SMHI Faruque passes away

CITY DESK

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His doa mahfil will be held on March 1 after Asar prayers at Gulshan Society Mosque.

Police week

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discipline and heroic work from December 1, 2022 to 10 January 2024.

However, a number of sources at the police department said most of the awardees have been selected for the medals for their roles centring the last national election.

Of the awardees, 35 will be awarded Bangladesh Police Medal (BPM) and 60 will be given President Police Medal (PPM). Meanwhile, 95 law enforcers will receive BPM (service) and 210 will receive PPM (service) awards.

DISCOURAGING PRENATAL SEX DETECTION

Follow DGHS guidelines: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has directed the authorities concerned to properly follow the guidelines formulated by the Directorate General of Health Services that discouraged disclosure of the sex of unborn babies for non-medical reasons.

The court also ordered the health ministry to preserve the database of the test reports of the unborn children.

The HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque delivered the verdict following a four-year old petition that sought prohibition of prenatal sex detection to ensure protection of the babies and expecting mothers.

DGHS lawyer Tirtha Salil Pal told The Daily Star that the hospitals, clinics, laboratories and diagnostic centres have been discouraged to disclose the sex of unborn children for non-medical or social reasons, but they can detect and disclose the sex for the treatment of the unborn babies.

Citing the guideline, he said the medical centres that have capacity to detect and disclose prenatal sex will not indicate and will not run any advertisement that they can do it.

Doctors and nurses will be trained in such a manner so that they are discouraged to disclose the prenatal sex, he said. The details of the HC verdict will be known when its full text will be released.

Meanwhile, writ petitioner Advocate Ishrat Hasan told The Daily Star that the disclosure of unborn children has been banned in Bangladesh by the HC.

Ishrat Hasan, a Supreme Court lawyer, filed the petition as a public interest litigation with the HC on January 26, 2020, seeking necessary orders on the authorities concerned to prohibit the sex detection of unborn babies and to stop selling, transferring or handling any machine used for gender detection of unborn babies.

33rd NY Bangla book fair on May 24-27

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 33rd New York International Bangla Book Fair will be held from May 24 to 27 at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center in New York City.

"As Many Books, As Many Lives" is the theme for this fair, organised by Muktadhara Foundation.

The fair has been held regularly for the past 32 years, since 1992, said the foundation's chairperson Nuran Nabi.

He said about 40 publishing houses from Bangladesh, Kolkata, and the United States will participate in the fair, while over 100 writers from the US, Canada, Germany, the UK, Australia, Sweden, and Japan will also participate.

The main attraction of this year's fair is the celebration of the 125th birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam, said Rokeya Haider, the foundation's advisor.

The Muktadhara-GBF Literary Award 2024 will be presented at the fair.

The book fair will also feature the Shaheed Kaderi Book Award 2024 and the Chittaranjan Saha Best Publishing House Award 2024, according to the organisers.

UIU holds seventh convocation

CITY DESK

The seventh Convocation of United International University was held at its campus in United City, Madani Avenue, Dhaka on February 25.

Education Miniter Mohibul Hassan Chowdhoury presided over the ceremony.

Prof Dr Muhammed Alamgir, chairman (addl charge), University Grants Commission, was present as a special guest.

Prof Dr Ainun Nishat, professor emeritus, BRAC University, was the convocation speaker. The ceremony was also addressed by Hasan Mahmood Raja, chairman, board of trustees, UIU, and Prof Dr Md Abul Kashem Mia, vice chancellor, UIU.

A total of 3,954 students from different disciplines were conferred undergraduate and graduate degrees while four meritorious students received gold medals for their excellent results.

Deans, department heads, teachers, staffers, journalists, educationists and vice-chancellors of different universities attended the convocation.

Will carbofuran usage finally

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campaigns urging traders to destroy any carbofuran in their possession.

Hazrat Ali, district agriculture officer in Faridpur, said "We were already working on raising awareness before receiving the letter. We have urged farmers and shopkeepers to get rid of any carbofuran stocks."

Experts lauded the move, saying its proper implementation is crucial considering the massive health and environmental hazards posed by the toxic insecticide.

"Field-level officials must ensure strict compliance. The entire administration needs to join the effort through legal action against violators," said Nurul Alom, entomologist and former director of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute.

According to the DAE, 252 companies import, process, and sell carbofuran in the country. There were around 3,285 tonnes of carbofuran stock as of June 2023, according to the Pesticide Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC).

The Daily Star published a story titled "Carbofuran: a toxic tale" on February 2, revealing that the sale of the banned pesticide still continues openly.

Carbofuran was first banned on June 30 last year. Then the deadline for the ban was extended to October 30.

My union is turning

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fields in the 18 villages need water for irrigation urgently. We also have fish enclosures which need water too. Due to the dams and embankments on Bishkhali river, my union is turning into a desert," said Nakib Foysal Ohid, chairman of Badhal union parishad.

Contacted, Abu Rayhan Mohammad Al Biruni, executive engineer of BWDB, confirmed the matter.

"We initiated dredging work along a 23-km stretch of Bishkhali river, for which the dams were built. We have instructed the contractor to remove the dams at locations where the dredging work has been completed," he said.

Resolving clashes

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According to party sources, leaders from units with internal conflicts or expired committees will either be called to Dhaka or visited by central leaders.

The central leaders will start touring the infighting-prone districts from the end of this month and complete forming committees in the expired units by next month.

AL Joint General Secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim said, "The party is being reorganised from the grassroots level. This is an ongoing process. It was postponed due to the national election and now it has been resumed."

AL has 78 organisational districts and 495 upazila units. Over 30 district units have expired committees for not having timely councils, while conflicts persist in 27 districts and city-level units.

In 18 district-level units, despite council meetings, full committees are still pending. For instance, the last council to Barishal district unit AL was held in December 2012.

STATE OF AL DHAKA UNITS

Despite repeated directives, committees for 50 thana-level units and 140 wards under these city units remain unformed, despite councils being held between June and November 2022.

Besides, the tenure of both the city units ended in November 2022. The last council of Dhaka city (north and south) AL was held on November 30, 2019.

However, full-fledged committees were announced almost a year later, on November 19, 2020. As per the party charter, the tenure of such a committee is three years.

There are 24 thana and 75 ward units under Dhaka city south unit. Councils to these units were held for the first time in 2022 but no committee was announced in any ward or thana unit.

The condition of Dhaka city north unit is no less than that of the south. A total of 64 wards and 26 thana units held their councils in 2022, but no committee has been announced so far.

Sheikh Bazlur Rahman, president of Dhaka city north AL said, "We have already submitted the draft committees to the party central and it will be announced after party president approves it."

Hasina writes

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the Bureau for Asia Michael Schiffer, US Department of States Deputy Assistant Secretary at the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs Afreen Akhter, and CDA of the US Embassy in Dhaka Helen LaFave were present at the meeting.

The discussions centred around exploring new avenues to deepening the existing relationship. Economic cooperation, trade and investment, Rohingya humanitarian response, climate change, and energy were in focus during the meeting.

Earlier, Biden wrote to Hasina expressing his willingness to work together to achieve Bangladesh's economic goals.

FR Properties' MD Eng. Faruk no more

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Embassy of Italy in Dhaka - Recruitment notice

The Embassy of Italy in Dhaka has launched a selection procedure to recruit:

— 1 consular staff

— 1 driver

Interested candidates can find all the information on:

https://ambdhaka.esteri.it/it/amministrazione-trasparente/bandi-di-concorso/

Applications must be received by 10 March 2024.

Eligible applicants will receive further information about day and time of the selection procedures.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সওজ
চট্টগ্রাম সড়ক বিভাগ, রহমতগঞ্জ, চট্টগ্রাম।
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e-GP দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, অত্র সড়ক বিভাগাধীন দরপত্র নং-e-GP/LTM/57/EE/CRD/RHD/2023-24 (Tender ID-953732) এবং e-GP/58/EE/CRD/RHD/2023-24 (Tender ID-953734) গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের e-GP Portal এর মাধ্যমে আহ্বান করা হয়েছে; যা নিম্নোল্লিখিত পোর্টালে পাওয়া যাচ্ছে। e-GP Portal এ নিবন্ধিত যে কোন আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি/ ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান বিস্তারিত জানার জন্য উক্ত ওয়েবসাইট www.eprocure.gov.bd ভিজিট করতে পারবেন।

Tender/ Proposal ID	Name of Work
Tender ID-953732 e-GP/LTM/57/EE/CRD/RHD/2023-24	Repairing of Staff Quarter No. 1/5 at Rahamatgonj Office (RHD) Compund under Chattogram Road Division during the year 2023-2024.
Tender ID- 953734 e-GP/LTM/58/EE/CRD/RHD/2023-24	Repairing works including Supplying, fitting, fixing of Electric & Sanitary works at Sitakunda Staff Quarter Residental Building No.01 under Chattogram Road Division during the year 2023-2024.

(আবু মোঃ ভুট্টু)
উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (অঃদাঃ) সওজ
চট্টগ্রাম সড়ক বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম।

(মোঃ কোরাইশীন)
পরিচিতি নং-৬০২০৫৯
সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ
চট্টগ্রাম সড়ক বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম।

(পিন্টু চাকমা)
পরিচিতি নং-৬০২২১৯
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ,
চট্টগ্রাম সড়ক বিভাগ, চট্টগ্রাম।

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বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক পিএলসি.

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রিয়েল এস্টেট ডিপার্টমেন্ট

বাণিজ্যিক স্পেস ভাড়া বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ ডেভেলপমেন্ট ব্যাংক পিএলসি. এর নিম্নোক্ত ভবনসমূহের খালি স্পেস ব্যাংক/বীমা/আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান/সরকারী/আধা-সরকারী/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত/সুপ্রতিষ্ঠিত বাণিজ্যিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট ভাড়া দেয়ার লক্ষ্যে প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

ক্রঃ নংঃ	ভবনের নাম ও ঠিকানা	ভাড়াযোগ্য স্পেসের আয়তন	
০১	বিডিবিএল ভবন ৮, রাজউক এভিনিউ, হেড অফিস, ঢাকা-১০০০।	লেভেল-১৩	৪৩২৬ বর্গফুট
০২	বিডিবিএল ভবন-২ ১২, কারওয়ান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা-১২১৫।	লেভেল-১৭	৪৫৬১ বর্গফুট
০৩	বিডিবিএল ভবন ২৫-২৬, কেডিএ বা/এ, আপার যশোর রোড, খুলনা।	লেভেল-৫	১২৩৮ বর্গফুট

০২। আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠান নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর হতে ভাড়া নেয়ার সিডিউল অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন।

মোঃ আসাদুজ্জামান
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer (East)
Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.

INVITATION FOR RE-TENDERS

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Railway's
2	Agency	Bangladesh Railway.
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chief Electrical Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
4	Invitation for the Service's	
	Package No	Name of the Service's
	(i) NCS-1	(i) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labor service for Divisional Electrical Engineer (Chattogram).
	(ii) NCS-3	(ii) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labor service for Divisional Electrical Engineer (Pahartali).
	(iii) NCS-4	(iii) Procurement of skilled & unskilled labor service for Senior Assistant Electrical Engineer (AC) Pahartali.
5	Invitation reference No & date	(i) 54.01.1500.115.02.201.23-409, Date: 25.02.2024 (ii) 54.01.1500.115.02.203.23-409, Date: 25.02.2024 (iii) 54.01.1500.115.02.204.23-409, Date: 25.02.2024
KEY INFORMATION		
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
7	Tender publication date	25.02.2024
8	Budget and Source of fund	GOB Revenue.
9	Period and last date for selling of Tender Document	On all office days within working hour from 9-00 hrs. to 16-00 hrs. from the date of advertisement of the tender notice up to 10.03.2024
10	Time for submission of tender	Up to 11:00 hrs. of 11.03.2024
11	Time for opening of tender	At 11:30 hrs. on 11.03.2024
12	a. Name and address of the selling tender document (Principal)	Chief Electrical Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram..
	b. Name and address of the selling tender document (Others).	(i) Office of the Divisional Electrical Engineer, Bangladesh Railway, Dhaka. (ii) Office of the Divisional Electrical Engineer, Bangladesh Railway, Chattogram. (iii) Office of the Divisional electrical engineer (Pahartali) Bangladesh Railway, Chattogram. (iv) Office of the Senior Assistant electrical engineer (AC), Pahartali, Bangladesh Railway, Chattogram
	c. Name & Address of the receiving Tender document.	Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
	d. Name & Address of the Opening Tender document.	Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
INFORMATION FOR TENDER		
13	Eligibility of Tenderer	i) Tenderer eligible to provided service according to PPA/2006 & PPR/2008 and other relevant laws of Bangladesh. ii) Tenderer must have valid license from Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments for Manpower Supply. iii) Other qualifications are stated in the tender document
14	Brief description of the Service's	(i) NCS-1 : Procurement of skilled & unskilled labor service for maintenance works under Divisional electrical engineer (Chattogram). (ii) NCS-3: Procurement of skilled & unskilled labor service for maintenance works under Divisional electrical engineer (Pahartali). (iii) NCS-4: Procurement of skilled & unskilled labor service for maintenance works under Senior Assistant electrical engineer (AC) Pahartali.
15	Price of tender document's (Taka)	Tk. 1000/- (Taka one thousand) only for each package Tender document (Nonrefundable).

16	Package No.	Identification of Package.	Location	Tender security Amount (Taka)	Completion time in months
	(i) NCS-1	(i) NCS-1	(i) Chattogram.	(i) Tk.1,30,000/-only.	(i) 12(Twelve)
	(ii) NCS-3	(ii) NCS-3	(ii) Chattogram.	(ii) Tk.1,30,000/-only.	(ii) 12 (Twelve)
	(iii) NCS-4	(iii) NCS-4	(iii) Chattogram.	(iii)Tk.1,30,000/-only. (In the form of Pay order/Bank draft with MICR shall be submitted in favor of FA & CAO/ East, Bangladesh Railway, Chattogram).	(iii)12 (Twelve)

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
17	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Habibur Rahman
18	Designation of Official invitation Tender.	Chief Electrical Engineer (East), Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
19	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer (East), Room no. 418, Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.
20	Contact details of official inviting tender	Mobile : 01711-506127 e-mail: ceee@railway.gov.bd
21	The procuring entity reserve the right to accept or reject all tender or part thereof.	
22	Special instruction	(A) If the office remains close on the last date of selling of the tender documents, date of dropping and opening of the tender, the next following working day at same time shall be deemed as the last date of selling of the tender documents, date of dropping & opening of the tender respectively. (B) Bank Guarantee is not acceptable as tender security. (C) Tenderer may collect tender document from any of the places stated in 12(a) & (b) and may submit it in any of the places stated in 12(c) & (d) of the notice.

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Md. Habibur Rahman
Chief Electrical Engineer (East) (Addl.C)
Bangladesh Railway, CRB, Chattogram.

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