

# Educate, empower girls to prevent child marriage

## Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education, empowerment and awareness are essential to mitigate early marriage, said speakers at a seminar yesterday.

They said in the char areas of Jamalpur, child marriage, premature birth and high maternal mortality used to wreak havoc on the lives of adolescent girls. However, due to awareness and various initiatives, this has reduced significantly.

The speakers were addressing the seminar on adolescent and youth friendly sexual and reproductive health. The event was organised by Pathfinder International and ESDO at The Daily Star centre in the capital.

To help adolescents in 20 unions of Jamalpur, ESDO initiated Project Shukhi Jibon in 2018. The USAID-funded project has established 198 satellite clinics in 22 remote areas and facilitated sessions on sexual

and reproductive health (SRH) rights for young girls to prevent early marriages, said Santosh Kumar Tigga, head of monitoring at ESDO.

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Additionally, 2,033 beneficiaries received capacity building sessions on the importance of using clean and safe water, he added.

"Due to fewer education and facilities in the remote chars, I saw many girls being married off at

an early age. However, this project helped raise awareness and lessen such incidents in the region," said Amena Rokshi, a volunteer under the project.

Rafiqul Islam Selim, joint secretary of health ministry, said, "Such projects are contributing to the psychological and physical wellbeing of young girls in rural areas."

Around 24 percent women in the country are under 18, which increases maternal mortality rate by two and a half fold, said Md Manzur Hossain, programme manager (MCH services unit) at Directorate General of Family Planning.

"Besides, 40 percent of maternal mortality is caused by adolescent pregnancies. So, it is essential to educate and empower girls," he added.

Sharmin Sultana, the project's technical director, said, "The achieved progress can be sustained through continued support."

## PM to brief media on Brussels trip today

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address a press conference this afternoon on the outcome of her recent official visit to Belgium.

The press conference will start at 4:00pm at Gono Bhaban, Prime Minister's Office press wing said.

Hasina returned home on Friday morning after wrapping up her three-day official visit to Belgium.

In Brussels, the PM attended the "Global Gateway Forum-2023" on October 25-26 at the invitation of the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Hasina also had a number of meetings with leaders of European countries, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and the European Parliament. She also attended a community reception on the sidelines of the forum.

## Will resist if BNP tries

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The diplomatic norms and interfering in the country's internal affairs.

Inu also said Haas should be declared a persona non grata.

Addressing the rally, AL joint general secretary Mahbulul Alam Hanif alleged BNP's movement has no support from people and thus it will not be successful.

He urged BNP to

join polls, saying the forthcoming national election will be held on time.

AL leader Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, advocate Quamrul Islam, Samyabadi Dal leader Dilip Barua, Tarikat Federation chief Syed Nazibul Bashar Maizbhandari, Gonotantri Party leader Shahadat Hossain, Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) leader Sheikh Shahidul Islam, among others, addressed the rally.

## 7,417 sued, 426 held

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arrested in Chattogram yesterday.

In Kushtia, eight BNP supporters were arrested on Sunday on sabotage charges.

In Manikganj, four cases were filed with three police stations on Sunday night against 359 people including the district unit BNP president and general

secretary.

Six people were arrested in the cases, said police.

In Faridpur, five cases were filed against 58 BNP leaders and activists on Sunday. Police arrested four persons.

In Narsingdi, police arrested six Shibir activists in Sadar upazila's Brahmandi area yesterday.

## Govt shifting blame

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Meanwhile, the death rate in Bangladesh was 0.5 percent, 0.04 percent in Brazil, 0.4 percent in Philippines and 0.1 percent in India.

TIB highlighted several reasons for the high death rate, such as insufficient hospital manpower in comparison to patient numbers, delayed virus diagnosis, false negatives in NSI tests, lack of dengue prevention and control efforts, and inadequate medical facilities outside Dhaka.

According to TIB findings, the treatment costs had increased 10 times higher due to a lack of facilities in government hospitals.

A dengue patient has to spend Tk 7,142 per day on an average in government hospitals while it is Tk 70,000-80,000 in private hospitals, it added.

TIB also found despite Dhaka city corporations spending Tk 1,080 crore over the past 11 years, they were unable to effectively control mosquitoes due to their failure to apply insecticides in field levels following WHO guidelines, take effective measures to eliminate Aedes

mosquito breeding sites between January and April, and conduct door-to-door Aedes mosquito control efforts.

TIB identified negligence in assessing the efficacy of insecticides in various city corporations and municipalities, as well as disparities in providing resources and funding for mosquito control activities.

TIB put forth a 21-point recommendation, which involve creating a National Integrated Vector Management Plan that encompasses input from experts and stakeholders, recognising dengue as a national health concern deserving political and governmental attention.

Dr Razia Sultana, search fellow and Md Julkarnayen, senior research fellow of TIB, presented the report.

PRAYER TIMING					
OCTOBER 31					
Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN 4:50	12:45	4:00	5:36	7:15	
JAMAAT 5:25	1:15	4:15	5:39	7:45	
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					

## Two Canadian

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In line with the incident, in June 2011, Niko Canada plead guilty for their involvement in providing the vehicle to the Bangladeshi minister as bribe, he said.

The Canadian court then fined Niko approximately 9.5 million Canadian dollars, he continued.

During their investigation, the investigation team found that Kashem Sharif, a former president of Niko Resources [Bangladesh] Limited, and also proprietor of Stratum Development Limited, received 2.93 million US dollars from Niko Canada as bribe.

Kelvin Duggan said Kashem Sharif was introduced to Gausuddin Al Mamun through a friend. Kashem offered one million US dollars to Mamun to help secure the joint venture agreement.

Mamun introduced Kashem to former Dhaka Club president Selim Bhuiyan and told Kashem that Selim would be the point man for the JVA, he said.

Afterwards, defence lawyers for two accused – BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman's close friend Mamun and Selim – completed cross-examining Schoepp.

As the lawyers could not cross-examine Duggan, the court fixed today for the next hearing.

The ACC filed the case in December 2007, accusing Khaleda and several others of abusing power to award a gas exploration and extraction deal to Canadian company Niko when she was prime minister between 2001 and 2006.

## Who will

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Quader thanked the party leaders and activists for remaining calm despite huge provocation from the BNP rally on October 28.

"They [BNP] have shown their true colours. Their brutality was more dangerous than the attack in Gaza. How brutal were they to kill a cop? They didn't even spare journalists. They attacked the residence of chief justice," he added.

He said October 28 was a victory for the government.

Quader said, "We will stay in the streets, will organise peace rallies and guard the streets [during BNP's blockade]."

## Bangladesh

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"Such vital projects often close down due to unavailability of funds. Being one of the most vulnerable countries in this regard, we need continuous support for sustainable projects like ICFC," said Sharifa Khan, secretary of ERD.

Attending the event as chief guest, Planning Minister MA Mannan said, "Climate change is a global challenge and international cooperation and partnership is essential to mitigate its distressing impacts."

"We need support but not as hard loans. Rather, we need grants, concessions, and capacity-building resources," he added.


## Why such



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Mukabbir said this while participating in the discussion on the passage of the Bangladesh Institute of Management Bill-2023 in the parliament.

"Does this (the hasty passage of the bills) involve interest of any particular person or group? This needs to be clarified," Mukabbir also said.

Observing that domestic and foreign investors are losing interest in investing in Bangladesh, Mukabbir said, "Investment requires a stable environment. The people are extremely worried about the elections. People are suffering from insecurity. In the name of so-called democracy, two political circles are in conflict. It is turning the country into a war zone."

 <b>Save the Children</b>		<b>Date: October 31, 2023</b>		
<b>Invitation for Tender</b>				
Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting for tender from interested experienced bona fide vendors for Providing <b>Winter Kit under Framework Agreement</b> for its offices and other locations in Bangladesh. For details, please see the IFT schedule, which is available on <a href="http://procurement.scibd.info/">http://procurement.scibd.info/</a> 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
I	Winter Kit under Framework Agreement	IFT/SCI/BD/CO/F Y-23/0013 (Manual)	Pre-bid meeting will be held 5 <sup>th</sup> November at 3:00 PM (Online) <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99119688970?pwd=UG9mU1A2UWlManNvcFpDamNOBjVWtQT09">https://zoom.us/j/99119688970?pwd=UG9mU1A2UWlManNvcFpDamNOBjVWtQT09</a> <b>Meeting ID: 991 1968 8970</b> <b>Passcode: 646386</b> Physical sample will be available at SCI Security Desk House CWN (A) 35, Road-43, Gulshan-2, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh	November 20, 2023, at 3.00 PM
<b>Special Instruction: (a)</b> All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods/Services will be guided as per the SCI's Procurement Policies. <b>(b)</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 same time and same place. <b>(c)</b> If the Tenderer(s) submit any false/incorrect or fake documents then the provided bid by tenderer will be considered as disqualified. <b>(d)</b> The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				
Head of Supply Chain				

																									
<b>IFIC Bank PLC</b> IFIC Tower, 61 Purana Paltan, GPO Box: 2229, Dhaka 1000 Website: <a href="http://www.ificbank.com.bd">www.ificbank.com.bd</a>																									
<b>PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION</b>																									
This is for kind information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of IFIC Bank PLC in its 871 <sup>st</sup> Meeting held on 29 October 2023 ended at 10:00 p.m. through Digital Platform, among other issues, has approved the Un-audited Financial Statements of the Bank as at and for the period ended on 30 September 2023 with the following financial highlights:																									
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Invitation for Tender of Works				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare		
2	Agency	icddr,b		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Director, Supply Chain Management, icddr,b		
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Works		
6	Invitation Ref No	icddr,b/SCM/GoB/NCT(OSTETM)/Service Building/PW-01/2023-24		
7	Date	31-10-2023		
KEY INFORMATION				
8	Procurement Method	NCT, (One Stage Two Envelope Tendering QCBS Method)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget (GoB and icddr,b)		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
10	Tender Package No.	PW-01/2023-24 (Phase-III)		
11	Tender Package Name	i) Finishing Works of Civil, Sanitary & Plumbing, Electrical Works and (ii) Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Fire Fighting and Suppression, FADS with PA System for 11 Storied Service Building, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.		
12	Tender Publication Date	31-10-2023		
13	Tender Selling Date	November 01 - 29, 2023 (10:00 am to 02:30pm)		
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: November 30, 2023 Time: 2:30 PM		
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: November 30, 2023 Time: 3:00 PM		
16	<b>Name &amp; Address of the office</b>			
i)	Selling Tender Document	Finance Office, Hospital Building, 3rd Floor, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212		
ii)	Receiving Tender Document	SCM Office, Chiller Building (First Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.		
iii)	Opening Tender Document	SCM Office, Chiller Building (First Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.		
17	<b>Place, Date &amp; Time of Pre-Tender Meeting</b>	Facilities Management (FM) Office, Chiller Building (Third Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212, Date: <b>November 09, 2023 at 11.00 AM</b>		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
18	<b>Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer:</b>			
a) Tenderers shall have minimum 10 (Ten) years of experience as Prime Contractor in construction works b) The tenderers shall have minimum 05 (Five) years specific experience as a Prime Contractor in construction works of at least 02 (Two) contracts of construction technology successfully completed within the last 05 years with a value of at least Tk. 15 (Fifteen) Crore in one work order vide experience certificate /work completion certificate from any Government or Autonomous reputed organization. c) Annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk.20 (Twenty) crore in any year of the last 03 years d) Minimum amount of liquid assets i.e working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderers shall be Tk 05 (Five) Crore.				
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20	<b>Price of Tender Document (Tk)</b>	BDT-20,000/- (Twenty Thousand) per schedule non-refundable. Interested Tenderer is requested to deposit the price of each set Tender Document i.e. BDT 20,000.00 in Cash to the Account Name: "icddr,b", Account No. 0200002442981, Agrani Bank Ltd., icddr,b Branch and submit original Customer Copy to Finance Office while collecting the Tender Document within the stipulated time.		
21	<b>Pkg No</b>	<b>Identification of Schedule</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Tender Security</b>
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<b>COMPLETION TIME</b>				
				24 months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Mirza Muhammad Masud Rana		
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Senior Manager, Supply Chain Management		
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	icddr,b, 68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka.		
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	TP: 02-222277001-10; Ext: 4405/3758/4400   e-mail: <a href="mailto:tenderquery@icddr.org">tenderquery@icddr.org</a>		
26	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings. <b>Special Instruction:</b> Tenderers are requested to bring any photo ID card (i.e. NID/ Passport/ Driving License) with them for uninterrupted entry in icddr,b premise.			
			Sd./- Senior Manager, Supply Chain Management icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.	

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