

## MTFE SCAM

### Case filed in Dhaka 9 named, few unnamed accused for embezzling Tk 12.74 lakh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man has filed a case against nine named and three to four unnamed individuals for allegedly scamming him through the cyber ponzi scheme Metaverse Foreign Exchange (MTFE).

In a case filed with New Market Police Station on Sunday under the Digital Security Act, 2018 and the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947, complainant Abul Kashem accuses them of embezzling Tk 12.74 lakh which he invested on the company's app between December last year and August 2, 2023.

He is a resident of Dhaka's Bhashantek area.

The named accused are Masud Al Islam, Md Saiful Islam Khan, Saidul Islam Bhuiyan, Mobashirul Ibad, Sirajum Munir, Tofail Ahmed, Habibur Rahman, and Rashedul Islam.

Police suspect that Masud, a Bangladeshi expatriate in Dubai, used to oversee MTFE's Asia region, said Sub-Inspector Abdur Rouf of New Market Police Station.

"We will gather more information about the accused following an investigation," he added.

The Criminal Investigation Department of police estimates that around five lakh people might have been scammed by the cyber ponzi scheme MTFE, losing several thousand crores of taka. MTFE is a 'so called' Dubai based trading company, just vanished into thin air and stopped paying investors.

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## GAS LEAK

### Man dies, wife burnt in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man died and his wife suffered burn injuries in an explosion caused by a gas pipe leak at a house in Chattogram early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Abdul Khalek, 65. His wife, Anwara Begum, 60, was admitted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

The incident took place in Dhuppul area around 2:00 am, said CMCH police outpost In Charge Sub-Inspector Nur Alam Asheq.

Their son rushed both of them to CMCH, where Abdul Khalek died of his injuries, he added.

Sanjay Kumar Sinha, officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station, told The Daily Star that fire service personnel visited the spot and said they found a leak in the gas pipeline.

## New bean variety brings smiles to farmers in Sreemangal

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Traditionally, beans are cultivated during the winter. However, the SAU Bean-1 (Sikribi-1) variety, which has been developed by Sylhet Agricultural University, exhibits remarkable adaptability, allowing it to thrive even during the summer in Moulvibazar.

Now, farmers in the Dengar Ban village of Ashidron Union in the upazila are experiencing substantial benefits from cultivating this winter vegetable during the monsoon season, achieving impressive yields.

As a result of its success, the agriculture department is now eyeing to spread the Sikribi-1 seeds all over the country.

In Dengar Ban village, around 50 farmers are cultivating this variety of bean. While the Sikribi-1 variety takes some time and care to yield a good harvest, farmers may earn up to three



times the profit from cultivating this, said Masukur Rahman, Deputy Assistant Agriculture Officer of Ashidron Union.

He said the farmers who cultivated Sikribi-1 are happy with the bumper yield and good

day, more and more farmers are taking up the cultivation of this variety, he added.

Ahsan Habib, a bean grower of Dengar Ban village, said after receiving 12 seeds of the Sikribi-1 variety from the agriculture department, they cultivated it experimentally for the first time.

"We had bumper yields in the first year. So, I collected the seeds and supplied them to several interested farmers in the area for Tk 5,000."

"This year, I myself cultivated the variety in three bighas of land. Around Tk 36,000 taka has been spent on fertiliser, irrigation, pesticides, bamboo mats, and care during the cultivation phase. So far, I have sold beans worth Tk 1 lakh. I hope the total sale will hit Tk 2.5 lakh. But if the market is good, it can go even higher."

Another farmer, Akbar Ali said, "This year, I have cultivated

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## DEFAMATION CASE

### Arrest warrant issued against two journos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Cox's Bazar court has issued arrest warrants against two journalists for failing to appear before the court in relation to a defamation case.

Kaushik Ahmed Khandakar, senior judicial magistrate of Cox's Bazar Sadar court, issued the warrant on Sunday.

The court on July 6 had summoned Dainik Bangla's former editor (in charge) Sharifuzzaman Pintu and its reporter Arifuzzaman Tuhin to appear before it on August 27.

The two journalists were summoned by the court after Shafulullah Shafi, former correspondent for Jugantor and Boishakhi TV, filed a defamation case of Tk 100 crore against Pintu and Tuhin. The case was in relation to a report published by Dainik Bangla on January 6 titled "None of Bodhi's relatives in list of 255", where Shafi's name was mentioned.

Shafi filed the defamation cause on January 10. Taking the case into its cognisance, the court ordered the officer in charge (OC) of Cox's Bazar Detective Branch (DB) to investigate the case and submit a report.

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## Youth beaten to death in Cumilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

A youth was beaten to death on suspicion of stealing a mobile phone in Cumilla Sadar upazila on Sunday.

The deceased was identified as Mohammad Babu Alam, 20, of Annanagar in Chandina upazila.

Confirming the death, Additional Superintendent of Police (Cumilla Sadar Circle) Kamran Hossain said there were injury marks on the hands, back, head, and other parts of the body.

"We are trying to arrest the people responsible for the incident," the police official said.

Quoting locals, police said a guard named Nahid along with some other persons caught Babu and beat him arbitrarily when he was fleeing after stealing a mobile set from the labour shed of an under construction building.

When his condition deteriorated, they took him to Cumilla Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead, police said.

Shafiqul, a staff of CMCH's emergency department, said a man brought the body to the hospital around 11:30 am.

"But he was leaving the hospital without giving any details. Then, I caught him and handed him over to the police camp at the hospital," he said.

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### Election Commission Secretariat

Identification System for Enhance Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase)  
Nirbachan Bhaban (8th Floor)  
Agargaon, Dhaka

#### Invitation for Tender (Re-Tender)

1. Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Election Commission.
2. Agency	Election Commission Secretariat.
3. Procuring entity name	Project Director, Identification System for Enhance Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase).
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5. Invitation for	NCS-3, "Office/Support Services (Data Entry Operators under Dhaka and Faridpur Region) for the Project Office Operations".
6. Invitation for tenders Ref. & date	17.14.0000.240.07.136.2023/2633, Dated: 28 August 2023.

#### KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement method

Open Tender Method (OTM).

8. Budget & source of fund

GoB (Development).

#### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Project/program code

224331200.

10. Project name

Identification System for Enhance Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase).

11. Tender package No.

NCS-3.

12. Tender package name

Office/Support Services (Data Entry Operators under Dhaka and Faridpur Region) for the Project Office Operations.

Date

Time

13. Tender publication date

29 August 2023

14. Tender selling last date

13 September 2023

04:00pm

15. Tender pre-bid meeting date

7 September 2023

03:00pm

16. Tender closing date & time

14 September 2023

12:00pm

17. Tender opening date & time

14 September 2023

12:30pm

18. Name of address of the office

Assistant Director (Finance), Room No. 818, Nirbachan Bhaban (8th Floor), Agargaon,

19. Selling tender documents (principal)

Dhaka-1207.

#### No condition apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents.

20. Receiving tender documents

Identification System for Enhance Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase),

21. Opening tender documents

Election Commission Secretariat, Nirbachan Bhaban (8th Floor), Room No. 721, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

#### INFORMATION FOR PRE-TENDERER

23. Eligibility of tenderer

1. Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract under the applicable law.

2. Tenderers shall enroll in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh.

3. Tenderers shall have to fulfill its obligation/obligations to pay taxes under the provision of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.

4. Detail information has been provided in the tender document.

#### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27. Name of official inviting tender

Brigadier General Abul Hasnat Mohammad Sayem.

28. Designation of official inviting tender

Project Director, IDEA Project (2nd Phase), Election Commission Secretariat,

29. Address of inviting tender

Nirbachan Commission Bhaban (8th Floor), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

30. Contact details of official inviting

Phone: +880-55007494, E-mail: pd.idea2bd@gmail.com

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

Brigadier General Abul Hasnat Mohammad Sayem  
Project Director  
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Election Commission Secretariat, Dhaka-1207

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### BANGLADESH ELECTION COMMISSION

Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase)  
Nirbachan Bhaban (Floor-8)  
Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

#### Invitation for Re-Tenders

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1. Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Election Commission
2. Agency	Election Commission Secretariat
3. Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Election Commission represented by Project Director, Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA) Project (2nd Phase)
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5. Invitation for	Office/Support Services (Data Entry Operator under Comilla and Chattogram region) for the Project Office Operations.
6. Invitation Ref. No. & Date	17.14.0000.240.07.134.2023-2629

Dated: 28 August 2023

#### KEY INFORMATION

7. Procurement Method

Open Tendering Method (OTM).

#### FUNDING INFORMATION

8. Budget and Source of Funds

GoB (Development Budget)

#### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9. Project / Program Code (if applicable)