

Nadia Anwar chairperson of AIUB

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Nadia Anwar, a founding member and vice chairperson of the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB), has been unanimously elected as the chairperson of the university's Board of Trustees, said a press release.

In addition to her role at AIUB, Nadia Anwar is the chairperson of wEvolve Limited. She also serves as the director of American Dairy Limited (ADL), Chemlube Limited – the sole distributor of MAK Lubricants in Bangladesh, a product of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd – and Subaru Bangladesh Limited.



JUNGLE KHUNIYA PALONG IN COX'S BAZAR

Cancel forest land allocation to BFF

Environment ministry submits proposal to CA

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The Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change has recently proposed to revoke the order de-reserving 20 acres of forest land in Jungle Khuniya Palong, Ramu upazila, Cox's Bazar.

The proposal, signed by Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan and Secretary Farhina Ahmed, was submitted to the chief adviser on August 28.

The forest land in question had been allocated to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) for the construction of a "Technical Centre," which spans 25 acres within the reserved forest area of Jungle Khuniya Palong.

According to the letter, the reserved forest covers 4,710.64 acres of hilly terrain and serves as a vital habitat for Asian wild elephants, monkeys, wild boars, and numerous other species, including snakes and birds.

Of the 25 acres controlled by the Forest Department, 20 acres were handed over to the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the centre's construction.

The ministry expressed concerns that the establishment of the BFF's technical centre would severely impact the habitat of Asian wild elephants and the broader forest ecosystem, wildlife, biodiversity, and environment.

Citing Bangladesh's constitutional duty to conserve forests and its commitments under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the ministry argued that allocating reserved forest land for such development is inappropriate, especially given the country's already limited forest resources.

In 2022, the Awami League-led government had allocated the land to the BFF for constructing a residential training facility, funded by FIFA.

Court freezes

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ACC Public Prosecutor Mahmud Hossain Jahangir moved the application before the court on behalf of the ACC.

On August 17, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police arrested Shah Kamal from the city's Mohakhali area.

Earlier on August 16, DMP conducted a raid and recovered cash worth around Tk 3.11 crore, in both local and foreign currencies, from Kamal's house at Babar Road in the capital's Mohammadpur area.

Shah Kamal served as secretary from 2015 to 2019 and as a senior secretary from 2019 to 2020.

High Court

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constitution as those have ensured the facilities of protection and security for only the father of the nation and former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and their family members, he said in the petition.

Other family members of Bangabandhu are the country's ordinary citizens and providing such facilities for their family members are discriminatory and unconstitutional, he added.

Moniruzzaman also prayed to the HC to pass an order upon the government to recover the benefits and facilities already enjoyed by the family members of the father of the nation and to direct the respondents concerned to stop providing the special security arrangements for his family members. He sought an order from the HC on the authorities concerned to prepare a report on the matter and submission before the court.

PRAYER TIMING
SEPTEMBER 2

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-30	12-45	4-45	6-33	8-00
JAMAAT 5-05	1-15	5-00	6-36	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

GOVT FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS Bitopi Group donates over Tk 41 lakh

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In response to the devastating floods, Bitopi Group has stepped up to support the government's relief efforts by donating Tk 41,12,492 to the "Chief Adviser's Relief and Welfare Fund."

This contribution includes funds from the company and a day's salary from all its employees, officers, and workers, according to a press release.

On August 29, Bitopi Group's Managing Director Miran Ali and Director Sarah Ali handed over the donation cheque to Disaster Management and Relief Adviser Farooq-e-Azam during a ceremony at the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

Also present at the event were ABM Sirajul Islam Azad, head of the Human Resource Department; and Morshedul Haque, CFO of Bitopi Group.

Miran Ali expressed the company's commitment to aiding the nation during times of crisis, stating, "Bitopi Group will continue to stand by our nation in times of need." Established in 1968, Bitopi Group is a renowned Bangladeshi conglomerate with a diverse business portfolio. The company operates in sectors such as export-oriented garment manufacturing, advertising, media, and fisheries, contributing to the growth and development of the country.



Police form

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are not above the law." "Not only students and the public but also many of our police officers have been burned alive. There will also be a case for the killing of police officers. There is clear guidance from the chief adviser that if human rights violations occur, serious actions will be taken."

When asked if there was a specific deadline for the investigation, the SP told The Daily Star, "No specific deadline has been set. Rushing the investigation could lead to errors. However, the committee has been instructed to conduct a clear investigation and submit a report promptly."

Earlier on Friday, a one-minute and 50-second video began circulating on social media. The grisly footage shows several partially covered bloodstained bodies on a van, with some policemen standing by.

In the video, bodies covered with bedsheets and with hands outstretched can be seen.

Among the policemen beside the van, two were wearing police vests and were seen throwing another body onto the pile.

ACC to investigate

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misused his power to engage in corruption and unethical activities, while accumulating illegal wealth through various irregularities.

He allegedly owns immovable properties in Nazirpur of Barisal, Pirojpur, and Dhaka under his name.

It is also alleged that during his tenure as the minister of Fisheries and Livestock, he misappropriated Tk 25 crore under the Livestock and Dairy Development project through the purchase of equipment and training programs.

He also reportedly has significant amounts of wealth in banks and other assets both in the country and abroad.

Monnujan Sufian, Sahabuddin, Shamima Sultana Hridoy, and Yasir Ararat, are also accused of misusing power to accumulate illegal wealth through corruption and unethical activities.

Monnujan allegedly owns a 5-katha plot in Sector 10 of Uttara in Dhaka, a three-story house in Khulna, two cars, and 16.07 katha of land in KDA, Mothuri Housing.

Additionally, her aides are accused of embezzling millions of takas through various appointments, postings, and promotions.

Travel ban on

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passed the order after Anti-Corruption Commission Deputy Director Md Jahangir Alam, who is also conducting the investigation, submitted an application.

ACC Public Prosecutor Mir Ahmed Ali Salam moved the petition on behalf of the ACC.

The judge sent a copy of the order to the special superintendent of police (immigration) of the Special Branch for the next course of action.

Yunus to sit

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have hindered progress. The chief adviser appears to be using the secretariat meeting to set the tone for more proactive governance.

Then, the government wants to kick start the reform it promised to people, sources added.

The meeting may also discuss financial stability, illegal weapons recovery, corruption prevention, etc, said secretariat sources.

Meanwhile, Foreign Adviser Md Touhid Hossain yesterday confirmed that Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus will attend the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) this month, but his stay would be brief, reports UNB.

While talking to reporters at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hossain also said he would have a discussion with the chief adviser regarding his engagement in the UNGA.

HC rejects writ petition seeking ban on AL

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executive director of rights organisation Sarda Society, submitted the petition as a public interest litigation on August 19, also praying for an HC order to make the tenure of the current interim government three years and to change the names of the institutions, which are in the name of former prime minister and AL president Sheikh Hasina.

The petition also sought to bring Tk 11 lakh crores laundered abroad back to the country and to transfer the officials

who were appointed on contractual basis during the regimes of the previous AL government.

During the hearing of the petition on August 27, Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman urged the HC to summarily reject the writ petition, saying that the current government has no intention to ban any political organisation.

He told the HC that this interim government believes in the freedom of organisation and political parties that are enshrined in the constitution.

The attorney general said those who, being involved in the previous authoritarian government, committed misdeeds, can be tried through the courts of law but it is not appropriate to ban any political party for their personal activities.

During the hearing, Asaduzzaman told the HC that the person who submitted the writ petition has no locus standi (the right or capacity to bring an action or to appear in a court) to file such a petition as his organisation's constitution

does not allow him to do so.

The attorney general urged the HC to impose a cost on the writ petitioner for wasting the court's time by filing and moving the petition.

Petitioner Arifur Rahman Murad Bhuiyan moved the petition himself.

He told this correspondent he will not move any appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court against the HC order.

Form

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ready to work collaboratively with the government," he said.

He also urged the cancellation of agreements such as those with Adani Power Plant and Summit Group.

CAB's Legal Advisor Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua highlighted that businesses in this sector have made predatory profits over the past 15 years.

He pointed out that, by law, BERC should set energy prices, but the previous government consistently set fuel prices independently.

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TENDER NOTICE

1. Sealed tender in **Foreign currency** is invited from bonafide Manufacturer/ Dealer/ Supplier/ Importer (enlisted with DGDP) for supply of the following item for Bangladesh Navy:

Ser	Name of Item	Date of Selling		Date of Opening	Cost of Tender Schedule	Tender No	Currency
		From	To				
1.	SPARE PARTS FOR DIESEL GENERATOR (BRAND: MTU) (QTY: 32 LI)	02-09-2024	13-10-2024	14-10-2024	BDT 5,000.00	254.07.056.2024	Foreign

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available in this Directorate General on payment as per invitation of tender selling rate (non-refundable) during office hours between 0900 hours to 1300 hours on the above mentioned date of selling. The tender can be dropped in the tender box latest by 1200 hours and the same will be opened at 1205 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of the tenderers (if present).

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Directorate General Defence Purchase

GD- 314

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Institute of Bay of Bengal and Bangladesh Studies (IBBBS)
BSMR Maritime University, Bangladesh

Admission Notice – Short Certificate Course

Applications are invited in the prescribed form from interested applicants for admission to the 1st batch of certificate course entitled **"Essential Perspective of Blue Economy"** which will be held by the Institute of Bay of Bengal and Bangladesh Studies of BSMR Maritime University, Bangladesh.

Educational Qualification: Graduate (Hons) or Pass/equivalent degree holders from any recognized university can apply for admission.

Collection and Submission of Admission Form: The admission process can be completed by filling the prescribed form by 10 October 2024 in person or through e-mail. A total of Tk 18,200.00 has to be paid for application processing and course fee. Admission form and other information is available at the following web link:

https://bsmrmu.edu.bd/content_details/certificate-courses.

Class Timings: 0900am to 0400pm. From 20 October 2024 to 28 October 2024, excluding holidays, it will be conducted for a total of 07 (seven) days.

<p>Contact: Institute of Bay of Bengal and Bangladesh Studies, 9/1 (Padma Building), Pallabi, Mirpur-12, Dhaka-1216 Mobile: 01788-322945 (Research Officer), 01520-102857 (Lecturer) E-mail: ibbbsoffice@bsmrmu.edu.bd</p>	<p>Cdre Md Minarul Hoque Director, Institute of Bay of Bengal and Bangladesh Studies BSMRMU</p>
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Adaptation to Climate Change through Climate-Smart Technologies in Khulna Agriculture Region (1st Revised) Project
Department of Agriculture Extension
Khulna Region, Khulna

Memo No. 12.01.0000.018.07.001.24. 629

Date: 01/09/2024

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender are invited in e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the construction of following works:

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of works	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time
01	1011315	CCAP/DAE/2024-25/WD-1	Mini Pond Excavation	15.09.2024 11.00	15.09.2024 15.30
02	1011336	CCAP/DAE/2024-25/WD-2	Borrow-Pit Excavation	15.09.2024 11.05	15.09.2024 15.15
03	1011339	CCAP/DAE/2024-25/WD-4	Construction of Seedling Polynet House	15.09.2024 11.00	15.09.2024 15.45

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details, e-Tender details can be downloaded on e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for pursuer.

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BAKHRABAD GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
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Head Office: Chapapur, Cumilla
Website: www.bgdcl.gov.bd
IT Department, Cumilla

Reference No: 28.11.0000.431.07.003.23.62

Date: 28/08/2024

e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of Works	e-Tender Document Selling Start Date and Time	Last Selling Date and Time	Closing Date and Time	Opening Date and Time
1009702	IT202401	Supply of Computer, Laptop and IT Accessories like Processor, Motherboard, RAM, SSD Drive, IPS, UPS, Pen drive, Scanner, Laser Printer etc.	29-Aug-2024 12:00	11-Sep-2024 15:00	12-Sep-2024 13:00	12-Sep-2024 13:00

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copied 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 National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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