

New private airline Fly Dhaka by Nov

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A new private airline, Fly Dhaka, is set to be launched by November this year.

Once in operation, Fly Dhaka will be the fourth private airline operating in the country alongside Novo Air, US Bangla Airlines and Air Astra.

Jatiyo Party lawmaker and business Anisul Islam Mahmud is the owner of the airlines.

"Fly Dhaka Airlines is all set to spread its wings by November this year," said Lt Gen (retd) Molla Fazle Akbar, chief executive officer of the airline.

"Prioritising the paramount importance of safe travel coupled with affordability, the airline has already secured its aircraft and is actively addressing various matters pertaining to acquisition of the Air Operator's Certificate," Fazle Akbar also said.

"Our aim is not only to establish a robust presence in the domestic market but also to extend to the global arena. Negotiations with a giant Asian airline is already underway to this end," the CEO added.

The airline will commence operations on domestic routes with ATR 72-600 model aircraft. Subsequently, for international services, it intends to introduce Airbus or Boeing aircraft, thereby ensuring safety, efficiency and reliability in its global operations.

As per the rules, the airline will get permission to operate flights on international routes after operating flights on domestic routes for at least one year.

Fly Dhaka will be the 12th private operator to enter the industry in the past 25 years, of which eight were eventually forced to cease operations for cash crunch, inefficiency and other reasons.



Artisans crafting 'Shital Pati', a hand-woven mat that feels cold by nature, in Kathalia village under Barishal's Bakerganj upazila yesterday. Extracting jute sticks from local bushes, the women of this village process them into thin eco-friendly fibres to make this popular local product ahead of summer.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Ex-secy sent to jail in graft case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent former secretary Proshanto Kumar Roy to jail in a corruption case.

Judge Mohammed Ash Shams Joghul Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after Proshanto surrendered before it seeking bail, said a court official.

On June 5 last year, ACC filed the case against Proshanto, former project director of "Ekti Bari Ekti Khamar" project, for amassing around Tk 1.25 crore.

Death toll rises to six

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The search operation will continue until the missing people are found, said Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority Deputy Director Ubayedul Karim Khan.

The trawler with 21 people on board sank in the river after it collided with the bulk

carrier coming from the opposite direction on Friday.

Meanwhile, a case was filed against the bulk carrier operator and engine driver in connection with the incident. Abdul Alim, father of missing constable Sohel Rana, filed the case with Ashuganj Police Station on Saturday night.

50.7pc deliveries

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was 34 in 2017-2018 and 18 in 2011, it said.

Since 1985, the international healthcare community has considered the "ideal rate" for C-sections to be between 10 and 15 percent, according to the World Health Organization.

"Some corrupt doctors encourage patients for C-sections only to derive financial benefits," said Ishtiaq Mannan, neonatal and maternal health specialist and former deputy country director of Save the Children in Bangladesh.

He said usually C-sections take place at unregulated private healthcare facilities.

Meanwhile, SVRS 2023 also shows that deaths of children under five years of age have also increased.

Thirty-one children per

1,000 of the age group died in 2022, and the number rose to 33 per 1,000 in 2023. Twenty-four children per 1,000 below the age of one died in 2022, and that rose to 27 per 1,000 in 2023.

There was also an increase in deaths of babies under one month old to 20 per 1,000 in 2023 from 16 per 1,000 in 2022.

Ishtiaq Mannan said about 60 percent of child deaths are newborns, mostly due to birth asphyxia, neonatal infections, and prematurity.

He, however, said a slight increase in child deaths was not a matter of big concern. "But we should keep an eye on the issue."

Meanwhile, life expectancy of people in Bangladesh stood at 73.3 years in 2023, compared to 73.4 in 2022.

Shahiduzzaman Sarker, the state minister for planning, said during his speech as the chief guest that the discoveries would help the government in future planning.

Follow HC's directive

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"To this day, an overwhelming majority of government and private institutions have not formed these committees, and sexual harassment complaints in the workplace and educational institutions are still swept under the rug," said Tahmina.

Years of savings

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steel trunk from the debris, only to find her savings of Tk 1 lakh reduced to dust.

Shahinur was cooking inside her shanty when she heard about the fire. She immediately grabbed her

Everyone needs to be more aware of the directives, she added.

Professor Biswajit Chanda, member of University Grants Commission, and Shahhaj Huda, director of Centre for Advanced Legal Studies at University of Dhaka, among others, spoke at the programme.

18-month-old daughter and jumped into the canal to escape. Local rescued them, but her shanty was burnt to ashes. "I have lost everything, but I am happy that my daughter is alive," she said.

No syndicate in Biman

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three consecutive years since 2021, said the Biman boss.

Biman is transparent in providing services to its passengers at every step, he also said.

Addressing the briefing, Md Salauddin, director (marketing and sales) of Biman, said, "If any travel agents can see that a seat is empty, then it can be seen on our website, mobile apps, and in any office of Biman. It is equal for all."

Anyone can book a Biman ticket through mobile apps, mobile banking, or any payment system through cards if seats are available, as the website is open to all, he said.

"We only issue group tickets to tour operations and passengers visiting tourist points, after getting passengers' names and contact numbers, and for a certain period. Certain

terms and conditions also need to be followed," he continued.

"A travel agent can hold a ticket for booking for a maximum of seven days if the flight is scheduled to fly after three to six months. But if the flight is scheduled to depart within a day or two, then they can do so for around three hours," he added.

Salauddin said Biman is the only airline that has not sold bulk tickets to any travel agents without the names of passengers in the last four years.

SMART CALL CENTRE Biman yesterday launched a helpline -- "13636" -- through which passengers will get service, including buying tickets, expressing their grievances, and posting travel allegations.

Passengers at home and abroad will be able to get Biman's services through the helpline.

7 flyovers formally

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utility services, design changes, contractors running out of money, and the pandemic mainly caused the delay. Moreover, physical work was suspended twice.

As a result, the total project cost rose to Tk 4,268.3 crore, and the deadline was revised till December 2024.

At first, the authority planned to operate spacious and comfortable articulated buses on the route. But Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit Company Ltd later decided to operate electric buses instead and started the process to procure 130 electric buses in July 2022.

However, the company changed its mind again and floated a tender in January last year to procure 137 diesel-run AC buses, shows company documents. The

bidding process, however, was cancelled late last year, officials said.

Since the company will not be able to hire an operator until the middle of next year, it will engage Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation to operate the buses, according to documents.

Replying to a query, Quader said they will not revive their plan to extend the BRT line up to Mohakhali because it will cause public sufferings.

Seven held

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culprits abducted the victim from a Dhanmondi school on Wednesday, demanding Tk 1.05 crore ransom; however they released the boy after the family paid Tk 14 lakh.

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Ref. No 53.23.0000.001.03.027.24.1820 Date: 24 March 2024

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

A. Basic Information (Procuring Entity, Assignment, Procurement Method, Source of Fund, etc) for the Consulting Firms:

1	Name of the Organization	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
2	Procuring Entity Name & Designation	AQM Golam Mawla, Deputy Managing Director
3	Expression of Interest for Selection of	A consulting firm for conducting the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Pathways to Prosperity for Extremely Poor People-European Union (PPEPP-EU) Project of PKSF.
4	EOI Ref No and Publishing Date	53.23.0000.001.03.027.24.1820; 25 March 2024
5	Package No.	PKSF/PPEPP-EU/2023-2024/SD-01
6	Procurement Method	Fixed Budget Selection (FBS)
7	Source of Fund and Development Partner	European Union (EU)
8	Project Name	Pathways to Prosperity for Extremely Poor People-European Union (PPEPP-EU) Project
9	EOI submission place, closing date and time.	Date: 24 April 2024 ; Time: 2:30 PM; PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Administrative Area, Agargaon, Dhaka.

B. Key Information for the Consulting Firms:

10	Brief description of the assignment (Experience, resource, and delivery capacity required of the Consulting firm)	Please find the detailed REOI in the following website: https://pksf.org.bd/tender/
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C. Procurement Entity Details

11	Name and Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	AQM Golam Mawla, Deputy Managing Director
12	Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh
13	Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI	Telephone: 02222218331-33, 02222218335-39 Fax: 02222218341, 02222218343 e-mail: mawlapksf@gmail.com

The Procurement Entity reserves all the rights to accept or reject all EOI proposals.

(AQM Golam Mawla)
Deputy Managing Director & PE

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Consulting Firm

01	Procuring Entity Name	Al-Arafah Islami Bank Foundation
02	Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of	Selection of Experienced Architectural and Engineering Consulting Firm for Architectural and Engineering and Supervision for Construction of "15-Storeyed 250-Bedded Hospital and Medical College Academic Building with 2 basement floor" at Hazaribagh, Lalbagh, Dhaka.
03	EOI Ref. No.	AIBF/Dhk/Dev/2024/01 Dated: 24-03-2024
04	Publish Date	25/03/2024

KEY INFORMATION

05	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

06	Budget and Source of Fund	Own Fund
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

07	EOI Closing Date and Time	21-04-2024 by 2:00 PM
08	EOI Opening Date and Time	21-04-2024 by 3:00 PM

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE (S)

09	Receiving of EOI	Project Director for Construction of "15-Storeyed 250-Bedded Hospital and Medical College Academic Building with 2 basement floor", Head Office, Al-Arafah Tower, 63, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000.
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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

10	Brief Description of Assignment	1. Al-Arafah Islami Bank Foundation is going to establish a Medical College Hospital and Medical College of International Standard on their own land measuring about 02 (two) Acres. 2. Topographic Survey & Sub-soil Investigation including preparation of survey map and sub-soil investigation reports 3. Preparation of Master Plan including Landscape Design 4. Preparation of Architectural and Engineering design (Structural, Sanitary, Water Supply & Plumbing, Shore Pile, Electrical Design including Sub-Station, Generator (Automatic Gas & Foam Suppression System) and Area Lighting, Mechanical, Air-conditioning and Ventilation System, Fire Detection and Protection System, Medical Gas Pipeline System (MGPS), Medical IT, Signage, Branding, Lift, Exterior Glazing, Area Drainage and Sewerage System - WWTP etc. 5. Preparation of Specification of Works, Bill of Quantities, Cost Estimate and Tender Documents etc. 6. a. Construction Management and Supervision. b. RAJUK Approval with all formalities.
11	Qualification and Experience & Delivery Capacity Required	1. The firm must have 15 (fifteen) years General Experience of providing services as Architectural and Engineering Consultant. 2. The firm must have Specific Experience of providing Architectural and Engineering Consultancy Services for minimum 02 (two) Hospital projects each with minimum 100 (one hundred) bed and Cost Tk. 100.00 crore. 3. The firm must have at least 01 (one) Graduate Architect with 15 (fifteen) years experience who has experience of designing 02 (two) nos. of Hospital projects each with at least 200 beds. 4. The firm shall have minimum Annual Average Turnover of Tk. 04 (four) crores for Consultancy Services during last 03 (three) years from the date of submission of EOI.
12	Others Details	Application with the following supporting documents shall be submitted in sealed envelope marked "EOI for Consultancy Services for Construction of 15-Storeyed 250-Bedded Hospital and Medical College Academic Building with 2 basement floor" at Hazaribagh, Lalbagh, Dhaka": 1. Background of the Firm with Brochure. 2. Up to Date Trade License, TIN Certificate, VAT Registration Certificate and Others Necessary Document. 3. Summary Area of Expertise of the firm. 4. Availability of Appropriate Professionals eg. Sr. Architects, Engineers, Medical Officer, Environment Specialist, Hospital Management Expert etc. for the Assignment. 5. Bank Certificate stating the Financial Capability of the Firm.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

13	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Project Director for Construction of 15-Storeyed 250-Bedded Hospital and Medical College Building
14	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Project Director, Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC.
15	Address of Official Inviting EOI	Level-1, Head Office, Al-Arafah Tower, 63, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000.
16	Contact Details of Official Inviting EOI	+88-02-44850005 (PABX), Ext- 517 Email: ruhul4446@aibl.com.bd
17	Al-Arafah Islami Bank Foundation Reserves the Right to Accept or Reject any or All the EOI Process at any Stage without Assigning any Reasons Whatsoever and without Incurring any Liability to the Affected Applications.	

Project Director
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Head Office, Dhaka