



A rickshaw-puller holds a mask to cover his nose and mouth as he paddles past a gust of dust on the BIDC road in Khulna city yesterday afternoon. Dust pollution has become a recurring menace on roads, compromising the health of all, especially children.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Book on Nordic influence in S Asia launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A book titled "A New Testament" by Prof Tone Bleie was unveiled yesterday at the Residence of the Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh, Espen Rikter-Svendsen.

The book by Prof Tone Bleie explores Scandinavian missionary endeavours in Eastern British India and their impact on indigenous communities.

Prof Bleie's work examines the intertwined histories of Scandinavian settlers and Santal, Boro, and Bengali groups. It sheds light on missionary activities during the Santal rebellion and their role in societal transformation.

According to Ambassador Rikter-Svendsen, the book reveals a lesser-known aspect of Nordic history in South Asia. He emphasised its significance in understanding the region's socio-economic dynamics.

The discussion included insights from Prof Mesbah Kamal, Shamsul Huda, and Prof Anwarul Karim, highlighting the book's multifaceted exploration.

EID JOURNEY Traffic jam likely at 155 spots: BRTA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Authorities have identified 155 spots on different highways and areas that may witness traffic congestion during Eid rush, unless proper monitoring is ensured.

A list of the spots was shared at a stockholders' meeting organised at BRTA headquarters yesterday.

The spots include 48 on Dhaka-Chattogram-Cox's Bazar Highway; 52 on the roads that connect Dhaka with north-western districts; 41 on Dhaka-Sylhet highway; six on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway; and eight on Dhaka-Aricha highway.

Highway police, traffic police, Roads and Highways Department and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) jointly prepared the list, BRTA Chairman Nur Mohammad Mazumder told this correspondent.

At the meeting, Obaidul Quader said Hanif Flyover, which is an exit point for vehicles heading to south, east and north-east regions, may witness tailback unless proper monitoring is ensured.

Quader also directed road transport and highways secretary to speak with Local Government Division to ensure smooth journey via the flyover ahead of Eid.

Shahjahan Khan, president of Bangladesh Road Transport Workers Federation and presidium member of Awami League, proposed to stop toll collection from the flyover during the Eid rush.

Quader also said that the movement of trucks, vans, and lorries on highways to be stopped three days before and three days after Eid to ensure hassle-free travel.

However, vehicles carrying daily essentials and emergency medicine, fertiliser and fuel will not have to face these restrictions.

3 Bangladeshi workers held in Malaysia

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Malaysian police yesterday arrested three Bangladeshi expatriate workers in Kuala Lumpur.

The arrest came days after several dozen workers, who had been staying in the country for seven months without being provided jobs or salaries, filed complaints with Labour Department against their recruiting companies -- Suria Harmoni Resources SDN BHD and Beaks Construction SDN BHD.

The arrested workers are Jahirul Islam, Maruf Hossen, and Mofiz Sheakh. They were among those who filed complaints with the Labour Department.

Last week, six of the workers, including the trio, also filed case with police, alleging that their passports were being confiscated by their employer while they were left jobless, unpaid, and in debt.

Sivaranjani, head of labour bureau of the Malaysian Socialist Party, said, "Informed by the employer, police arrested

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ  
পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ  
সেকশন-১৪, মিরপুর, ঢাকা

**উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

১. মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	: স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়, জননিরাপত্তা বিভাগ।
২. সংস্থা	: বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
৩. ক্রয়কারী সত্ত্বার নাম	: রেজিষ্টার, পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ।
৪. দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিষয়	: পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ এর অগ্নিজন এন্ড ম্যানগেট ফরেনসিক টুলস ক্রয় কাজ।
৫. দরপত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	: স্মারক নং- ৪৪.০১.০৪০০.০১২.০০৭.০৮.২০২৪/১০২৮ তারিখঃ ২১/০৩/২০২৪খ্রিঃ।
৬. দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	: উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)
৭. বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	: রাজস্ব বাজেট।
৮. দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তি, গ্রহণ উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান	: পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, সেকশন-১৪, মিরপুর, ঢাকা।
৯. দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	: ২১/০৪/২০২৪খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১০. আবেদনপত্র ও দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	: ২২/০৪/২০২৪খ্রিঃ ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১. দরপত্র সিডিউল উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	: পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ, সেকশন-১৪, মিরপুর, ঢাকা ২২/০৪/২০২৪খ্রিঃ ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা।
১২. দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা	: যোগ্যতার শর্তাবলী (১) হালনাগাদ বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, (২) আয়কর সার্টিফিকেট এবং হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের প্রত্যয়নপত্র, (৩) হালনাগাদ ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট, (৪) দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি জারির পূর্ববর্তী ৬ মাসের ব্যাংক লেনদেনের হিসাব বিবরণী, (৫) স্বশ্রেণী কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ, (৬) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের কপি, (৭) কোনো তালিকাভুক্ত নয় মর্মে প্রত্যয়নপত্র, (৮) দরদাতার ০২(দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবিসহ বর্ণিত কাগজপত্র গ্রহণের শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত হতে হবে।

১৩. বিবরণ	দরপত্র জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্র দিল্লির মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)
পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ এর অগ্নিজন এন্ড ম্যানগেট ফরেনসিক টুলস ক্রয় কাজ।	৬৫,০০০/-	১,০০০/-

১৪. বিশেষ নির্দেশনাঃ

(ক) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় নির্দেশনা/শর্তাবলী টেন্ডার সিডিউলে উল্লেখ করা হয়েছে।

(খ) দরপত্র জামানত/পে-অর্ডার পরিচালক (প্রশাসন ও অর্থ), পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ এর অনুমোদন জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।

(গ) দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত সকল কার্যাদি PPA-২০০৬ ও PPR-২০০৮ এর তদীয় সংশোধনী অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে।

(ঘ) দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত যেকোন আইটেমের পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানোর বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে।

(ঙ) ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারী স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাচে আবেদনপত্রের নির্ধারিত তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সিডিউল সম্বন্ধে করা যাবে।

(চ) দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির পূর্বে ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকার নন জুটিশিয়াল স্ট্যাম্পে হুক্তি করতে হবে।

(ছ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলের পূর্ণক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

(জ) সীলগালাহীন খামের উপর কাজের নাম উল্লেখপূর্বক দরপত্র জমা প্রদান করতে হবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

২১.০৩.২৪  
মোঃ ছিব্বাত উল্লাহ, পিপিএম  
বিপি-৬৭৯৫০১০০৩৬  
পরিচালক (প্রশাসন ও অর্থ)  
পক্ষে/- রেজিষ্টার  
পুলিশ স্টাফ কলেজ বাংলাদেশ

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Journo sent to jail for seeking info under RTI

Nokla UNO summoned

BAHARAM KHAN

The Information Commission has summoned Sadia Ummul Banin, upazila nirbahi officer of Nokla upazila in Sherpur, to explain her alleged non-cooperation with a local journalist who sought information from her office under the Right to Information Act.

The UNO will have to appear before the commission on April 2, according to sources at the information ministry.

The commission summoned the UNO following an inquiry into the incident by Shahidul Alom Jhinuk, a member of the commission and also a former district judge.

Shafiuzzaman Rana, 45, Nokla correspondent for Bangla daily Desh Rupantor, was sent to jail for six months by a mobile court, led by Shihabul Arif, assistant commissioner (land), for alleged misconduct while seeking information at the Nokla UNO office on March 5.

He was, however, released from jail eight days later, after the incident sparked outrage among journalists and different journalist organisations.

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'Spare us the shame of rundown buses' Quader urges transport leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday urged transport leaders to save him and the country from embarrassment by fixing rundown buses.

"I want a solution from the [transport] leaders. Things cannot go on like this," Quader said at a preparatory meeting at BRTA headquarters ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Shahjahan Khan, president of Bangladesh Road Transport Workers Federation and presidium member of Awami League, alongside Mashiur Rahman Ranga, president of Bangladesh Road Transport Owners Association, were present at the meeting.

He said journalists questioned him about the rundown buses when he went to inaugurate a ramp of Dhaka Elevated Expressway on Wednesday. They even questioned him why he could not bring changes even after leading the ministry for 12 years.

When journalists asked him about the rundown buses plying city streets on Wednesday, he said he saw no government negligence in the matter.

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Canada wants to sell more Dash-8 aircraft to Biman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Canada has expressed interest in selling more Dash-8 aircraft to Biman Bangladesh Airlines.

Canadian Ambassador to Bangladesh Lilly Nicholls expressed the interest while meeting Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Muhammad Faruk Khan at the latter's Secretariat office yesterday.

"Canada is also interested in doing engine repairs, overhauling and maintenance of various aircraft engines through Canadian Commercial Corporation on a G2G basis," said the ambassador.

Bangladesh has procured three new Dash-8 aircraft from De Havilland Canada in the recent years. Fifteen new aircraft have already been added to Biman's fleet and expansion and new regional and international flight routes are in works, said the minister. "Following a formal offer from Canada, a decision, considering the needs of the aircrafts, will be taken. Their proposal for overhauling will be negotiated between the relevant authorities," he added.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER-DAM Part)  
Department of Agricultural Marketing  
Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.

**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Agriculture
2. Agency	: Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM)
3. Procuring Entity Name	: Agency Program Director, Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER-DAM Part), Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM)
4. Procuring Entity Code	: 224374700
5. Procuring Entity District	: Dhaka
6. Expression of Interest Selection For	: Consultancy service firm hiring for training manual, content and handbook development
7. Invitation Reference	: 12.02.0000.549.35.006.23-268 Date: 20/03/2024

**KEY INFORMATION**

8. Procurement Method	: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

9. Budget and Source of Funds	: GoB, Development Fund
10. Development Partners	: IDA (World Bank), IFAD

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

11. Program Name	: Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER-DAM Part)
12. EOI Closing Date and Time	: Expressions of interest (EOIs) must be submitted by <b>2:00 PM on April 04, 2024</b> in a sealed envelope to the address provided below. The envelope must be clearly labelled with "Consultancy service firm hiring for training manual, content and handbook development".

**INFORMATION FOR CONSULTANT FIRM**

13. Title of Service	: Consultancy service firm hiring for training manual, content and handbook development
14. No. of Service (Firm)	: 01
15. Brief Description of the Assignment	: Develop comprehensive and contextually relevant training materials, including a training manual, training handbook and content for 16 training units. [See details in Terms of reference (TOR)]
16. Eligibility	: 1) Minimum ten (10) years overall experience in training module preparation/development for Government organizations/UN organizations/ Agriculture sector etc; 2) Minimum 2 Contract in Public Sector at least minimum contract value of BDT 1.20 Crore over the last 5 years; 3) List of Manpower list having the criteria as per the required qualifications and experience in TOR; 4) Reasonably acceptable organizational profile having adequate permanent manpower and other office equipment and logistic support; 5) Firm's ISO certificate related to development consultancies and international training projects; 6) Audited financial reports for the last three (03) completed financial years (2022-23, 2021-22 and 2020-21); 7) The firm must have average annual turnover of BDT 50 (fifty) lakh; 8) The firm must have experience in providing knowledge-based training related to the transfer of agricultural technology in Bangladesh; 9) The firm must show academic linkage with foreign/national universities/ Government/semi govt. research institutes, with particular emphasis on the transfer of agricultural technology; 10) The firm must demonstrate at least BDT 75 (seventy five) lakh as Working Capital in the form of a Letter of Credit or Credit Commitment or equivalent; 11) Evidence of permanent office in Bangladesh, Evidence of updated Trade license (2023-24), Income Tax Clearance Certificate (2022-23), TIN Number, BIN Number and Proof of VAT submission status (December, 2023).
17. Details Information of EOI and Proposal	: Individuals are requested to submit 01 (One) copy of EOI with necessary documents at the Program office between 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. within the deadline. The procurement shall be regulated as per PPA-2006 and PPR-2008. For submitting proposal details Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from notice board at <a href="http://www.dam.gov.bd">www.dam.gov.bd</a> .

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

18. Package No	: SD/PARTNER/DAM-2
19. Place of Opening EO Document	: Conference Room, Front Building, 4th Floor, Head Office, Department of Agricultural Marketing, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.
20. Name of Official Inviting EOI	: Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al Faroque
21. Designation of Official Inviting EOI	: Agency Program Director
22. Address of Official Inviting EOI	: Room No-501, Front Building, 4th Floor, Head Office, Department of Agricultural Marketing, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.
23. Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI	: Agency Program Director, Room No-501, Front Building, 4th Floor, Head Office, Department of Agricultural Marketing, Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215. E-mail: <a href="mailto:partner.dam@gmail.com">partner.dam@gmail.com</a>

Note: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or all EOI.

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