

Man dies after ‘jumping off’ Ctg hotel roof

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man died after he allegedly jumped off the 20th floor of Radisson Blu Chattogram Bay View hotel in port city’s Stadium area on Monday.

The incident occurred around 8:30pm. The deceased was identified as Arif Kabir (24) of Dhaka’s Mohammadpur, said deputy commissioner of CMP Bijay Basak.

Quoting eyewitness, Basak said, “Kabir arrived in Chattogram from Cox’s Bazar and was at the hotel’s restaurant on top floor. He ordered for food and then walked to the corner of the rooftop’s security wall and jumped from there.”

Cause of the incident is unknown at the moment, the DC said, adding that police were able to confirm his identity from his ID card.

The body was sent to CMCH morgue for autopsy.

Railways to get 47,637 recruits

Proposal to increase manpower has been approved, minister tells JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan yesterday told the parliament that the proposal to increase manpower by recruiting 47,637 people in railways has been approved.

In reply to lawmakers’ queries, the minister said that at present, there are 1,460 employees working in the Ministry of Railways, against the sanctioned manpower of 2,516 in the commercial department. The number of vacancies is 1,056 (42%).

“Recently, an approval has been received for the new manpower structure of 47,637 people of the railways,” the minister said in a scripted answer.

In reply to another question, the minister said at present, the railway has 283 locomotives, of which 191 are meter gauge and 92 are broad gauge.

The total economic life span of 175 (61%), including 132 meter gauge and 43 broad gauge, engines has passed.

Currently, work is underway to procure 100 meter gauge and 40 broad gauge new engines under various projects, the minister said.

Responding to a question, the minister claimed that the number of railway accidents is gradually decreasing, adding that a total of 145 train accidents took place in 2020. On the other hand, as of September 2021, 106 accidents have taken place.

Hasan Azizul Huq

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lawyers, politicians, social workers, professionals, street vendors -- people of all ages, from all classes and occupations gathered to bid him farewell.

At the Shaheed Minar, wreaths were placed on his coffin on behalf of President Abdul Hamid, and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

“I could not sit hearing his death, none who know him could. He is going to live for thousands of years,” said filmmaker Giasuddin Selim.

“He left us huge resources to explore in his writings,” said filmmaker Akram Khan, who made the films “Khacha” (the cage) and “Bidhobader Kotha” based on Huq’s stories.

“He was like the pole star in our lives. It feels as if a darkness has covered our soul,” said retired teacher Mamta Begum, who was seen to have come in a wheelchair to pay her last respects to the writer.

“We will bury the writer, but his writings will show us the way for eternity,” said Theatre activist SM Abu Bakar.

Enamul Hossain, a local tea-stall owner, said, “I have known Sir since the 90s and he has always been good to me. I will miss him.”

After the janaza prayers, Huq’s son Imtiaz Hasan called upon all to follow the path the writer showed them and pray for his departed soul.

Huq began his career in literature in his student life in the ‘60s -- the first publication being Samudrer Swapna: Shiter Aranya (1964). He was awarded the Bangla Academy award in 1970, the most prestigious Ekushey Medal in 1999 and Independence Award in 2019.

Huq was also a helmsman of Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee in Rajshahi when Shaheed Janani Jahanara Imam called out for a struggle to try the Pakistani collaborators.

He breathed his last at his home, “Ujan”, at Bihas residential area near RU campus at 9pm on Monday at the age of 82.

88pc cybercrime victims

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culprit, especially when the accused has been arrested. Social taboos must be broken so that we can deal with the perpetrators. We want them to be punished,” said the police chief, while addressing a briefing at PHQ yesterday, marking the first anniversary of PCSW.

Women are the biggest victims of cyber bullying, and this trend is on the rise, he said, adding that only victims of such harassment can understand the intensity of the situation.

People should exercise caution when using the internet and be more aware of privacy settings, he said.

During the event, three victims who received support from PCSW shared their experiences and thanked the officials for their efforts.

Khaleda Begum, assistant superintendent of PCSW, said it was a challenging task to provide service to the victims, many of whom undergo traumatic experiences, and some even want to die by suicide after facing cyber harassment.

“We have tried to solve the problems with professionalism, providing counselling to victims,” she said.

According to officials, PHQ is going to introduce an artificial intelligence (AI) tool with PCSW to provide quick support to victims. This AI controlled bot will register complaints from women 24/7.

Mir Abu Touhid, assistant inspector general of Lawful Interception Cell (LIC) at PHQ, told The Daily Star on Monday that they have already taken initiatives to introduce AI and a smart database system in the special wing.

“Presently, the officials enter information in the database manually. Once AI and the smart system is introduced, the AI tool will automatically assign officials based on the category of the complaints, which will speed up the service provided to victims,” he said.

One can seek service from PCSW through its Facebook page, email -- cybersupport.women@police.gov.bd -- and hotline number 01320000888.

A glimpse of what’s

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ticketing gates to enter an exhibition room. In reality, commuters would use their train cards at the gates, which would then open for people to enter the “paid zone” to board the train.

Inside the room, there is a mock-up of the coach and a display of the Farmgate-Karwan Bazar metro rail route.

Visual presentations will show passengers how to use the metro rail once they visit the centre.

“We hope to open the centre in January next year,” MAN Siddique said, adding that in the first phase, students would be allowed to visit the centre and common people after that.

Replying to a question, he said people have to pay a “nominal fee” to visit the centre, as they do not provide any service for free.

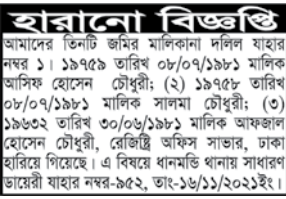
VISITORS’ REACTIONS

After visiting the project, Habibul Bashar said the metro rail will make the lives of city dwellers easy, as they will be able to properly plan their schedules, knowing that the service will bring them to their destinations on time.

Abdur Razzak said he never visited a project site as big as that of the metro rail.

“When I heard about the metro rail, I felt something special. After visiting the site, I found it to be huge. We are very excited, because just like developed countries, the metro rail will operate here too. The country is moving forward.”

Ambassador Ito Naoki said this initiative will bring many “first-ever” in Bangladesh, like respite from traffic congestion, punctual train service, and highest safety awareness.



Afzal Khan passes away

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Afzal Khan, a Liberation War organiser and convener of Awami League-



led 14-party alliance in Cumilla, died at a Dhaka hospital yesterday.

He was 76. He left behind his wife, a daughter and three sons.

Afzal Khan was elected VP of Cumilla Victoria Government College in 1965. He also joined the 1969 Mass Uprising. He was elected upazila chairman in 1988 and general secretary of Cumilla district AL in 1994.

He was Somobay Bank chairman during 1996-2001.

Afzal also established various educational institutions.

DENGUE UPDATE



Death toll 97

6 died in Nov so far

22 in Oct, 23 in Sept, 34 in Aug, 12 in July

123 more hospitalised yesterday

Total infected 25,897

Hearing on review petition

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scrapped the 16th constitutional amendment that restored the parliament’s authority.

The HC declared the amendment illegal, unconstitutional and against the principles of the separation of state powers and the independence of the judiciary.

The amendment brought to the constitution in 2014 abolished the chief justice-led Supreme Judicial Council system which was introduced in 1978.

Amid flak from the ruling quarters over different issues including the 16th amendment verdict, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha had resigned on November 11, 2017.

Following the verdict, the PM and senior ministers criticised the CJ, with many calling for his resignation.

On August 18, 2014, the cabinet approved a proposal on amending the constitution to restore parliament’s authority to impeach SC judges on grounds of misconduct or incapacity by abolishing the Supreme Judicial Council.

Parliament in September 17, 2014 unanimously passed the 16th amendment bill, empowering itself to remove SC judges for misbehaviour and incapacity.

Different ministers and several treasury and opposition bench MPs lambasted the HC verdict that scrapped the 16th amendment.

On July 3, 2017, the SC upheld the HC verdict, rejecting the government appeal against it. In the full text, the SC released the verdict with some critical observation on governance, political culture and parliament. The pro-government lawyers vowed that if the CJ [SK Sinha] doesn’t step down, lawyers would launch a vigorous movement to remove him.


On September 13, 2017, parliament unanimously passed a resolution for taking “proper” legal steps towards cancellation of the 16th amendment verdict and expunction of the CJ’s “unconstitutional, objectionable and irrelevant” observations in the verdict.

In October, 2018, SK Sinha sought political asylum in the United States. He also told the media that there were risks to his life in Bangladesh.

‘A suicidal decision’

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Education Policy 2010 Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad; Bishwo Shahitto Kendro Founder Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed; writer Selina Hossain; rights activist Sultana Kamal; cultural activists Ramendu Majumdar, Mamunur Rahsid, Nasiruddin Yousuff; Brac Chairperson Hossain Zillur Rahman; Brac University Prof Emeritus Manzoor Ahmed; Transparency International Bangladesh Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman; and Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) Executive Director Shaheen Anam signed this statement.



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The University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh invites applications for the post of Associate Professor, General Education Program (GED). The position seeks to advance the understanding of the South Asian region and its representation in arts and media. The candidate is expected to be widely published in this discipline with a minimum of 20 years expertise in the field. The candidate must be willing to give hands-on training to faculty and staff to promote a culture of active learning.

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- Internationally recognised author,
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- Strong research and international publication portfolio, including established track record as an editor of international journals and books.

Application Instruction: Email application letter and CV to the Vice Chancellor: hr.faculty@ulab.edu.bd
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PROCUREMENT & LOGISTIC SUPPORT DIRECTORATE

REF: DACPF/INT'L TENDER/008 & 009/2022 DATED: 16-NOV-2021

INTERNATIONAL TENDER

Sealed tender are hereby invited for supplying following items to Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd.

S/N	TENDER NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY
01.	DACPF/INT'L TENDER/008/2021-2022	DISP. HEAD REST COVER (AS PER SPECIFICATION)	12,00,000 EA
02.	DACPF/INT'L TENDER/009/2021-2022	AIRSICKNESS BAG (AS PER SPECIFICATION)	5,35,000 EA

Tender schedule with detailed specification, terms & conditions will be available at price of BDT 2,500.00 (BDT two thousand five hundred) only or equivalent US Dollar per set (non-refundable) from Manager Accounts, Cash & Banking, Balaka, Head Office, Kurmitola, Dhaka and from Biman's outstation in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai & London on cash payment during all working days up to 07-DEC-2021. A formal application in bidder's letterhead pad mentioning Tender Number and date shall be required for purchasing the Tender schedule. Tender schedule and other related information may also be viewed at Biman's website www.biman-airlines.com.
Last date for submission of tender/offer is: 08-DEC-2021 at 1100 hrs (LT).

Swapan Kumar Dey
Manager (Commercial Purchase)

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Public Works Department
Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD E/M Division-6, Dhaka

Memo No. 5-16/1145 Date: 16/11/2021

e-Tender Notice (OTM)

This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal:

SI No.	Brief description of work	Tender ID	Re-Tendered ID	Publishing date & time	Closing date & time
1	Enhancement of Training Capacity of BPATC at Savar, Dhaka. (Sub-Head: Supply and Installation of 50 HP Submersible Pump Motor for Cafeteria Building).	629024	623335	17-Nov-2021 15:30	29-Nov-2021 11:30

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Memo No. 15-EED-Manikganj/Vertical Ext./2021-22 Date: 16-11-2021


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

SL No.	Tender ID	Name of works	Last date and time of selling documents	Tender closing date/time	Tender opening date/time
01	628946	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building in/c Sanitary, Water Supply & Electrification works at Afroza Romjan Girls High School, Sadar Upazila, Manikganj.	01-Dec-2021 12:36 BST	02-Dec-2021 12:36 BST	02-Dec-2021 12:36 BST

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TENDER NOTICE NO: 28.05.0000.231.07.008.21.2178 Date: 16.11.2021

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SL No.	Tender ID	Name of Goods	Tender last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing/Opening Date & Time	Procurement Method
01.	626483	Supply of different kinds of air cooling equipment and related services	02.12.2021, 17.00	05.12.2021, 11.30	LTM (NCT)
02.	628868	Supply of different stationery items and related services	02.12.2021, 10.26	05.12.2021, 12.30	OTM (NCT)
03.	627712	Supply of different kinds of furniture and related services	02.12.2021, 17.00	05.12.2021, 12.30	OTM (NCT)
04.	628407	Supply of Arc GIS Software for RS & GIS processing and related services	05.12.2021, 16.00	06.12.2021, 11.30	OTM (NCT)
05.	629347	Supply of different kinds items for making workstation and wall shelf for different section room and related services	09.12.2021, 16.30	12.12.2021, 11.30	OTM (NCT)

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