

Niko cases filed to implement 'minus two' formula

Khaleda's lawyer tells HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's lawyer AJ Mohammad Ali yesterday told the High Court that the Niko cases were filed in order to implement the "minus two" theory.

The "minus two" formula had aimed to exclude Awami League President and now Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BNP chief Khaleda Zia from politics during the last military-backed caretaker government.

"Two separate cases were filed in 2007 against Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia over an unsolicited offer from Canadian company Niko. The High Court has quashed the proceedings of the case against Sheikh Hasina and no appeal was filed against its verdict. The case against Khaleda Zia, however, is still running," advocate AJ Mohammad Ali said.

The lawyer said this before the HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu yesterday during hearing of a petition filed by Khaleda. The petition challenged the legality of the trial court order that allowed the investigation officer and prosecution witness of the case to place deposition on seeing the first information report.

In the petition, Khaleda said the trial court order is a direct violation of section 159 of the Evidence Act and prayed to the HC to stay the trial proceedings of the case against her.

The HC bench fixed 2:00pm today for resuming the hearing.

No let-up in dengue woes

Hospitals still grappling with large number of patients; 9 more die, 2,609 hospitalised in a day

HELEMUL ALAM

Jamal Hossain was having a moment of rest as his children – Yasin, 8, and Fatima, 10, – had started feeling better yesterday afternoon, four days after they were both admitted to Mugda Medical College Hospital with dengue.

The children were talking to each other with their beds brought together upon permission to make it easy for their father to look after them.

"Both my children were diagnosed with dengue around four days ago. They were hospitalised on Sunday after suffering from severe diarrhoea and vomiting. However, they are now feeling better," said Jamal, a resident of Jurain's Boubazar area.

This year, 11,886 dengue patients were admitted to this hospital – the highest among all hospitals countrywide – among whom 133 lost their lives.

Though the number of daily dengue patients has declined, new patients are still coming here on a regular basis. The hospital is currently treating 168 dengue patients.

At least nine patients died, while 2,609 were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new figures, the total number of deaths rose to 1,190,

while the total number of cases this year was 2,44,698.

"We first admitted my mother-in-law after she was diagnosed with dengue in October. After she recovered, we had to admit



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Associate professor of
Suhrawardy Medical College
and Hospital

my husband, as he was infected too. Now my three-year-old son Mohammatullah, also infected with dengue, is being treated here," said Rozina, a resident of Khalpar

in Manda. Laiju Begum, a resident of Madhya Badda, shared similar distress.

"About 40 days ago, we admitted my eight-year-old daughter Rita Aktar to a private clinic after she tested positive for dengue. She had recovered completely after a while. However, we had to rush her here as she had been suffering from fever for the past week," said Laiju.

Asked what was wrong with Rita, Laiju said the doctors here have prescribed her several tests and they will be able to identify the problems after the reports come in.

Dengue symptoms in children are slightly different than in adults. For adults, the initial symptoms are high fever and body aches. However, nausea and coughing are the primary signs for children (newborns to 12-year-olds), said HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor of Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College and Hospital.

"More importantly, it takes around 48 hours for the situation to become critical for adults, while children only have 24 hours, which is why we suggest quick hospitalisation. Children are more prone to developing shock syndrome, which is risky for any dengue patient."

Mother, two sons found dead at home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, D'baria

A woman and her two sons were found dead at their residence in Brahmanbaria's Bancharampur upazila yesterday morning.

Police recovered the bodies around 10:00am from their house in Charchayani village in the upazila's Ayubpur union, Noore Alam, officer-in-charge of Bancharampur Model Police Station, told The Daily Star.

The deceased were identified as Jessy Akhter, 35, wife of Shah Alam, an expatriate working in Saudi Arabia, and her sons Mahin, 14, and Mohin, 7, said police.

The OC said there were injury marks on Jessy and Mahin's heads.

Jessy's seven-month-old daughter, Ojha, was found alive, he said.

According to police and local sources, they have been living in a building in Charchayani village.

Jasmine Akhter, a housekeeper who came to work at the house in the morning found the main gate closed and called out to them but got no response.

She collected a key from Jessy's sister-in-law and opened the main gate but found the door to the house locked. She informed the incident to the neighbours and they later informed the police, said the OC.

Law enforcers reached the spot and broke the door of the room and recovered the bodies.

The OC said they are looking into the incident.

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Corrigendum

Subject:
Corrigendum to the Invitation for Bid (IFB) "Development of Dost Textile Mills Site at Feni, Bangladesh through Public Private Partnership (PPP)"
The following change is hereby made against the IFB issue dated 13 July 2023 on the above project:

Reference Section	Existing Clause	Revised Clause
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This corrigendum will be the part of IFB Document.

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Man shot dead

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A man accused in two narcotics cases was shot dead in Kamrangirchar's Muslimbagh area early yesterday. The deceased was identified as Mohammad Ramjan, 43.

Locals found Ramjan around 3:00am in a pool of blood, said Mostafa Anwar, officer-in-charge of Kamrangirchar Police Station.

He said the victim had two bullet wounds, one in the chest and another in the neck.

"His sister said he was previously in jail in a murder case," he said. "Police are yet to identify anyone in connection with the killing."

Qualitative changes

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further. If needed, the government should borrow more, but the reserves must not drop.

"After the election, we need some fundamental reforms in the financial sector. Otherwise, the new government will not last."

Mansur said that the banking sector could have been strong in years but it had become weaker now.

Mustafa K Mujeri, executive director of the Institute for Inclusive Finance and Development, said policy response is now reactive, not proactive.

The major challenges facing the economy are runaway inflation, a volatile exchange rate, depleting forex reserves, and the weak banking sector.

"We all know why the banking sector continues to be weak, but our policy-makers and authorities are not recognising those issues," said Mujeri, also a former chief economist at the central bank.

He said that the regulators of the financial sector have become weak which is one of the reasons for the lack of governance in the financial sector.

Replying to a question, the economist said since 2014, the elections held were "morally weak". "That is why the government largely depends on influential people."

Shams Mahmud, a former president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industries, said loan rescheduling facilities are given to some business groups because of political considerations.

Sayema Haque Bidisha, a professor of economics at Dhaka University, said maintaining forex reserves and tackling inflation are essential now.

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Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Services

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Posts and Telecommunications Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology
2	Agency	Bangladesh Communication Satellite Company Limited
3	Client Name	Dr. Shahjahan Mahmood, Chairman and CEO
4	Client Code	Not used at present
5	Client District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Individual Consultants
7	EOI Ref No	14.39.0000.012.07.004.23.624
8	Date	17/10/2023

KEY INFORMATION

FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Source of Funds	Own fund
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A
14	EOI Closing Date and Time	Date: 01 November 2023 Time: 12:05 PM

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

16	Brief Description of Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Consultant (Data Analyst): Bachelor in Statistics/Applied Statistics/Data Science with min. 5 years' professional experience. 1 Junior Consultant (Data Analyst): Bachelor in Statistics/Applied Statistics/ Data Science with min. 3 years' professional experience. 2 Junior Consultant (Hardware & Software): BSc in CSE, min. 3 years' professional experience.
18	Other Details (if applicable)	Applicants shall have to submit EOI as per prescribed format in Request for Application (RFA) with their CV and supporting document and in sealed envelope labelled with individual Consultant for the above-mentioned position to the address mention in cause 21, 22 and 23 of the EOI. Consultant will be selected using the PPR (Selection of individual consultant). The RFA for the above mentioned position will be found at https://bscl.gov.bd (under tender notice)

CLIENT DETAILS

21	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Dr. Shahjahan Mahmood
22	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Chairman and CEO, Bangladesh Satellite Company Limited (BSCL)
23	Address of Official Inviting EOI	116, SEL Rose-N-Dale, 7th & 8th floor, Kazi Nazrul Islam Ave, Dhaka 1205
24	Contact details of Official Inviting EOI	Phone: +88 02 41030091-92 E-mail: info@bscl.com.bd, procurement@bscl.com.bd
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or rejects all EOIs	

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

1	Procuring Entity Name	ICT Division, BASIC Bank Limited
2	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
3	Invitation Reference No.	BASIC/HO/ICT/Oracle AMC/2023/001
4	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
5	Budget and Source of Fund	BASIC Bank's Own Fund
6	Tender Publication Date	18/10/2023
7	Tender Last Sealing Date	31/10/2023 at 4:00 PM
8	Tender Submission Date & Time	01/11/2023 at 3:00 PM
9	Tender Opening Date & Time	01/11/2023 at 3:15 PM
10	Name & Address of the Office for purchase and submit Tender	ICT Division: Peoples Insurance Bhaban (5 th Floor), 36, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000
11	Eligibility of Tenderer	1) The Tenderer shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract and have not been declared ineligible by any competent authority. 2) Tenderer must have minimum 3 (three) years' experience in ICT business as a registered company/entity in Bangladesh. 3) Must have at least 3(three) years' proven experience in supplying Software / Oracle RDBMS Software in any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh / Bangladesh Bank or must have previous record of successfully supplying Software / Oracle RDBMS Software to BASIC Bank Limited. 4) Must be an authorized distributor/dealer/partner of Oracle Software. 5) The participating company has to submit Authorization letter from Oracle Corporation.
12	Brief Description of Goods	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) of Oracle Database 12C Enterprise Edition for Data Center (DC) and Disaster Recovery Site (DRS) of BASIC Bank Limited.
13	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2,000/-
14	Performance Security	10% of work order value in the form of Pay order / Bank draft / Bank guarantee from any schedule bank in favour of BASIC Bank Limited, Head Office.
15	Lot details	Lot No. Identification Location Security Amount (Tk.) Completion Time
16	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Helal Uddin
17	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Deputy General Manager
18	Address of Official Inviting Tender	BASIC Bank Limited, ICT Division: Peoples Insurance Bhaban (5 th Floor), 36 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000
19	Contact Details	Phone: 02-9555087, 223382960; E-mail: basicid@basicbanklimited.com
20	a) The tenderers should be bound to obey the all terms, conditions, rules & regulations of PPR -2008. b) The procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders (partly or fully) at any stage without showing any reasons. c) The Bank shall not be under any obligation to accept the lowest priced quotation d) If any "Force Majeure" arises in the specified date mentioned in the Tender Data Sheet (TDS) and invitation for Tender, the event will take place in the next working day.	

Md. Helal Uddin
DGM, ICT Division

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Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies
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