



Locals separate snails from their shells next to a road. Afterwards, the meat is used to make fish feed, while the shells are processed into chicken feed and sold to poultry farms. The women earn around Tk 100 for breaking each bag of snails. Around 80-100 families in the village earn their livelihood through this. The photo was taken in the Hasanpur village in Khulna recently.

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## Pakistan envoy meets Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Syed Ahmed Maroof yesterday met BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.

The bilateral issues, including trade and business between the two countries, and regional cooperation, came up for discussion in the hour-long meeting held at the BNP Chairperson's Gulshan office.

BNP Standing Committee Member Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury and Special Assistant to the BNP Chairperson's Foreign Affairs Advisory Committee Member Shama Obaid were present at the meeting.

## A nation united

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between us. Through this effort, we have reached a stage where personal ideologies are set aside; what matters now is our shared identity as Bangladeshis," he told The Daily Star.

Dr Samina Luthfa, professor of Sociology at Dhaka University, said, "The way TSC became a centre for relief during the floods of '88 and '98 is something we haven't seen in a long time. These are encouraging signs. It shows that the people of Bangladesh, who have been enduring severe repression and persecution, are now trying to transform the country into a democratic one."

"Previously, everything was controlled by a specific group of people who wouldn't let others in;

everything bore their mark. Since the situation changed, anyone can now contribute to any social initiative, knowing that it won't become a part of Awami League, Chhatra League, or the prime minister's relief fund," she added.

Prof Tanzim Uddin Khan echoed the sentiment. "For the past 16 years, we have seen these kinds of initiatives be limited to the government's student organisations. But before that, during any crisis, we used to see collective participation from everyone. It seems that we have returned to that place," he said.

"This is the beauty of DU, where, in times of national crisis, everyone ensures their participation equally to overcome it," he added.

## Govt mobilised

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Besides, initiatives will be taken to properly manage the silt coming from upstream, while action will be taken against those engaged in illegal dredging, she added.

She said all embankments will be repaired on time to control flooding, instructing government officials to involve students and local residents in all activities.

During her visit, she was briefed on the flood situation, the condition of affected people, and the progress of rehabilitation efforts.

Prior to this, she held discussions with the local administration, media, and civil society on the flood situation in Habiganj district.

## Pellets pierced his eyes Sagor died a martyr

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Then a clash ensued between protesters and policemen. An armoured police car came to the spot around 5:20pm and the policemen began firing pellets at the protesters indiscriminately, said Saikat Ali, a coordinator of the student protesters who was there.

During the firing, Shuvo slipped and fell while trying to flee from the spot. As he stood up again, he was hit by several pellets in his head, body and both of his eyes. Some protesters rushed him to the nearby Bogura Nursing Home, where the on-duty doctor, Md Moshir, declared him dead at 6:30pm.

However, some protesters took his body to Bogura Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, hoping that he might still be alive, but the on-duty doctor there declared him to be dead as well.

Thus, Shuvo became the first person to lose his life amid protests in Bogura. "Shuvo suffered a severe head injury as

pellets entered his skull. He died of intracranial hemorrhage," said Md Saleh, a medical officer at the emergency department of the hospital.

Shuvo's identity could not be ascertained till around 8:30pm. Later, his foster parents were informed and they collected his body from the hospital.

"Shuvo had been living with us since he was seven-years-old. His real father was Bablu Mia of Karihat village under Nandigram upazila. Bablu had passed away earlier," said Ashik.

"I also used to collect bottles in the past, when one day I met Shuvo at Bogura Railway Station premises some nine years back. The small boy came and hugged me and called me mother. Since then, he lived with us. We have four children, but we loved him as our own son," said Shapla.

"We searched for Shuvo's family but found no one. He also refused to leave us. I demand justice for my Shuvo's death," she added.

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ruined," he added, breaking into tears.

A third-year honours student of accounting at Phulbaria Degree College in Mymensingh, Sagor sustained a critical bullet injury in his chest during the clash. He was rushed to MMCH where doctors declared him dead.

Sagor's mother, Rahima Khatun, a bed-ridden cancer patient, has been unable to respond since her son's demise.

On the fateful day, Sagor repaired the water tank of the family's residence in Akua Chowrongir Mor (intersection) area before going out around 5:00pm.

"All our family's savings have been spent in the past eight years for the treatment of my mother. Due to our financial strains, bhैया [Sagor] started working at a computer shop to bear his educational expenses as well as mine," said Sagor's younger sister Afia Tabassum Supti, a first-year honours student of management at Govt Ananda Mohan College.

"In the morning, bhैया,

our cousins and I had tea in the house. Then, in the evening, bhैया was no more," Supti said, also breaking down in tears.

"Sagor became a martyr, shedding blood in a just movement," said his grandfather Md Siddique Hossain, 84.

Locals said Sagor was not only a meritorious student, but was always the first person to come forward and help his neighbours whenever they needed support.

Mohammad Mainuddin, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said police lodged a case on July 20 against 600 unnamed persons over the clashes involving activists of AI and its associated organisations, and student protesters.

The clashes left Sagor dead and some 30 others injured, he also said, adding that investigation is on to identify and nab the culprits.

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বসুন্ধরা এফ ব্লক রানিয়া এভিনিউতে ১৬৫০ বর্গফুটের দক্ষিণমুখী নির্মিত ফ্ল্যাট।  
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## Adiba still waits for her father

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for him to return with chips and biscuits for her.

"Adiba does not understand that her father is no more. She still says her father will bring chips, bread and biscuit for her when he returns home," said her grandmother Jamena Begum.

Mobarak used to work at an electric shop in Dhaka's Nawabpur area. His younger brother, Mosharraf Hossain, also works there.

"As my brother returned home after offering Juma prayers, Adiba wanted to eat some chips. Mobarak then went out again to buy chips for her, when a clash between cops and students was going on outside. The cops were firing at student protesters. My brother was hit by a bullet right in front

of our rented house. On information, we went out to recover his body and took him to DMCH, where doctors declared him dead," Mosharraf said.

Mobarak's untimely demise has left his wife Shanta Akter in dire straits. "A single bullet shattered my entire family. How am I going to raise my child by myself? Who will take care of us?" she asked.

The couple had two daughters - Mehrunnesa Adiba, and Mehrunnesa Jannat. Jannat died of Neuroblastoma, a type of cancer, a year ago at the young age of just four, said family sources.

Jannat underwent a year-long treatment before she eventually passed away. The family had to spend around Tk 9 lakh for her treatment, much of which

was borrowed, leading to financial strains for the family. Mobarak's demise means this financial strain is now much worse, said Mosharraf.

"After my brother's death, the rest of the family had to remain at our village home, while I returned to Dhaka to join my job. With just my earning, it is not possible to sustain the family in Dhaka," he added.

Demanding justice for Mobarak, Mosharraf and Shanta urged authorities to properly investigate the killing to bring the perpetrators to book.

"Mobarak grew up amid poverty. He was a humble, hard-working person with no involvement in politics," said Mohammad Alauddin, the local ward commissioner.

## Not sure

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Jahangirnagar University student Nafisa Sharmin told The Daily Star that she could not learn the whereabouts of her uncle's family for three days.

"I was able to contact my grandfather and grandmother three days back. They had said that water levels had reached the first floor of their home at that time. They were staying on the roof, but now I cannot reach them," said Jabir Abdulla, another DU student.

The ongoing floods in Bangladesh have claimed the lives of at least 13 people so far, with more than 44 lakh people affected across 11 districts, according to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief yesterday.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER-DAM Part)  
Department of Agricultural Marketing  
Wholesale Flower Market (level-2)  
Department of Agricultural Marketing  
Deepnagar, Gabtoli, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.

### Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

1. Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Agriculture
2. Agency	: Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM)
3. Procuring Entity Name	: Agency Program Director, Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER-DAM Part), Department of Agricultural Marketing (DAM)
4. Procuring Entity Code	: 224374700
5. Procuring Entity District	: Dhaka
6. Expression of Interest Selection For	: Hiring Firm for Market Integration Service
7. Invitation Reference	: 12.02.0000.549.35.009.24-1079 Date: 22/08/2024

### KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement Method	: Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
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### FUNDING INFORMATION

9. Budget and Source of Funds	: GoB, Development Fund
10. Development Partners	: IDA (World Bank), IFAD

### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11. Program Name	: Program on Agricultural and Rural Transformation for Nutrition, Entrepreneurship, and Resilience in Bangladesh (PARTNER-DAM Part).
12. EOI Closing Date and Time	: Expressions of interest (EOIs) must be submitted by 2:00 PM on September 10, 2024 in a sealed envelope to the address provided below. The envelope must be clearly labeled with "Request for Expression of Hiring Firm for Market Integration Service."

### INFORMATION FOR CONSULTANT FIRM

13. Title of Service	: Hiring Firm for Market Integration Service.
14. No. of Service (Firm)	: 01
15. Brief Description of the Assignment	: To connect farmers and entrepreneurs with the buyers at local, regional and advanced market, promoting the product, market information, technology and connect with advisory services. [See details in Terms of reference (TOR)]

16. Eligibility Criteria	: 1) The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in Commodity/Perishable Trading shall be 03 (Three Years) 2) The minimum specific experience as a Supplier with domestic Retail Chain Shop and International Retail Chain Shop. Total value of trading will be BDT 50.00 (fifty lakh) of last 6 months whereas at least ONE Purchase Order (PO) should be on any single product (Value-10 lac above) 3) List of Required staff personnel (MIC, MISSP) [Include the list such as Name, NID/Birth certificate, Years of Experience, Relevant certificate] of personnel in 208 upazila; 4) TIN Certificate, VAT Registration/BIN Certificate, Valid Trade License (2024-25) must be included in Marketing in category of business (The firm those who have practical experience and established agro commodity export and trade business/market linkage). Income Tax Certificate (2022-23), Proof of VAT Submission (June-2024) for the tendered service. 5) Audit Report (2022-23). Last annual turnover of the Tenderer shall be at least of the amount BDT. 1.00 (One) crore. 6) Tenderer having Export License to create market linkage will be given highly preferences; 7) Tenderer having membership of Bangladesh Fruits, Vegetables & Allied Products Exporters, Association (BFVAPEA) and license of Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) will be given highly preferences; 8) Tenderer having quarantine Certificate for perishable items export facilitation will be given highly preferences; 9) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line (s) of the Tenderer shall be BDT 40.00 [Forty lakh only] 10) Financial solvency certificate from any schedule bank [last Six month]
17. Details Information of EOI and Proposal	: Firms are requested to submit 01 (One) copy of EOI with necessary documents at the Program office between 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. within the deadline. The procurement shall be regulated as per PPA-2006 and PPR-2008. For submitting proposal details Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from Contact details of EOI inviting office or Tender menu at <a href="http://www.dam.gov.bd">www.dam.gov.bd</a> website.

### PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

18. Package No	: SD/PARTNER/DAM-5
19. Place of Opening EOI Document	: Room 301, Wholesale Flower Market (level-2), Department of Agricultural Marketing, Deepnagar, Gabtoli, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.
20. Name of Official Inviting EOI	: Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Al Faroque
21. Designation of Official Inviting EOI	: Agency Program Director
22. Address of Official Inviting EOI	: Room 301, Wholesale Flower Market (level-2), Department of Agricultural Marketing, Deepnagar, Gabtoli, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216.
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Note: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal or all EOI.

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