

## PM regrets lack of

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She emphasised more has attained huge maritime boundaries and to utilise the marine resources, it has also announced a plan for a blue economy.

"But, unfortunately, we have not been able to extract resources from the deep sea," she said.

The PM also said the prime aim of her government is to ensure food security first, then nutrition.

The government is working to mechanise agriculture and for that, special attention has been given to this issue, including providing subsidies, she added.

PM Hasina also emphasised improving the storage capacity of all kinds of products, including food grains, fish, and meat items, to ensure food security.

She asked the people concerned to provide safe food to the fisheries and livestock to make food safe for humans.

The premier also encouraged the private sector to step forward to improve poultry, fisheries, and livestock items in the country.

## 30,000 northern

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He expressed concern over witnessing children working in tobacco fields and emphasised the necessity of raising farmers' awareness to protect children from such perilous labour.

Omar Faruk, upazila agriculture officer, criticised the farmers' in this regard. "Profit blinds them, they ignore our advice and cultivate tobacco despite the health risks."

Obaidur Rahman Mandal, additional director of DAE in Rangpur region, said, "Forcing farmers to stop is not feasible, but we conduct awareness

campaigns to reduce cultivation."

"We are trying to reduce tobacco cultivation by making farmers aware. Tobacco cultivation is very harmful to soil, environment and human health, and is also having an adverse effect on food production," he added.

There are offices and warehouses for six tobacco companies in Lalmonirhat, and their representatives are in direct contact with the farmers to help them with tobacco cultivation.

But none of them agreed to comment on the health risks when approached by this correspondent.



The Rakhine community celebrates 'Sangrai', known as the water festival, at Kuakata's Keranipara village yesterday afternoon. They gathered at the spot from Patuakhali's Kalapara and Barguna's Taltali upazilas to participate in the three-day event, organised to welcome Bangla New Year 1431.

PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

## Thousands remain stranded at airports

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He also said authorities had asked the respective airlines to provide food and accommodation to those passengers who had already arrived at the airport.

Kamrul Islam, general manager of public relations at US Bangla Airlines, said they had delayed their

flights on Dubai route and informed the passengers.

"We are keeping in touch with the Dubai airport authorities. As soon as we get a response from them, we will resume the flight operations," he said.

Iqbal Hasan who came from Cumilla, said he was supposed to fly to Jeddah via Dubai on Wednesday by

Emirates.

"I am yet to get information about when the flight will finally take off," he said.

Tariqul Islam, a migrant worker, said he was supposed to fly to Dubai by Air Arabia yesterday. But he was not sure when the flight would be rescheduled.

On a typical day,

250,000 people pass through Dubai Airport, the world's busiest airport, reports The Independent.

Dubai was drenched in a year and a half's worth of rain in a single day on Tuesday, killing at least one person and causing major travel chaos that was continuing till the filing of this report.

## I don't remember

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He also asked, "Are they [journalists] all in favour of the MP? All in favour of the government?"

"I don't even remember saying such words. But I did not protest what they [journalists] wrote. I didn't say anything," he added.

His son Shabab Chowdhury is contesting

for the post of chairman in the Subarnachar Upazila Parishad election.

Shabab's rival candidate in this election is AHM Khairul Anam Chowdhury, president of the district unit AL and three-time chairman of the Upazila Parishad. The election will be held on May 8.

## EC summons

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submit a copy of the form in person on April 15.

Mentionable Lutfol, joint general secretary of Singra upazila Awami League and a former chairman of Sherkol Union Parishad, is also a brother-in-law of State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak.

The letter said the EC summoned Lutfol, as the reports received from the local administration and intelligence agencies as well as reports published by media primarily found the allegations [against Lutfol] to be true.

Meanwhile, EC sources said that the total number of valid candidates for the first phase of polls stood at 1,786 after scrutiny of nomination papers.

During the scrutiny on Wednesday, returning

officers cancelled the candidatures of 104 aspirants -- 46 for the chairman posts, 40 for the vice chairman posts, and 18 for the vice chairman posts reserved for women -- during the scrutiny.

A total of 1,890 aspirants -- 695 aspirants submitted nominations for the chairman posts, 724 for the vice chairman posts, and 471 for the vice chairman posts reserved for women -- have submitted nomination papers to contest in the first phase of upazila elections across 150 upazilas.

After the scrutinising nomination papers, the number of valid candidates for chairman position stood at 649, for the vice chairman 684, and for the vice chairman posts reserved for women 453.

The upazila elections will take place in four phases. A total of 161 upazilas will be part of polls on May 21 in the second phase, and 112 upazilas will go to polls on May 29 in the third phase.

The fourth phase is expected to take place on June 5.

## 8 arrested over bus

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over drug trade and extortion. On December 22 last year, Riham and his associates attacked and hacked Habib in this connection. Riham was later arrested and remained in jail until he came out on bail before Eid, said Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner

(DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Habib and his associates hacked Pavel to death with local sharp weapons in Swapnanagar residential area of Pallabi on April 14, he added.

Riham's mother Parul Begum filed a case with Pallabi Police Station in this connection.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTING FIRM FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING AND SUPERVISION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF "15-STORIED 250-BEDDED HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL COLLEGE ACADEMIC BUILDING WITH 2 BASEMENT FLOOR" AT HAZARIBAGH, LALBAGH, DHAKA.

Notice for Time Extension of EOI Submission, Dated: 18-04-2024  
EOI Ref. No.: AIBF/Dhk/Dev/2024/01 Dated: 24-03-2024

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Project Director  
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## PRAYER TIMING

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## Pori Moni summoned

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charges of the case, as the investigation officer did not find her involvement.

On March 18 this year, Inspector Md Monir Hossain of Dhaka District's Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI), also the IO of the case, pressed charges against them.

Pori Moni had earlier, on June 14, 2021, filed a case against Nasir and two others with Savar Police Station on charges of rape and murder attempts, centring the same incident that took place on June 9 of the same year.

The case is now pending with the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-9 of Dhaka.

On July 6, 2022, former Dhaka Boat Club executive and businessman Nasir filed the case -- in which the court summoned the actress yesterday -- against Pori Moni and the two others.

According to Nasir's complaint, Pori and her friends used to visit famous clubs, get drunk, and take liquor with them without making payment by threatening to file fake cases using their connections with the police.

On the night of June 9, 2021, Pori and her associates went to Dhaka Boat Club in Savar. Later, Pori tried to take a bottle

of liquor as a parcel for free, which the plaintiff denied.

After that, Pori Moni started assaulting him verbally and threw a serving glass and phone at Nasir, hurting him on the head and chest. They also threatened to beat up and kill Nasir, he said in the statement.

To cover up the incident, Pori Moni filed the case against Nasir and the others, the complaint also said.

Meanwhile, Pori Moni and two others are also facing a case filed under the Narcotics Control Act, which is now pending with the Special Judge Court-10 of Dhaka.

## Marina on 100

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very locally, she teaches, lectures, and is recognised internationally, modelling architecture not as an individual signature but as a collective Esperanto," the magazine also said.

Marina's work was previously honoured with the 2016 Aga Khan Award for Architecture and by the American Academy of Arts and Letters Awards in 2021.

She was also named the winner of the Millennium Lifetime Achievement Award at the Lisbon Architecture Triennale 2022.



## PUBALI BANK PLC.

REGISTERED OFFICE  
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### INFORMATION SENSITIVE TO SHARE PRICE

#### Recommendation for Cash Dividend & Stock Dividend for the year 2023

This is to notify for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Pubali Bank PLC. in its 1430th Board Meeting held on Thursday, 18 April 2024 at 3.30 PM considered and approved the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 and recommended for payment of Cash Dividend & issuance of Stock Dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023 to the Shareholders as given below:

- a) Cash Dividend @ 12.50% (Twelve Point Five Zero Percent)  
b) Stock Dividend @ 12.50% (Twelve Point Five Zero Percent)

#### 1. The Board also disclosed the following information from the Audited Financial Statements for the Year 2023, comparing them to those of the previous year 2022:

Particulars	2023		2022	
	Solo	Consolidated	Solo	Consolidated
i) Earnings Per Share (EPS) (Taka)	6.62	6.76	5.18	5.49
ii) Net Asset Value (NAV) (Taka in Crore)	4,684.40	4,764.56	4,248.61	4,314.62
iii) NAV Per Share (Taka)	45.56	46.33	41.32	41.96
iv) Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) (Taka)	(1.92)	(2.88)	*(2.64)	*(3.00)

\* Restated

#### Reasons for recommendation of stock dividend:

- Stock Dividend has been recommended to strengthen the capital base of the Bank in order to support projected business growth and to improve certain regulatory ratios.
- Stock Dividend is recommended out of accumulated profit; and
- Stock Dividend is not recommended from capital reserve or revaluation reserve or any unrealized gain or out of profit earned prior to incorporation of the Bank or through reducing paid-up capital or through doing anything so that the post dividend retained earnings become negative or a debit balance.

#### 2. The Board also decided to hold the 41st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Pubali Bank PLC. using digital platform as per following schedule:

Day & Date	: Wednesday, 05 June 2024.
Time	: 10.30 AM (Bangladesh Standard Time).
Record Date	: Sunday, 12 May 2024.

Dated: 18 April 2024  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

By order of the Board of Directors  
sd/-  
Md. Anisur Rahman  
Company Secretary

#### NOTES:

- The Shareholders whose names would appear in the Register of Members of the Company (Pubali Bank PLC.) on the Record Date (Sunday, 12 May 2024), will be entitled to receive the Dividends and to Join the Annual General Meeting.
- The Shareholders under BO accounts are requested to update the particulars of their Bank Account (Bank & Branch Name, Account Number, Branch Routing Number), Name, signature and Mailing Address including mobile/land phone number, e-mail address etc. through Depository Participant (DP) before the 'Record Date' i.e. 12 May 2024. The folio shareholders are also requested to update their mobile No. through Share Department of Registered Office of the Bank before 'Record Date' i.e. 12 May 2024.
- The Members under BO Accounts are requested to update e-TIN in their BO Accounts with Proof of Submission of Income Tax Return (PSR) through their respective Depository Participant (DP) and members under folio accounts are requested to submit e-TIN certificate with Proof of Submission of Income Tax Return (PSR) to Share Department of Registered Office of the Bank before the 'Record Date'. If anyone fails to update e-TIN in his/her BO/Folio Accounts with PSR before the 'Record Date', disbursement of any cash dividend will be made (other than a company) after deduction of Advance Income Tax (AIT) @15% (fifteen percent) instead of 10% (ten percent) as per section 142 of Income Tax Act, 2023.

Merchant Banks and Depository Participants (DPs) are requested to provide the Company a statement with details (Shareholder Name, BO ID, Client-wise shareholding position and applicable tax rate) of their margin loan holders who held shares of the Company as on 'Record Date' along with the Bank Account name & number, routing number etc. of the Merchant Banks & DPs within 26 May 2024 including name of the contact person otherwise dividend to be credited to the bank account of the respective shareholders.

## ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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