

## US assistant secretary due this week

UNB, Dhaka

US Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Rena Bitter is scheduled to travel to Islamabad, Karachi, and Dhaka from September 25 to October 2.

Bitter will meet with embassy and consulate staff. She will also meet with government officials to discuss consular issues. "Her trip underscores our deep and sustained commitment to the protection of US citizens overseas and the facilitation of legitimate travel and immigration to the US," said the spokesperson at the US State Department.

## DNCC DRIVE 200 illegal shops evicted in Banani

UNB, Dhaka

Over 200 illegal shops were evicted during a drive conducted by DNCC in Banani area yesterday.

Shops were evicted from both sides of the roads under ward-19. A total of Tk 2.25 lakh was collected in five cases for illegally occupying footpaths, according to a press release.

Executive magistrates Md Zulkar Nayan and Rakhi Ahmed conducted the drive.



PHOTO: STAR

# A decade-long waterlogging woe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Waterlogging has continued to make life miserable for around 2,000 families living in Mymensingh city's Balashpur Madhyapara for at least a decade.

While the Mymensingh City Corporation authority repeatedly made claims of undertaking construction works of new drains, no visible development has yet to be seen, said locals.

The area stays submerged for five months a year during monsoon, from May till September.

This year, the situation has become unbearable. Even after moderate rains, the area becomes flooded and remains waterlogged for the next 15-20 days, said Farida Parven, a resident.

"We cannot attend classes regularly during monsoon as we are forced to stay indoors," said Fahim Hasan Rafim, a fourth grader.

Farhad Islam Riad, a student at Govt Ananda Mohan College, and Alif, a madrasa student, echoed the same.

"The area stays submerged in knee-deep water for days following rains, with water entering homes," said Kulsum

Bewa, who has been living in the area for the last 35 years.

According to locals, the situation became severe following drainage works on Balashpur Madhyapara road in 2013.



Earlier, the water used to recede into a drain that was connected to another drain of Railway Power House Colony in neighbouring Kewatkhali area, but the former got clogged later.

Furthermore, the area has no trash bins, which lead to clogging the drains, adding to this menace.

Contacted, Md Rafiqul Islam Miah, chief engineer of MCC, said, "Drainage works in the area will begin soon under a Tk 8 crore project. We also look to set up trash bins and start cleaning up operations soon."

## Humayun Kabir no more

BSS, Dhaka

Humayun Kabir Chowdhury, a senior former teacher of cadet colleges, passed away at the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka yesterday. He was 90.

He left behind his wife, two sons, and a daughter. Kabir was buried at the family graveyard at Banchharampur of Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Kabir started as a teacher of Bangla at Faujdarhat Cadet College in Chatogram in early 1960s and later served as a senior teacher of Cumilla Cadet College. He retired in 1991.



## 85pc house helps

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Khilgaon, Kamrangirchar, and Keraniganj, including female domestic workers and women employers, participated in this study conducted by Associates for Innovative Research and Development.

The study was undertaken to evaluate the impact of Project Shuchona, a 25-month-long initiative supported by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which empowers domestic workers with knowledge and access to digital financial services to improve their financial autonomy.

According to the study, 84.5 percent of female domestic workers have control over their finances as they receive their salaries through MFS. Before, the figure was only 19 percent.

Also, about 97 percent of domestic workers use MFS on their personal phones while 3.40 percent avail the services through common or familial phones.

"To achieve smart Bangladesh by 2041, we

need to develop smart citizens, economy, society, and governance. Thus, it is necessary to include our domestic workers in the smart financial system," said Ayesha Siddiqui, deputy director of the Directorate of Women Affairs.

"A policy is in place to help domestic workers, but there is no law to ensure their rights. A law needs to be in place," said Mujibur Haque, former state minister for labour and employment.

Md Moynul Haque Bhuiyan, deputy secretary of ICT Division, called for development of an application to monitor the working hours of domestic helpers to ensure their rightful payment.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, said economic empowerment of domestic workers will help elevate their social status. This project will encourage other workers and employers to opt for MFS, creating awareness in this regard.

## DHAKA EXPRESSWAY

### Toll collection tops Tk 5cr in three weeks

UNB, Dhaka

Authorities of Dhaka Elevated Expressway have collected more than Tk 5 crore in tolls in the three weeks since opening of the expressway.

Till 6:00am on September 24, a total of 6,21,152 vehicles, mostly private cars, used the expressway and the total revenue collection amounted to over Tk 5.03 crore, said AHMS Akhtar, project director of the Dhaka Elevated Expressway.

The prime minister on September 2 inaugurated the Airport-Farmgate segment of Dhaka Elevated Expressway. Authorities opened the section for vehicular movement the next day. It takes 10-12 minutes to reach Farmgate from the airport via the expressway.

## Police seek

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posts and give in-situ promotion to officers.

Contacted, Md Asaduzzaman, general secretary of Police Service Association, said number of promotion in higher posts is very few in police cadre. "So, there has long been frustration among police officials," he said.

The PHQ sent a proposal considering the situation, which the home ministry forwarded to the public administration ministry after scrutiny. "But its decision left police officers dejected," he said.

## PRAYER TIMING

SEPTEMBER 26

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:35 12:45 4:15 6:00 7:30  
JAMAAT 5:10 1:15 4:30 6:05 8:00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

**Save the Children** Date: September 26 2023

Save the Children is the world's leading, independent organisation for children

### Invitation for Tender

Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting the tender from interested, experienced, and bona fide suppliers for supplying ICT Hardware (Laptop, Desktop, TAB, and Smartphone) for Save the Children in Bangladesh.

For details please see the IFT schedules, which are available at <http://procurement.scibd.info/> under tender notification. A downloaded copy is acceptable for tender participation.

Description, submission time & date:				
SL	Name of IFT	Reference No.	Pre-Tender Meeting Schedule and Place	Last date of Tender Submission
1	Framework Agreement for supplying ICT Hardware (Laptop, Desktop, TAB and Smart Phone)	IFT/SCI/BDCO/F Y-23/ (Manual)0011	At Save the Children, Country Office, House CWN (A) 35, Road 43, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh	By October 19, 2023, at 03.00 PM

**Special Instruction: (a)** All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods/Services will be guided as per the SCI's Procurement Policies. **(b)** If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at the same time and same place.

Head of Supply Chain

**USAID**  
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

### Position Vacancy Announcement

Position: Travel Assistant, FSN - 08

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of **Travel Assistant, FSN - 08** in the Executive Office (EXO).

Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: October 10, 2023

For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website:  
<http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and [www.bdjobs.com](http://www.bdjobs.com)

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### STATUTORY NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH, HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION), COMPANY MATTER NO. 445 OF 2023

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND  
Gactano De Stasio, Shareholder & Chairman, Director of GDS INTERNATIONAL LTD, having its Office: House No-26, Road No-01, Block No-A, Bashundara R/A, Dhaka-1229 -Petitioner

VERSUS  
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, 1, Kawran Bazar, 6th Floor, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka - Respondent.

Notice is hereby given in the effect that an application under Sections 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994, was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condone the delay of holding the Annual General Meeting of the company name and style as "of GDS INTERNATIONAL LTD." The Hon'ble company Judge, Mr. Justice Md. Riaz Uddin Khan has admitted the said application on 12.09.2023 and fixed for compliance on 17/10/2023 days Any person interested in the said application may appear before the Hon'ble court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges. (Ripon Chandra Biswas) Advocate, Membership No. 6059, Hall Room No. 1, Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000. Mobile: 0171205213.

**EASTERN BANK PLC.**  
HEAD OFFICE, 100 GULSHAN AVENUE, DHAKA-1212

### TENDER NOTICE

Eastern Bank PLC. (EBL) invites sealed bids from bona fide/eligible suppliers for the following services/items:

**Lot 1: Servers, OS and VMware Licenses**  
**Lot 2: Existing storage capacity up-gradation**  
**Lot 3: Laptop & Desktop Computers**  
**Lot 4: Privilege Access Management (PAM) Solution**

Interested bidders are requested to collect the RFP document electronically by sending an email from their official email address to [bidit@ebi-bd.com](mailto:bidit@ebi-bd.com) mentioning lot & item names, name of the company and the authorized contact person, mailing address, telephone & mobile phone numbers on or before **Tuesday, 3 October 2023**. Queries to be mailed by **Monday, 9 October 2023**.

Bids prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the RFP document must be submitted in two separate envelopes, clearly marking 'Technical' and 'Financial' offers on the envelopes to the Office of the Chairman, Purchase Committee, Head Office, Eastern Bank PLC., 100 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka-1212 on or before **Tuesday, 17 October 2023**.

Tenderers are allowed to bid for all lots or any lot separately. Any bid not submitted separately against each lot will be rejected. However, common documents need not to be submitted for multiple lots, submission with one lot is enough.

### CAREER OPPORTUNITY

**NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY**  
Center of Excellence in Higher Education

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

Please read the full job description carefully to see if you have the skills, knowledge and experience that NSU are looking for. Only eligible candidates will be contacted by NSU for written examination and interview:

#### Research Associate for Department of Public Health: 2 (Two) positions

**Job Description:**

- Work with supervisor for writing research proposals, grant applications, and manuscript writing.
- Understand research proposal, data collection techniques, project scope, target groups, study site, etc.
- Quality assurance of data and feedback to the supervisor on filed activities timely.
- Analyze data using the specific data analysis software.
- Writing inception and final project reports.
- Any other tasks assigned by the NSU Authority.

**Academic Qualification:**

- MPH/MSc in related discipline from a recognized university in Bangladesh/abroad

**Experience:**

- Must have knowledge of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.
- Previous experience in public health research.
- Efficient in data management and analysis.
- Should have a good command over a few statistical software, such as Stata, R, SPSS, etc.
- Should have 2/3 years working experience on real research projects and know how to write research proposals and grant applications.

**Age:** Not exceeding 32 years.

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

**Other Terms and Conditions:**

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, supervisory experience, and well conversant in computer applications.
- Willingness to work on holidays and after office-hours, if necessary.
- Third division/ class/ equivalent CGPA of the candidates in any educational level will not be accepted.

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 October 25, 2023.

Department of Administration  
NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY  
Plot# 15, Block# B, Bashundhara, Dhaka - 1229  
NSU Job Portal: [jobs.northsouth.edu](http://jobs.northsouth.edu)

**EDCL** এসেনসিয়াল ড্রাগস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড  
৩৯৫-৩৯৭, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা  
ঢাকা-১২০৮।

### দরপত্র বিক্রয়

ইডিসিএল নিম্নোক্ত আইটেমগুলি প্রকৃত প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারীদের (সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যবসার সহিত জড়িত) নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করছে-

ক্রমিক নং	দরপত্র নং ও তারিখ	বিবরণ	পরিমাণ
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সিকিউরিটি/আপেক্ষ মানি	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়
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সকল কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে উপরোক্ত কার্যালয় হইতে শর্ত ও নিয়মাবলীসহ দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় করা যাইবে। উল্লেখ্য যে, যাহাদের ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন নাই তাহাদের দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণ করার প্রয়োজন নাই।

দরপত্র খোলার দিনে কোন দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।

মহা-ব্যবস্থাপক, প্রকিউরমেন্ট  
পক্ষে: ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক।

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