

## We maintain friendly

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given us, we're maintaining a friendly relation equally with all. Because, our goal is to uplift the socio-economic condition of our country's people."

PM Hasina said her government has so far been successful in achieving its goal to improve people's life.

The premier was addressing the Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force Selection Board 2023 at the Secretariat of Navy Chief in Dhaka.

She extended her sincere thanks to the armed forces and all others concerned for their cooperation with the government.

"We'll not engage in a war with anyone. We'll maintain a friendly relation with all. We want to live in peace. But we'll have to ensure all sorts of preparations to safeguard our independence and sovereignty," she said, stressing the need for modernising the country's armed forces.

"We've earned self-dependency economically. Not only that, a brightened

image of Bangladesh has also been created before the entire world. Bangladesh has been able to emerge as a role model for development," she said.

Sheikh Hasina mentioned her government's various successes and steps taken for modernising the armed forces.

The premier praised the tabulated record and comparative evaluation method followed in case of promotion of Navy and Air Force officers, describing it as a modern and logic-based system.

"You should choose the officers, who are good in decision making and capable of gaining success by applying their prudence in any situation, for the leadership positions," she said.

Stressing that the country's armed forces stand beside the people in every disaster and tough time, she said, "You have been able to earn the trust and confidence of the people, which is the biggest matter."

## President flies

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International Airport for Jakarta at 8:30am today, President's Press Secretary Md Joynal Abedin told the news agency yesterday.

Chairperson of Bangladesh National Advisory Committee on Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Saima Wazed and Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen will also accompany the President during the visit.

At the invitation of Indonesian President Joko Widodo, ASEAN chair for 2023, President Shahabuddin will attend the ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit at the Jakarta Convention Center. The president is expected to return home from Singapore on September 16.

## Find a way

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Gita Biswas, vice president of Mahila Oikya Parishad; Helen Monisha Sarkar, general secretary of YWCA, Bangladesh; Rakhi Mrong, vice president of Bangladesh Adivasi Union spoke at the event and urged the creation of a uniform family law irrespective of race, caste, and creed.

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"Many things might have been overlooked during the construction of this dam," Prof Sanaul added.

Md Ashraful Alam, executive engineer of WDB (Khulna 2) said they have already repaired some portion of the embankment.

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## Kuet observes

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along with guests, joined the rally. Later, in a discussion held in the auditorium, Prof Alamgir said, "The university has to work to meet the expectations of the nation. The joint efforts of all should ensure the quality of the university. No compromise should be made in terms of quality. We have to keep pace with the world."

Prof Mihir said, "We need to focus more on education and research. With the dedication of all, Kuet will surely be able to secure a dignified position in the world very soon."

Death anniv  
of M Abdur  
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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the seventh death anniversary of M Abdur Rahim, a close associate of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and western zone chairman of the then Mujibnagar government, said a press release.

A Liberation War organiser, Rahim was a lawyer and recipient of the Swadhinata Padak.

On this occasion, family members and different organisations have arranged various programmes including doa mahfil and Qurankhwan.

**PRAYER  
TIMING  
SEPTEMBER 4**

Faz Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:30 12:45 4:45 6:33 8:00  
JAMAAT 5:05 1:15 5:00 6:36 8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



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**Vice President & Head**  
Facility Management Division

**Prime Bank**

**Save the Children** Date: September 04, 2023

## Invitation for Tender

Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting for tender from interested experienced bona fide vendors for Providing **Internet Bandwidth & Data Networking Services under Framework Agreement** for its offices and other locations in Bangladesh. For details, please see the IFT schedule, which is available on <http://procurement.scibd.info/> under tender notification. Downloaded copy is acceptable for tender participation.

SL	Name of IFT	Reference No.	Pre-Tender Meeting Schedule and Place	Last date of Tender Submission
1	Internet Bandwidth & Data Networking Services under Framework Agreement	IFT/SCI/BDCO/FY-23/0010 (Manual)	Pre-bid Meeting: September 10, 2023 at 3:00 PM <a href="https://zoom.us/j/94587238754?pwd=QWFDRUpqbzNCNUFISVG5Z2JpN1pZz09">https://zoom.us/j/94587238754?pwd=QWFDRUpqbzNCNUFISVG5Z2JpN1pZz09</a> Meeting ID: 945 8723 8754 Passcode: 461863	September 25, 2023, at 3:00 PM

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### NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

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North South University (NSU), the first private university in Bangladesh, seeks applications from candidates with required qualifications and experiences for the following position:

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- Organizing OGS meetings.
- Updating the Graduate Program Book periodically.

#### Academic Qualification:

- Master's degree from any reputable university.

#### Essential Requirements:

- Knowledge of digital marketing
- Experience in managing online admission systems

#### Experience:

- At least 5 years, preferably in academic institutions.

Age: Not exceeding 35 years.

Pay Scale: Tk. 25,383-2,538-63,456 (as per NSU policy).

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NSU reserves the right not to appoint anyone if suitable candidates are not found.

Any prior communication or persuasion to the position will be considered as a disqualification. Interested candidates are requested to apply through [jobs.northsouth.edu](http://jobs.northsouth.edu) by 3rd October 2023.

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