

## Kaus Mia

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lowest tax-GDP ratio in South Asia.

The NBR has honoured Kaus with 14 awards over the years and his family got recognition as Kar Bahadur Paribar in fiscal 2016-17.

Born in August 1931 in Chandpur, Kaus began his journey as a businessman in his adolescence. He started as an agent of biscuits, soap and cigarettes of 18 brands. He is now involved in 40 types of businesses.

He was awarded as the highest taxpayer in businessmen category in fiscal 2019-20.

"I had never been so delighted like I am today in my 71-year career as a businessman," said Kaus after receiving a crest, a written felicitation and flowers from NBR Chairman Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Muneem at a ceremony at the NBR headquarters in the capital.

He said he never took loans from banks for his businesses.

Muneem said Kaus pays taxes out of his sense of responsibility and commitment.

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## ACC to file 10 more cases

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official, wishing not to be named.

The official did not go into details. "We're working hard to trace the rest of the money. More cases will be filed later," said the ACC official.

Apart from allegedly misappropriating about Tk 2,500 crore from ILFSL, Halder and his accomplices face allegations of laundering about Tk 2,200 crore from FAS Finance, Tk 3,000 crore from Peoples' Leasing and Tk 2,500 crore from Reliance Finance between 2009 and 2019.

Chairman of People's Leasing Uzzal Kumar Nandi has recently in a confessional statement described how Halder had played tricks and put his men at the helm of the four NBFLs and misappropriated the funds.

Halder took loans from the financial institutions against at least two dozen non-existent companies created by him. In some cases, he used part of the funds to repay instalments of loans taken against his several fictitious firms.

In his statement before a metropolitan magistrate of Dhaka on February 15, Uzzal said Halder bought Radisson Blue Hotel in Cox's Bazar from one Abdul Alim Chowdhury at Tk 127 crore.

"... While he [Halder] was the managing director of Reliance Finance in 2014, he managed to get a loan through fake documents from the NBFL. He bought a hotel with the money," said Uzzal.

Between 2009 and 2015, Halder brought out over

thousand crores of taka from Reliance.

"When pressure was mounted on him to return the money, Halder managed to get loan from International Leasing, Peoples Leasing and FAS Finance through fake documents," said Uzzal.

### ASSETS SEIZED

Halder and his aides' moveable and immovable properties worth around Tk 2,600 crore have been frozen.

Of the amount, Tk 1,100 crore was at different bank accounts, said ACC sources.

Investigators have seized the land of an under-construction five-star hotel in Cox's Bazar, a 10-storey building in Uttara, one flat in Dhanmondi, 66-kantha plot in Farmgate and 57 acres of land in Narayanganj's Rupganj. The properties are worth about Tk 1,500 crore.

Halder came to the limelight during the anti-casino drives in the country in 2019. The ACC launched an investigation into the involvement of 43 people, including Halder, in the illegal casino business.

The anti-graft watchdog issued a travel ban on Halder on October 22, 2019, and sent the notice to immigration police by post. The officials received it at 4:30pm the next day.

Less than an hour before immigration police received his travel ban notice, Halder, however, fled the country through Jashore's Benapole land port.

Halder is believed to be in Canada.

## Covid-19 vaccine

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Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, South Korea, Spain and Sweden, reports Reuters.

The virus has killed at least 2,569,422 people since it emerged in China in December 2019, according to an AFP tally compiled from official sources yesterday.

The World Health Organization has scrapped plans for a team that visited Wuhan, China to probe the origins of the pandemic to issue an interim report, The Wall Street Journal reported late Thursday.

Wuhan is the city where the pandemic is believed to have originated in late 2019.

The WHO team returned recently from its visit there saying it had no clear finding on the genesis of the virus, amid tensions between the US and China on what caused the once-in-a-century global health crisis.

## Crackdown on, one more

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"Scared, yeah I'm very scared to stay on the frontline. But we believe in our comrades and we promise to protect each other if someone is injured," protester Didi, 27, told AFP.

Meanwhile in the country's north, a number of people have crossed the border into India in a bid to escape the crackdown.

Indian police said nine people had crossed the 1,600-kilometre (1,000-mile) frontier -- three of whom were police officers who had refused to take part in putting down protests.

The junta has sought to stop news of the crackdown getting out, choking the internet and banning Facebook, the most popular social media platform in the country.

But live video feeds and recorded footage are leaking out daily, and yesterday the junta suffered its own internet ban as YouTube shut off a number of military-run channels.

## Yahya opts for tougher line

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Yahya, according to American Consul General Archer K Blood then posted in Dhaka, gave a pretty unequivocal answer to the question of how would the army would react on the occasion of unilateral declaration of independence by Bangabandhu at the mass rally called for March 7.

Yahya's implied threat brought the following assessment from the US State Department: "While it seems clear to us here that the use of armed force in East Pakistan could not be effective in maintaining the unity of the country and could only result in bloodshed and turmoil, which the longer prolonged would be most adverse to our interests and thus should be discouraged, we do not feel that diplomatic approach on our part is likely to dissuade Yahya if he is determined on such a course. We are also concerned that such approach could later be used by Yahya, Bhutto and other West Pakistanis to blame us for breakup of country. It would thus inhibit our ability to maintain effective relationship with them in the future. We are discussing various contingencies with [the] British in Washington today to determine whether, in event of military action, British might be willing to take lead in interceding with Yahya." [Archer K Blood, The Cruel Birth of Bangladesh, UPL 2006, pg. 172]

Yahya also announced in the speech that the inaugural session of the National Assembly would take place on March 25, 1971.

Earlier in the day, a meeting of the members of the Awami League Working Committee had been called at the residence of Bangabandhu to decide the party's stance at the Racecourse meeting on March 7. On the conclusion of the radio broadcast, Bangabandhu adjourned the meeting till late that evening where Awami League would decide their response to Yahya's speech. The evening meeting was attended by Bangabandhu, Tajuddin Ahmad, Syed Nazrul Islam, Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed, Capt. Mansur Ali, AHM Kamruzzaman and Dr Kamal Hossain.

### TIKKA KHAN APPOINTED GOVERNOR

The appointment of Tikka Khan as the governor of East Pakistan was officially announced on March 6, 1971. Referring to this appointment, Rehman Sobhan wrote in the March 6, 1971 issue of Forum, "Bangladesh's demands were now confronted with the language of weapons as one of the reputedly most hawkish elements in the power elite was pulled in as governor to replace Admiral Ahsan, who had refused to carry the responsibility for the consequences of the postponement any longer." [Rehman Sobhan, Forum, March 6, 1971]

### PEACEFUL STRIKE CONTINUES

Into the fifth day of the non-cooperation movement, a peaceful strike was being observed in Dhaka. Processions were brought out in Dhaka and Narayanganj.

Around 11:00am, 321 prisoners broke out of the central jail in Dhaka to escape. Seven were shot dead and 30 injured.

A group of senior civil servants, led by Sanaul Haque, called on Bangabandhu and formally declared their allegiance to comply with the directives of the Awami League.

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**SME FOUNDATION**  
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**Request for Expression of Interest (Eoi)**

SME Foundation intends to conduct a study on 'Green SMEs for Sustainable Economic Development in Bangladesh'.

The Foundation is inviting Expression of Interest (Eoi) from the national reputed Research Organization/University/Institute. The Eoi must be submitted to the SME Foundation on or before 21 March 2021 by 02:00 p.m. The Terms of Reference (ToR) and other relevant information's are available on SME Foundation website (www.smef.gov.bd).

Managing Director

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Principal  
Bhola Technical School & College, Bhola  
Ref No. 37.03..0918.001.07.001.21.097 Date: 05/03/2021

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552096	Supply of Chemical Materials			
552098	Supply of Raw Materials & Spare Parts			
552099	Supply of Sport Materials			
552100	Supply of Educational & Learning Materials	08/03/2021 12:00	23/03/2021 11:30	23/03/2021 12:00
552103	Supply of Engineering & Other Accessories			
552105	Supply of Office Accessories			
552107	Supply of Furniture			
552110	Supply of Computer Accessories			

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The application form, job description, eligibility criteria and other necessary information are available on the University website at <http://www.sau.int>

Application Deadline: 30-04-2021 (Friday).

Sd/-  
**Acting President**

## World's first

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shafts that make up a rotating wheel orbiting the Earth -- was scheduled to be fully operational by 2027.

Fast forward a couple years and the hotel has a new name -- Voyager Station -- and it's set to be built by Orbital Assembly Corporation, a new construction company run by former pilot John Blincow, who also heads up the Gateway Foundation.

In a recent interview with CNN Travel, Blincow explained there had been some Covid-related delays, but construction on the space hotel is expected to begin in 2026, and a sojourn in space could be a reality by 2027.

## Covid cases

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As many as 13,710 samples were tested across the country in those 24 hours, yielding a positivity rate of 4.63 percent.

The latest official figures put the recovery rate at 91.25 percent, while the mortality rate stands at 1.54 percent.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Ministry of Land  
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka  
[www.minland.gov.bd](http://www.minland.gov.bd)

**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Land.
2.	Agency	:	Ministry of Land.
3.	Procuring entity name	:	Ministry of Land.
4.	Procuring entity code	:	N/A.
5.	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka.
6.	EOI for selection of	:	Individual Consultant (Lump Sum Based).
7.	Tender Package No.	:	
8.	EOI Ref. No.	:	31.00.0000.043.68.011.21
9.	Date	:	07/03/2021

**KEY INFORMATION**

10.	Procurement method	:	Individual Consultant.
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

11.	Budget and source of funds	:	GOB.
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**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

12.	EOI closing date	:	22.03.2021
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**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

13.	Brief description of assignment	:	Senior Consultant (Legal) (No. 1) Senior Consultant (Legal) will work under the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Land for such task as he/she may be assigned but will be responsible for the following: The Senior Consultant legal will - Contribute to framing and amending Acts, Rules, Regulations by-laws and any law required for the functioning of Ministry of Land. - Contribute to the drafting of bilateral and multilateral contracts/Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and other legal instruments required by Ministry of Land. - Contribute in Standardizing documents relating to procurement, Public Private Partnership, Loan Agreement and other legal documents required by Ministry of Land. - Similar other issues referred to Ministry of Land.
14.	Experiences and delivery capacity required	:	Candidates meeting the following requirements are encouraged to apply minimum relevant working expertise. The applicant must have 15+ years of experience in drafting Acts, Rules for Government of Bangladesh. - Preferably at least a master's degree in law with bachelor's degree also in law. - Minimum 15 years of experience in the relevant field experience. - Strong background in drafting law, Acts, Rules, Regulations, By-laws and other legal documents on an integrated and uninterrupted/transportation system. - Familiarity with relevant local legal environments and framing of law. - Involvement in drafting laws like land law Acts. - Strong interpersonal skill and ability to write effectively in a team-based environment and under tight time contracts. - Ability to provide the full range of operational assistance with independent responsibility. - Demonstrated ability to supervise drafting of laws for Bangladesh Government. - Ability to build effective working relation with Client's and colleagues. - The applicant must have high level of intellectual and professional knowledge with working experience as Joint Secretary and above in the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Bangladesh
15.	Other details	:	Interested applicants may obtain further information from the Ministry of Land website ( <a href="http://www.minland.gov.bd">www.minland.gov.bd</a> ) before the closing date. Application have to submit EOI with their CV and forwarding letter in sealed envelope labeled with individual Consultant for the abovementioned position under Ministry of Land to the address, mentioned in clause 20 and 21 (Alternatively applicants can also submit EOI) with their CV and forwarding letter to the email address <a href="mailto:law2@minland.gov.bd">law2@minland.gov.bd</a> . The Standard Request for Application for each position will be collected found.
16.	Association with foreign firms	:	N/A.
17.	Ref No.	:	Phasing of services
1.	09 (nine) months can be extendable with successful negotiation	:	Location Ministry of Land, Dhaka-1000 Indicative start date Indicative completion date

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

18.	Name of official inviting EOI	:	-
19.	Designation of official inviting EOI	:	
20.	Address of official inviting EOI	:	Ministry of Land.
21.	Contact details of official inviting EOI	:	Ministry of Land.
22.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI without any reason whatsoever.	:	

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Ministry of Land  
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