

## Dhaka Board chairman

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Speaking to this newspaper last night, Prof Tapan said the students were demanding an "auto pass," a decision beyond the board's jurisdiction. "We followed the education ministry's decision in evaluating and publishing the results. Nevertheless, I announced my resignation. I told the students I would visit the education minister tomorrow [today] with my resignation letter and demands of the students," he added. Earlier in the day, students forced their way into the board premises by breaking the locks on the main gate around 1:00pm. Board officials alleged that the students vandalised furniture, damaging tables and chairs inside. Witnesses reported a scuffle when protesters attempted to enter the chairman's office. By 3:00pm, the students

claimed they were attacked while trying to access the office, leading to several injuries. In response, they staged a sit-in to press for their demands. As of 9:30pm, approximately 25-30 board officials, including the chairman, remained confined to the building, while police and military personnel were deployed to maintain order. The HSC and equivalent exam results were released on October 15. This year, students sat for only half the exams, with the rest of their results determined based on their Secondary School Certificate performance. Before marching to the Dhaka Board, students gathered at Central Shaheed Minar around 12:30pm. They alleged that the results were "discriminatory" and called for a recalculation of their grades. The students claimed that errors in subject

mapping and improper evaluation of answer scripts had resulted in unfair grading, and vowed to continue their demonstrations until their results were reassessed. Similar protests were reported in other educational boards. In Chattogram, HSC candidates gathered at the Chattogram Education Board around 11:00am, chanting slogans and alleging discrimination in results. Police and military personnel restored order around 4:30pm. In Jashore, hundreds of students accused the Jashore Education Board of issuing "fake results," claiming that despite an easier English exam, many had failed. The board dismissed their demands as "baseless". In Cumilla and Mymensingh, students also held protests demanding re-evaluation of their results.

## Climate financing

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that are critical for vulnerable communities," he said. Zakir called for increased international climate finance, with a focus on grant-based financing and the implementation of debt relief mechanisms for LDCs burdened by climate-related debt. Addressing the event, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, adviser to the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, urged the youth to focus on protecting their resources. "In Bangladesh, we need to think about tackling climate change while

protecting our ecosystems and environment," she said as chief guest. "The funds available for mainstream environmental issues are decreasing," she added. Rizwana also stressed the importance of accountability, saying, "If we damage our environment, destroy the Dhaleshwari and Buriganga rivers, and then complain about why foreign countries aren't providing funds for climate issues, that would be a double standard." "In Bangladesh, we need to think about tackling climate change while also safeguarding our ecosystem," she added.

## It's false and harassing

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lifelong advocate for human rights, highlighting his efforts against extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, and torture. The organisation said he has faced backlash for speaking out against violence and repression. Panna was always a staunch defender of freedom of expression and the rights of religious and ethnic minorities. Similarly, the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust demanded the immediate withdrawal of Panna's name from the case and an inquiry into why he was implicated. BLAST also recalled that Panna had previously faced harassment in court during the student movement, where state counsel insulted him for his role, calling him a "traitor". The organisation warned that such "harassing" cases obstruct justice for the real victims of the July-August student movement. BLAST urged high-level action to ensure justice for the July massacre victims, provide legal aid to the injured, and halt the ongoing

harassment. Manabdhikar Shongskriti Foundation also condemned the case, terming it "baseless and harassing". MSF accused authorities of trying to malign prominent rights defenders, thereby hindering freedom of expression. It said filing indiscriminate cases undermines the justice system and erodes public trust. Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB) also condemned the lawsuit, saying it obstructs justice and suppresses dissent. HRFB described the case as a disgraceful attempt to silence civil society and stifle freedom of thought and expression. Besides, Communist Party of Bangladesh also condemned the case. Md Baker, 52, filed the case with Khilgaon Police Station accusing 180 persons including Panna on charge of shooting his son Ahadul Islam on July 19.

## Shahriar Kabir

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"I don't want to say anything about the case. But I need proper treatment. I have been ill for the past four months... I am not getting proper treatment in Kashimpur Jail now," he said. He also claimed to be innocent in the case. In the courtroom, pro-BNP lawyers were seen interrupting Shahriar Kabir while he was speaking to the magistrate, witnesses said. On August 28, Narzia Akter, wife of the victim, filed a murder case with Jatrabari Police Station

against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and 194 others. According to the case documents, the victim was shot in front of Monwara Hospital on July 18. The next day, he died while undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. On September 16, Shahriar Kabir was arrested at his Banani home in Dhaka. On September 17, he was placed on a seven-day remand in a case filed with Ramna Model Police Station over the death of house help Liza Akter.

## Safeguard

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at Labaid Cardiac Hospital, urged parents and teachers to prioritise the mental health of primary students, adding that the ongoing protests have left a deep emotional impact on them. Prof M Nazmul Haque, director of the Teacher Development Institute, said trauma comes from family environments in the first place. Children are mostly affected by their parents' stress. Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of CAMPE, said the meeting's recommendations would be submitted to the government for consideration.

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### Request for Application (RFA)

(Selection of Individual Consultant: National)

A. Basic Information (Procuring Entity, Assignment, Procurement Method, Source of Fund, etc) for the Consultant:	
1 Name of the Organization	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
2 Procuring Entity Name & Designation	Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin, Additional Managing Director
3 Package Name	Selection of an Individual Consultant for Operating "Special Studies at PO level of RMTP" - Assessment of the Rural Food Environment and Facilitate Rural People's Food Choice Decisions through Behaviour Change Strategy of Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP) of PKSF
4 Ref. No.	53.23.0000.001.03.119.24.6783
5 Package No.	PKSF/RMTP(2024-25)/SD-15
6 Application Publishing Date	21 October 2024
7 Procurement Method	Individual Consultant Selection (ICS)
8 Source of Fund	GoB, PKSF, and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
9 Development Partner	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
10 Project Name	Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP)
11 Application submission closing date, time, and place	Date: 05 November 2024; Time: 2:00 PM; PKSF Bhaban, E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
B. Key Information for the Consultant:	
12 Brief description of the assignment	The detailed Request for Application (RFA) document including Terms of Reference (ToR) is obtainable from the office of the undersigned during office hours: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm at free of cost. It will be also available at PKSF website <a href="https://pkfsf.org.bd/tender/">https://pkfsf.org.bd/tender/</a> . Interested eligible consultants are requested to submit their applications along with all necessary documents in sealed envelope to the office of the undersigned directly or by courier/mail by 2:00 PM on or before 05 November 2024.
13 Experience, resource, and delivery capacity required of the Consultant	
14 Other Details	
C. Procurement Entity Details:	
15 Name of the Official Inviting Application	Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin
16 Designation of Official Inviting Application	Additional Managing Director
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**Additional Managing Director**

### Include

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active participation in the government's reform activities. "Excluding this key sector makes it nearly impossible to establish a non-discriminatory and participatory development system, especially in labour reforms," the anti-graft watchdog said. TIB called for the inclusion of private sector representatives in the advisory council, arguing that their participation is essential for ensuring comprehensive policy reforms. The organisation also urged the formation of a commission to develop a "Business Integrity Strategy" aimed at enhancing transparency within the private sector. TIB referred to media reports stating that the government plans to establish four reform commissions focused on health, media, labour, and women's rights in the second phase of its reform initiatives.

### Never too late

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themselves to study again is really inspiring." Abdul Baset Bachchu, principal of Satbaria Degree College, said the couple's journey has left a lasting impression on the local community. "They've shown that age is no barrier to education. Their indomitable spirit will inspire not only their children but also other students in the village." The couple, undeterred by the years they've lost, now look forward to continuing their studies. "Who knows," Faruk said with a smile, "maybe we will graduate alongside our son." For Fahim, nothing could be prouder. "This is the happiest thing for me," he said, "to have shared this journey with them."

**PRAYER TIMING**  
OCTOBER 21  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4:50 12:45 4:00 5:36 7:15  
JAMAAT 5:25 1:15 4:15 5:39 7:45  
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## New campus remains a pipe

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Complications with land acquisition and perimeter wall construction have stalled development, as per sources. According to the university's engineering department, four companies were initially contracted for various works under this project. Starlight Service Limited and RS Limited got a Tk 61.89 crore contract for constructing a five-storey engineering building, while Kingdom Builders was given the tender for boundary wall construction at the expense of Tk 33 crore. RN Enterprise was allocated Tk 3.28 crore for pond renovation. Meanwhile, a company

named UADL was given Tk 32 crore in two phases for excavating the lake. Despite the initial payment being made to these entities, work is progressing at a sluggish pace. The authorities cite incomplete land acquisition as the reason for delays. But students attributed the prolonged delay to administrative apathy and corruption. "In the last six years, the lack of visible development has been fuelled by bureaucratic delays, corruption, land acquisition problems, and construction setbacks," said Toukir Ahmed, a student of mass communication and journalism. Another student,

Mujahid Bappy, raised concerns about the project's chief engineer, who faces allegations of irregularities. Project Director Syed Ali Ahmed said land acquisition is managed by the registrar's office. "Land development and building construction are ongoing, and we have not encountered any obstacles so far," he added. Chief Engineer Helal Uddin Patwari declined to comment on corruption allegations, saying he had responded to a show-cause notice issued by the university. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Rezaul Karim acknowledged the concerns and vowed to expedite the completion of the new campus.

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Memo no: 53.23.0000.001.04.002.19.6840 Date: 20 October 2024

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Interested suppliers are requested to visit the link: <https://pkfsf.org.bd/tender/> for detail tender notice and instructions regarding the tender procedures.

PKSF reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid documents without showing any reason whatsoever.

**(Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin)**  
Additional Managing Director

### Employment Opportunity

**KAFACO** Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited (KAFACO) is an international joint venture leading Ammonia & Urea Fertilizer manufacturing company in Bangladesh. The plant is located at Rangadia, Anowara, Chattogram with its Corporate Office at Dhaka. KAFACO is inviting applications from eligible candidates against the below mentioned positions for the Plant Site at Chattogram.

#### Senior Teacher (Mathematics) Vacancy-01

**Requirements:**

- B.Sc. (Hon.) & M.Sc. in Mathematics from any reputed University;
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- B.Ed. / M.Ed.
- Minimum CGPA 4.5 or 1st division in S.S.C & in H.S.C level;
- Having Minimum 5 years' teaching experience in Secondary / Higher Secondary level;
- Strong Communication skills in Bangla and in English;
- Maximum 35 years of age as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

#### Senior Teacher (Physics) Vacancy-01

**Requirements:**

- B.Sc. (Hon.) & M.Sc. in Physics from any reputed University;
- At least a CGPA 3.00 out of 4.00 /1<sup>st</sup> class either in B.Sc. (Hons) or in M.Sc.; No Third class in B.Sc. (Hon.) & in M. Sc. level is acceptable
- B.Ed. / M.Ed.
- Minimum CGPA 4.5 or 1st division in S.S.C & in H.S.C level;
- Having Minimum 5 years' teaching experience in Secondary / Higher Secondary level;
- Strong Communication skills in Bangla and in English;
- Maximum 35 years of age as on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

#### Teacher (KG) Vacancy-01

**Requirements:**

- At least a CGPA 3.00 out of 4.00 / 1<sup>st</sup> class in 4-year graduation from any reputed University;
- Minimum CGPA 4.5 or 1<sup>st</sup> division in S.S.C and in H.S.C level;
- Should be a female person having minimum 5 years' experience in teaching KG, Nursery, Pre-Nursery class in any reputed school;
- Strong Communication skills in Bangla and in English;
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**Application Procedure**

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