



Two books on architectural approach launched

STAR REPORT

Architect Kashef Chowdhury has published two books showcasing his philosophy with architectural designs for urban spaces and for sustainability amid rising sea levels due to climate change.

The book, "The Consciousness of Place", is a collection of Kashef's lectures on architecture illustrated with 52 photographs, with focus on significance of architecture to connect us to nature and liberate us from hectic urban life.

The second book, "Rising Oceans and The Spaces That Care", is a collection of 146 images and illustrations and 26 plans, as well as articles by Kashef Chowdhury, Niklaus Graber, Tanja C Vollmer, and Gemma Koppen. The photos are taken by Hélène Binet, said a press release.

The book highlights the Friendship Hospital in southern Bangladesh, designed by Kashef Chowdhury and awarded the 2022 RIBA International Prize, as a pioneering feat of architectural design seeking new sustainable approaches to climatic and social challenges of the design and construction process in one of the world's most climate-affected regions, it added.

Kashef's work also previously won the 2016 Aga Khan Award for Architecture.

Appeal for help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shafiqur Rahman, 71, from Bhubanghar village in Cumilla Sadar upazila, has been battling kidney cancer for a year and a half.

He received treatment both at home and abroad. Initially, he underwent radiotherapy as recommended by his doctors. Currently, he is receiving immunotherapy, which his doctors deem essential for his ongoing treatment.

The cost of immunotherapy is prohibitively expensive for Shafiqur's family. His wife is also suffering from a brain tumor and has undergone two surgeries. The family has exhausted all their savings on medical treatments.

Shafiqur's daughters are now appealing for financial assistance from kind-hearted individuals.

Donations can be made to Roksana Afroz, Account No: 2302758420001, City Bank Ltd, Jamuna Future Park Branch, Bashundhara Residential Area, Dhaka. Contributions can also be sent via bKash at 01782506767 or Nagad at 01516710654.

RU admission tests to be held at 4 regional centres

A CORRESPONDENT, RU

The first-year undergraduate admission test for 2024-25 session at Rajshahi University will be held at four regional centres in Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna and Chattogram.

The decision was made at RU's Academic Council meeting last evening, said RU Registrar Prof Tariqul Hasan. "From next academic year, the first-year undergraduate admission tests will be held at four centres - Rajshahi University, Dhaka University, Khulna University, and Chittagong University. If necessary, the number of centres at public universities within Dhaka may be increased," he said.

Additionally, if there is any seat available in the Master's programme at RU, students from its affiliated government colleges, and public universities across the country will be able to get admission through an entry exam, he added.

Contacted, RU Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof Sultanul-Islam said the decisions have been made to reduce hassle of admission seekers and to increase opportunities for other students.

Third phase

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Though the ruling party did not field candidates this year, grassroots AL leaders ran for chairman posts as independents.

Party sources said at least 70 AL leaders have been elected upazila chairman and at least two expelled BNP leaders have won chairman polls.

BNP boycotted the elections, saying polls cannot be held in a free and fair manner under the incumbent Election Commission. The party has expelled many grassroots leaders for running in the elections. The sixth upazila parishad elections are being held in four phases this year, and polls will take place in 56 upazilas in the fourth phase on June 5.

Besides, 20 upazilas where elections were postponed due to Cyclone Remal will be held on June 9.

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Barguna districts - which have been affected by Cyclone Remal. A total of 1,224 health facilities in these districts remained closed due to the cyclone.

There is a plan to give vitamin A-plus to children

aged between 6 and 59 months, said the DG. Around 2.4 lakh volunteers and 40,000 health workers will be a part of this campaign, the DG added.

Vitamin A capsules help prevent night blindness and ensures nutrition. Additionally, vitamin A also significantly reduced deaths caused by measles, diarrhoea and pneumonia.

JS sub-committee

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freshwater crisis there, causing massive problems for the wild animals in the forest.

For this, the parliamentary committee has given necessary instructions to the ministry to ensure adequate supply of fresh water inside the Sundarbans.

In the meeting,

participants discussed various steps that needed to be taken to conserve the Sundarbans, meeting sources said.

They also stressed the need to save the world's largest mangrove forest for saving the country's Southern region. AL MP Dipankar Talukder chaired the meeting.

SC extends status

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attorney general) argued for Chinese company, and Barrister Mustafizur Rahman Khan stood for China Exim Bank during hearing.

With the shareholders fighting at court, construction works of country's important project to reduce traffic congestion remained almost halted.

Taken in 2009, construction work of the expressway was inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in April 2011.

In January 2011, Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) signed a deal with Italian-Thai Development Public Company to build the expressway at a cost of Tk 8,703 crore.

Why are you poking?

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everything, who does what. There is no praise for the mega projects, but there is criticism over traffic congestion and road accidents."

Referring to Jatri Kalyan Samity, he said the organisation, which does not have any registration,

is being encouraged to report accident numbers that are two to three times higher than the actual figures.

At the beginning of the briefing, the minister said several major road accidents took place after Eid-ul-Fitr and he had to face severe criticism for

this.

"The issue was even discussed in parliament. The matter embarrassed me," he said, asking the authorities concerned to continue the monitoring even after Eid to prevent road crashes, as drivers tend to drive recklessly during the Eid return journey.

Strictly enforce laws Lines that lead

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found displaying tobacco products alongside other items, despite the legal prohibition. These activities of tobacco companies must be stopped," he added.

Consequently, public awareness programmes about the harmful effects of tobacco and the importance of quitting smoking are being neglected.

Recalling the exceptional contributions of doctors like National Professor Nurul Islam, Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury, Brigadier MA Malik, and Prof MR Khan, he expressed regret over the fact that while a few doctors played a crucial role in the early stages of the anti-tobacco

movement in Bangladesh, the current involvement of doctors, including those in the government's tobacco control cell, is notably limited.

"Consequently, public awareness programmes about the harmful effects of tobacco and the importance of quitting smoking are being neglected," he added.

Prof Akram Hossain of the Department of Surgery; Associate Professor Golam Md Koraishi from the Pathology Department; Assistant Professor Md Habibur Rahman from the Orthopaedic Surgery Department, and Dr Nurul Hasan, a consultant from the Cardiology Department, among others, spoke at the event.

shops to secure a good deal. Having observed numerous TCB shops across the capital, this correspondent notes that there is a pattern of no serial being maintained.

Contacted, TCB shop agent Munir Hosain said, "We sold items to 750 people. Each package contains 2 kg of lentils, 2 litres of soybean oil and 5 kg of rice. Normally, we give it on a first come, first serve basis." In this TCB shop, they sell 2 kg of lentils at Tk 120, 2 litres of oil at Tk 200, and 5 kg of rice at Tk 150.

Speaking to the people who received the products, they shared that while it only saves them around Tk 300, it can often make the difference between whether they can eat that night or not.

Under water for over 36 hours!

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he turned back and sought refuge at a friend's place for the night rather than proceeding towards his home.

He was shocked the next morning after realising those youths were not entirely wrong.

Four people died in Dhaka on Monday due to electrocution while wading through waterlogged streets. Among them was Md Rakib, a 25-year-old auto-rickshaw puller who was electrocuted while charging his vehicle at the very same garage where we talked to Yunus and Sayeed.

Another victim, Moriom Begum, a 45-year-old garment worker living in Ice Cream Lane of Shipahibagh, met a similar fate.

The Daily Star has a video that shows the woman floating in the water after being electrocuted by wires on an electric pole.

Both of them were rushed to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, where they were declared dead, as

confirmed by Bacchu Mia, in-charge of DMCH police outpost.

From Riazbag, we reached Ice Cream Lane, which falls under Ward 3 of Dhaka South City Corporation.

Although water has mostly receded from the streets, the residents claimed the area was submerged for a whole day, even after the rain stopped.

Then we heard a woman approaching us. "Come with me; I will take you to my building. The ground floor is still under water," she said.

It was a two-storied building. There were four units on the ground floor. The entire floor was still submerged on Wednesday afternoon, almost 38 hours after the rain. The residents had locked their homes and shifted elsewhere.

"Beds and other furniture in our homes have been ruined. Our landlady let us stay at her place, so we have taken shelter there," said Yasmin,

who stays there.

"The drainage system doesn't work, as the drains are filled with trash. The city corporation doesn't take any initiative to fix these. This situation occurs every monsoon," she added.

When we were talking to her, a few others approached us and took us to another two-storey building.

The situation was exactly the same there.

Seeking anonymity, another person said, "The councillor of Ward 3 is always absent. Our demands for a better life have fallen on his deaf ears."

We went to the DSCC Ward 3 office to meet Md Maksud Hossain, the councillor. He was absent.

Then after calling him over phone several times, he picked up. After we introduced ourselves, he said he could not talk until next week and disconnected the call. We couldn't reach him ever since.

However, we could talk to Shakhawat Hossain Showkat, councillor of

DNCC Ward 23, where Riazbag is situated.

"I acknowledge that certain areas in the ward, like Riazbag, face severe waterlogging whenever it rains. The drainage system in these areas has faults, for which, even if we do some temporary work to reduce the waterlogging, it doesn't bear much fruit," he said.

When asked why no city corporation cleaners were seen despite the locality being submerged for over a day, he replied, "Even if we work, water does not go away. It's like swimming with our hands tied."

"However, we are going to call for a special tender to work on the drainage system in these areas in June. Hopefully, by December, the work will be done. Till then, I'd ask the residents to be a bit patient," he added.

Both the executive engineers of DNCC zone-3 and DSCC zone-2 declined to comment, saying only the public relation officers can comment in this regard. However, DSCC PRO

could not be reached over the phone despite repeated attempts. The DNCC PRO upon hearing the question said he is attending a meeting and would call back later, which he did not till filing of this report.

OBITUARY



Retired Secretary A.K. Nasim Hyder passed away on Sunday, 19th May 2024 at 9 am in Malaysia (Innallah wa inna ilaihi rajiun). He returned to Bangladesh on Wednesday, 22nd May and was laid to rest the same day in Banani Graveyard. He was 77 years old.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and a host of family and friends who humbly request your prayers.

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Khulna Shipyard Limited Bangladesh Navy, Khulna

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International Tender Notice	
01	Procuring entity name: Khulna Shipyard Limited, Bangladesh Navy, Khulna
02	Invitation for: Material for Slipways Operating and Loading Carriages and various type of Material for Piping System
03	Invitation Reference No. (a) BABE (F) - M.Slipway Carriage/23-24 Date: 30 May 2024 (b) BABE (F) - 632/WTSIR/2023-2024 Date: 30 May 2024 (c) BABE (F) - 632/ETRU/2023-2024 Date: 30 May 2024 (d) BABE F - 632/VFPG/2023-2024 Date: 30 May 2024
04	Procuring method: Open Tender
05	Bud et & source of funds: Own Finance
06	Tender last selling date: For SL (a): 07 July 2024 For SL (b, c, d): June 2024
07	Tender closing date & time: For SL (a) Date: 08 July 2024 Time: 11:15am For SL (b, c, d) Date: 13 June 2024 Time: 11:15am
08	Tender opening date & time: For SL (a) Date: 08 July 2024 Time: 11:30am For SL (b, c, d) Date: 13 June 2024 Time: 11:30am
09	Name & address of the office for selling of tender documents: 1) Cash Section, Khulna Shipyard Ltd, Bangladesh Navy, Khulna, 2) Naval Store Sub Depot, Khilkhat Nama Para, Khilkhat, Dhaka.
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NOTICE OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) of the Members' (Shareholders) of Export Import Bank of Bangladesh PLC. (the "Company") will be held on Monday, 24 June 2024 at 11:00 a.m. (Dhaka time) by using digital platform through the link <https://eximbank.bdvirtualagm.com> to transact the following business:

AGENDA

- To receive, consider and adopt the audited financial statements including balance sheet, profit & loss account for the year ended December 31, 2023 together with report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- To declare Dividend for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- To appoint Statutory Auditors for the term until the next Annual General Meeting and fix their remuneration.
- To appoint Certified Professionals (Compliance Auditor) for the year 2024 for certification on corporate governance status and fix their remuneration.
- To elect/re-elect Directors.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Md. Monirul Islam
Company Secretary

Dated, Dhaka
29 May 2024

Notes:

- The Record Date of the Company was Sunday 26 May 2024. Members' (Shareholders) names appearing in the Member/ Depository Register of the Company on the Record Date, will be entitled to Dividend, attend the Annual General Meeting and vote thereat. The Board of Directors recommended 10% Cash Dividend for the year 2023.
- Pursuant to the Bangladesh Securities Exchange Commission's Letter No. BSEC/ICAD/SRIC/2024/318/87 dated 27 March 2024 the AGM of the Company will be conducted through digital platform.
- Any Member/Members' of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM may appoint any person, as his/her/their Proxy or Attorney to attend and vote on his/her/their behalf. A Member, being a corporation or company, may appoint its representative, duly appointed and authorized, to attend and vote on its behalf. The proxy form or power of attorney or letter of authority, as the case may be, duly signed and stamped must be sent through e-mail to the Share Division of the Company at share@eximbankbd.com at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
- Detail login procedures to participate in the virtual meeting will be available in the Company's website at www.eximbankbd.com
- Election /re-election of Directors, if any, shall be held in accordance with the provisions of existing Laws, Rules & Regulations.
- As per BSEC Notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2006-158/208/Admin/81 dated 20 June 2018, Annual Report-2023 will be sent in the form of soft copy to the Shareholders' e-mail address available in their Beneficiary Owner (BO) accounts maintained with the Depository Participants (DP). The soft copy of Annual Report-2023 will also be available in the Bank's Website at www.eximbankbd.com. Shareholders may also collect the printed copy of the Annual Report-2023 from the Registered Office of the Company.
- The Members will be able to submit questions/comments and also vote electronically at least 24 (twenty four) hours before commencement of the AGM and during the AGM.

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