

Premier Bank consultant Shahidul Islam passes away

STAR REPORT

MShahidul Islam, a consultant to Premier Bank Ltd, passed away at Green Life Hospital, Dhaka on August 21, said a press release.

He served as the managing director and chief executive officer of Shahjalal Islami Bank Limited before joining Premier Bank Limited.

Earlier, he had served at United Commercial Bank PLC, Prime Bank Limited and National Bank Limited in key strategic and managerial roles.

Shahidul Islam won “Islamic Finance Personality of 2020” award for his work in Islamic Finance.

Premier Bank board of directors, management and officers prayed for the salvation of his departed soul and expressed their sympathy to the bereaved family.

Shahidul's first namaz-e-janaza was held after the Fazr prayers at Mohakhali DOHS Mosque and the second janaza was held after Zohr prayers at Gulshan Central Mosque (Azad Mosque) yesterday.

PM writes

Government and the people of Bangladesh, I convey our deepest condolences and sympathy to the families of the victims and all those affected by this natural catastrophe.”

She said Bangladesh stands with the government and people of America in this challenging time and expresses its solidarity with all the frontline responders engaged in the rescue operations.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, “Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost their loved ones in this tragic incident.”

Neglected, they demand fair pay

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improved government pay remained unanswered. The role of a health assistant is a block position, and their appointments and retirements occur within the 17th-grade pay scale, in accordance with the recruitment rules.

According to the latest Bangladesh National Pay Scale implemented in 2015, basic salary for a 17th-grade employee is Tk 9,000, which increases to the highest Tk 21,800 during their 25-year job period.

“With decades of grassroots experience, I can say that health assistants play a vital role in implementing the government's preventive healthcare programmes,” said Dr Satyakam Chakraborty, former line director of Hospital Service Management at the Directorate General of Health Services.

“According to the rules, health assistants are not entitled to demand higher pay than specified in the job conditions. However, the government has the option to consider their request as a gesture of acknowledging their contribution,” he added.

In early 2020, Bangladesh Health Assistant Association enforced a work stoppage to realise their demand, which forced DGHS to suspend the nationwide measles rubella campaign.

Consequently, a meeting at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on

February 20, 2020 decided to amend the recruitment regulations for health assistants, aiming to enable their promotion to the upper grade.

The ministry, however, set a condition for this – all the health assistants would be required to achieve a two-year technical diploma degree to be employed under “technical cadre” and be promoted.

A committee formed in the same year in this regard, however, submitted a draft curriculum for a one-year diploma course.

“We were tasked to draft a one-year course curriculum, but we have put a note that the curriculum should span two years. Otherwise, it will not resolve the plea for better pay,” said Dr Satyakam Chakraborty, also the head of curriculum adoption committee.

Around three years have passed since Dr Satyakam submitted the draft curriculum, but DGHS is yet to finalise it.

Against this backdrop, representatives of Bangladesh Health Assistants Association met DGHS Director General Prof Abul Bashir Mohammad and other high-ups on August 10.

“The officials gave assurance that our demand would be met soon,” said Sheikh Rabiul Alam Khokon, convener of the association.

“Other government officials, such as those of

primary education and agriculture who entered under the same job conditions, have received promotions through rule amendments. We urge the government to put an end to this discrimination,” he added.

Talking to several officials concerned, this correspondent, however, learnt that the process is complex and lengthy, and involves multiple ministries.

“The approval for improved pay will not be immediate. Once the health ministry finalises it, there will be a need for vetting by the public administration ministry. We have been working on addressing this matter,” said Dr Rasheda Sultana, additional director general (administration) at DGHS.

Students

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permanent solution, said Mozammel Haque, manager of a local cooperative society.

School sources said Bhaluka Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Ershadul Ahmed visited the school recently and asked the local Kachina union parishad chairman Md Mushfiqur Rahman to take steps to recover the canals at any cost.

They have started to pump out the water this week, the headmaster said.

Local people, however, demanded a permanent solution.

Journo Habibur Rahman no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Habibur Rahman Khan, a senior correspondent of the Bangladesh Daily Jugantor, passed away yesterday due to cardiac arrest. He was 42.

The family said he felt chest pain around 4:00pm. Later, he was declared dead at National Heart Foundation Hospital & Research Institute.

Habibur is survived by a son and a daughter.

He was buried at Mirpur Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard after his namaz-e-janaza at Mirpur Shainpukur Housing Jame Mosque last night.

Jatiya Press Club, Dhaka Reporters' Unity, and Dhaka Union of Journalists expressed shock at the sudden demise of Habibur.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir expressed his shock over Habibur's death and spoke to his wife Farzana Mahmud over the phone, extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Saudi Arabia

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gateway to Makkah and Medina, allowing visitors to create their own Umrah itinerary with the variety of services it offers.

“With Nusuk, travellers from all over the world can easily organise their entire visit, from applying for an E-visa to booking hotels and flights,” Nusuk's website says.

The website includes various details and information that pilgrims need to be aware of to make their visit go smoothly. For example, it offers different options for accommodation, along with a list of landmarks and holy sites that visitors would want to add to their itinerary.

Bangladesh is the fourth-largest Muslim majority country in the world, home to a population of 150 million Muslims. Annually, thousands of Bangladeshis visit Saudi Arabia for Umrah and Hajj.

BCL's IU

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Abdul Quader of BCL's Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall unit; Ashik Quraishi of Sheikh Russel Hall unit; Shahdullah Siddiqui Saimun and Tasin Azad of Jati Pita Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall unit.

IU BCL unit President Faisal Siddiqi Arafat told UNB that they suspended the eight activists from the organisation temporarily for violating its rules and regulations. They also submitted a written statement to the BCL central body for their permanent expulsion, he added.

On Sunday, a discussion programme marking the 48th martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the National Mourning Day, was held at Bir Shrestha Hamidur Rahman Auditorium in the morning.

IU BCL's Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall unit activist Shamim Hossain, a student of law department under 2018-19 academic session, locked into an altercation with BCL's Sheikh Russel Hall unit activist Ashik Quraishi, student of management department under 2019-20 academic session, over entering the auditorium to take part in the programme.

Following the altercation, two groups – one led by the Ziaur Rahman Hall unit and another led by Sheikh Russel Hall unit – attacked each other with sharp weapons in front of Bir Shrestha Hamidur Rahman Auditorium around 2:00pm.

The clash left five people from both groups injured. Fellow students rescued the injured and took them to the IU Medical Centre for treatment.

A month-long strike

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effective initiatives from the owners to solve their crises, Rambhajan added.

NirpenPaul, acting general secretary of Bangladesh Tea Workers' Union, said the owners of Imam and Bawani tea plantations are discriminating against the workers.

“On August 21, we organised a large programme at several gardens. Later, the district administration asked the owners for a meeting with them to meet the workers' demands on August

22. That is why we've temporarily suspended our programme.”

Contacted, Fakhurul Islam, general manager of Imam and Bawani tea gardens, said the owners had faced various financial problems in the management of the tea gardens.

“Prompt payment of dues will be made in consultation with the leaders of the tea workers' union,” he added.

Speaking on the matter, Nabiganj Upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land) Shaheen Delwar said the

garden owners also owe land development tax of Tk 80 lakh to the government, and a recommendation has been made for cancellation of their lease for the plantations.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Rafiqul Islam said, “The owners have been asked to present the necessary documents to the district administration during the meeting on August 22 to solve the crisis of Imam and Bawani tea gardens. Appropriate initiatives will also be taken to resolve workers' crises in that meeting.”

Trial begins against Yunus

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framed charges against the accused – including Prof Yunus – in the case.

On September 9, 2021, Labour Inspector (general) SM Arifuzzaman of the Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department filed the case with the Third Labour Court of Dhaka.

According to the case

documents, officials of the Inspection for Factories and Establishments Department on August 16, 2021, inspected the office of Grameen Telecom in the capital's Mirpur and found several violations of labour laws.

On August 19 that year, the department sent a letter to the authorities of Grameen Telecom, mentioning that

67 of its employees were supposed to be made permanent employees. But it was not done, the case statement said.

Besides, the employee's participation and welfare funds were yet to be formed, and 5 percent of the company's dividends supposed to be paid to the workers, were not paid, it added.



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বিষয়ঃ সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতির আওতায় প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী বা ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তালিকাভুক্তকরণ।

বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী বা ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান ২০২৩-২০২৪ অর্থ বছরের জন্য তালিকাভুক্ত করার নিমিত্ত নিম্নোক্ত লটভিত্তিক অগ্রহ প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

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To implement the Humanitarian Assistance Programme in Bangladesh
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Ref. # WFP-BGD-EOI-NGO-27-07-2023

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) invites experienced and potential local/national/international NGOs to submit an Expression of Interest for the implementation of “Humanitarian assistance programs to enhance food security and nutrition.”

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- Past experience in community mobilization and resilience building activities
- Past experience in emergency preparedness and response
- Organization's strategic objectives that are aligned with WFP's strategic priorities. SO1 to SO4 mentioned above.
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- Strong relationships with local administration and relevant local and regional institutions.

Prequalification Application Process:
All the interested local/national/international NGOs with a valid registration certificate with NGO Affairs Bureau are requested to submit their profile (as per the prescribed format) through UN Partner Portal (<https://www.unpartnerportal.org/dashboard>) by 26 August 2023. Interested applicants must ensure that the Organizational Profile in the Portal is updated with all the latest information and documents. The detailed guideline for creating an organizational profile in UN Partner Portal is available at (<https://tinyurl.com/23dj9wte>)

In case, the interested NGO's encounter any technical difficulties, please contact bangladesh.flataskforce@wfp.org, email address: bangladesh.flataskforce@wfp.org