# Toxic PFAS found

FROM PAGE 3 in a programme organised by ESDO in the capital yesterday

Particularly level was the of contamination in the Karnatali river, where PFAS concentrations reached 1,152.2 nanograms per litre, effects on fertility, fetal more than 300 times the proposed EU limit.

further The study revealed that PFAS levels were also found in Tongi river water and Ashulia lake water, well above the currently proposed EU limit. Another sample from Hatirjheel Lake showed PFAS levels to be 185 times higher than the current Dutch advisory limit.

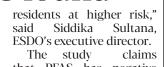
The presence of PFAS in drinking water is alarming, particularly as three out of four (75 percent) tap water samples from the study contained PFAS, with some exceeding both US and EU regulatory limits.

The water was analysed in laboratories of Brown University and the University of Chemistry and Technology in Prague.

Since there are currently no rules in Bangladesh regarding the use of PFAS, the chemical is widely used without any obstruction, the study said.

However, the textile industry, responsible for a lead author of the about 50 percent of global study, said, "PFAS in our PFAS usage, is identified as a major contributor to this contamination, it added.

"Bangladesh international textile manufacturing hub. and the prevalence of from this sector puts our added.



alarming that PFAS has negative consequences for the environment and human health.

These include negative development, thyroid hormone function, and increased risks of liver damage and cancer. It can cause high cholesterol and reduce vaccine effectiveness. posing major health risks.

#### **ACTION REQUIRED** AGAINST PFAS USAGE Jitka Straková urged the textile industry to phase

out PFAS use and be transparent about the chemicals in their products. The textile industry

is a major user of PFAS, accounting for over half of global consumption. Despite this, safer alternatives to PFAS in textiles exist, making its ongoing usage unnecessary, the study emphasised.

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Textile makers Bangladesh near areas where water was found with high PFAS levels produce products for major global brands. These brand-name companies have tremendous market influence and should demand PFAS-free products, the study also said.

Shahriar Hossain, waterways, tap water, and clothing pose serious health and environmental is an threats, yet industries and policymakers have been slow to respond."

"This needs to be toxic chemical emissions controlled urgently," he



Center for the Study of Genocide and Justice (CSGJ), Liberation War Museum (LWM), Bangladesh invites interested individuals to apply for the 13th Certificate Course on Genocide and Justice to be held from 28 June to 27 July 2024. The month-long certificate course will take place at the LWM premises on every Friday and Saturday afternoon. As part of the Certificate Course, the participants will be taken on a field trip to one of the memorial sites of the 1971 Liberation War. Academics and experts from both home and abroad will conduct the sessions.

University students as well as professionals of any discipline from Bangladesh are eligible to apply. A maximum number of 40 individuals will be accepted for admission to the

certificate course. Selected participants will be required to pay a fee of TK. 3500 before the commencement of the course. The concessional course fee for the students is TK. 2500.

The deadline for applying for the 13th Certificate Course is 10 June 2024.

# DEWANDIGHI-PALPUR ROAD IN MOULVIBAZAR Pothole plight worsens in Rajnagar

#### MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

Vehicular movement on Dewandighi-Palpur road in Rajnagar upazila of Moulvibazar has become risky due to numerous potholes on the fivekilometre stretch between Tengra and Tarapasha areas.

The road sustained significant damage due to being frequented by heavy trucks transporting sand extracted from Tarapasha Balumahal in the Manu river. 50-60 "Around

sand-laden trucks use the road daily," said Faisal Mia, a truck driver.

As a result, lighter vehicles such as autorickshaws carrying commuters find it difficult to use the road and have been doing so amid the risk of accidents.

Hundreds of locals -- including students, women and elderly people -- from Kamarchak union of Rajnagar upazila, Patanushar union of Kamalganj upazila, and Hajipur union of Tengra-Dewandighi-Tarapasha road

of Kulaura upazila, use the road daily.

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## carrying Tk 60 lakh in

a bag. Around 4:50pm, near the entrance of Naba Narayan Lane in Islampur, a person shoved him, falsely accusing him of causing the collision. When Mohiuddin the

apologised and attempted to leave, a group of 7 to people surrounded him, beating him severely

and blinding him with a substance before making off with the bag of money. Following the incident,

Akidul Islam, the owner of the jewellery store, filed a robbery case on April 27. Earlier, the DMP's Kotwali police had arrested two other suspects in connection with the case. "Baila Khokon, the

mastermind, resides in Old Dhaka and has knowledge about local financial Rezaul transactions. Karim, who once operated a business in Old Dhaka, orchestrated the attack by assembling a team

Visiting the Tengra-Tarapasha section of the road recently, this correspondent found it in a dilapidated state, with numerous potholes at different places on a five-kilometre stretch across Kartal, Salon, Haripasa, Kachari and Tarapasha Bazar areas. "Auto-rickshaw drivers charge

extra fares on the road, causing sufferings to commuters,' said Shah Alam, a trader at Tarapasha Bazar.

Sources Moulvibazar district administration said the government earns Tk 1.46 crore revenue Tarapasha from Balumahal, and it will be leased again this year. Contacted, Dr Urmi

Salam, deputy Binte commissioner of Moulvibazar, said, "The tender process to lease the balumahal is at the final stage. We will take measures to ensure no overloaded trucks ply this road."

Ahmed Abdullah, executive engineer of LGED in Moulvibazar, said, "Tender process to repair the 10.5-km stretch at a cost of Tk 12 crore is at final stage.'

# Media needs

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spirit. We want to see the media as a supportive force of the government. I want to assure you that if you publish any report based on factual and authentic information identifying government's mistakes, we will welcome those and recognise with

award." Referring to German broadcaster Deutsche (DW) Welle's recent documentary on human Bangladesh's rights issue, he said, "If you

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website and SEMC Accounts Office from 30 May to 13 June 2024.

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## Gender FROM PAGE 3

Prasenjit Chakma, UNDP's assistant country director in Bangladesh, opined that overall development of a country is not possible if half of its population is left behind.

Addressing as chief guest, Prakash Kanti Chowdhury, joint secretary (development) of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, shared recent financial that years have seen gender budget allocations across three thematic areas: increasing women's access to government services. empowering women and enhancing their social status, and increasing women's participation in production, labour markets, and incomegenerating activities.

UN Women's programme manager Tapati Saha, programme officer Noor Ali Shah, and UNDP's Mohammad Raziur Rahman, presented draft guidelines gender-sensitive planning and budgeting, while gender budget Nilufar Ahmed expert Karim conducted a question-answer session.

Humaira Binte Farooq, UN Women's programme officer, moderated the event, while Mushfiqua Zaman Satiar, senior policy adviser of the Embassy of the Netherlands, also spoke.

# PBI plea to scrap bail

FROM PAGE 3 The lawyers who represented the Transcom executives and officials include senior lawyer Kazi Md Nazib Ullah Hiru, Abdur Rahman Howlader, president of Dhaka Bar Association; Rahman Mizanur Mamun, former president the association; Sheikh Baharul Islam, the

Mohammad Shaheenoor Abdullah-Al-Islam, Mamun and Mohammad Siddique Ullah Miah. Yesterday, senior lawyer

Ahsanul Karim represented the complainant in the hearing, among others. 22. On February

Simeen's younger sister Shahzreh Huq filed three cases with Gulshan Police Station, accusing Transcom cases are on bail now.

# Policy actions can FROM PAGE 3

service centres, a separate database for registering women returnee migrants, and the immediate approval of the "Draft National Rehabilitation Policy" formulated in 2022 for all returning migrant workers.

Mohammad Ikram Hossain, adviser at Alliance for Returnee Women Migrants, emphasised the need for female staff

বাউবির দীক্ষা: সবার জন্য উপ্যুক্ত কর্মমুখী, গণমুখী ও জীবনব্যাপী শিক্ষা

at the Expatriate Welfare Desk at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to address issues faced by female migrants.

"Immigration police used to send data on returnee female migrants to the International Organization for Migration. Speaking at the event, It can also provide it to the government and NGOs to create a database for smoother services for workers," migrant he added.

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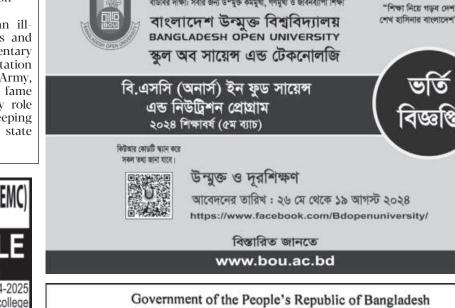
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watch the documentary attentively, you will see it was not against any individual or the government, but against the country and its

important institution Bangladesh Army." The DW made an illmotivated, malicious and misleading documentary to tarnish the reputation Bangladesh Army, of which has gained fame for its extraordinary role in the UN peacekeeping missions. the

minister added.



Group Chairman Shahnaz Rahman, Simeen, Zaraif and six other officials of fraud and breach of at vesterday's hearing trust with regard to the company's shares and properties.

On April 3, the court granted bail to Shahnaz, Simeen and Zaraif until submission of the probe report.

On the same day, three executives before the surrendered Metropolitan Chief Magistrate's Court hours after they returned to the country and sought bail,

following the directives of the Supreme Court. According to their lawyers, Shahnaz, Simeen, and Zaraif were abroad

when the cases were filed. The other accused in the

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of robbers from various districts," said Mashiur.

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The arrestees have multiple robbery theft cases against them and are currently being interrogated under police remand, he added.

website : www.liberationwarmuseumbd.org



# **TENDER NOTICE**

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sub-Office in Cox's Bazar hereby announces the launch of the following tenders:

TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION		
RFP/HCR/CXB/2024/008	FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FRAME AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DIFFERENT TYPE SHELTER AND FOR THE PROVISION OF ASSORTED CONSTRUCTION WORKS, AND RELATED SERVICES		
ONLINE PRE-BID CONFERENCE	Date and time: 04 June 2024 at 11:00 AM BST.		

Interested and potential vendors are invited to participate in this Request for Proposal (RFP) by accessing and downloading the tender documents at the following web link- https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/235104

Bids to be submitted:

Bids should be submitted as per the guidance in section 2.6 of the RFP document via the URL below:

#### http://etenderbox.unhcr.org

Bid submission deadline: 25 June 2024 - 17:00 hrs Bangladesh time.

Kindly note that no hard copy is acceptable. The offer will be acceptable who submit only in the above link.

# Hiring Freight Forwarder for Microbiota **Directed Food (MDF) Shipment to West Africa**

Tender Ref. No. icddr,b/SCM/OTM/2024/05

Date: May 30, 2024

Sealed tenders are invited by icddr,b for Hiring Freight Forwarder for Microbiota Directed Food (MDF) Shipment to West Africa. The service provider must be BAAFA member and shall have 5 years' experience of freight forwarding. Details terms and conditions of the tender are available in the ITB document and the bid document can be downloaded from https://www.icddrb.org/work-with-us/tender-notices

Pre-tender meeting will be held on June 05, 2024, from 11.00 am to 12.00 pm; at SCM Conference Room, Chiller Building 1st Floor, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

Tender will be closed on June 13, 2024, by 3.00 pm and will be opened on the same day at icddr,b premises.

## **Special Instructions:**

- a) If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place.
- b) icddr,b reserves the right to accept or reject all/part tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. This tender notice will also form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the tenderer.

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Senior Manager, Supply Chain Management Tel: 9827001-10, Ext.# 4409/4403/4400 Contact: Tel: 55060000 Ext: 5568, 5579. Principal

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# Employment Opportunity

Following position is vacant for immediate appointment in Savar Sweaters Ltd. (100% export-oriented sweater factory), 12P-13P. Kalurghat Heavy I/A, Chattogram, Bangladesh.

- Vacancy : 01
- Head of Technical Position :
- Minimum 40 Years Age
- Minimum A Level/Graduate Education :
- Minimum 15 Years in the relevant field. Experience : Fluent in Bengali & English.

#### Language : Salary : Negotiable

#### Responsibilities:

Keen to handle all operational management. Planning & technical activities in Sweater manufacturing company. Also to have sound knowledge in sample development, quality assurance and Industrial engineering in sweater industries.

Must having knowledge about Modern management concept with Standard operational procedures (SOP).

- Experienced on working in computerized machines: Jacquard/Linking/Winding etc. Good technical skill in sweater knitting (jacquard) assembling and finishing area.
- Good knowledge about setting the target, solve the problem & performance review.
- Sound knowledge to reduce cost of production. Develop & execute long-term strategies in order to improve overall productivity of the plant & ability to lead and manage team towards the management goal.
- Excellent communication skill, strong leadership, quick decision making and good analytical skill with self-disciplined personality.

Interested candidates are advised to apply (within 10th June, 2024) along with their CV to the following email address:

hrd@azimswtr.com or send CV to :

AGM (HR & Admin)

Address: Azim Group (Sweater Complex) 12P-13P, Kalurghat Heavy I/A, Chandgaon- 4212, Chattogram.

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office of the Executive Engineer

PWD Division, Barguna.

#### Memo No-25.36.0400.140-1378

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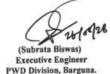
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990053, 991933,	NCT	28-May-2024	09-Jun-2024	09-Jun-2024	09-Jun-2024
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This is an online Tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

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# Livestock Officer

Animal Feed Mill, Savar, Dhaka

Memo No. 33.01.0000.360.07.001.23-453

Date: 29/05/2024

# **Invitation for Tender**

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1	981260 AFM/Gr- 01/2024-25	Goods, GR- Lot 1 to 5, Whole Maize, Wheat Bran and others procurement of Whole Maize, Wheat Bran, Whole Khashari, Soyabean Meal and Salt with Iodine under the Office of the Livestock Officer, Animal Feed Mill, Savar, Dhaka.	13-June-2024 at 12.30 Hour	13-June-2024 at 15.20 Hour

127/08/2028 PM.

Dr. Mohammad Mojibur Rahman Livestock Officer Animal Feed Mill, Savar, Dhaka Email address: mojibur vet@yahoo.com

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