

# Prof Dr Fakrul Alam pro-VC of EWU

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Prof Dr Fakrul Alam joined as pro-vice chancellor of East West University on Sunday for the next four years, says a press release. Before joining EWU, Dr Alam was a professor of English at the University of Dhaka. Prof Alam is a renowned researcher and translator of the country. The Essential Tagore (Harvard University Press and Viswa Bharati; 2011), which he co-edited with Radha Chakravarty, is one of the top publications. Dr Alam received SAARC Literary Award in 2012 and Bangla Academy Award in 2013. He is also the translator of "The Unfinished Memoirs" by Bangabandhu and "Bishad Sindhu" (Ocean of Sorrow) by Mir Mosharraf Hussain.



Police intercept Gonojagoron Mancha activists at the capital's Gulshan 2 yesterday when they marched towards the Myanmar mission in Dhaka to besiege it, protesting atrocities on Rohingyas in Myanmar.

PHOTO: STAR

# No fishing in troubled waters

Security stepped up in Ctg Buddhist monasteries amid military offensive against Rohingyas in Myanmar

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

Police have tightened security at all the Buddhist monasteries in Chittagong city and the district to avert any untoward incident in the face of ongoing violence against Rohingyas in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Police officials said the decision had been taken following an order from the higher authorities as the crackdown against Rohingyas by the Myanmar security forces continued.

In the last two weeks, nearly 3,00,000 Rohingyas have sought refuge in Bangladesh fleeing military offensive in Rakhine State, pushing the number of Rohingyas living in this country to over 6,00,000.

Cashing in on the situation, the police officials said, vested quarters might try to destroy the country's communal harmony by creating anarchy, prompting them to intensify security measures at the monasteries.

According to the sources in Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP), there are 25 Buddhist monasteries in the city.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mokhlesur Rahman of CMP's Special Branch (SB) said around 200 additional police forces, both in uniform and plainclothes, have been deployed at the monasteries in the port city to avert any kind of untoward situation.

Patrolling and surveillance in the surrounding areas of the monasteries have been enhanced so that the community members feel secure, he said.

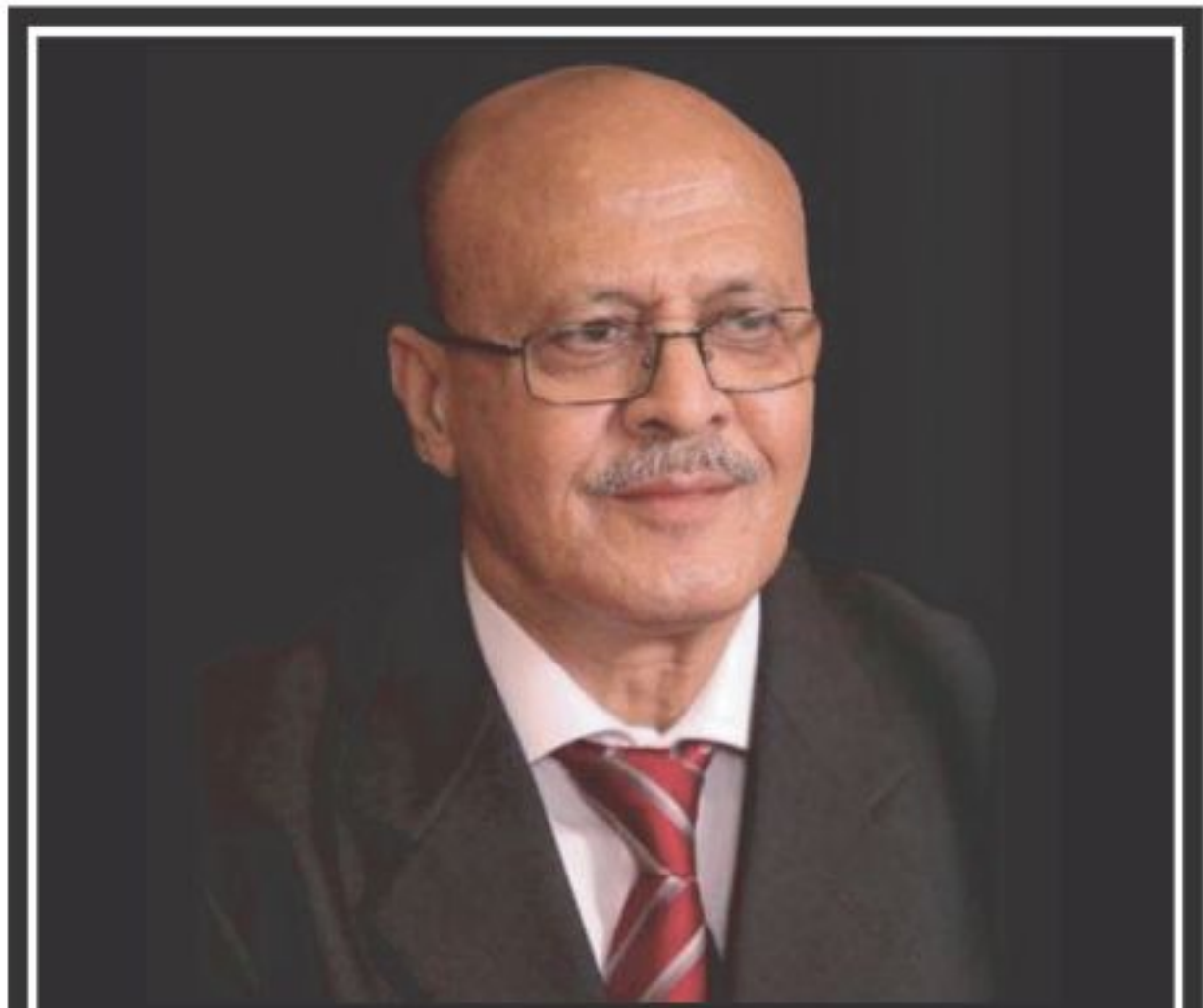
DC (North) Abdul Warish of CMP told The Daily Star, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4

# BGMEA office relocation order extended till Oct 5

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday extended till October 5 its earlier order that gave six months' time to Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) to relocate its office from its building in Hatirjheel area in Dhaka. Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division of the SC Justice Hassan Foez Siddique passed the order in response to a petition filed by BGMEA on August 23 seeking one year time for relocating its office from the multi-storey building. The apex court chamber judge also fixed October 5 for hearing the time petition before its full bench, Barrister Imtiaz Moinul Islam, a lawyer for BGMEA, told The Daily Star.

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## In Memory of

We mourn to announce the sad demise of our honorable **Freedom Fighter** **Ahij Akram Khan,**

Director of IHL and Australian International School, Dhaka on 6th September 2017 at Bamrungrad International Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand.

Our heart goes out to his family & friends and all those who are close to him. May Almighty Allah give strength to the family & all of us to bear with the tragic and enormous loss.



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## MBBS 2ND TIME TEST MARKS DEDUCTION

# HC decides admission seekers' fate today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court is due to deliver an order today on a writ petition challenging the legality of a government decision to deduct five marks from total marks of examinees taking the MBBS admission test for the second time.

The bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Md Jahangir Hossain set the date yesterday. It will pass the order after hearing arguments from the state today.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam will argue in favour of the decision taken by the government, Deputy Attorney General Shashanka Shekhar Sarkar told The Daily Star.

Yesterday, writ petitioner Advocate Eunus Ali Akond placed his arguments saying that the government's decision to deduct five marks is discriminatory and contradictory to the national education policy.

On August 28, he submitted the petition to the HC, saying that the government, reportedly on August 20, has decided to deduct five marks from total marks of the

second time MBBS admission seekers -- a move that is discriminatory, illegal and contradictory to the national education policy.

The decision has violated the constitutional provision of equality and equal opportunity of the candidates, Advocate Eunus said in the petition.

As per the constitution, no one is to be subjected to discrimination, but the deduction of the five marks would be discriminatory against the second time admission seekers, he said.

In the petition, he urged the HC to make the health secretary, director general of the directorate of health services, its director (public health), chairman of Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council and vice chancellor of Dhaka University respondents to the rule.

Advocate Eunus also prayed for a stay on the HC decision and issuing of a rule asking the respondents to explain as to why the decision should not be declared illegal.

## Cabinet nods signing nuke prohibition treaty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved a proposal for signing the "Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons", a legally-binding instrument of the United Nations for nuclear disarmament.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will sign the treaty on behalf of Bangladesh during the 72nd UN General Assembly to be held later this month in New York, Cabinet Secretary Shafiul Alam said while briefing reporters at the Secretariat following the cabinet meeting at the PMO.

The United Nations adopted the treaty in July this year with 122 votes, including that of Bangladesh, in favour and one against. One vote was

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## Rajuk staffer illegally amassed Tk 73 lakh

Says ACC case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday filed a case against a class III employee of Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripkha (Rajuk) and his wife for amassing Tk 73 lakh worth of wealth beyond their known source of income.

ACC deputy assistant director Silvia Ferdous filed the case with Ramna Model Police Station against Hasmat Ali, work superintendent of Rajuk's Purbachal project, and his wife Mahmuda Aktar. According to the first information report (FIR), Hasmat had mentioned his wife Mahmuda as a businessperson in the wealth statement to legalise his illegal wealth.

ACC in its investigation, however, found that Mahmuda was a housewife and there was no existence of any business institution written on the wealth statement.

On December 12, 2016, ACC issued a notice asking Mahmuda to submit her wealth statement since the commission had initially found inconsistency in her earnings and amassed wealth. In her wealth statement submitted on January 3, 2017, Mahmuda mentioned that the amount of her non-movable wealth was Tk 2,20,03,000 and moveable wealth Tk 6,30,000. She showed Tk 45.37 lakh as liability.

During investigation, ACC found that she had amassed Tk 73,23,160 beyond known source of income.

**MEDICINE WORTH TK 1.34CR STOLEN**  
ACC yesterday arrested Abdur Rahim, a store keeper of Palashbari Upazila Health Complex in Gaibandha, in a case filed for misappropriating medicine worth Tk 1.34 crore.

He was arrested on Hospital Road in Gaibandha. The case was filed with Gaibandha Police Station on August 27.



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