

Star celebrates

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Mediaworld Limited, congratulated the newspaper's staffers for their hard work, commitment and integrity.
Thirty journalists and staff of the newspaper received accolades for their outstanding performance.
Senior Staff Reporter Zyma Islam clinched the "Best Investigative Reporting 2023" award for her story headlined "S Alam's Aladdin's lamp".
Partha Pratim Bhattacharjee, planning editor, received the "Editor's Performance Excellence Award" while Rejaul Karim Byron, senior staff reporter, was recognised as the "Best Reporter 2023".
Mohammad Al-Masum Molla, chief reporter-digital, won "Integrated Newsroom Leader of the Year 2023" award. Martin Swapan Pandey was recognised as the "Most Impactful Journalist 2023" award.
Sajjad Hossain and Sifayet Ullah were the best finds of the year, as they received the "Most Promising Reporter 2023" award.
Patuakhali District Correspondent Sohrab Hossain won the "Best District Reporter 2023" award.
Akram Hosen Mamun was recognised as "Best Sub Editor 2023", while Tanjeel Rezwon got the "Most Promising Sub-Editor" award.
Ahsan Habib won the "Best Business Reporter" award, Masukuj Jaman Tapader and Sharmin Sikder were recognised as the "Best in Star Sports" and "Best in Arts and Entertainment" awards.
Sadi Muhammad Alok won the "Best in Star Bangla" award.
Habibur Rahman was recognised as "Best Photographer", while Palash Khan won the "Most Talked About Photo" award for his stunning capture on RMG unrest.
Biplob Kumar Chakroborty received the "Best in Graphics and Visualisation" award and Kazi Ibrahim won the "Best in Multimedia" award.
Afia Jahin won "Best in Editorial & OP-ED" award.
Members of other departments also won awards for their excellent performance.
They are Syeda Afrin Tarannum (feature sub-editor), K Tanzeel Zaman (feature reporter), Palash Chandra Das (IT and digital operations), Aklakur Rahman Galib and Jahidul Haque (both in print business), Tasdidur Rahman (digital business), Salman Ahmed (business innovation), Dilip Kumar Paul (publication and circulation), Fahad Hossain (management), and Kader Bepari (accounts).
Information Technology won "Team of the Year 2023" accolade.

GM Quader

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JP leader Yahiya Chowdhury. "Despite being a party chief, GM Quader visited almost nowhere to help in the candidates' campaigns," he added.
"We want to see Jatiyo Party strong and united," Babla said in his speech.

Cross-border trade

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"Last July, I filed a complaint on behalf of locals to the Moulvibazar DC office regarding the sand extraction flouting rules," said Sharifpur UP chairman Md Khalilur Rahman.
"Later, officials of Kulaura upazila administration visited the site and instructed the lessee to remove the illegal dredger machine from under the bridge," he added.
Contacted, Kulaura upazila assistant commissioner (Land) Md Mehedi Hasan said, "Based on complaints from locals,

I visited the site twice and sent an investigation report to the DC office. They then removed the illegal dredger machine from under the bridge. If sand mining is seen again, administrative action will be taken against the lessee."
"Next steps will be taken after inspecting the bridge," said Kaushar Hamid, executive engineer of RHD in Moulvibazar.
If the sand is being extracted disregarding the rules, appropriate action will be taken against the lessee, said Kulaura UNO Mahmudur Rahman.

We will try

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taking effective actions," he told reporters on his first day in office.
Farhad, who was the state minister for the same ministry in the previous cabinet, was promoted to full minister.
He said there will be more emphasis on employment in the new term of the government.
"We want to deliver government service to the people in a more creative way. In the last five years, we have taken some important steps as per the instructions of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," he added.

100-day action plan

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plastic pollution, as well as curbing illegal hill cutting, according to a press release.
The plan also commits to prioritising the Awami League's election manifesto and the Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan, focusing on sustainable development and climate action, Sabar Hossain said.
The minister further pledged to establish transparency and accountability within the ministry, declaring "no controversy or lobbying will be acceptable."
Sabar also promised full support for the media and collaboration with other ministries to address environmental issues effectively.

Will expand

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office yesterday.
The fisheries and livestock sector has made a significant contribution to the life and livelihood alongside meeting demand of proteins of 18 crore people, the minister said.
"We have a plan to ensure availability of proteins aiming to meet domestic demands," he also said.
The government has attached highest priority to keep prices of eggs, milk, meat and fish within purchasing capacity of common people during the Ramadan, the minister said.

CHAR CHAMCHAM

A sweet surprise from the shoals



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A riverine country like Bangladesh is host to hundreds of chars (shallow lands in the river that rise when the water level decreases), which in turn are home to millions of people. Their remote locations and lack of communication means an average person living in a village nearby might not be aware of everything happening in these chars.

Unless one visits these shoals, they are unlikely to learn of the many hidden treasures they hold. One such treasure is the "char chamcham".

On a cold and misty morning during "haat bazar" (makeshift market), a bite into one of these warm, soft and rich delicacies can bring delight to even the most sullen individual.

Freshly made from buffalo milk by

around 40-45 local traders, only those living in the shoals of Kurigram's Chilmari, Roumari, Rajibpur upazilas know of this magical dessert.

Dipped in sugar syrup, the sweets are sold openly in the haat bazars for Tk 200-220 per kg, or Tk 10 per piece, a price that most find affordable, said Shah Alam, a 48-year-old confectioner from Jorgach Haat in Chilmari.

"My father started this business and I took over after him," mentioned Alam, who has been in this business for the last 30 years.

Buffalo milk is easily accessible in this region. It is also cheaper and more readily available than cow's milk. The cheese it produces after curdling is very dense and creamy. The production cost is very low and the taste of this sweet is incomparable, he added.

Loading the sweets onto their boats, these confectioners travel to the char bazars.

"We avoid going to the mainland and from opening permanent shops, as this would increase the cost," said 45-year-old Sujan Islam, another sweet-maker who sells 50-60kg of sweets at every haat bazar, earning Tk 1,200-1,500 in profits.

For locals, tasting this delicacy during every haat bazar has become a tradition.

"We always try to return home with these chamchams after selling our produce at a price we find convenient. So, we never miss the chance to enjoy it," said Nazir Ali Mandal, a 65-year-old farmer of Char Shakhahati in Chilmari.

Ahsanul Kabir Bulu, a NGO representative working in Chilmari Upazila, echoed the same.

"It melts in the mouth the moment you eat it. I don't think such a delicious sweet, that too for the price the locals offer, is available anywhere else in the country," he said.

Improving passenger

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the Bangladesh Secretariat.
Faruk said Awami League's election manifesto highlighted their commitment to the people.
"My first task will be to fulfil that through the work of this ministry," he said.
Under the leadership of the prime minister, many development projects are going on in the aviation sector of Bangladesh, said the minister.
"My job will be to carry them out properly in light of my past experience," he said.
"Bangladesh is a country with immense tourism potential. We will work towards creating new eco-friendly and international quality tourist centres in the country to utilise this potential," said Faruk.
"Measures will be taken to increase foreign investment in the tourism industry. Also, a lot of work is being done in the private sector for the development of tourism. We'll take necessary measures to promote tourism by consulting with them," the minister also said.

Will ensure best

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minister said during a press meet at the secretariat.
"I want to ensure that healthcare services reach the doorstep of the people. Even in remote areas like Patgram, people should have access to hospitals, easy medical services, and good doctors. I will create an environment where doctors would want to stay in the small cities," he added.
The minister outlined a hands-on approach to understanding and addressing the challenges faced in hospitals.
"I plan to personally visit all hospitals, assess the issues firsthand, and develop action plans. I want an open door policy in my ministry, inviting feedback and suggestions from both internal staff and the public, without any formalities or protocol barriers," he said.
"I don't want patients outside Dhaka to lie on the floor like they do in Dhaka Medical College Hospital. I know there are many challenges as I myself have encountered those while upgrading a 5-bed burn unit to a 500-bed facility. Transformations of this scale take time and cannot be achieved overnight," he added.
Addressing corruption within the ministry, Sen declared a zero-tolerance stance.
"Corruption hinders our progress and will not be tolerated. We must root it out to ensure efficient and fair healthcare for all," he said.

Increasing production

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we cannot produce enough, how can we control prices? We have to work on understanding these challenges," the minister said.
"Farmers will be provided with all kinds of support. We will do everything necessary and within our capacity for their betterment," he also said.
"The Ministry of Agriculture has vast scopes of work. I believe, if all the officials and employees of the ministry cooperate with me, we will definitely get good results," he added.

Accountability

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access to employment opportunities.
To achieve this, he urged all stakeholders to collaborate in establishing an education sector with good governance and accountability.
Previously serving as Deputy Education Minister, Mohibul is now the youngest minister of the cabinet.
The meeting, presided over by Suleman Khan, secretary of Secondary and Higher Education Division, was attended by Farid Uddin Khan, secretary of Technical and Madrasah Education, UGC chairman, and other officials.

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Credit Rating Information

This is for information of all concerned that Credit Rating Information and Services Limited (CRISL) has affirmed the following credit rating of Advanced Chemical Industries Limited in consideration of audited financial statements up to 30 June 2023, unaudited financials up to 30 September 2023 and other quantitative and qualitative information up to date of rating deceleration:

Long Term	Short Term	Outlook	Rating Date	Rating Validity
AA-	ST-2	Stable	10.01.2024	09.01.2025

By Order of the Board

Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman
Company Secretary
11 January 2024, Dhaka

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(Suitable for Factory/ Hospital/University)

Two Buildings (each 6 Storied@ 90,000sqft) total 1,80,000sqft, Land 5.50 bigha with Electricity/ Gas/ Water Facility. Both Buildings Accord Approved with Full Compliance. Presently Garments Factory running at Dhaka Road, Vogra before Gazipur Chowrasta.
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Position Vacancy Announcement
Position: Development Assistance Specialist (Health Policy), FSN-12
The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Bangladesh is seeking applications from qualified Bangladeshi nationals for the position of Development Assistance Specialist (Health Policy), FSN - 12 in the Office of Population, Health, and Nutrition (OPHN).
Location: USAID/Bangladesh, Deadline for application submission: February 15, 2024
For a complete job description, required qualifications and detailed information on how to apply please visit USAID/Bangladesh website: <http://www.usaid.gov/bangladesh/work-with-us/careers> and www.bdjobs.com

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E-Tender Notice

e-Tender Notice will be invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.procure.gov.bd>) for following procurement.

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Description	Tender Security	Online Notice Publication Date & Time	Online Tender Opening Date & Time
1	934951	Supply of Office Equipment	10000.00	15-Jan-2024 23:30	05-Feb-2024 11:30
2	935117	Supply of Computer	7000.00	15-Jan-2024 23:30	05-Feb-2024 11:30

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System portal (<http://www.procure.gov.bd>) is required.
The fees for selling/downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National GP Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@procure.gov.bd), +8809609112233, +8801762625528, +8801762625529

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Tender Notice
Invitation for Tender (Works) No. 05/2023-24

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP system portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following work, details are given below:

SL No.	Tender ID No.	Package No & Name of Scheme	Tender Method	Last selling Date & Time	Last Time for Tender Security Submission	Closing & Opening Date & time
1.	929345	Construction of Boundary Wall & Gate of Basta Reg. Primary School under PEDP4. (Package No: e-Tender/PEDP-4/MAN/HAR 2022-23/W 14-1241)	OTM	04 Feb, 2024 at 12:00 PM	04 Feb, 2024 at 1:00 PM	04 Feb, 2024 at 4:00 PM

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