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Numerous engine-run boats carry sand and stones, collected from the riverbed of the Jadukata in Sunamganj's Tahirpur upazila, amid the absence of monitoring. According to locals, the activities are backed by locally influential people. The photo was taken recently in Ghagtia area of the upazila's Badaghat union.

Rab arrests 2 for ‘vandalism’

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Arsonists are recording their acts of sabotage and sharing it on social media through various WhatsApp groups, claimed Rapid Action Battalion yesterday.

They made these allegation following arrest of Abu Taleb Masum, 37, the former vice president of the Narayanganj district unit's Chhatra Dal.

Since the beginning of the blockade, Masum allegedly set fire to and vandalised vehicles at different places. Then he recorded and shard videos of the crimes through WhatsApp groups registered under both local and foreign numbers, said Commander Khandaker Al Moin, Director of Rab's Legal and Media Wing during a press conference.

Masum and his associate Joj Miah, 39, was recently arrested in a joint operation conducted by Rab-1 and Rab-15. Moin said the arrestees had carried out acts of violence based on directives from their party leaders.

Masum arrived in Dhaka with activists to join BNP's rally on October 28. Afterwards, they tried to create chaos in the capital by damaging and burning important structures, including both public and private vehicles.

BLOCKCHAIN OLYMPIAD UIU team wins gold

STAR REPORT

United International University students from Bangladesh have achieved a landmark victory at the International Blockchain Olympiad in Amsterdam, Netherlands, showcasing the country's burgeoning talent in blockchain technology.

Team Apocalypse from UIU, comprising Sadia Ahmmed, Sahid Hossain Ratul, Jishanul Islam, and Aadiba Tasneem Anam, clinched the gold medal under the event's theme "A Digital Journey to our Sustainable Future."

Their winning project, IPBlockchainPro, is an innovative ecosystem for intellectual property management, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 8, 9, 16, and 17.

Additionally, Team Unchained, also from UIU, achieved 6th place (Merit Award) at the same event. The team members Anika Khaer Aury, Shoaib Hasan, and Farhee Aalina Ahmad were lauded for their exceptional performance.



Ensure climate justice

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positive impact on public health, employment, and affordable energy," he added.

Attending the first day of the event as chief guest, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry on Environment, Forest and Climate Change, said, "The ones least responsible for climate change are most vulnerable to this crisis."

"The victims come from marginalised households which makes it difficult for them to take adaptive measures against it. However, climate justice is crucial and developed nations should come together to ensure it," said Saber, also the PM's special envoy on climate affairs.

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support children aged four to five years in learning to read, write in Bangla and English and do simple arithmetic within its one-year course, while attracting them to learning and encouraging them to continue their education in local schools, according to Rib.

Over the last two decades, more than 200 Kajoli learning centres have been established, and are operated by local communities while Rib provided them with learning materials, said Rib chairman Shamsul Bari.

Many of the centres, however, were closed during the pandemic. At present, about 100 such centres are operational.

Coffee cultivation shows promise

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As the first cultivations on flatlands got success, they are working on a plan to spread coffee cultivation among people.

Delowar Hossain, 50, of Dulalkandi under the upazila, said, "I heard about Salahuddin's coffee cultivation and came here looking for saplings as I like to plant uncommon

varieties. He promised to supply me coffee saplings from his garden. I prepared 20 decimals of land for cultivating coffee and hope to start early December."

Like Delowar, at least five others also showed interest in coffee cultivation from Salahuddin's area.

Md Jahidul Islam, deputy director of DAE at Belabo upazila, said, "The

government has plans to expand coffee production on flat land. That's why we took initiatives to supply saplings for free."

In Narsingdi, we provided saplings to Salahuddin for experiment and it was successful. We will gradually spread coffee cultivation among the people in the area," he added.

AL sells 1,074 nominations

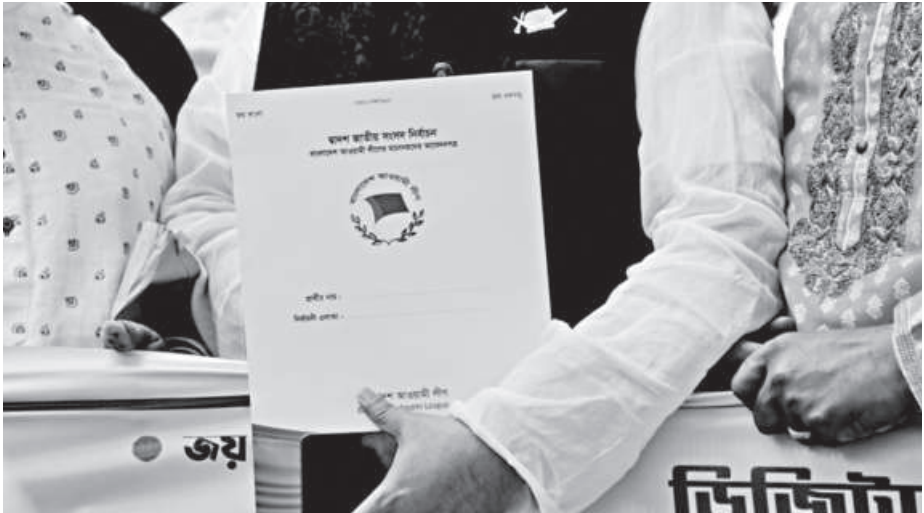


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division, the second highest figure.

Also, 55 forms were sold for Sylhet, 105 for Mymensingh, 75 for Barishal, 125 for Khulna, 109 for Rangpur, and 176 for Rajshahi divisions.

The party will sell its nomination forms till November 21.

AL general secretary Obaidul Quader, Bangladesh ace cricketer Shakib Al Hasan, Prime Minister's adviser for private industry and investment Salman F Rahman, Education Minister Dipu Moni, and Planning Minister MA Mannan among others, were significant persons who bought nomination papers.

Shakib Al Hasan collected AL nomination forms through his personal assistant for three constituencies – Magura 1, Magura 2, and Dhaka 10.

214 people bought AL's nomination forms for Dhaka division, while 201 for Chattogram, 55 for Sylhet, 105 for Mymensingh, 75 for Barishal, 125 for Khulna, 109 for Rangpur, and 176 for Rajshahi.

Besides, two former police officials collected the forms. They are: Abdul Kahar Akand, who was the investigation officer (IO) in

the Bangabandhu murder case, for a constituency of Kishoreganj; and AKM Shahidul Haque, former IGP, for a constituency of Shariatpur.

Police personnel grappled to maintain order at the AL headquarters as the venue was filled with aspirants and their supporters, despite the party's instruction for aspirants to come to the office personally or send their representatives for collecting forms without making any gathering.

Besides, the party introduced online collection and submission of its nomination forms aiming to ease the process.

However, both measures for avoiding overcrowding at the party office fell flat.

Female workers' outflow falls

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for Women and Children Studies (CWCS) and Manusher Jonno Foundation and funded by Global Affairs Canada.

It was held at Jatiya Press Club.

According to experts, for the last 10 years, women migration has been within 6-19 percent of the total migration, which shows that the manpower export sector of Bangladesh is largely male dominated.

According to speakers, many of these women workers, who mostly go to the gulf countries, often face physical, mental and sexual abuse, alongside lower salaries than original contract and poor living and healthcare facilities.

These adverse situations often force the women to return to Bangladesh without any proper plan and sufficient compensation, the

speakers also said, adding that social reintegration of these female migrant workers into their communities has remained a challenge in Bangladesh as there is no research-based data about them.

"We don't have reliable data about the returning female migrant workers. We do not know why they are returning, what adverse experiences they went through. They simply blend into the society and we cannot track them afterwards," said Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary, chairperson, Bangladesh Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development.

"There should be a separate database and budget for the returning female migrant workers to facilitate their reintegration process into the community," he added.

The experts presented a draft policy framework on reintegration of returning female migrant workers in the seminar, which proposed for a separate database on the returning female migrant workers, estimation of remittance earned, financial literacy, decent employment, healthcare and counselling services, and raising awareness to alleviate stigma against these workers.

"Along with economic empowerment, providing psycho-social counselling to the returnees is also very important. These services can decrease the impact of social stigma and help them to find a decent, mainstream livelihood after their return," said Jannatul Firdaus Rupa, assistant director, District Employment and Manpower Office, Dhaka.

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reforms, recommended Salma Mahbub, general secretary of B Scan.

"No budget or policy can bring change unless we alter our mindset about people with disabilities. We have to know of their needs and rights, and work to ensure them," said Fayazuddin Ahmad, advocacy and campaign lead of WaterAid Bangladesh.

Khalekur Rahman, superintendent engineer of the Department of Public Health Engineering, stressed the lack of available data as this leads to failure in implementing development projects.

PRAYER
TIMING
NOVEMBER 19

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-05	12-30	3-45	5-21	7-00
JAMAAT 5-40	1-15	4-00	5-24	7-30

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Bank Asia 1st Perpetual Bond

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Notice for Eligible Investors (EIs) and General Public Categories (General Public and NRB) to submit their Application(s) through the Electronic Subscription System (ESS) and Stockbrokers/Merchant Bankers respectively for the Bank Asia 1st Perpetual Bond

This is for the kind information of all concerned that Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has accorded consent vide letter no. BSEC/CI/DS-151/2021/756 dated March 02, 2022 for raising Additional Tier-1 capital through issuance of Bank Asia 1st Perpetual Bond under fixed price method. All the General Public (GP) including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) are hereby requested to apply through the Stockbrokers/Merchant Bankers. On the other hand, all the Eligible Investors are hereby requested to visit website: www.essbangladesh.com to participate in the Public Offer Subscription Process through the Electronic Subscription System (ESS). The summary of the Public Offer subscription for the Eligible Investors (EIs) and General Public (GP) including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) are as follows:

A. Offer Summary

Issue Name	Bank Asia 1 st Perpetual Bond
Issue Type	Unsecured, Contingent- Convertible Floating Rate Perpetual Bond
Issue Code	BANKASI1PB
Issuer	Bank Asia Limited
Originator	Bank Asia Limited
Total Issue Size to be raised through Public Offer	BDT 500,000,000 (Fifty Crore Taka) Note: There shall be no quota wise amount distribution between EIs and GP.
Total Number of Bond Units to be offered to Public	100,000
Face Value	5,000 (Five Thousand Taka)
Issue Price	5,000 (Five Thousand Taka)
Issue Manger	City Bank Capital Resources Limited

B. Details of Subscription for EIs and General Public Categories (General Public and NRB):

Eligibility of EIs & GP including NRB Applicants for Subscription	Minimum investment not required; Start on November 19, 2023 at 10.00 AM Close on December 07, 2023 at 4.30 PM
Period of Subscription for EIs & GP including NRB and Foreign Applications under Public Offer	Start on December 10, 2023 at 10.00 AM Close on December 12, 2023 at 4.30 PM
The registered Stockbroker's/Merchant Bankers shall upload the lists of application from GP to ESS and shall deposit the full subscription amount should be [Condition No.6 of Step-2 of Part D of the BSEC Consent Letter Dated March 02,2022]	Start on November 19, 2023 at 10.00 AM Close on December 07, 2023 at 4.30 PM Start on November 19, 2023 at 10.00 AM Close on December 07, 2023 at 4.30 PM
Eligible Investors shall submit their application through the Electronic Subscription System ("ESS")	Start on November 19, 2023 at 10.00 AM Close on December 07, 2023 at 4.30 PM
Deposit of collateral for EIs	BDT 3,000 (Three Thousand)
Subscription Fee for EIs	100% Subscription
Collateral amount for EIs	Pay order/ Demand Draft/ B.B Cheque/Cash
Mode of payment	BDT 5,000 each or its Multiple
Minimum amount allowed should be [Condition No 6 of Part C of BSEC Consent Letter Dated March 02,2022]	No Bar
Maximum Amount allowed for Subscription of Bank Asia 1 st Perpetual Bond	

C. Bank details for depositing EIs Subscription Money:

Account Name	DHAKA STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED
Bank Name	United Commercial Bank Limited
Bank Account Number	1511308000000016
Branch Name	Any branch in Bangladesh

Notes:

I. All the General Public (GP) including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) and Foreign Applicants are requested to submit their application through the Stockbroker/Merchant Bankers where the applicants maintain customer account. On the other hand, all the Eligible Investors are hereby requested to submit their application for subscription through the Electronic Subscription System. All the EIs and GP including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) and Foreign Applicants shall apply in accordance with the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Debt Securities) Rules, 2021 as well as other relevant rules and regulations through the Electronic Subscription System (ESS) of the Stock Exchange(s) for Bank Asia 1st Perpetual Bond.

II. There is no pre-defined quota for any EI or General Public including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) and Foreign Applicants. In case of over subscription, Bank Asia 1st Perpetual Bond shall be allotted on pro-rata basis subject to minimum subscription and any fraction shall be considered to the nearest integer and accumulated fractional Bank Asia 1st Perpetual Bond shall be allotted on a random basis.

III. An applicant cannot submit more than two applications, one in his/her own name and the other jointly with another person. In case an applicant submits more than two applications, all applications will be treated as invalid and will not be considered for allotment purpose: Moreover, the applicants who have applied for more than two applications using the same bank account, their application will not be considered for allotment purpose."

IV. Making of any false statement or giving any incorrect information or suppressing any relevant information in the application shall make the application liable to rejection.

Information Memorandum of Bank Asia 1st Perpetual Bond is available in the website(s) of the issuer Company (www.bankasia-bd.com), Manager to the issue (http://cbcri.com) Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov.bd), Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited (www.dseb.org) and Chittagong Stock Exchange Limited (www.cse.com.bd).

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Memo No. 46.07.0000.018.99.025.19.822

Date: 18/11/2023

e-Tender Notice-11/2023-24

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of the Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives.
2.	Agency	Sylhet City Corporation.
3.	Budget and source of funds	Reducing Water Logging, Supplying of Pure Water & Construction of Infrastructure in Sylhet City Corporation area.
Tender ID No.		Name of the work
907769 (OTM)		Procurement of 02 Nos. Amphibious Excavator.
Last date of tender submission		19/12/2023
4.	Name, designation & address of PE	Engr. Md. Ali Akbar, Superintending Engineer, Sylhet City Corporation. +8802 9966 40486
5.	This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and offline/hard copies will not be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd	
6.	The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches.	
7.	Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).	

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