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Recent police

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country. It has not been widely accepted. Therefore, following a proposal from the police, we considered the matter.”
“We thought of how a traditional uniform could be provided. The earlier shirt [navy blue] has been retained for metropolitan police and nationwide use. However, khaki trousers will be introduced,” he added.

On the issue of forced retirements, the home minister said decisions were taken after scrutiny by an internal committee. These steps were implemented in line with regulations to ensure that no injustice is done, he added.

His comments came a day after 16 deputy inspectors general and an additional DIG were sent into forced retirement.

Salahuddin said the administration had inherited a “fragile and chaotic state”, but insisted the government was moving in the right direction to restore public order.

Speaking about criminals released on bail after August 5, 2024, the home minister said obtaining bail is a matter for the courts, but the police remain vigilant.

He also said a joint operation against drugs, illegal arms and extortion was launched on May 1.

My child

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me,” Shafiqul said, breaking down in the tribunal.

He was testifying in a case involving 17 individuals, including several former top officials and army officers, over enforced disappearance linked to a Task Force for Interrogation (TFI) cell allegedly operated under the Rapid Action Battalion.

According to Shafiqul, who also serves as joint secretary of Hefazat-e-Islam's Dhaka metropolitan (Paltan) unit, he was picked up from Mohammadpur on the night of January 13, 2022, while returning to Purbachal after Esha prayers.

Shafiqul said he could hear the screams of other detainees and later communicated with two of them – Mehedi Hasan Dollar from Mymensingh and Soheli Rana from Sherpur.

He will continue his deposition today.

Justice finally in sight?

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has consistently rejected.
“My husband was innocent. He was always against drugs – the yaba trade. He used to organise anti-yaba protests and rallies,” Ayesha said.

Chief Prosecutor Aminul Islam recently said the Akramul killing case is among several major cases nearing formal charges before the tribunal.

“One of the notable cases is that of councillor Akram in Cox's Bazar... We are close to finalising the report and will submit it soon,” he told The Daily Star on April 23.

An official familiar with the findings said the investigation has identified the involvement of 10 people, including former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, former Rab chief Benazir Ahmed, and former lawmaker Abdur Rahman Bodi.

The probe also found the involvement of two former Rab officers now in custody and facing trial in a crimes against humanity case, along with four other serving and retired members of the forces, the source said.

On July 20 last year, the International Crimes Tribunal-1 sent former Awami League lawmaker Bodi to jail after showing him arrested in connection with the killing.

Prosecution sources said an earlier investigation report had named the same 10 individuals, but then chief prosecutor Tajul Islam declined to press charges, arguing the case did not meet the legal threshold for trial at the tribunal.

After assuming office in February, Aminul Islam ordered further scrutiny and directed investigators to submit a fresh report, according to an official familiar with the process.

Another official said Akramul was killed in a “crossfire” to suppress dissent, terming it a crime against humanity.

He said during the tenure of Sheikh Hasina, individuals who spoke out – even from within her own party – were killed, and Akramul's case followed a similar pattern.

“Bodi considered Akramul a rival, as he spoke out against him and against drug-related activities at various forums and public gatherings. For this, he was killed,” the official added.

Akramul, a three-time councillor and former Teknaf Jubo League president, was killed in a “gunfight”

Ensure safer

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credible and inclusive journalism,” said Dr Vize.

“We must move beyond commitments to concrete, systemic changes that embed gender equality within media institutions and governance frameworks,” she added.

Ahmed Swapan Mahmud, executive director of VOICE, stressed that accountability must be practised to ensure that women journalists can contribute to the democratic discourse without facing systemic barriers.

At a panel discussion titled “Advancing Gender Equality and Safety in Media”, speakers highlighted the need for institutional reforms.

Hasibur Rahman, executive director of MRDI, said, “Media houses must adopt rigorous standards that ensure women can report without fear of retaliation or discrimination.”

Miraj Chowdhury, executive director of Digitally Right Limited, said, “Gender policy in media should be shaped and owned by media professionals and embedded within workplace HR practice. A single approach doesn't work for everyone.”

Samina Yasmin, director of Bonhishikha, said, “We need to create a truly safe and supportive environment for women to excel in this profession.”

btj-Star Stellar

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relatively under-recognised. In its previous editions, the platform has recognised 24 women across multiple categories.

The third edition will feature six categories – Entrepreneur, Sports, Art & Culture, Architect (Residential & Commercial), Corporate, and Bank & Financial Institution. The categories may evolve over time to reflect emerging sectors and contributions.

The application and nomination window will open next month, inviting candidates from across the country. The initiative aims to create an inclusive recognition platform by focusing on promising women whose work shows strong potential for future impact.

Unlike conventional award platforms, the initiative prioritises individuals who have yet to receive widespread recognition but are actively contributing to society.

Through this initiative, The Daily Star and btj seek to not only celebrate the achievements of women throughout the year but also build a network of changemakers who can inspire and influence future generations.

Pro-AL lawyers

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The CDBA executive committee election for 2026 is scheduled for May 21 at the Bar Association auditorium.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court Bar Association last week cancelled nomination papers of 42 lawyers out of 90 candidates for its upcoming election, citing their alleged affiliations with the AL. Earlier, pro-AL lawyers could not participate in the Dhaka Bar Association election for the 2026-2027 term, held on April 29 and 30.

A similar situation prevailed in the Barishal and Manikganj Bar association elections, held on April 3 and February 26 respectively, where pro-AL lawyers could not join the polls.

While pro-AL lawyers participated in the Cumilla Bar Association election, held on April 2, they could not campaign and faced threats from several quarters, said Advocate Golam Faruk, a pro-AL lawyer in Cumilla.

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ইজারা দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাংলাদেশ বেসামরিক বিমান চলাচল কর্তৃপক্ষের আওতাধীন সর্ধাল কলোনী আবাসিক এলাকা, কুমিল্লা, ঢাকা-১২২৯ এর উল্লিখিত ইজারাখলসমূহ বেবিকের বিদ্যমান ইজারা নীতিমালা-২০১৯ এর আলোকে আর্থিক সন (জুলাই-জুন) বিবেচনায় ইজারাখল হস্তান্তরের তারিখ হতে প্রতি বছর নবায়নের শর্তে প্রাথমিকভাবে ০৩ (তিন) বছরের জন্য ইজারা প্রদান করা হবে, যা পরবর্তীতে বিধি মোতাবেক নবায়নযোগ্য। ইজারা গ্রহণে ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তি/ব্যক্তি মালিকানাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠান/সংস্থার নিকট হতে নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তে ইজারা দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্র সিডিউল নির্ধারিত নমুনা মুদ্রা (অফেরতযোগ্য) তফসিল মোতাবেক দরপত্র দাখিলের পূর্বদিন পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে সম্পত্তি ব্যবস্থাপনা বিভাগ, সদর দপ্তর অর্থ বিভাগ, হাঙ্গামা বি'র রাজস্ব বিভাগ, পিএ টু সদস্য (পরিঃ ও পরিঃ) ও পিএ টু প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর হতে ক্রেতা করা যাবে।
নিম্নবর্ণিত তফসীল অনুযায়ী সকাল ৯.০০ টা হতে বেলা ১২.০০ টা পর্যন্ত পরিচালক (সম্পত্তি ব্যবস্থাপনা), প্রশাসন বিভাগ, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা (5th Floor), সদর দপ্তর, সিএএবি এর দপ্তরে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্কে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং একই দিনে বেলা ১২.৩০ টায় দরপত্র দাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র বাস্কে খোলা হবে।
ক্র: নং ইজারাখলের বিবরণ কর্তৃপক্ষের কাংখিত ইজারানমুনা (বার্ষিক) সিডিউল মুদ্রা (অফেরতযোগ্য) ১ম বার দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ১ম বার কাংখিত দর পাওয়ার না গেলে ২য় বার দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ২য় বার কাংখিত দর পাওয়ার না গেলে ৩য় বার দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ
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১। দরপত্র দাতাকে আর্নেস্টম্যান হিসেবে বাংলাদেশের যে কোন তফসীলি ব্যাংক হতে বার্ষিক উদ্ধৃত দরের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) হারে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/সে-অর্ডার নির্ধারিত পরিচালক, হযরত শাহজালাল আন্তর্জাতিক বিমান বন্দর, ঢাকা'র অনুকূলে ইজারা দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
২। প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রের সর্বোচ্চ দর গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং ১ম বারে প্রাপ্ত দর কর্তৃপক্ষের কাংখিত দরের চেয়ে কম হবে ২য় বার উল্লিখিত তারিখে দরপত্র অনুষ্ঠিত হবে; অনুপস্থিতভাবে ২য় বার কাংখিত দর পাওয়া না গেলে ৩য় বার উল্লিখিত তারিখে দরপত্র অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।
৩। নিজ/প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্টোয়ার হেড প্যাকে ইজারা দরপত্র ক্রেতার জন্য আবেদন করতে হবে।
৪। ইজারা গ্রহণে ইচ্ছুক ব্যক্তি/ব্যক্তি মালিকানাধীন প্রতিষ্ঠান এক বা একাধিক ইজারাখলের জন্য দরপত্র গ্রহণ করতে পারবেন।
৫। প্রতিটি ইজারাখলের জন্য আলাদা আলাদা সিডিউল ক্রেতা ও দাখিল করতে হবে।
৬। সীল মোহরকৃত খামের উপর ক্রেতার নাম সম্পৃষ্টভাবে লিখে ইজারা দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।
৭। ইতোপূর্বে 'বেবিক' কর্তৃপক্ষের ইজারা গ্রহণকারী ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান দরপত্র দাখিলের ক্ষেত্রে হযরত শাহজালাল আন্তর্জাতিক বিমানবন্দরের হিসাব ও রাজস্ব শাখা হতে কোন বকেয়া নেই মর্মে প্রত্যয়ন দাখিল করতে হবে; অন্যথায় দরপত্র স্বয়ংক্রিয়ভাবে বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
৮। ইজারা প্রদানের ক্ষেত্রে দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত শর্তাবলী এবং ইজারা নীতিমালা-২০১৯ এর শর্তাবলী প্রযোজ্য হবে।
৯। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই ইজারা দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা আংশিক বাতিল বা সম্পূর্ণ ইজারা দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
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Strengthening Domestic Revenue Mobilization Project (SDRMP)
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File No-08.01.0000.000.107.04.0003.26.108 Date: 04 May, 2026
Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)
For
Individual Consultant Service as Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist
Strengthening Domestic Revenue Mobilization Project (SDRMP) part of Strengthening Institutions for Transparency and Accountability (SITA).
Assignment Title: Providing Individual Consultant Service as Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist for Strengthening Domestic Revenue Mobilization Project (SDRMP).
Reference Number: SDRM/PIU/S-4
1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has received financing from the World Bank for implementing Strengthening Domestic Revenue Mobilization Project (SDRMP), a part of Strengthening Institutions for Transparency and Accountability (SITA). The National Board of Revenue (NBR) will implement the project. It intends to apply a part of the proceeds of this credit for the services of an individual Consultant as Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist.
2. The broad scope of consulting services ("the Services") includes but not limited to carrying out following in the project.
• Develop an overall framework for the project M&E and Management Information System (MIS) aligned with project objectives and outcomes.
• Prepare an M&E and MIS plan with particular focus on results as well as providing a framework for identifying, analyzing, documenting, and disseminating lessons learned. In specific it should include:
(i) Calendar of M&E and MIS activities and timetable.
(ii) Monitoring and evaluation responsibilities of different components and personnel.
(iii) Mechanisms for physical and process monitoring of project activities.
(iv) Collection of baseline data and ensure that all data have been collected in a timely manner.
(v) Implementation arrangement including collection methods, who collects and analyzes data and cost of collection, terms of reference for specific data collection activities and monitoring work plans (including progress reports on coverage or "reach" across beneficiary groups) to achieve the Project Development Objectives (PDO) level indicators and intermediate indicators target.
(vi) Support PIU in preparing the implementation Completion Report (ICR). Also support the PIUs to prepare a report regarding Mid Term Review aligned with IMED and World Bank criteria.
(vii) Conduct Review as necessary for the project within the set timelines identified by World Bank.
(viii) Prepare Monthly Progress Reports, Quarterly Results Framework Reports, Mid-Term Review Report, Final Completion Report, M&E Framework, MIS Design, etc.
(ix) Capacity building needs to implement the M&E and MIS plan; and
(x) Process to identify, analyze, document, and disseminate lessons learned.
• Organize training in M&E for project staff and primary stakeholders with a view to developing local M&E capacity. The training will specifically focus on the fundamentals of M&E within the overall project M&E plan and promote a results-based approach to M&E, emphasizing result and impacts.
• Develop qualitative and quantitative reports, Gantt Charts or others to monitor the project's progress.
• Performing any other responsibilities described in the Terms of Reference (TOR).
3. The expected date for commencement of the services is 15 June 2026 and the tentative duration of the entire assignment is about 24 (Twenty-four) man-months. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and other information will be available upon request from the address provided below either through email or in person. The TOR can be found at www.nbr.gov.bd.
4. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) under Internal Resources Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh now invites eligible individuals to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested individual should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.
The selection criteria are:
(a) Education
• Masters in Statistics, Economics, Environment, other Social Science/MBA/ Engineering or relevant subjects. Must have experience in M&E work and MIS; higher studies in project management or MIS will be given preference.
(b) Experience
The suitable candidate should have at least 10 (ten) years of experience with:
• The logical framework approach and other strategic planning approaches.
• At least 5 years in M&E methods and approaches (including qualitative and participatory).
• Planning, design, and implementation of M&E system.
• Training in M&E and MIS development and implementation and/or facilitation learning-oriented analysis sessions of M&E data with multiple stakeholders.
• Systematic analysis of data & information, report writing, establishment of MIS.
• At least 3 years in experience in multilateral development agency fund projects will be additional qualification.
(c) Other Criteria:
• The candidate must have the ability to frequently visit the project areas.
• Strong communication skills in presenting, discussing, and resolving difficult issues. Ability to work efficiently and effectively in a multidisciplinary team.
• Fluency in both written and spoken English and Bangla.
• Excellent computer skills including MS Office.
5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (February 2025, Sixth Edition) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. A Consultant will be selected following the Individual Consultant Selection through open competitive national market approach, as agreed in the approved Procurement Plan/STEP set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (February 2025, Sixth Edition). Shortlisting will be done based on qualifications and experience relevant to the assignment. Shortlisting/evaluation will be based on disclosed criteria and detailed scoring approved by the Evaluation Committee.
7. Interested consultants are invited to submit their Expressions of Interest along with updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) demonstrating their qualifications and experience relevant to the assignment. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (09:00 AM to 05:00 PM Bangladesh Standard Time).
8. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs in accordance with applicable procurement rules/regulations.
9. Consultants shall not be under suspension or debarment by the World Bank. Interested individuals should submit a signed declaration on conflict of interest, eligibility, debarment/suspension, and accuracy of CV.
10. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in written form (in person, by mail, or by email) to the address below by 01:00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time), 25th May, 2026.
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