

## Farhad Mazhar, wife get HC bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted anticipatory bail to writer, poet Farhad Mazhar and his wife Farida Akter for eight weeks in a case filed against them for "giving a false statement" to police and court.

The HC also directed them to surrender before the trial court eight weeks later.

The HC bench of Justice Obaidul Hassan and Justice Krishna Debnath passed the order after hearing a petition filed by Farhad and his wife.

Lawyer M Asaduzzaman stood on behalf of the petitioners.

On December 28 last year, Mahbulul Haque, inspector of the Detective Branch of police, lodged the case with Adabar Police Station.

The DB official also investigated an abduction case filed by Farhad's wife after he went missing on July 3 last year.

Mahbulul submitted a probe report before a Dhaka court on November 14, saying that Farhad had "staged the abduction".



The existence of Gabhiar Khal in Sylhet city is threatened due to encroachment, waste dumping and poor maintenance. As a result, the neighbouring areas experience frequent waterlogging. On one hand, locals dump garbage into the canal choking its flow, while on the other hand the authorities barely take any measure to keep the waterbody alive. The photo was taken on Sunday. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

# NEWS IN brief

## Amar Desh acting editor gets bail in defamation case filed in Comilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

A Comilla court granted bail to Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman yesterday afternoon in a defamation case.

Advocate Ziaul Hasan Chowdhury Sohag, former vice president of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Comilla town unit, filed the case on December 12, 2017 seeking approximately Tk 1,000 crore in damages for "making derogatory comments" on Bangabandhu and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

According to the case statement, Mahmudur, while speaking at a seminar at the Jatiya Press Club on December 1, 2017, insulted and lied about Bangabandhu's family and termed Bangladesh a "colony of India".

Mahmudur also presented false information about the recent murder and abduction incidents and thereby created a bad image of Bangladesh before the world, it added.

## 8 Rohingya detained in Barisal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Detective Branch (DB) of Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP) yesterday detained eight Rohingyas from a residential hotel at Khatpotty area in sadar upazila.

The detainees include a man, a woman and six children, said Md. Shawkhat Hossain, Assistant Commissioner, DB of BMP.

Awlad Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of Barisal Model Police Station said the detained Rohingyas will be sent to the Cox's Bazar refugee camp immediately.

"We are trying to investigate how and why they came to Barisal from Cox's Bazaar Rohingya Camp", he added.

Police refused to disclose the identities of the detainees.

## AKM Shahjahan Sarkar passes away

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AKM Shahjahan Sarkar, owner of Select Prokashan and chief executive officer of Royalstar Bangladesh, passed away at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on Friday. He was 47.

He left behind his wife and two daughters to mourn his death.

Shahjahan, also a social worker, hailed from Saloyakathi village in Kapasia upazila in Gazipur, died following a brain stroke, according to a press release.

His wife Rumana Akhter, senior staff nurse at DMCH, has requested all to pray for his departed soul.



## Ninth wage board for journo

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President Matiur Rahman, Vice President AK Azad, Treasurer Motiur Rahman Chowdhury, members Mahfuz Anam and Tasmima Hossain and convener of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad MG Kibria Chowdhury.

Representatives from journalists are Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Manjurul Ahsan Bulbul and Secretary General Omar Faruk.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Newspaper Workers' Federation President M Motiur Rahman Talukder, Secretary General M Khairul Islam, Bangladesh Federal Union of Newspaper Press Workers President Mohammad Alamgir Hossain Khan and Secretary General Mohammad Kamal Uddin are representing from the employees and workers.

Information ministry Joint Secretary M Mizan-Ul-Alam will perform as the secretary of the ninth wage board.

The board was asked to submit its full proposal to the authorities concerned for enhancing the salaries, allowances and fringe benefits in the next six months.

It was also asked to consider the issues of cost of living, capacity of newspapers, comparative structures of salaries for services in government and private organisations while recommending the proposed enhancement.

But for the interim period until the formulation of the proposal, the board was entrusted with recommending dearness allowances (DA).

The circular said the board was asked to formulate a set of recommendations for the workers in the electronic media reviewing legal perspectives.

## JU committee suggests suspending

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and environment department yesterday boycotted classes and examinations demanding exemplary punishment for the two students.

Contacted, Prof Shahedur Rashid, acting chairman of the department, said they

would call a departmental meeting today and withdraw their programme as there is a "visible progress" in punishing the students.

Asked, the two female teachers said they have nothing to say about the decision of the department.

## HC asks govt why not shut them

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around 80 primary and high schools and madrasas have been illegally running in Mymensingh district without approval from the government, he said.

Some dishonest people are doing so for commercial purposes in violation of the law, Advocate Faridul said, adding that the petitioners expressed apprehension that such institutions are running in all districts across the country.

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**National Heart Foundation, Rajshahi**  
Laxmipur (Bakimmore), GPO-6000, Rajshahi.

**Invitation for Tenders (IFT) No : 01/2017-18**  
**GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
2	Agency	National Heart Foundation, Rajshahi.
3	Procuring Entity Name	Dr. Md. Shahadat Hossain Rawson General Secretary, National Heart Foundation, Rajshahi.
4	Procuring Entity District	Rajshahi
5	Invitation for	Lot-A. Supply & installation of 01 Unit Color Doppler Echocardiogram. Lot-B. Supply of 01 Unit ETT Machine. Lot-C. Supply of 01 Unit Defibrillator Machine.
6	Invitation Ref. No. & Date	NHFR/Purchase - 42/2018/12 Date : 29.01.2018
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (NCT)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
8	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
9	Tender Publication Date	30.01.2018
10	Tender Last Selling Date	19.02.2018 at 2:00 PM
11	Tender Closing Date and Time	20.02.2018 Up to 1:00 PM
12	Tender Opening Date and Time	20.02.2018 At 02:00 PM
13	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address
- Selling Tender Document (Principal) Office of the National Heart Foundation, Rajshahi Loxmipur (Bakimpor) Phone: 0247-812557, Mob: 01712615123, Time: 10.00am-2.00pm (Only for Working days)		
- Selling Tender Document (Other) Office of the National Heart Foundation, Darus Salam Road, Mirpur, Dhaka.		
- Receiving Tender Document Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi.		
- Opening Tender Document Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi.		
14	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Place Date Time Office of the National Heart Foundation, Laxmipur, Rajshahi. 07.02.2018 11:00 AM
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER:</b>		
15	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	As per Tender data sheet
16	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	For Lot A-Tk. 4,000.00 (Four thousand) Non-refundable For Lot B-Tk. 2,000.00 (Two thousand) Non-refundable For Lot C-Tk. 500.00 (Five hundred) Non-refundable
17	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	For Lot A-Tk. 1.50 Lac, Lot B-0.50 Lac, Lot C-0.12 Lac
18	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	

(Dr. Md. Shahadat Hossain Rawson)  
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**PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

This is for information to all concerned that the Board of Directors of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited in its meeting held on January 28, 2018 between 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Bangladesh Time 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE has approved the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2017. The key financial positions of the consolidated financial statements and other major decisions of the meeting were as follows:

- Consolidated financial position of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2017:

Particulars	For the year ended 31 December 2017	For the year ended 31 December 2016
Sales	BDT 7,067.87 million	BDT 5,661.41 million
Gross profit	BDT 2,816.65 million	BDT 2,409.35 million
Income from other sources	BDT 12.39 million	BDT 3.11 million
Provision for Taxation	BDT 346.19 million	BDT 302.79 million
Net profit after Taxation	BDT 1,018.01 million	BDT 915.25 million
Earnings per Share (EPS)	BDT 2.88	BDT 2.59 (Restated)
Net Operating Cash Flow per Share (NOCFS)	BDT 5.19	BDT 3.11 (Restated)
As on 31 December 2017		
Net Asset Value (NAV)	BDT 6,456.04 million	BDT 6,111.72 million
Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share	BDT 18.25	BDT 18.14

- Recommendation of Dividend : The Board unanimously recommended dividend @ 10% in cash and 10% in stock of the paid up capital of the Company for the year 2017.
- Date of AGM : April 18, 2018
- Time of AGM : 10:00 am
- Venue of AGM : International Convention City, Bashundhara (Pushpoguscho), Joar shahara, Purbachal Link Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229.
- Record date for 19th AGM and entitlement of dividend 2017 : February 19, 2018

**Notes:**

a) Share holders are requested to update their respective **Bank Account, Address, Contact Number** etc. through their respective Depository Participant (DP) before the **Record Date**.

b) Share holders are also requested to update their respective **BO Account with 12 digits Tax payer's Identification Number (e-TIN)** through their respective Depository Participant (DP) before the **Record Date**. If anyone fails to update e-TIN in BO Account before the **Record Date**, disbursement of respective cash dividend will be subject to deduction of Advance Income Tax (AIT) @ 15% instead of @ 10% as per income tax regulation.

By order of the Board of Directors

Date: January 28, 2018

Sd/-  
**(Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS)**  
Company Secretary

**EDCL ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED**  
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Interested candidates are requested to send their applications enclosing 02 (Two) copies passport size photograph along with attested copies of all academic and experience certificates on or before 12 February, 2018.

The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any or all applications. **General Manager**  
Administration & HRM  
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