

Khurshid Alam's death anniv today

STAR REPORT

Today is the 14th death anniversary of Md Khurshid Alam, a fiction writer and former additional secretary.

On the occasion, food items will be distributed among orphans. All are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

He was an official of BCS cadre (Admin) of 1982 batch. He also authored 19 books.

His first publication "Shwet-kopoter Dana" was published in 1987. Some of his other books include "Digomborir Prem Nei", "Bhangoner Podaboli", "Poribesh, Shomaj O Shamajik Bikash", and "Unoshotturer Koishor". His last book "Shikkhoker Shomudro Jatra" was published in 2008.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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OLD CAR SALE TENDER NOTICE

The management of Otto International (Hong Kong) Limited, Bangladesh Liaison Office as per Board Resolution dated 23 August 2023, has decided to sale one old car in its current condition. The details are given below:

Sl. No.	Specification	Model	Registration No.
1.	Hyundai H1 Microbus	2012	DM Cha 53-6895

Tenders are hereby invited from genuine vendors/companies/ individuals and highest bidder will be awarded accordingly. Interested bidders are requested to communicate with Mohammad Shah Alam Mridha, email: mohammad.mridha@ottoint.com Phone: +88(02)58955979 of Otto International (HK) Limited, Bangladesh Liaison Office by 15th September 2023.

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Jamuna crosses danger level in Sirajganj

Flood situation deteriorates

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Jamuna's water levels crossed the danger threshold in Sirajganj early yesterday, deteriorating the flood situation. It may cross danger levels at every point in the district, after which water will recede according to water development board.

According to WDB, Sirajganj, the water level is 12.93 metres at the hard point of Sirajganj Sadar upazila, 3cm above the danger level. It increased by 9cm in the last 24 hours.

Simultaneously, water levels rose to 14.75 metres at Kazipur point of the

river, just 5cm below danger level.

"Water level has been increasing rapidly over last few days and might cross danger levels at every point within a day. It will likely increase over the next two days before it starts receding," said Ranajit Kumar, sub-divisional engineer of WDB, Sirajganj.

Incessant rain in Asam causes water levels to rise and deteriorates flood situation in the district, he added.

Meanwhile, low laying areas and shoal areas of the district have already been flooded due to continuous increase in water levels from last Friday, sources said.

Food, energy security, climate

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Meanwhile, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma said India's invitation to Bangladesh to participate as a guest country during India's G20 Presidency underlined India's belief that Bangladesh's "developmental experience and growing capabilities" would add value to discussions at G20.

He said it also reflected the importance India attached to Bangladesh as a close friend and partner.

He was addressing an event titled "G20 Summit: Dhaka to New Delhi" at the Foreign Service Academy to mark Bangladesh's participation at the G20

Summit.

High Commissioner Verma observed that India's Presidency of G-20 came at a time when the global recovery was emerging from the shadows of the COVID-19 pandemic and coping with a myriad of challenges, including supply chain disruptions, climate change, food and energy security risks, and geopolitical uncertainties.

The G20 Presidency has been an important recognition of India's capabilities to set the agenda and lead the global efforts for collective well-being during these difficult times.

In doing so, High Commissioner Verma noted that India has made special efforts to bring the aspirations and perspectives of the Global

South into the priorities and deliberations of G-20.

He described Bangladesh's participation in G20 this year as a valuable contribution to this goal.

The High Commissioner added that during its G-20 Presidency, India has strived to shape the global agenda based on the vision of "One Earth, One Family, One Future".

He stressed that India counts on Bangladesh's support to translate these ideas into action.

The event included panel discussions by diplomats, officials and experts on three key priority areas of India's G20 Presidency: Women-led Development, Digital Public Infrastructures, and Lifestyle for Environment and Green Development.

Rizvi, 6 others

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not guilty and demanded justice after Judge (in-charge) Bilkis Akhter of Dhaka's 4th Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court read out the charges to them.

Charges were framed against Tipu and an arrest warrant was issued against him.

Earlier, the judge dismissed petitions submitted by the accused for discharging the charges against them.

According to the case statement, police constable Shamim Mia, 28, suffered injuries to his head while trying to escape a petrol bomb attack on a police bus near Matsya Bhaban in the capital on January 17, 2015. The attack left at least 13 police personnel injured.

After battling for life for 19 days, Shamim succumbed to his injuries at the capital's Square Hospital on February 5 of the same year.

Following the arson incident, police filed a case against 31 BNP leaders and activists for the arson attack.

Sub-Inspector Dipak Kumar Das of Detective Branch (DB) of police, also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka on June 4, 2015.

The IO also dropped the names of 26 BNP leaders and activists from the charge sheet in the case.

EC finalises draft

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Telecommunication Regulatory Commission should be followed regarding bringing BGAN facilities.

The guidelines are being reviewed at a time when foreign diplomats are showing keen interest in the upcoming national election, likely due in January next year.

In August, the US said it would send a monitoring team early October to assess the pre-polls situation.

The EU's Election Exploratory Mission, which visited Bangladesh from July 9 to 23, will prepare a report based on which the EU will decide whether to send an observer team or not.

Woman dies from

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Dhanmondi Police Station, said the two confessed to their crime before a magistrate of a Dhaka court on the same day.

"Although Swapna is a grocer, he used to mug people in the capital's Dhanmondi and its

adjacent areas on holidays using his bike. They would snatch the bags of their targets," said Shariful.

"He is a professional mugger and used to mug people four to five times a month and was doing so for over a decade," he added.

Lone school on verge

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Santosh Karmakar, sub-assistant engineer of WDB in Faridpur, said a total of 120,000 sand-filled geo bags have been used so far in three unions under Alfadanga upazila to prevent river erosion.

"Even so, erosion could not be stopped. The work

has not stopped but due to delay in obtaining necessary permissions, it is currently on hold," he said.

"WDB will do everything necessary to save Bajra-Charpara Government Primary School and the shelter project in Gopalpur union from erosion," the official added.

Death anniv of Nurjahan Murshid today

STAR REPORT

Today is the 20th death anniversary of Nurjahan Murshid, a renowned politician, women's rights activist, and one of the organisers of the 1971 Liberation War, said a press release.

On the occasion, wreaths will be placed at her grave at Mirpur Intellectuals' Graveyard in the capital today.

Nurjahan was among the few Muslim women who pursued higher education and obtained her Master's degree in History from Calcutta University in the mid 1940s. She was the first Muslim woman to be employed as a broadcaster for All India Radio in 1946.

Born in Taranagar of Murshidabad district on May 24 in 1924, Nurjahan died in Dhaka on September 1, 2003. She played a significant role in different democratic movements.



Nesco engineer

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"They said they came there as I didn't receive the call of social welfare minister's son Rakibuzzaman Ahmed," he said.

"The attackers beat me and abused me with obscene language. I left Kaliganj for safety because I was threatened with death."

Invitation for Tenders (Goods)

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1	Organization Name	Damien Foundation
2	Source of Funds	Global Fund
3	Tender Package No.	GD-101
4	Invitation for Tenders Ref. & Date	DF/09/Package GD-101/2023; (01.09.2023)
5	Tender Name	Redesign and Upgrade of Culture and Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) Laboratories to BSL-2 Category at TB & Leprosy Hospital, Shomvuganj, Mymensingh
6	Time for Completion of Delivery	Eight (8) weeks for delivery of goods with two (2) years warranty
7	Eligibility of Tenderers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 05 years of experience in the supplying similar goods and related services to those that are the subject of the TenderThe Tenderer shall have satisfactorily completed at least two (2) contracts of similar size and nature (period of contract execution, contract amount, and types and numbers of items delivered) during the last three (3) years for the value of Tk. 70 (seventy) lacs.The Tenderer shall have the availability of minimum liquid assets or working capital or credit from a Bank of Tk 1,50,00,000.00 (one crore fifty lac taka)
8	Price of Tender Document	1000 (one) thousand taka only
9	Amount of Tender Security	Tk 1,89,000.00 (one lac eighty-nine thousand)
10	Name and address of the Office(s) Selling Tender Document	Interested Tenderers may collect the documents from Damien Foundation Bangladesh, Apartment # 201, House # 10, Road # 96, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212. Selling of the Tender Document during (Sunday to Thursday: 9.00am to 5:00pm) working hours.
11	Name and address of the Office(s) Receiving Tenders	Damien Foundation, Bangladesh Apartment # 201, House # 10, Road # 96, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.
12	Name and address of the Office Opening Tenders	Damien Foundation, Bangladesh Apartment # 201, House # 10, Road # 96, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.
13	Last Date and Time for Selling Tender Document	14 September 2023; at 5.00 PM (Local Time)
14	Last date and Time for Submission of Tenders	17 September 2023; at 12.00 PM (Local Time)
15	Date and Time for Opening of Tenders	17 September 2023; at 12.30 PM (Local Time); Tenderers and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend
16	Place of Pre-Tender Meeting	Damien Foundation, Bangladesh Apartment # 201, House # 10, Road # 96, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.
17	Date and Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (optional)	05 September 2023; at 12.30 PM (Local Time)
18	Special instructions (optional)	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders prior to acceptance.
19	Brief Description of Goods	The scope of work includes redesigning and renovating the TB laboratory and upgrading to Biosafety Level 2+ (BSL-2+) with directional airflow at a minimum and performing refurbishments to make them fit for purpose as required for conducting molecular diagnosis and conventional and liquid culture and Drug Susceptibility Testing (DST) for TB.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Memo No: 53.23.0000.013.34.002.23.6678 Date: 30 August 2023

Country: The People's Republic of Bangladesh

Name of the project: Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART)

Credit No.: IDA-7300

Assignment Title: Selection of Firm for Situational Analysis

Reference No. PKSF/SMART/S-01

1. The Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

2. The consulting services ("the Services") include (but not limited to) scanning the present socio-economic condition of the microenterprise subsectors in Bangladesh in terms of sustainable employment and growth potentials, finding out strength, weakness, opportunity and threat of the selected sub-sector, examining the present environmental condition of the microenterprise of selected sub-sectors, mapping out the potential clusters followed by the sub-sectors, identifying key actors in the forward and backend value chains and their roles, and problems in the value chains etc.

The assignment will require an *estimated of 15.5 professional staff-months* as per the assignment requirement mentioned in the Terms of Reference (TOR). The assignment is scheduled to be completed within a period of four (04) months and is expected to be started from December 2023.

3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained from the PKSF website (www.pksf.org.bd/tender).

4. The Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: *General experience, Experience in similar assignments, Experience in conducting similar studies under multilateral development partner (i.e. The World Bank/ IFAD/ EU/ UN agencies) funded projects, and Financial Capability of the firm.*

Consultants are requested to submit the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

a. Up-to-date relevant registration papers of the firm(s);

b. JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable) along with the proposed JV agreement;

c. Firm's brochure including staffing;

d. Relevant experience record of Last five (05) years (including name of the assignment, scope, contract amount, name of the client, total input in terms of man-month, period of contract (date of contract signing to date of completion), location of the services, *name of the development partner (as applicable) etc.*)

e. Audited financial reports for the last three (03) completed financial years (including Balance sheet, Statement of cash flows, Profit & loss statement etc.);

f. All other items necessary to substantiate satisfaction of the shortlisting criteria listed above and/or included in the TOR; However, Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage;

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" Nov 2020 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. In the case of an association, all members of such "association" must have real and well-defined inputs to the assignment and in such "association" it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including the associates to a maximum of 02 (Two). Notably, the qualifications of sub-consultants will not be considered in the EOI evaluation and shortlisting process.

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations.

8. Further information can be obtained at the address below either by e-mail or in person during office hours: 10:00 to 15:00 hours.

9. Expression of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in a written form (Hard copy along with a soft copy through flash-drive) to the address of the undersigned (in person, or by courier mail) **by 20 September 2023 on or before 13:00 hours** Bangladesh Standard Time (BST).

10. The Procuring Entity (PE) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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