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Tajuddin Ahmad, and

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Sharmin said many

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Mostafa Kamal, who

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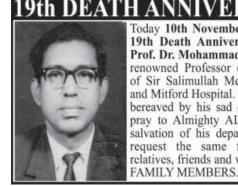
like morality, honesty, principles, and ideals. This is why the country's political landscape is so chaotic. If we could uphold of 1971, saying, "At that these values, they would be reflected in the betterment of our society."

Reflecting on the sacrifices of those who fought for Bangladesh's independence, Sohel Taj added, "Our duty is to honour the debt of their blood. Even if we can't give anything else, we should at least show respect to them."

During the event, Oitijjhya launched a paperback edition of 'Tajuddin Ahmad: Neta o Pita", a book published in 2014 on the liberation and post-liberation period, authored by Tajuddin's elder daughter, Sharmin Ahmed.

Recalling memories of her father, Sharmin said, "He would wake up early every morning and wake us up too. He made us exercise and would say, 'A day that starts early goes well.' Sometimes he would take us for walks, and if he saw garbage on the road, he would pick it up himself and dispose of it properly."

Sharmin urged the in remembering Tajuddin. vounger generation to The man who led the revisit the history of the struggle for independence Liberation War. "The new is now discussed less generation should know and less, which is truly the proper history of unfortunate for us."



19th DEATH ANNIVERSARY Today 10th November 2024 is the 19th Death Anniversary of Late Prof. Dr. Mohammad Abdul Qavi. renowned Professor of Paediatrics of Sir Salimullah Medical College and Mitford Hospital. We are deeply bereaved by his sad departure. We pray to Almighty ALLAH for the salvation of his departed soul and request the same from all his relatives, friends and well-wishers.

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the Liberation War, and state. "If the this after knowing it, they can opportunity is lost, our analyse its contributions." very existence as a nation She shared insights will be endangered. I want into the untold plans to emphasise this point."

The BNP leader also said Bangabandhu, the interim government, which is currently others had planned to go responsible for running the state, has been endorsed by all quarters, including students and politicians. in Old Dhaka to declare

"We entrusted them with this responsibility with the foiled when Bangabandhu hope that they would clean up the mess created by the Awami League over the Tajuddin Ahmad. This past 16 years and organise incident marked the point a credible election. Through that election, we can build the new Bangladesh that the youth aspire to," he said. Fakhrul said they are

disconnected from the repeatedly talking about Liberation War due to a the election because they believe no reform initiative of comprehensive can succeed without the "For a long time, they active participation of the were taught only the people. "Such participation history of one family, one is only possible through an individual. As a result, elected parliament."

He also said if parliament However, the Liberation can be made effective, it War was a people's war, will be possible to ensure democratic culture and practices in the country.

Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosamhati Andolon, also spoke.

### Couple found FROM PAGE 3

and Monisha's body was hanging from a window grill," Ataur told The Daily Star. "We are investigating the

incident and interrogating their family members to find the reason behind the deaths. The bodies have been sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy," he added.

বারিধারা ডিওএইচএস এ ৩৯০০ বর্গফটের ১টি আকর্ষণীয় ডুপ্লেক্স ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয় হবে।

options to 33 countries, with recent additions such যাগাযোগ : 01866 552650 as Ethiopia, Burundi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Gambia.

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Ahmed Shameem Chowdhury Noman, former secretary general of the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, the need for modernising training facilities in Bangladesh to improve the

#### Program, warned that on Bangladeshi domestic without adequate skills, workers but now has Bangladeshi female increased hiring options, workers could face future including workers from the challenges in the Saudi market and may encounter

Rasima Begum and her husband process jute fibres in Khulna's Chuknagar

Philippines. An official at the Bangladesh Embassy exploitative situations. in Riyadh, said that Saudi **IMPACT OF LOWER** Arabia has expanded its **EMPLOYER COSTS** recruitment network, now This recruitment decline sourcing workers from coincided with a recent about 20 to 25 countries, reduction in the costs Saudi up from just a few in 2015. employers pay for hiring

A Gulf News report on Bangladeshi workers. April 18 said Saudi Arabia In January, the Saudi has increased its hiring Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development capped the cost for recruiting domestic workers from Bangladesh at 11,750 Riyal, down from 13,000 Riyal.

Cost also reduced for other source countries like the Philippines, Sri Lanka, highlighted

Uganda, Kenya, and Ethiopia. According to a recruiting agent, the cost reduction has posed challenges for Bangladeshi recruiters. as high intermediary and associated costs make the recruitment process more expensive. Noor Hossain FROM PAGE 3

ceilings were

## Social safety

### the Ministry of Women and

"We hope to establish policies and strategies within the available time

Tasneem Siddiqui, founding chair of the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), said research shows that it costs a quarter as much for female workers to migrate as it

"Nineteen percent can't afford to migrate, 31 percent return early due to issues, while 51 percent manage to improve their lives," she explained.

Tasneem said Bangladesh has the highest migration costs in Asia, attributing this to corruption involving government officials, recruiting agencies, and brokers. At the seminar, Rahima Begum, a returnee migrant worker, shared her experience of hardship.

"I stayed in Saudi Arabia for over a year during the pandemic but didn't receive any salary. I returned to Bangladesh and had to take loans," she said.

"My husband sent me a total of Tk 25,000 in The DGHS recorded 321,179 six months, but I couldn't dengue cases and 3, 18,749 repay my creditors, and recoveries last year.

one of them even assaulted me. I don't know how I will manage to move forward,' she added.

Khaleda Masuma, from Abdullahpur, shared similar challenges. She worked as a housemaid in Saudi Arabia for just over a month, facing abusive treatment.

"They [the employers] didn't provide food and even beat me. When I fell sick, they didn't give me proper medical care. After borrowing money from many people, I returned to Bangladesh. But due to our poor financial condition, I still can't repay the loans,' she shared.

FLAD's senior program officer, Lily Gomes, and Fawzia chairperson Karim Firoze, along with leaders from migrant organisations, also spoke.

### Dengue death FROM PAGE 3

A total of 69,922 dengue cases have been reported

since January 1, 2024. Last year, 1,705 people lost their lives due to dengue, making it the deadliest year on record.

### Invitation for Tender for Hiring of Cleaning Services

1	Name Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family We	lfare			
2	Procuring Entity	icddr,b				
3	Invitation for Tender	Services				
4	Invitation Ref No	icddr,b/SCM/GoB/OTM/Pkg#PS-04/2024-25				
5	Date	10-11-2024				
KEY INFORMATION						
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (National)				
FUN	NDING INFORMATION					
7	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget and Government of Bangladesh and other Donors				
8	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION						
9	Tender Package No.	PS-04/2024-25				
10	Tender Package Name	Procurement of Cleaning Services				
		Date	Time			
11	Tender Publication Date	10-11-2024				
12	Last Date of Selling Tender Document	05-12-2024	10:00 am to 02:30 pm all working days			
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	08-12-2024	02:30 PM			
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	08-12-2024	03:00 PM			
15	Name & Address of the office(s) - Selling Tender Document	Address: Finance Office, Main Building, Level-4, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. Interested bidder is requested to deposit the price of each set Tender Document i.e. BDT 5,000/- to the Account Name: "icddr,b", Account No. 0200002442981, Agrani Bank Ltd., icddr,b Branch and submit original Customer Copy to Finance Office while collecting the Tender Document within the stipulated time. Please bring NID card while collecting tender documents and participating in the pre-bid meeting and use north (IPH) gate.				
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village. Locals earn some extra money during the jute harvesting season by separating the fibres from jute sticks. They receive the separated jute sticks as their payments, which they dry and sell in the market. Each bundle of 12-15 sticks is sold at Tk 25. The photo was taken recently.

Female migration

# FROM PAGE 3 Children Affairs. frame," she added.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

does for male workers.

PLC (BSCPLC) in its 232nd meeting held on 9th November 2024 at 2.00pm at the conference room of BSCPLC Head Office has approved the un-audited Financial Statements for the 1st quarter(Q1) ended on 30 September 2024 and took the following decisions:

	[Amou	nt in Taka]	
Particulars	1 July 2024 to	1 July 2023 t	
	30 September 2024	30 Septembe	
		2023	
Revenue (in million)	968.85	1,251.55	
Net Profit after Tax (in million)	475.57	640.11	
Earnings per share (EPS) - Basic	2.83	3.88	
Earnings per share (EPS) -Diluted	2.57	3.22	
Net Operating Cash Flow per share (NOCFPS)	1.91	5.23	
	As on 30 September 2024	As on 30 Jun 2024	
Net Asset Value (in million)	15,902.40	15,346.00	
Net Asset Value per share (NAVPS)	94.60	93.06	

#### Explanatory notes for the significant variations in the Financial Statements (Un-audited) for the 1st quarter ended 30 September 2024:

#### Issue-1: Significant Decrease in Revenue

The decrease in revenue is mainly due to reduction of IPLC Rent and IP Transit service results in ordinary course of business (i.e., price reduction, market competition and disconnection of default parties etc.).

#### Issue-2: Significant Decrease in EPS

The decrease in EPS is mainly due to reduction of revenue in IPLC Rent, IP Transit service, increase in Operation and Maintenance Expenses along with increase in weighted average number of shares due to issuance of 2,21,33,333 new shares in favor of Government of Bangladesh (PTD) on 17 September 2024

#### **Issue-3: Diluted Earnings per Share**

To calculate Diluted Earnings per share, 1, 69, 98, 144 Nos. of potential shares has been taken into consideration against Tk 24.96 crore, Tk 61.28 crore, Tk 33.00 crore and Tk 8.25 crore received during the year 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 respectively as equity from Government for implementing the project named "Installation of 3rd Submarine Cable for expansion of International Telecommunications System of Bangladesh" considering issue price of Tk 75 (Tk 65 as Premium per Share, Face Value Tk 10 per Share) based on the previous consent of the Finance Division of Ministry of Finance, Posts and Telecommunications Division and Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### Issue-4: Net operating cash flows per share (NOCFPS)

The decrease in Net operating cash flows per share is mainly due to less collection of revenue and dues from the customers comparing that of the previous same period and issuance of 2,21,33,333 new shares in favor of Government of Bangladesh (PTD) on 17 September 2024.

#### Issue-5: Net Asset Value per Share

Net Asset value per share has been increased mainly due to ordinary course of business activities even after issuance of 2,21,33,333 new shares in favor of Government of Bangladesh (PTD) on 17 September 2024.

N.B: The detail of the Un-audited Financial Statements will be available in the website of the company The address of the website is www.bsccl.com.bd

#### By order of the Board

09th November, 2024

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Shakirul Islam, chairperson of the Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan

year's Olympiad the drew 107,000 students 199 registered aut

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Prior to the event, th adviser laid the four stone for a s academic buildin inaugurated an eig ICT building at Viqa Noon School and Colle

### Reviving

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commission is essential to reshape the police force, said the adviser.

"After August 8, I talked to police personnel of different levels, and they made it clear that they no longer want to be part of a politicised system. They seek a professional, independent force that works for the public," said Shakhawat.

highlighted the He importance of political parties in the country showing commitment to such reforms.

He stressed that police reforms must be treated as a national priority and noted that restoring public trust in the police was vital for the country's social stability.

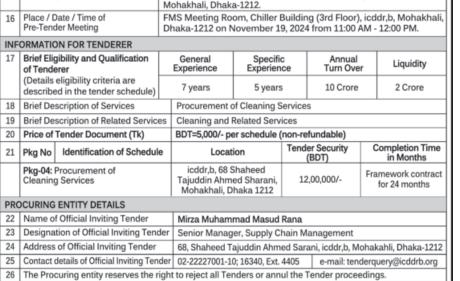
Prof Dr Md Rizwanul Islam and Dr Ishrat Zakia Sultana from North South University presented a roadmap for police reforms and proposed a comprehensive plan for the formation of a police commission at the event.

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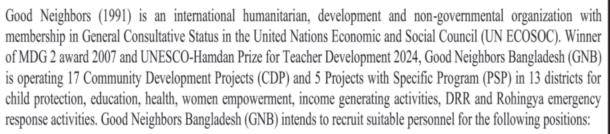
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# WALK-IN INTERVIEW



### Manager (CDP/Program)

Manager in CDP is the senior most position working between head office and the target community. For more details, please visit our homepage: http://gnbangla.org/jobs/



Walk-In Interview: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Saturday), Time: 10:00 am to 04:00 pm.

Interview Location: Good Neighbors Bangladesh, House 5, Road 2, Block A, Swadesh Shornaly Abashan, Purbachal Express Highway, Barua, Khilkhet, Dhaka 1229.

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Female candidates are particularly encouraged to attend interview.

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