

# Dr Ferdous Bin Jalil

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York University after completing BA Economics from University of California at Berkeley. He formerly held academic positions at North South University.  
All relatives and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

# Flood-hit farmers

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the Aman production target."  
Razzaque said the government has kept aside a Tk 120 crore fund for providing agricultural subsidy to farmers.  
Asked about the extent of seedbed damage, he said it cannot be more than Tk 200 crore as floods did not hit all the districts. He also said the government's aim is to modernise the traditional agricultural system.

# Hearing on charge

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the municipality. He died the next day.  
Shimul's wife filed a case with Shahzadpur Police Station accusing Miru and 17 others in the FIR. Miru was arrested the same year.  
On May 2, 2017, police pressed charges against Miru and 36 others. Following a home ministry order in 2018, the case was transferred from a Sirajganj court to Rajshahi Speedy Trial Tribunal.



A mangled auto-rickshaw after it collided head-on with a bus on Cumilla-Laksam Road around noon yesterday. The collision left eight persons dead -- all passengers of the auto-rickshaw.

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# DB recovers

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"After Faruk hands over the pills to others, those are sold to consumers who place their demands online," he added.  
During the raid at Faruk's residence in Mirpur -- also used as a storehouse, police detained Faruk's alleged accomplice Foyej Uddin.  
Inspector Aslam said Faruk used to store the pills in Dhaka and Bogura after collecting those from Teknaf, and Omar Faruk and Sayem distributed the pills throughout the country.  
In another drive at Dhaka airport, officials of Airport Armed Police Battalion (AAPBn) yesterday detained a person for allegedly carrying 10,000 pieces of yaba pills.  
The arrestee was identified as Jashim Uddin, 36, from Ukhiya in Cox's Bazar, said Alamgir Hossain, additional superintendent of police (operations and media) of AAPBn.  
Jashim was intercepted by law enforcers outside the domestic terminal of the airport where he was loitering suspiciously around 1pm, he said.  
Later, he confessed to carrying yaba tablets inside his custom-made belt, the official said, adding, he arrived in Dhaka from Cox's Bazar on a Novovar flight yesterday.  
A case would be filed against Jashim in this connection, he added.

# Overcharging bus passengers during Eid

## 7 companies served notice by transport owners' body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Road Transport Owners' Association has found proof of overcharging against seven bus companies during the Eid-ul-Azha rush.

The companies are: Lal-Sabuj Paribahan, Ekushe Paribahan Ltd, Himachal Express Ltd, Himachal Exclusive, Dhaka Express Ltd, Econo Service and Elish AC Paribahan.

Khondaker Enayet Ullah, general secretary of the association, on Saturday served the notice

to the companies asking them to reply within three days, said the association's Office Secretary Samdani Khondaker. "We will take the next course of action upon receiving their replies," he said.

Bangladesh Jatri Kalyan Samity yesterday at a press conference said another over fare was a major issue for holidaymakers this time.

Action from owners' association against any bus company is rare, said Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, secretary general of the passenger welfare organisation.

# Youngsters must be protected from drug abuse: Shahriar Alam

BSS, Rajshahi

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam has called for a social movement against drugs to protect the youth.

He was speaking at a rally organised on the occasion of inaugurating various development works in Charghat upazila of Rajshahi on Saturday.

Drug abuse should not only be controlled, but also eliminated from the society. All concerned should work concertedly for this with a zero tolerance policy, he said.

Upazila Chairman Fakhru Islam and Upazila Nirbahi Officer Nazmul Haque were also present at the event.

# No sign of rehabilitation

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Bidyanketan School located nearby, where some of the victims have been taking shelter for the time being.

Bread and banana for breakfast, khichuri for lunch and dinner -- but not all were lucky to have them.

Abu Saleh Mohammad Ferdous Khan, deputy commissioner of Dhaka District Administration, said they have not yet decided on rehabilitation or aid for the fire victims.

"Aid for the victims will depend on their needs. We are still working on it," he said.

After a six-hour long effort, 24 firefighting units doused the blaze around 1:30am on Friday. Most of the families rendered homeless are low-income people, including

garment workers, rickshaw-pullers, hawkers, domestic workers and day labourers.

Most of the families were at their village homes for Eid. Many returned to find only ashes where their homes once stood.

Multiple versions surfaced about the cause of the fire. Some suspect short-circuit while others suspect an act of sabotage. Officials, however, are still in the dark about it.

Illegal gas connections via plastic pipes helped Friday night's fire spread faster -- razing almost the entire slum, fire service officials and locals said.

The three-member probe body formed by the fire service and civil defence will start their work from today, said Abdul Halim, an assistant director of the fire service, also a member of the probe body.

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07. Other terms and conditions can be found in the tender schedule.

General Manager  
ICT Division

# Writ petition seeks probe

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Bangladesh Tanners' Association, and president of Bangladesh Hide and Merchants' Association have been made respondents in the petition.

In the petition, Mohiuddin prayed to the HC to direct the authorities concerned of the government to form an enquiry committee to find out the reason behind the drastic fall in price of rawhide and those responsible for it.

The lawyer said rawhide is the most important raw material for the leather industry, which is the second largest export commodity of the country. The price slump during Eid has affected the industry and also the poor, who sell the rawhide to merchants.

Mohiuddin said he would place the petition before a HC bench today for hearing.

# 10 hurt in altercation

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people were injured as other nurses joined them.

Meanwhile, nurses claimed that the altercation began as the four male nurses were not getting test reports despite waiting in line for long.

Confirming the incident, DMCH Director Brig Gen AKM Nasir Uddin, said authorities have formed a five-member committee headed by Prof Dr Mujibur Rahman to investigate the incident. The committee has been asked to submit the report within this week, he added. He also claimed that services at the hospital were not disrupted due to the incident.

# Rohingya

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"But to our utter dismay, we found that we don't have either India or China, or even Russia, on our side. And that was immensely frustrating for the foreign ministry, government and people of the country" he added.

In response, Shahidul said he does not feel they were ever frustrated by the response, because every country has its national interest.

"We have discussions both bilaterally and multilaterally. We are using all the tools that we have, including talking to our regional friends regarding the issue," he added.

Munshi Faiz Ahmad, a former ambassador of Bangladesh to China, moderated the discussion where journalist and The Red and Green Research director Shahidul Islam Chowdhury presented keynote paper.

# Minni files

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Minni's husband Rifat Sharif, 25, was hacked to death in broad daylight in front of her in Barguna town on June 26. In a footage of the incident that went viral on social media, Minni was seen screaming and trying to save her husband from the attackers.

Rifat's father filed the murder case with Barguna Sadar Police Station against 12 people on the day of the murder.

Prime accused in the case, Nayan Bond, was killed in a "gunfight" with police on July 2.

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