

## Anhar Ahmed Chowdhury no more

**CITY DESK**  
Anhar Ahmed Chowdhury, a member of the board of trustees at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP), passed away at United Hospital, Dhaka on May 21. He was 74. He had been suffering from leukemia, said a press release.  
Chowdhury left behind his two sons, a daughter, and numerous well-wishers. Beyond his work with UAP, he was an active Rotarian and served as the secretary general of the Gulshan Society from 2012 to 2014.  
Chowdhury was buried at Banani graveyard after a namaz-e-janaza at the Gulshan Society Jame Mosque.



## Ex-MP Manu Majumdar passes away

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Manu Majumdar, a former lawmaker and vice-president of Netrokona district Awami League, passed away at an Indian hospital on Tuesday night. He is survived by his wife and three daughters. He was admitted to Narayana Institute of Cardiac Sciences in Bangalore, India where he died around 2:30am, Chandan Biswas, brother-in-law of the deceased, told The Daily Star.  
Majumdar was elected as the MP for the Netrokona-1 constituency in the 11th national parliament elections in 2018, nominated by the AL.  
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed shock and sorrow at his death.



## Road crashes

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Among those killed in road accidents in April, 10 were members of law enforcement agencies, 169 were drivers, 63 pedestrians, 58 transport workers, 46 students, six teachers, 119 women, 67 children, three journalists, two physicians, one lawyer, three engineers and eight activists of different political parties.  
Of the accidents, 35.28 percent occurred on national highways, 14.78 on regional roads and 42.45 percent on roads. Besides, 6.58 percent accidents occurred in Dhaka city, 0.43 in Chattogram and 0.43 percent on rail tracks.

## PRAYER TIMING

**MAY 23**

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-40	8-00
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-45	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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## BRIDGE ON JHENAI RIVER Three pillars in 3 years!

Construction remains incomplete since 2020

**MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail**  
Construction of a bridge on Jhenai river in Kashi area of Tangail's Basail upazila remains incomplete even three years after the work began.  
Locals blamed the officials of the Local Government Engineering Department and the contractor companies for their negligence in not completing the bridge work.  
After an old bridge on the spot collapsed due to being damaged by flood in 2007, the LGRD ministry called for tenders to construct the new 270 metre bridge in 2020, said sources at LGED in Tangail.  
The work order was issued to construction firms Mainuddin Limited and SMDwip Construction (JV) on March 23 of the same year, with a six-month deadline to complete the work.  
And more than three years have passed since then, with only three pillars of the bridge being constructed so far.  
Last year, The Daily Star

reported on this issue.  
With no other bridge on the river in the area, thousands of residents of Kashi, Basail, Kauljani, Fulki, Kanchanpur, Fatehpur, and Dubail unions have been facing prolonged sufferings, as they are compelled to use boats to cross the river.  
Students have to wait for long on the river bank for their turn on boats to cross the river, while farmers face hassle to take their crops to the markets.  
"Every time we cross the river on a boat, we fear of drowning. Also, we often have to wait 20

25 minutes to catch a boat," said Rasel Miah, an eighth-grader at Kashi High School.  
Sumi Akter and Bablu Miah, residents of Kashi village, echoed Rasel.  
After the bridge's construction began, the contractors abandoned the work several months later following a hike in price of construction materials, locals alleged. There are also cases filed over the demarcation of land ownership on one end of the bridge, they added.  
Contacted, Rafiqul Islam, executive engineer of LGED Tangail, informed that the work order for the bridge has been cancelled as the contractor firm expressed reluctance to complete the rest of the work.  
"A Tk 24.50 crore re-tender was held by the ministry concerned afterwards and a contractor firm from Jamalpur got the work order. The construction work on the bridge will resume soon," he added.



## Public, pvt partnership Will Nirala Dighi

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Nurul Aktar, president of Bangladesh Solar Renewable Energy Association, said, "If the garment sector comes forward, we can generate 5,000 MW of solar electricity from just the rooftops of their factories."  
"We have failed to involve commercial banks in green financing. Bangladesh Bank should fix a target of green financing for every other bank," he also said.  
Khondkar Morshed Millat, former director of Sustainable Finance of Bangladesh Bank; and Lead Energy Analyst of Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, Shafiqul Alam, presented keynote papers at the event.

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previously emphasised on conserving waterbodies, increasing open space and planting trees. Now what are they doing themselves? It is unacceptable," he also said.  
Dilip Kumar Datta, former professor of environmental science department at Khulna University, said, "Waterbodies like Nirala Dighi are essential for a city. It also acts as a reservoir to replenish groundwater as well as reducing temperature of surrounding areas."

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Contacted, Morteza Al Mamun, executive engineer of KDA and director of the project, said, "We are developing the road as well as Nirala Dighi. Sand filling is being done only to a portion of the pond, while the remaining waterbody will have new retaining walls with grills on its banks."  
"If we don't fill up a part of the pond, the project cost will go up as we would have to acquire private lands. It would then leave no scope to widen the road along the KCC graveyard," he said.

## End crackdown on

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alleged robberies by KNF men, it also said.  
Amnesty demanded that the government provide adequate legal representation for all arbitrarily arrested individuals and allow their relatives to visit them freely, without fear of being arrested.

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said Shefali Rani Sarkar, vice principal of Kumudini Nursing College.  
Arun Mahadevan, a delegate from the US, explained how radiotherapy can be used for palliative care.  
Kumudini Hospital in Tangail is one of the first hospitals in the country which has been treating cancer patients using radiotherapy devices since 1948, said Prof Md Abdul Halim, principal, Kumudini Women's Medical College.  
A total of six sessions were held on the first day of the conference.

## A ray of hope

**TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL BANGLADESH**  
Social movement against corruption  
**Invitation for Tender (IFT) Network Firewall and 2U Rack Server**  
(IFT Ref no: TIB/Proc/IFT/2024/025 Date: 23 May 2024)

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is hereby inviting all bona fide traders/suppliers to participate in the tender process for supplying and commissioning of **Network Firewall and 2U Rack Server** as per the specifications published in the tender documents.

Interested vendors are requested to download the IFT documents from the following link of the TIB website or collect a hard copy from **Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), House 5, MIDAS Centre 4th Floor, Road 16 (new) 27 (Old), Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1209**. All other terms and conditions are mentioned in the tender documents. For any clarifications or queries, please contact [pretom@ti-bangladesh.org](mailto:pretom@ti-bangladesh.org). The hard copy of the Tender documents shall be submitted to the above address on or before **3:00 PM, 06 June 2024**.

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## Man held for burning wife to death

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur**  
Rab on Tuesday arrested a man for burning his second wife to death by pouring petrol on her body and setting her on fire in Gazipur's Nayapara.  
Mizanur Rahman Sumon, 28, of Cumilla's Muradnagar, and a driver by profession, was arrested by Rab-1 from Naojor area of Gazipur city, said Mahfuzur Rahman, assistant director of Rab-1, at a briefing yesterday.  
The victim is Bilkis, 26. The Rab official said during primary interrogation, Sumon said he lived in a rented house in Ranabola area near Dhaka's Turag with his first wife and their daughter. Two years ago, he married Bilkis, without informing his family.  
He rented another house for his second wife in Nayapara, approximately two kilometres from Ranabola.  
Recently, Sumon and Bilkis were having a dispute over household expenditure, Rab said quoting him. She was demanding more money from him for expenses.  
On May 19, he took Bilkis to the Purbachal area in a car. Around 4:00pm, Sumon parked the car in a secluded area. When the couple got out of the vehicle, he poured petrol on her and set her on fire. He then fled the scene.  
Hearing screams, locals rescued Bilkis from a drain and took her to Kurmitola General Hospital.  
As her condition deteriorated, she was shifted to the burn institute in Dhaka where she died around 9:00am on May 20, the Rab official added.

## 'Vast areas may face waterlogging in monsoon'

Taposh points at filling up part of Hatirjheel for expressway; UDJFB awards 6 reporters

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday said residents of a vast area in the city, like Panthapath and Kathalbagan, may face waterlogging during the upcoming monsoon, as part of Hatirjheel has been filled up to construct elevated expressway.  
Both the mayors in Dhaka tried to save the waterbody, but for the country's greater interest, their demands might have been turned down.  
He said this at a programme organised by Urban Development Journalist Forum Bangladesh (UDJFB) at the CIRDP auditorium, where six reporters were given Best Urban Reporting Award 2024.  
Elimination of corruption, strict enforcement of law, and ensuring prompt justice are three key components for building a liveable and safer city, the mayor said.  
The six reporters who were awarded at the event are – Amitosh Pal and Latiful Islam (Samakal), Rashad Ahmad (New Age), Al Fatah Mamun (Bonik Barta), Rajnin Farzana (Sarabangla.net) and Nazmul Sayed (Independent TV).  
Prof Ahmad Kamruzzaman Majumder, director of Center for Atmospheric Pollution Studies; Sujaul Islam Khan, general secretary of Institute of Architects Bangladesh; and Helemul Alam, convener of the award implementation committee, among others, spoke at the programme.  
Former President of Jatiya Press Club and Jugantor Editor Saiful Alam attended the programme as special guest. Shaikh Muhammad Mehedi Hsan, general secretary of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, presented a keynote paper at the programme. UDJFB President Matin Abdullah presided over the event, moderated by UDJFB General Secretary Faisal Khan.

## Faulty server stalls

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The server is available for some time, when a couple of application processes can be completed, the officials added.  
"We are facing some problems with the server for issuing new trade licences and renewing old trade licences. The old server is not working. We are looking for ways to use an alternate server to resolve the issue," said Ariful Haque, chief revenue officer of DSCC.

**BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENT BANK PLC.**  
HEAD OFFICE, BDBL BHABAN  
8, RAJUK AVENUE, DHAKA-1000  
**IT SYSTEM DEPARTMENT**  
**INVITATION FOR TENDER**  
23/05/2024

**Subject: Supply, Installation and Operation of Bulk Masking/Non Masking SMS Service at Bangladesh Development Bank PLC, Head Office for next 03 (Three) Years.**

Tender is invited from the reputed SMS Service Provider for Supply, Installation of SMS Service and Integration with CBS in Quarterly Payment basis for 03 (Three) Years. Necessary information's are given below:

01. Procuring entity	IT System Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC., Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level-06), 8 Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka-1000.
02. Procurement Method	Through Open Tendering Method (OTM) of Public Procurement Rules, 2008 (Corrected upto 2021).
03. Invitation for Re-Tender No.	BDBL/ITSD/OTM/2024/02 Dated: May, 2024
04. Source of Funds	Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. own Fund.
05. Brief Description of the Goods and Services	Supply, Installation & Operation of Bulk Masking/Non Masking SMS Service at Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. Head Office for next 03(Three) years.
06. Name & Address of Receiving Tender security & Other Documentary Evidence.	IT System Department, Bangladesh Development Bank PLC., Head Office, BDBL Bhaban (Level-6), 8, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka-1000.
07. Last Date and Time for Selling Tender Schedule.	06-06-2024 up to 10:00 A.M.
08. Last Date and Time for Submission.	06-06-2024 up to 2:00 P.M.
09. Date, Time and Place for Tender Opening	All Tenders will be opened at IT System Department, Head Office, Dhaka on 06-06-2024 at 3:00 P.M. (Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend at the time of opening of Tender).
10. Eligibility of Tenderer	The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in contracting industries in public sector as Prime Contractor shall be 3 (Three) years. The Tenderer must submit documentary evidence of their experience and i. The Tenderer must have experience to implement Bulk Masking/Non Masking SMS Service with CBS integration at least 02 (Two) Bangladeshi Schedule Bank/Financial Institution. ii. Any Distributor on behalf of the Service Provider can't participate in the Tender. iii. The Tenderer must have A2P SMS Aggregator Provider in Bangladesh licensed by BTRC. iv. The Tenderer must have MNP license agreement. v. The Tenderer must submit documentary evidence of their experience, license, failing which the Tenderer would be treated as Non-Responsive.
11. Time for completion of the works	02 (Two) weeks from the date of issue of Contract Award.
12. Tender Security	1,40,000.00 (One Lac Forty Thousand Taka Only) Tender Security Money only will be required in the form of Pay Order in favor of Bangladesh Development Bank PLC., Head Office, Dhaka.
13. Price of Tender Schedule	Taka 1,000/- (One Thousand) Only. (Non Refundable)

Bangladesh Development Bank PLC. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender either in part or full without assigning any reason whatsoever. If occur any government holiday then the tender opening date will be shifted to next working day.

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