

## Abul Kalam Manzur Morshed no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Linguist Prof Abul Kalam Manzur Morshed, an Ekushey Padak recipient, passed away at his residence in Dhaka yesterday.

Prof Manzur, a former director general of the Bangla Academy and recipient of the Bangla Academy Award, breathed his last in Nakhalpara, according to family sources.

His daughter, Manzula Morshed, told The Daily Star that her father used to conduct two classes a week at Dhaka University.

They suspect he suffered a stroke.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held at Dhaka University Central Jame Mosque after Zohr prayers today.

He will be laid to rest at the Mirpur Intellectuals Graveyard.

Born in Rajshahi, Prof Manzur completed his education at various institutions, including Dhaka University and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, where he obtained his PhD.

His illustrious career began in 1964 when he joined the Department of Bangla at DU.

Over time, he also taught at Chittagong University before returning to DU.

## Italian PM for legal

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Hasina also asked Italy to ease import process of leather goods from Bangladesh. In response, the Italian side showed interest.

Meanwhile, two instruments were exchanged in presence of the two PMs.

The documents -- a memorandum on energy cooperation and a five-year cultural exchange programme -- were exchanged between Momen and Antonio Tajani, Italian deputy PM, also the foreign minister.

Under the MoU on

energy cooperation, Italy will extend research support and investment on LNG and renewable energy.

Earlier, three Italian ministers met Hasina on the sidelines of the UN Food Systems Summit at the headquarters of FAO in Rome. They also spoke about recruiting manpower from Bangladesh.

The three Italian ministers are Agriculture Minister Francesco Lollobrigida, Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi and Justice Minister Carlo Nordio.

## CHT Peace Accord

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Mukta Barai, president of Samajtrantik Chhatra Front, questioned the government's intention and commitment to implementing the treaty.

The government's indifference to fulfilling its obligations raised doubts about its true intentions, she stressed.

Terming the issue "political", Tony Chirang, organising secretary of Adivasi Jubo Forum, highlighted the government's indifference to implementing the treaty. Khan Asaduzzaman Masum, president of Bangladesh Jubo Union, expressed frustration over the government's perceived failure to uphold the accord.

He also emphasised the need for uniformity of rules between hills and plain

lands.

The movement had evolved beyond being solely about indigenous rights. It now represents the aspirations of people across the country, said Dipayan Khisha, joint convener of the CHT Peace Accord Implementation Movement.

Rallies will be organised nationwide to gain stronger and broader support, said Dipayan, informing that the next rally is scheduled in Sylhet.

"The movement will continue until the treaty is fully implemented," he asserted.

The speakers also presented a five-point demand, which included crafting a time-bound action plan for implementing the treaty.

The rally, presided over by Jubo Maitri Central President Shahidul Islam and moderated by Chhtra Union President Dipok Shil, concluded with a procession that marched towards the Teachers Students Centre at Dhaka University.

## Operation resumes Aug 1

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As the existing Dhaka-Narayanganj metre gauge (MG) line is not capable of meeting the growing demand of passengers, the Bangladesh Railway (BR) in January 2015 took up the project to build a second line on this route to double the existing capacity of 16 pairs of trains daily.

The project deadline was June 2017 but the railway could not even hire contractors for the works within the stipulated deadline.

In the meantime, BR in last December suspended train operation on this route to facilitate the work of the Padma Bridge Rail Link Project. Under this project, a 169km rail line is being built from Dhaka's Kamalapur to Jashore.

Besides, two separate dual gauge rail lines from Kamalapur to Gendarai; and one separate dual gauge line from Gendaria to Jurain would also be built under the project, which will actually be used for train operation on the Dhaka-Narayanganj route, said officials.

As a result, a second line on the remaining 12km line from Jurain to Narayanganj would be built under the Dhaka-Narayanganj double lining project, they added.

When the project works saw 82 percent progress, Power Construction Corporation of China (PCCC), the contractor laying the rail line, on March 15 this year sent a "contract termination notice" to the project

authority.

The contractor alleged that it was not getting payments and the project site was not handed over to it on time, shows a project document.

BR tried to revive the contract but the contractor did not give any positive reply, so BR has started the process to hire a new contractor, Project Director Selim Rouf told The Daily Star yesterday.

Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujon, after visiting the route yesterday, also told reporters that they were going to hire a new contractor for the job.

Council (Ecne), following the proposal of the project authority, revised the project in April this year to convert the existing metre-gauge line from Jurain to Narayanganj, taking the project cost to Tk 658.34 crore and the deadline to June 2026.

"Now we will hire a contractor for two jobs -- converting the metre gauge line into dual gauge and complete the rest of the work, which was left out by the Chinese contractor," Rouf told this correspondent.

They will float a tender soon, he said, adding that

## Pregnant women

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the difference between systolic and diastolic blood pressure remains normally high, so doctors have to treat them differently compared to a normal patient," he explained.

Nazmul said when the gap of a dengue patient's systolic and diastolic blood pressures remains less than 20, it means the patient has gone into shock. But a pregnant woman can go into shock when the gap is 30.

He said the pulse volume of a pregnant person also remains high compared to a normal person. When the pulse volume becomes low, it means the patient is under serious problem, he added.

"There are many challenging factors which we keep in mind while treating a pregnant woman," he said.

The dengue virus also can be transmitted to the baby which remains in the womb, Nazmul added.

Besides, providing fluid to a pregnant woman also requires a lot of thinking.

"We provide fluid to a patient observing hematocrit. When the amount of hematocrit increases over 10 percent, it means their fluid level has gone out and plasma leak has started. And when the amount of the hematocrit is 20 percent high or more compared to its normal level, we consider a significant amount of water has been

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released," he added.


"This hematocrit remains normally low for the pregnant woman, meaning measurement for such patients is little different here. So, if the amount increases even slightly, we have to be cautious," he added.

Hematocrit, also known by several other names, is the volume percentage of red blood cells in blood, measured as part of a blood test. The measurement depends on the number and size of red blood cells.

It is normally 40–42 percent for men and 35–36 percent for women and children, Nazmul explained.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services, almost two-thirds of the total dengue patients this year are male. However, among the deaths, the number of female is higher than the males.

Of the 201 deaths so far this year, 114 are female and 87 are male.



**Congratulations To Our Rector**  
**Dr. Mokhles ur Rahman**  
PhD, MPA, USA

For achieving Doctorate degree from the American East Coast University, USA.

His PhD dissertation topic was "Entrepreneurship roadmap for the unprivileged person and product: A cross boundary case analysis of unparallel success".

Courtesy: Office Staff of the Institute of Training and Management (ITM)

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**বাংলাদেশ কর্মার ব্যাক লিমিটেড**  
সকল প্রকার আমানত, আকর্ষণীয় ক্রীম সহ জামানতবিহীন বিনিয়োগ, উদ্যোক্তা, কৃষি ঋণ সুবিধা ও ক্রেডিট কার্ড সহ আধুনিক ব্যাংকিং সেবায় আপনার বিশ্বস্ত সহযোগী।  
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## Contractors paid Tk 1.36cr even

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orders as deposit. They cannot just disappear by taking such a huge amount of money. The buildings will be constructed."

UNO Mohammad Amimul Ehsan Khan echoed the same.

Asaduzzaman Tipu, proprietor of M/s City Trade, claimed that they are implementing five more projects under the LGED in the upazila. As the funds for those projects haven't been disbursed yet, the upazila engineer issued the bills for the school construction in advance as compensation.

No one from M/s Nadia Enterprise could be reached for comments.

In a recent visit to the project sites, this

correspondent saw only the works of dismantling the old buildings were going on.

Headteachers Nilufa Yasmin and Ayesha Akter of Taltala Government Primary School and Kasba Government Girls Primary School said classes are now being taken in section of the old buildings.

Contacted, executive engineer of Brahmanbaria LGED Md Abdul Mannan said, "There is no provision of taking advance bills without starting work. We will look into the issue."

## Submit list of railway land

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issued the order and rule following a petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh.

Senior Advocate Manzill Murshid, accompanied by lawyer Ripan Barai, appeared for the petitioner while Deputy Attorney General Md Saifuddin Khaled represented the state.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
**JULY 26**  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:20 12:45 5:00 6:50 8:15  
JAMAAT 4:55 1:15 5:15 6:55 8:45  
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Register us in seven days

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office again. Instead, we will directly besiege the EC office," Rashed Khan, general secretary of the party, told journalists after submitting the letter.


The letter was signed by the party's president Nurul Haque Nur.

Earlier at noon, a procession started from the party's Paltan office aiming to besiege the EC office.

It marched through Zero Point, Matshya Bhaban, and Shahbagh, eventually reaching the Bangla Motor intersection, where the police intercepted the party leaders and activists.

During this time, a party faction, led by Nur staged a sit-in at the Bangla Motor intersection for around an hour, protesting the EC decision to not register the party.

**বিক্রয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি**  
এতদ্বারা আর বিজ্ঞপ্তির মাধ্যমে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সোশ্যাল মার্কেটিং কোম্পানী (এসএমসি) এর ব্যবস্থাপিত গ্লট গ্রুপ ও ৮টি মোটরসাইকেল 'থেন্দো'র যে অবস্থায় আছে' বিক্রিতে বিক্রয় করা হবে। অত্রস্থ দরপত্রসংগ্রহের (বাড়ি/প্রজেক্ট) নিনট থেকে সিডিউল বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী সাপেক্ষে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।  
দরপত্র সংগ্রহ ও মাসামাল প্রদর্শনের স্থান ও সময়:  
দরপত্র সিডিউল আশানী জুলাই ২৬, ২০২৩ ইং থেকে আগষ্ট ০৮, ২০২৩ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত নিম্নলিখিত ওয়েবসাইট থেকে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। যানবাহন সমূহ সিডিউলে বর্ণিত এসএমসি'র নির্ধারিত অফিসের ত্রিকোণ (সকাল ৯:৩০টা থেকে দুপুর ১.০০টা পর্যন্ত) পরিদর্শন করা যাবে।  
দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ ও সময়:  
আগষ্ট ০৯, ২০২৩ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।  
দরপত্র সংগ্রহে বিজ্ঞপ্তি বিবরণ নিম্নোক্ত ওয়েবসাইটে পাওয়া যাবে:  
<https://www.smc-bd.org/tenders>  
এসএমসি কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো কারণে দরপত্র আহ্বান থেকে উক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান সম্পূর্ণ বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।  
সিনিয়র ম্যানেজার, প্রকিউরমেন্ট  
সোশ্যাল মার্কেটিং কোম্পানী

**Save the Children****Date: July 26, 2023**  
**Save the Children is the world's leading, independent organisation for children**


**Invitation for Tender**  
Save the Children International (SCI) is hereby inviting for tender from interested experienced bona fide vendors for Providing **Security Service Support and Cleaning Service of Save the Children International** for its offices and other locations in Bangladesh. For details, please see the IFT schedule, which is available on <http://procurement.scibd.info/> under tender notification. Downloaded copy is acceptable for tender participation.

SL	Name of IFT	Reference No.	Pre-Tender Meeting Schedule and Place	Last date of Tender Submission
1	<b>Framework Agreement for providing Security Service Support</b>	IFT/SCI/BDCO/FY-23/0008 (Manual)	Physical Meeting: 31/07/2023 at 3:00 PM House CWN (A) 35, Road 43, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh	August 20, 2023, at 3.00 PM
2	<b>Framework Agreement for providing Cleaning Service</b>	IFT/SCI/BDCO/FY-23/0009 (Manual)	Physical Meeting: 31/07/2023 at 11:00 AM House CWN (A) 35, Road 43, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh	August 20, 2023, at 3.00 PM

**Special Instruction: (a)** All activities in connection with the said procurement of Goods/Services will be guided as per the SCI's Procurement Policies. **(b)** If it is not possible to receive & open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received and opened on the following working date at same time and same place. **(c)** If the Tenderer(s) submit any false/incorrect or fake documents then the provided bid by tenderer will be considered as disqualified. **(d)** The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

Head of Supply Chain

**Request for proposal (RFP) for hiring sub-awardee.**  
Tender Ref. icddr/biG&F/OTM/2023/001  
Date: 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2023  
icddr,b is implementing "Balika Bodhu: a social norm intervention to address denial of sexual and reproductive health and rights to married adolescent girls in rural Bangladesh" project under the funding of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) through AdSEARCH project by icddr,b. icddr,b is inviting sealed proposals from interested organizations (non-government organizations/civil society organizations/community-based organizations, whether for-profit or non-profit, must be legally registered under the laws of Bangladesh) with a proven experience and also fulfill the criteria mentioned in the RFP for selection of sub-recipient. The RFP document contains all the necessary information for interested bidders. With the most proficient bidder, icddr,b will sign an agreement for the currently established scope. Interested participants can download the RFP documents from the web address below with the title "Balika Bodhu: a social norm intervention to address denial of sexual and reproductive health and rights to married adolescent girls in rural Bangladesh"  
<https://www.icddr.org/work-with-us/tender-notices>  
Pre-bid meeting will be held on **07<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at 02:30 PM BST** on Microsoft Teams. Please see the RFP for details.  
Bidders shall submit their proposals through email as mentioned in the RFP document. Proposals must be received no later than **16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 at 2:30 PM BST**. Please note that bid opening session will not be conducted as a public opening.  
icddr,b reserves the right to accept or reject all/part proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever. This RFP invitation will also form a part of the contract and will be binding upon the tenderer.

**icddr,b**  
Senior Manager, Grants & Compliance

**The City Bank Limited**  
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**Price Sensitive Information**  
This is kind information for all concerned that the Board of Directors of The City Bank Limited in its 639<sup>th</sup> meeting held on July 25, 2023 at 3:00 pm through Digital Platform, after detailed discussion while considering the unaudited Half Yearly Financial Statements for the period ended June 30, 2023 has declared the followings:

Particulars	Amount in Tk.			
	Consolidated		Solo	
	30-Jun-23	31-Dec-22	30-Jun-23	31-Dec-22
Net Assets Value per Share*	29.96	28.21	28.96	27.36

Particulars	Amount in Tk.			
	Consolidated		Solo	
	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22
Net Operating Cash flow per Share*	1.23	(6.74)	1.34	(7.41)
Earnings per Share (for the period ended)*	1.97	1.81	1.82	1.72
Earnings per Share (for the current quarter ended)*	1.23	1.07	1.13	1.10

\* Previous year figures were adjusted for Bonus share declared and issued based on 2021 performance.

Dated: July 25, 2023

By the order of Board,  
Sd/-  
**Md. Kafi Khan**  
Company Secretary

**VACANCY NOTICE**

**United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh** announces vacancy for the following position under the National Personnel Services Agreement (NPSA) with Initiation Plan for Integration of Resilience and Inclusive Growth.

**1. Project Analyst (Manager), NPSA-9 (1 Position)**

*The duration of the NPSA Contract is one year initially, subject to renewal upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.*

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <https://www.undp.org/bangladesh/careers>. You will find the application deadline in the vacancy advertisement.

**Note:** UNDP is committed to achieving workforce diversity in terms of gender, ethnicity, and culture. Individuals from minority groups, indigenous groups, and people living with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply. All applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

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**Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.**