

## Keep the pace of development

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which ideology would be followed by.

Referring to the assassination of Bangabandhu, Hasina said when he had taken steps for the empowerment and socioeconomic development of the common, poor and grassroots people, the August-15 blow came.

This blow was not to assassinate just a president, rather to kill

the ideology and spirit of an independent country, which was reflected on the activities of the successive regimes, she said.

Former VC of Dhaka University Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique and former foreign secretary Mohiuddin Ahmed also spoke at the discussion. Chief Coordinator of the National Implementation Committee Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury delivered the welcome speech.

Mohiuddin received Bangabandhu at Heathrow Airport on January 8, 1972, when he went to London after being freed from a Pakistan jail.

Cultural personality Asaduzzaman Noor, MP, recited two poems composed on Bangabandhu and Bangamata at the function conducted by Tropa Majumder. The discussion was followed by a cultural soiree.

## Saifuddahar Shahid passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Saifuddahar Shahid, the creator of the first Bangla computer keyboard "Shahidlipi" passed away in Albuquerque, New Mexico yesterday at the age of 74.

He was suffering from Alzheimer's and other complications. Shahidlipi was developed in 1985, as a QWERTY keyboard with 182 characters, for what was formerly called Macintosh computers.

It was prior to advent of Bijoy. Several publications including the periodical Tarokalok and the Daily Azad were published using this keyboard. A graduate of Buet, Shahid had established a company called National Computers in Dhaka. It was from there the keyboard was developed. He migrated to USA in the 90's.



## Checkmate by little

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introduced to the sport through the course, they had no idea or interest in chess.

However, once they started attending classes, their interest blossomed. Soon, they taught their fathers the game, and they used to play at night during their free time. This practice helped Poly and Mim hone their skills.

"Their parents played a big role in their success," said Farhadur. "When the tournament started with some 15 players from the classes, some parents objected as they were worried about them

returning home late [from the Bangladesh Chess Federation, located in Motijheel].

"However, we assured the parents and took one of them to the federation building to show them the environment.

"The parents also took notice of their children's growing fondness for chess, and soon enough, they were convinced."

National coach Shakil said he was impressed by the budding chess players.

"Their enthusiasm for the game is unimaginable. We have more female participation right now, which is truly inspiring, but

we are also working to get more boys involved as well.

"In terms of funding, AEF is helping us quite a lot," added Shakil. "In the future, we are hopeful that the government and the chess federation will take notice of this initiative, and support our efforts."

With their parents' approval and their mentors' support, underprivileged children like Poly and Mim have been motivated to improve themselves.

From knowing very little about chess, they now see it as a legitimate career path and will surely inspire others like them to do the same.

## Afghan envoy to China quits after six months of no pay

AFP, Beijing

Afghanistan's ambassador to China left a colourful resignation note for his post-Taliban takeover successor yesterday — revealing that staff had not been paid for months and that a lone receptionist had been left to answer phones.

David Ahmad Qaem took to Twitter to detail how he had to scrape cash from the embassy's bank account to pay staff after the Taliban took control of the South Asian country last August.

"Since we did not receive salaries from Kabul for the last six months, we assigned a committee from within the diplomats to solve the financial issues," Qaem wrote in a letter to Afghanistan's foreign ministry dated January 1 but posted to social media yesterday.

Still, he left some funds for his successor.

## Britain puts pvt health firms

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5,486,519 people globally since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019, according to an AFP tally compiled from official sources yesterday.

India began a Covid-19

booster shot campaign for frontline workers and vulnerable people aged 60 and above yesterday as authorities grapple with a rapidly escalating outbreak driven by the Omicron variant.

Nearly 180,000 new infections were recorded overnight, up nearly six times from a week earlier, with several urban centres imposing night-time curfews and restrictions on public gatherings.

## Bus, launch fares likely to go

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trains would run at half capacity.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority will also make decisions in this regard today, said its Chairman Commodore Golam Sadeq.

Asked about poor vaccination rate of the workers, he said, "In that case, we will take special measures so that workers get vaccines on a priority basis."

Bangladesh Road Transport Authority

Chairman Nur Mohammad Mazumder said they would decide as per the cabinet decision.

About the workers' poor vaccination rate, he told this correspondent, "We will issue directives and it's up to the owners."

**NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY**  
Center of Excellence in Higher Education

**Tender No. NSU/21-22-07**

North South University is inviting sealed offer from bona fide/ reputed organization/ distributors/ business partners/ agents for supplying digital video radio equipment (Radio and TV station) for North South University as described in the tender schedule under two envelope system.

Interested bidders may collect a schedule of tender from Southeast Bank Ltd. Bashundhara Branch, Dhaka from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on all working days till **January 17, 2022** by paying non-refundable amount of Taka 1,000.00 (One Thousand) in cash for each schedule.

The bidders must submit **earnest money @ 2.5%** of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted on **January 18, 2022** by 2.15 p.m. at the office of the undersigned. The offers will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.

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**Invitation for Tender (IFT)**  
for Color Pencil & Paper Tray

Project Name	BRAC Education Programme		
Tender Name	Color Pencil & Paper Tray		
Tender Package No.	BPD/2022/IFT-1011		
Reference No. & Date	BPD/2022/IFT-1011 Date: 10-01-2022		
Source of Fund	Government of Bangladesh (GOB)		
Name of Tender	Procurement of <b>Color Pencil &amp; Paper Tray</b>		
Time of Delivery	As Per Tender Schedule		
Price of Tender Schedule	BDT 1,000.00 (Non-Refundable)		
Tender schedule fee to be paid through Bkash including cash out charge. (Bkash No.-01719262589-personal), must share company name & Tender Ref. in Bkash Ref.			
Tender Security	As Per Tender Schedule		
Documents Availability on e-tender platform & Tender Dropping (Online), Date & Time	<a href="https://tender.brac.net/">https://tender.brac.net/</a> (Go to live tender from the dashboard after entering the above URL and search for the Tender Ref. No.)		
Tender Opening Place, Date & Time (Online Opening)	BPD/2022/IFT-1011	11-01-2022 to 25-01-2022, 2:30 pm	
	BPD/2022/IFT-1011	25-01-2022, 3:00 pm through Google meet, link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/zik-gujw-tdd">meet.google.com/zik-gujw-tdd</a>	

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Memo No. dpeo/hobi/gps/14 Date: 09/01/2022

**e-Tender Notice No.1/2021-22**

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

SL No.	Name of scheme	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Tender/proposal document last selling/downloading date & time	Tender/proposal closing date & time	Remarks
1	Supply of Various Types Furniture at different Government Primary Schools of Habiganj Sadar, Baniachong, Bahubal and Azmiriganj Upazilas in Habiganj District under Need Based Infrastructure Development Government Primary School- 1st Phase (NBIDGPS-1).	623210	NBIDGPS-1/G1.0142	27-January-2022 16:00	01-February-2022 11:00	OTM
2	Supply of Various Types Furniture at different Government Primary Schools of Chunurughat, Lakhai, Nabiganj and Madhobpur Upazilas in Habiganj District under Need Based Infrastructure Development Government Primary School- 1st Phase (NBIDGPS-1).	623399	NBIDGPS-1/G1.0143	27-January-2022 16:00	01-February-2022 11:00	OTM

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 System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for tender/proposal document to be deposited online through any registered banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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## Know your deshi

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antidepressant.

It may reduce problems with fluid retention, ankle swelling, and circulation.

It may help ease insomnia. Many consider this herbal remedy to be a safe alternative to prescription medications used to treat sleep disorders.

External use may minimise scarring on the skin.

Its anti-inflammatory properties may be useful in treating arthritis.

It may be useful against liver and kidney toxicity.

Centella asiatica is generally considered safe to use. However, more research is needed to confirm the effects listed above. This herbal medicine is also not meant to replace any doctor-approved treatment plan.

## First death

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Shonkoter Boishisto" (2003).

"Tatabadhyak Sarkar: Oshubho Chinho" (2009), "1971 American Gopon Potro" (2006), and "American Nothigulite Mujib Hotya" (2013).

He also conducted a comprehensive study on "the genesis philosophy of the first Constitution" and various aspects of the Liberation War.

Marking the death anniversary, Mizanur Rahman Khan Smriti Sangsad and his family have chalked up various programmes. Humanity Foundation has organised a memorial meeting at Jatiya Press Club around 10:00am today.

## Nothing but

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Besides, Rizvi alleged that seniority has been ignored when elevating four HC judges to the Appellate Division recently.

"A judge has been elevated to the Appellate Division, superseding 19 judges. Because, they [govt] need their loyal people in the Appellate Division to reflect the political will of the prime minister."

## Threatened

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receiving death threats. However, police are not taking any action, he alleged. Asked, OC Mamun said police are investigating the matter and legal action will be taken against those involved.

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**Invitation for e-Tender (IFT)**  
**Limited Tendering Method (LTM)**

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following packages.

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of works	Document price (BDT)	Tender security (BDT)	Document last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time
1	644403	HED/BD/GOB-FP/2021-22/01	a. Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil Sanitary & Electrical works of Baishari Union Health & Family Welfare Center (UH&FWC) at Banaripara Upazila in Barishal District. b. Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil, Sanitary & Electrical works of Bisharkandi Union Health & Family Welfare Center (UH&FWC) at Banaripara Upazila in Barishal District.	1000.00	41000.00	20.01.2022 17.00 Hrs	
2	644404	HED/BD/GOB-FP/2021-22/02	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil, Sanitary & Electrical works of Chandromohon Union Health & Family Welfare Center (UH&FWC) at Sadar Upazila in Barishal District.	1000.00	17000.00	20.01.2022 17.00 Hrs	
3	644405	HED/BD/GOB-FP/2021-22/03	a. Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil, Sanitary & Electrical works of Chandpura Union Health & Family Welfare Center (UH&FWC) at Sadar Upazila in Barishal District. b. Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil, Sanitary & Electrical works of Kederpur Union Health & Family Welfare Center (UH&FWC) at Babugonj Upazila in Barishal District.	1000.00	41000.00	20.01.2022 17.00 Hrs	23.01.2022 13.00 Hrs
4	644406	HED/BD/GOB-FP/2021-22/04	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil, Sanitary & Electrical works of Rongoshree Union Health & Family Welfare Center (UH&FWC) at Bakergonj Upazila in Barishal District.	1000.00	20000.00	20.01.2022 17.00 Hrs	
5	644407	HED/BD/GOB-FP/2021-22/05	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil, Sanitary & Electrical works of Korapur Mother & Child Welfare Center (MCWC) at Sadar Upazila in Barishal District.	1000.00	23000.00	20.01.2022 17.00 Hrs	
6	644408	HED/BD/GOB-FP/2021-22/06	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil Sanitary & Electrical Works of Male Hostel (5-Storeyed Building) at Institute of Health Technology (IHT) in Barishal District.	1000.00	74000.00	20.01.2022 17.00 Hrs	
7	644409	HED/BD/GOB-FP/2021-22/07	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance work of Civil Sanitary & Electrical Works of Female Hostel (4-Storeyed Building) at Institute of Health Technology (IHT) in Barishal District.	1000.00	59000.00	20.01.2022 17.00 Hrs	

These are online tenders where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the abovementioned Portal and no offline tender/hard copies will be accepted. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited on online through any registered bank's branches up to time specified in Online Notice. Supplementary information with guidelines are available in the National e-GP System and from the e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)). The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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