

SM Ali's 94th birth

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1928. He was the eldest son of the late Syed Mustafa Ali, an official of the Assam Civil Service and nephew of famous litterateur Syed Mujtaba Ali. He died in 1993 at a Bangkok hospital at the age of 65.
Ali started off as a reporter with the Pakistan Observer while he was a student at Dhaka University. He went on to hold important positions in various publications in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore.
He was the managing director of The Hong Kong Standard and The Bangkok Post.
He joined the Press Foundation of Asia as its executive director in the 1970s. In the mid-80s, he

became Unesco's regional communications adviser for Asia and the Pacific, based in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.
Ali returned home in 1989 and had a brief stint with the Bangladesh Observer as editor.
He co-founded The Daily Star in 1991 and worked tirelessly to establish it as a leading national daily. He injected a new life in the moribund English language journalism of the period.
SM Ali was always keen to share his professional experiences with young aspirants who wanted to make a career in journalism.
He is respected by all as the most successful Bangladeshi journalist at the regional and international level.

Taqsem's appointment

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In the petition, the lawyer prayed to the HC to direct the Anti-Corruption Commission and government to conduct probes into the allegations.
Taqsem had no experience of serving as sewerage officer or any other relevant administrative office before he was appointed as MD in 2009, though there is rule for having at least 20 years' experience of serving as such officer, the lawyer told The Daily Star citing the petition.

He said Taqsem has been serving as MD of Dhaka Wasa for last 13 years, and he has increased price of per unit water from Tk 6 to Tk 15 by this time.
There is reportedly allegation against Taqsem of irregularities involving cores of taka, he said, adding that Taqsem gets more salary than that of the president of the country.
He said the HC bench of Justice Md Nazrul Islam Talukder and Justice Khizir Hayat Lizu may hold hearing on the petition today.

The overlooked

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The researchers recommended a comprehensive national land use policy to tackle this impending crisis.
"Comprehensive land use policy has to be formulated in a coordinated way. Active participation and commitment from all the relevant offices

and stakeholders must be ensured," said Ameer Md Zahid. "Besides, we should encourage sustainable land management practices, such as rainwater harvesting, sand dune reclamation, management of soil organic matter, and urban forestry to reduce further land degradation," he added.

Increase budget, upgrade curriculum

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Pallab Chakma, executive director of Kapaeng Foundation, shared the findings of a study, titled "Preserving and Teaching Indigenous Languages in Bangladesh: A national Overview and Regional Deep-dive".
While presenting the findings, Pallab Chakma said parents and students of the Chakma community are happy as they receive textbooks in their mother tongue.
"However, the teachers there do not know the language. Hence, they are unable to teach. So, the objectives of publishing textbooks in indigenous languages have remained unfulfilled."
He also said there is a



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need for a special initiative to protect the ethnic language Khumi, which currently faces the risk of extinction.
While addressing

the event, Prof Mesbah Kamal, vice chancellor of Bangladesh University, said, "The second phase of introducing primary education for the

indigenous people is yet to start, though it was supposed to start in 2014."
He stressed taking an urgent initiative to save the Khumi, Lusai, and Santal

languages from extinction.
Speaking as chief guest, Selina Hossain, noted novelist and president of Bangla Academy, said, "No child should be deprived of learning in their mother tongue. And the government has to take steps in this regard."
She assured of opening a cell for practising literature in the indigenous languages under Bangla Academy.
The event was presided over by Rabindranath Soren, chairperson of Kapaeng Foundation; Eros Robbani, counsellor at the Embassy of Switzerland in Bangladesh; and Dr AKM Reazul Hasan, member of the National Curriculum and Text Book Board, among others.

Nooruddin Mahmud passes away

STAR REPORT
Nooruddin Mahmud Kamal, a freedom fighter and former chairman of PDB, passed away on Saturday. He was 82, said a press release.
He breathed his last at 9:20pm at Square Hospitals in the capital.
He left behind a son and a daughter, and numerous relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.
Nooruddin used to write columns in The Daily Star on various issues.



We want peace

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playing an effective role in every disaster and tough time.
Earlier, on her arrival at the BMA Parade Ground, the PM was received by the Chief of Army Staff, the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Army Training and Doctrine Command (ARTDOC), the Chattogram area commander of Bangladesh Army and also GOC of 24th Infantry Division and the BMA Commandant.
The PM took salute and reviewed an impressive

march-past as the chief guest at the parade ground.
She along with Chief of Army Staff General SM Shahiuddin Ahmed and BMA Commandant Major General SM Kamrul Hassan inspected the parade.
Battalion Senior Under Officer of the 83rd BMA Long Course Labib Johair Noor Anan received the coveted "Sword of Honour" as the best all-around cadet, while Company Senior Under Officer SM Jahirul Islam Niloy the "Army Chief Gold Medal" for the best performance in military subjects.

Dredging

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Some Tk 12-15 crore will be spent for this project, added Motin.
Barishal River Port officer Abdur Razzak said, "Different waterways are facing navigability crisis due to continuous siltation. This dredging operation has been initiated to maintain navigability so that vessels can operate smoothly."

One stop

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said Brig Gen Dr Fazlul Kabir, director of the Kurmitola hospital yesterday.
Supported by USAID, DGHS will also introduce OSEC at Muga Medical College Hospital and Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital in Dhaka by this year.
By 2023, OSEC will also be introduced at 11 other hospitals countrywide, according to officials.

Biometric data

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the world to accept biometrics by mobile for visa issuance, reports Gulf News.
In February 2022, the kingdom also released an electronic passport with a chip that stores the user's biometrics for authentication purposes.
M Shahadat Hossain Taslim, president, Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB), told The Daily Star that the new

system will create problems for elderly hajis as in many cases their finger prints do not match in the biometric machine.
"But we will certainly follow the rules set by the Saudi authorities once it would be launched formally," he said.
According to the HAAB president, around three to four lakh Bangladeshis perform Umrah hajj each year.

ইন্ডাস্ট্রিয়াল জমি বিক্রয়
দ্বীপজেলা ভোলায় সড়ক ও নৌপথের সুবিধায় সার্বক্ষণিক গ্যাস, বিদ্যুৎসহ, ১০, ২০, ৫০, ১০০ একর জমি বিক্রয় করা হবে।
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Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215
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Commercial Section
Invitation For Tender (International) of
a) 11,000,000 (±5%) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil,
b) 12,500 (±5%) M. Ton White Refined Sugar,
c) 8,000 (±5%) M. Ton Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	a) Refined Soyabean Oil b) White Refined Sugar c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil
7	Invitation Ref. No.	a) 26.05.0000.016.08.128.22.1840, b) 26.05.0000.016.08.128.22.1841, c) 26.05.0000.016.08.128.22.1842
8	Date	04-12-2022

KEY INFORMATION
9 Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method (OTM) (International)

FUNDING INFORMATION
10 Budget and Source of Funds: TCB's Own Fund.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION
11 Package No: a) TCB/Imp-45/Soyabean Oil/2022-23, b) TCB/Imp-45/Sugar/2022-23, c) TCB/Imp-45/Red Lentil/2022-23
12 Package Name: a) Refined Soyabean Oil, b) White Refined Sugar, c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil
13 Tender Publication Date: 05-12-2022

Date	Time
14 Tender Documents Last Selling Date and Time	15-01-2023 17:00 P.M
15 Tender Closing Date and Time	16-01-2023 12:00 P.M
16 Tender Opening Date and Time	16-01-2023 12:15 P.M

17 Name & Address of the officer(s):
- Selling Tender Document of each item can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column.
- Receiving Tender Document: In front of TCB's reception (2nd floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
- Opening Tender Document: Board Room, TCB.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER
18 Eligibility of Tender: Bona-fide Suppliers. Details conditions will be mentioned in the Tender documents.
19 Brief Description of goods:
a) 11,000,000 (±5%) (Eleven Million Plus Minus Five Percent) Liter Refined Soyabean Oil Packed in 52 (Two) Liter Food Grade PET Bottle.
b) 12,500 (±5%) (Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Plus Minus Five Percent) M. Ton White Refined Sugar packed in 50 (Fifty) kg bag.
c) 8,000 (±5%) (Eight Thousand Plus Minus Five Percent) M. Ton Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil packed in 25.00 (Twenty Five) kg bag.

20 Price of Tender Document: Price of (a) Refined Soyabean Oil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand), (b) White Refined Sugar tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand) and (c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand).

Lot No/Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (USD/BDT)	Shipment Schedule
21	a) Refined Soyabean Oil b) White Refined Sugar c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil	Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to: a) USD 389,000.00 (US Dollar Three Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand) or BDT 4,05,00,000 (BDT Four Core Three Lac) Only b) USD 255,000.00 (US Dollar Two Hundred Fifty Five Thousand) or BDT 2,64,00,000 (BDT Two Core Sixty Four Lac) Only c) USD 146,000.00 (US Dollar One Hundred Forty Six Thousand) or BDT 1,51,00,000 (BDT One Core Fifty One Lac) Only in the form of Pay-Order/ Bank Draft must be issued from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh and Bank Guarantee from a foreign Bank must be endorsed by any local scheduled Bank. The Successful Tenderer is to submit 5% (Five Percent) Performance Security in the similar form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee.	Entire quantity of Goods is to be shipped within: (a) 10-04-2023 (b) 10-04-2023 (c) 10-04-2023

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS
22 Name of Official Inviting Tender: Md. Shekhar Rahman
23 Designation of Official Inviting Tender: Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
24 Address of Official Inviting Tender: Principal Officer, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
25 Contact details of Official Inviting Tender: Telephone No: 82-818074 Fax No: 880-2-8180857 E-mail: tcb@tcb.gov.bd, tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd
26 Special Instructions:
a. Incomplete, conditional Tender and alternative offer shall not be considered.
b. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all Tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason.
c. Tenderer who was awarded the Notification of Awarded (NOA) earlier but could not submit Performance Security (PS) in due time, will not be eligible for the Tender.
d. Tenderer who's Performance Security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the Tender.
(Md. Shekhar Rahman)
Chief Officer (Commercial)

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Invitation for e-Tender
Invitation for e-Tender to be invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the Procurement of the following goods

Sl.	Tender Id	Package No.	Description	Tender Publishing Date & Time	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing & Opening Date & Time
1	758232	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-01	Supply of Civil Modern Equipments (4112304)			
2	758241	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-02	Supply of Computer Modern Equipments (4112304) for Software Lab			
3	758245	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-03	Supply of Computer Modern Equipments (4112304) for Network Lab			
4	758250	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-04	Supply of Computer Modern Equipments (4112304) for Microprocessor Lab			
5	758251	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-05	Supply of Computer Modern Equipments (4112304) for Hardware Lab			
6	758252	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-06	Supply of Computer Modern Equipments (4112304) for IOT Lab	5-12-22 12:00 pm	20-12-2022 12:00 pm	20-12-2022 3:00 pm
7	758253	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-07	Supply of Electrical Modern Equipments (4112304)			
8	758254	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-08	Supply of Electronics Modern Equipments (4112304)			
9	758255	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-09	Supply of Electro-Medical Modern Equipments (4112304)			
10	758256	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-10	Supply of Mechanical Modern Equipments (4112304)			
11	758257	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-11	Supply of Refrigeration and Air conditioning Modern Equipments (4112304)			
12	758258	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-12	Supply of Cleanliness Materials (3211102)			
13	758259	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-13	Supply of Books & Magazine (3211127)			
14	758261	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-14	Supply of Printing & Stationery (3255105)			
15	758262	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-15	Supply of Playing and Goods (3256107)			
16	758263	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-16	Supply of Raw materials (3256105)	5-12-22 12:00 pm	20-12-2022 12:00 pm	20-12-2022 2:00 pm
17	758265	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-17	Supply of Office Equipments (4112310)			
18	758266	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-18	Supply of Educational Materials (4112312)			
19	758267	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-19	Supply of Furniture (4112314)			
20	758268	MPI/Rev/22-23/PG-20	Supply of Chemical (3256102)			

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders 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 selling/downloading the e-Tender Documents from the e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to Scheduled date and time.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd, +8809609112233, +8801762625528, +8801762625529).

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