

End extortion

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Mohammad Abdul Mazed, general secretary of the Shyambazar Onion Wholesalers Association, said onion prices are falling. Last week, the price of onion, which was sold at Tk 80 to Tk 85 per kg, is now being sold at Tk 60 to Tk 65, he added.

"Prices will come down further. In this situation, I requested the government not to allow anyone to import onions now. As a result, local traders will suffer," he said.

"I am an importer myself. Nevertheless, I have made this request considering the overall aspect of the government. Hopefully, the government will keep my request," he added.

Shafi Mahmud, president of the Bangladesh Dal Babosayee Samity, quoting his representative, said, "The main reason behind the increase in lentil prices is the increase in dollar prices. Lentil prices will not decrease until dollar prices come down too."

Police, in association with other agencies, will take action if anyone hikes the price of Ramadan essentials through hoarding or adopting unfair means, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Habibur Rahman yesterday.

Meanwhile, State Minister for Commerce Ahsanul Islam Titu yesterday said special attention will be paid so that no one can destabilise the market through manipulation during Ramadan.

He urged traders to inform the Directorate of National Consumers' Rights Protection if any miller, refiner, or importer sells products to them at a higher price.

Titu said the government aims to ensure that producers and farmers get a fair price, and this price should be within the purchasing capacity of consumers.

Biman ready

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directors and various levels of officials were present on the occasion.

The equipment will help ensure timely departures, the Biman MD added.

High potato price makes farmers happy



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Farmers in Rangpur division are happy with high price for their potato harvest this season.

However, the yield of potato has come down by 5-7 kilogrammes per decimal land this year as many farmers are harvesting potato earlier than usual in hope of fetching better price.

This year, potato has been cultivated by around one lakh farmers on 1,00,602 hectares of land in five districts under the division — Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Nilphamari and Rangpur — with a production target of 25,15,000

tonnes, according to sources at the Department of Agricultural Extension.

By the first week of March, about 60 percent of potatoes have been harvested, the sources also said, adding that last year 24,33,000 tonnes of potatoes were produced from 97,327 hectares of land.

Talking to this correspondent, farmers said they are happy as they are getting Tk 21-24 for each kg potato in the market this year, compared to Tk 9-11 per kg last year.

They, however, said the yield was lower this year, with 85-95 kg per decimal land. Last year the yield was 90-100 kg per decimal land.

"I produced 475 maunds of potatoes

on two acres of land at a cost of Tk 1.5 lakh this year, and sold my harvest for Tk 4.1 lakh. Last year, I got 506 maunds of potatoes on two acres of land spending Tk 1.42 lakh and sold those for Tk 2.22 lakh," said Nazrul Islam, 65, a farmer from Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Echoing the same, farmer Santosh Chandra Das, 60, of Kurigram Sadar upazila said the profit margin in potato cultivation is better this year due to higher price.

"Many farmers harvested potato early this year in hope of higher price so the yield is a bit lower," said Syeda Sifat Jahan, deputy director of DAE in Lalmonirhat.

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This reluctance is fueled by misogyny ingrained in the society, inspiring directors to produce content demeaning women, she added.

Professor of Mass Communication and Journalism at Dhaka University, Gitiara Nasreen, said changing people's perceptions of feminism is

a gradual process. There was a time when openly identifying as a feminist was unthinkable — it is still used as a slang term — but now, younger generations proudly introduce themselves as feminists, she said.

"In the past, terms like 'sexual harassment' were nonexistent, and such behaviour was sadly considered normal. But thanks to media like books, radio, and television, perceptions have shifted," she added.

Teacher, artist, and cultural worker Bithi Ghosh said while women in the cultural sector show equal dedication to their male counterparts, they often face obstacles as women and are forced to maintain a positive image, hindering their growth.

Calls to save Sakha

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residents of Nabiganj upazila," he said.

"After some structures were evicted, the campaign, unfortunately, had to be stopped abruptly due to pandemic. Later on, no steps were taken to resume the eviction of encroachers, despite repeated calls from the local residents to this end," he added.

"Our childhood memories are largely centred on the river. We would cross the river swimming, and watch the large boats carrying wedding parties. The river used to be the only waterway for transporting goods to Nabiganj market from different parts of the country. Those days are long gone," said Emran Miah of Anmanu village in the upazila.

"Our municipal administration collects the town's garbage and dumps it into this river daily. As a conscious citizen, I earnestly appeal to the municipality mayor to stop this practice and let the

river breathe," said Faizur Rob Poni.

Echoing the same, Tanuj Roy, principal of Dinarpur College in the upazila and also convener of Rivers Wings, a platform working on preserving rivers, said, "They are not only dumping wastes but also incinerating those in the evening, which causes dense toxic fumes that are jeopardising the residents' well being."

"After I was first elected as mayor, I started a drive jointly with the BWDB to protect Sakha Barak, which got suspended due to the pandemic. We hope to resume the drive soon under the initiative of the municipality to save the river from encroachers," said Sabir Ahmed Chowdhury, mayor of Nabiganj Municipality.

"Since there is no dumping ground for municipal wastes, the cleaners sometimes discard the garbage in the river without our permission. We are trying to take alternative measures to prevent this," he added.

Health services

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"Pressure on the medical college hospitals will never be reduced if we fail to provide healthcare to the marginalised population," he added.

No private hospitals will be approved without required equipment for surgeries, he added.

"If any accident occurs during surgeries, the concerned hospital and doctor will have to take responsibility," he said.

The health minister expressed satisfaction at the overall environment at RMCH.

"Upon taking office, I visited hospitals in Chattogram and Sylhet. Rajshahi Medical College Hospital impressed me the most. It was cleaner than

the others."

"My visits will continue. No hospital will be allowed to function without maintaining preconditions," he reiterated.

When journalists asked him about an old district hospital in Rajshahi which is currently out of operation, the health minister said, "We will reopen the hospital to reduce pressure on patients in RMCH. We will do it by solving the manpower shortages."

While responding to another question, he said he is looking into the allegations that interns are harassing patients at hospitals.

The minister visited Naogaon the previous day.

Five expelled for rape

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The expelled students are 46th batch student of international relations department Mustafa Manowar Siddiqui Sagar, 44th batch student Shah Paran, 45th batch student Md Hasanuzzaman, and 46th batch student of botany department Sabir Hasan Sagar.

The name of another expelled student could not be known.

In an earlier syndicate meeting on February 4, a four-member investigation committee was formed to identify the culprits and recommend

punishment.

The inquiry committee was asked to submit its report with recommendations within 15 working days.

On February 2, a resident of Ashulia was gang raped on the campus after keeping her husband confined to room no 317 of Mir Mosharraf Hall of the university.

A case was filed against six people at Ashulia Police Station.

On February 4, four people, including BCL leader Mostafizur, were arrested over the incident.

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বাংলাদেশ ডায়াবেটিক সমিতির আজীবন সদস্যবৃন্দের সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, এক বিপুল সংখ্যক সদস্যের ঠিকানা পরিবর্তন কিংবা অন্যবিধ কারণে তাঁদের বর্তমান ঠিকানা না থাকায় এবং তাঁদের মোবাইল টেলিফোন নম্বর এবং/অথবা ই-মেইল ঠিকানা না থাকায় বাডাস সচিবালয় থেকে তাঁদের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করা সম্ভব হয় না। সেজন্য আজীবন সদস্যবৃন্দের একটি তালিকা ত্রুটি সমিতির ওয়েব সাইটে (www.dab-bd.org) রাখা হয়েছে। সম্মানিত সদস্যবৃন্দকে অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, তাঁদের মধ্যে যাঁর বা যাঁদের মোবাইল টেলিফোন নম্বর এবং ই-মেইল ঠিকানা বর্ণিত তালিকায় সংযোজিত নেই, তাঁরা আপামি ১৭.০৩.২০২৪ তারিখের মধ্যে বাডাস সচিবালয়ের ই-মেইল (taher0208@gmail.com; badassecretariat@gmail.com) ঠিকানায় এবং/অথবা সচিবের টেলিফোন নম্বরে (০১৭১৪-১৩৪০৩৫) ফুদে বার্তা মাধ্যমে অবহিত করবেন। ওয়েবসাইটে উল্লেখিত ভোটার তালিকায় যাঁদের নাম অন্তর্ভুক্ত আছে তাঁরা ব্যতীত অন্যান্য আজীবন সদস্যবৃন্দকে বর্ণিত তারিখের মধ্যে চাহিত তথ্য প্রদান করে ভোটার তালিকায় অন্তর্ভুক্ত হওয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে। এছাড়া যে সব আজীবন সদস্য তাঁদের পরিচিতি কার্ড সংগ্রহ করেননি, বর্ণিত তারিখের মধ্যে বাডাস সচিবালয়ে পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ০১ (এক) কপি ছবি জমা দিয়ে তাঁর/তাদের পরিচিতি কার্ড সংগ্রহের জন্যও অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

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Coca-Cola Bangladesh Beverages Limited (CBBB)
Career Opportunity for an International Organization
Coca-Cola Bangladesh Beverages Limited (CBBB) have been present in the Bangladesh since 2009, offering a wide range of high-quality, refreshing beverage options to Bangladesh consumers. Bangladesh is one of the top emerging markets and we are growing every day because of our people. Coca-Cola Bangladesh Beverages Limited has been witnessing exponential growth over the last few years, creating a strong foothold in the Bangladesh business landscape.
In accordance with our business plan and to cater our first growing market we are seeking to appoint a highly experienced, accomplished & result driven business leader to spearhead our business in Bangladesh.
Position Snapshot:
Position Name : General Manager
Level : Senior Level
Job Type : Permanent
Location : Dhaka, Head Office
Role Overview & Key Responsibilities:
We are looking for an experienced leader to oversee business operations and provide strategic leadership. The General Manager's responsibilities include developing and implementing strategic plans and company policies, maintaining an open dialogue with stakeholders, and driving organizational success.
To be successful as a General Manager you should be able to manage and advance a business's strategic objectives. Ultimately, an outstanding general manager is an exceptional leader, drives a company's strategic visions, and is adept at crisis management.
• Develop and execute bottling business strategies to achieve short and long-term goals
• Responsible for directing the business with the objective of providing maximum profit and return on invested capital; establishing short and medium-term objectives, plans and policies
• Plan, direct, and control the activities of the bottler to accomplish budgeted financial objectives in terms of cash operating profit, economic profit and volume targets established by the Managing company and the Board
• Put in place infrastructure to maximize returns on investment in relation to the invested funds, while ensuring that market demands are exceeded through superior sales service, production planning to meet the sales requirements, while increasing profitability and productivity within the bottler.
• Supervise, guide, and delegate executives in their duties. Ensure company policies and legal guidelines are clearly communicated. Assess, manage, and resolve critical developments and crisis situations
• Develop and establish operating policies consistent with broad policies and objectives & ensuring their adequate execution. Appraises and evaluates the results of overall operations regularly and systematically
• Maintain positive and trust-based relations with business partners, shareholders, and authorities. Building and enhancing the company's public profile at events, speaking engagements, etc
Qualifications and Experience:
• Bachelor's degree holder with Post Graduate Diploma in Management & Business analytics
• Certification in Strategic Management will be given preference
• 25+ years of experience in FMCG industry with a minimum 8 years in Country Managerial position
• Minimum two (2) Country General Manager position served in two different countries
• Previous experience of working in The Coca-Cola System will be an added value
Skills and Competencies:
• Accepting and building accountability
• Building trust & value-based relationships with sustainable organization capabilities
• Decision making & enhancing and sustaining performance of others
• Establishing direction & focusing on customers
• Decision making & leading a successful team
• Thinking systematically & never accepting limits
• Leading through change & leveraging diversity
Salary and Benefits:
Basic Salary, House Rent Allowance, Medical Allowance, Conveyance Allowance, Festival Bonus, Leave Fair Assistance (LFA) and other benefits as per company policy.
If you feel that you are the right candidate whom we are looking for, please email your application and detailed CV with photograph, quoting the position within 15 days to cebbhr@coca-cola.com.bd. Only shortlisted candidates who match all the criteria above will be called for further selection process.
• Diversity and inclusion are an integral part of our culture and are one of the ways we bring our purpose and values to life. We are an equal opportunity employer, and we encourage everyone to explore a career with us regardless of their gender, physical abilities, religious beliefs, ethnic backgrounds, or social status. **