

Prof Abul Kashem new VC of UIU

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Prof Md Abul Kashem Mia joined the United International University (UIU) as its vice chancellor on October 17, said a press release.

Prior to this appointment, he held the position of pro-VC at UIU. Previously, he served as a professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

In 2018-2019, he also held the position of dean of the School of Science & Engineering at UIU. Prof Kashem earned his PhD from the Department of System Information Sciences at Tohoku University, Japan, in 1998, and he obtained his MS from the same university in 1995. He completed his Master's in Computer Science and Engineering and Bachelor's in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from Buet in 1992 and 1989, respectively.



Farmers suffer for faulty sluice gate

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A faulty sluice gate on the Betai river between Kishoreganj's Tarail upazila and Mymensingh's Nandail is affecting agricultural activities for past 20 years.

The Water Development Board constructed the sluice gate on the river in Chikney village under Tarail in 1990 to maintain water level and benefit agricultural activities on both sides of the river.

However, four out of six doors of the sluice gate became damaged and blocked after severe flood in 2004, and have not been repaired since then.

As a result, water cannot be drained properly during monsoon, causing waterlogging in adjacent areas and croplands in 20 villages including Kholapara, Borail, Uluhati, Bonati, Outergati, Outpara, Bilbadera, Purbo Darilla, Kandiura, Panch Darilla, Gangail, Pankarhati, and Rajgati in Nandail.

Locals alleged that the sluice gate has not been maintained properly by the authorities since the 2004 flood, causing its doors to become clogged by garbage and water hyacinth.

Farmers have not been able to get their expected agricultural yield as the area gets submerged even after moderate rain. The situation has worsened in recent years.

Anisur Rahman Liton, a farmer of Kholapara village, said his aman paddy saplings on 250 decimal land was damaged due to waterlogging after recent rainfall. "I depend on the earnings from Aman crop to support my family. I don't know how I will be able to feed them," he said.



Jitu Mia, a farmer of Borail village, echoed him.

Fazlur Rahman, member of Rajgati union parishad, said the sluice gate has been affecting the farmers involved in paddy and summer vegetable cultivation.

Iftekhar Momtaj Khokon, Rajgati UP chairman, said he along with Nandail UNO Arun Krishna Paul recently visited the spot and found the sluice gate's doors blocked.

Krishna said he talked with officials concerned for immediate steps in this regard.

"The sluice gate was constructed 33 years ago. In this period, many environmental changes have taken place and so it may be necessary to construct a new sluice gate to mitigate sufferings," said Md Motiur Rahman, BWDB executive engineer in Kishoreganj.

Steps will be taken to repair the existing one, he added.

Abul Hasnat's third death anniv today

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Today is the third death anniversary of literary and art critic Abul Hasnat, said a press release.

On this day in 2020, the editor of monthly literary magazine "Kali O Kalam" passed away at the age of 75.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani and prayers will be held at his house.

A wreath will be placed at his grave at Mirpur Shaheed Intellectuals' Graveyard.

Abul Hasnat was born on July 17, 1945 in Old Dhaka.

He made immense contribution to different genres of literature such as novels and poetry.

He was also the editor of a quarterly magazine "Shilpa O Shilpi".

Abul Hasnat received Bangla Academy Award in 2013.



PRAYER
TIMING
NOVEMBER 1



Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-55 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-15
JAMAAT 5-30 1-15 4-15 5-34 7-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Low turnout at schools

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30-35 percent of their morning shift students were present.

"Parents are in fear due to the blockade. I was also in fear. What will parents do during such political instability?" she asked.

A similar turnout was seen at Government Laboratory High School and Ideal School and College in Motijheel, according to school sources.

The government sent a directive to all primary and secondary schools in July to complete final exams by November 30, keeping the upcoming national election in mind.

But as the political situation has worsened, parents and teachers are now worried about meeting this deadline.

However, school authorities said they have already completed exam preparations.

Meanwhile, many private schools, especially the English-medium ones, held their classes online, while some remained closed.

"My son did not have to step out of the house as the school authority arranged online classes for them," said Fahima Rahman, mother of a tenth grader at Sunnydale School.



A few students came to classes at the Monipur High School and College due to the ongoing three-day blockade.

PHOTO: STAR

Hold dialogue to resolve crisis

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saying that polls will be held on time. How will the elections be held? Like that of 2014? What is the answer?"

About the ongoing movement of RMG workers, JP MP Kazi Firoz Rashid said garment workers who were killed in police firing, took to the streets only to press home their demand to increase wages.

"They took to the streets out of their pain and hunger. But they were shot dead," he added.

Meanwhile, at a briefing at Gono Bhaban yesterday, the prime minister rejected the possibility to hold any dialogue with BNP.

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UGC chairman to conduct an enquiry into whether there are discriminatory provisions in the rules regarding seat allocations in the halls of all public and private universities.

It asked them to submit the report by March 1, Deputy Attorney General Amit Das Gupta told The Daily Star.

Senior lawyer Barrister Sara Hossain, advocate Priya Ahsan Chowdhury, advocate Aynunnahar Siddiqua and advocate Ayesha Aktar appeared for the petitioners.

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NOTICE FOR INVITING PROPOSALS FROM SHAREHOLDERS FOR APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 2024

Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of the Company that M/s A.Qasem & Co, Chartered Accountants (an independent member of ECOVIS INTERNATIONAL), the existing auditors, who have been serving as auditors of the Company for consecutive three years and are not eligible for re-appointment for the year 2024 as per the notification of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission. Therefore, a new auditor of the Company for the year 2024, other than the existing one, requires to be appointed in the forthcoming 25th Annual General Meeting of the Company.

In view of the above, proposals for appointment as statutory auditors of the Company for the year 2024 are hereby invited by the shareholders from panel of Auditors of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission so as to reach the same at the registered office of the Company not later than November 30, 2023 along with a consent letter from the proposed auditor (U/S 210 (1) of the Companies Act, 1994) and a declaration to the effect that they are qualified to audit the company with regard to qualification, eligibility and appointment of auditors.

By order of the Board of Directors

Sd/-

(Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS)
Company Secretary

Dated: Dhaka
November 01, 2023

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e-GP Tender Notice (Goods)

Memo No.: 53.23.0000.001.03.072.23.8490 Date: 31-10-2023

Tender ID No	Description	Tender Publication Date & Time	Tender Closing/Opening Date & Time
894625	Procurement of Laptop, Printer and Projector under RSMP-2 of PKSF	31-10-2023 & 16:00 PM	22-11-2023 & 12:30 PM

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

A.T.M. Hemayet-Ur-Rahman
Deputy General Manager (Admin)

A bad situation gets

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Yousuf Ali, a street fruit juice vendor, borrowed Tk 70,000 from his relatives to buy his van after city corporation officials dismantled his previous one just before Eid-ul-Azha in Bijoynagar area.

"I could not repay the loans yet. I do not know what will happen if the van is torched during hartal or blockade... I know I may be killed during violence. But I have no other option but to be on the streets with my cart to maintain my family," he said.

Despite risking his safety, Yousuf's rewards till 11:00am were poor -- he could make

only Tk 60 in sales. During Sunday's hartal, his sales through the entire day amounted to just Tk 200.

Yousuf said his mother has been ill at his ancestral home in Lakshmipur's Ramganj upazila and doctors told them to feed her pomegranate daily.

"I do not know how I would manage money for her medicine and fruits," he told The Daily Star yesterday morning.

"If programmes like hartal or blockade continue in the days ahead, it will only heap more and more misery on us," Yunus, who sells old clothes and bags in Gulistan, said.

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making it unfavourable for all parties to carry out their programmes."

"Counter programmes of the ruling and opposition parties and their aggressive exchange of words towards each other created fear and anxiety in the public mind. For the entire month, people have passed time in deep anxiety," it also read.

The incidents of violence that occurred on October 28 during the grand rallies of the ruling Awami League and BNP, held close to each other on the same day, was unprecedented, said the report.

The MSF strongly

denounced the killing of a police officer and an opposition activist, assaults on journalists, arson attacks, and attacks on the chief justice's residence, and called for the punishment of those responsible.

"In addition, kidnapping of citizens, political leaders and activists under the guise of law enforcement agencies continued throughout the month, which is frightening. Not only that, deaths in custody are also happening," MSF said.

The report also said the cyber security law is being misused to create a barrier to freedom of expression.

BNP accuses PM

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issuing threats and letting the law enforcers loose, but it will not be able to scare and silence everyone, he said.

Earlier in the day, while

addressing a press conference arranged at the Gono Bhaban, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said BNP has again proved that it is a terrorist party by resorting to violence on Saturday.

Notice for Closure of Liaison Office in Bangladesh

Shinhan Apparel Co. Ltd Liaison office House # 22, Road #12, Block F, (2nd Floor) Niketon, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 had been closed on 31st July 2023 in Bangladesh. However, if anyone has any type of claims, please contact to the authorized representative Md. Yasin Miah FCA House # 22, Road #12, Block F, (2nd Floor) Niketon, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212. Cell: 01711957242

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রক দপ্তর
নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পত্রনিয়ন্ত্রক নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০১ (২০২৩-২০২৪) তারিখ: ২৯/১০/২০২৩

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের পরীক্ষা নিয়ন্ত্রক দপ্তরের গুদামে পুরাতন মালামাল নিম্নরূপ শর্তে শীল কোটেশনের মাধ্যমে নিলামে বিক্রয় করা হবে। কোটেশন গ্রহণের সর্বশেষ সময় ২১/১১/২০২৩ তারিখ সকাল ১১.৩০ (এগারো ট্রিশ) টা পর্যন্ত দাখিল/খোলার তারিখ সরকারী ছুটি/ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে দাখিল করা/ খোলা হবে।

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Invitation for Tender (OTM)
Memo No. 25.36.2600.142.07.009.23-2641
Dated: 15-07-1430 Bang.
31-10-2023 Eng.

e-Tenders are invited in e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by the Executive Engineer, Azimpur PWD Division, Newmarket, Dhaka.

Tender ID No.	Brief description	Tender documents publication date & time	Tender documents last selling date & time	Tender documents closing/opening date & time
895789	Construction of Multi-storied Residential Flat for Government Officers in Azimpur Govt. Colony Zone-A Dhaka. (Sub Head: Development of other religious Prayer structures.) FY: 2023-2024	01 Nov-2023 15:00	21-Nov-2023 16:00	22-Nov-2023 15:00

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Invitation for Tender

Procurement of Microsoft Software Licenses

Sealed Tender is invited for the under mentioned items from the bonafide Firms having well experienced as per specifications mentioned in the tender schedule, which may be purchased from **General Services Division** of the Bank on payment of **Tk. 4600/-** (Taka four thousand six hundred) only (Non refundable) through Payment Order favoring Mercantile Bank PLC for per set Schedule from **01.11.2023 to 07.11.2023** during Business hours (**10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m.**).

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01	150 (One hundred fifty) units of Microsoft Office Standard 2021/Latest.
02	300(Three hundred) units of Exchange Server Standard User's CAL 2022/Latest for MS Exchange Server 2019.
03	1300(One thousand three hundred) units of Active Directory User's CAL 2022/Windows server User's CAL 2022 for MS Active Directory Domain Controller 2019.

Sealed tender must be dropped latest by **4.30 p.m on 07.11.2023** in the Tender Box at General Services Division (3rd Floor), Mercantile Bank PLC, Monir Mansion, 18 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000. Tender(s) shall be opened at **12.00 p.m on 08.11.2023** in presence of the Bidders or their representatives (if any).

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