



Numerous engine-run boats carry sand and stones, collected from the riverbed of the Jadukata in Sunamganj's Tahirkpur upazila, amid the absence of monitoring. According to locals, the activities are backed by locally influential people. The photo was taken recently in Ghagta area of the upazila's Badaghat union.

## Rab arrests 2 for 'vandalism'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Arsonists are recording their acts of sabotage and sharing it on social media through various WhatsApp groups, claimed Rapid Action Battalion yesterday.

They made these allegation following arrest of Abu Taleb Masum, 37, the former vice president of the Narayanganj district unit's Chhatra Dal.

Since the beginning of the blockade, Masum allegedly set fire to and vandalised vehicles at different places. Then he recorded and shared videos of the crimes through WhatsApp groups registered under both local and foreign numbers, said Commander Khandaker Al Moin, Director of Rab's Legal and Media Wing during a press conference.

Masum and his associate Joj Miah, 39, was recently arrested in a joint operation conducted by Rab-1 and Rab-15. Moin said the arrestees had carried out acts of violence based on directives from their party leaders.

Masum arrived in Dhaka with activists to join BNP's rally on October 28. Afterwards, they tried to create chaos in the capital by damaging and burning important structures, including both public and private vehicles.

## BLOCKCHAIN OLYMPIAD UIU team wins gold

STAR REPORT

United International University students from Bangladesh have achieved a landmark victory at the International Blockchain Olympiad in Amsterdam, Netherlands, showcasing the country's burgeoning talent in blockchain technology.

Team Apocalypse from UIU, comprising Sadia Ahmed, Sahid Hossain Ratul, Jishanul Islam, and Aadiba Tasneem Anam, clinched the gold medal under the event's theme "A Digital Journey to our Sustainable Future."

Their winning project, IPBlockchainPro, is an innovative ecosystem for intellectual property management, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 8, 9, 16, and 17.

Additionally, Team Unchained, also from UIU, achieved 6th place (Merit Award) at the same event. The team members Anika Khaer Aury, Shoib Hasan, and Farhee Alina Ahmad were lauded for their exceptional performance.



## Bank Asia 1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond



Notice for Eligible Investors (EIs) and General Public Categories (General Public and NRB) to submit their Application(s) through the Electronic Subscription System (ESS) and Stockbrokers/Merchant Bankers respectively for the Bank Asia 1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond. This is for the kind information of all concerned that Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has accorded consent vide letter no. BSEC/CWDS-151/2021/756 dated March 02, 2022 for raising Additional Tier-1 capital through issuance of Bank Asia 1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond under fixed price method. All the General Public (GP) including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) are hereby requested to apply through the Stockbrokers/Merchant Bankers. On the other hand, all the Eligible Investors are hereby requested to visit website: [www.esbangladesh.com](http://www.esbangladesh.com) to participate in the Public Offer Subscription Process through the Electronic Subscription System (ESS). The summary of the Public Offer subscription for the Eligible Investors (EIs) and General Public (GP) including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) are as follows:

### A. Offer Summary

Issue Name	Bank Asia 1 <sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond
Issue Type	Unsecured, Contingent-Convertible Floating Rate Perpetual Bond
Issue Code	BANKAS1PB
Issuer	Bank Asia Limited
Originator	Bank Asia Limited
Total Issue Size to be raised through Public Offer	BDT 500,000,000 (Fifty Crore Taka)
Note:	There shall be no quota wise amount distribution between EIs and GP.
Total Number of Bond Units to be offered to Public	100,000
Face Value	5,000 (Five Thousand Taka)
Issue Price	5,000 (Five Thousand Taka)
Issue Manager	City Bank Capital Resources Limited

### B. Details of Subscription for EIs and General Public Categories (General Public and NRB):

Eligibility of EIs & GP including NRB Applicants for Subscription	Minimum investment not required.
Period of Subscription for EIs & GP including NRB and Foreign Applicants under Public Offer	Start on November 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM Close on December 07, 2023 at 4:30 PM
The registered Stockbroker/Merchant Bankers shall upload the list of application from GP to ESS and shall deposit the full subscription amount should be [Condition No. 6 of Step-2 of Part D of the BSEC Consent Letter Dated March 02, 2022]	Start on December 10, 2023 at 10:00 AM Close on December 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM
Eligible Investors shall submit their application through the Electronic Subscription System ("ESS")	Start on November 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM Close on December 07, 2023 at 4:30 PM
Deposit of collateral for EIs	Start on November 19, 2023 at 10:00 AM Close on December 07, 2023 at 4:30 PM
Subscription Fee for EIs	BDT 3,000 (Three Thousand)
Collateral amount for EIs	100% Subscription
Mode of payment	Psy order/ Demand Draft/ B.I.B Cheque/Cash
Minimum amount allowed should be [Condition No. 6 of Part C of BSEC Consent Letter Dated March 02, 2022]	BDT 5,000 each or its Multiple
Maximum Amount allowed for Subscription of Bank Asia 1 <sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond	No Bar

### C. Bank details for depositing EIs Subscription Money:

Account Name	DHAKA STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED
Bank Name	United Commercial Bank Limited
Bank Account Number	1511308000000016
Branch Name	Any branch in Bangladesh

### Note:

- All the General Public (GP) including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) and Foreign Applicants are requested to submit their application through the Stockbroker/Merchant Bankers where the applicants maintain customer account. On the other hand, all the Eligible Investors are hereby requested to submit their application for subscription through the Electronic Subscription System. All the EIs and GP including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) and Foreign Applicants shall apply in accordance with the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Debt Securities) Rules, 2021 as well as other relevant rules and regulations through the Electronic Subscription System (ESS) of the Stock Exchange(s) for Bank Asia 1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond.
- There is no pre-defined quota for any EI or General Public including Non Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) and Foreign Applicants. In case of over subscription, Bank Asia 1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond shall be allotted on pro-rata basis subject to minimum subscription and any fraction shall be considered to the nearest integer and accumulated fractional Bank Asia 1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond shall be allotted on a random basis.
- An applicant cannot submit more than two applications, one in his/her own name and the other jointly with another person. In case an applicant submits more than two applications, all applications will be treated as invalid and will not be considered for allotment purpose. Moreover, the applicants who have applied for more than two applications using the same bank account, their application will not be considered for allotment purpose.
- Making of any false statement or giving any incorrect information or suppressing any relevant information in the application shall make the application liable to rejection.

Information Memorandum of Bank Asia 1<sup>st</sup> Perpetual Bond is available in the website(s) of the Issuer Company ([www.bankasia-bd.com](http://www.bankasia-bd.com)), Manager to the issue (<http://ctci.com>), Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission ([www.sec.gov.bd](http://www.sec.gov.bd)), Dhaka Stock Exchange Limited ([www.dsebd.org](http://www.dsebd.org)) and Chittagong Stock Exchange Limited ([www.cse.com.bd](http://www.cse.com.bd)).

## Ensure climate justice

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positive impact on public health, employment, and affordable energy," he added.

Attending the first day of the event as chief guest, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry on Environment, Forest and Climate Change, said, "The ones least responsible for climate change are most vulnerable to this crisis."

"The victims come from marginalised households which makes it difficult for them to take adaptive measures against it. However, climate justice is crucial and developed nations should come together to ensure it," said Saber, also the PM's special envoy on climate affairs.

varieties. He promised to supply me coffee saplings from his garden. I prepared 20 decimals of land for cultivating coffee and hope to start early December."

Like Delowar, at least five others also showed interest in coffee cultivation from Salahuddin's area.

Md. Jahidul Islam, deputy director of DAE at Belabu upazila, said, "The

government has plans to expand coffee production on flat land. That's why we took initiatives to supply saplings for free."

"In Narsingdi, we provided saplings to Salahuddin for experiment and it was successful. We will gradually spread coffee cultivation among the people in the area," he added.

## AL sells 1,074 nominations



PHOTO: STAR

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Shakib Al Hasan collected AL nomination forms through his personal assistant for three constituencies -- Magura 1, Magura 2, and Dhaka 10.

214 people bought AL's nomination forms for Dhaka division, while 201 for Chattogram, 55 for Sylhet, 105 for Mymensingh, 75 for Barishal, 125 for Khulna, 109 for Rangpur, and 176 for Rajshahi.

the Bangabandhu murder case, for a constituency of Kishoreganj; and AKM Shahidul Haque, former IGP, for a constituency of Sharaitpur.

Police personnel grappled to maintain order at the AL headquarters as the venue was filled with aspirants and their supporters, despite the party's instruction for aspirants to come to the office personally or send their representatives for collecting forms without making any gathering.

Besides, the party introduced online collection and submission of its nomination forms aiming to ease the process.

However, both measures for avoiding overcrowding at the party office fell flat.

## Use more pictures

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support children aged four to five years in learning to read, write in Bangla and English and do simple arithmetic within its one-year course, while attracting them to learning and encouraging them to continue their education in local schools, according to Rib.

Over the last two decades, more than 200 Kajoli learning centres have been established, and are operated by local communities while Rib provided them with learning materials, said Rib chairman Shamsul Bari.

Many of the centres, however, were closed during the pandemic. At present, about 100 such centres are operational.

speakers also said, adding that social reintegration of these female migrant workers into their communities has remained a challenge in Bangladesh as there is no research-based data about them.

"We don't have reliable data about the returning female migrant workers. We do not know why they are returning, what adverse experiences they went through. They simply blend into the society and we cannot track them afterwards," said Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary, chairperson, Bangladesh Parliamentarian's Caucus on Migration and Development.

"Along with economic empowerment, providing psycho-social counselling to the returnees is also very important. These services can decrease the impact of social stigma and help them to find a decent, mainstream livelihood after their return," said Jannatul Firdaus Rupa, assistant director, District Employment and Manpower Office, Dhaka.

## Female workers' outflow falls

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Women and Children

Studies (CWCS) and

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It was held at Jatiya Press Club.

According to experts, for the last 10 years, women migration has been within 6-19 percent of the total migration, which shows that the manpower export sector of Bangladesh is largely male dominated.

According to speakers,

many of these women

workers, who mostly go to

the gulf countries, often

face physical, mental and

sexual abuse, alongside

lower salaries than original

contract and poor living

and healthcare facilities

These adverse situations

often force the women

to return to Bangladesh

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