Childhood behind bars

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It recommended placing children with close relatives under foster care or alternative family-based arrangements after a specified age or period, provided such arrangements served their best interests.

Where placement with relatives was impossible or unsafe, the children could be accommodated in government children's homes or other appropriate residential facilities, the report said.

Following a public interest litigation filed by Supreme Court lawyer Quamrun Nahar Mahmud Deepa, the HC on June 15 sought a report on the number of children living in prisons with their mothers.

It also issued a rule asking the authorities to explain why they should not be directed to ensure the children's safety, welfare, education, development and fundamental rights.

Advocate Quamrun Nahar Mahmud Deepa, who recently received a copy of the report, told The Daily Star yesterday that she would place it before the HC for necessary directives after the court reopens following its annual vacation.

Both the Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court, which went on vacation on September 16, will reopen on October 25.

Govt hands over unused machinery

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handed over the machinery to the university's vice-chancellor.

The move comes after the much-anticipated Sonali Bag -- a biodegradable alternative to plastic, made from jute cellulose -- failed to become commercially viable.

According to a BJMC statement sent to The Daily Star, the Tk 100 crore project was scrapped on April 29, 2025, following a technical committee's recommendation.

The 11-member committee found that producing five tonnes of Sonali bags required 40 tonnes of chemicals, raising environmental concerns. Each bag would need to sell for Tk 25-40 to cover production costs, making it commercially unviable, the statement said.

Talking to The Daily Star, Shariful Alam said the government is working with the environment ministry and other institutions to develop environmentally friendly alternatives to polythene bags.

Although the project had made technological progress, production costs could not be reduced to commercially acceptable levels, he said.

The state minister said the machinery will support research into jute cellulose, eco-friendly products and new technologies. Private researchers will also be able to access the facilities, while the ministry may use them for research and training.

Shariful Alam said reusable jute bags could offer long-term savings despite their higher initial cost.

Dr Mubarak Ahmed Khan, who invented the Sonali Bag in 2016, said the project stalled because the government did not provide the necessary funding. He subsequently left the project, he said.

Questioning the production-cost estimate, Khan said a feasibility study put the cost at Tk 500 per kilogramme, but he did not know how the figure had been calculated.

He argued that costs would fall as production increased and said he had presented his own calculations to officials.

Several local and foreign companies have since expressed interest in the technology, he said.

"Different private companies, both local and foreign, want to take it forward. If that happens, Bangladesh may one day import Sonali bags. I came from the US to brand this bag, but it did not happen," he said.

The Sonali Bag factory was established at Latif Bawany Jute Mills in Demra in 2019 with Tk 10 crore from the Bangladesh Climate Trust Fund. Despite international recognition as a potential alternative to plastic, the bags have yet to reach commercial production.

I recognised

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The family searched floor after floor but could not find Ismail.

A doctor later showed Taslima photographs on his mobile phone, and she recognised her son. He then took her to the morgue.

"There were 300 to 400 bodies. They were lying one on top of another," she told the tribunal.

Taslima found Ismail among the bodies, with a bullet wound to his head.

She said hospital authorities told the family they had to wait for the officer-in-charge of their local police station before taking the body home. They received it the following day.

She also testified that hospital authorities obtained her signature on a statement saying she would not file a case over the killing.

The family performed Ismail's last rites at Chhata Mosque before burying him at Azimpur graveyard.

"I want justice for the killing of my son," she told the tribunal.

HC clears way for NBR

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of this judgment and order be communicated to the respondents forthwith."

"As per the above provision of Section 121A(4)(b) of the Income Tax Ordinance, 1984, the petitioner (Grameen Kalyan) has admittedly not paid tax when it filed returns of the assessment years impugned in the writ petitions under Section 75(2)(d)(iii), so it was legally bound to pay tax as per Section 74 of the Ordinance having no scope to walk away treating payment of tax by Grameen Telecom at source as its own payment," the HC judges said in the verdict.

Contacted, Deputy Attorney General Abdus Samad Azad, who argued for the state, said the Deputy Commissioner of Taxes, Taxes Zone-14, the second respondent, would issue a notice to Grameen Kalyan under Section 214 or 221 of the Income Tax Act, 2023, seeking payment of Tk 666 crore in income tax for the 2012-13 to 2016-17 tax years upon receiving the judgment, which is expected within the next day or two.

If Grameen Kalyan does not pay the outstanding tax dues, the NBR can take necessary actions, including confiscating its bank accounts and other properties under Section 221 of the law, he added.

Meanwhile, Grameen Kalyan's lawyer, Barrister Khaja Tanvir Ahmed, said his client would appeal against the HC verdict to the Supreme Court.

Dengue cases cross 1 lakh

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Its "100 to 100" initiative aims to eliminate breeding sites in the identified hotspots within 100 days.

He also urged residents to remove breeding sources from their homes and dispose of waste properly.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka South City Corporation official said mosquito control, cleanliness and awareness programmes had been intensified.

The measures include applying larvicide, fogging, removing stagnant water and eliminating breeding sites.

The DSCC is also conducting weekly surveillance in 2,250 households across 75 wards, deploying 975 mosquito-control workers and 75 supervisors, the official added.

পাওয়ার গ্রিড বাংলাদেশ পিএলসি
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1341598	27.21.0000.735. 07.029.26. 395; Date : 23/09/2026	Repair & Maintenance of Power Grid Bangladesh PLC High School Building under HVDC Circle, Joynagar, Ishwardi
1346205	27.21.0000.735. 07.029.26.399; Date : 29/08/2026	Boundary wall painting with main gate at BIPTC under HVDC Circle, Ishurdi.
1347545	27.21.0000.735. 07.029.26.400; Date : 29/08/2026	Supply of enclosure air conditioners (panel coolers) for Converter Transformer Marshalling Kiosks at BIPTC under HVDC Circle, Ishurdi.
1348661	27.21.0000.735. 07.029.26; Date : 01/10/2026	Purchase of Electronics equipment, Auxiliary Relay and accessories (100kVA UPS) at BIPTC under HVDC Circle.

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02	1349671	BOU/PPD/ 10(4)/61/21	Printing Binding & Supplying BOU Wall calendar-2027, BOU Table calendar-2027 & Wall calendar Box for BOU.	Tk. 500.00	13 - Oct - 2026; 12:00	27 - Oct - 2026; 12:00

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Ref. No. 46.207.014.24.06.042.2026 Date: 11/10/2026

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1	egp/dscc/z-06/26-27/p-04	Improvement work with drain from Thulthuliya central jame masjid road to Thulthuliya graveyard road green house lane bylane under ward no. 70 of zone-06	1350205	26-Oct-2026 10:00	26-Oct-2026 10:30

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Memo No. 58.03.0000.008.07.001.26. 13863 Date: - 07/10/2026.

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e-Tender is invited in the National e-Gp system Portal (http:/www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of goods as mentioned in the following table:

SL. No.	Tender ID No.	Description	e-Tender Publishing Date & Time	Last Selling Date & Time of e-Tender Document	Closing & Opening Date & Time of e-Tender Document
01.	1334322	Shoe Brush Black & Shoe Polish Black	13.10.2026 at 12.00 pm	26.10.2026 at 16.00 pm	27.10.2026 at 12.00 pm
02.	1334323	Barrett Cap Batch (Metal), Rescue Badge & Others Leverage Item			
03.	1338275	Rechargeable Torch Light			
04.	1348479	Panjabi & Other Leverage Item			

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Note:
(1) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any cause.
(2) Tender notice will also be published in FSCD website www.fireservice.gov.bd

07.10.2026

Md. Shahid Atahar Hossain
Director (Admin & Finance)

GD-2480

BANGLADESH BANK
Bankers' Selection Committee Secretariat
Head Office, Dhaka.
Website: www.bb.org.bd

Invitation for Enlistment (for Limited Tendering Method)

1.	Procuring Entity	Bankers' Selection Committee Secretariat (BSCS)
2.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
3.	Invitation for	Enlistment for conducting recruitment examiantions under BSCS.
4.	Invitation Reference No & date	BSCS/Enlist/2026-336; date: 11/10/2026
PARTICULAR INFORMATION & PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
5.	Enlistment Costing (Tk)	Tk. 5,000.00 (Taka Five Thousand) only in the form of PO/BD for new Applicant. (Non-refundable) & Tk. 2,000.00 (Taka Two Thousand) only in the form of PO/BD for existing listed institutions/organization (Non-refundable).
6.	Brief Description of Works	To conduct recruitment examinations and prepare results for all category of posts of State Owned Commercial and Specialized Banks through competitive examinations. List of the category of posts are mentioned in the application Form.
7.	Application Closing Date and Time	02/11/2026, Time: 2.00 PM.
8.	Application Form Availability	https://www.bb.org.bd/en/index.php/about/tenders
9.	Name & Address of the Office(s) (Receiving Application Form)	The application shall be duly submitted to Bankers' Selection Committee Secretariat (BSCS), (16th floor, 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.
10.	Name, Designation, Address & Contact details of Official Inviting Application	**Mr. Mizanur Rahman Akon** Director (BSCS) & Member-Secretary (BSC) Bankers' Selection Committee Secretariat (BSCS) Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka. Phone: +88-02-9530226 E-mail: gm.bscs@bb.org.bd
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
11.	Eligibility of Applicant	This invitation for enlistment is open to all government-approved Universities and recruitment service providers (Private Limited Companies) of Bangladesh who have no failure in carrying out any assignment during the last 05 (five) years and who satisfy the following terms and conditions: **1. For Public/Private University:** i) Experience of successfully conducting a recruitment/admission examination (i.e. MCQ/Written Examination) and preparation of results for at least 10,000 (ten thousand) candidates in a single arrangement within the last 05 (five) years. In case of a Private University, documents of approval from UGC regarding establishment/operation of the University is needed in addition to the experience related documents. ii) Valid TIN Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate. **2. For Private Limited Company:** i) Minimum 05 (five) years' general experience as a recruitment service provider in the public sector/autonomous body/Bank or Financial institutions as a sole service provider. ii) Experience of successfully conducting a recruitment examination comprising one-hour MCQ and at least two-hour written examination and preparation of results for at least 10,000 (ten thousand) candidates in a single arrangement, under a single or multiple contracts/work orders, with a total value of at least BDT 20,00,000.00 (Taka twenty lakh) for Government, Quasi-Government, Autonomous Institutions, Banks or Financial Institutions within the last 05 (five) years. The Tenderer shall furnish work completion certificate(s) from the Procuring Entity in support of the requirement. iii) Annual turnover of at least BDT 2,00,00,000.00 (Taka two crore) within the last 03 (three) financial years supported by audited financial statements. iv) The firm must be a Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) registered Private Limited Company, having a valid Trade License, TIN Certificate, Updated Tax Return Certificate and VAT Registration Certificate and requisite approval/authorization, where applicable, for providing recruitment and HR-related services (MoA). ***Further details are available in the application form.***
12.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any/all Applications.	

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