

## World sight day observed



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

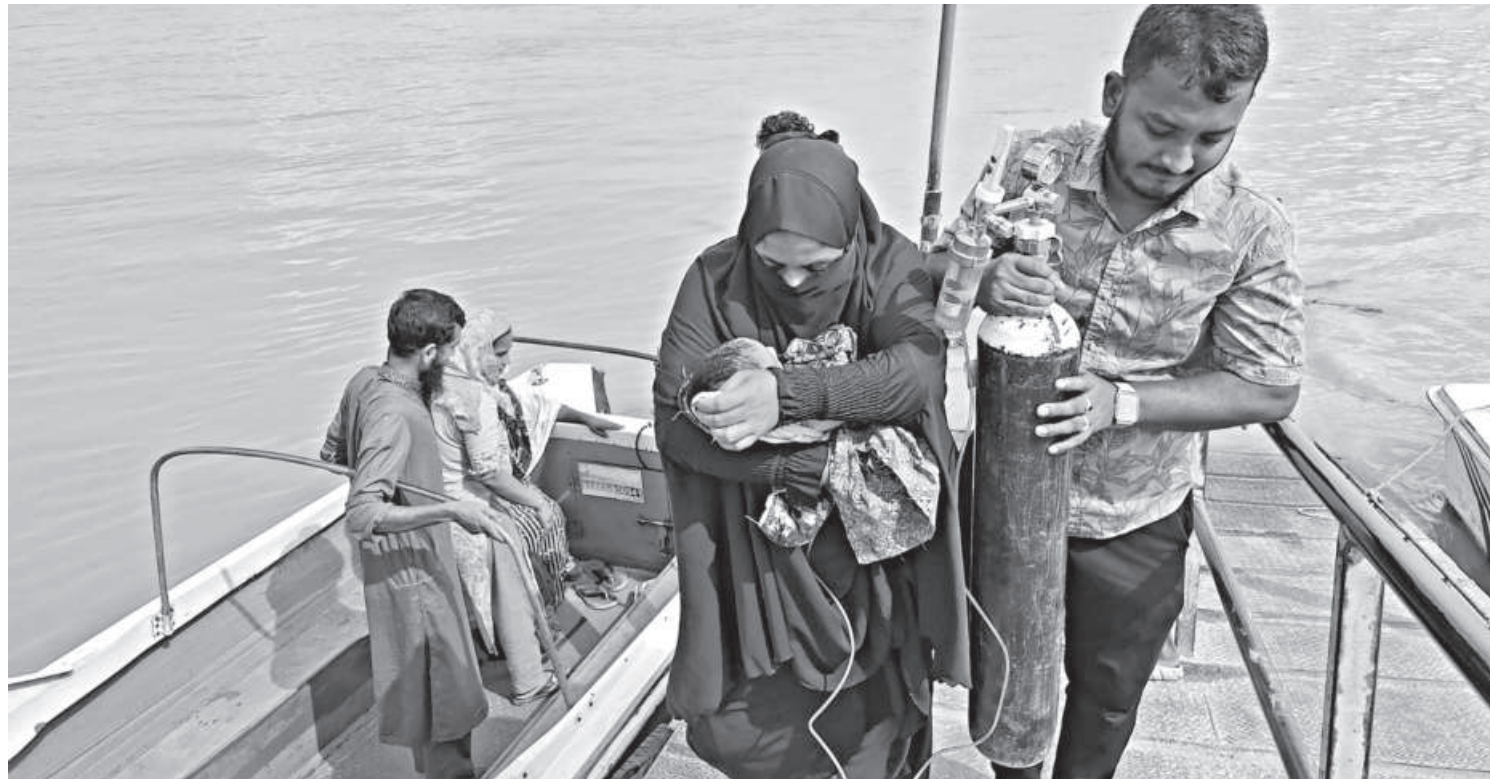
Dr K Zaman BNSB Eye Hospital observed "World Sight Day" in Mymensingh yesterday, with the slogan, "Take care of your children's eyes".

The event featured a five kilometre mini marathon, "Run for Healthy Sight," involving 848 children aged 14 to 18. The marathon started from Zainul Abedin Park, followed by a colourful rally that paraded through the city's main roads.

At a discussion, speakers highlighted the importance of eye care, particularly for children.

Prizes were distributed among marathon winners, and all participants received certificates.

Present at the event were Trustee Board member Prof Dr Md Zakir Hossain, chief consultant Dr Md Saiful Islam, and coordinator Sharifuzzaman Parag.



This family arrives at DC Ghat near the Kirtankhola river in Barishal city with their newborn child who is on oxygen support. They have travelled from Bhola on a speedboat, seeking better treatment for their child at Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. Many like them are forced to travel this way for lack of better road communication. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

## Freedom fighter Rustam Ali no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Freedom fighter Md Rustam Ali, Bir Pratik, passed away yesterday morning at Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Chattogram. He was 74.

His namaz-e-janaza and funeral parade was held at Bangladesh Air Force Base Zahurul Haque parade ground.

He was later buried at his village Goramara of Shitakunda, according to a press release sent by Inter Service Public Relations (ISPR).

Corporal (ret'd) Md Rustam Ali joined the "Kilo Flight" as an "Air Gunner" of Otter Biman in the Liberation War of Bangladesh, it said.

On December 03, 1971, he actively participated in firing rockets, firing of machine guns, and bomb attacks in Chittagong Airport, Air Base, Oil Refinery and Sea Port areas.

## MA Mannan freed on bail, returns home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Former planning minister MA Mannan was released yesterday, a day after he secured bail in a case filed over attacks on protesters in Sunamganj during the student-led mass uprising.

Mannan, 78, who was undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Medical College Hospital as a prisoner, returned home after the hospital authorities discharged him following the bail order.

Shakhawat Hossain, jailer of Sylhet Central Jail, said the bail order reached Sylhet Central Jail in the morning. Later, it was forwarded to the hospital authority, which discharged the former minister.

Dr Saumitra Chakravarty, deputy director of the hospital, said a medical board was treating Mannan who was suffering from hypertension and heart condition as well as diabetes, and that his physical condition is stable now.

## Over 30m in need

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Doctors at the NIMH say the majority of patients seeking care are working adults.

At the NIMH and Hospital, 79.4 percent of patients are diagnosed with schizophrenia or bipolar disorder, while 20.6 percent suffer from other complications.

Since 2001, the National Institute of Mental Health has provided outpatient services to 13,57,000 people, with 59,829 admitted and 56,541 treated in the emergency department.

By October 1 this year, 74,136 patients, including

13,000 children, had received treatment, with 4,333 admitted.

Doctors stress that early intervention could result in recovery for 25 to 30 percent of patients. Helal Uddin said half of all mental health issues manifest by the age of 14, with 93 percent of cases going untreated.

Professor Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun, director of NIMH, stressed the urgent need to focus on mental health in the workplace. He stressed that a positive work environment is crucial to improving mental well-being.

## Schools to admit

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Schools may offer an additional age allowance of up to five years for students with special needs, according to the new policy.

It said the admission process will be overseen by Dhaka Metropolitan Admission Committee,

led by the director general of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education, along with district-level committees to be headed by deputy commissioners and upazila nirbahi officers.

The Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education will centrally manage the digital lottery

programme for admissions, including the application fee and specific dates.

The online admission application fee must follow the Ministry of Education's guidelines. Fees, including session charges, are set according to the ministry's circular.

Students applying to government secondary schools can select a maximum five schools and can also choose a shift in a double-shift school.

To enhance transparency, students must finalise their first choice for admission, which will be recorded in the software.

## Under water

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Water Committee, called for implementing an integrated plan to mitigate permanent waterlogging in at least eight upazilas in Khulna, Jashore, and Satkhira districts.

Contacted, Abdur Rahman Tazkia, executive engineer of BWDB (Khulna division-1), said, "We are trying to clear silt from some of the sluice gates to turn those functional, which will improve the situation."

## Maintain

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In this uprising," Nahid said and urged everyone to maintain the unity that has been created through the student people uprising.

Later, the adviser visited puja mandaps at Ramna Kali Mandir and Jagannath Hall at Dhaka University.

While speaking at Ramna Kali Mandir, he said the government is working to fulfill the demands of the minority communities.

## Crown

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Police Station Taizul Islam confirmed the incident and stated that they are reviewing the temple's CCTV footage to identify the thief.

Jyoti Chattopadhyay, one of the members of the family that has been looking after the temple for generations, said the crown was made of silver and it was gold plated.

## SLUGGISH SALES

# Pineapple growers face losses

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Pineapple growers in Tangail's Madhupur region are facing severe losses this year despite a good harvest, citing a sharp decline in demand and prices due to recent nationwide unrest and floods.

Known for producing juicy varieties such as Giant Q, Honey Queen, and Ashwina, Madhupur's pineapple sector typically thrives. However, this year, many farmers are struggling to make ends meet.

Hasmata Ali, a grower from Mahishmara village in Madhupur upazila, cultivated pineapples on 10 bighas of land at a cost of Tk 7.5 lakh.

Despite favourable weather leading to a strong yield, he anticipates a significant loss.

"Last year, medium-sized pineapples sold for Tk 30-35 each. This year, buyers are unwilling to pay more than Tk 12-15. I won't even recover my investment," he said.

Saiful Islam, a grower from Moter Bazar, echoed similar concerns. "We had a good harvest, but the unrest and floods have severely impacted sales and prices. We're not making any profit," he added.

The situation was evident during visits to the district's two largest



pineapple wholesale markets -- Jalchhatra in Madhupur and Garo Bazar in Ghatail.

Buyers and sellers usually flock to these markets at this time of the year, however, this time around, the sales are sluggish.

"Many buyers have stayed away due to the instability," said Abbas Ali, a wholesaler at Jalchhatra market.

Lokman Hossain Liton, general secretary of the pineapple traders' association at Garo Bazar, added, "Prices have dropped drastically due to the lack of buyers."

Tariqul Islam, a local grower and advocate for organic farming,

warned of large-scale wastage due to the absence of storage, preservation, and processing facilities in the district.

"We have repeatedly requested government action, but nothing has been done," he said.

Md Kabir Hossain, deputy director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Tangail, urged entrepreneurs to consider producing pineapple-based products such as jams, jellies, and juices to help farmers secure fair prices.

He also mentioned plans to explore export opportunities for the region's pineapples.

## Kamal Hossain

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erosion, improving groundwater levels, and preserving soil fertility. This is why I've taken the initiative," he added.

"Already 35,000 seeds have been planted. The rest of the seeds we have stored at home will be planted in different areas in phases," he added.

Kamal's family has been involved in agricultural work in the area for generations. In fact, Kamal has planted a large number of trees in his own house too.

Md Manik, a resident of

Chapli Bazar, said, "Palm trees are of great benefit to us. We use their leaves and stems for fuel. Kamal's work planting these seedlings along the roadside is truly commendable."

Omar Ali, another resident, echoed him.

Rabiul Islam, upazila nirbahi officer of Kalapara said, "Palm trees play a crucial role in protecting the environment, especially in coastal regions. We hope more people like Kamal Hossain will step forward and contribute to the cause of environmental protection."

## No joy for family

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He said Ripon was involved with BNP politics.

He also said Ripon had been working as a salon employee, supporting his family, including his mother and younger brother, since his father's death. Ruby Rani Sheel is now demanding justice for her son's murder, along with rehabilitation support for the family.

A murder case has been filed by Ruby against 200 people, including former MP Md Abu Zahir, in connection with Ripon's death.

Alamgir Kabir, officer-in-charge of Habiganj Police Station, said Shankha Shubhra Roy, district Awami League's labour affairs secretary, has been arrested and remanded in connection with the case.

## Absconding cops

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In the list of controversial officials, there are also the names of DMP Joint Commissioner SM Mehedi Hasan and Joint Commissioner Sanjit Kumar Roy. On the official site of the DMP, Mehedi, and Sanjit's names still appeared as the joint commissioner (attached).

At least eight cases have been filed against Mehedi, while one against Sanjit.

During the anti-discrimination student movement, Mehedi with dozens of force members fired shotguns and tear gas indiscriminately at Dhaka University, leaving a huge number of people injured including students.

The Daily Star tried to communicate with these absconding officials over their personal phone numbers, but those were found switched off.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

### Reliance Bangladesh LNG & Power Limited

Position: Compliance Officer

**Job Context:** The Compliance Officer will play a pivotal role in ensuring adherence to national and international legal compliance including but not limited to compliances in financing documents, regulatory and statutory requirements, project agreements, sponsors' policies/standards, reporting to various agencies like BIDA, DOE, BPDB, Gas supplier etc.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Develop, implement, and maintain compliance frameworks and procedures.
- Regularly review and assess the compliance practices within the major functions of the company including Finance & Accounts Department and Contracts & Commercial Department.
- Assess and monitor regulatory compliance, ensuring that the processes are aligned with international laws and standards related to the power industry.
- Conduct regular audits and reviews to identify compliance issues and implement corrective actions promptly.
- Identify potential risks and areas for improvement.
- Collaborate closely with cross-functional teams to ensure compliance requirements are integrated into business processes.
- Investigate any compliance violations and recommend corrective actions.
- Manage relationships with lenders, sponsors and stakeholders, providing accurate and timely compliance-related information.
- Prepare and submit compliance reports to regulatory bodies and lenders as required.
- Monitor HR-related compliances.
- Investigate any reported compliance concerns and ensure appropriate and timely resolution.
- Financial Analysis and reporting to CXOs in respect of potential risks and proposed mitigation plan.
- Review of contract and ensure effective contract administration.

**Job Requirements:**

- Bachelor in Law from any reputed university.
- 2-3 years of relevant experience in Power Industry.
- Excellent communication skills in English both in speaking and writing.
- Sound knowledge of international laws and regulations pertinent to the power industry.
- Strong understanding of lender requirements and associated compliance tasks.
- Excellent analytical skills with attention to detail and accuracy.
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**Application Procedure:** Send your resume to [hr.jmpl@jerampl.com](mailto:hr.jmpl@jerampl.com) or Concord Baksh Tower, 10th Floor, Road #48, Plot #11/A, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh by **October 26, 2024.**

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
OCTOBER 11

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-45	12-30	4-15	5-45	7-15
JAMAAT 5-20	1-15	4-30	5-50	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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1023123	27.21.6152.643.07 .337.24.417; Date: 02.10.2024	Supply and installation of necessary components including IP cameras for security purposes of Sherpur grid substation under GMD Mymensingh, Power Grid Bangladesh PLC.
1023124	27.21.6152.643.07 .337.24.418; Date: 02.10.2024	Construction of Demarcation Fencing at front side of Sherpur Grid Substation under GMD Mymensingh, Power Grid Bangladesh PLC.

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