

Nurul Islam  
appointed  
new CAG  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT



The government has appointed Md Nurul Islam as the new Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of Bangladesh.

Islam, who is currently serving as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), will serve as the CAG for the next five years, according to a circular of the government issued on July 13.

He will replace Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, whose tenure ended yesterday.

Islam, who worked in various capacities at the Audit and Accounts Department, joined as the CGA on January 31, 2021.

Islam joined the Bangladesh Civil Service in December 1989 as an audit and accounts cadre of the 8th batch.

## Railway to start feasibility study

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high, its operational and maintenance costs are much lower. The system is also environment friendly and more reliable.

Introduction of electric trains would reduce operation costs by 35 percent and maintenance costs by 30 to 50 percent. Besides, it would reduce carbon emission by 20 to 30 percent, BR officials said.

If the study finds that operation of such trains is viable, BR would have to take on another project to electrify the route, which will take several more years.

On the other hand, Indian Railways electrified 58,812 route kilometers (RKMs) till March 31, 2023 which is about 90 percent of the total broad gauge network (65,300 RKMs) of IR, according to IR official data.

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## Court order to sue

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They in statements given to the Senior Judicial Magistrate of Lalpur Cognisance Court complained that they were tortured at Lalpur Police Station to make them falsely confess to the carjacking incident.

The five cops are Additional Superintendent of Police of Baraigram Sharif Al Rajib, OC Md Ujjal Hossain of Lalpur Police Station, SI Md Zahid Hasan and SI Omar Farooq Shimul, and a constable.

The magistrate saw the injuries on their bodies and directed the Natore jail superintendent and Natore

Modern Sadar Hospital's superintendent to examine the accused and submit a medical report on July 13. The reports on Shamim and Salam mentioned evidence of torture.

The judge also ordered the SP to report to the court on July 15. However, following a petition, the court granted three working days to file the case as the SP was on leave.

Contacted, criminal law expert and senior Supreme Court lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan said the Natore PP's action was "illegal and highly unusual" as he favoured the accused in this case.

## Eriko gets custody

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last year, seeking custody of his children, said advocate Mohammad Shishir Manir, lawyer for Eriko.

On January 29, Judge Durdana Rahman of Dhaka's Second Assistant Judge and Family Court gave the custody of the children - Nakano Jasmine Malika, II, and Nakano Laila

Narayanganj Gazipur route in the first phase.

More than five years passed before the planning minister in October 2021 approved the Tk 15.07 crore project for carrying out a study and detail design to introduce electric train service.

The original deadline of the project was April this year. But the deadline was extended up to April 2024 later.

Yesterday, PD Habibur Rahman and Ismail Heydarli, director (International Business Development) of Tumas signed the contract on behalf of their organisations at Rail Bhaban yesterday.

At the programme, Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan said the government has taken the initiative for electrification of the railway to make the railway modern and time befitting.

## Declare 'public health

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Haque, rheumatologist and the chairman of the BMA Journal, said the physicians should follow the treatment protocol while treating the dengue patients.

Meanwhile, Md Anwar Hossain Hawlader, secretary of the health services division at the health ministry, said the government will consider announcing the dengue situation as a public health emergency if needed.

"I would not say it is beyond control or anything else. But we will analyse your suggestion," he said in response to a query about the public health emergency.

He stressed on early intervention to prevent any patient developing severe illness due to dengue.

"But we will fall into a crisis if the situation deteriorates further," he said.

"We will inspire others to take up similar initiatives.

The set up is not expensive but it is very rewarding when it comes to sheltering and saving these little wing flappers," mentioned Hasanat.

According to the initiators, 20 other pots were set up in the second phase of the initiative while

"Many pots have been damaged or fallen off, but we try and replace them as frequently as possible. Though I am no longer posted here, I still call the officials and make sure the nests are taken care of. We also try and make up for any damages caused by the pots we installed," shared Ziaur.

Executive director of WwB, termed this initiative a "transformative movement", committed to instilling confidence in mothers and helping them become socially aware of their capabilities and rights.

"The core of the project resides in its innovative treatments, which focus on helping moms who are most at risk of poverty, unemployment, and social exclusion," she mentioned.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, appreciated the project's emphasis on creating equal importance for women in society.

Over 900 mothers have graduated from the school so far. However, the initiative looks to reach more families, especially the marginalised ones, to make a significant positive change in the long run.

Sharmin Rahman, a mother from Mohammadpur, said, "The training taught me to read signs, especially in children when they suddenly become more conservative regarding their faiths. Such children may be on the verge of embracing beliefs that turn them into militants. The sessions teach us ways of protecting and guiding them to come out of such harmful practices in due time."

Laura Kropiunigg,

## PRAYER TIMING

JULY 17

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-15 12-45 5-00 6-55 8-17

JAMAAT 4-50 1-15 5-15 7-00 8-45

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