

Tahmina Rahman wins MBE honour in UK
 For services to freedom of expression
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rights activist Tahmina Rahman has been honoured as a member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for her services to freedom of expression and the right to information in Bangladesh, according to a press release.

Tahmina, regional director of article 19, Bangladesh and South Asia, has been put under the order's Diplomatic Service and Overseas List, said the release on Monday.

It said she conducted human rights projects for about a decade now, speaking out as a staunch advocate for the promotion of freedom of expression, protection of journalists and social media communicators.

Tahmina has advocated for media reforms and has represented civil society organisations as a member in various national committees of the government, the release added.

She leads Article 19's flagship annual country reports on freedom of expression in Bangladesh.

After the attacks on bloggers in Bangladesh in 2015-2016, Tahmina was active in providing support to communicators under threat, it said, adding her work included the creation of an Article 19 '2-point Charter of Rights for the protection of online expression in Bangladesh.



Eminent social scientist Prof Anupam Sen speaks at a programme organised on the occasion of 106th birth anniversary of poet Begum Sufiya Kamal. Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organised the programme on Tuesday at Abdul Karim Sahitya Bisharad auditorium of Dhaka, Mahila.
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Sufia Kamal a voice against communalism
 Speakers tell programme marking poet's 106th birth anniversary
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Poet Begum Sufia Kamal was one of those who stood against communalism, said speakers at a programme on Tuesday.

A torchbearer of justice and equality, Sufia, who is regarded as Janani Shabashika (the courageous mother), had worked all her life for women emancipation and pioneered democratic, social and cultural movements, they said.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad (BMP) organised the programme, which included a memorial speech and award ceremony, at Bangla Academy on the occasion of the poet's 106th birth anniversary.

Sufia Kamal was the founder president of BMP.

Awards were given to Aroti Rani Biswas, a fisherwoman of Rajbari; Motaher Nasrin, agricultural entrepreneur; under-16 national women football team; and Shabana Akhtar who resided her own child marriage in Rangpur.

Anupam Sen, social scientist and vice chancellor of Premier University, gave the memorial speech at the programme presided over by Fouzia Mostem, vice-president of BMP.

Director General of Bangladesh Academy Prof Shamsuzzaman Khan, among others, was present.

NEWS IN brief

Sweden, Oman get new envoys
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has decided to appoint Md Nazmul Islam as the next Bangladesh ambassador to Sweden.

Nazmul will replace Md Golam Sarwar, who has been made the ambassador to Oman, according to two foreign ministry press releases yesterday.

Nazmul, a career diplomat of 15th BCS, is currently serving as the director general (administration) in foreign affairs ministry. He served as the consular general in Jeddah and counselor in Beijing, and in Bangladesh missions in Jakarta and London in different capacities.

Sarwar, a career diplomat of 10th BCS, served as the consular general in Jeddah, and minister in Washington DC. He also served in Bangladesh missions in Kathmandu, Kuala Lumpur and Yangon in different capacities.

Allegations run rife that Biman lacks accountability: Menon
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There are widespread allegations that Biman Bangladesh Airlines lacks transparency and accountability, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rasheed Khan Menon told parliament yesterday.

Menon, also president of Workers Party of Bangladesh, said steps were taken to improve condition of the national flag carrier, which was turned into a public limited company during the caretaker government tenure in 2007-08.

He said a committee has been formed by the respective ministry that will give suggestions to bring change to the national airliner.

Talking about the country's tourism sector, the minister said it is now at the take-off stage.

He said, "We've set a target for bringing 10 lakh foreign tourists to the country in the current calendar year of 2018."

Moudud indicted in 2007 graft case
COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against former BNP law minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed in a corruption case filed during the regime of military-backed caretaker government.

Judge KM Imrul Kayes of the Special Judge Court-6 of Dhaka also fixed July 26 for recording statements from witnesses of the case filed by the Anti Corruption Commission.

At the same time, the court rejected an application filed by Moudud Ahmed, who was recently evicted from his Gulshan residence following a Supreme Court order, expressing no-confidence in Judge Imrul Kayes.

Contacted, Barrister Moudud told 'The Daily Star' that the judge [Imrul Kayes] has framed charges against him in his absence and without asking him whether he is guilty or not.

On September 16, 2007, the ACC filed the case against Moudud with Gulshan Police Station on charge of amassing wealth beyond his known sources of income and withholding information about his assets.



SC's hearing on Indian claims Oct 22
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court has fixed October 22 for hearing an appeal filed challenging a High Court verdict that cleared the way for running telecast of three Indian channels - Star Jalsha, Star Plus and Zee Bangla in Bangladesh.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC Justice Hasan Foez Siddique set the date after holding a brief hearing on the appeal on Tuesday.

Obituary
CITY DESK

Kamrun Nessa, assistant headteacher of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Government Girls' High School, died at United Hospital in the capital early yesterday. She was 54, said a press release.

Wife of Prof Didarul Alam, former director of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, she left behind her husband and a daughter, among others, was present.



Road crashes kill 12
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In Mirsarai, one Rafatul Mandol was killed as a bush hit him while he was going to his workplace early yesterday, reports UNB.

In another accident, two people were killed in a head-on collision between two motorcycles at Baryarhat in Mirsarai yesterday, reports UNB.

The dead are Md Sadat, 25, and Musharraf Hossain Rony, 24.

In Nilphamari Sadar, a motorcyclist and his pillion rider died instantly as a bus hit their vehicle on Nilphamari-Saidpur road at Phulatala early yesterday, reports UNB.

One of the deceased was identified as Aminur Rahman, 42.

In Manikganj, a pickup van driver, Jahangir Hossain, was killed and three other people were injured as the vehicle turned turtle on Dhaka-Aricha highway at Tepra in Siblaya upazila yesterday morning, reports UNB.

In Mouljan area of the upazila, five people were injured in a head-on collision between two trucks on the highway yesterday.

Meanwhile, two people were injured as a goods-laden truck overturned on the highway in Gola area of the upazila, said Habibur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Gola Highway Police.

Request for Interest

THE WORLD BANK
Vendor Services for the Kitchen

The World Bank Office in Dhaka is inviting eligible vendors to submit their interest for providing services to the kitchen. The vendor will be required to prepare food at the kitchen of the World Bank Office in Dhaka. As per agreed menu with the vendor, services will include breakfast, snacks, lunch, and large catering for meetings or general sales during business hours as well as events held during non-business hours.

All essential Kitchen Equipment should be supplied & maintained by the Vendor

The kitchen office is equipped with the following:

- Electrical Utilities (220v, DESA supply)
- Water (WASA Supply)
- Kitchen Shelves and store room
- A serviceable office cafeteria equipped with tables and chairs that holds up to 60 people.
- Other areas for large gathering for catering services such as meeting rooms, communications, lobby etc.
- Communication services (phone).

The vendor is required to submit the following:

1. A letter of participation with signature and date
2. Current and valid business license
3. A brief company profile
4. Menu options with pricing (mandatory).

The menu should include a variety of local and international cuisine including healthy/light options as well as standard Bangladeshi meals.

Following this Request for Interest, firms will be shortlisted and a 'food tasting' session will be arranged in July 2017. Following this, a final selection will be made for the vendor to be providing services on September 1, 2017. Interested firms should only obtain outline of proposed task and submit their proposal in hard copy by **July 9, 2017** to:

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On this day 28 years ago we lost you



MUNAWAR MUJIB

A sunbeam lent to us too briefly
In fond remembrance
The bereaved family and friends

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e-Tender Notice

CE/Tender Notice-No-22/16-17/E- 686 **Date:- 21.6.2017**

e-Tender is invited and published in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for following procurement.

TenderID	Tender Name	Tender Document Last selling/Download Last date and Time	Closing & Opening Date & Time
109176	Construction of Towing Tank, Pre-Engineering Steel Building and its Ancillary Structures.	24-Jul-2017 16:00	25-Jul-2017 15:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks Branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Title Extension Notice

Integrated project like "Digitalization and Automation of Sub-station Metering System (DASMS) on Turnkey Basis" focusing on Energy point meter automation has been initiated for the first time in Bangladesh in terms of equipment (Server, RTU/DCU), Integration (IEC 61850/RS485) and Application (Load flow analysis, Meter data acquisition & analysis of energy point). Due to requirements of the Bidders and ensure more competitive Bidders competition in the Tender, the tender notices for "Digitalization and Automation of Sub-station Metering System (DASMS) on Turnkey Basis" vide memo no- DPDC/SE/SCADA/2017/891; Date-14/02/2017, is hereby extended. The extended time of last selling Date and Closing & Opening Time of the tender as follows:

Tender last Selling Date, Closing opening Date and Time	Date & Time as Published				As amended			
	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time	Last Selling Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date	Closing Time	Opening Time
	20/06/17	21/06/17	12:00 noon	3:00 PM	19/07/17	20/07/17	12:00 noon	3:00 PM

Other terms and condition will remain same.

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"শেখ হাসিনার উদ্যোগে ঘরে ঘরে বিদ্যুৎ"
DATE: 20.06.2017

STAR WEEKEND
 in other news...

In this week's issue of the **Star Weekend**, a resident of **Rangamati** relates personal stories of loss and life following devastating landslides, and we investigate how hill-cutters are making a routine mockery of a 2012 Supreme Court directive with no repercussions. Read, too, about how to be VAT-smart in the online age and how to survive moving houses in Dhaka. Don't forget to grab your copy!

BURIED ALIVE
 Landslides in Rangamati is a wake-up call for the country