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bills as soon as possible, so we restored their connections at 3:00pm," the PDB official said.

Contacted, CMCH director Brig Gen Taslim Uddin, said as their annual budget did not cover it, they could not pay the bill on time. "We have written to the ministry for allocation to pay the outstanding bill."

CMC Principal Dr Shahena Aktar could not be contacted for comments.

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the allowance list."

Abdullah Al Mahmud Chowdhury, social service officer (additional duty) in Juri upazila, said all UPs are requested to periodically provide updated information about the beneficiaries.

"The social service office has no responsibility in this context. Those mistakenly excluded from the list as deceased will be reinstated," he said.

Lusikanta Hajong, UNO of Juri upazila, said, "The matter will be investigated and necessary action will be taken against those involved."

BPSA

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requesting the information ministry to ensure media caution in reporting on police. This directive, they argued, wrongfully criminalises the media for exposing corruption.

Earlier on June 21, the BPSA issued a statement condemning what it termed a "sneer campaign" orchestrated by certain media outlets against current and former members of the police force.

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Regarding Hasina's upcoming visit to China in next month, Jianchao said it will further strengthen the extraordinary friendship between the two countries.

"This visit will further cement our relationship," he was quoted as saying.

Earlier, Jianchao had a meeting with Foreign Minister Hasan Mahmud at a city hotel.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, the minister said the premier is expected to visit Beijing between July 8 and July 11.

"We expect that the prime minister's upcoming visit to Beijing will significantly advance the development cooperation between Bangladesh and China," he told reporters.

"Liu's visit before our prime minister's visit to Beijing is significant... we are also looking forward to her visit," he said.

He said key issues such as trade and security will be prioritised during the PM's visit to China.



These large timbers are mainly imported from South Africa, Uganda, Malaysia, China and Myanmar. Each 50 feet by 25 feet block is valued at Tk 7-8 lakh. This wood is primarily used to make doors, various frames and furniture. The photo was taken in the Patenga area of Chattogram recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

BLOGGER NAZIMUDDIN MURDER Court frames charges against 4 accused

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka tribunal yesterday framed charges against four members of the banned militant outfit Ansar al Islam in blogger Nazimuddin Samad murder case.

The four are Syed Ziaul Haque alias major (sacked) Zia, Akram Hossain, Sheikh Abdullah and Rashed-Un-Nabi Bhuiyan alias Tahsin.

Judge Md Majibur Rahman of the Anti-Terrorism Special Tribunal of Dhaka read out the charges to them, assistant public prosecutor Golam Sharuar Khan told The Daily Star.

Before that, the judge dismissed the petition submitted for discharging them from the charges.

The tribunal also discharged five accused - Mozammel Hossain Saimon, Arafat Rahman Siam, Asadullah alias Foyjul, Sabirul Haque Chowdhury and Junaid Ahmed alias Maulana Junaid - from the case.

The judge set August 6 for

starting trial of the case, said a staffer of the tribunal.

Among the accused, major (sacked) Zia, Akram, Asadullah, Sabirul and Junaid have been absconding since filing of the case.

On April 6 of 2016, the 28-year-old law student of Jagannath University was hacked and shot to death by unidentified assailants in Old Dhaka's Sutrapur area.

Nazimuddin, who was critical of extremism on his Facebook posts, moved to Dhaka from Sylhet for higher studies.

The day after Nazimuddin's murder, Sub-inspector Nurul Islam filed a case with Sutrapur Police Station against some unknown assailants under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

On August 20, 2020, the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of police submitted a charge sheet before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka, accusing nine members of Ansar al Islam.



'ARBITRARY JAILING' Sherpur journo Rana acquitted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Msingh

A court yesterday acquitted journalist Shafiquzzaman Rana in a case, for which he was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment on March 5.

Rana, 45, Nakla correspondent for a Bangla daily, was sent to jail for allegedly misbehaving with a government official and an office staffer while trying to collect information from the UNO office in Nakla.

Following the allegation from Nakla UNO Sadia Ummul Banin, police arrested him. Later a mobile court sent him to jail.

Additional District Magistrate Jabun Nahar handed down the verdict, said Rana's lawyer Md Abdur Rahim Badal.

On March 5, Rana went to the UNO's office and entered the room of confidential assistant Shila Akter, looking for some documents. When Shila refused to deliver the documents without permission, Rana allegedly misbehaved with her, alleged the UNO.

Following Rana's arrest, Information Commissioner Shahidul Alam visited Sherpur to have a detailed inquiry on the matter.

Later, the commission recommended the public administration ministry for departmental action against the UNO.



Project to see light

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decided to build the new bridge and decommission the British-era single-lane rail and road bridge there.

A feasibility study, financed by South Korea, was conducted in December 2015 that recommended building a two-lane road and single-lane rail bridge.

A DPP for the new bridge with an estimated cost of Tk 1,163.27 crore was placed before an Ecneec meeting in August 2018, which decided that it would build a dedicated rail bridge with double lines.

In 2019, another feasibility study was launched but it was suspended as the authorities realised that the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority in November 2018 put the Karnaphuli river in a different category for which the bridge would need to give more clearance to vessels.

In the meantime, BR continued to go back and forth over the design.

Another Korea-funded study was launched in 2021 and it preliminarily recommended a double-decker bridge with a double-lane road on top and a dual-gauge double-lane rail line on the bottom.

But the Prime Minister's Office in August 2022 directed that the bridge be single-decker with a double-line dual-gauge rail line and double-lane road, sources said.

The study estimated the cost would be Tk 13,824.19 crore (US \$1-Tk 103). However, some changes were made in the cost estimation while BR submitted the DPP.

Following a meeting of the Project Evaluation Committee in April this year, the DPP was re-casted and the cost was put at Tk 11,561 crore, of which South Korea will give Tk 7,128 crore as loan, shows project documents.

"All the procedures are done and we hope the project will be approved by Ecneec soon," a BR official told The Daily Star yesterday.

Asked about the reasons behind the sharp rise in project cost, the official said when the DPP was prepared in 2018, the length of the proposed bridge was 3km, with 1km of the main bridge and 2km of embankments, with a vessel clearance of 7.62 metres.

Now the clearance has to be 12.2 metres and this has increased the total bridge length to 11.74km - 1km of main bridge, 5km of viaducts on both sides and 5.74km of embankments on both sides, he added.

"This is a major reason behind the cost escalation," he said, wishing anonymity.

He also said the decision to have a bigger bridge with more capacity and the price of construction materials were the other reasons behind rise in project cost.

Govt preparing

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the decrease in financial institution deposits to attractive investment opportunities in public and private sectors, rather than a lack of confidence or inflation.

Addressing AL MP Mahbubur Rahman from Chattogram-1, the finance minister said there is no liquidity crisis in any bank currently operating in Bangladesh.

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shortages, and liquidity problems.

To address these issues, Bangladesh Bank has assigned an observer to the board of directors of nine banks and a coordinator to seven banks, he said.

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exchanged photos of MP Azim's "murder" scene.

Between May 17 and May 19, Babu communicated with Amanullah on WhatsApp in phases and exchanged messages.

They talked about the lawmaker's murder and payment for the killing, said investigators.

Mintu, currently in jail after a three-day remand, has not confessed any involvement in the killing, according to sources.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday rejected the request for a five-day remand for questioning Babu. Instead, the court ordered Babu to be transferred to Jhenaidah District Jail within 10 working days.

The investigation officer plans to conduct a search, supervised by a first-class magistrate, to locate the mobile phones Babu used to communicate with Amanullah via WhatsApp after the lawmaker's killing in Kolkata, as ordered by Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Akhtaruzzaman.

Earlier on June 9, Babu was placed on a seven-day remand. Later on June 14, Babu admitted his involvement with the killing and gave a confessional statement.

Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (DB) of the DMP, said they have received information about the destruction of evidence in Jhenaidah.

"Since there is digital evidence in Babu's phone, we will interrogate him further and try to recover where he dropped the phones," he added.

Besides Babu and Mintu, detectives also arrested three other accused for their alleged involvement with the killing. They are Amanullah, his nephew Tanvir Bhuiyan, and Celesty Rahman.

Lawmaker Azim went to Kolkata on May 12. Nine days later, India and Bangladesh police said he was murdered at a Kolkata flat.

PRAYER TIMING
JUNE 25
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-05 12-45 5-00 6-54 8-17
JAMAAT 4-40 1-15 5-15 6-57 8-45
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Illegal housing mushrooms

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facing issues with obtaining KDA approval for construction on their plots.

"I bought an 8 decimal plot in 2016, being unaware that it lacked approval. Now, I can't get my plan approved by KDA despite repeated attempts," said Abida Sultana, a retired school teacher from Dumuria.

The DoE has remained silent on these projects, which violate the

Environment Conservation Act, 1995.

"Most of these projects have occupied khas lands, water bodies, cultivable lands, and tidal floodplains over the last two decades, which is illegal," said Gouranga Nandy, chairman of the Center for Environment and Participatory Research.

Prof Abdullah Harun Chowdhury of Khulna University said, "Unplanned housing in tidal floodplains

damages natural systems and ecology, disrupting natural drainage."

Tanvir Ahmed, a KDA planning officer, emphasised that housing projects need registration and KDA approval per the Real Estate Development and Management Act, 2010.

"Each project should have at least 10 acres, with specified road widths and civic facilities," he said. KDA has identified 126 projects failing to meet these requirements.

"Only 18 applied for registration. We demolished structures of 15 projects and issued notices. Further actions will follow," Ahmed added.

We want

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creative education system in a bid to keep pace with the changing world.

She said the government wants to go for a system where there'll be learning amid a joyful atmosphere.

A total of Tk 2,208 crore will be disbursed among more than 6,470,000 (64.70 lakh) students from the secondary, higher secondary and graduation and equivalent institutions.

The stipends and tuition fees are being disbursed through online mobile financial service to the students under the G2P (government to person) system in the current fiscal year.

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e-Tender Notice

An e-Tender has been invited in the national e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of the following Goods.

S/N	e-Tender ID	Description	Last Date & Time for Submission through Web	Date & Time for Tender Opening
01	996236	Supply, installation, testing, commissioning and maintenance of the Hardware Security Module (HSM) for Bangladesh Development Bank PLC.	14/07/2024 3:00 P.M.	14/07/2024 3:00 P.M.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any branch of Bangladesh Development Bank PLC or any registered Banks' branches up to 11:00 A.M on 14/07/2024.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) (01762625528-31), (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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৮ রাজউক এডিনিউ, ঢাকা-১০০০

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Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are invited under the provisions of the Public Procurement Rules-2008 for the Goods and related Services and under the terms and conditions outlined below and detailed in the Tender Document:

- Tender Ref. : JBPLC/DO/SYLHET/IT243/OTM-01/2024
- Tender name : Tender for Procurement of Computer Hardware & Printer & Scanner & Electrical Equipment & Network Equipment (Supply, Installation and Commissioning) for different office/branch under control of Janata Bank Limited, Divisional Office, Sylhet following open tendering method.
- Brief description of Goods/services: The items shall be internationally renowned while the UPS must be at least BST/ISO certified. No clone/Assembled items will be accepted.

Lot	SI	Item	Quantity
Lot-1	i	Desktop Computer (PC)	74 units
Lot-2	ii	Laser Printer	40 units
Lot-3	iii	Scanner	35 units
	iv	Line Interactive UPS-650VA	168 units
Lot-4	v	Network Router	05 units
	vi	Network Switch	05 units

- Time for completion of delivery : 8 (eight) weeks for all Lot from the date of Contract Sign.
- Eligibility of tenders : 5.1 The tenderer shall be the developer/manufacturer/authorized dealer/distributor/reseller/bonafide supplier having minimum 4 (Four) years of overall business and specific experience of supplying, installing, commissioning, operating of similar goods and providing support service to different organization/banks in Bangladesh in multi-user environment.
5.2 Must have strong presence and support offices in Dhaka/ Sylhet with well-equipped service cell manned by adequately qualified technical personnel for maintenance and support for the proposed Goods and Services. Floating or home address shall not be considered as established offices.
5.3 The participating company may offer proposals for the items in any or all lots and must quote all the items in that/ those lot(s). Evaluation will be done Lot by Lot basis and contract will also be awarded Lot by Lot basis. Partial offer for any lot will not be accepted.
5.4 The offers should have validity for at least 120 (one hundred & twenty) days from the date of opening the tender.
- Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document : Janata Bank PLC, Divisional Office, Sylhet, 2nd Floor, Dewan Complex, Airport Road, Ambarkhana, Sylhet-3100. Interested tenderers may view the Notice at the website of the Bank. (Website: www.jb.com.bd)
- Price of tender document : Tk. 2000/= (two thousand) only (non-refundable) in the form of Pay Order favoring "Janata Bank PLC." from any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh for a single lot. Interested tenderers have to purchase different tender documents for different lots.
- Amount of tender security : A tender security money favoring Janata Bank Limited shall be required for: Lot-1: BDT 1,20,000/- (one lac twenty thousand) only. Lot-2: BDT 35,000/- (thirty-five thousand) only. Lot-3: BDT 35,000/- (thirty-five thousand) only. Lot-4: BDT 30,000/- (thirty thousand) only. The Tender Security must be valid till: 22/10/2024.
- Last date and time for selling tender document : 08-07-2024 within 3.00pm.
- Last date and time for submission of tenders : 09-07-2024 within 3.00pm.
- Name and address of the office(s) receiving and opening tenders : Deputy General Manager, Janata Bank PLC., Divisional Office, Sylhet, 2nd Floor, Dewan Complex, Airport Road, Ambarkhana, Sylhet-3100.
- Date and time for opening of tenders : 09-07-2024 at 3.30pm. Tenderer's authorized representative(s) are allowed to attend, if any.
- Special instructions : a. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings without showing any reason.
b. The procuring entity shall not be under any obligation to accept the lowest quotation.
c. If any "force majeure" situation arises in the specified date mentioned in the tender data sheet or/and invitation for tender, the event will take on the next working date.

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