

## Bangladesh will be role model for others Says religious affairs minister on Hajj management

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is trying to make Bangladesh's hajj management a role model in the world, said Religious Affairs Minister Faridul Haque Khan yesterday.

The minister said this during a discussion and iftar ceremony organised by Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh (HAAB) at Dhaka Officers Club.

The minister said the government is determined to take all possible steps for the welfare of hajj pilgrims.

Faridul also said if there are any weaknesses in the hajj management, the government will identify and resolve them.

The minister said many positive changes have occurred in Hajj management over the years.

"Hajj and Umrah management policies and regulations have been formulated. E-Hajj management has been launched. Bangladesh Plaza has been established at Jeddah Hajj Terminal. A record 13.90 lakh pilgrims have performed Hajj in the last 15 years," he said.

HAAB President M Shahadat Hossain Taslim, Additional Secretary of Hajj Division of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Md Motiul Islam, and HAAB Secretary General Farooq Ahmed Sardar, among others, also spoke at the programme.



Youth for Bangladesh organised an iftar sharing programme for underprivileged children at Orchard Convention Hall in Dhanmondi-7, Dhaka yesterday, celebrating its 15th anniversary. More than 1,000 children participated in the iftar.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Rain offers brief respite, but affects commute

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka residents experienced a welcome break from the persistent heat yesterday afternoon as light rainfall swept through the city, offering a cool reprieve.

The Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) recorded a modest one millimetre of rainfall from 3:15pm to 6:00pm, according to meteorologist AKM Nazmul Haque.

Haque said that March through May is the pre-monsoon season, a time when approximately 18 percent of the annual rainfall occurs.

"Light to moderate rains are expected to continue over the next three days," he added.

However, pedestrians and commuters faced challenges as parts of roads and sidewalks were flooded, complicating travel plans.

## FORCED LABOUR \$236 billion illegal profits annually: ILO study

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Forced labour within the private economy is generating a staggering US \$236 billion in illegal profits annually, according to a new study report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

This marks a significant increase of US \$64 billion since 2014, driven by both a rise in the number of individuals forced into labour and higher profits from their exploitation, the report said.

The findings of the report were presented at a global high-level conference titled "Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour" held at the Residence Palace in Brussels yesterday.

Michaëlle De Cock, head of the Research and Evaluation Unit, ILO, and Francesca Francavilla, senior economist, ILO, presented the key findings. Valdis Dombrovskis, executive vice president of the European Commission was the keynote speaker.

The report highlighted that traffickers and criminals are now making close to US \$10,000 per victim, up from US \$8,269 a decade back.

Annual illegal profits from forced labour are highest in Europe and Central Asia (US \$84 billion), followed by Asia and the Pacific (US \$62 billion), the Americas (US \$52 billion), Africa (US \$20 billion), and the Arab States (US \$18 billion).

Forced commercial sexual

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## DEATHS OF 6 OF A FAMILY Locals block Sylhet-Tamabil highway

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Several hundred people blocked Sylhet-Tamabil highway in Sylhet's Jaintiapur upazila yesterday morning protesting the deaths of six members of a family in an accident on the road.

They gathered around 10:00am, demanding public apologies from transport owners and workers for the accident, and insisted that vehicles without licenses or goods would not be permitted on the highway.

Due to the blockade, there was a long tailback of vehicles on both sides of the highway. Protesters however allowed emergency service vehicles to go through.

The crowd lifted the blockade at 2:30pm following requests of police, said Officer-in-Charge of Tajul Islam Jaintiapur Police Station.

Sheikh Radek, a local who has been leading the blockade, said, "The highway has become a death trap. We demand a safe highway."

Six of a family, including two children, were killed and several others injured in a head-on collision between a human hauler and a lorry in Darbasta area on the highway at Jaintiapur on Monday morning.

## 15 skeletons go missing from Pabna graveyard

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

At least 15 skeletons went missing from graves at the Khas Aminpur Central Graveyard in Pabna's Aminpur area.

Family members and relatives rushed to the graveyard yesterday morning, prompting deployment of additional police personnel in the area.

"I went to hold prayer for my relative at the graveyard on Tuesday morning. I was surprised to find the grave opened with no skeleton in it," said Masud Rana, a local resident.

Md Harunur Rashid, officer-in-charge of Aminpur Police Station, said police are investigating.

## Forced commercial sexual exploitation accounts for more than 73 percent of illegal profits, despite representing only 27 percent of victims of forced labour.

## Prof Abu Taher new VC of CU

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Prof Mohammad Abu Taher has been appointed as the new vice-chancellor of Chittagong University.

President Mohammed Sahabuddin appointed Prof Taher, a member of Bangladesh University Grants Commission and a professor of CU's Department of Management, as the new VC, according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Education yesterday.

Prof Taher is replacing Prof Dr Shireen Akhtar.

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Local Government Engineering Department  
Office of the Upazila Engineer  
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**e-Tender Notice No: 13/2023-24**

e-Tender is hereby invited through National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Name of the Works	Date & Time of closing
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**বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বিষয়ঃ সাধারণ বীমা কর্পোরেশনের 'উচ্চমান সহকারী (গ্রেড-১৪)' পদে সরাসরি নিয়োগের জন্য প্রাথমিকভাবে নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীদের তালিকা।

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**Corrigendum of Local Tender Notice**

Memo No.44.01.0000.024.01.004.2023-401 Date: 19 March 2024

Invitation for national tender published in different national dailies as per Memo No-44.01.0000.024.01.004.2023-2380 Date: 28 December 2023 is hereby amended only for Purchase of goods (Vehicles for Bangladesh Police) as follows:

Other terms and conditions shall remain as before.

SL no.	Description	Published	Revised/Amended
10	Tender Selling last date	19 March 2024	03 April 2024
11	Tender closing date and time	20 March 2024 at 12.00 pm	04 April 2024 at 12.00 pm
12	Tender opening date and time	20 March 2024 at 12.30 pm	04 April 2024 at 12.30 pm

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Memo No-1986 Date: 18.03.2024

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Tender ID No	Package Name	Tender Publication date & time	Tender Document Last Selling/Downloading Date and Time	Tender Security Submission Last Date and Time
962871	Computer and Accessories	19-March-2024 & 09:45	08-Apr-2024 & 12:00	08-Apr-2024 & 12:30
963513	Interactive flat panel, sound system, projector & ICT related equipment.	19-March-2024 & 09:45	08-Apr-2024 09:59	08-Apr-2024 12:30

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