



## Artist Hashem Khan honoured

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The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC) has recently honoured artist Hashem Khan, said a press release.

On the occasion, an artwork album was published. Hashem Khan is known to conjure vivid representation of history and humanity with his brushstrokes. He was awarded Ekushey Padak and Swadhinata Padak for his contributions. At the ceremony, art enthusiasts gathered to honour his lifetime artworks.

Prime Minister's Education and Cultural Affairs Adviser Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury attended the event as the chief guest. State Minister of Cultural Affairs Naheed Ezaher Khan was present as the chairperson.

Besides, lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor, Liberation War Museum's founder trustee Mofidul Hoque, and Bengal Foundation Director General Luva Nahid Choudhury attended the event as special guests.

## Dedicated roads for cycling twice a month: Atiqul

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka North City Corporation Mayor Md Atiqul Islam yesterday said specific roads in the DNCC area will be designated for cycling two days a month.

He made the announcement while attending the "Pedal for Planet" cycling rally organised by Jaago Foundation and Volunteer for Bangladesh from in front of the Sangsad Bhaban to Gulshan-2 intersection.

The rally was organised to raise awareness about carbon emissions and environmental protection.

## Now political rivalry adds to the murder mystery

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and RASHIDUL HASAN

Gold smuggling, honey trap and narcotics, lots of theories have been floating around since the last few weeks over the murder of Jhenaidah-4 MP Anwarul Azim Anar in a Kolkata flat.

Now local political rivalry has come to the fore after detectives picked up Jhenaidah Awami League leader Kamal Ahmed Babu for interrogation.

Babu is the relief and social welfare affairs secretary of district AL.

Investigators are now trying to find out whether the gold racket, which is behind the murder of Azim, collaborated with his political rivals.

The Detective Branch of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police has already made a list of suspects and picked up Kamal as part of the interrogation on Thursday night, said DB sources.

Kamal, who is a cousin of Aktaruzzaman, one of the masterminds behind the murder.

Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (DB) of the DMP, yesterday said, "Kamal is being interrogated on various important issues. He will be arrested if his involvement is found during the interrogation."

Ashraful Alam, mayor of Kaliganj municipality, informed The Daily Star that Kamal was one of the rivals of the lawmaker.

"The lawmaker's rivals might have been linked with the murder, as many are already trying to take nomination from the constituency," he said, adding, "We demand that the law enforcers look into this matter and reveal the identity of the real killers of the lawmaker."

Besides, the detectives have already sought bank account information of two others - Taj Mohammad Khan, and Md Jamal Hossain alias Jamal Hazi.

Both are from Jhenaidah and close aides of Aktaruzzaman.

Local sources said Taj and Jamal used to oversee Aktaruzzaman's businesses, including gold smuggling.



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ASHRAFUL ALAM  
Kaliganj Municipality Mayor

The two allegedly kept the gold consignments in Aktaruzzaman's farmhouse and then smuggled those out with the consent of lawmaker Azim.

Syed Al Mamun, officer in-charge of the Kotchandpur Police Station, told this newspaper that Taj and Jamal are on the run.

Azim went to Kolkata on May 12 and stayed at his friend Gopal Biswas' house for a night. He went out the following day saying that he would visit a doctor. On May 22, India and Bangladesh police confirmed that the lawmaker was murdered.

Regarding the DNA test of the recovered body parts from the New Town's flat on May 28, DB chief

Harun said the lawmaker's family members will go to India very soon.

On extraditing Aktaruzzaman from the US, Harun said, "We are working in this regard, and they [India] are working too. We have submitted relevant papers to the NCB [National Central Bureau] at the police headquarters, and the NCB have reported it to the Interpol."

Meanwhile, a Kolkata court yesterday granted a 14-day remand for Siam Hossain, one of the key suspects in the murder of Azim.

Assistant Public Prosecutor Mandakranta Mukherjee confirmed the development while addressing reporters outside the court premises yesterday.

"The police argued that they wanted to know other persons involved in the killing and their whereabouts. Besides, police also said Siam is an important person who knows the whereabouts of the body parts of MP Azim and what kind of weapons were used to kill him," she said.

Siam was produced before the court on Saturday after he was taken to India from Nepal.

Harun said Siam and Jihad Howlader knew about the murder of the lawmaker. They are also involved in dumping the body parts, he added.

"India has both of them now. Interrogating them will yield good results. If necessary, we will also interrogate Siam," he said.

Harun said they informed the NCB after learning that Siam was in Nepal, and the NCB immediately passed the information to their Nepal counterparts who eventually made the arrests.

[Our Jhenaidah correspondent also contributed to this report.]

## Fake note for sale

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to release a large volume of counterfeit money into the market ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

During the raid, the officers seized counterfeit currency worth over Tk 1 crore. They also seized materials including paper, ink, laptops, four printers, screens, white paper, heater machines, and security threads.

The operation also uncovered a significant quantity of counterfeit Indian rupees.

Zakir employed around 15 to 20 individuals, paying them a total of Tk 2.25 lakh monthly.

The gang took orders online via social media platforms and delivered counterfeit notes through couriers. They also installed

CCTV around their house to stay alert.

When arrests were imminent, Zakir and his associates would take refuge in shrines, earning Zakir the nickname Mazar Zakir.

Zakir had been involved in counterfeiting notes for the last 25 years and was previously arrested six times, but he has continued his counterfeiting activities, the DB said.

Earlier in Eid-ul-Fitr, the DB arrested a woman over drug trade. Later she got involved in counterfeit note trading.

Some days ago, she bought fake notes worth Tk 50 lakh from Zakir. The DB learnt about Zakir's whereabouts after arresting her.

## Need roadmap

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Addressing the event, former Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen said people at the local level have very limited understanding about renewable energy, though the government has policy regarding this.

BEI President M Humayun Kabir said local government

institutions, including the city corporations and municipalities, need to be empowered to expand renewable energy.

"We need to frame an inclusive and comprehensive roadmap to achieve the target of renewable energy. Peoples' participation towards this goal is critical," he said.

## WB loan for Rohingyas

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"However, international organisations are not reducing management costs accordingly. It must be reduced immediately or this crisis will become extreme," he said.

Omor Farooq Bhuiya of

Bangladesh Civil Society Organization Process said per capita debt of the people of Bangladesh is \$580 and increasing the debt means putting the next generation in debt before they are born.

## Budget

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for another feast of big fishes," the BNP leader said.

He said the new budget will do nothing but harm the country.

Fakhrul said the growing inflation is the biggest crisis for the common people as the skyrocketing prices of commodities have made their lives unbearable.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Rob) arranged the programme at Jatiya Press Club, marking the first death anniversary of Serajul Alam Khan, one of the key organisers of the Liberation War.

## Saad Ershad comes

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discuss party matters, but Saad didn't respond and seemed uninterested.

Meeting sources said most leaders present at the meeting supported the two leaders' remarks.

Meanwhile, executive chairman of the faction Kazi Firoz Rashid told the meeting that they would have to teach political mannerism to Saad.

"Otherwise, we will

fail to compete with our opponent group," a JP leader who was present in the meeting quoted Kazi Firoz as saying.

The allegations were made in front of Raushan, but The Daily Star couldn't independently verify what her initial reaction was.

Saad Ershad was not present in the meeting. This newspaper could not contact him despite repeated attempts.

## Allocation cut

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BR and Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) will get Tk 58,087 crore under Annual Development Programme (ADP), which is Tk 5,010 crore (8.62 percent) less than the allocation of previous fiscal year.

RHD will get Tk 32,042 crore in 2024-25 fiscal year, which is Tk 2,021 crore (5.93 percent) less than the outgoing fiscal year.

Contacted, Shoaib Ahmed, acting chief engineer of RHD, said it's true that they received less allocation than they sought, but there is still scope to get more allocation when the ADP will be revised in the middle of the fiscal year.

A senior engineer from RHD highlighted that reduced allocation could negatively affect road improvement and bridge replacement projects, impacting the transportation system overall.

Meanwhile, the budget proposed Tk 13,726 crore for BR in the next fiscal year, which is Tk 1,234 crore (8.25 percent) less than the outgoing fiscal year.

A top BR official said main works of several major projects including Padma Bridge Rail Link, Khulna-Mongla Rail Line, Chattogram-Cox's Bazar Rail Line will be completed within the ongoing fiscal year.

But there are several projects, which are now at initial stage and would require more funds for land acquisition, he said.

He said they have sought over Tk 8,000 crore from the local fund (government) for land acquisition of Sirajganj-Bogura Rail Line, Khulna-Darshan Double Line, Dheerashram ICD, but they got only Tk 4,354 crore.

As a result, the land acquisition process will get delayed, which will also delay the project, he added.

The budget proposed Tk 7,309 crore for BBA, which is Tk 1,755 crore (1.936 percent) less than the outgoing year.

Contacted, BBA Chief Engineer Quazi Muhammad Ferdous said, "We received our expected allocation."

Replying to a question, he said two major projects - Padma Bridge and Bangabandhu Tunnel - will be completed within this outgoing fiscal year, resulting in less allocation.

## They speak like BNP

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Quader said, "What CPD, TIB, or Surjan said is not our headache. They all speak in the same language as the BNP. Their actions do not match with what they say."

The AL general secretary said there is no scope for exempting punishment of illegal acts, "If someone commits a criminal offence, the perpetrators will face

the music according to the existing law."

Quader expressed hope that the move will also help control inflation.

When asked about taking action against AL leaders accused of corruption, Quader said: "Provide a list of those you believe are corrupt. We will request the ACC to investigate them."

**PRAYER TIMING**  
JUNE 9

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-05	12-45	5-00	6-45	8-15
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**INVITATION FOR TENDER**

No.	Division /Entity	Diabetic Association of Bangladesh																										
01.	Procuring Entity	BIRDEM General Hospital, Shahbag, Dhaka																										
02.	Source OF Fund	Revenue & Donation BIRDEM General Hospital																										
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