

## Maritime university gets new VC

STAR REPORT

The incumbent Chairman of Mongla Port, Rear Admiral Mohammad Musa, has been appointed as the new vice chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University.

According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Education, President Abdul Hamid, also chancellor of the university, appointed him for the next four years.

He will replace the outgoing VC Rear Admiral (Retd) M Khaled Iqbal.

Rear Admiral Musa has an outstanding naval career of 38 years with the highest-rated professional record in command, staff, and instructional appointments both in Armed Forces, National and International level, said a press release. He has commanded 6 warships, including the Flagship of Bangladesh Navy.

He performed as Directing Staff at National Defence College. Admiral has four masters (International Relations, English Literature, Business Administration and Security Studies), MPhil and PhD on Maritime Governance.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
JANUARY 15

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AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:00	5:36	7:00
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## DEFENCE PARTNERSHIP 2 Indian ships arrive in Ctg

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Two Indian Coast Guard ships arrived in Chattogram for a six-day visit on Friday, making a mark on the Indo-Bangla defence partnership.

ICGS Shaurya and ICGS Rajveer, two indigenously built Indian ships, were given a warm welcome by the Bangladesh Coast Guard, read a statement of the Indian High Commission.

ICGS Shaurya is an Advanced Offshore Patrol Vessel operates both Chetak & Advance Light Helicopters and has long range endurance.

The ship's sustenance and reach, coupled with its advanced systems, make it a versatile multipurpose platform for fulfilling Coast Guard Charter of duties.

ICGS Rajveer is an Inshore Patrol Vessel fitted with advanced navigation and communication equipment, sensors and machinery imparting the ship wide-ranging capabilities for search and rescue, maritime law enforcement and marine pollution response operations.

The visit of these ships is an important part of the defence partnership between India and Bangladesh and the wide-ranging cooperation between the Coast Guards of the two countries.

Regular visits of ships between the Navies and Coast Guards of India and Bangladesh contribute to further strengthening mutual trust and understanding between the two countries and their armed forces, while showcasing the common commitment to peace, stability and prosperity of our shared maritime space, the statement read.

## 7 more hospitalised with dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 7 dengue patients were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the new ones, the total number of dengue cases this year rose to 377, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Some 123 dengue patients are still undergoing treatment across the country. The total number of deaths in dengue was 281 last year while the total number of cases was 62,382, of which 23,162 were from outside Dhaka, according to the DGHS.

Meanwhile, Experts have urged the authorities concerned to conduct extensive drives, identifying clusters of Aedes mosquitoes since the beginning of the lean period.

## Women edge out men

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highest in Chattogram at 15 percent and the lowest in Barishal at 4 percent.

It said around 52.2 percent of Bangladesh's population have smartphones. Division-wise, the percentage of

household internet use is highest in Dhaka at 54.2 percent and lowest in Rajshahi at 19.7 percent, found the latest survey.

The rate of mobile use also increased to 89.9 percent in 2022 from 81.7 percent in 2013.

## Ruby Ghaznavi

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for the development of Bangladeshi crafts and artisans.

She was on the executive council of this organisation until she fell ill.

Her last notable contribution to the Crafts Council was in organising the Jamdani Utsav in 2018. Sonargaon got the status of "World Craft City" because of this festival.

It was through the efforts of Ghaznavi and others that Jamdani was recognised as Geographical Indication (GI) product of Bangladesh. In 1990, she established, Aranya Crafts, a fashion house renowned for its naturally dyed products.

Ghaznavi was an honorary member of the World Crafts Council, and

chairperson of the National Dyes Programme of the Council for the Asia-Pacific Region.

She was also a trustee of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIIB), and a member of the Bengal Foundation. She authored two books -- Naksha and Rongin.

She was also a member of Naripokkho and the former country delegate of Terre Des Hommes, a Swiss NGO protecting child rights.

Ghaznavi was born in 1935 in Faridpur. She spent much of her childhood in Kolkata and went to the Loreto School. She did her honours and master's in economics from Dhaka University.

Ghaznavi is survived by a son and daughter.

## Not in the mood

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observe the 87th birth anniversary of the party founder Ziaur Rahman on January 19. Before the announcement, BNP held a joint meeting of the party and its associate bodies at its headquarters.

"In the current context, Ziaur Rahman is not only relevant but also important. That is why we on behalf of the party have taken various programmes to commemorate the day," said Fakhru.

Fakhru said people of the country have now woken up. Already 15 leaders and activists of BNP died in police firing and by the torture carried out by AL-led criminals.

More than 600 leaders of BNP have been made disappeared in the past 15 years, while thousands of

leaders and activists have been killed, he said.

To observe Ziaur Rahman's birth anniversary, the party will place flower wreaths at his grave at the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar at 11:00am and hold discussions at Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh at 3:00pm on January 19.

Mohila Dal will hold a discussion on January 17, Sramik Dal on January 21, Muktiyoddha Dal on January 22, Krishak Dal on January 23, Jubo Dal on January 24, and Svecchhashebak Dal on January 26. An art competition, organised by Chhatra Dal, will be held on January 18. Dhaka city units BNP will distribute winter clothes on January 19. Besides, a cultural programme will be held on January 20.

## Awami League always

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already said in parliament to give her information where the corruption is taking place and she will take action.

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Briefly describing the development activities of the government, she said, "Through developing all

sectors of the country, we have been able to reduce the poverty rate and generate huge employment."

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## More and more children

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children drowning in various ponds and canals of Patuakhali doubles. In 2021, 56 children drowned, but in 2022, the figure rose to 100. The number was 29 in 2020. According to the data provided by the office of Patuakhali civil surgeon, the number nearly doubles after every year.

In 2022, 26 children drowned in Kalapara upazila alone, the highest in the district. Most of the deaths occurred between morning and noon, and majority of them were children aged under six years.

Mariam, 7, daughter of Masud Mridha of Sutabaria village in the district's Galachipa upazila, and Rafia, 4, daughter of Nizam Mridha of the same village, drowned in a pond near their house on December 30.

When Rafia fell into the waterbody, her cousin Mariam jumped into the pond to save her baby sister, but both perished. Relatives later recovered their floating bodies.

Masum said, "The pond was unfenced. If it had been netted, my child would not have drowned."

The World Health Organization (WHO) has recommended 10 essential measures to prevent child drowning. These include child day-care centres, learning swimming and first-aid. Such measures, however, are few and far between. A lack of awareness in this regard prevails in society.

**RECOMMENDED MEASURES**

- Day-care centres
- Swimming lessons
- Fenced waterbodies
- First-aid
- Raising awareness

Meanwhile, the private organisation Center for Injury Prevention and Research has been working in Kalapara for the last one year to prevent child drowning.

Its field manager Motaher Hossain said children aged between 6 and 10 years are being taught swimming in Kalapara to prevent drowning. They also operate a day-care centre in

the upazila called Anchal. "Around 2,500 children have been taught swimming during this time. We also provide primary-level education at our daycare centre," he said. "We take care of the children from morning to noon when the mothers are busy doing household chores, as most accidents take place during this time."

According to sources at Patuakhali civil surgeon office, out of 100 children who drowned in Patuakhali in 2022. Among them, 24 are from Dashmina upazila, 26 from Kalapara, 17 from Baulal, 13 from Dumki, one from Mirzaganj, and 17 from Galachipa.

During this time, 231 children were rescued from drowning.

Patuakhali Civil Surgeon SM Kabir Hossain said a campaign is being launched to raise awareness to prevent child drowning.

Ponds will be fenced with net and some ditches or marshlands next to the homesteads will be filled up with soil. Besides, the issue of teaching swimming to children after a certain age should be transformed into a social movement, he said.

## No sweet yield for Tangail

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unfavourable weather conditions. On the other hand, broker syndicates and middlemen are offering Tk 4,000, instead of the fixed price of Tk 6,000 for mustard honey."

Dulal said there are more than 2,500 commercial beekeepers in the country. Among them, there are more than a hundred bee farms in Tangail district, half of which produce honey commercially.

He said the country's

honey farmers produce more than 3,000 tonnes of honey annually. About 1000 tonnes of honey is from mustard and litchi, and the remaining 1,000 tonnes is from various flowers and crops.

Beekeepers demanded that the government give special attention to this sector.

Contacted, Shahnaz Begum, assistant general manager of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation

(BSCIC) in Tangail, said a few years ago, they had given training to beekeepers and a loan of Tk 25,000. But these initiatives have currently stopped.

"Many beekeepers couldn't repay those loans due to various problems. They have demanded increasing the loan to Tk 1 lakh. We've also sent the same proposal to the higher authorities but no decision has been taken yet," she added.

## Star celebrates Staff Day

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Romo Rouf Chowdhury, one of the directors of Mediaworld Limited, congratulated the newspaper's staffs for their hard work, commitment and integrity.

Meanwhile, ABM Shamsud Doza, editor of the newspaper's Commercial Supplement, was recognised as "Performer of the Year-2022", and Digital Operations team won "Team of the Year-2022" accolade.

Editorial Assistant Sumaiya Binte Shams was recognised as "Best in Editorial & OP-ED" award. Tuhin Shubhra Adhikary, senior reporter, received the "Newsroom: Special

Recognition" award.

Senior Reporter Rejaul Karim Byron won the "Best Reporter-2022" award while Sukanta Halder was recognised as the "Most Promising Reporter". Senior Reporter Zyma Islam clinched the "Most-Talked-About Report-2022" accolade for her write-up "Where do the disappeared disappear to?"

"Best Investigative Reporting 2022" went to Mohammad Shaheen Mollah and Muntakim Saad for "A family forced into never-ending distress". Zina Tasreen won the "Most Impactful Journalist 2022" accolade.

Naziba Bashir was recognised as "Best Sub-editor 2022", while Nahaly Nafisa Khan got the "Most Promising Sub-editor" award. Mostafa Shabuj of Bogura was recognised as "Best District Reporter", while Rakshanda Rahman won the "Best in Arts &

Entertainment" award.

Abdullah Al Amin, a reporter of The Daily Star Bangla, received the "Best in Star Bangla" award, while Talsir Ahmed Sagar won the "Best in Multimedia" accolade.

Staff Photographer Rashed Shumon was recognised as "Best Photographer", while Staff Photographer Prabir Das won "Most Talked About Photo" award for his capture -- "Dhaka College & New Market Clash".

Tisu Deb won the "Best in Graphics & Visualising" accolade.

Members of other departments who won awards are Md Imam Hossan Chowdhury (IT), Md Samiul Islam (sales), Ahsan Mahmud (marketing), Md Akram Hossen (Best in Business Innovation), Md Minhaj Uddin (production), Uzzal Chandra Saha (accounts), and Kamal Hossain (management).

মতিঝিল ও পল্টনে পুঁট বিক্রি হবে  
ঢাকার মতিঝিলে ১৮.৫ কাটার বাণিজ্যিক পুঁট ও নয়া পল্টনে ৮ কাটার আবাসিক পুঁট জনস্বার্থে বিক্রি হবে। ১০০% নিশ্চয়ত ও একক মালিক নিয়ন্ত্রণে। শুধুমাত্র প্রকৃত ক্ষেত্র মনোনিবেশ যোগাযোগ করুন।  
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Memo No. BGPI/TENDER-1/2022-23/9480. Date: 12/01/2023

**e-Tender Notice: BGPI/2022-23/01**

e-Tender will be invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description	Online notice publication date	Online tender closing date
774532	BGPI/2022-23/GD-03	Procurement of Engineering Machinery (Civil Technology)	15-Jan-2023	31-Jan-2023
774481	BGPI/2022-23/GD-01	Procurement of Engineering Machinery (Rac Technology)	15-Jan-2023	31-Jan-2023
774187	BGPI/2022-23/GD-02	Procurement of Engineering Machinery (Computer Technology)	15-Jan-2023	31-Jan-2023
774132	BGPI/2022-23/GD-05	Procurement of RAW Material and Spare Parts	15-Jan-2023	31-Jan-2023
773857	BGPI/2022-23/GD-04	Procurement of Office Equipment	15-Jan-2023	31-Jan-2023
773303	BGPI/2022-23/GD-06	Procurement of Computer Accessories	15-Jan-2023	31-Jan-2023

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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), +88096099112233, +8801762625528).

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**দি ইনস্টিটিউট অব ব্যাংকার্স, বাংলাদেশ (আইবিবি)**  
ডি আর টাওয়ার (১৩ তলা)  
৬৫/২/২, বঙ্গ কালচারাল রোড, পুরানা পল্টন, ঢাকা-১০০০  
টেলিফোন: ০২-৫৫১১২৮৫৭-৬০

**Bulk SMS সরবরাহের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

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1	774011 e-GP/APP/fatiktsc/22-23/1	Supply of Raw Materials and Spare Parts	31-January-2023 17:00pm	01-Feb-2023 10:30am	01-Feb-2023 10:30am
2	774012 e-GP/APP/fatiktsc/22-23/2	Supply of Cleaning Materials	31-January-2023 17:00pm	01-Feb-2023 11:00am	01-Feb-2023 11:00am
3	774013 e-GP/APP/fatiktsc/22-23/3	Supply of Other Stationary	31-January-2023 17:00pm	01-Feb-2023 11:30am	01-Feb-2023 11:30am
4	774014 e-GP/APP/fatiktsc/22-23/4	Supply of Teaching & Learning Materials	31-January-2023 17:00pm	01-Feb-2023 12:00pm	01-Feb-2023 12:00pm

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