

Liberation War is not

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Kannar Chokhe, Putrer Chokhe", organised by Oitijihya, a publishing house marking two decades of its journey.

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

During her speech, Sharmin said the Liberation War was a people's war. However, the history of the war of independence has been established on a single pillar – the "Bangabandhu pillar". In this process, the contributions of many people have been lost, especially the stories of the rural youth, adolescents, and Biranganas, she added.

She said, "Bangabandhu's image is on the 1-taka note, and also on the 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100-taka notes. This isn't about diminishing Bangabandhu, but it becomes the history of just one person."

Sharmin also highlighted various historical aspects of the Liberation War that took place in Bangabandhu's absence. She said during the war, Bangabandhu fostered a secret group within the Awami League that worked covertly with the Indian RSS and intelligence agencies, which harmed the Liberation War effort significantly.

This eventually led to the formation of the Mujib

Bahini, which attacked freedom fighters, she claimed.

She noted that these events are part of history, not intended to demean anyone. However, there is a fear that revealing these facts could disrupt the image that former prime minister Sheikh Hasina wishes to uphold.

"At that time, Bangabandhu, Tajuddin Ahmad, and others had planned to go underground on the night of March 25, taking shelter in Old Dhaka to declare independence and lead the war. However, that plan was foiled when Bangabandhu was arrested, which deeply shocked and surprised Tajuddin Ahmad. This incident marked the point where two distinct paths emerged in history."

Sharmin said Bangabandhu holds a significant place as a "symbol" that will always remain. Beyond that, however, his actions and legacy should be open to discussion and critique. It is important to create space for this.

Speaking at the event, Tanjim Ahmad Sohail, son of Tajuddin, said, "Maintaining the same principles in both personal and public life was a defining characteristic of Tajuddin. Today, there is a lack of such values among our politicians."

"We have compromised on essential qualities like morality, honesty,

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

Reflecting on the sacrifices of those who fought for Bangladesh's independence, Sohail 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."

Division

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our very existence as a nation will be endangered. I want to emphasise this point."

The BNP leader also said the interim government, which is currently responsible for running the state, has been endorsed by all quarters, including students and politicians.

"We entrusted them with this responsibility with the hope that they would clean up the mess created by the Awami League over the past 16 years and organise a credible election. Through that election, we can build the new Bangladesh that the youth aspire to," he said.

Fakhrul said they are repeatedly talking about the election because they believe no reform initiative can succeed without the active participation of the people. "Such participation is only possible through an elected parliament."

He also said if parliament can be made effective, it will be possible to ensure democratic culture and practices in the country. Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosambhati Andolon, also spoke.



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

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Social safety

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the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

"We hope to establish policies and strategies within the available time frame," she added.

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 does for male workers.

"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 six months, but I couldn't repay my creditors, and

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 chairperson Fawzia Karim Firoze, along with leaders from migrant organisations, also spoke.

Dengue death

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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. The DGH recorded 321,179 dengue cases and 3, 18,749 recoveries last year.

Female migration

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on Bangladeshi domestic workers but now has increased hiring options, including workers from the Philippines. An official at the Bangladesh Embassy in Riyadh, said that Saudi Arabia has expanded its recruitment network, now sourcing workers from about 20 to 25 countries, up from just a few in 2015.

A Gulf News report on April 18 said Saudi Arabia has increased its hiring options to 33 countries, with recent additions such as Ethiopia, Burundi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Gambia.

Shameem Ahmed Chowdhury Noman, former secretary general of the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, highlighted the need for modernising training facilities in Bangladesh to improve the skills of female migrant workers.

Shakirul Islam, chairperson of the Oribashi Karmi Unnayan Program, warned that without adequate skills, Bangladeshi female workers could face future

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.

He highlighted the 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.

Couple found

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and Monisha's body was hanging from a window grill," Aatur 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.

challenges in the Saudi market and may encounter exploitative situations.

IMPACT OF LOWER EMPLOYER COSTS
This recruitment decline coincided with a recent reduction in the costs Saudi employers pay for hiring Bangladeshi workers.

In January, the Saudi 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 ceilings were also reduced for other source countries like the Philippines, Sri Lanka, 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.

Wildlife

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This year's Olympiad drew 107,000 students nationwide, registered both online and offline. The district rounds took place across the country, with the forest department awarding prizes and certificates to district-level winners.

Prior to the event, the adviser laid the foundation stone for a six-story academic building and inaugurated an eight-story ICT building at Viqarunnisa Noon School and College.

Invitation for Tender for Hiring of Cleaning Services

1	Name Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
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)
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FUNDING 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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NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

- Receiving Tender Document	Supply Chain Management Office, Chiller Building (Ground Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
- Opening Tender Document	Supply Chain Management Office, Chiller Building (1st Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

16	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	FMS Meeting Room, Chiller Building (3rd Floor), icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212 on November 19, 2024 from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

17	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer (Details eligibility criteria are described in the tender schedule)	General Experience 7 years	Specific Experience 5 years	Annual Turn Over 10 Crore	Liquidity 2 Crore
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18	Brief Description of Services	Procurement of Cleaning Services
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19	Brief Description of Related Services	Cleaning and Related Services
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20	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	BDT=5,000/- per schedule (non-refundable)
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Pkg No	Identification of Schedule	Location	Tender Security (BDT)	Completion Time in Months
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Pkg-04: Procurement of Cleaning Services		icddr,b, 68 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sharani, Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212	12,00,000/-	Framework contract for 24 months
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Mirza Muhammad Masud Rana
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Senior Manager, Supply Chain Management
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	68, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	02-22227001-10; 16340, Ext. 4405 e-mail: tenderquery@icddr.org
26	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.	

icddr,b Senior Manager, Supply Chain Management icddr,b, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

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 Salmullah 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. - FAMILY MEMBERS.

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Price Sensitive Information

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Submarine Cables 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:

Particulars	[Amount in Taka]	
	1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024	1 July 2023 to 30 September 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 June 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.bsccpl.com.bd

By order of the Board

09th November, 2024

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WALK-IN INTERVIEW



Good Neighbors Bangladesh

Good Neighbors (1991) is an international humanitarian, development and non-governmental organization with membership in General Consultative Status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC). Winner of MDG 2 award 2007 and UNESCO-Hamdan Prize for Teacher Development 2024, Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) is operating 17 Community Development Projects (CDP) and 5 Projects with Specific Program (PSP) in 13 districts for child protection, education, health, women empowerment, income generating activities, DRR and Rohingya emergency response activities. Good Neighbors Bangladesh (GNB) intends to recruit suitable personnel for the following positions:

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: 16th 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.

Female candidates are particularly encouraged to attend interview.

Good Neighbors Bangladesh is concerned about the rights of the children and women, and maintains 'zero tolerance' policy on all types of sexual exploitation and abuse.

