

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.

DEATH OF PILOT
HC orders probe against United Hospital

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The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to conduct an enquiry whether the United Hospital authorities showed any negligence in providing treatment to Gulf Air pilot Mohammad Youssef Hassan Al Hendi, who died while receiving treatment at the hospital on December 14 last year.

The director general of Directorate General of Health Services has been ordered to conduct the probe within 30 days. Upon completion of the probe, it has to submit its report to the court in 7 days.

At the same time, the HC issued a rule asking the authorities concerned of the government and United Hospital Limited to explain why punitive action should not be taken against the hospital authorities for their negligence, if proven.

The bench of Justice KM Kamru Kader and Justice Mohammad Showkat Ali Chowdhury came up with the order and rule following a petition filed by Tala Ilhendi Josephano, sister of Al Hendi.

Citing the petition, Josephano's lawyer Saqeb Mahbub said Al Hendi, a Jordanian-American pilot, died due to negligence of hospital authorities in providing him proper and timely treatment after he had a heart attack. The United Hospital in a statement said the allegations of mistreatment and medical negligence were "completely false and fabricated".

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.

CORE, which is responsible for

electrification of railway tracks in India, plans to electrify all broad-gauge routes by this year.

STUDY TO START

In February 2015, BR sent a proposal to the railways ministry on carrying out a feasibility study on electrifying the Dhaka-Chattogram route, BR documents show.

The ministry in June that year asked BR to add Dhaka-Narayanganj route too. Accordingly, BR modified the proposal and sent it to the Planning Commission in August that year.

In January 2016, the commission asked BR to modify the proposal again and fixed the feasibility study cost at Tk 8.12 crore, against the proposed figure of Tk 9.58 crore.

Two months later, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave directives to introduce electric trains on

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.

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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.

Speaking at the press conference, Prof Abdul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam, director general of the health directorate, said they had previously feared that the dengue cases would surpass previous records this year. For this, the city corporations were notified earlier, he said.

About the huge pressure of patients at Mugda Medical College Hospital, he said that the number of nurses there will be increased soon.

He claimed that there has been no crisis in dengue management at hospitals yet.

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