

## Appeal for help

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Kamruzzaman Vashkar, a multiple award winning digital

artist and animator who had his work featured in "Meena", was diagnosed with kidney illness in 2012. Through the years, his condition deteriorated, eventually leading him into dialysis in 2017.

Vashkar currently needs dialysis once every three days. The only way that remains for him is to get a costly kidney transplant.

However, to go for a transplant, the cash-strapped artist will need financial assistance from the people he has spent his life entertaining.

A trained sculptor from Dhaka University's Faculty of Fine Arts, Vashkar also worked on "Ant and the Dove", "The Three Gold Coins", "Night of the Pumpkins", "The Pink Diamond Enigma" etc.

Apart from personal contributions, artworks can also be donated to raise funds. For more information, please contact Tarana Halim - 01676992455.

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## Provide info on ex-NICRH

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been chief of the anaesthesia department since February 7, 2015.

Besides, Prof Md Hafizur Rahman Ansari, who was the director at the NICRH from February 8, 2009 to August 16, 2009, did not install ICU ventilators and Prof Sheikh Golam Mostafa, who was the director and project director from May 19, 2014 to August 3, 2014, "did not have the time" to do so, the probe committee said.

The probe committee, led by the health ministry Additional Secretary Md Sirajul Islam, submitted the report before the HC on February 16 through Deputy Attorney General

Amit Talukder, as per its January 2 suomoto order.

After going through the report, the bench expressed dissatisfaction because the report did not mention whether any action had been taken against the NICRH officials for their negligence.

Following a report titled "ICU on sickbed" published in The Daily Star on January 2, the HC bench issued the suomoto rule on the same day and directed the government to suspend the retirement benefits of Prof Md Moarraf Hossain.

It also ordered the health secretary and the director general of the

Directorate General of Health Services to form a committee and investigate the allegations of negligence by the NICRH authorities, and submit a report before the court upon its completion.

In the rule, the court asked the government authorities concerned to explain why the reported negligence of the NICRH authorities should not be declared illegal.

SC lawyer Manoj Kumar Bhowmick placed The Daily Star's report before the HC bench, seeking necessary orders on January 2.

Advocate Bakhtiar Uddin Ahmed appeared for Moarraf Hossain.

## Release Baul singer

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self-censorship by citizens is surprisingly on the rise, they observed.

The eminent citizens said arbitrary arrests and persecutions of folk singers remind them of the Pakistani rule when such harassments and deterrent to cultural practices had been rationalised in the name of religion.

The signatories include human rights activists Advocate Sultana Kamal, Barrister Sara Hossain, Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir,

Dhaka University teachers Prof Gitiara Nasreen, Prof Mohammad Zamimuddin Khan, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) Chief Executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Dhaka University Prof Robayet Ferdous, Transparency International Bangladesh Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman, Manusher Jonno Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam, Jahangirnagar University Prof Mirza Taslima Sultana, Prof Meghna Guhathakurta, writer

and former Jahangirnagar University Professor Rahnuma Ahmed, Sushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Sujon) Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar, Dhaka University Prof Asif Nazrul, Illinois State University Prof Ali Riaz, eminent jurist Dr Shahden Malik, Gonoshasthaya Kendra founder Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury, human rights activist Dr Hamida Hossain, Dhaka University Prof CR Abrar, educationist Rasheda K Chowdhury and Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua.

## Submit probe report

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According to the FIR, Khalid showed his movable property worth Tk 1.66 crore. However, the ACC believes the property value would be Tk 4.50 crore.

Besides, Khalid in his 2018-19 income tax file showed having immovable property worth Tk 1.32 crore. Of these, ACC did not find legal source of Tk 90.16 lakh.

On September 18 last year, Rab

arrested Khaled from his Gulshan-2 residence for operating a casino. Three firearms, ammunition and 585 yaba pills were also seized from his possession.

Later, five cases were filed against Khalid, who used to run a casino in Fakirpur Young Men's Club, under the firearms, narcotics control and money laundering acts.

Earlier, Rab pressed charges against

Khalid in the cases filed under the arms and narcotics control acts.

The Criminal Investigation Department submitted a charge sheet against him, his two brothers and three accomplices in the money laundering case.

On February 26, another Dhaka court framed charges against Khalid in the case filed under the Narcotics Control Act.

## Responsibility lies

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and conducted the symposium while Cosmos Foundation Chairman Enayetullah Khan delivered welcome remarks.

Cosmos Foundation, a charitable organisation under Cosmos Group, hosted the event as part of Cosmos Dialogue Ambassadors' Lecture Series.

The ambassadors stationed in Dhaka stressed resolving the Rohingya crisis.

"Norway has repeatedly said that the responsibility for creating a conducive environment that ensures the return of Rohingyas lies on the government of the Myanmar," said Ambassador Bleken.

She said the ICJ order on provisional measures under the Genocide Convention is an important step towards ensuring protection of Rohingyas. "The order is legally binding and we expect Myanmar to fully implement the order."

Appreciating Bangladesh's role, she said Norway will continue its humanitarian efforts for Rohingyas and the host communities apart from continuing their dialogue with Myanmar to resolve the situation.

Swedish Ambassador Schlyter said it will be important that Rohingyas can return home and responsibility rests on Myanmar for making their "voluntary, safe and sustainable" return possible.

Danish Ambassador Winnie Estrup Petersen emphasised building peace in Myanmar and addressing the accountability issues for atrocities committed against Rohingyas in Rakhine State.

The ambassador said Bangladesh is blessed with a vibrant youth population and they need to be engaged and heard. "That's crucial for the future of this young democracy." Dr Iftekhar said the purpose to have such a productive discussion is to have leaders interact with diplomats and foreign ministry representatives on core issues.

Enayetullah Khan said Bangladesh enjoys a good relationship with the Nordic countries and termed the relations "all-weather friendship". He said the Nordic commitment and contribution to international development is by no means reflected only in Bangladesh.

Former Ambassador Farooq Sobhan; former adviser to a caretaker government Rasheda K Chowdhury; former principal secretary to the prime minister Md Nojibur Rahman; foreign affairs experts; civil society members; business leaders and journalists attended the event.

The five Nordic countries -- Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden -- all recognised Bangladesh on the same day -- February 4, 1972.

## Writ petition filed

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of financial policies and international practices of free market economy.

The BB's notification has not mentioned any reason behind its direction, he said in the petition, adding that such restriction will further stifle the availability of loans necessary for setting up and expansion of small, medium and large businesses and commercial entities and industries.

Consequence of significant reduction in the interest or profit charged by the bank

would also sharply fall impacting upon income of the depositors via fixed deposit schemes etc. resulting in serious prejudice to middle income group of the country, the petition said.

Therefore, the BB decision is a violation of the fundamental right of "equality before law" guaranteed under article 27 of the constitution, it added.

Petitioner's lawyer Barrister Syed Sayedqul Haque Suman told The Daily Star that the HC may hear the petition today.

## IUB hosts seminar on coronavirus

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With the aim to raise awareness on coronavirus (COVID-19), a seminar was held at the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) on Wednesday.

IUB's School of Environmental Science and Management (SESM) and School of Life Sciences (SLS) jointly organised the programme.

In addition, a month-long awareness campaign was launched at the seminar, said a press release.

Newly elected Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Atiqul Islam attended the programme as chief guest.

Deans, senior members of the faculty and administration, and students attended the seminar, the press release said.

## 4,919 new books

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The publication has, however, brought new editions of some previously published books this year.

This correspondent found university teachers and students, and researchers browsing books at the stall, but most went away without buying anything, after finding no new book.

"DU's ranking among universities around the world is going down every year. This is mainly due to inadequate academic and research initiatives. I think the university should take care of these aspects, if DU wants to restore its glory," said Sadik Galib, a final-year student of

DU history department.

When asked, Prof Syed Anwar Hussain of DU history department said vice chancellors in the last few years did not take proper initiatives to enrich university publications.

He claimed the university publication has a lengthy procedure for publishing new titles, and that is the reason why many writers lose interest to have their works published through it.

"If the university introduces standard facilities in this regard, they could draw attention of university teachers," said Prof Anwar.

When inquired, Voboranjhan Chakraborty, deputy director of DU

Publications Bureau, also admitted the problem.

"Firstly, our committee receives the manuscript of a book and then the manuscript is reviewed by two senior experts. Apart from other formalities, the process takes time," he said.

Voboranjhan said a huge number of books written by DU teachers and academic writers are being published every year through commercial publication houses due to the issue.

"We will soon take an initiative to eliminate such crises after discussing the problem with higher authorities" he added. He stressed on formulating a proper guideline to draw in more writers.

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## Five friends killed

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the scene. A case was filed with Jashore Kotwali Police Station, said OC Moniruzzaman.

Meanwhile in Madaripur, rickshaw-van puller Sohridul Morol (55) was killed after a truck hit his vehicle at Kuluapdi area under Sadar upazila around 12pm yesterday, reports our Faridpur correspondent.

Critically injured by the collision, Sohridul was rushed to Madaripur General Hospital, where on-duty doctors declared him dead, said Sohridul Islam, SI of Sadar Police Station.

## Charred remains

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back with the strength and belief that her family is alive," said a heartbroken Reshma.

Alongside Jannat and Rushdi, Abdul Kader Liton (40) and Afrin Jahan Juthi (17), a student of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, also died in the fire.

Family members have completed the burial of Jannat and Rushdi in Narsingdi, said Reshma. They were buried in adjacent graves, befitting of their love.

## Reeling from grief

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its kind for the village.

Seeing friends lose their lives in front of their eyes, the injured are now left to deal with trauma. "I went senseless seeing the gore around me," said Pias Mia, an eighth grader injured in the accident.

Some of the locals said the journey was hazardous and risky, with a bunch of students travelling on two small, vegetable carrying pick-up vans to get to the picnic spot, some 70 kilometres from Gouripur.

Those who organised the picnic showed their utter callousness, said Mizanur Rahman, a local student politician.

## 7 to vie

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During the declaration of legality of their candidature yesterday, Rezaul and Shahadat sat next to each other and was seen exchanging pleasantries.

Afterwards, Shahadat told reporters that if a free and fair environment exist throughout the election, their party will come out victorious.

"Since the beginning of the election procedure, we have been experiencing discriminatory behaviour from the administration and police," he alleged. He also demanded that the authorities must make it mandatory to show NID cards at the polling centres. Rezaul, on the other hand, said he was confident of winning.

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**e-Tender Notice**  
Corrected Tender Notice  
Open Tendering Method (OTM)

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

Sl No.	Tender ID	Name of work	Tender publication date & time	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time	Opening date & time
01	430827	Cleaning Materials Supply	23 Feb 2020	09 March 2020	09 March 2020	09 March 2020
02	430846	Books and Periodicals Supply	23 Feb 2020	09 March 2020	09 March 2020	09 March 2020

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