

## Aziz Khan next chair of Unicef Int'l Council

CITY DESK

Unicef has announced Muhammad Aziz Khan as



the incoming chair of the Unicef International Council, succeeding the inaugural chair, Maria Ahlstrom-Bondestam.

He will assume the position in November this year, a press release issued by Unicef said yesterday.

The Unicef International Council is a unique community of approximately 150 private philanthropists and partners who want to optimise their philanthropic investments for children by bringing together their funding, leadership, and expertise.

Together, International Council members have invested more than US\$ 552 million in Unicef, in support of children around the world.

Aziz Khan is a businessman, and founder and Trustee of the Anjuman and Aziz Charitable Trust (AACT), together with his wife Anjuman Khan. He and his family have been part of the Unicef International Council since 2022.

## Prescribe

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Prof Mushtaq Hossain, a public health expert and former adviser to the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research, stressed the importance of shifting focus away from medicine-centric medical care and advocated for a public health movement to demand prescriptions with generic names.

Shikha Ganguly, a physician at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said doctors support the idea of using generic names in prescriptions.

She emphasised the need for strict adherence to rules by pharmacies, including the presence of registered pharmacists in each outlets.

Experts also said prescribing medicine using generic names can potentially lower healthcare costs by promoting competition, reducing out-of-pocket expenses, and empowering consumers to make informed decisions about their medical needs.

They also stressed the importance of ensuring quality control and regulatory measures in the pharmaceutical sector to effectively implement this practice.

PRAYER TIMING					
MAY 26					
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Fishermen catch fish in a pond leased for the weekend. They pooled Tk 2,000 each for the opportunity to fish in this waterbody, teeming with Rui, Katla, and Pangas. The photos were taken in Gazipur's Dhirasram area on Friday.

## 7 killed in road crashes

STAR REPORT

At least seven people were killed and four injured in road accidents in four districts in last two days.

In Chattogram, two people died while two others were injured after the CNG-run auto-rickshaw carrying them collided with a bus on Chattogram-Khagrachhari regional highway in Hathazari yesterday.

The deceased are Abdul Motaheb Tuku, 70, and Md Absar, 50. The incident took place around 1:30pm in Muhuri Battala area of Mirjapur union, said Mofiz Uddin Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of Najirhat Highway Police.

The auto-rickshaw driver lost control over the steering after a speeding private car tried to overtake it. To avoid collision, the auto-rickshaw stopped in the middle of the busy road and got hit by an oncoming passenger bus.

The injured were sent to Hathazari Upazila Health Complex, said police.

In Jashore, a truck driver was killed and two people were injured when the vehicle hit a tree beside Jashore-Magura road in Sadipur area of Jashore yesterday. Arijul Islam, 30, died on the spot.

The accident took place around 7:00am after the driver of the truck lost control over the steering.

In Tangail, two people were killed as a covered-van hit a lorry from behind in Kalihati upazila yesterday.

Covered-van driver Alamgir Hossain, 39, of Jashore; and his

around 6:00am.

In Mymensingh, a couple was killed as a bus ran them over on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Bhaluka upazila on Friday night.

Abbas Ali, 70, and his wife Hajera Khatun, 60, died on the spot. The accident happened while



PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

The mangled auto-rickshaw after accident in Chattogram yesterday.

helper Mohammad Shariful, 18, died on the spot, said police.

The incident took place on Dhaka-Tangail-Bangabandhu Bridge Highway near Pungli Bridge

they were crossing the highway in Hobirbari Aamtoli area, said police.

Police seized the bus but its driver managed to flee.

## A legacy that lives on RHD to turn 10km

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At Dhaka University, Vice-Chancellor Prof ASM Maksud Kamal led a gathering of teachers, students, and staff at Aparajeo Bangla at 6:15am to lay floral wreaths at Nazrul's tomb.

A discussion on Nazrul's life and works followed.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Naheed Ezaher Khan and ministry officials placed wreaths at the poet's grave at 6:30am followed by Bangla Academy members.

The ministry has planned a three-day "Nazrul Utsab 1431" starting from May 25 at Chhayanaout Sangskriti Bhaban, Dhanmondi.

Nazrul, who wrote 2,600 songs, 600 poems, three novels, and 43 articles, began his career while serving in the British Army in 1917. His famous

poem "Bidrohi" (The Rebel) was published in 1921. He later launched the magazine "Dhumketu" (The Comet) in 1922. His active participation in the Indian independence movement led to multiple imprisonments by British authorities.

Nazrul's works, rich in themes of freedom, humanity, love, and revolution, opposed religious, caste, and gender discrimination. His contributions to Bangla music include creating the genre "Nazrul Geeti", encompassing 4,000 songs.

In 1942, Nazrul began losing his voice and memory due to Pick's disease, a rare neurodegenerative ailment. In 1972, his family moved to Bangladesh at the government's invitation. DU awarded him an honorary post-doctoral degree in 1974, and he received the Ekushey Padak in 1976.

Nazrul passed away in Dhaka on August 29, 1976, but his legacy endures.

RHD has built a 10km road from the Barotakia area at Dhaka-Chattogram Highway to the Shilpa Nagar in 2022, Mohammad Jahed Hossain, superintendent engineer (Chattogram circle) of RHD said.

After launching the Shilpa Nagar, the Prime Minister's Office directed officials to turn the road into four-lane to facilitate vehicular movement, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

He said they have already acquired most of the land for the expansion

under the previous project. He said it would require three years to implement the project.

The existing road is the only road to connect Shilpa Nagar, he said.

Replying to a question, he said the Shilpa Nagar authorities have proposed to build two more connecting roads.

"Currently, a study is going on to expand the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway. Decision regarding their proposal would be taken upon completion of the study," he added.

## Ansar Al Islam formed

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During primary interrogation, Ismail said the organisation is being run by a person named Salahuddin, currently residing abroad, the Rab official said.

Its other members are training in different parts of the country, including

Dhaka, Chattogram, Jashore and Satkhira, he added.

Ismail, a madrasa student in Narayanganj, met Salahuddin about a year ago and joined him. Meanwhile, Jihad is a madrasa teacher while Aminul is a garment worker.

## 'They are not real politicians'

Quader says about those involved in violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Those involved in "violence" are miscreants and must be punished for the sake of national interest, said Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday.

"Those involved in beating police and Ansar members to death in broad daylight, and attacking the residence of the chief justice and journalists are not real politicians," he said.

Quader said this after laying wreaths at the grave of Kazi Nazrul Islam near Dhaka University.

"We have no agenda to send political leaders and activists to jail. Individuals involved in arson and arms trading are subject to legal action and imprisonment based on severity of their offenses."

## Move to confiscate Benazir's assets an eyewash: Rizvi

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday claimed that the move to freeze bank accounts and confiscate all assets of former IGP Benazir Ahmed is nothing more than an "eyewash".

"Do you think the government's intelligence agencies were unaware of the incidents involving Benazir Ahmed... They surely knew, but didn't take any action," Rizvi said.

He said the decision to freeze Benazir's accounts and seize all assets stemmed from international pressure and public discourse.

He also claimed that the government would protect Benazir -- as during his tenure as IG of Police and DG of Rab -- he indulged in killings and extrajudicial executions of opposition leaders and committed crimes against humanity as per its directives.

## Specify who wants a new state carved out of Bangladesh

Manna asks PM

UNB, Dhaka

Nagorik Oikya President Mahmudur Rahman Manna yesterday urged the prime minister to clarify who are conspiring to create a Christian state taking parts from Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Addressing a sit-in, he expressed scepticism whether any foreign nation actually approached the PM with such an offer.

The Jatiyatabadi Motor Chalak Dal organised the event in front of Jatiya Press Club.

Manna said the PM made up a story saying that she was offered a hassle-free reelection in the January 7 polls if she allowed a foreign country to build an airbase in Bangladesh territory.

"We want to know from the prime minister, which person, which government, and which country made that offer," Manna said.

## 20pc EPZ spaces

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systems, and inefficient energy transmission and distribution networks.

It also underscored the need for reforms in the EPZ Act to facilitate the adoption of net metering systems by industries.

To address these challenges and capitalise on the potential of solar energy, the study

proposed a range of short-term and medium-term recommendations. Short-term recommendations include increasing the size of funds under Bangladesh Bank's refinancing

scheme and introducing government subsidies for firms operating in industrial clusters. Medium-term recommendations focus on promoting net metering systems in industrial clusters, prioritising Economic Zones, and implementing project-based solar initiatives in existing EPZs.

Abul Khayer Md Aminur Rahman, member (power) at Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, reiterated the government's commitment to generating 40 percent of electricity from clean energy sources by 2041.

However, Rahman acknowledged the challenges faced in implementing solar projects in EPZs, citing difficulties in overcoming bureaucratic hurdles.

He proposed allocating a portion of wheeling charges for net metering implementation in EPZ areas to benefit both sides.

Mohammad Hossain, director general of power cell at Power Division, advocated for increased solar power utilisation as an alternative to address the country's persistent gas crisis.

Nurul Akhter, president of the Solar and Renewable Energy Association, stressed the importance of raising awareness about solar net metering among industrial entrepreneurs. He underscored the potential of net metering to significantly meet electricity demand in factories.

Mohammad Nasiruddin Miah, executive engineer of Desco, Siddique Zobayer, a former member of Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority, and representatives from both government and private sectors spoke at the event.



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Bids prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in the RFP document must be submitted in two separate envelopes, clearly marking 'Technical' and 'Financial' offers on the envelopes to the Office of the Chairman, Purchase Committee, Head Office, Eastern Bank PLC., 100 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka-1212 on or before **Thursday, 13 June 2024**.

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### সতর্কীকরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, জনাব প্রান্ত শিকদার (রাসেল), পিতায় তপন শিকদার, মাতায় ফেনশি শিকদার, গ্রামঃ ধুপীপাড়া, উত্তর ধুবং, ডাকঘরঃ ধুবং ৪৭২০, কুতুবদিয়া, কক্সবাজার; জিডি ট্র্যাকিং নং: OEAWMH, জিডি নং: ৫৩০, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র নং-১৯৫৩৬২৭৬৬; "র‍্যাংকস পেট্রোলিয়াম লিমিটেড"-এ বিগত জানুয়ারী, ২০২৩ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ হতে চুক্তিভিত্তিক "বিক্রয় প্রতিনির্দি" হিসেবে চট্টগ্রাম মহানগর অঞ্চলে কর্মরত ছিলো।

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