

## Army members donate one-day salary for relief

UNB, Dhaka

Members of Bangladesh Army have donated their one-day salary to aid people affected by devastating floods in various districts across the country.

According to ISPR, an amount equivalent to one day's salary of all ranks of Bangladesh Army has been donated to the Chief Adviser's Relief Fund in support of the flood victims.

"This money was paid in the service of humanity to help the victims of the recent floods in Feni, Chattogram, Cumilla, Noakhali, Sunamganj, and Habiganj," it added.

Meanwhile, the ongoing floods have claimed the lives of 13 people, with more than 44 lakh people affected across 11 districts, according to update provided by Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief yesterday.

The floods have submerged 77 upazilas, impacting 584 unions and municipalities. Over 887,000 families are suffering from the devastation, added the ministry.

## US senate majority whip to visit Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

US Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin, an old friend of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus, is likely to visit Bangladesh soon.

He will meet Professor Yunus, civil society members, and media representatives during his forthcoming visit, reported yesterday.

This will be the first visit of any US politician to Bangladesh since the formation of the interim government.

Senator Dick Durbin, a Democrat from Springfield, is the 47th U.S. Senator from the State of Illinois, the state's senior senator, and the convener of Illinois' bipartisan congressional delegation.

Durbin serves as the Senate Majority Whip, the second highest ranking position among the Senate Democrats.



As the moonsoon thunder roars through Barishal this peacock spreads its feathers, normally a sign that it is trying to ward off predators. The photo was taken from the mini zoo in Durgasagar of Babuganj upazila yesterday.

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## BARISHAL CITY CORPORATION

# Uncertainty looms for Tk 797cr dev work

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

After the election to the Barishal City Corporation at the end of last year, the city authority took a Tk 797 crore mega project to develop and renovate 142 roads and 100-kilometre of drains across the city.

Upon approval by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council, work began for renovation of 40 roads and 100-km of drains at a cost of Tk 267 crore in July this year.

However, after the Awami League-led government resigned on August 5 following a mass uprising, all the ongoing renovation works have stopped.

With the BCC ward councillors mostly on the run, uncertainty now looms over the project's implementation.

According to BCC sources, most of the works under the project were being done by different AL influentials, including the ward councillors.

After the fall of the government, none of their whereabouts could be known. As such, all works of the project, including piling roads,

construction of drains, among others, have remained suspended.

So far, at least 18 percent work for renovating 40 roads in Barishal city, including Rajkumar Ghosh Road, Nazir Mohalla Road, and Oxford Mission Road, have been completed, the sources added.

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KAJAL DAS  
A local resident

"The contractor has abandoned the work on Nazir Mohalla Road, leaving behind a pile of bricks on the under-construction road. The road is hardly in a usable state, thus causing a lot of inconveniences to commuters and local residents, especially since it

is monsoon now," said Kajal Das, a local resident.

Anwara Begum, a resident of Oxford Mission Road, echoed him.

BCC sources said the mayor and ward councillors may remain absent for prolonged time amid the prevailing situation.

Contacted, Abul Bashar, executive engineer of BCC, said letters have already been sent to two contractors.

"If they leave the work, we will cancel their work orders," he added.

Nazrul Islam, owner of Latif Builders, one of the contractors, said they received several road renovation work orders in the tender and started the work, but had to stop due to lack of security in the current situation.

"We decided to observe the situation for a few days before resuming the work," he added.

Contacted, Israil Hossain, chief executive officer of BCC, said they were aware of the matter.

"A decision has been taken to speed up implementation of the ongoing development projects. If someone is unable to complete his work, the remaining work will be re-tendered," he added.

## PSTU VC, treasurer resign

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Patuakhali

Patuakhali Science and Technology University Vice-Chancellor Swadesh Chandra Samanto and Treasurer Muhammad Ali resigned yesterday evening.

Both sent their resignation letters to the education ministry amid student protests against alleged corruption and irregularities.

Md Imadul Haque Prince, deputy registrar of PSTU's publicity department, confirmed the resignations.

A wave of resignations is sweeping through the nation's higher education sector, as an unprecedented number of vice chancellors from the public universities are stepping down from their positions.

Most of these resignations took place following the ouster of prime minister Sheikh Hasina in the wake of a mass upsurge led by the students.

All the VCs were appointed by the previous Awami League government.

## Azad Majumder deputy press secy to chief adviser

STAR REPORT

Journalist Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad Majumder was appointed yesterday as a deputy press secretary to the Chief Adviser of the interim government, Prof Muhammad Yunus.



The public administration ministry issued a circular confirming his contractual appointment. Azad Majumder previously served as the joint news editor of the English daily New Age.

He was also the Bangladesh correspondent for Agencia EFE, a leading Spanish news agency, and is a former sports and lifestyle correspondent for Thomson Reuters and former sports correspondent for Agence France-Press (AFP).

Additionally, Azad Majumder is a member of the global talent pool at The Washington Post and has written for various international newspapers. He has also worked with The Business Post, Daily Manab Zamin, and Prothom Alo. Azad Majumder is a graduate of Dhaka University.

## Inst for planning and dev against cancelling DAP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Institute for Planning and Development has urged the interim government to investigate groups pushing for the cancellation of the Detailed Area Plan (DAP)-2022 for their own business interests, warning that such moves could lead to unplanned urban development.

In a virtual press conference yesterday, IPD leaders called for the recovery of all water bodies and wetlands encroached upon by housing projects, emphasising the need for exemplary punishment for those responsible.

Adil Mohammed Khan, IPD Director, expressed concern over a recent gazette notification amending the DAP (2016-2035) to relax the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) in certain areas.

He criticised the decision as being made under pressure from real estate interests, bypassing planners and the working committee.

He warned that this could undermine the government's commitment to a livable city, especially in light of Dhaka's recent severe flooding.

IPD Advisor Prof Aktar Mahmud questioned the contribution of housing developers to the lower and lower-middle classes, noting the abundance of vacant plots in projects like Purbachal and Uttara Phase III. He stressed sustainable planning that preserves agricultural land and floodplains.

Dr Chowdhury Zaber Sadeque, an IPD director, criticised housing developers for prioritising the upper class, making homeownership unaffordable for ordinary citizens.

## Menon placed on

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Station against Sheikh Hasina, Menon, and 128 others. Recently, Menon has also been made Hasina's co-accused in a number of cases over the deaths in clashes between protesters and law enforcers during

the student-led movement. During the past AL governments, Menon first served as civil aviation and tourism minister, and later as social welfare minister. He was elected MP from Barishal 2 in the last national polls.

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02.	57.03.0000.070.007.203.24-721 Date: 22.08.2024	1008068	CIVIL-3, Supply & installation of Equipment for Civil construction & safety Lab For 7 TSC	25-Aug-2024 09:00	23-Sep-2024 12:30
03.	57.03.0000.070.007.203.24-720 Date: 22.08.2024	1008069	Elec-3, Supply & Installation of Equipment for General Electrical Works Lab For 13 TSC	25-Aug-2024 09:00	23-Sep-2024 12:00
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## ATTACK ON POLICE STATION Cops sue 30,000 in Araihaazar

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Narayanganj

Police have sued 25,000-30,000 unnamed people in a case filed yesterday afternoon over vandalising, torching and looting Araihaazar Police Station on August 5.

Sub-inspector Ripon Ahammed filed the case with Araihaazar Police Station, said Ahsan Ullah, officer-in-charge of the station.

However, no one has been arrested so far.

According to case documents, after the fall of the former Awami League government, 25,000-30,000 people attacked the police station around 3:45pm on August 5. They vandalised and torched the station complex and looted firearms and ammunitions.

At least 21 police personnel were injured in the incident. Police were forced to open fire in self defense and managed to escape the station before taking shelter in a local mosque, states the case report.

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