

No outside pressure over election

Says EC Alamgir

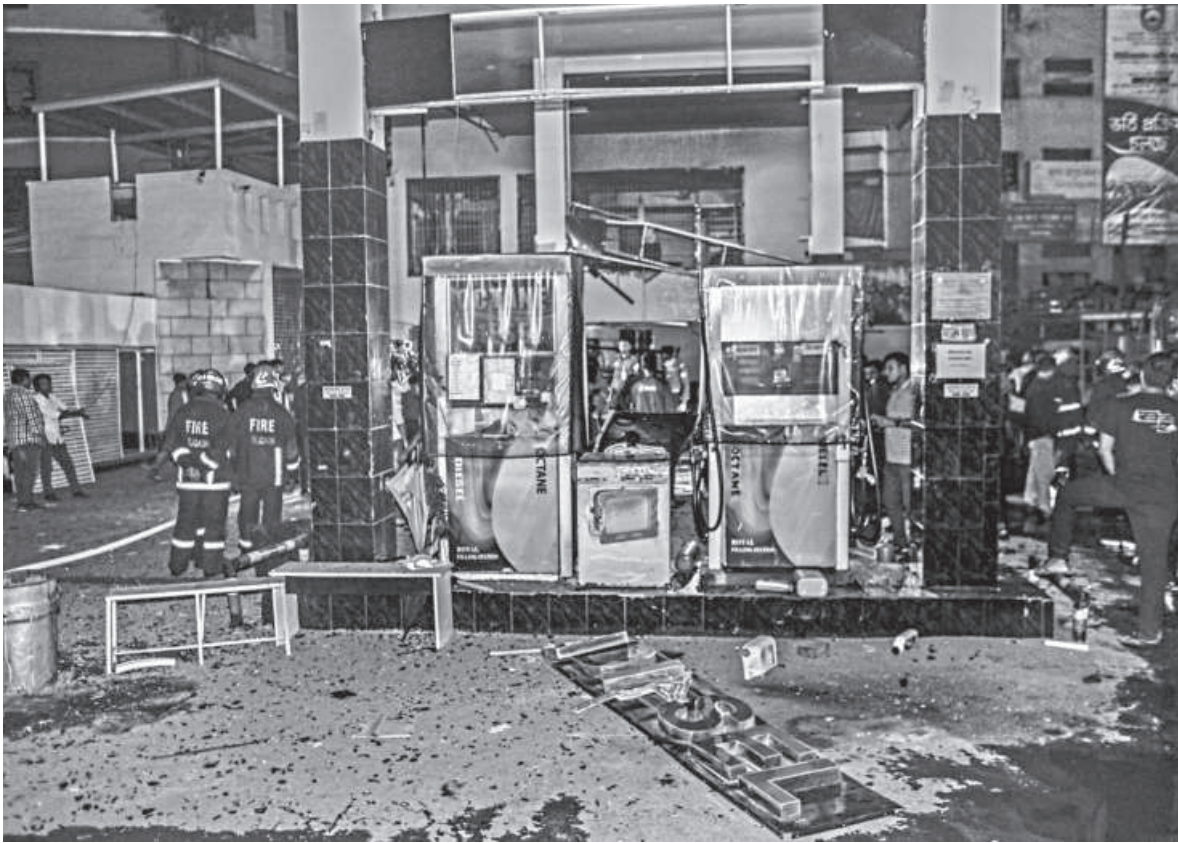
STAR REPORT

Election Commissioner Md Alamgir yesterday said the EC is not facing pressure from outside regarding the upcoming national polls.

The foreigners, who have met the Election Commissioners, did not put any pressure on the EC. Foreigners have no right to put pressure on this (election), said Alamgir while talking to reporters at Jamalpur District Commissioner's office.

He earlier held a views-exchange meeting with Jamalpur DC and officials of police and other government organisations entrusted to hold the 12th national election.

He also said the EC would ensure a safe environment for voters to exercise their franchises going to the polling centres.



At least eight persons suffered burns after a fire broke out at the Royal Filling Station in Dhaka's Mohakhali area around 8:00pm yesterday. Two fire engines brought the blaze under control around 8:36pm. Fire service officials and police suspected the fire was caused by a gas cylinder explosion.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Cashing in on Cashews

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Around 160 trees can be planted on 100 decimals of land. After two years of sowing, each tree will produce 15-20 kilogrammes of cashew nuts yearly.

The raw fruit is sold at Tk 150 to Tk 160 per kg, while the processed dry fruit is sold at Tk 1,000 to Tk 1,200 per kg in local markets, the official informed.

This crop has also export potential if the project is extended to all hilly areas. There are 22 processing plants in the country that will support its local cultivation, added Shahidul.

Humayoen Dilther, agriculture officer in Jhenagati, said local farmers are enthusiastic about this cultivation, and more farmers would be brought under the project in future. Many agricultural entrepreneurs and unemployed youths have expressed interest in cashew cultivating and are contacting for suggestions and advice, he added.

"We are happy with the plant growth. This crop is more profitable than other ones and we expect to get better yields," said Al Amin, a cultivator from

Jhenagati's Gajni area.

Prof Dr Abdur Rahim, ex-dean of Faculty of Agriculture at Bangladesh Agricultural University, said, "Cashew nut is considered among the most nutritious dry fruits. It has high fat content (around 50 percent), vitamin E, magnesium, zinc and a host of other minerals and nutrients.

"The fruit is also rich in copper and antioxidants, is anti-inflammatory in nature, and has analgesic, anti-diabetic, anti-cancer, anti-microbial and cardio-protective properties," he added.

Dipu Moni

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well as honorarium as an MP. The minister's immovable assets also witnessed a near six-fold jump from Tk 65 lakh in 2018 to Tk 3.9 crore in 2023.

She had over Tk 66 lakh cash in hand as per latest affidavit, up from Tk 12 lakh she had declared earlier. She has gold ornaments worth Tk 9 lakh and furniture worth Tk 1 lakh.

Her car (valued at Tk 60

lakh) is her key movable asset.

She now owns three flats worth Tk 3.6 crore in total, compared to two flats of Tk 35 lakh she owned in 2018. Her husband also owns a flat worth Tk 15 lakh.

The minister has taken a personal loan of Tk 1.1 crore from a bank in 2023.

Her dollar and pound holdings also increased from \$3,700 and £25 to \$4,400 and £225 respectively during this period.

Haji Selim

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various companies, including those listed in the stock exchange, totaling to Tk 9.46 crore. Various savings certificates and investments amount to Tk 31.45 lakh.

He didn't mention any jewelry in his possession, and the affidavit provides no financial information of his wife.

In the affidavit, Solaiman Selim declared that he has not taken any loan, either individually or jointly.

Dastagir bought 242

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Narayanganj-1. Gazi stated in his affidavit that he owns Tk 107 crore worth of property out of which Tk 78.7 crore is the worth of land he owns.

According to The Daily Star's calculations, the value of his land and real estate owned rose by 259 percent since he became a parliamentarian in 2008.

Of this meteoric rise, over 150 percent happened in just the past four years.

He currently owns 8,769.2 decimals (270 bighas) of land.

Since the last national election in 2018, his movable assets -- consisting of bank deposits, cash in hand and others, multiplied by over 31 times, currently standing at Tk 1,339 crore.

Most of these are assets he owns in the name of Gazi Tires, Gazi Tanks, Gazi International, Gazi Sinks and Gazi Communications.

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deposit of Tk 1.50 lakh for a farmhouse property loan, and a loan of Tk 50.3 crore in NCC Bank.

Over the past five years, Hanif's yearly earnings have risen, but his overall wealth declined, with the current total annual income amounting to Tk 3.64 crore.

The amount of movable and immovable assets is now worth Tk 20.99 crore.

His cash holdings have surged 175 times since the last election, reaching Tk 2 crore, compared to Tk 72.71 lakh in 2018.

He mentioned he had no money in the bank or financial institution this year.

In the 11th parliamentary election affidavit, his movable and immovable assets totaled Tk 86.69 crore, but the latest affidavit reveals a decrease to Tk 20.99 crore.

Hanif possesses immovable assets valued at Tk 12.22 crore, including three acres of non-agricultural land in the Gazipur South Barai Bari area, estimated at Tk 1.98

crore. He has 0.1231 acre of land and a three-storey building worth Tk 1.96 crore in the Chourahash area of Kushitia.

He also owns a land worth Tk 3.39 crore in Gulshan.

Besides, he has a house in Nayapaltan worth Tk 8 lakh. He has an investment of Tk 4.81 crore in six companies in the stock market.

Shahjahan

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About the display of arms at a meeting in Jhalkathi, Omar said it was a misunderstanding.

"Since I went to the area after a long time and I used to be a BNP leader, many BNP men were with me. We have all become Awami League there. I had my licensed gun with me."

Asked if he had been unfaithful to BNP, he said, "I went from one political party to another. What is wrong with that?"

Asked whether there was any chance of returning to BNP, he said, "How could you say that?"

Dua Mahfil for Late A.M. Anisuzzaman

Assalamu Alaikum,

Our father, late **A.M. Anisuzzaman's** Janaza and burial was held at Gulshan Azad Mosque and he was buried at Banani Graveyard.

A Dua Mahfil will be held on Friday, December 8, 2023 after Asar Prayers at Baitul Atiq Kendriyo Jame Masjid at Road number 9, BARIDHARA.

Please kindly attend and pray for our father's departed soul.

Sincerely, Arun, Shuvro, Shormi & Dian

Notice

This is to notify that Our Client, Libra Luxuries Inc., is a leading USA based buying house, doing business in the RMG Sector of Bangladesh with good reputation for several years.

Recently our client, Libra Luxuries Inc., has become aware through various sources that a partnership firm going by the name T.N. Sourcing, have been introducing themselves as the agent of our client and fraudulently placing various orders to garment manufacturers in Bangladesh.

By becoming aware of such fraudulent activities our client filed a General Diary on 19.09.2023 vide GD No. 1194 at Khilkhet Police Station and took other legal measures against T.N. Sourcing.

Further it came to our client's attention that a news report was published on 04.12.2023. On behalf of our client, we state that our client has no connection with these fraudulent transactions. Libra Luxuries has been doing and will continue to do business by abiding the laws of the country.

If anyone acting / representing as the agent of Libra Luxuries and places any order to any garments manufacturing company, it is highly recommended that the same is verified with Libra Luxuries Inc.

Md. Omer Shorif

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On behalf of: Libra Luxuries Inc.

Two more die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two more dengue patients died, one of which from Dhaka, in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

The total number of deaths rose to 1,641, of which 948 are from Dhaka, according to the DGHS.

With 566 new dengue cases, the total number of cases this year rose to 3,15,623.

A total of 2,614 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment at different hospitals.

GM Quader's wealth

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amount was Tk 14,47,973 in the affidavit he submitted in 2018.

Similarly, his wife, in 2018, had Tk 27,64,701 in cash, which jumped to Tk 59,59,563 in 2023.

GM Quader's bank deposits have also increased. In five years, his Tk 13,02,435 deposit has jumped to Tk 35,95,793.

GM Quader, who owned a car worth Tk 40 lakh five years ago, now owns a vehicle worth over Tk 84 lakh, while Sherifa now has a vehicle valued at Tk 80 lakh instead of the Tk 15

lakh car she owned in 2015.

GM Quader claimed having different income sources in the recent affidavit, saying that he earned Tk 11,58,000 from dependents and Tk 4,40,000 from business. He also declared an income of Tk 3 lakh from house rent and Tk 30 lakh from shares and savings certificates.

He, however, didn't show any land, house, or jewellery in his or his spouse's possession in the affidavit.

Quader has no loans from banks or financial institutions, according to his 2023 affidavit.

Invitation for Tender of VRF, BBT & Elevator and IT Equipment, Accessories & CCTV System				
"INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE TENDER"				
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 Goods		
6	Invitation Ref No	icddr,b/SCM/GoB/ICT&NCT(OSTETM)/Service Building/GD-02 & 03/2023-24		
7	Date	December 07, 2023		
KEY INFORMATION				
8	Procurement Method	ICT & NCT, (One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget (GoB and icddr,b)		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
10	Tender Package No.	GD-02 & 03/2023-24 (Phase-III)		
11	Tender Package Name	Pkg#GD-02/23-24: Supply, Installation, Testing, Balancing and Commissioning of Lot-1: VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow) System Air Conditioning, Lot-2: Bus Bar Trunking System (BBT) and Lot-3: Elevators for 11 Storied Service Building, icddr,b Pkg#GD-03/23-24: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Information Technology (IT) Equipment, Surveillance and Vigilance System (CCTV, Access Control, etc.) for 11 Storied Service Building, icddr,b		
12	Tender Publication Date	December 07, 2023		
13	Tender Selling Date	December 07, 2023 to January 17, 2024 (10:00 am to 02:30 pm)		
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: January 18, 2024 Time: 12:00 PM (Pkg#02/2023-24) Date: January 18, 2024 Time: 2:30 PM (Pkg#03/2023-24)		
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: January 18, 2024 Time: 12:30 PM (Pkg#02/2023-24) Date: January 18, 2024 Time: 03:00 PM (Pkg#03/2023-24)		
16	Name & Address of the office			
	i) Selling Tender Document	Finance Office, Main Building, Level-4, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212		
	ii) Receiving Tender Document	SCM Office, Chiller Building (Ground Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.		
	iii) Opening Tender Document	Facilities Management Office, Chiller Building (3rd Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali.		
17	Place, Date & Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Facilities Management (FM) Office, Chiller Building (Third Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali. Date & Time: December 20, 2023 at 11.00 AM for Package#GD-002/2023-24 Date & Time: December 21, 2023 at 11.00 AM for Package#GD-003/2023-24		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
18	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer:			
	Pkg#GD-02/23-24: Supply, Installation, Testing, Balancing and Commissioning of Lot-1: VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow) System Air Conditioning, Lot-2: Bus Bar Trunking System (BBT) and Lot-3: Elevators for 11 Storied Service Building, icddr,b			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 10 (ten) years of overall experience in the role of contractor or management contractor.The minimum 05 (five) years of specific experience as a Contractor in similar to the proposed Plant/Equipment and services/works in at least a number of 2 (two) contract(s) of similar nature, complexity and methods/ VRF/ BBT/ Elevator Technology successfully completed within the last 5 (five) years, each with a value of at least total Tk. 8.8 Crore or equivalent Foreign Currency or lot wise as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lot#1 (VRF): 05 (five) years specific experience in relevant field with minimum 2 contract for similar works with a single contract for Tk. 6 Crore or equivalent foreign currencyLot#2 (BBT): 05 (five) years specific experience in relevant field with minimum 2 contract for similar works with a single contract for Tk. 80 Lac or equivalent foreign currencyLot#3 (Elevator): 05 (five) years specific experience in relevant field with minimum 2 contract for similar works with a single contract for Tk. 2 Crore or equivalent foreign currency and minimum 80 (Eighty) number of Offered Brand Elevator in Bangladesh.The required average total annual turnover shall be greater than 17 (seventeen) Crore within the last 3 (three) years or respective lot as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lot#1 (VRF): annual turnover shall be greater than Tk. 10 (ten) Crore within the last 3 (three)Lot#2 (BBT): annual turnover shall be greater than 2 (two) Crore within the last 3 (three)Lot#3 (Elevator): annual turnover shall be greater than 5 (five) Crore within the last 3 (three)The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be 5 (five) Crore or lot wise as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lot#1 (VRF): 3.5 Crore ■ Lot#2 (BBT): 50 Lac ■ Lot#3 (Elevator): 1 Crore			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 8 (eight) years of overall experience in the role of contractor or management contractor.The minimum 05 (five) years of specific experience as a Contractor in similar to the proposed IT Plant/Equipment and services/works in at least a number of 2 (two) contract(s) of similar nature, complexity and methods/IT Equipment/Accessories/CCTV technology successfully completed within the last 5 (five) years, each with a value of at least Tk. 2 (two) Crore or equivalent Foreign Currency experience in the role of contractor.The required average annual turnover shall be greater than 5 (five) Crore within the last 3 (three) years.The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the Tenderer shall be 1 (one) Crore.			
Other terms and conditions as describe in the respective tender documents.				
19	Brief Description of Goods/ Works	Pkg#GD-02/23-24: Supply, Installation, Testing, Balancing and Commissioning of Lot-1: VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow) System Air Conditioning, Lot-2: Bus Bar Trunking System (BBT) and Lot-3: Elevators for 11 Storied Service Building, icddr,b Pkg#GD-03/23-24: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Information Technology (IT) Equipment, Surveillance and Vigilance System (CCTV, Access Control, etc.) for 11 Storied Service Building, icddr,b		
20	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	BDT-10,000/- (Ten Thousand) per tender schedule non-refundable. Interested Tenderer is requested to deposit the price of each set Tender Document i.e. BDT 10,000.00 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	Pkg No	Identification of Schedule	Location	Tender Security (Refundable)
	PG-02	Pkg#GD-02/23-24: Supply, Installation, Testing, Balancing and Commissioning of Lot-1: VRF (Variable Refrigerant Flow) System Air Conditioning, Lot-2: Bus Bar Trunking System (BBT) and Lot-3: Elevators	icddr,b, 68 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212	BDT 30,00,000/- (Taka Thirty Lac) or equivalent Foreign Currency only in favour of "icddr,b", or Lot-wise as follows: Lot#1 (VRF): BDT 21 Lac Lot#2 (BBT): BDT 2 Lac Lot#3 (Elevator): BDT 7 Lac
	PG-03	Pkg#GD-03/23-24: Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Information Technology (IT) Equipment, Surveillance and Vigilance System (CCTV, Access Control, etc.)		BDT 7,00,000/- (Taka Seven Lac) or equivalent Foreign Currency
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-1212.		
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	TP-02-222277001-10; Ext: 4405/3758/4400 E-mail: tenderquery@icddr.org		
26	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings. Special Instruction: 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				