

Nurun Nahar Ahmed passes away

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Nurun Nahar Ahmed, a passionate advocate for women's rights, passed away on October 8 following a cardiac arrest. She was 86 years old.

Nurun Nahar was buried at Banani Graveyard beside her husband Moizuddin Ahmed, director of news, Radio Bangladesh, after a namaz-e-janaza at Taqwa Masjid in Dhanmondi after Johr prayers on Sunday.

Her Qulkhwani will be held on Friday, after Asr prayers at her Dhanmondi residence.

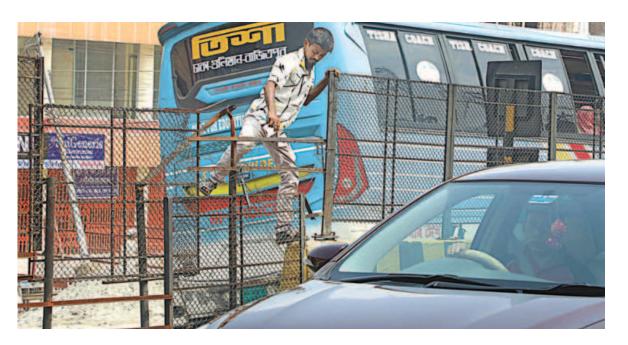
Born in 1936, Nurun Nahar was a lifelong member and vice-president of Mahila Parishad, where she had been especially active in cyclone relief efforts and also headed their legal aid team.

She was also a keen photographer and a life member of the Bangladesh Photographic Society, with several notable exhibitions to her credit.

A photograph of her was used as a poster by Ain O Shalish Kendra celebrating SEE PAGE 4 COL 5



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'World-class treatment at an affordable cost'

Evercare Hospital Chattogram formally inaugurated

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Evercare Hospital in Chattogram, which has been opened to the public and operational since April 2021, was formally inaugurated yesterday.

The formal inauguration by both Evercare and Bangladeshi leadership was delayed due to the pandemic.

The inauguration proceedings were led by Matthew Hobart, comanaging partner, TPG growth and chairperson of Evercare Group's board of directors; Bob Kundanmal, chairperson of Evercare Hospitals, Bangladesh; and Massimiliano Colella, group CEO, Evercare Group; along with the presence of Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi as chief guest, and Health Minister Zahid Maleque, MP Anisul Islam Mahmud, and Chairman of CDA Alhaj M Zahirul Alam Dubash.

The health minister at the inaugural programme on hospital



Health Minister Zahid Maleque addressing the inaugural event.

premises yesterday said people from Bangladesh go abroad for treatment, and in this way, a huge amount of wealth leaves the country every year. "But the money could be kept if world-class healthcare can be provided here."

"I expect Evercare Hospital will play a role in this regard, by providing world-class treatment at

an affordable cost," he said. Commerce Minister Munshi said, "Access to world-class, quality healthcare is essential in developed economies. The opening of Evercare Hospital Chattogram, an important part of a global hospital network with quality accredited services, marks a key milestone in SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

Register land in their names

Speakers tell event on securing indigenous people's right to land

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The government should take immediate steps to register the land of indigenous people to ensure their ownership, said discussants at a programme yesterday.

Indigenous people have been living on their ancestral lands for centuries. But they don't have ownership due to absence of legal documents.

Taking the chance, vested quarters often occupy lands of indigenous people. So, necessary steps should be taken immediately so that these vulnerable people can register their lands properly, said speakers.

They were speaking at a discussion titled "Land related problem of indigenous people and way-out to solve it" organised Bangladesh Adivasi Forum at the capital's The Daily Star Centre.

Reading out a written statement, the forum's youth volunteer Helena Talang said indigenous people are continuously losing theirs land due to different projects to build dams, national parks, and eco parks.

Furthermore, vested quarters are encroaching their land by preparing false documents and using muscle power. So, these lands must be registered properly SEE PAGE 4 COL 6

Special Content

Evercare Officially Inaugurates its State-of-the-Art Hospital in Chattogram

Opened in 2021, Evercare Hospital Chattogram boasts 470 beds and 27 specialty medical & surgical

[Dhaka, October 10, 2022] The Evercare Group, a lead impact-driven healthcare group investing in emerging markets today, on October 10, 2022, announced the official inauguration of it: latest venture, Evercare Hospital Chattogram, the first ever multispecialty tertiary care hospital in the port city of Bangladesh While the hospital has been open to the public and operational since April 2021, the formal inauguration by both Evercare and Bangladeshi leadership was delayed due to the COVID pandemic. The inauguration proceedings were led by Matthew Hobart, Co-Manag-ing Partner, TPG Growth and Chairman of the Evercare Group Board of Directors: Bob Kundanmal, Chairman of Evercare Hospitals, Bangladesh; and Massimiliano Colella, Group CEO, Evercare Group along with the presence of other distinguished guests including the Chief Guest Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi and Guests of Honor Health Minister Zahid Maleque, Member of Parliament Bar, Anisul Islam Mahmud and Chairman, CDA Alhai M, Zahirul Alam Dubash. Commenting on the significance of developing and opening Evercare Hospital Chattogram, Tipu Munshi, Minister of Commerce, said, "When we formed the government for the fourth time in 2019, we promised our people that we will transform Bangladesh into a developed country by 2041 to achieve Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib's dream of a Golden Bangladesh. Access to world-class, quality ealthcare is essential in developed economies, and the opening of Evercare Hospital Chattogram, an important part of a global hospital network with quality accredited services, marks a key milestone in our journey towards achieving our aspirations." In his remarks during the inauguration event, Health Minister Zahid

Maleque added, Together with our brothers and sisters around the world, we are successfully overcoming the unprecedented health crisis presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Evercare Group is leading the way by investing in the healthcare industry in Bangladesh, and by doing this, they are investing in every single person in our country. The launch of this internationally acclaimed hospital marks a remarkable development, not only in the port city of Chattogram but also for the whole Chattogram Division and

Matthew Hobart, Chairman of Evercare's Board of Directors and Co-Managing Partner of TPG Growth, who leads healthcare investments for The Rise Fund, said, "Evercare Hospital Chattogram demonstrates how impact-driven private capital can deliver high quality and accessible healthcare to developing markets and produce positive outcomes for underserved populations. Since opening in April 2021, the hospital has already brought new and ents to the region, including scol surgery and Chattogram's first comprehensive pediatric cardiology



he next chapter of healthcare provision in Bangladesh. "By providing patients with local access to quality healthcare services, Evercare Hospital Chattogram will help alleviate some of the burden triggered by outbound medical tourism," explained Massimiliano Colella, Group CEO, Evercare Group. He added, "Our goal for Bangladesh is to create a long-term blueprint for the country's healthcare sector and support the nationwide advancement of medical care by investing in the development of local talent to strengthen the medical and clinical skills required to help communities with their healthcare needs."

"Evercare Hospital Chattogram is a multispecialty hospital equipped with the latest technology and best-in-class medical professionals, and we fully expect to accelerate positive societal impact in Chattogram. I firmly believe Evercare Hospital Chattogram wil elevate the standard of medical care and set the benchmark for althcare in the future. This is the first hospital in Chattogram to wide the latest and most comprehensive cancer care facilities ncluding medical, surgical, and radiation," concluded mal, Chairman of Evercare Hospitals, Bangladesh.

bout Evercare Hospital Chattogram ercare Hospital Chattogram is the first-ever 470-bed multi-discipli nary super-specialty, tertiary care hospital in Chattogram. It feature 24/7 Emergency Department, state-of-the-art ICUs, and 27 pecialties and subspecialties, filling capacity gaps in the region. The cospital has 10 modular OT with Laminar Air Flow and HEPA Filters to give best-in-class infection control standards. The hospital spans 492,000 sq ft and is Equipped with the latest technology and more than 500 best-in-class medical professionals, the Evercare Hospital Chattogram will provide quality, accessible healthcare to improve patient outcomes for communities in and around Chattogram

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