

Mostafizur Rahman Fizar no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former state minister Mostafizur Rahman Fizar passed away at a hospital in Dhaka last night. He was 71.

He breathed his last at LabAid Hospital around 8:30pm, his brother, Musfikur Rahman Bablu, confirmed to The Daily Star. "Fizar had been battling cancer for several months," he said.

Fizar is survived by two daughters, relatives and well-wishers.

Fizar served as the state minister for the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Land, and the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education during the Awami League's terms in power.

He was a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Communications for 15 years and served on the Public Accounts Committee for 10 years.

In 2000, he was appointed Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation.

Born in Jamgram village of Dinajpur on November 29, 1953, Fizar earned a master's degree in social sciences from Rajshahi University and a bachelor's degree in law.

Fizar was enrolled as a freedom fighter during the 1971 Liberation War, fighting under Sector 7.

He was first elected as a member of parliament in 1986 from the Dinajpur-5 constituency (Phulbari-Parbatipur) and was re-elected seven consecutive times, serving until 2024.

In 2013, he was elected president of the Dinajpur District Awami League. He also served as a member of the AL central committee throughout his long political career.



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Nosimon, an improvised motorised three-wheeler used for transporting goods, racing alongside a battery-run easy bike in Khulna, creating a hazardous situation for commuters on Khulna-Satkhira highway. Though banned, these vehicles continue to ply the highways. The photo was taken in Dumuria upazila recently.

1.84cr affected in 4 disasters since May

Says UN report on Bangladesh; \$138m needed to fight this climate crisis

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Since May this year, a series of consecutive natural disasters has placed people and communities across Bangladesh at the forefront of the global climate crisis.

Following the landfall of Cyclone Remal on May 26, the country experienced flash floods in the northeastern floods in the Haor region, northern riverine flooding in the Jamuna Basin, and devastating eastern flash floods in Chattogram.

An estimated 1.84 crore people have been affected by these four different disasters in 29 districts, over the four months from May to August, United Nations Bangladesh said in a report recently.

To fight this climate crisis, at least US \$134 million is required, according to the UN report

"Bangladesh: Cyclone and Monsoon Floods Humanitarian Response Plan, June 2024 - March 2025".

The UN said they have received \$38 million so far.

"The year 2024 will be remembered as one of the worst in the recent past due to the impact of an intense cyclone and monsoon season... It is noteworthy that Bangladesh is expecting its second cyclone season in October," the report said.

If needs are not addressed immediately, vulnerabilities and conditions of the most vulnerable may be further challenged if confronted with yet another emergency, it added.

Cyclone Remal wreaked havoc across Bangladesh, resulting in 18 fatalities and impacting approximately 4.6 million people, particularly in the districts of

Bagerhat, Barguna, Barisal, Bhola, Khulna, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, and Satkhira.

An estimated 1,73,866 homes were either damaged or destroyed, leaving 4,34,000 individuals in urgent need of health services, safe drinking water, shelter, food, and livelihood support. Among the affected, there are around 46,000 children under five and 10,000 pregnant women.

The cyclone significantly impacted agriculture, with more than 5,00,000 farmers suffering crop damage valued at \$90.7 million across 62,783 hectares.

The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock reported that 50,000 fish enclosures, 34,000 ponds, and 4,000 crab farms were also inundated. Overall, damage to assets and infrastructure reached

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‘Chhanamukhi’ gets GI recognition

MASUK HRIDOY, Brahmanbaria

Chhanamukhi, a unique and beloved sweetmeat from Brahmanbaria, has officially received Geographical Indication (GI) recognition, marking it as a distinct product from the region.

The Directorate of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (DPDT), under the Ministry of Industry, notified the Brahmanbaria district administration of the registration.

Brahmanbaria Deputy Commissioner Mohammed Didarul Alam confirmed the news on September 24. The sweet now holds the GI registration number 41.

In a letter signed by DPDT Director General Munim Hasan, it was noted that Brahmanbaria's Chhanamukhi sweet has been registered under GI-75 in the GI Registration Book since April 8. The application was submitted by Brahmanbaria District Commissioner in April 2022.



According to the district administration's website, Chhanamukhi originated in Brahmanbaria during the British colonial period. The sweet is known for its labour-intensive process, with around seven to eight litres of cow's milk required to produce just one kilogramme of Chhanamukhi, which currently sells for Tk 700 per kg.

The sweet has long held a special place in both local and international circles. Notably, in 1986, Pakistan's then-president General Ziaul Haque praised the delicacy after tasting it at an event at the Bangladesh Embassy in Islamabad. His compliments were widely reported in Pakistani media at the time.

Dulal Modak, owner of "Adarsha Matri Bhandar" in Brahmanbaria, explained the meticulous process of making the sweet.

"First, curdled milk (chhana) has to be made and cut into squares. Then it has to be fried in sugar juice to make Chhanamukhi. Chhanamukhi is small and hard with four corners. It is coated with congealed sugar and it is very tasty," he said.

Notably, Chhanamukhi is exclusively produced in Brahmanbaria, adding to its significance as a regional delicacy.

SBMCH director resigns amid protests

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Barishal's Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) Director Saiful Islam yesterday resigned following a strike enforced the day before by the intern doctors.

The interns went on the work stoppage on Saturday afternoon for 24 hours to press home their demands including security of the doctors and resignation of the hospital director.

According to the hospital authorities, on Saturday evening, an eight-year-old child named Junayed died of various diseases including pneumonia. When the child died, his relatives assaulted the doctors and nurses, he said. Protesting the incident, the interns started the strike from 12:00pm on Saturday and, at one stage, demanded resignation of the hospital director, he added.

Man beaten to death ‘by nephew’

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A man was allegedly beaten to death by his nephew following a land dispute in Tangail's Mirzapur upazila yesterday.

The victim is Riaz Hossain, 50, of Asgana village. According to police and locals, Riaz's nephew, Rubel Miah, had asked him to give up the disputed land to widen a road adjacent to their houses. When Riaz refused, Rubel beat up his uncle.

Rubel fled the scene when locals arrived. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Tangail General Hospital morgue for an autopsy. Police detained Rubel's father, mother, and sister for questioning.

BNP's Dulu cleared from DSA case

STAR REPORT

Lalmonirhat district BNP President and BNP Central Organising Secretary Asadul Habib Dulu has been exempted from a case filed under the Digital Security Act.

The case was filed on September 13, last year. Dulu, also a former deputy minister, surrendered before the Rangpur Cyber Tribunal Court yesterday. At the end of the hearing, Judge Abdul Majeed acquitted him and dismissed the case, said his counsel advocate Mahafuz Un Nabi Don.

On September 13, 2023, a case was filed against him under the DSA with Lalmonirhat Sadar Police Station on charges of making slanderous remarks on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on social media.

প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস অসুস্থ নয়, এর অপচয় রোধ করুন।

গ্যাসের অবৈধ সংযোগ গ্রহণ ও ব্যবহার শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ।

Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution PLC
Titas Gas Bhaban, 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue,
Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215

Memo No.: TGTDCU/SMEIIP-ADB/GD-2(SI-02)/2024/105 Date: 29-09-2024

2nd Corrigendum/ Amendment Notice

This is to be informed that for an unavoidable circumstance the below mentioned amendments have been made in the tender document are as follows:

Package Number & Name of the Package	Description of Information	According to the original Tender Document	Amended As
GD-2(SI-02): Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Unified Web System and Automated Grievance Redress Center (Hardware & Software)	Tender Last Selling Date	18.09.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) Local Time	14.10.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) Local Time
	Tender Submission Date & Time	19.09.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) Local Time	15.10.2024 14:00 (GMT+6) Local Time
	Tender Opening Date & Time	19.09.2024 14:30 (GMT+6) Local Time	15.10.2024 14:30 (GMT+6) Local Time

This Corrigendum/ Amendment notice with amendments and Pre-Bid meeting minutes will be the part & parcel of the tender documents. All other terms & conditions of this tender will remain unchanged. All concerned are requested to take necessary actions accordingly.

(Engr. Muhammad Abul Kawser)
Project Director

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
Bangladesh Enhancing Investments and Benefits for Early Years (BEIBEY)
Supporting Implementation of Mother and Child Benefit Programme (SIMCBP)
Building No. 7 (3rd Floor), Bangladesh Secretariat
<https://www.mowca.gov.bd>

Ref. No. 32.00.0000.013.14.060.24.153 Date: 30 Sep 2024

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Spot Checks and Beneficiary Feedback Firm

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
2	Agency	Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Supporting Implementation of the Mother and Child Benefit Programme
4	Procuring Entity Code (If Applicable)	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Selection of Spot Checks and Beneficiary Feedback Firm [Package No-SF-02]
7	Title of Service	Spot Checks and Beneficiary Feedback Firm
8	EOI Ref. No.	32.00.0000.013.14.060.24.153
9	Date	30 Sep 2024
KEY INFORMATION		
10	Procurement Method	Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
11	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget, IDA
12	Development Partners	World Bank
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
13	Project / Programme Name	Supporting Implementation of the Mother and Child Benefit Programme (SIMCBP) under the Bangladesh Enhancing Investments and Benefits for Early Years (BEIBEY) Project (IDA Credit No. 7426-BD)
14	EOI Closing Date, Time & Address	Date-30/10/2024, 02:30pm (Hard copy can be submitted) Project office: SIMCBP Office, Building No. 7 (3rd Floor), Room No. 206 Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. Phone: +880 2 716 3645; Fax: +880 2 716 2892 Email: pdbeibeysimcbp@gmail.com
15	EOI Opening Date and Time	Date: 30/10/2024, 3:00pm.
16	Brief Description of Assignment and Required Qualifications, Experience & Skill Required	The main objective of the assignment is to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the MCBP by conducting spot checks and gathering feedback from beneficiaries. The assessment will focus on various aspects including outreach and awareness campaign, targeting, payment process, role of field administrators, ease and effectiveness of maternal and child health, nutrition and development training through Social Behavioral Change Communication, Grievance Redressal Mechanism, and beneficiary satisfaction. Interested firms must have at least 15 years of relevant experience, including large scale program evaluation in the region/country, as well as a good understanding of early childhood development issues. Detailed scope of service is provided in the TOR which is available on the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs' website (https://www.mowca.gov.bd/ and BPPA website https://www.cptu.gov.bd/)
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
17	Name of official Inviting EOI	Sufia Nazim
19	Designation of official Inviting EOI	Project Director (Joint Secretary)
20	Address of official Inviting EOI	SIMCBP Office, Building No. 7 (3rd Floor), Room No. 206 Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
21	Contact details of official Inviting EOI	Phone: +880 2 716 3645; Email: pdbeibeysimcbp@gmail.com
22	The procuring entity reserves all the rights to accept or reject all the Expression of Interest (EOI) without showing any reason.	

(Engr. Sufia Nazim)
30.09.24
Project Director

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Memo No. 35.01.2690.078.07.023.24.635 Date: 25.09.2024

**Request for Bids for Goods
(International, One-Envelope Bidding Process)**

Country: Bangladesh
Name of Project: Bangladesh Road Safety Project
Package Title: A. BLS Ambulance supply; B. Medicine and equipment supply for BLS ambulances
IDA Credit No.: 7059-BD
RFB Reference No.: GP (DGH)-01

- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Bangladesh Road Safety Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for "A. BLS Ambulance supply; B. Medicine and equipment supply for BLS ambulances".
- The Roads and Highways Department now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for **Procurement of 60 (sixty) Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulances**; and some equipment, medicine for those ambulances.
- Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Mr. Abul Barkot Md. Khurshid Alam, Deputy Project Director, BRSP, Room-B-316, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka, email: dpd.brsp@gmail.com and inspect the bidding document on the website www.rhd.gov.bd at Bangladesh Road Safety Project-Notice tab.
- The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 5000 or USD 50. The method of payment will be cash. The document will be given in hand. Last date of selling of bidding document is **November 13, 2024 up to 12:00pm**.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1:00pm November 14, 2024**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives at the address below on the same day at 1:30pm.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of BDT 1.40 Crore or USD 150,000.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held at 11am on **October 15, 2024** at Room A-206, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form, as included in the bidding document.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or rejects all bids.
- The address referred to above is:

25.09.2024
Md. Amanullah
Project Director (ACE, RHD)
Bangladesh Road Safety Project

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