

## Youths must learn from the elderly to move forward

### Chief justice tells workshop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan yesterday urged all to utilise knowledge and wisdom of the elderly to build a society where all can live holding their heads high.

He said this at a workshop organised by Daffodil International University and All Bangladesh Senior Citizens Welfare Society at the university auditorium.

"I request you [the elderly] not to lose confidence. Taking instruction from you, the young generation will take the country forward. Now we need you more for the interest of the country," Hassan said.



This is what's left of Kalabagi village in Khulna's Dakope upazila. Locals of the decaying settlement have set up houses on bamboo structures to protect themselves from the strong currents of the Shibsra river that continues to devour mosques, temples, schools, homesteads and arable lands in the area. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## 2 jailed, 9 fined for selling onion at high price

STAR REPORT

A Thakurgaon mobile court yesterday sentenced two wholesale traders to seven days in jail and fined four others for selling onion at high prices.

The jailed are Nur Jamal, 40, and Md Mamun from Gabindanagar.

Thakurgaon district administration's Executive Magistrate Anwar Hossain led the drive.

At Kalibari Bazar, the team fined four traders -- Parvez, Mosharul Islam, Bappa and Abdul Hamid -- Tk 1,000 each for the same reason.

The officials of the Directorate of National Consumers Right Protection also took part in the drive.

On Friday, onion was sold between Tk 100 and Tk 110 per kg but the traders sold it between Tk 200 and Tk 220 yesterday soon after India's export ban extension of the commodity, said DNCRP Assistant Director Seikh Sadi.

In Chattogram, the DNCRP fined five traders Tk 1 lakh in total in the city's Khatunganj and Karnaphuli kitchen markets.



## Potato farmers stare at loss

Recent rains leave newly sown saplings rotting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Potato farmers in Munshiganj district are likely to suffer heavy losses financially as their newly sown potato saplings are rotting due to the recent rains under the influence of Cyclone Michaung.

Saplings were sown across around 16,000 hectares of land so far out of this year's target of 34,346 hectares for potato cultivation in the district.

Due to the fields being submerged under water after rainfall from Wednesday night till Thursday, these potato saplings will all rot over the next couple of days, said farmers in Sirajdikhan, Tongibari, and Sadar upazilas.

Visiting Hoglakandi area of Munshiganj Sadar upazila yesterday, this correspondent saw potato fields were inundated by rain water, while farmers were trying to drain away the water using different methods.

"This year I planted potato



saplings in around 11.5-katha land. All the saplings are submerged in rain water and will rot. I will incur a significant loss," said Samad, a farmer in the area.

"The price of potatoes was high this year. I bought potato seeds at a higher price and cultivated them. Now all those saplings have been damaged by the rain and will not last," said Abdul Selim, another farmer.

Several potato farmers echoed

them. Contacted, Md Abdul Aziz, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Munshiganj, said, "We told the farmers to plant the saplings after the cyclone, but many did not listen to our advice. Now we suggest they drain out as much water as possible, this might save some of the saplings from rotting."

"It is not possible to estimate the extent of damage yet," he added.

## Two more die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two more people died from dengue in the last 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday as the country grappled with a record outbreak of the mosquito-borne disease.

At least 362 dengue patients were hospitalised in that period, according to DGHS.

Dengue has so far claimed at least 1,652 lives this year and nearly 3,16,773 were infected, making this the deadliest year since the first recorded epidemic in 2000.

According to DGHS data, 2,412 dengue patients were undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country. A total of 3,12,773 patients have so far been released from hospitals.

## Press freedom

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They were: Shariiful Islam, chief reporter of Ekushey Patrika (local newspaper/online category); Zahid Hasan Shakil, Savar correspondent of Daily Kaler Kantho (national newspaper category); Hasan Misbah, senior reporter of Independent Television (electronic media-report category); and Independent TV's programme "Talaash" (electronic media-documentary category).

If t e k h a r u z z a m a n handed over crests and certificates among the winners.

TIB introduced the awards in 1999.

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e-Tenders have been invited in the National e-GP Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of the following goods.

S/N	e-Tender ID	Description	Method of procurement	Last date of selling document	Last date of receiving document	Date of tender opening
01	921304	Supply of 40 Nos. Desktop Computer with Licensed OS, 80 Nos. UPS with (650 VA), 05 Nos. Legal Paper Size Scanner and 10 Nos. MICR Cheque Scanner Machine.	(OTM)	24-Dec-2023 15:45	-	24-Dec-2023 16:00

There are online tenders, where only e-Tenders will be accepted and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks' branches up to banking hours on 24/12/2023 at 3.30pm.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)) (0176262528-31) (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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## FROM CANDIDATES' AFFIDAVITS

### Salman F Rahman has no house in his name

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 96.6 percent of Salman F Rahman's annual income of Tk 25.31 crore comes from shares, savings certificates, bank deposits and debentures, according to an affidavit he submitted to the Election Commission.

The vice-chairman of the Beximco Group has assets valued at approximately Tk 312.09 crore, of which over 94 percent are movable bonds, shares of both listed and unlisted companies, and letters of credit.

Of his annual income, Tk 24.45 crore comes from debentures, bank deposits, savings certificates, and shares.

In 2018, Salman reported having an annual income of Tk 9.31 crore. In comparison, his yearly income increased by Tk 16 crore.

Salman has movable assets valued at Tk 312.09

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### Bahauddin Nasim's wealth surges in 9 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League joint general secretary AFM Bahauddin Nasim witnessed substantial growth in his wealth since 2014, as per his affidavit submitted to the EC.

Nasim was elected AL lawmaker from Madaripur-3 in 2014. This time he is contesting from Dhaka-8 constituency with AL ticket.

According to the affidavit, his annual income rose from Tk 1.89 crore in 2014 to Tk 2.53 crore in 2023. His wife and dependents also saw their income rise from Tk 11.93 lakh to Tk 30.07 lakh during this time.

Nasim now possesses Tk 7.69 crore, up from Tk 44.45 lakh in 2014. His bank deposits also rose from Tk 1.52 crore to Tk 9.56 crore during this time.

Value of Nasim's movable properties rose from Tk 9.46 crore in 2014 to Tk 29.77 crore this year.

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### Elias' wife's cash soars from zero to Tk 1.40cr in 5yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Elias Uddin Mollah's wife went from holding zero cash in 2018 to now holding Tk 1.40 crore, as per his affidavit submitted to the Election Commissioner ahead of the upcoming national election.

Elias is the incumbent MP of Dhaka-16 constituency and is currently contesting for the same position.

Earlier, his wife had no financial transactions with banks or economic institutions, possessing no savings, fixed deposits, or electronic assets, but her total assets now amount to slightly over Tk 1 crore.

She currently holds Tk 46.48 lakh in deposits from banks and financial institutions. Additionally, she possesses savings certificates and fixed deposits amounting to around Tk 21 lakh. None of these financial assets were disclosed

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### Tuku's wealth doubles since 2018

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Deputy speaker of the parliament Shamsul Hoque Tuku's wealth more than doubled since 2018, according to his affidavit submitted to the EC.

Tuku is a three-time elected lawmaker from Awami League for Pabna-1 constituency.

Tuku mentioned in the affidavit an annual income of over Tk 26 lakh this year from different sources including agriculture, house rent, law profession, honorarium, allowance as freedom fighter, bank interests, savings certificates, and stocks.

His annual income was Tk 11 lakh in 2018. He now possesses Tk 5.3 lakh in cash, Tk 47.06 lakh as deposits in banks and financial institutions, and Tk 3.71 crore as investment in postal service, savings certificates and other sectors.

In 2018, Tuku and his wife jointly had Tk 1.05

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