

Doctor joined

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“We have got some names from Kawsar, including the suspect who dragged him into militancy. We are now looking for them,” said Ahamedul Islam, additional deputy commissioner of CTTC.
Earlier, the doctor's family alleged that he was picked up by some unknown people from the Medix Coaching Centre in Khorompatti area of Kishoreganj on Saturday evening.
CTTC officials, however, disclosed his arrest and involvement in militancy on Monday.
Sources said Kawsar passed MBBS from Abdul Hamid Medical College in 2020.
“Zulfiqar used to visit his house in Kishoreganj often.

Once Zulfiqar visited his house with three unknown people for a meeting. Kawsar also brought five of his recruits in the meeting,” said an investigating source, quoting the doctor.
Kawsar, however, could not give any details about Zulfiqar.
He said he only knows that Zulfiqar used to live somewhere in the capital's Uttara. Kawsar did not regularly meet Zulfiqar in-person. However, they were engaged in online communication, said the source.
Kawsar in the confession further said he realised that he was on the wrong path.
If given the chance, he claimed that he will leave militant activities, the source added.

How did they fly

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President Hamid left Dhaka on October 29 for a 16-day visit to Germany and the UK for a medical checkup.
However, the four Biman officials flew to London with a thirteen-member crew team on November 13 to operate the VVIP flight despite not getting clearance. The rest of the members had gotten clearance.
Mentionable, VVIP flights only operate to carry heads of state, for which, primary security clearances are issued by the VIP Protection Wing of Special Branch (SB).
Meanwhile, Biman in a release yesterday said the 13 crew members were preliminarily selected from the vetted list to serve Biman's VVIP flights.
The three crew members have been

assigned to facilitate another scheduled flight taking off from the UK to Dhaka, it added.
Earlier on September 5, a senior pilot and an operations officer of the national flag carrier were not given clearance to operate the VVIP flights of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her entourage members' visit to Delhi.



Telecom Minister Mustafa Jabbar, along with Daffodil International University Chairman Dr Md Sabur Khan, outgoing AUAP President Dr Peter P Laurel, and International Association of University President Dr Fernando León-García inaugurates the 15th general conference of Association of the Universities of Asia and the Pacific 2022, hosted by Radisson Blu hotel in Dhaka yesterday. The speakers at the programme congratulated Dr Sabur Khan for becoming the new president of AUAP.

CEPA can boost

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The Indian envoy also met prominent business leaders and chambers of Bangladesh last evening at a city hotel.
Verma also highlighted the importance of better connectivity and trade infrastructure at the borders to harness the full potential of economic partnership offered by the rapid economic development of both India and Bangladesh.
In this context, he underscored the need to take the pressure off ICP Petrapole-Benapole by

improving infrastructure at other land ports and increasing the number of ports without restrictions, which would in turn incentivise investments in land ports.
The Indian envoy also spoke about the need for greater cooperation, integration and multi-modal connectivity of the sub region, through roads, railways, inland waterways, and coastal shipping.
A delegation from Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), which is in Dhaka for a visit, also participated

in the event.
In his speech, the high commissioner highlighted the growing economic engagement between the two countries, which has transformed Bangladesh-India bilateral relationship significantly.
He noted that bilateral trade has more than doubled in the last five years, and Bangladesh's exports to India have touched almost USD 2 billion in the last financial year, with India becoming the largest export destination for Bangladesh in Asia.

Bangladeshi students

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students continue to leave their mark across the United States, the US envoy said yesterday.
During the 2021-2022 academic year, Bangladesh advanced from the 14th to the 13th place in the list of countries sending international students to the United States, the US Embassy announced amid International Education Week (IEW) celebrations (November 14-18).
Over the past decade, the number of Bangladeshi students in the US has seen a spike, increasing from 3,314 during the 2011-2012 academic year to 10,597 during the 2021-2022 academic year.
Shortly after independence, Bangladesh sent 480 students to the US during the 1974-1975 academic year.
The US Embassy is celebrating IEW 2022 by offering several virtual and in-person information sessions for Bangladeshi students and scholars about the US higher education application process, different types of academic programmes, and funding/scholarship opportunities.
EducationUSA advising centres in Bangladesh will hold special sessions on topics, such as the unique benefits of a US liberal arts

education and conduct in-person visits to local high schools and universities to meet with prospective students.
Session speakers will include US Embassy officials, US college/university alumni, and US admissions officials who will discuss the application process, scholarships and financial assistance, and sponsored academic and professional exchange programmes sponsored by the US government.
Every year, the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the Institute of International Education jointly release the Open Doors Report on International Educational Exchange.
The United States remains committed to international education, including student mobility to and from the United States, as reiterated in the joint statement of principles in support of international education by the US Departments of State and Education.

RU remembers Hasan Azizul Huq

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi University observed the first death anniversary of renowned fiction writer Hasan Azizul Huq on the campus yesterday.
Teachers, students, and literary and cultural organisations placed wreaths at Huq's grave in front of the university's central library.
VC Prof Golam Sabbir Sattar chaired a discussion held at Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Senate Bhaban.
Senior teachers and veterans spoke on the occasion.
Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton paid homage at Huq's grave.
Hasan Azizul Huq retired in 2004 after teaching philosophy at Rajshahi University for three decades.
Besides teaching, he wrote stories and novels.
In 1970, he received Bangla Academy Literary Award. In 1999, the government gave him Ekushey Padak.
Hereceived Independence Award in 2019.
He died on November 15, 2021.



Rangpur polls shouldn't be like

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October 27. On November 5, the EC gave responsibilities to the same committee to probe whether any irregularities took place at the other 94 centres.
Sources in the EC said no video footage was found in seven polling centres. While reviewing the footage of the rest 87 centres, they found irregularities in almost all of them, with the presence

of unauthorised persons.
Kazi Habibur Awal and other commissioners, while monitoring CCTV footage at the EC office on October 12, found irregularities at 51 centres. They found the illegal presence of some people who were influencing the voters.
Speaking to the media on October 13, EC officials held the local administration

and presiding officers responsible for the irregularities and lack of discipline at the polling centres.
At that time, the commission, over the phone, asked the presiding officers to restore discipline in the voting rooms. “But they were not seen taking any effective steps to restore order,” said Habibur.

Project to boost farming

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village, whose forefathers donated land for establishing the farm, said, “The farm authority allowed contractors to ruin the land due to vested interests. Our ancestors didn't donate valuable land for such scams.”
Md Belim (60), a grocer stationed outside the farm's east gate, said, “They restricted the movement of villagers on a road that goes from the farm to Domar upazila town, so that none could see their misdeeds.”
Contacted, Selim Ahmed, one of the contractors and owner of SA Traders, said, “Without the farm authority's approval, nothing can be done inside the farm. As

far as I know, authorities allowed the digging to level the surface to make it suitable for seed potatoes.”
He, however, said they were supposed to use earth from outside the farm.
He confirmed that after project work related to this was completed, the bill's money was released.
Locals and BADC sources alleged that the farm authority is preparing to file a new, expensive project to fill up the ditch in the name of land development. This potential project is only to hide their gross irregularity and misuse of government money.
For several days, this correspondent made

several attempts, over phone calls and text, to reach project director Abir Hossain, but he did not respond.
Contacted, Abu Taleb Mia, the farm's deputy director, admitted to digging the highland and said, “As per the rule, we have cut the land's rugged surface for levelling and removed its sandy upper part, as it is not fertile. The land will be refilled with quality earth later.”
He, however, could not answer why contractors dug a deep ditch when they were just supposed to level the land, and why they got earth from the farm, when authorities paid them for getting earth from outside.

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First-ever hajj Netrakona farmer

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Shahadat. added
Stating that most hajj pilgrims in Bangladesh are scattered in rural areas, Shahadat also said most institutional activities of hajj and umrah agencies are limited to Dhaka.
“Therefore, through this fair, one of the objectives is to create a field of familiarity with all the hajj agencies.”
He informed that two seminars will be held to exchange detailed information about the “e-hajj system” and Makkah Route Initiative among passengers, hajj agencies and other stakeholders.
Earlier in September this year, an old farmer identified as Md Nawsher Ali (64) of Koroitoli Kuchpara village died in an elephants' attack in Mymensingh's Haluaghat upazila.
“Nawsher was attacked by the elephants when

he, along with locals, tried to save their paddy fields from the elephants and died on the spot,” said Shahinuzzaman Khan, officer-in-charge of Haluaghat Police Station.
Md Suruj Mia, chairman of Haluaghat's Bhubankura union, said several herds of elephants have been roaming in Haluaghat and adjacent Sherpur's Nalitabari upazila for the last couple of months. They attacked the paddy fields and vegetable gardens.
The chairman said they informed the authorities concerned on different occasions to contain the menace prevailing for decades but no fruitful proper steps have been taken yet.
Now the farmers in groups have been patrolling their paddy fields round the clock, added the chairman.

3 dead, 9 injured

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Brahmanbaria hit the two buses after its driver lost control over the vehicle.
Nine others were injured in the accident, said highway police.
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