

## AL lawmaker

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feeling unwell for a few days.  
"His condition suddenly deteriorated while returning to Dhaka from Sylhet on Sunday. Upon reaching Dhaka, he was rushed to the hospital. On Monday, he was tested for Covid-19 and the report came back positive," said Julhas.  
He was praised for helping his constituents during the early days of the coronavirus pandemic. The online version of this newspaper published a report about him titled 'The people's lawmaker' on April 16

last year.  
Mahmud Us Samad Chowdhury, hailing from Nurpur village of Sylhet's Fenchuganj upazila, was born in January 3, 1955 in Sylhet.  
He was elected as a parliamentarian first in the 2008 general election and then again in the 2014 and 2019 polls from the Awami League.  
The parliamentarian is also a successful industrialist. He was acting as the chairman and managing director of Kushiara Composite Knit Industries Limited, MSC Real Estate Limited and MSC Garments Limited.

## 9 protesters shot dead

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two people were injured.  
"We couldn't pick up his dead body because rescue teams are being targeted these days as well," he said.  
There was also a fatality in Yangon's North Dagon, where Chit Min Thu, 25, died after being shot in the head.  
"I recently learnt that his wife is two months pregnant," his mother Hnin Malar Aung told AFP.  
"No one will be in peace until this situation ends. They were so cruel with my son. I never expected my son would be shot in the head... I'm worried about all the unarmed youth, they will be in trouble."  
A man who was wounded eight days ago at Monywa in central Myanmar died from his injuries yesterday and a 26-year-old bank worker from Myingyan who was shot Wednesday also lost his life.  
**CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS**  
The military, which has defended its takeover by citing voting irregularities in November elections won by Suu Kyi's party, held a rare news conference yesterday accusing Suu Kyi of corruption.  
In the capital Naypyidaw, junta spokesman Zaw Min Tun said the detained chief minister of Yangon had admitted giving Suu Kyi \$600,000 in cash, along with more than 11

kilograms (\$680,000 worth) of gold.  
"We have learned Daw Aung San Suu Kyi herself took this \$600,000 and seven visses (11.2 kilograms) of gold. The anti-corruption commission is investigating," Zaw Min Tun said.  
Nobel peace laureate Suu Kyi, detained since the February 1 putsch, is already facing several criminal charges including owning unlicensed walkie-talkies and violating coronavirus restrictions by staging a campaign event during last year's election.  
Yesterday, state-run newspaper the Mirror carried an announcement that the Arakan Army (AA) -- which fights for more autonomy for the ethnic Rakhine population in northern Rakhine state -- was no longer considered a terrorist organisation. The AA has been locked in battle with the military for nearly two years in a conflict that has left hundreds dead and forced some 200,000 civilians to flee their homes.  
**'BATTLEFIELD WEAPONS'**  
As the crackdown continues, the Sanchaung township in Myanmar's commercial hub Yangon had another sleepless night, as security forces raided apartments searching for lost police weapons.  
"They used sound bombs on every street," said one resident.

## 2 held over rape

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members.  
In response, the girl complied with the directive.  
Sohel and his cohort Ayub then took the girl to a remote place. Sohel raped the girl while Ayub attempted to rape her.  
Meanwhile, the victim started screaming, hearing which the accused fled the scene.  
Then locals rushed to the spot and rescued the girl, said Zakir Hossain, in-charge of Bithangal police outpost under Baniachang Police Station.  
Hours later, the victim's father filed a case against the duo, who were arrested around 2:30am early yesterday.  
In primary interrogation, Sohel confessed to the rape of the girl, who was sent to a hospital for medical tests, the police officer added.  
In Mymensingh, a court sent a quack to jail on the charge of raping a woman in the district's Muktagacha upazila.  
The quack is Khalilur Rahman, 46, a resident of the same upazila.  
Quoting the victim, police said the 25-year-old victim used to work in a private clinic in Mymensingh city.  
A local named Saiful Islam used to rape her regularly promising to marry.  
Recently, Saiful denied marrying her. Then, the victim went to quack seeking his interference to agree with Saiful for marrying her.  
On Tuesday night, the quack took the woman to a house in Muktagacha upazila.  
Then, the quack, Kader, and four others gang-raped the victim. The criminals released her on Wednesday morning.  
In the same afternoon, the victim filed a rape case accusing the six with Muktagacha Police Station.  
The victim also filed another rape case against Saiful, said Mohammad Dulal Akanda, officer-in-charge of the police station.  
Immediately after filing the case, police arrested the quack. Hours later, he was produced before a court. Then, the court sent him to jail, the OC added.  
Our Moulvibazar and Mymensingh correspondents contributed to this report.

## 2 Chinese firms show interest

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The estimated cost of the project would be about \$11.4 billion, or Tk 96,752 crore.  
The 227.3km Dhaka-Narayanganj-Cumilla-Feni-Chattoogram route was approved by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.  
Once constructed and the high-speed train begins operation, the journey from the capital to the commercial capital will be slashed to just 73 minutes.  
An uninterrupted journey between Dhaka and Chattoogram will take only 55 minutes.  
The trains, which will run at a top speed of 300km/hr, can carry approximately 50,000 passengers each way daily.  
It will, however, not be cheap. With fares expected to be around the Tk 2,000 mark, more than three times the fare of an AC seat on existing Bangladeshi inter-city trains.  
However, some transport experts termed the project "highly ambitious" and questioned the capacity of BR to operate the high-speed train, when it has not yet introduced the electric train.  
**THE PROPOSAL**  
As per their proposal, CRCC and CCECC will form one special purpose vehicle (SPV), a term for a dedicated company for the project, in Bangladesh pursuant to laws and regulations here.  
The company will undertake the financing, construction and five-year operation (subject to negotiation) of the service, according to the proposal. After the agreed operation period, they would hand over the project to BR or the designated receiver.  
BR shall pay the company the available payment semi-annually

according to the agreed schedule and the repayment period would be 20 years.  
The repayment should commence from the start of agreed operation period and the total repayment sum shall cover the capital and operating expenditure of the company.  
CRCC and CCECC will source the project financing from different banks and financial institutions in the name of the SPV at a competitive interest rate to minimise the financing cost, they said.  
Finance Ministry will have to provide a sovereign guarantee to the financier for securing the loan, it added.  
The SPV will implement the project with their parent companies CRCC and CCECC, reads the proposal.  
"Railways Ministry has asked us [BR] to give opinion over the proposal. But we are not the competent authority to give opinion on financing issues. We are the implementing authority," a high-level BR official, who took part in yesterday's meeting, said.  
"So, we will write to the rail ministry to take opinion from ERD and PPPA over the proposal," he said, preferring anonymity.  
He also said it has not yet been settled whether the project would be implemented under PPP or investment model.  
Another participant of the meeting said there is an ambiguity in the proposal that needs to be clarified. So, they opined for seeking opinions from PPPA and ERD, he said wishing anonymity.  
Contacted BR's DG Dharendra Nath Mazumder said they got the proposal from the Chinese companies, but they thought that such proposal should come through ERD.

## Mashrafe

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education system, help start an ethical and humane education system, create employment opportunities, increase cultural activities, provide sports training, set up a tourism hub in Chitra river, and transform Narail into an information and communications technology (ICT) and environmentally friendly town," the Forum's website listed his achievements on their website.  
"I have heard of the news and it feels good [to be recognised]. I want to keep working from my end," Mashrafe told The Daily Star yesterday.  
The Forum of Young Global Leaders maintains a rigorous process each year to select and honour individuals under 40 for achievements in helping communities grow locally and worldwide.  
The Forum this year selected 112 young global leaders for the 'Class of 2021'.  
Mashrafe stepped down from his role as captain after Bangladesh's home series against Zimbabwe in March last year. Despite not being picked for Bangladesh's home series against West Indies this year, Mashrafe remains available for selection as a player.

## Rescued baby

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"As there is no elephant herd nearby, we handed it over to Dulahazari Safari Park at Chakaria for its better care," he said.  
Meanwhile, the beat officer along with other staffs was asked to remain watchful for any mother elephant looking for the calf.  
"We will release the calf to its mother once our team finds it," he said.  
Abu Naser Mohammad Yeasin Neyaz, divisional forest officer of Chattogram Wildlife and Nature Conservation Division, also the supervising boss of Safari Park, said they received the calf and got it health checked by a veterinary surgeon.

## Women may have ruled

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political roles and status within the society, said researchers.  
A study published in the journal Antiquity yesterday documented a particularly significant discovery of a grave in which a man and woman were buried. Ancient DNA analysis revealed

the individuals were not biologically related, but had children together.  
Radiocarbon dating found that they had died close together in the mid 17th-century BC. Atop the female skull was a silver crown known as a diadem, suggesting the woman buried was an elite member of society.



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**Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)**  
for  
**Engineering Consultancy Services (Firm)**  
for the Capital and Maintenance Dredging Scheme of Payra Port Authority

1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Shipping.	
2	Agency	Payra Port Authority (PPA).	
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chairman, Payra Port Authority, Represented by Member (Harbour & Marine), Payra Port Authority, Kalapara, Patuakhali	
4	Procuring Entity Code	5205	
5	Procuring Entity District	Patuakhali	
6	Expression of Interest for short listing of Capital and Maintenance Dredging scheme of Payra Port Authority	<p>The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Ministry of Shipping, acting through the Payra Port Authority has undertaken a scheme for the capital and maintenance dredging of the 75km long access-channels including turning basins, anchorages and berthing areas of Payra Port in the Rabnabad Channel with a view to ensure safe access and operation of vessels.</p> <p>Prior to the dredging operations, engineering studies will also be conducted under the said scheme comprising of:</p> <p>a) Siltation Studies, Monitoring and Modeling using 3xTrial Pits, and other investigations related to onshore and offshore reclamations – with a view to estimate the infill volumes and sedimentation rates using ground data at design depth, and to facilitate the validation of the Conceptual Channel Design and the Designs of reclamation works.</p> <p>b) Design of Offshore Reclamation Area – For reclaiming an area offshore, to accommodate the port's future requirements.</p> <p>c) Design of Onshore Reclamation Area – For conducting the onshore reclamation using the dredged soil.</p> <p>For supervising, monitoring and assessing the aforementioned activities to validate the results claimed/obtained by the contractor and to validate the designs, the Payra Port Authority will appoint a consulting engineering firm, with no conflict of interest, and with the required technical, commercial and contractual expertise, to act as the Engineer of the aforesaid dredging scheme and subsequent EPC contract between the PPA and dredging company.</p>	
	EOI Ref. No. & Date	18.21.7866.014.32.010.16 (Part-7), Dated 10/03/2021	
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
7	Procurement Method	Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)	
8	Association with local firms is	Applicable as per Public Procurement Rules-2008 of Bangladesh	
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)	
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
		Date	Time
10	EOI Closing Date & Time	08/04/2021	Upto 1200 hrs.
<b>NAME &amp; ADDRESS OF THE OFFICE (S)</b>			
11	Receiving EOI Proposal	Payra Port Authority, Liaison Office (Level-7), 75-76 Al-Amin Millennium Tower, Kakrail, Dhaka. Additionally the submission shall also be sent in electronic (pdf) format to E-mail address: <a href="mailto:chiefhydrographerpayraport@gmail.com">chiefhydrographerpayraport@gmail.com</a>	
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>			
12	Brief Description of Assignments	<p>The Engineering Consultancy Firm is to be an independent entity providing services which include the technical, contractual, legal, financial, quantity survey vetting, progress monitoring, health, safety and environmental compliance and consultancy engineering assistance to the Contracting Parties during the Project construction period.</p> <p>The Consultancy Services may include, but not be limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>review and monitor the Works, Works Schedule;</li> <li>review of the Project Control Plans and compliance monitoring, QA/QC for dredging and hydrographic survey,</li> </ul>	
			<p>land reclamation works;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>validation/ evaluation of the Conceptual Channel Design, Design of offshore and onshore reclamation areas, QA/QC standards and specifications for the project related activities;</li> <li>monitor the health, safety and environmental compliance of the Construction Works;</li> <li>attend and minute monthly progress meetings and undertake monthly inspections, and reporting, of the Construction Works;</li> <li>develop and agree testing protocols and plans, attend tests to be carried out, monitor and review test results, models etc.</li> <li>participate in any dispute resolution.</li> </ul> <p>The Engineering Consultancy Services is to be provided mostly on site by a team of suitably experienced and skilled experts. The Service provider shall not sub-contract the whole of The Engineering Consultancy Services.</p>
13	Qualification and Experience	<p>Firms wishing to express their interest in providing the above-mentioned Consultancy Services shall meet the following minimum criteria, to be considered as eligible and shall demonstrate:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>their international experience (previous 10 years) in Dredging contract management, in capital and maintenance dredging works, in nautical expertise and in maritime design and construction works in general. International experience should include its involvement as the main consultant in at least 03 (three) contracts, each with capital expenditure of at least 100 Million Euro or equivalent;</li> <li>their corporate interdependency with respect to Bangladesh Authorities, Dredging or Marine Contractors, Shipping Companies or any other Business Groups with stakes in the maritime industry;</li> <li>their financial solvability and their capability, and capacity, to manage large engineering contracts (more than 8 Million (Euro/year) effectuated by their own payroll, employees, engineers and/or team-members;</li> <li>their accreditation to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 (ISO 45001) or equivalent.</li> </ol> <p>In addition, Candidates shall propose:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>their integrated team of suitably qualified experts. fluent in the English language and committed for the whole duration of the Project;</li> <li>their proposed Team leader, responsible for the Engineer Services; and,</li> <li>their proposed composition of the team and career profile of each team member.</li> </ol>	
<b>CLIENT DETAILS</b>			
14	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Commodore M Mamunur Rashid, (TAS), BCGMS, afwc, psc, BN	
15	Description of Official Inviting EOI	Member (Harbour & Marine), Payra Port Authority, Dhaka Liaison Office, 75-76 Al-Amin Millennium Tower, Kakrail, Dhaka.	
16	Address of Official Inviting EOI	Harbour & Marine Department, Payra Port Authority, Dhaka Liaison Office, 75-76 Al-Amin Millennium Tower, Kakrail, Dhaka.	
17	Contact details of Official Inviting EOI	Tel: (02) 9583132 (Office) Fax: (02) 9583133 E-mail: <a href="mailto:payraport@yahoo.com">payraport@yahoo.com</a>	
18		The Client reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI's.	
19	Special Instruction:	In the event of unavoidable circumstances, if the EOI's can not be opened on the date and time specified in this invitation, the next normal working day will be treated as the valid date of EOI closing. Time and place shall remain unchanged.	



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