01, 2023.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Venue: St. Joseph Higher Secondary School
97, Asad Avenue, Mohammadpur, Dhaka
Date: September 01, 2023 (Friday)
Time: 4:00 PM onwards

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INTERCONTINENTAL
DHAKA
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1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 10th August 2023

Tender Notice
Sealed tenders in two-envelope system are hereby invited by InterContinental Dhaka (ICD) at 1, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000 for the following works:

Name of the Works	TD Selling date	Date of Submission
Supply, installation, testing, commissioning and balancing of fan coil units (FCUs) with associated electro-mechanical works as per approved BOQ & specification at InterContinental Dhaka, 1, Minto Road Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh	From 10/08/2023 to 24/08/2023 during office hour (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM)	Softcopy on 30/08/2023 upto 2:00 PM Hardcopy on 30/08/2023 upto 2:00 PM

The details of this Tender Notice may be seen at the www.bsl.gov.bd website. The Tender Document will be available at the office of the Materials Manager, InterContinental Dhaka, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

Babul Siddique
Materials Manager,
InterContinental Dhaka 1, Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

We will not attend classes

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chancellor's office, demanding his expulsion from Buet. They demanded that Buet cancel Ashiquel's registration and reinstate his expulsion order. They also said they will continue boycotting their academic activities until the authorities take the steps.

"Ashiquel is one of the suspects in the Abrar murder case. He has returned to classes. We do not want to attend classes with any accused. We gave an ultimatum to the authorities, but did not get any result. Therefore, we are boycotting all types of

academic activities," said a student.

The Daily Star called Buet Vice Chancellor Prof Satya Prasad Majumder and Students Welfare Office Director Prof Mijanur Rahman several times, but they did not answer.

On October 6, 2019, Abrar Fahad was beaten to death by a section of Buet BCL leaders and activists. After the incident, Buet expelled 26 students including Ashiquel, the then assistant secretary of Buet Chhatra League. He was later expelled from BCL.

Abrar was a second-year student of the electrical

and electronic engineering department. Ashiquel was a second year student of the chemical engineering department at the Buet.

In 2021, Ashiquel was granted permission by Buet authorities to attend online classes. However, due to protests from fellow students, he refrained from attending classes. Recently, he attempted to participate in a class with students from the 17th batch of the department but was met with strong protests.

On Tuesday, demonstrators formed a human chain in front of the Central Shaheed Minar.

Fight for survival amid ICU crisis

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With 2,844 new dengue patients yesterday, the total number of cases rose to 75,069.

HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Suhrawardy hospital, said they have a huge shortage of both ICU and High Dependency Unit (HDU) beds as both are occupied due to huge demands.

"There are around 20 ICU and HDU beds in the hospital. If a patient starts having breathing problems and their oxygen level drops, then they need oxygen. We can provide oxygen support up to 15 to 20 litres to a patient in a ward bed... but when they need more than that,

ICU support is a serious necessity," he said.

According to DGHS, there are around 1,323 ICU beds and 886 HDU beds in different government hospitals across the country.

Current situation demands far more than the capacity, said doctors of different hospitals.

"The wards dedicated to dengue patients are full. Most of the beds in general wards are also occupied by people suffering from dengue," Nazmul added.

"We are only treating patients who are at serious risk and show warning symptoms," he noted.

Amidst the challenges posed by the ICU crisis

and surge in dengue cases, there are also tales of hope.

Take the case of Abdul Baten for example. He is a school teacher who came to Dhaka to participate in a movement demanding nationalisation of their educational institutions in Jatiya Press Club around 15 days back. Upon returning home to Chandpur, he was diagnosed with dengue.

He was referred to Suhrawardy hospital from a Chandpur facility after his condition deteriorated. But he is feeling a lot better now.

"I was so sick that I thought I would die. But I'm feeling good after taking treatment at the hospital," he added.

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Mercantile Bank Limited in its 427th meeting held on Wednesday, August 09, 2023 commencing from 3:00 pm has approved the proposal for joining a "Consortium" of 10 commercial banks who together will apply for a Digital Bank with the proposed name of "Digi10 Bank Plc.", and also to become a sponsor by way of investing BDT12.50 crore out of the total initial paid-up capital of Tk.125.00 crore, (i.e., to hold 10% shares of the proposed Digital Bank) subject to approval of the regulatory authorities.

By order of the Board
sd/-
Abu Asghar G. Haruni
Company Secretary

Dhaka
August 09, 2023

Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited
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Invitation for Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology
02	Agency	Posts and Telecommunications Division
03	Procuring entity name	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited
04	Procuring entity code	Not used at present
05	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
06	Invitation Ref No.	14.39.0000.012.07.002.23.409
07	Date	19/07/2023

KEY INFORMATION

08	Procurement method	Open Tender
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FUNDING INFORMATION

09	Budget and source of funds	Company's own fund
10	Tender Package No.	BSCL/2023-24/PG-01
11	Tender package name	Procurement of Substation Spare Parts for both Ground Station (Re-Tender)
12	Tender publication date	10/08/2023
13	Tender last selling date	27/08/2023 Time: 04:00pm
	Date	Time
14	Tender closing date and time	28/08/2023 12:05pm
15	Tender opening date and time	28/08/2023 12:20pm
16	Name & address of the office(s) - Selling tender document (principal) - Selling tender document (others) - Receiving tender document - Opening tender document	Address Chairman and CEO Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited SEL Rose-N-Dale, Level-07, 116, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	Minimum 2 years in supplying related goods			
18	Brief description of service	Procurement of Substation Spare Parts for both Ground Station (Re-Tender)			
19	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk. 500/- (Five hundred Taka only)			
20	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in days
	01	Nil	Gazipur & Betunia	25,000/- (Twenty-five thousand only)	As per the tender document

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

21	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Shahjahan Mahmood
22	Designation of official inviting tender	Chairman and CEO
23	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited SEL Rose-N-Dale, Level-07, 116, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1000.
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	0241030091-93 <Fax No.> procurement@bscl.com.bd

The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.

(Signed)
Dr. Shahjahan Mahmood
Chairman and CEO
Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited

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