

ACC to probe graft allegations against Ivy, two ex-MPs

STAR REPORT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday initiated an investigation into allegations of corruption against former Narayanganj City Corporation mayor Salina Hayat Ivy and two other former lawmakers.

The former MPs under investigation are Ayesha Ferdous from Noakhali-6 constituency and Ranajit Kumar Roy from Jashore-4.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shweta Shatabdi Esh, a former student of Dhaka University (Bangla department, session: 2010-2011) and a poet, is battling severe health issues.

She was born with beta thalassemia major and has faced various complications, including weakened bone mineral density and the need for regular blood transfusions.

In 2009, she underwent spleen removal due to its enlargement from the side effects of iron overload.

Then, in 2017, she encountered complications during gallbladder surgery and suffered from anesthesia issues and a severe infection that required skin grafts.

Shatabdi also struggles with thyroid problems and was recently diagnosed

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A CNG-run auto-rickshaw lies toppled on its side following a clash between traders of Bandar Bazar and drivers in Sylhet yesterday. The clash erupted after disputes over vehicles being illegally parked in front of the market. In the aftermath, 15-20 people were injured on both sides, and 25-30 vehicles, along with five shops, were vandalised.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

DENGUE OUTBREAK IN CTG

Fatality rate more than double the national average

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Health experts are concerned about the high fatality rate from dengue in Chattogram despite the relatively low number of hospital admissions.

Data from the Chattogram district civil surgeon's office shows 34 dengue patients were hospitalised in the past 24 hours, bringing the total to 764 this year.

Meanwhile, one more patient died at Chattogram Medical College Hospital, raising the death toll to 10.

The fatality rate in the port city now stands at 1.30 percent, more than double the national rate of 0.60 percent.

According to the Ministry of Health, 16,819 dengue patients have been hospitalised nationwide, with 102 deaths reported.

Dr Abdur Rob, associate professor of Medicine at CMCH, pointed to the Den 2 serotype as a possible cause of the higher death rate.

"Last year, our research found that 75 percent of dengue patients in Chattogram were infected with Den 2, which is more dangerous than the other serotypes," he said.

"The high fatality rate suggests Den 2 might be prevalent this year as well."

He also highlighted that late hospital admissions of critical patients contribute to the high mortality rate. "Danger signs like vomiting, abdominal pain, low blood pressure, and bleeding should prompt immediate hospitalisation," he added.

Dr Abdullah Abu Sayeed,

assistant professor of Medicine at CMCH, said patients with co-morbidities are especially vulnerable and need quick treatment.

Residents in several areas of Chattogram have complained about the Chattogram City Corporation's lack of action in controlling Aedes mosquitoes.

No CCC worker has sprayed insecticide in the area for days, said Ratna Ghosh, a resident of Askar Dighi.

CCC CEO Sheikh Muhammad Tauhidul Islam refuted these claims, saying workers have been spraying insecticide in all 41 wards, divided into 10 zones.

He added that mobile court drives would soon begin to prevent mosquito breeding in residential areas.

2018 'CROSSFIRE' Shahidul, Benazir sued over BNP activist's death

A CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Five people, including former inspector generals of police (IGPs) AKM Shahidul Haque and Benazir Ahmed, have been sued for the alleged killing of a BNP activist in a 2018 "crossfire incident".

Julekha Begum, wife of the deceased Abul Hossain, filed the case with the Gomostapur Amoli Court in Chapainawabganj yesterday.

Other defendants include former Rapid Action Battalion Chapainawabganj camp officer Mozammel Haque, along with two Rab

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MURDER CASE ASP Kafi remanded for five days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Abdullah Kafi, an additional superintendent of police, on a five-day remand in a case filed over the death of university student Sheikh Ashabul Yamin at Savar Bazar bus stand during the quota reform movement on July 18.

Yamin was a student of Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST).

Dhaka Senior Judicial Magistrate Md Julhas Uddin passed the order after Md Abdulla Biswas, an inspector of Savar Police Station and the investigation officer of the case, produced him in court seeking a seven-day remand.

7 children drown in three districts

One still missing

STAR REPORT

At least seven children have died by drowning and one other was still missing in Kurigram, Sirajganj and Feni districts in the last two days.

In Kurigram, four schoolchildren from different villages under Nageshwari upazila went to bathe in Brahmaputra river and drowned on Wednesday. Locals yesterday noon recovered bodies of three of them -- Jewel Islam, 7; Nazmul Hossain, 7; and Atiq Hossain, 7 -- from the river along different areas under Nageshwari, Ulipur and Chilmari upazilas.

Family members and locals were continuing search for Ankhi Khatun, 9, who remained missing.

Biswadev Roy, officer-in-charge of Kachakata Police Station in the upazila, confirmed the matter.

In Sirajganj, locals recovered the bodies of two children from Jamuna river yesterday morning near Janata High School in Chowhali upazila.

They were: Md Hazrat Ali, 7, and Khadiza Khatun, 6, of Kukri village under the upazila.

Both of them drowned after they went to bathe in the river on Wednesday. OC Shamol Kumar Dutta of Chowhali Police Station said a case was filed.

In Feni, two children drowned in ponds under Parshuram municipality area yesterday.

The deceased are 15-month-old Nahida Akhter Nupur and two-year-old Meheraz Habib Tasif.

Nazmul Hasan, upazila health and family planning officer in Parshuram, confirmed the deaths.

4 die in oil tank explosion in Bogura factory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Four people were killed when an oil tank exploded at a rice bran processing plant in Sherpur of Bogura, yesterday.

The explosion occurred around 1:30pm at Majumder Products Limited, causing four men, who were repairing the tank, to fall 40 feet to the ground.

The victims -- Md Imran, 32, Mohammad Sayeed, 38, Rubel Hosain, 31, and Md Monir, 28 -- were from the Officers Colony in Syedpur, Nilphamari.

Rezaul Karim, officer-in-charge of Sherpur Police Station, said, "The technicians were repairing a tank of rice bran oil when it exploded, causing them to fall. They were taken to Bogura

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Buet and NSU get new VCs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof ABM Badruzzaman of Department of Civil Engineering has been appointed as the new vice-chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

The announcement was made in a gazette notification yesterday by the education ministry.

In a separate notification, Prof Abdul Hasib Chowdhury of Electrical and Electronic Engineering department

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COX'S BAZAR SADAR HOSPITAL Doctors continue strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Medical services at Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital have been severely disrupted since Wednesday morning due to a complete shutdown by doctors.

The work abstention comes in protest of an attack on a doctor by relatives of a patient who allegedly died due to mistreatment.

Services in the emergency department resumed later on Wednesday afternoon after an army team visited the hospital. But other departments remained closed as of yesterday, leaving many patients unable to receive treatment and forcing some to seek care at private hospitals and

clinics.

Around 11:00am yesterday, doctors, intern doctors, medical students, nurses, and other hospital employees staged a two-hour protest.

They demanded the immediate arrest of those responsible for the attack and permanent security measures for medical staff.

The protest included a rally at the hospital, followed by a march to the office of the police superintendent.

Shah Talal Mahmud Dihan, an intern doctor, said, "Our colleague was brutally beaten, and the hospital was vandalised. The authorities have yet to file a case. We insist that a case be filed

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Dated: 11/09/2024

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (PRE-QUALIFICATION) FOR SELECTING INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANCY FIRM**

1.	Ministry / Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources.
2.	Agency	West Zone Power Distribution Company Ltd. (WZPDCL)
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Modernization of Power Distribution-Smart Grids Phase I Project
4.	Expression of Interest (Pre-qualification) for Selection (Shortlisting) of	International, open Tender for Accompanying Measure Consultant for Capacity Building for the Project: "Modernization of Power Distribution- Smart Grids Phase I."
5.	EOI Ref. No. & Date	Memo No: 27.22.4785.700.50.001.24.147; Date: 11/09/2024 BMZ no: 2016 70 181, Procurement no: 504736
6.	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
7.	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget (KfW and GOB)
8.	Development Partner	KfW Development Bank, Germany
9.	EOI Closing and Opening Date, Time and Place	Date: 23/10/2024; Time: 15:00; Bangladesh Standard Time Place: Office of the Project Director, Modernization of Power Distribution-Smart Grids Phase I Bidyut Bhawan, 35, Boyra Main Road, Khulna-9000
10.	Project Background	The German Cooperation through KfW is financing the modernization of power distribution and implementation of smart grid with the objective to contribute to a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as well as to a safer, more reliable and more stable electricity supply. Under this programme, a budget is allocated as grant for accompanying measures. The assignment is foreseen for duration of 2 years.
11.	Brief Description of Assignment	These accompanying measures shall concentrate on the following aspects: 1) Concept development and training development and implementation for operating and maintaining the to be implemented SCADA system; 2) Implementation and Operationalization of Distribution System Planning with DlgSILENT PowerFactory Software and supporting trainings. Purchase of DlgSILENT PowerFactory; 3) Environmental & Social Health and Safety Strengthening including capacity assessment, implementation of capacity building measures and trainings, development and implementation of an ESHS Management System on institutional level in line with national legislation and international ESHS Safeguards. 4) Implementation and Operationalization of Relay Test Systems and Energy Meter Test System including related trainings 5) Training Measures on different topics The detailed information can be found on Pre-Qualification (PQ) document.
12.	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	The qualification of experienced consultants is subject to the regulations contained in the latest KfW procurement Guidelines for the Procurement of Consulting Services, Works, Goods, Plant and Non-Consulting Services in Financial Cooperation with Partner Countries available at <a href="https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/PDF/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/FZ-Vergaberichtlinien-V-2021-EN.pdf">https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/PDF/Download-Center/PDF-Dokumente-Richtlinien/FZ-Vergaberichtlinien-V-2021-EN.pdf</a> . The contract will be awarded to an independent consultant firm with proven experience and a minimum annual turnover of EUR 2.4 million or equivalent. The detailed information can be found on Pre-Qualification (PQ) document.
13.	Other Details	To register and receive further information such as the comprehensive Pre-Qualification (PQ) document, please contact: <b>Julian Scholz, Tender Agent</b> <a href="mailto:consult@julianscholz.com">consult@julianscholz.com</a> with CC to the Employer, <a href="mailto:wzpdcl.mpdsgp@gmail.com">wzpdcl.mpdsgp@gmail.com</a> , <a href="mailto:pd.mpdsg@wzpdcl.gov.bd">pd.mpdsg@wzpdcl.gov.bd</a>
14.	Association with local firm	The detailed information can be found on Pre-Qualification (PQ) document.
15.	Name of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI)	Md. Saifuzzaman
16.	Designation of Official Inviting Expressions of Interest	Project Director
17.	Address of Official Inviting the Expressions of Interest	Office of the Project Director, Modernization of Power Distribution-Smart Grids Phase I Project Bidyut Bhawan, 35, Boyra Main Road, Khulna-9000, Bangladesh
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19.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all EOIs without showing any reason thereof.	

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

Essential Drugs Company Limited is the only Government owned Public Company which requires legal advices and legal compliances on various issues and legal matters. To comply with the necessity the Company is inviting applications from Experienced lawyer.

**The services from the Legal Advisor may include:**

- Providing necessary in house-Legal advice in the field of Labour/Staff Regulation etc.
- Providing good management skill with litigation and successful completion of cases involving various types of court.
- Advising the board or head of Administration of the company on legal issues of day to day operation of the company.
- Drafting necessary Legal Documentation as per company's requirement.

**Job requirement:** Qualifications would be require L.L.B (Hon's) including L.L.M (foreign degree in the field of law or Bar-at-Law is preferable) with Bar council membership and knowledge of labour law, employment law and company matter will be appreciated. Experience working as legal advisor in pharmaceuticals companies is a must.

Expression of interst (EOI) is tobe submitted to the undersigned within 20 (twenty) working days from the date of publication of this notice in our prescribed schedule of items along with price quotation, which is to be collected from the office of the undersigned free of cost.

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