

**'DEROGATORY
REMARKS'
HC blasts Nur,
gives 4 weeks
to explain**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday blasted former Ducusi vice president Md Nurul Haque Nur for allegedly making "derogatory comments about the court and judges", saying that if it continues to happen, the judicial system will be damaged.

"He [Nurul] is a political leader. They will run the state in future. Can a person like him make such comments? If such comments, as published in a newspaper, continue, the judicial system will be crushed," the HC bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Razik-Al-Jalil said during hearing on a suomoto (voluntary) contempt of court rule against Nurul Haque.

Nurul's lawyer AJ Mohammad Ali told the HC bench that his client's statements have been misquoted.

After the hearing, the bench gave four weeks' time to Nur, now president of a faction of Gono Odhikar Parishad, to give his explanation by February 15.

Nur made the "derogatory remarks" at a gathering near Bijoynagar Water Tank on December 7.

**Alamgir Haider
passes away**

STAR REPORT

Syed Alamgir Haider, former general manager of Triune Group, passed away on January 16. He was 63.

Haider was involved in various events and activities of Triune Group and The Bangladesh Monitor for over the last two decades and played a role in organising Dhaka Travel Mart since 2002.

He served as District Rotaract Representative and later president of Rotary Club of Dilkusha. Alamgir Haider was buried at Kalsbi graveyard, Mirpur after a namaz-e-janaza.



With heaps of cooking pots and other utensils loaded onto their shoulders, two hawkers walk on an earthen road amid dense fog in Khulna's Dakop upazila yesterday morning. They roam villages from dawn till dusk and sell the utensils for Tk 400-450 a kilo to households.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

**RMG factory closed
over workers' agitation**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Authorities of a ready-made garment factory in Savar declared it indefinitely closed yesterday morning following workers' agitation over alleged dismissal of their fellows.

More than 500 workers of Anlima Textile Limited located in Ulail area next to the Dhaka-Aricha highway staged a protest inside the factory on Tuesday, alleging that the authorities have been dismissing workers unjustly for the last few months.

But the protesters could not give the exact number of workers dismissed by the authorities.

Factory assistant vice president (HR Admin) Razaul Kaiuom said it would not be

possible to run the factory if the working environment did not return to normal.

He said workers beat up the factory's General Manager Golam Kibria badly and he was taken to a hospital in the capital. He also said the workers have been resigning voluntarily as there were not enough work orders. The authorities are accepting their resignation with payment of all dues, he claimed.

However, some of the workers said the authorities were dismissing the workers without paying dues. They said they did not carry out any vandalism or beat up any official.

Ashulia Industrial Police said they are looking into the allegation.

**Madan Tak rescued
in Kurigram**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonihat

A Madan Tak (Lesser Adjutant Stork) was rescued in Kurigram and released to an ecopark after treatment yesterday.



A forest department team went to Sindurmati area of Rajarhat upazila and rescued the bird on Monday. The bird was then taken to Kurigram Social Forestry and Nursery Centre for treatment.

"The bird, mentioned in the red [threatened species] list of IECN, fell from a tree due to cold and got injured. It has been released into Rangunia Sheikh Rasel Aviary and Ecopark in Chattogram," said Molla Mizanur Rahman, forest officer in Rangpur.

11 MPs enough

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(JPPP) will hold a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban today, Hafiz Uddin, a JP lawmaker, told The Daily Star.

In the meeting, JPPP will discuss the party's role in the 12th parliament.

Besides, the leader, deputy leader, and chief whip of the opposition will

be selected in the meeting. JP sources said party chairman GM Quader and senior co-chairman Anisul Islam Mahmud are likely to become the opposition leader and deputy leader of the opposition, respectively.

Besides, Chunnu will be selected as the opposition chief whip.

Fate of Anwara Park

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Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Md Atiqul Islam.

He said he asked the DNCC officials to put up a signboard there mentioning the space as a park.

The lease contract for the park with DNCC was not renewed after former mayor Anisul Huq passed away, he noted.

"We have enough shopping malls, but we need open spaces and parks for our future generations. We have also issued a letter to the PWD in this regard," Atiqul added.

PWD chief engineer Mohamad Shamim Akhter said metro rail authorities proposed constructing a shopping complex, but DNCC wants to keep the park. The government will decide, he added.

Contacted, MAN Siddique, managing

director of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd, said they have already prepared a layout for station plaza.

Asked about DNCC's opposition, he said, "We are in talks with them. They have expressed interest to work with us on this issue."

15 killed

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and more than 150 were injured including 16 with bullet injuries in at least 50 incidents of violence on polls day.

The candidates, their polling agents, and presiding officers also came under attack in different areas on January 7. More than 30 journalists were attacked, assaulted and threatened while on duty. There were also incidents of ballot snatching, vandalism and arson at different polling centres, it added.

Country now has 648

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Nagar at 11:00am and offer prayers," Rizvi added.

The party will also hoist its flag at all of its central and local offices across the party to mark the day.

In addition, the party and its associate organisations have planned to organise discussion meetings and distribute winter clothes among the poor in different parts of the country.

At the press conference, Rizvi claimed that ten party leaders and activists were detained and 17 cases were filed against 206 named and many unidentified party activists in the 72 hours preceding yesterday morning.

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Deputy General Manager
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**Man beaten
to death by
grandson**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A man was beaten to death allegedly by his grandson in Tangail's Kalihati yesterday. The deceased is Abdul Mannan, 70, of Aulia.

Mannan's grandson Rabbi beat him following an altercation.

He died on the way to a hospital.

Kalihati Police Station OC Kamrul Faruk said they are looking for Rabbi, who is absconding.

**Man held with crystal
meth worth Tk 10cr**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab yesterday claimed to have arrested a drug peddler with two kilogrammes of crystal meth during a raid in Cox's Bazar's Teknaf.

The seized crystal meth is worth around Tk 10 crore, said Additional Superintendent of Police Md Abu Salam Chowdhury, senior assistant director (Law and Media) Rab-15.

The arrestee is Kharul Boshor, 32, of Jadimura area under Hnila union of the upazila.

Kharul tried to flee when a Rab team challenged him at Jadimora Bazar in the area around 10:00am, said ASP Rahman.

He admitted that the crystal meth was smuggled from the neighbouring Myanmar, said the police official.



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Memo No. PARTNER/HORTEX/SP of DAE/REOI/2024-314

Date: 17/01/2024

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received credit (IDA Credit No. 7299-BD and IFAD Loan No. 200004603) respectively from the International Development Association (IDA) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of "Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER). PARTNER Program is designed to promote diversification, food safety, entrepreneurship and resilience in the agrofood value chains of Bangladesh. PARTNER is being implemented from July 2023 to June 2028 by seven implementing agencies (DAE- lead agency; DAM, BARC, BADC, BARI, BRRI and BMDA) under the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA). In addition, there are another eight agencies (BINA, BIRTAN, BJRI, BWMRI, SRDI, BSRI, CDB and Hortex Foundation) as Strategic Partner of the PCU-DAE. As Strategic Partner of DAE, Hortex Foundation is going to engage program staff under the PARTNER Program.

(i) Value Chain Promotional Officer: 5 Position**Academic Qualifications & Experience**

a. Academic

- * At least B.Sc in Agriculture/Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Engineering degree from a recognized University
- * Masters in Agribusiness & Marketing, Food Technology or MBA in Marketing degree and professional certifications on supply chain, value chain development of agro-commodities from any recognized University/Institution will be given preference.

b. Experience:

- * At least 02 (two) years of relevant work experience in any Government/ Autonomous/Private/International Organization
- * Minimum 01 (one) year of work experience in supply chain and value chain development of agro-commodity, formation of farmers group, production planning, Postharvest management (PHM), Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), marketing, export promotion etc.
- * Analytical capability in identifying and resolving value chain development issues
- * Strong coordination and communications skills in presenting, discussing and resolving value chain promotional issues
- * Ability to work efficiently and effectively in a stakeholder / farmers organization (FO) among other multidisciplinary team
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- * Excellent English writing and speaking ability.

(ii) Junior Consultant (Accounting): 1 Position**Academic Qualifications & Experience**

a. Academic

- * Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Accounting / Finance / MBA in Accounting / Finance / M.Com / related subjects from reputed University
- * In case of Controller General of Accounts Department Office, academic degree is not compulsory / not applicable
- * Professional certifications on accountancy, Tally software, iBAS++, e-GP, Budget management course etc from any recognized University/Institution will be given preference.

b. Experience:

- * At least 15 (fifteen) years working experience in Govt. accounts department will get preference
- * The work experience in donor funded project will be value added
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- * Knowledge on Books of accounts as cash book, ledger, stock register, bank reconciliation and Bank statement preparation
- * Analytical capability in identifying and resolving accounts and financial related issues
- * Ability to work efficiently and effectively in a multidisciplinary team
- * Excellent computer literacy / skills (MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Tally software etc.) are essential
- * Proficiency in written and spoken English and report writing.

(iii) Junior Consultant (Data Analysis): 1 Position**Academic Qualifications & Experience**

a. Academic

- * Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science / ICT / CSE or Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with Diploma in Computer Science or Master's Degree in CSE / Statistics / IT / related subjects from reputed University / Institution
- * Professional certifications on computer science related course from any recognized University/Institution will be given preference.

b. Experience:

- * At least 02 (two) years of work experience in leading ICT/MIS/relevant field in any Government/Autonomous/Private/International Organization
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- * Excellent in written and spoken English and report writing.

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- * Capability in cleaning office, equipments and furnitures'
- * Ability to work efficiently and effectively in a multidisciplinary team.

2. Now, Managing Director (MD), Hortex Foundation invites eligible applicant (s) to indicate their interest in providing the services mentioned above. Interested candidates need to provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. Applicants are required to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) comprising of a CV (including employment history with duties and responsibilities) [one hard copy submit in sealed envelope and also a soft copy (MS word format) send to HORTEx official email hortex@hortex.org], a recent passport size photograph and a forwarding letter describing briefly the reasons that the applicant considers him / her-self best suited to perform the assignment under the Program.

3. Details Terms of Reference (TOR), CV Template and other information will be available upon request from the address provided below either through email or in person. ToR and CV Template are also available in HORTEx Website: www.hortex.org

4. The Program Staff will be selected following the Public Procurement Rules and Act.

5. Expression of Interest shall have to be submitted to the address below (in person, by mail or through email) by 8 February, 2024 by 4:00 pm and be clearly marked as "Expressions of Interest for the position of (...)" in the email's subject line or on top of the envelope. Any application submitted later than the specified date and time shall not be entertained.

6. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever. No TA/DA will be provided for attending interviews.

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