

Leading instns withdrawing

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agricultural universities.

**GENERAL CLUSTER**

Jagannath University, which spearheaded the first cluster admission test, has formally withdrawn from the system and announced its 2024-25 undergraduate admission circular independently.

Prof Md Rezaul Karim described the cluster system as an initiative introduced with good intentions but marred by poor planning.

At Khulna University, Vice-Chancellor Prof Rezaul Karim said students and faculty alike have opted out of the system.

"KU now handles five batches simultaneously, instead of the usual four, causing a session jam and disrupting the academic calendar," he said.

While acknowledging the university's recent progress in academic excellence, he warned that the flawed admission process risks undoing these gains. "We are also considering holding our own admission tests," he added.

Meanwhile, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Comilla University, Barishal University, and Noakhali Science and Technology University have also decided to hold independent admission tests.

Prof Md Anwarul Azim

Akhand, Convener of the GST Integrated Admission Test Committee and VC of Maulana Bhashani Science and Technology University, expressed hope that the cluster exam could still proceed with the remaining universities.

He said no official discussions have taken place yet as the current academic year is still ongoing. A proper decision from the government is awaited.

**ENGINEERING CLUSTER**

The engineering cluster, consisting of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology, and Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology, is also dissolving.

KUET announced its independent admission circular on November 17, scheduling its test for January 11, 2025.

Following this, RUET called an emergency meeting to discuss its participation.

"With KUET's departure, the cluster effectively no longer exists," said RUET Vice-Chancellor Prof SM Razzak.

CUET has yet to finalise its stance, but said the departure of two major universities has left the future uncertain.

**AGRICULTURAL CLUSTER**

In the agricultural cluster,

admission processes for nine universities under the 2023-24 academic year are still ongoing, leaving decisions for 2024-25 pending.

Bangladesh Agricultural University has proposed holding its own tests, as recommended by its Dean Council. However, no official circular has been published yet.

Meanwhile, a group of students preparing for the 2024-25 admission tests submitted a memorandum to the education ministry, urging measures to preserve the cluster system.

They said without it, their application fees and travel expenses would rise substantially.

**UGC'S POSITION**

University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof SMA Faye said the UGC has no legal authority to prevent universities from conducting independent admission tests.

Prof Faye suggested that universities opting out should consider holding tests in divisional cities and keeping application fees low.

"We will monitor the decisions of other universities and coordinate the next steps. However, universities should prioritise students' convenience and consult all stakeholders before finalising their decisions," he added.

AL's election

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The Kazi Rakibuddin Ahmad-led commission presided over the one-sided January 2014 election, in which 153 out of 300 lawmakers were elected unopposed after the opposition, including the BNP, boycotted the vote. The Awami League-led alliance secured more than two-thirds of seats in all three general elections under the Hasina government.

During the discussion, participants unanimously called for a caretaker government, Badiul said.

"The Election Commission must be made independent and strengthened," he added. There was also widespread support for reinstating the "no" vote option and promoting internal democracy within political parties.

"If democracy is not established within political parties, it cannot be

expected to flourish at the national level," he added.

Proposals for direct presidential elections and direct elections to reserved seats for women in parliament were also raised by academics and citizens.

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University Prof Naseem Akhter Hussain suggested a bicameral legislature and an increase in reserved seats for women to 100.

Prof Al Masud Hasanuzzaman of the same university discussed various aspects of the proportional representation system, as well as issues such as proper constituency demarcation, transparent party funding, and the involvement of all stakeholders in ensuring fair elections.

Film star and Nirapad Sarak Chai Chairman Ilias Kanchan also proposed reintroducing the "no" vote system and urged a swift resolution of election-related cases

Two killed as bus hits motorcycle in Sirajganj

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna**

Two persons were killed as a bus hit their motorbike on the Dhaka-Pabna highway in the Boalia area in Ullapara upazila of Sirajganj yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Shariful Islam, 25, of Matikata village in the upazila, and Naimur Rahman, 22, of Ratankandi village in Shahjapur upazila.

Md Abdur Rouf, officer-in-charge of Hatikumrul Highway Police Station, said the Dhaka-bound bus hit the bike around 9:00am, leaving the two riders dead on the spot.

Police and fire fighters rushed the spot and recovered body of the victims.

The bus driver managed to flee from the scene. But police are trying to arrest him, the OC said.

Ex-chief justice Md Ruhul Amin no more

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Former chief justice Md Ruhul Amin died at the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka early yesterday. He was 83.

He breathed his last at 4:30am while undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Justice Ruhul Amin was the 15th chief justice of Bangladesh. He has left behind his wife and two daughters.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed suspended all judicial functions of both the Appellate and High Court Divisions yesterday in tribute to Justice Ruhul Amin, according to Supreme Court sources.

However, the administrative procedures of the SC ran as usual.

The cases enlisted in yesterday's cause list of the Appellate Division will be heard on December 1 and that of the High Court Division will be heard today.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed expressed deep shock at the death of Justice Ruhul Amin and prayed for salvation and eternal peace of his departed soul and conveyed sympathy to his bereaved family members.

Justice Ruhul Amin's namaz-e-janaza will be held at Supreme Court's Inner Garden after Zohr prayers tomorrow, he added.



Govt to recruit 18,150

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for these candidates and 99 others who were dropped from the gazette.

The 44th BCS saw the PSC begin viva voce for 11,732 candidates, of which 3,930 had been completed before the government's fall on 5 August. The new PSC has decided to conduct fresh oral exams for all successful candidates.

For the 45th BCS, 12,789 candidates passed the preliminary exams held in January, but the evaluation of written exam answer sheets is still pending. The newly-formed PSC has opted to re-evaluate all answer sheets by a third examiner for fairness.

The preliminary results of the 46th BCS were published on 9 May, with 10,638 candidates qualifying for the written exam, although the exam date remains undecided. The new PSC has decided to republish the results, adding another 10,638 candidates.

No circular has been issued for the 47th BCS yet. Mokhles-ur-Rahman also revealed plans to

promote officials to deputy secretary and joint secretary positions. Additionally, Grade-1 promotions will be awarded to additional secretaries who had previously been overlooked and are nearing retirement. However, those facing disciplinary or criminal cases will not be considered for promotion.

There are currently 20 lakh posts in government jobs, with 5.5 lakh positions remaining vacant.

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(KMC), and special care newborn units (SCANU). Less than five percent of newborns have access to KMC.

Mannan said that there are only 62 hospitals with SCANU facilities in the country. In 2024, a total of 1,22,061 newborns were admitted to these units.

Currently, Bangladesh has 468 health centres offering KMC services. Nearly 20,000 babies received KMC this year, he added.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
**NOVEMBER 25**

| Fazr        | Zohr  | Asr  | Maghrib | Esha |
|-------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| AZAN 5:10   | 12:45 | 3:45 | 5:19    | 7:00 |
| JAMAAT 5:45 | 1:15  | 4:00 | 5:22    | 7:30 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

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| 1. Invitation Reference, Tender ID No and Date   | Pro. (Log) 391/2024 (A,B,C,D), Date: 21/11/2024 Tender ID: 73/24  |
| 2. Procuring Entity Name                         | Secretary General, BDRCS  |
| 3. Name of Requisition Department                | DR Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217.   |
| 4. Procurement for                               | (MRRO) under BDRCS, Cox's Bazar.  |
| 5. Invitation for                                | <b>Group-A:</b> Supplying of Plastic Pallets, <b>Group-B:</b> Supplying of Stationary Items, <b>Group-C:</b> Supplying of Electrical Items, <b>Group-D:</b> Supplying of Laptops  |
| 6. Procurement Method                            | Open Tendering Method (OTM)   |
| 7. Project Name                                  | Mayanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO)  |
| 8. Budget and Source of Funds                    | UNHCR   |
| 9. Purchase of Tender document                   | Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: <a href="http://www.bdrcc.org">www.bdrcc.org</a> . Tender Schedule Download Link: <a href="https://bdrcc.org/tender/">https://bdrcc.org/tender/</a><br><b>Important Details:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Interested bidders are requested to collect the tender documents within the stipulated timeframe from the mentioned link/BDRCS website.</li><li>A Tender Schedule purchase fee of <b>Group-A:</b> BDT. 1000.00 and <b>Group-B:</b> BDT. 500.00 and <b>Group-C:</b> BDT. 500.00, <b>Group-D:</b> BDT. 1000.00 is applicable. This fee is non-refundable.</li><li>The purchase fee should be paid through Bkash number 01894806393 (BDRCS Merchant Account).</li><li>Please mention the Bkash transaction reference number on top of the tender schedule.</li></ul> Failure to include the Bkash transaction reference number may result in the disqualification of your bid. |
| 10. Tender Schedule available                    | From 24-11-2024 to 03-12-2024   |
| 11. Tender Submission Date and Time              | 03-12-2024 3:00 pm  |
| 12. Tender Opening Date and Time                 | 03-12-2024 3:15 pm  |
| 13. Address of Tender Submission & Opening       | Logistics Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217.  |
| 14. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting        | <b>11:00 AM on 27 November 2024</b> in the Logistics Department Meeting Room, NHQ, BDRCS, Dhaka   |
| 15. Eligibility of Tenderer                      | Experienced Supplier/Importer/Manufacturing Company/Construction Firm   |
| 16. Brief Description of works/ Related Services | <b>Group-A:</b> Supplying of 500 Pcs Plastic Pallets, <b>Group-B:</b> Supplying of Stationary Items, <b>Group-C:</b> Supplying of Electrical Items, <b>Group-D:</b> Supplying of Laptops for 39 pcs   |
| 17. Tender Security Amount                       | 2.5 % of the Total quoted amount  |
| 18. Completion Time in days                      | 12 Calendar days  |

**The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender or split the order without assigning any reason whatsoever and will not be bound to accept the lowest bid.**

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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH**  
Project Implementation Unit (PIU)  
Establishment of 40 TTC & 01 IMT Project (2nd Revised)  
Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment  
Bureau of Manpower Employment & Training  
**89/2 Kakrail, Dhaka-1000.**

Memo No.: 49.01.0000.337.07.011.22-142 Date: 24 /11/ 2024.

**e-Tender Notice**

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP portal for the procurement of the following goods:

| SL No. | Tender ID | Description of Goods & Related Services   | Tender Publishing, Tender Opening Date & Time           |
|--------|-----------|---|---|
| 01.    | 1036654   | Procurement of RAC Trade training equipment and related services for 15 Technical Training Center. (Invitation Ref. No. 49.01.0000.337.07.014.22-RAC-Lot-01).               | 25 November 2024, 09.00 am & 24 December 2024, 12.00 pm |
| 02.    | 1036660   | Procurement of RAC Trade training equipment and related services for 14 Technical Training Center. (Invitation Ref. No. 49.01.0000.337.07.014.22-RAC-Lot-02).               | 25 November 2024, 09.00 am & 24 December 2024, 12.10 pm |
| 03.    | 1036692   | Procurement of Auto Driving Trade training equipment and related services for 22 Technical Training Center (Invitation Ref. No. 49.01.0000.337.07.015.22-Auto.D Lot-02).    | 25 November 2024, 09.00 am & 24 December 2024, 12.20 pm |
| 04.    | 1036693   | Procurement of Auto Mechanics Trade training equipment and related services for 08 Technical Training Center. (Invitation Ref. No. 49.01.0000.337.07.011.22-Auto.M-Lot-02). | 25 November 2024, 09.00 am & 24 December 2024, 12.30 pm |
| 05.    | 1036695   | Procurement of Auto Mechanics Trade training equipment and related services for 08 Technical Training Center. (Invitation Ref. No. 49.01.0000.337.07.011.22-Auto.M-Lot-03). | 25 November 2024, 09.00 am & 24 December 2024, 12.40 pm |

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in National e-GP portal <https://www.eprocure.gov.bd> and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal is required.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and e-GP help desk (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd/Helpdesk.jsp>).

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Judiciary Reform

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Proposals can be sent to the commission's e-mail ([bangladeshjrc@gmail.com](mailto:bangladeshjrc@gmail.com)) or to the commission's address (Judicial Administration Training Institute, 15 College Road, Dhaka 1000), according to the press release.

for the relevant stakeholders and provide their feedback by December 7. In addition, the commission has requested that if anyone has specific proposals regarding judicial reforms, they should send those within the specified time.

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Upon hearing arguments from both sides, the judge turned down the bail pleas and ordered to send them to jail.

The judge also issued arrest warrants against nine others, including Biman's former managing director and CEO Kevin John Steele, and its former flight captain (operation) Ishrat Ahmed, as they were shown fugitives in the charge sheet of the case.

Earlier on May 20 this year, Md Anwarul Haque, deputy director of Anti-Corruption Commission and also the investigating officer of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court.

The IO dropped the names of 14 others from the charge sheet as

their involvement in the corruption was not proved.

ACC had filed the case on February 6 last year, accusing 23 people for causing financial loss to the national flag carrier by colluding, and misusing their power, and embezzling money by leasing and then re-delivering two Boeing 777-200 ER aircraft from Egypt Air under a five-year contract.

The aircraft, both around 12-15 years old, suffered engine failures at the end of the first year and eventually became inoperable, causing Biman a loss of total Tk 1,161 crore.

The findings came up in investigation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism. Later ACC launched an investigation in this connection.

One killed

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Police later detained another person, Sejul Mia, 37, from Longurpar village in connection with the attempted robbery, and recovered local weapons from the possession of the detainees, the OC also said.

Filing of a case in this connection was underway, he added.

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said that they were informed of a fire incident by the factory authorities.

"The fire was doused before the fire fighters started for the factory. One unit of the fire service was sent to the scene. Details could be known after primary investigation," he added.

**প্রাইম ব্যাংক ফাউন্ডেশন**  
হেড অফিস: প্রাইম টাওয়ার (৯ম তলা), বাড়ী নং-৮ ও ৩৫  
বিমানবন্দর সড়ক, নিকট-২, ঢাকা-১২২৯

**জমি ক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, প্রাইম ব্যাংক ফাউন্ডেশনের নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রাইম কলেজ অব নার্সিং, ঢাকা নির্মাণের লক্ষে ঢাকা জেলার উত্তরা, দিয়াবাড়ী, খিলক্ষেত, এয়ারপোর্ট, ৩০০ ফিট রাস্তা হতে ১০-১৫ কিলোমিটারের মধ্যে চলাচলের জন্য ন্যূনতম ২০ ফিট রাস্তার পার্শ্বে কমপক্ষে ১০০ শতক নিরুদ্ভক ভরাট করা জমি ক্রয়ের লক্ষে সরাসরি জমির মালিক হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আগ্রহী মালিকগণকে দরপত্রের সাথে জমির আরএস খতিয়ান, এসএ খতিয়ান, বিএস খতিয়ান নম্বর ও দাগ নম্বর, নামজারী রেকর্ডপত্র, হালনাগাদ খাজনা প্রদানের রশিদ, জমির দলিল, জমির বায়া দলিলসহ সব্যুক্ত করতঃ প্রধান নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা, প্রাইম ব্যাংক ফাউন্ডেশন বরাবরে আগামী ১৫/১২/২০২৪ ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বক্সে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় অবশ্যই প্রতি শতক জমির মূল্য উল্লেখসহ সর্বমোট মূল্য দাখিল করতে হবে। টেলিফোন নং +৮৮০৯৬১০৯০২৩৯৩

**BANGLADESH BANK**  
Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka  
Human Resources Department-1

**Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Forensic Audit Firm (International) on Nagad, Digital Financial Service of Bangladesh Post Office.**

Circular No.: 53/2024 Date: 21/11/2024

**1. Background and Introduction**

Bangladesh Bank (BB) is the apex financial regulatory body and national monetary authority of Bangladesh. BB is entrusted with formulating monetary & credit policies, financial sector supervision and regulating payment systems of the country. BB (here represented by Payment Systems Department of BB) intends to hire an experienced international audit firm in order to conduct a comprehensive forensic audit upon Nagad, a digital financial service of Bangladesh Post Office.

**2. The functionalities and responsibilities of the audit firm will include, but not limited to, the followings:**

- Assess IT Systems, analyse the integrity and security of mobile financial transactions, e-Money life cycle;
- Review and check the legitimacy and authenticity of transactions;
- Evaluate the risk management practices in place, compliance with applicable regulations and standards, and the effectiveness of fraud detection mechanisms.
- Review and analyse the E-Money Transaction Process;
- Review the e-KYC processes;
- To review the effectiveness of internal controls, management processes, regulatory compliances and the ownership structure;
- Conduct investigative/juristic audit and to review financial transactions etc.;
- Details of the functionalities and responsibilities of the audit firm have been mentioned in the TOR.

**3. Eligibility Criteria:**

The interested firms should have the following eligibilities:

- CA Firm with a minimum of 10 years of general experience and exposure in financial auditing, financial investigating, IT auditing etc. in large public/private organizations/ financial institutions;
- Having skills and experience in fraud investigation techniques and the legal framework;
- Having detailed orientation to detect irregularities and discrepancies within dense documents;
- Having experience and demonstrated capability to review IT and operational issues;
- Annual turnover of at least BDT 10.00 (Ten) million;
- Experience in forensic auditing will be an added advantage.

4. The audit firm may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a Joint Venture or Sub-consultancy. BB now invites eligible international firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. A firm will be selected following QCBS method as set out in the Public Procurement Act (PPA)-2006 & Public Procurement Regulation (PPR)-2008. Eligible firms must provide information to substantiate that they are qualified to perform the services. Expression of Interest shall have to be submitted to the address of the undersigned on or before 12 December 2024 via mail or e-mail i.e. [gm.hrd@bb.org.bd](mailto:gm.hrd@bb.org.bd). Interested firms may obtain "TOR" from the website of BB (<https://www.bb.org.bd/aboutus/tenders/tenders.php>) or the address below, during working days, from 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM.

5. The firm will work under direct supervision and in close contact with Payment Systems Department of BB. The Forensic Audit Firm will be hired for three months which may be extended at the purchaser's requirement. BB authority solely preserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs at any stage of selection process without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected candidate(s).

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