

# 80pc Rajshahi ponds filled up in 8 years: study

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At least 80 percent of the city's ponds have been filled up in last eight years, finds a study by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) in Rajshahi.

Even more than 35 percent of government khas ponds have been filled both legally and illegally during that period, added the study.

Different government institutions, non government bodies and individuals were responsible for filling up the ponds, it said.

The findings were presented at a discussion held at a city hotel on Wednesday. The discussion on "Existential crisis of ponds and water bodies of Rajshahi city" was chaired by Prof Dipakendra Nath Das, president of Shacheton Nagarik Committee.

Tanmay Sanyal, coordinator of Bela's Rajshahi office, presented the study. Analysing government documents, the study said there were at least a thousand ponds in the city in 2014. Of these, less than 200 ponds exist now, many of which are in the process of filling.

The city had at least 48 khas ponds, of which 19 used to carry water for all year round till 2014. But 17 out of the 19 ponds were filled up in the eight years. Of the filled up ponds, nine were legally filled, and no government approval were found behind filling up of eight other khas ponds.

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and requested the youth to come forward in this regard.

Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh, said developed countries did not keep their word as they said they would go for an energy transition shifting from fossil fuel to renewable energy but did not.

"Climate change engulfed 2.5 lakh hectares

of arable land, driving rice prices up by 30 percent. Agriculture production lost 9 percent in gross domestic product with an estimated 1.3 million people to be displaced. The marginalised community is suffering the most with youth, women and children at the forefront," she said.

Md Shamsuddoha, chief executive of CPRD, moderated the seminar.

# Time for global

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action and decision making at COP.

Probha Aurora Policy-Strategy Research Advisor Dr Aftab Uddin said about 15 percent of the global population are living with disabilities, and their health needs special attention with regard to climate change and environmental impacts.

Probha Aurora Managing Director Bidhan Chandra Pal said health

must be taken into account when talks over climate change are held.

Dr Poornima Prabhakaran, deputy director at Centre for Environmental Health, Public Health Foundation of India, and Dr Abu Jamil Faisal, adjunct faculty member of population sciences department at Dhaka University, also spoke.

# Commission to find Govt to enact a law

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absconding for decades. Four days after his arrest, Majed was executed in a separate case centring Bangabandhu's murder, as he was convicted in it as well.

It is believed that all the convicts are hiding abroad, and the government could trace the whereabouts of only two -- Rashed Chowdhury, who is in the US, and Noor Chowdhury, who resides in Canada. Authorities have failed to bring them back due to legal tangles.

Asked about the matter, the law minister said the government has already taken legal steps and engaged with the US and Canadian governments to bring back the two.

The Daily Star contacted AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, son of AHM Quamruzzaman, one of the four leaders, for his thoughts.

Liton, currently a praesidium member of Awami League and mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation, said the killers selected only the four national leaders among many other prisoners and killed them to completely ruin the country's independence.

He, however, believes that the killers could not damage the spirit of the Liberation War and independence, as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League implemented the dreams of independence.

## CASE BACKGROUND

A day after the jail killing, Kazi Abdul Awal, then deputy inspector general (prisons), filed an FIR with Lalbagh Police Station.

ABM Fazlul Karim, then OC of the station, was tasked with the investigation.

But the infamous Indemnity Ordinance blocked the investigation and trial for about 21 years, until officers of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) reopened the probe on August 18, 1996.

In 2004, a trial court handed punishments to 11 perpetrators including Abdul Majed for the killings.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on April 30, 2013 upheld the court's verdict.

The three convicts who were handed capital punishment are Muslemuddin, Marfat Ali Shah and Abdul Hashem Mridha.

The eight jailed for life are Khondaker Abdur Rashid, Shariful Haq Dalim, Noor Chowdhury, Rashed Chowdhury, Ahmed Shariful Hossain, Abdul Majed, Kismat Hasem and Nazmul Hossain.

Four other accused -- Syed Farooq ur Rahman, Sultan Shahrar Rashid Khan, Bazul Huda and AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed -- were executed in the Bangabandhu murder case in 2010.

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He also said the polishing of rice requires additional expenditure for additional power and labour.

"The rice price automatically increases by Tk 3-4 per kilogramme, but those do not contain nutrient [properly]," the minister said.

He also explained that rice fortification will not be any uniform solution to fight against malnutrition. Fortified rice contains vitamin A, B1, B2, folic acid, iron, and zinc.

Starting from 2013, distribution of fortified rice has so far been expanded to reach more than 14 million beneficiaries in 320+ sub-districts under two major safety net programmes of the government.

During the panel discussion followed by the keynote presentation, Dr Tahmeed Ahmed, executive director of the icddr, stressed adopting other methods to fight micronutrient deficiencies including biofortification and improving crops diversification.

Dom Scalpelli, resident representative and country director of the World Food Programme (WFP), said, "Using rice as a medium presents a great opportunity to reduce micronutrient deficiencies in countries like Bangladesh where rice is a staple. It is also the most viable option in situations of limited resources, such as these times of global inflation and economic crisis."

# An inside job

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and Dhaka over leaking question papers on October 21.

Earlier, five other Biman employees were arrested.

Nine of the arrestees have already confessed to their involvement before courts, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Additional Commissioner (DB) Harun Or Rashid told a media briefing at the DMP's media centre yesterday.

Biman was supposed to hold recruitment examinations for 12 posts on October 21. But after authorities of the airline got to know about the leak, they cancelled the test.

Contacted, Biman Managing Director and CEO Md Zahid Hossain said they have already sacked 10 employees after they were arrested.

He said the post of Biman's director (admin) is now vacant, so the official's room was used to copy the papers.

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REF: DACPF/INT'L TENDER/019/2022-2023 Date: 03-11-2022

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Sealed tenders is invited for supplying the following items to Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd:

S/N	Tender No.	Description	Qty
01	DAPF/INT'L TENDER/019/2022-2023 DT. 03-11-2022	Aircraft Cargo Lashing Belt Aircraft Single Stud Lock	300 units 200 units

Tender schedule with detailed specifications, Terms & Conditions will be available at the office of Manager Accounts, Cash & Banking, Balaka, Head Office, Kurmitola, Dhaka and Biman's outstation in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai & London on all working days up to 23/11/2022. Price per set of tender schedule is BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand) or equivalent foreign currency. A formal application in bidder's letterhead pad mentioning Tender Number and date shall be required for purchasing the tender schedule(s). Tender schedule and other related information may also be viewed at Biman's website [www.biman-airlines.com](http://www.biman-airlines.com) and <http://biman.gov.bd>

The last date of submission of tender is on 24/11/2022 at 12:00 hrs (BST).

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# Rangpur city

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Jatiya Party (Ershad) mayoral candidate Mostafizur Rahman Mostafa won the last RCC election.

Jahangir yesterday also said elections to five municipalities -- Bagha of Rajshahi, Birol of Dinaipur, Boda of Panchagarh, Alfadanga of Faridpur and Banpara of Natore -- will take place on December 29.

# This is a fight

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"They stood against the prime minister's stance. Development should take into account people's opinion. If people don't want it, that is not development. There can't be any development against the people's will," he said.

Khan Mansur Ali, upazila chairman of Dacope upazila, alleged that the chairman of Mongla Port treats people of the area as sub-human whenever they approach him to talk about the sand dumping.

Kajol Debnath, adviser of Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad; Shamsul Huda, executive director of ALRD; Khudrat e-Khuda, president of Pokriti Surokka Mancha; and Ashoke Saha, coordinator of BLAST, Khulna, spoke, among others, at the rally.

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**e-GP: Re-Tender Notice No.01 (2022-2023)**

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods. Details are given below:

Sl No	Package no.	Tender ID & Ref No	Description of goods	Tender Documents Last selling (Date & Time)	Tender Closing date & Time	Tender Opening date & Time
1.	PN: 01	747036 & IRN : 584	Office Equipment 02 items	15.11.2022 15:00	16.11.2022 12:00	16.11.2022 12:00

The interested persons/firm may visit the website [www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) to get the details of the tender.

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and e-GP Help Desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

**Budget Type : Revenue**

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**বাংলাদেশ স্থপতি ইনস্টিটিউট**  
প্লট-১১, ছাপত্যাচারী মাজারবল ইসলাম সরণী, ব্লক-ই, পেরে বাগা নগর, আদারগাঁও, ঢাকা-১৩০০, ফোন-৫৫০০১৩৫-৯৬

দ্বি-বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা এবং নির্বাচনী পরিষদ ও চট্টগ্রাম শাখা কমিটি নির্বাচনের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা বাংলাদেশ স্থপতি ইনস্টিটিউট (বাহুই) এর সকল সদস্যের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, বাহুইর ২৪তম নির্বাচনী পরিষদ এর দ্বি-বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা ও ২৫তম নির্বাচনী পরিষদ পদে নির্বাচন এবং চট্টগ্রাম শাখা কমিটির দ্বি-বার্ষিক সভা ও ১১তম শাখা কমিটি পদে নির্বাচন আদায়ী ২ ডিসেম্বর ২০২২, শুক্রবার, নিম্নোক্ত সময়সীমা অনুযায়ী অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

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সভার স্থান: আইএবি সেন্টার, প্লট: ১১, ব্লক: ই, ছাপত্যাচারী মাজারবল ইসলাম সরণী, আদারগাঁও, পেরে-বাগা নগর, ঢাকা

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দুপুর ২:৩০ - দুপুর ২:৪৫টা	বাহুই সভাপতির স্বাগত বক্তব্য
দুপুর ২:৪৫ - দুপুর ২:২০টা	বাহুই সাধারণ সম্পাদক কর্তৃক দ্বি-বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদন উপস্থাপন
দুপুর ২:২০ - দুপুর ২:৩০টা	বাহুই কোষাধ্যক্ষ কর্তৃক দ্বি-বার্ষিক আর্থিক প্রতিবেদন উপস্থাপন
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দুপুর ৩:৩০ - সন্ধ্যা ৬:৩০টা	২৫তম নির্বাচনী পরিষদ পদে নির্বাচন

বাহুই-এর চট্টগ্রাম শাখার দ্বি-বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভার সময় ও আলোচ্যসূচি

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দুপুর ১:৩০ - দুপুর ২:৩০টা	মধ্যাহ্ন ভোজ ও নামাজের বিরতি
দুপুর ২:৩০ - দুপুর ২:৪৫টা	শাখা সভাপতির স্বাগত বক্তব্য
দুপুর ২:৪৫ - দুপুর ২:২০টা	শাখা সম্পাদক কর্তৃক দ্বি-বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদন উপস্থাপন
দুপুর ২:২০ - দুপুর ২:৩০টা	শাখা কোষাধ্যক্ষ কর্তৃক দ্বি-বার্ষিক আর্থিক প্রতিবেদন উপস্থাপন
দুপুর ২:৩০ - দুপুর ৩:৩০টা	উপস্থাপিত প্রতিবেদন-এর উপর আলোচনা ও সিদ্ধান্তমূহ গ্রহণ
দুপুর ৩:৩০ - সন্ধ্যা ৬:৩০টা	১১তম শাখা কমিটি পদে নির্বাচন

উদ্রোহা যে, বাংলাদেশ স্থপতি ইনস্টিটিউট-এর গঠনতন্ত্রের ৭.৬ ধারা অনুযায়ী কোরাম গঠনের জন্য নিয়মিত (ছোট অঙ্গনের অধিকারী) সদস্যগণকে সভায় নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে এবং সভা শুরু করার নির্ধারিত সময় থেকে এক ঘণ্টার মধ্যে যদি কোরাম গঠিত না হয় তবে সে সভা মূলত:ই বাতিল পণ্য হবে।

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e-Tender ID No.	Name of the work	Last date and time for tender security submission	Tender/proposal closing date and time
748516	Construction of 3-Storeyed Building with 3-Storeyed Foundation of Mohonpur Upazila Model Masjid in the District of Rajshahi Under the project of Establishment of 560 Model Masjid and Islamic Cultural Centers in Zilla and Upazila of Bangladesh	05-Dec-2022, 11:00	05-Dec-2022, 12:00
748186	Construction of Separated Toilet Block for Female Staff Including Repair & Renovation Works of Other Toilets at the Office of Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner.	20-Nov-2022, 11:00	20-Nov-2022, 12:00
748181	Installation of Cubicle at Revenue Section Including Necessary Repair-Renovation Works at the Office of Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner.	20-Nov-2022, 11:00	20-Nov-2022, 12:00

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**Bir Uttom Shahid Khwaja Nizamuddin Bhuiyan Padak, 2022**

**Call For Nominations**

Bir Uttom Shahid Khwaja Nizamuddin Bhuiyan was 2nd-in-Command of Jalalpur Sub-sector of Sector-4 in the war of liberation of Bangladesh and embraced martyrdom during a direct fight with the occupation forces and their collaborators. The Government of Bangladesh, honored him with the posthumous "Bir Uttom" award for the supreme sacrifice. He was a student of MBA 3rd batch of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka at the time of the war of liberation.

IBA, University of Dhaka, in collaboration with the family of Bir Uttom Khwaja Nizamuddin Bhuiyan, has taken the initiative to commemorate his memory by bestowing awards to outstanding alumni, who have made significant contributions to the advancement of Bangladesh.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must be an alumni of IBA, University of Dhaka
- Must obtain any of the following degrees from IBA, University of Dhaka: BBA, MBA, EMBA, M Phil, DBA, PhD.
- Must have significant and impactful contribution to the development of Bangladesh in the fields of education, business, service, entrepreneurship, or any other area of national importance, or have brought good name for Bangladesh in the world stage.
- The recipient should not be related to anybody or anyone by blood or by law, who was involved in anti-liberation activities during the war of liberation.

**Jury Board:**  
A jury board will select the individual awardee and the decision of the jury is final.

IBA Alumni are encouraged to put forth names of outstanding alumni who qualifies the criteria, together with a brief biography of the nominee and supporting evidence, and send it to the IBA secretary at [secretary@iba-du.edu](mailto:secretary@iba-du.edu) by November 8th 2022.

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