

# GM crop cultivation to continue: Matia

**STAR REPORT**  
The government will continue plans allowing Genetically Modified (GM) crop cultivation, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury told a discussion yesterday on rice production in Asia and food security in Bangladesh.  
"But we must take care that none is affected. But we will do whatever is needed. Once we heard criticisms for allowing hybrids here to increase food production. Today the next step is GMO (genetically modified organism)," she said.  
Earlier conservative, Europe even expressed intent recently to go for GMO, she told the programme organised by Bangladesh Agricultural Journalists and Activists Federation (BAJAF) in AKM Giasuddin Milky Auditorium at Khamarbari.  
"They can wait because they have an abundance of land. We do not have land but have a huge population. What else will we have if people die for the absence of food for the stance on pure foods," said Matia.  
"We do not suffer from the aristocratic conservatism that we will not accept, assimilate new technology by breaking our taboo to increase production," she added.  
She said GMO would become acceptable through avoidance of those that affect humans. "What is Golden rice," she said, adding that GM crops already in circulation include soybean, canola oil and cotton.  
Matia said people were voicing reluctance despite

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The private university chapter of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) burning an effigy of the killer of Afsana Ferdaus, a student of SAIC Institute of Management and Technology, in the front of the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday, protesting the murder. PHOTO: COLLECTED

# Prof Nazma Rahman dies

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Prof Nazma Rahman, former relief and social welfare secretary of Awami League, educationist and cultural activist; died of brain ailment at Banner Heart Hospital in Mesa, Arizona in the United States yesterday morning. She was 66.  
She left behind two daughters and a brother.  
She was supposed to be buried in a graveyard in Arizona after namaj-e-janaza at local Islamic foundation, her elder daughter Tania Rahman Luna told BSS.  
Prof Nazma was residing with her elder daughter in Arizona for last two years and was taking medication for different ailments. But her condition deteriorated on August 16 and she was rushed to hospital. She was put on life support since then and breathed her last yesterday.

## Obituary

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha**  
Freedom fighter Abdul Quddus of Telian village in Shaghata upazila, died due to old-age complications yesterday morning. He was 65.  
He left behind his wife, three sons and three daughters. He was buried at a family graveyard with state honour following his namaz-e-janaza.

## NEWS IN brief

### President Abdul Hamid pays tribute to Aug 21 victims

**BSS, Dhaka**  
President Abdul Hamid paid rich tribute to the memory of those killed in a barbaric grenade attack on an Awami League (AL) rally in city on August 21 in 2004.  
"I express my deep respect to the memory of those killed in the August 21 grenade attack and convey heartfelt sympathies to the injured," he said in a message yesterday. Twenty-four AL leaders and activists including Ivy Rahman were killed in the attack.  
The president said the attack was aimed at assassinating party chief Sheikh Hasina and other top leaders.

### AL-led 14-party alliance to stage demonstrations in 4 districts

**UNB, Dhaka**  
The Awami League-led 14-party alliance will stage demonstrations in Manikganj, Gaibandha, Joypurhat and Naogaon, aiming to raise awareness among people against militancy and terrorism.  
Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim came up with the announcement yesterday while talking to reporters after a meeting of the alliance at the Awami League president's political office in Dhanmondi.  
The demonstrations will be staged in Manikganj on September 1, Gaibandha on September 23, Joypurhat on September 24 and Naogaon on September 25, he added.

# In-laws give widow a choice: leave or suffer

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon**

A 23-year-old widow, Parul Akhter, who lost her husband in last January and was mercilessly assaulted allegedly by in-laws on Wednesday, is still groaning with pain at Sadar Hospital in Thakurgaon.  
She is the wife of late Kamrul Hasan of Bhaularhat Podompur village in the district's Sadar upazila.  
Talking to this correspondent, the victim claimed that her husband willed four decimals of his lands to her before he died and that she had been living there since then.  
After Kamrul's death, other members of his house including his mother Nur Jahan Begum and brothers Rokibul Islam and Jahangir Alam started torturing Parul, asking her to leave the house, alleged the victim, adding, "But I refused to leave the place and stayed there."  
As part of their regular torture, Nur Jahan accompanied by her two sons beat her up with sticks on Wednesday, leaving her critically injured, she further alleged.  
On information, the victim's father Lutfar Rahman along with other relatives rushed her to the hospital.  
Dr Abdul Jabbar, the hospital's medical officer, said Parul received serious injuries in

the head and eyes and on different parts.  
As Kamrul married Parul in 2002 without consent of his family, they did not accept it and used to torture her every so often, according to Lutfar.  
They promised not to torture her in several local arbitrations but did not maintain it, he claimed, alleging, "After Kamrul's death, they intensified their torture to drive Parul and her two kids out of the house and grab the land."  
Alleging that the "assaulters" are influential and trying to influence him not to lodge any case, he demanded exemplary punishment for them.  
Contacted, Suchorita Dev, general secretary of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad's Thakurgaon chapter, said Parul was beaten inhumanely, demanding punishment for the perpetrators.  
She assured the victim's family of extending necessary support to them.  
Moshiur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Thakurgaon Sadar police, said police met Parul and asked the family to file a complaint with police.  
Jahangir hung up every time The Daily Star tried to contact him over phone, while his brother Rokibul's phone was found switched off.



# Higher education

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what sorts of university we want." He hoped the UGC will organise similar type of discussions in future.  
Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice-chancellor of DU, who gave the welcome address, said, "If we pull resources together and unite then it is only a matter of time we will be able to stop the terrorists who are threatening our ways of life," he said, adding that a concerted effort must be taken by the academic world to keep the world free from terrorism, extremism, violence and bigotry.  
Prof Mannan said the country had six universities when it achieved independence with only 30,000 students studying tertiary level but now there are 38 public and 94 private universities with more than three million tertiary level students.  
Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, former UGC chairman, Prof Iftekhar Uddin Chowdhury, VC of Chittagong University, and Dalem Chandra Barman, VC of ASA University Bangladesh, also spoke.

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### Power bill dues Tk 166cr

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SCC owes around Tk 5 crore, said Enamul Habib, CEO of SCC. "Bills are paid collecting taxes, when the collection delays, so does our bill payments."  
Joynal Abedin, DC of Sylhet, said their dues are around Tk 3 crore, which they will clear after getting allotment from the ministry. Ratan Kumar said the due bills of the residential and private institutions are around Tk 136 crore.  
According to the document, shopping malls and local industries are listed with huge amount of dues.  
Moloy Bhushon Dutta, manager of the Blue Water Shopping City, said their pending bill is around Tk 25 lakh. "The dues are from 2013. The political situation at that time forced us to halt our regular business..."  
"We could not snap the connections considering social, political and economical reasons," said Ratan Kumar, adding, "We are trying our level best to continue that."

### Journalists add voice to

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BFUJ, Dhaka Union of Journalists and Dhaka Reporters Unity were present.  
Such human chains were also formed simultaneously by the media people in Chittagong, Manikganj, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Faridpur, Mymensingh, Chandpur, Bogra and Munshiganj.

### BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT)

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Sl. No.	Procuring organization	BGMEA UNIVERSITY OF FASHION & TECHNOLOGY (BUFT)
01	Procuring organization	BGMEA UNIVERSITY OF FASHION & TECHNOLOGY (BUFT)
02	Brief description of Work, Goods and related services	Sealed Tenders in open tendering method are invited from the bonafide supplier/firms for Supply, Installation & commissioning of 6 Nos. LIFT for BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology, at Vaturia, Turag, Dhaka.
03	Procuring method	Open Tender method (OTM)
04	Source of fund	Own fund of BUFT
05	Tender Document last selling date & time	Date 07-09-2016 Time 04:00 pm
06	Last date & Time for submission of Tender	Date 08-09-2016 Time 12:00 pm
07	Date & Time of Tender opening	Date 08-09-2016 Time 12:30 pm
08	Name and address of office	Address
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11	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 3,000.00 (Non refundable)
12	Amount of Tender Security	Tk. 10 (ten) lakh in favour of Chairman, Board of Trustee, BUFT
13	Time for Completion of works	5 (Five) months.
14	Special instruction	The tender is to be submitted as per the instruction in the tender document
15	Contract details of officials inviting tender	S.R. Tower, 4th floor, 105, Uttara Model Town, Sector # 7, Uttara, Dhaka - 123 Phone: 02-58950986, 02-89550535
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