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CA changes portfolios of some

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned filmmaker Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, Akij Bashir Group Managing Director Sk Bashir Uddin, and special assistant to chief adviser Mahfuj Alam were sworn in as advisers to the interim government last night.

The chief adviser also reassigned some advisers and appointed three special assistants who would be of the rank of state ministers.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath at Darbar Hall of the Bangabhaban in presence of the chief adviser, senior officials, and dignitaries.

With the inclusion of the three, the interim government now has 24 advisers.

Farooki, a familiar face for his critically acclaimed films and plays over the decades, was given the charge of the cultural affairs ministry.

Bashir, a leading businessman, is the adviser of commerce and jute and textile ministries.

Mahfuj Alam was yet to be assigned any ministry.

A student of 2015-16 academic session of Dhaka University's Law Department, Mahfuj is a coordinator of the liaison committee of the student movement against discrimination. He was a pivotal figure in chalking up different programmes during the quota reforms protest that turned into a mass uprising in July.

PORTFOLIOS REDISTRIBUTED

According to a gazette notification issued by the cabinet

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Work on the Dhaka Elevated Expressway resumes near FDC in the capital after a dispute over shares between the private partners of the public-private project halted work for over nine months. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

BUSINESS

Custodian to manage Beximco assets

The Bangladesh Bank made three major decisions yesterday, including appointing a custodian, officially termed a receiver, at the troubled Beximco Group to prevent its fall and protect the interests of investors, employees, and lenders.

Additionally, the central bank decided in principle to hire a consulting firm to recover money laundered abroad, particularly from destinations such as the UK, US, Singapore, and UAE.

It also provided clearance for a forensic audit into Nagad, a much discussed mobile financial service provider that is yet to obtain any license.

STORY ON B1

State reform the main goal, not just polls

Say student coordinators about sacrifices made during mass uprising, demand trial of AL leaders like that of Nuremberg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People did not lay down their lives during the July-August mass uprising just for an election, and the state needs structural reforms first, said leaders of the student movement against discrimination yesterday.

The Awami League must be banned, and leaders of the party and its associate bodies must face trial because they have no right to be in politics, the student leaders said at a rally at Zero Point in the capital.

Hasnat Abdullah, convener of the student movement, said until justice is served for the genocide, they have no right to be in politics.

"The martyrs had not made sacrifices merely for elections. Many of those who were injured do not even have NID cards. They won't be eligible to vote in the coming election. Yet, they've joined this mass uprising with the goal of reforming the state," he said.

The AL on Saturday night announced that it would hold a rally marking Noor Hossain day at Zero Point. Soon afterwards, student leaders wrote on Facebook that the AL will not be allowed at the place.

"If you think that we, the people who participated in the mass uprising, will immediately return home by holding an election and handing the responsibility of reforms over to you, you are mistaken."

The AL government thoroughly damaged the electoral system, and the reforms to the election process, judiciary, and constitutional bodies should be made before a national election, he said.

Many seasoned politicians have often been dismissive and critical of the young generation since August 5, indicating a generational divide.

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AL activists barred from joining event at Zero Point

At least 10 beaten up in Gulistan area

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League leaders and activists could not hold an event at Zero Point in the capital's Gulistan yesterday amid strong resistance by students, and activists of different political parties, including the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami.

The students and political activists beat up at least 10 people, including two women, in the Gulistan area on suspicion that they were members of AL and its front organisations.

Five of them — Raju Ahmed Miran, Ridoy, Rasel Haider, Rakib, and Mohammad Ali — were treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The crowds swooped on Miran and Ridoy as the duo

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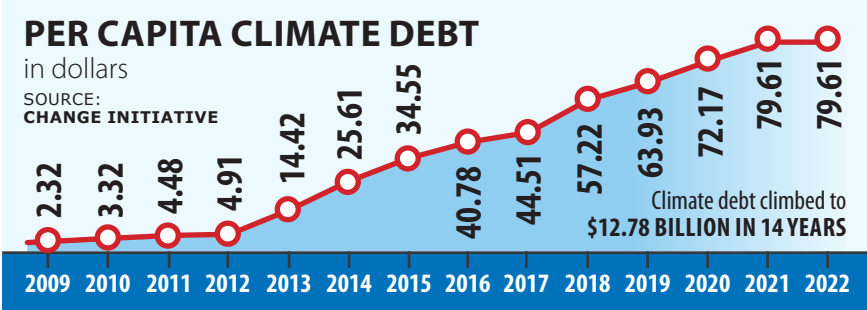
Bangladesh's climate debt keeps climbing

The country to demand more funds at COP-29

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As global leaders gather in Baku, Azerbaijan to discuss climate finance at the 29th climate conference, the most vulnerable countries like Bangladesh are demanding

just 14 years from 2009 to 2022 when Bangladesh started taking climate-related projects. During the period, Bangladesh has taken \$12.78 billion in climate debt against multiple climate projects, according to Change Initiative.



new and additional climate finance that does not exacerbate climate debt.

The per capita climate debt for every Bangladeshi citizen has reached \$80, which is about Tk 9,500.

And this debt was generated within

During the period, Bangladesh has received grants worth only \$268 million from the Green Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund and the LDC Fund.

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Climate finance in focus as summit begins

AGENCIES

The 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) kicks off in the Azerbaijani capital Baku today, aiming to address escalating climate challenges.

Leaders from around the world are set to gather in Baku for the event, running until November 22.

"With global temperatures hitting record highs, and extreme weather events affecting people around the globe, COP29 will bring together leaders from governments,

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Govt strips 118 more journos of accreditation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has revoked the permanent and temporary press accreditation cards of 118 more journalists, including editors, reporters, and TV station chief executives.

With this, the interim government has so far cancelled the press accreditation of 167 journalists.

The latest order on the cancellation of press accreditation was issued on November 7 and signed by Md Nizamul Kabir, chief information officer of the Press Information Department under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

According to the notification, the order was issued as per several sections of the Press Accreditation Policy-2022.

Press accreditation cards are a prerequisite for entry into the Secretariat.

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President Mohammed Shahabuddin administers the oath of office to the interim government's newly appointed advisers, Mahfuj Alam, special assistant to the chief adviser, Sk Bashir Uddin, managing director of Akij Bashir Group, and renowned filmmaker Mostofa Sarwar Farooki, at the Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban yesterday.

PHOTO: P10

6-yr-old killed, body hidden in pond mud

Locals torch suspects' home; the child's ex-tutor, 3 others held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The body of six-year-old Muntaha Akhter Jarin, who went missing on November 3, was recovered from a pond near her home in Bhararifoud village of Sylhet's Kanaighat upazila early yesterday.



Alok Kanti Sharma, assistant superintendent of police of Kanaighat circle in Sylhet, said her body was hidden in the mud of a pond and her hands and feet were tied. Police have detained Muntaha's former private tutor and neighbour, mother of the private tutor, and two others in connection with the murder.

After the body was found, locals vandalised, looted, and torched the neighbour's home, said the police official.

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PHOTO: SHANCHAYITA

Shinni: A 'new-age' twist on Bangladeshi communal healing

RBR

My grandmother, whom I fondly called Babu, used to bring us batashas – a sugar candy – from her visits to her homeland in Pirojpur, Barishal. She would tell us it was a tabarak or shinni, which is a sweet gift or grace from her visits to Holy places. So, even now, the sugary memory of a white porous batasha is associated with the word shinni for me. Shinni is the food prepared and served with love by any community for spiritual cleansing. The long lost word popped up again recently when vegan restaurateur Faiza Ahmed of Shanchayita decided to hold an event called "Vi-rohana Shinni", or healing food, in Dhaka, on November 16, at Jatra Biroti.

She stumbled upon this forgotten belief that if a community is in distress, then preparing and sharing a shinni wards off social, natural, and other disasters plaguing the people of that society. "I am strictly not adding any religious connotation to Vi-rohana Shinni. It is my wellness initiative to allow Dhaka people to heal their chi and let good energy flow around them," she says. The essence of her shinni event is community healing, and she hopes Dhaka will pick this tradition from rural Bangladesh. Cooking a community shinni reflects the true spirit of Bangladesh – diverse, yet united. In one of her sojourns, she saw two elderly friends from two different faiths, preparing a big pot of rice pudding or

kheer, as shinni, in a makeshift open kitchen under the village's favourite banyan tree, which is the regular place for all to convene and chat. This typical pastoral Bangla scene inspired her. "What surprised me most was the purpose of this feast – to bring communal harmony in the face of a major crisis. They pool their resources, cook together, and share a meal, hoping to bring positive change. I discovered that contrary to popular belief, shinni holds no religious connotations. It's a communal gathering, a symbol of unity, resilience, and the power of collective hope," explains Faiza Ahmed. Faiza's feast will bring to Dhaka the cherished treat of Sylhet, Tusha shinni. It is a vegan dessert made from flour

from any kind of grain, molasses or cinnamon-infused sugar syrup, and oil, then decorated with almonds and raisins. Puffed-up luchi, a flour-based deep-fried flatbread, and sweet paan supari will be the sides. This is community healing at its best. Just like it is done in the villages where everyone chips in with whatever they can contribute; this event is also taking place for the support from well-wishers with their time, talents, and resources, and Jatra kitchen and staffs to help cook the shinni. Be there to soak in the positive energy from the moon beams. Candlelit ambience, with soft notes of flutes playing will set the perfect therapeutic mood for Dhaka.

3 surprise picks

FROM PAGE 1 They were entrusted with executive powers to assist advisers for the ministries of home, health, and education respectively. The interim government was formed on August 8, following the fall of the Awami League government in the face of the student-led mass uprising, with Chief Adviser Yunus and 13 other advisers swearing in. Two more advisers took oath on August 11. Another adviser took oath on August 13 and four more on August 16. On August 8, for the first time in Bangladesh, two university students – Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud – were included in the advisory council. Nahid and Asif were two key organisers of the student movement. At just 26, Nahid and Asif are the youngest people ever to have the status of a minister. Meanwhile, a group of



now be looked after by Asif Mahmud. Asif Mahmud had been overseeing the labour and employment ministry but now Brig Gen (ret'd) Sakhawat Hussain will be in charge of it along with the shipping ministry. Finance Ministry Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed will not be overseeing commerce ministry as Bashir was assigned the ministry along with textile ministry which Brig Gen (ret'd) Sakhawat used to run. Asif Nazrul who used to run three ministries will now look after law and expatriate welfare ministries. Farooki will oversee cultural affairs ministry instead of Nazrul. Prof Yunus yesterday appointed former inspector general of police Khuda Baksh Chowdhury, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Vice Chancellor Sayedur Rahman, and former Rajshahi University Prof M Aminul Islam as special assistants using the Rules of Business 1996, according to a cabinet division gazette issued last night.

Bangladesh's climate debt keeps climbing

FROM PAGE 1 Bangladesh's significantly higher per capita climate debt burden leaves the country at high risk of falling into a debt burden, according to the report titled 'Climate Debt Trap Risks for Bangladesh and Other LDC' states. At COP29, the least-developed countries must prioritise securing 100 percent grant-based adaptation finance by 2025 and operationalising debt relief mechanisms, the report said. As wealthy nations that polluted the most and caused global warming did not keep their promises and disbursed grants, not just Bangladesh but all LDCs have fallen into a debt trap. In 2009, Bangladesh formed the Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund (BCCTF), a pioneering initiative by the government to address climate change adaptation and mitigation without relying solely on international aid. With an initial allocation of an annual Tk 700 core from the national budget, BCCTF supported over 700 projects, spanning from constructing climate-resilient homes to developing early warning systems, with a focus on empowering local communities to adapt effectively. However, despite the proactive measures, Bangladesh faces the "climate debt trap" as wealthier nations fail to fulfil their financial commitments under international climate agreements. Though Bangladesh has contributed only 0.56 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, Bangladesh ranked seventh in the long-term climate risk index. Bangladesh, as one of the most climate-vulnerable countries globally, faces climate impacts such as floods, cyclones, sea-level rise and salinity intrusion that frequently affect its agriculture, water resources and coastal areas. In 2022, Bangladesh finalised the National Action Plan (NAP) on climate change (2023-2050) to reverse the effects of climate change. The NAP identified 113 major interventions in 11 climate-stressed regions across the country, for which \$230 billion would be needed. Currently, the government of Bangladesh spends approximately 6-7 percent of its annual budget on climate adaptation, about 75 percent of which comes from domestic sources. However, scaling up adaptation measures as outlined in the NAP will require seven times the current spending, according to experts. During the COP (conference of parties) 15 held in Copenhagen, wealthy nations committed to mobilise \$100 billion a year by 2020. The promise remains unfulfilled putting LDCs like Bangladesh at risk of falling further into debt to fund necessary climate resilience efforts. Additionally, the pledges are not clear on how the money will be distributed, raising fears among LDCs

that money will not reach the countries that need it most. Along with other LDCs Bangladesh will push for new and additional climate finance available that does not exacerbate climate debt, Syeda Rizwana Hasan, adviser to the ministry of environment, forest and climate change, told The Daily Star. "Bangladesh advocates for public funds from developed countries as the primary source of the financing," she said, adding that the country will urge swift implementation of the 2019 commitment to double adaptation funding by 2025. Bangladesh will also demand the wealthy nations to fulfil their funding commitments to developing countries, she said. The country will be vocal in making the loss and damage fund operational with simplified access and regular replenishment cycles. Although a decision was reached at COP-28 in Dubai to operationalise the fund with an initial pledge of \$792 million, the fund is yet to become fully functional. Apart from this, Bangladesh will emphasise the urgent need for all countries to uphold the commitment to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2100. This target is crucial to minimising severe climate impacts and is a priority Bangladesh intends to advocate at COP-29, Rizwana added. Rizwana will reach Baku on November 17. This year's COP has been

AL activists barred from joining event at Zero Point

FROM PAGE 1 chanted slogans in support of AL near the stadium, said Amit Biswas, a sub-inspector at Paltan Police Station. They would be taken to the police station after treatment, he said. The Sheikh Hasina-led party, which was ousted through the student-led mass uprising on August 5, called the event – a protest march "to restore democracy" and a gathering to observe Shaheed Noor Hossain Day – through its verified Facebook page. Noor Hossain, then a 26-year-old leader of AL's youth front Jubo League, was killed in police firing at Zero Point on November 10, 1987, while protesting against the autocratic rule of HM Ershad. A memorial was built there and the place was renamed Noor Hossain Square. Yesterday, Noor Hossain's family and various political parties other than the AL and its allies paid respects to him by placing wreaths at the memorial. Although AL men could not reach Zero Point, the party posted on Facebook photos and videos of its activists bringing out brisk processions in the Motijheel and Press Club areas. As many as 42 people, including nine women, were detained during AL demonstrations in Motijheel and Paltan areas, said Hossain Mohammad Farabi, assistant commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police's (DMP's) Motijheel Zone. Another person was held in the Dilkusha area while several others were handed over to police by student and pro-uprising political activists, he said, adding that more details would be given later. Tensions ran high in the city after the AL urged

its leaders and activists to gather at Zero Point at 3:00pm yesterday through a post on Facebook on Saturday. In response, the interim government said it would not allow "fascist" AL to hold the programme. Students and political activists demonstrated at Zero Point late on Saturday night, vowing to prevent any attempt by AL activists to gather there. Police also conducted raids in different areas of the capital on Saturday night and arrested over 50 AL activists on charges of attempting to create anarchy in the name of protests, Talebur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DMP, told The Daily Star. To counter the AL event, supporters of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement and activists of BNP, Jamaat and other parties occupied Zero Point and nearby areas again since yesterday morning. Many of them were carrying sticks. They also gathered outside the AL headquarters on Bangabandhu Avenue near Zero Point. Witnesses and police said the activists handed over several individuals to police after beating them up for chanting the "Joy Bangla" slogan. Around 12:45pm, an elderly man was beaten up severely as agitators suspected him to be an AL activist. The victim could not be identified immediately. Witnesses said the man was suspiciously wandering in the area when a group of demonstrators asked him about his motive. They soon started punching him in the face. Many others joined the crowd and beat the man indiscriminately. He was later rescued by police.

Climate finance in focus as summit begins

FROM PAGE 1 business and civil society to advance concrete solutions to the defining issue of our time," according to the UN. "A key focus of COP29 will be on finance, as trillions of dollars are required for countries to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect lives and livelihoods from the worsening impacts of climate change." On Thursday, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres warned that the world is nowhere near ready for the "calamity" being caused by climate change and must urgently prepare for even worse in the future. Global efforts to adapt to climate change – from building defensive sea walls to planting drought-resistant crops – have not kept pace as global warming accelerates the frequency and intensity of disasters. Floods, fires and other climate shocks have affected nearly every continent in a year the EU climate monitor says is almost certain to be the hottest ever recorded. The amount of money going to poorer countries for adaptation measures was barely one-tenth of what they needed to disaster-proof their vulnerable economies, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) said in a new assessment looking at 2022, the latest year for which data is available. "Climate calamity is the new reality. And we're not keeping up," said Guterres at the launch of UNEP's annual Adaptation Gap Report. Rich nations are under pressure at this month's UN COP29 summit to increase the \$100 billion they pledged for climate action in developing countries, including for adaptation. But some donor governments are under fiscal and political pressure, and major new commitments of public money are not expected at the conference in Azerbaijan. A UN biodiversity meeting this month failed to reach a funding agreement and the election of Donald Trump – who opposes global climate cooperation – hangs over COP29. Most of the public money committed to climate change goes to reducing planet-warming emissions, not adapting to its long-term consequences. Some \$28 billion in public finance was paid to developing countries for climate adaptation in 2022. This was an increase on the year prior, but still a drop in the ocean: UNEP estimates between \$215 billion and \$387 billion is needed annually for adaptation in developing countries. Rich countries had pledged to double the amount by 2025 to roughly \$40 billion a year but even this would leave an "extremely large" adaptation funding gap, UNEP said. Climate disasters hit poorest communities hardest but the cost of inaction was no longer borne by them alone, said Patrick Verkooijen, CEO of the Global Center on Adaptation. "From rising seas and extreme heat waves to relentless droughts and floods, the impacts of climate change now reach every corner of the globe. No nation, no community is immune," he said in a statement.

6-yr-old killed, hidden in pond mud

FROM PAGE 1 On November 3, Muntaha went out to play with other children in the afternoon. She was last seen around 3:00pm that day. Around 4:00am yesterday, Aliajan Bibi, Marjia's mother, was seen trying to move Muntaha's body to another pond, leading to the recovery of her body. Police have so far arrested Marjia, Aliajan, and locals Islam Uddin, and Nazma Begum. Alok said their preliminary findings indicate that Muntaha was killed over family feud. Hundreds of people surrounded the house of

the detained women and vandalised, looted, and set fire to the house, Alok told The Daily Star. Muntaha's father Shamim said, "She [Marjia] was Muntaha's private tutor... She was vindictive because we asked her not to teach Muntaha anymore because of her bad behaviour." Muntaha was laid to rest at a local graveyard after an autopsy and namaz-e-janaza which hundreds of grief-stricken people participated. Selim Ahmed, member of Kanaighat Sadar Union Parishad, who attended the namaz-e-janaza, said,

"For almost a week, people of this neighbourhood had been looking for the sweet little girl. They had been anxious. The thing they feared the most has happened. The grieving community gathered here today [yesterday] to say goodbye to the little girl." All four detainees are sent to jail after they were produced before a Sylhet court yesterday. Mahbubur Rahman, superintendent of Sylhet police, said, "We tried hard to find out what happened to the child... No one connected to the murder will be spared."

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LAUNDERED MONEY Yunus seeks support from Singapore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus yesterday called on Singapore to assist Bangladesh in recovering billions of dollars laundered out of the country and help lower the cost of migrant labour recruitment.

He said this at a meeting with Singapore's Ambassador to Bangladesh, Derek Loh, at his Tejgaon office in Dhaka.

"A lot of money was siphoned off from Bangladesh to many countries, including Singapore," Yunus told the Singapore ambassador.

"We need full cooperation from Singapore," he added.

Ambassador Loh pledged Singapore's support in assisting Dhaka with this issue.

During their hour-long meeting, Yunus also urged Singapore to collaborate with Bangladesh on reducing recruitment costs for Bangladeshi migrant workers, which would enable them to remit more earnings back home.



Army Chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman called on Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at the latter's office in the capital's Tejgaon yesterday.

PHOTO: PID

Legitimacy of this govt comes from people's uprising

Asif Mahmud tells meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Conspiracies are being hatched openly to provoke the working class, said adviser to the interim government Asif Mahmud on the recent labour unrest yesterday. The adviser made this comment in response to a question from reporters after a coordination meeting on "Reviewing the Current Labor Situation" at the Secretariat in Dhaka.

When asked whether, like previous governments, the current administration also attributes labour unrest to conspiracies, the adviser said, "The official page of the Awami League, which operates from abroad, published content yesterday [Saturday] clearly intended to provoke workers. I noticed it, and the conspiracy is evident to all social media users. You [journalists] should play a role in countering this. We are doing our part."

He said workers did not respond to Awami League's recent calls for mobilisation, saying, "It didn't appeal to



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Ex-Grameen Bank chair, 18 others sued over vandalism

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Grameen Bank's former chairman AKMSaifulMajid and 18 others, including the bank's 12 employees, were sued yesterday on charge of illegal gathering and damaging properties.

AKM Moinuddin Chowdhury, managing director of Grameen Kalyan, filed the case with the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Partha Bhadra, a court staffer told The Daily Star.

The magistrate recorded the statements of the complainant and directed the officer-in-charge of Shah Ali Police Station to register the complaint as the First Information Report, he said.

Grameen Bank's research and development department members Raju Mia and Mizanur Rahman, adviser S Abdur Rashid and public relations officer Tanan Khan, bank's deputy managing director Propid Kumar Saha, assistant manager general Foyzul

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Dhaka, KL must act to end trafficking

Say labour migration experts

PORIMOL PALMA

Dhaka and Kuala Lumpur need to act quickly to bring to book the perpetrators behind the criminal networks engaged in money laundering and labour trafficking from Bangladesh, say labour migration experts.

They said the Bangladesh police's initiative to probe the syndicate of 101 recruiting agencies and related individuals is a welcome move.

They also said Malaysia must extradite the two controversial businessmen -- Aminul Islam, a Bangladesh-born Malaysian citizen, and Ruhul Amin Swapan, owner of recruiting agency Catharsis International -- for investigation.

"Over the last decade, a vested quarter with government influence in both countries manipulated the labour recruitment from Bangladesh. Our people have long been victims of extortion, exploitation, and trafficking," said Prof CR Abrar, executive director of the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) of Dhaka University.



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PROF CR ABRAR
Executive Director of RMMRU

About a million Bangladeshi workers were recruited by Malaysia over the last decade. Between 2016 and 2018, a syndicate of 101 recruiting agencies was engaged in recruitment.

The recruitment was suspended

in September 2018 due to labour exploitation and huge corruption involving some top Malaysian politicians.

The market reopened in August 2022 but was suspended on May 31 this year following reports of massive corruption and exploitation of migrant workers.

During both periods, Malaysian government had selected the recruiting agencies, though Bangladesh had requested to allow all licensed agencies to send workers.

Malaysia gave no explanation about the criteria of the recruiting agencies selected.

A study by US-based non-profit Verite, published in May, said 96 percent of Bangladeshi migrant workers in Malaysia reported facing risks of exploitation resulting from recruitment debt.

On average, workers paid at least Tk 5,44,000 (US \$5,000), which is equal to three years of pay to a casual labourer in Bangladesh, in recruitment fees for a job in Malaysia.

After the fall of the Awami League regime, Altaf Khan, a

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ACC APPOINTMENTS Govt forms selection committee

UNB, Dhaka

The government has established a five-member selection committee to recommend appointments for the positions of Chairman and Commissioners of the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The committee is chaired by Justice Md Rezaul Haque from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh.

An order was issued by the Cabinet Division yesterday to form this committee under Section 7 of the ACC Act, 2004, specifically to assist with ACC leadership appointments.

The committee members include Justice Farah Mahbub of the High Court Division, Comptroller and Auditor General Md Nurul Islam, Chairman of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission Prof Mobasser Monem, and former cabinet secretary Md Mahbub Hossain.

ZIA ORPHANAGE TRUST No money was misappropriated

Says ACC lawyer; SC order on Khaleda's petitions today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission's lawyer Md Ashif Hassan yesterday told the Supreme Court's Appellate Division that no money of the Zia Orphanage Trust has been misappropriated, as there is no evidence in this regard.

It has been evident from the first information report (FIR), charge sheet, and trial court judgement that relevant funds have been moved but the money has been deposited in the bank accounts, he said.

He said this while placing arguments before the apex court during its hearing on two leave-to-appeal petitions filed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia challenging the High Court verdict that doubled her five-year jail term in the case.

After concluding the hearing yesterday, a three-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Justice Md Ashfaul Islam fixed today for delivering order on the petitions.

Yesterday, Khaleda's lawyers told the SC that, being politically motivated and influenced by the then Awami League government, the trial court sentenced Khaleda to five years' imprisonment in this case.

The HC has illegally enhanced her jail sentence

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BNP slams AL for 'using image of Trump'

UNB, Dhaka

BNP senior leaders Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury and Hafiz Uddin Ahmed yesterday slammed Awami League for trying to stage a political comeback through various covert means, including the use of the photos of US President-elect Donald Trump.

Speaking at separate programmes, they also said the AL is resorting to such ploys as the party has lost its political standing.

The BNP leaders came up with the reactions as the Awami League, ousted through a student-led mass upsurge on August 5, yesterday tried to stage a protest rally on the occasion of Shaheed Noor Hossain Day.

Briefing reporters after a meeting between BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Singapore's non-resident

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To resist the Awami League's bid to bring out processions towards Zero Point to mark Noor Hossain Day, leaders and activists of the Anti-discrimination Student Movement, BNP, and Jamaat took positions at Bangabandhu Avenue and Zero Point areas yesterday. Wreaths cover Noor Hossain Square after several organisations paid their tributes. *Inset*, at least 10 people were beaten up in Gulistan and neighbouring areas on suspicion of being associated with AL and its front organisations. Meanwhile, police early yesterday arrested 10 persons with posters of newly-elected US President Donald Trump in Dhaka. According to the DMP, AL President Sheikh Hasina, through an audio clip, allegedly instructed her party leaders and activists to hold rallies using such posters as part of a plan to damage the friendly relations between Bangladesh and the US.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN, DMP

Maj Abdul Gani No money

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established the regiment in 1948 to give a unique identity to Bangalee soldiers. Gani directly protested the then Pakistan president Ayub Khan's speech against the Bangla language in 1948. Pakistani rulers deprived him of everything, including promotion. Angered, he quit his service in 1953 and joined politics and eventually got elected as member of East Pakistan Provincial Assembly as an independent candidate. Bangladesh Army will pay tributes at his mausoleum, while RAOWA, and all units of Bangladesh Army will organise a doa mahfil today.

Journey back home

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After bidding him goodbye, they departed from the airport to return home. Shortly after refueling at a CNG station in Sutrapur, their car re-entered the highway, where it collided with an oncoming passenger bus.

minister's orphan fund. Khaleda filed the leave to appeal petitions on March 14, 2019. In the petitions, the former PM prayed to scrap her 10-year sentence. Khaleda was sent to jail on February 8, 2018, after a special court in Dhaka sentenced her to five years in jail in connection with the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case. Subsequently, a petition was filed by the ACC, following which the HC on October 30, 2018 increased the punishment to 10 years' imprisonment.

Legitimacy of this

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a large section [of workers]. Had they been convinced, workers would have marched towards Dhaka today [yesterday]. But no one came." Asif said there are some complexities — related to banks and owners, surrounding payment of overdue wages. "An owner claimed he wasn't receiving Tk 5 crore from the bank, but upon investigation, it was revealed that he has Tk 200 crore in defaulted loans," he added. Regarding the issuance of an ordinance to legitimise all activities of the interim government, Asif said, "This government's legitimacy stems from the mass uprising." Following the meeting, it was announced that out of 2,140 factories registered with the BGMEA, 2,123 had disbursed minimum wages up to September, with the remaining 17 in the process of doing so.

Committed to resolving

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must be solved. We want to move towards a permanent solution. Actions will be taken in consultation with the victims," she said. The adviser said measures will be taken to ensure food and health security for those affected by the crisis in the region. Later, she visited Sundali, Kapalia Switchgate, and Bhabadah Switchgate. In the afternoon, Rizwana met with the members of Bhabadah Water Drainage Struggle Committee and local activists. Talking to The Daily Star, Iqbal Kabir, chief adviser of the committee, said, "We mainly placed three demands — renovation of the Amdanga canal, construction of a channel from Bhabadah sluice gate, and the restoration of upstream river connectivity through nature based Tidal River Management (TRM) systems."

Dhaka, KL must act

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recruiting agent, filed a case on September 3, accusing 103 individuals, including former Expatriates' Welfare Minister Imran Ahmad and former senior secretary of the ministry Ahmed Munirul Saleheen, of involvement in embezzling Tk 4,200 crore and human trafficking schemes. The National Central Bureau (NCB) of Interpol in Bangladesh wrote a letter to the NCB in Malaysia on October 24, asking Malaysian authorities to arrest and extradite Aminul Islam and Ruhul Amin Swapan as part of an investigation into the allegations. It also requested to temporarily halt the operation of the Foreign Workers Centralized Management System (FWCMS), a software provided to the Malaysian home ministry by Bestinet, founded by Aminul Islam. Prof CR Abrar said, "The interim government is in charge with a mandate to reform the state institutions and end all discriminatory policies. Bangladeshi migrants are one of the most neglected populations, and the whole recruitment system needs urgent reforms."

"Those responsible for victimising millions of our people must be brought to book," he said. Shariful Hasan, associate director of BRAC and head of its migration programme, said a mere case and arresting some people and writing a letter to Malaysia will do nothing. The Bangladesh government, in collaboration with Malaysia, must take strong steps to investigate how so many Bangladeshi people were

swindled and exploited in the name of jobs, he added. "We want an end to such malpractices and to ensure the dignity of our people. The politicians, businessmen, or any other entities involved in this process — both in Bangladesh and Malaysia — should be investigated before we start any fresh recruitment in Malaysia," Shariful Hasan said. "The current system is neither good for our economy nor for our people," he added. Meanwhile, Malaysia Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution yesterday said the two can only be extradited if Dhaka is pressing charges against them. "Dhaka should explain whether Aminul and Ruhul were merely needed for questioning as part of an investigation or if they were to be charged in court," he told journalists on the sidelines of an event yesterday, reports Free Malaysia Today, a Malaysian newspaper.

BNP slams

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High Commissioner to Bangladesh Derek Loh, party standing committee member Khasru said Sheikh Hasina and her party are trying to make themselves relevant in politics under different guises after they were driven out of the country by people. "Sometimes you [AL] raise the Hindu-Muslim issue, sometimes you highlight alleged atrocities against Hindus, and now you are resorting to using Trump's image," he said. He accused AL of trying to undermine Dhaka's relations with Washington. Speaking at another discussion, BNP standing committee member Maj (retd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed alleged that Hasina is now attempting to use Trump's photos as her party's shield from abroad.



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Bangladesh Academy of Sciences (BAS) Professor Emeritus Dr Sultan Ahmed Choudhury Gold Medal Award Ceremony was held at National Science and Technology Complex, Dhaka on Saturday. Dr M Zahid Hasan, Eugene Higgins Professor at Princeton University, USA, was presented as the chief guest. Zakia Rouf Chowdhury, daughter of Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury and executive vice chairperson of Rangs Group, was present as the trustee representative. Emeritus Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, president of BAS, presided over the programme. Prof Haseena Khan, secretary of BAS, along with two other trustee representatives were also present.

Ex-Grameen Bank chair

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Haque, deputy manager general Mamunur Rashid, senior principal officers Golam Zakaria, Harun Ar Rashid and Tariqul Islam, and principal officers Gobinda Saha and Krishno Kanto Ray are made accused. The office and told the complainant to give them the rooms to sit. The next day, a group of women staged demonstrations in front of Grameen Telecom Bhaban, chanted slogans against the complainant and barred the employees from entering the office. Following the matter, the complainant went to Shah Ali Police Station to file a case against the accused between February 13 and 14, but police refused to accept it, also read the case statements. On February 14, the accused again entered

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ক্রমিক নং	পদের নাম	বেতন কাঠামো	পদ সংখ্যা	শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা
১.	এসি/ডিউটি অফিসার (আইটি/আইসিটি)	৪১,৫৮০/- থেকে ৬৩,২৮০/-	০১	১) কম্পিউটার সয়েন্স/কম্পিউটার ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিংয়ে স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী বা স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় থেকে সমমানের ডিগ্রী। ২) পেশাগত সমন্বয়কারীদের (MCSE, OCP, MCDBA, CCNA, বা সমমানের) অগ্রাধিকার দেওয়া হবে। ৩) Install Configuring এবং Windows অথবা Linux প্রটোকলের অধীনে LAN এবং Oracle/SQL সার্ভার প্রটোকলের অধীনে একটি ডাটাবেস সিস্টেম ডিজাইন রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ এবং পরিচালনার ক্ষেত্রে ন্যূনতম ২ (দুই) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। ৪) বয়সঃ সর্বোচ্চ ৩২ বছর।
২.	অফিসার (জেনারেল)	১৯,৪২৫/- থেকে ৩৮,৯৪৫/-	০১	১) স্নাতকোত্তর অথবা ৪ বছরের স্নাতক ডিগ্রী। ২) অফিস প্রোগ্রাম (যেমন: MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Internet, e-mail etc) সম্পর্কে জ্ঞান এবং চালানোর সক্ষমতা থাকতে হবে। ৩) বয়সঃ সর্বোচ্চ ৩০ বছর।

শর্তসমূহ:
• প্রতিটি সিস্টেমের অধীনে এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি করে জিপিএ- ৩.০০ (৫.০০ এর মধ্যে) ১ম বিচারণার সমতুল্য এবং স্নাতক/স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী সিপিএ ৩.০০ (৪.০০ এর মধ্যে) ১ম শ্রেণীর সমতুল্য। শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের সাক্ষরিত নম্বর: শিমা/শা১২/১৯-১/২০০৭/১৭৪ তারিখ ০২/০২/২০১০।
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• সকল শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতার সমন্বয়, মার্কসিট এবং অভিজ্ঞতার সমন্বয়সহ সত্যায়িত কপি (১ম শ্রেণী কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত), জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি, ১ম শ্রেণী কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক চারিত্রিক সমন্বয়, দুই কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি (১ম শ্রেণী কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত), বিআইবিএম এর অনুলিপি ৬০০/- (ছয়শত) টাকা (অফিসের মাধ্যমে) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার।
• যাত্রের উপর আবেদনকৃত পদের নাম আবেদনকারীর নামে লিখতে হবে। আবেদনকারীর স্বাক্ষরকৃত আবেদন পত্র আগামী ১০ ডিসেম্বর, ২০২৪ (ফেব্রুয়ারি) এর মধ্যে আবেদনকারীর নামে লিখতে হবে। আবেদনকারীর স্বাক্ষরকৃত আবেদন পত্র আগামী ১০ ডিসেম্বর, ২০২৪ (ফেব্রুয়ারি) এর মধ্যে আবেদনকারীর নামে লিখতে হবে। আবেদনকারীর স্বাক্ষরকৃত আবেদন পত্র আগামী ১০ ডিসেম্বর, ২০২৪ (ফেব্রুয়ারি) এর মধ্যে আবেদনকারীর নামে লিখতে হবে।
• ৯ম মে ২০২৩ তারিখে প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি অনুযায়ী কম্পিউটার স্টেটোরার্ক ম্যানেজার এবং ট্রেনিং অফিসার পদের আবেদনকারীদের পুরনো আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই।

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ID	Reference	Title of Works	Closing Date and Time
1033624	27.21.0000.684.07.001.24.872; Date: 06/11/2024	Painting works of 03 (three) nos tower at 132kV Halishahar - Khulshi single ckt transmission line under GMD Chattogram-Central, Power Grid	24 Nov 2024 at 14:00
1031157	27.21.0000.684.07.001.24.861; Date: 05/11/2024	Tower Leg Mulling and Painting work at 132kV Julda - Halishahar and Julda - Shikalbaha Transmission Line under GMD Chattogram-Central, Power Grid.	24 Nov 2024 at 14:30
1033159	27.21.0000.684.07.001.24.871; Date: 06/11/2024	Tower leg mulling and Painting work at 132kV Halishahar - Khulshi single ckt transmission line under GMD Chattogram-Central, Power Grid.	25 Nov 2024 at 14:30

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Journey back home turns fatal for three friends

They went to Dhaka airport to see off a companion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Tangail*

Three persons were killed in a road accident yesterday as they were returning home bidding farewell to a friend bound for Kuwait at Dhaka airport.

The accident occurred on Dhaka-Tangail highway, in Kaliakoir upazila, Gazipur. The deceased are Muslim Uddin, 30, Nasir Uddin, 23, and Jewel Rana, 32.

OC Jakir Hossain of Sakhipur Police Station said they hired a car for their friend Mamun, who was scheduled to fly to Kuwait.

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Children picking water hyacinths from a pond yesterday. Afterwards, they return home, flowers in hand, smiling. The photo was taken in Barishal Sadar upazila.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

'Committed to resolving Bhabadah waterlogging'

Says Rizwana

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan yesterday said the government will try its best to find sustainable solutions to the waterlogging woes of the Bhabadah region in Jashore. She said this during a visit to the region yesterday.

The Bhabadah region in Jashore has been struggling with severe waterlogging issues for over two decades.

Despite various government efforts and investments, the situation could not be

solved, leaving locals in constant distress. During her visit, the adviser held discussions with local communities to understand their needs and seek practical suggestions.

At a public hearing held at the Amdanga canal area in Abhaynagar upazila, Rizwana said, "This is a problem I've witnessed for over 20 years, yet it remains unresolved. We must ensure that this issue does not resurface again and again."

"The suffering of the five lakh people

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Maj Abdul Gani's death anniversary today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 67th death anniversary of Maj Abdul Gani, founder of East Bengal Regiment.

He was born in Cumilla's Brahmanpara. He studied in Cumilla, and later in Kolkata. He graduated from Kolkata Islamia College in 1940 and joined the British Indian Army in 1941, during World War II.

He was commissioned as a lieutenant, and fought in the Burma sector. As a mark for his courage, he was nicknamed "Tiger Gani".

Following the partition of India, he was promoted to captain in 1948. He dreamt of an independent Bangladesh, and so,

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PROTEST OVER ARREARS

RMG workers block highway for second day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gazipur*

Garment workers have blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway for the second consecutive day over arrears, causing severe disruptions for travellers.

Around 2,000 workers from five T&Z Group factories -- T&Z Apparels Limited, Basic Clothing Limited, Apparels Plus, Basic Knitwear Limited, and Apparel Art Limited -- blocked the highway at Gazipur's Basan area around 8:00am yesterday, demanding three months' overdue wages.

"We've waited long enough based on the owners' promises. We can't wait any longer," a protesting worker said.

Gazipur Industrial Police Assistant Superintendent Mosharrif Hossain said, "We've tried several times to mediate, but the employer has repeatedly failed to meet payment deadlines."

The officer could not provide a timeline for resolving the standoff.

Workers said the employer missed the deadline for payments multiple times.

Due to the blockade,

traffic pressure intensified on adjacent highways including Dhaka-Kishoreganj, Dhaka-Tangail, and Dhaka-Sylhet.

"A trip from Dhaka to Kishoreganj took eight hours today [yesterday] instead of the usual three," said Fatema Begum, a traveller heading to Kishoreganj.

Meanwhile, a notice from the T&Z Group's chairman, issued on Saturday, apologised for the delays, citing power supply issues as the cause of factory closures. However, repeated attempts to contact the factory officials were unsuccessful.

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গৃহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের অধীন স্থাপত্য অধিদপ্তরের রাজস্বাধিকার নিয়ন্ত্রিত শূন্য পদসমূহে অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে সরাসরি নিয়োগের উদ্দেশ্যে বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে বর্ণিত নিয়মাবলী ও শর্তসাপেক্ষে বাংলাদেশের সকল জেলার স্থায়ী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে অনলাইন (Online)-এ আবেদনপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে। অনলাইন (Online) ব্যতীত অন্য কোনো মাধ্যমে প্রেরিত আবেদন গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

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০১।	ড্রাফটসম্যান (নকশাকার গ্রেড-২)	১১৩০০-২৭৩০০/- গ্রেড-১২	০১(এক)টি	বাংলাদেশ কারিগরি শিক্ষাবোর্ড হইতে স্থাপত্যে অনূন্য ডিপ্লোমাসহ কম্পিউটার এইডেড ড্রাফটিং এ অনূন্য ২(দুই) বৎসরের কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা।
০২।	সিটিমুদ্রাক্ষরিক-কাম-কম্পিউটার অপারেটর	১০২০০-২৪৬৮০/- গ্রেড-১৪	০৪(চার)টি	(ক) কোনো স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হইতে অনূন্য ২য় শ্রেণি বা সমমানের সিলিপিসহ স্নাতক বা সমমানের ডিগ্রি; এবং (খ) সিটিমুদ্রাক্ষরিক পদে গতি বাংলায় ৪৫ শব্দ ও ইংরেজিতে ৭০ শব্দ (প্রতি মিনিটে) এবং কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক পদে গতি বাংলায় ২৫ শব্দ এবং ইংরেজিতে ৩০ শব্দ (প্রতি মিনিটে)।
০৩।	ড্রাফটসম্যান (নকশাকার গ্রেড-৪)	৯৭০০-২৩৪৯০/- গ্রেড-১৫	০৮(আট)টি	(ক) স্বীকৃত শিক্ষাবোর্ড হইতে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক সার্টিফিকেট অথবা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় ২য় বিভাগ বা সমমানের জিপিএসহ উত্তীর্ণ হইলে কোনো অনূন্যদিত প্রতিষ্ঠান হইতে ২(দুই) বৎসর মেয়াদী সিলিপিসহ/আর্কিটেকচার/বিজি ড্রাফটিং সার্টিফিকেটসহ কম্পিউটার এইডেড ড্রাফটিং এ ২(দুই) বৎসরের কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা; অথবা (খ) বাংলাদেশ কারিগরি শিক্ষাবোর্ড হইতে আর্কিটেকচার বিষয়ে অনূন্য ৪(চার) বৎসর মেয়াদী ডিপ্লোমা ডিগ্রি।
০৪।	অফিস সহকারী-কাম-কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক	৯৩০০-২২৪৯০/- গ্রেড-১৬	১০(দশ)টি	(ক) কোনো স্বীকৃত বোর্ড হইতে অনূন্য ২য় বিভাগ বা সমমানের জিপিএসহ উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক সার্টিফিকেট বা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ এবং (খ) কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক পদে গতি বাংলায় ২০ শব্দ এবং ইংরেজিতে ২০ শব্দ (প্রতি মিনিটে)।
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০৬।	সহকারী মডেল মেকার	৮৮০০-২১৩১০/- গ্রেড-১৮	০৩(তিন) টি	(ক) কোনো স্বীকৃত বোর্ড হইতে মাধ্যমিক স্কুল সার্টিফিকেট বা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ; (খ) ২(দুই) বৎসর মেয়াদী সিলিপিসহ/আর্কিটেকচার/বিজি ড্রাফটিং সার্টিফিকেটসহ কম্পিউটার এইডেড ড্রাফটিং এবং মডেল তৈরির কাজে ১(এক) বৎসরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা।
০৭।	অফিস সহায়ক	৮২৫০-২০০১০/- গ্রেড-২০	১৩(তের)টি	কোনো স্বীকৃত বোর্ড হইতে মাধ্যমিক স্কুল সার্টিফিকেট (এস.এস.সি) বা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ।

বিশেষ দ্রষ্টব্য: ক্রমিক নং-০৬ এর সহকারী মডেল মেকার পদের জন্য মডেল তৈরির বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা বলতে কম্পিউটার সফটওয়্যার এর মাধ্যমে প্রয়োগকৃত/প্রদর্শনকৃত ৩ডি মডেল নয়। ইহা স্থাপত্য নকশা অনুযায়ী কোনো স্থাপনার বাস্তব অবস্থার (স্বহস্তে নির্মিত) ক্ষুদ্রাকার প্রতিরূপ বুঝাবে।

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- ০১। শুধুমাত্র বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিকপদে আবেদন করতে পারবেন।
- ০২। কোনো পদে সরাসরি নিয়োগের জন্য কোনো ব্যক্তি যোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবেন না যদি তিনি -
(ক) বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক না হন অথবা বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী বাসিন্দা না হন অথবা বাংলাদেশের ডিসসাইল না হন এবং
(খ) এমন কোনো ব্যক্তিকে বিবাহ করেন অথবা বিবাহ করার জন্য প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ হন, যিনি বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক নন।
- ০৩। ০১-১১-২০২৪ তারিখে প্রার্থীর মূলতম ও সর্বোচ্চ বয়স হবে ১৮-৩০ বৎসর। শুধুমাত্র বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহিদ বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/বীরানন্দের সন্তানদের এবং শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা ০২(বত্রিশ) বৎসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য। আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ পর্যন্ত চাকুরিতে প্রবেশের বয়স সংক্রান্ত সর্বশেষ জারিকৃত প্রজ্ঞাপন/বিধি কার্যকর হবে। বয়স প্রমাণের ক্ষেত্রে কোনো প্রকার এফিডেভিট গ্রহণযোগ্য হবেনা।
- ০৪। নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে সরকারি বিদ্যালয় বিধিবিধান এবং পরবর্তীতে এ সংক্রান্ত বিধিবিধানে কোনো সশোষণ হলে তা অনুসরণ করা হবে।
- ০৫। প্রার্থী নির্বাচনের ক্ষেত্রে প্রচলিত সরকারি বিধি মোতাবেক সকল ধরনের সর্বশেষ কোটা পদ্ধতি/নীতি অনুসরণ করা হবে।
- ০৬। অসম্পূর্ণ বা ত্রুটিপূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- ০৭। সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি এবং স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমতিক্রমে আবেদন করতে হবে এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত অনাপত্তিপত্রের মূলকপি জমা দিতে হবে।
- ০৮। মৌখিক পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণের সময় জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের মূলকপি সহ সকল সনদপত্রের মূলকপি (প্রয়োজ্য পদের ক্ষেত্রে অভিজ্ঞতার সনদসহ) প্রদর্শন করতে হবে। প্রার্থীদের জেলার স্থায়ী বাসিন্দার প্রমাণ হিসেবে ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা/সিটি কর্পোরেশন কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত্ব সনদ এবং আবেদনকারী বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান, শহিদ বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান ও বীরানন্দের সন্তান হলে তিনি যে বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহিদ বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/বীরানন্দের সন্তান এ মর্মে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা/সিটি কর্পোরেশন কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে। এছাড়া শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী, ক্ষুদ্র নৃ-গোষ্ঠী এবং তৃতীয় লিঙ্গের প্রার্থীদের সর্বশেষ সরকারি প্রজ্ঞাপন/নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত মূল সার্টিফিকেট মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।
- ০৯। মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় অনলাইনে পূরণকৃত Application Form সহ জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সত্যায়িত সনদ, বিশেষ কোটার (প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) ও অভিজ্ঞতার সনদের সর্বশেষ (প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদপত্রের ১(এক) সেট সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দাখিল করতে হবে। এছাড়া জেলার স্থায়ী বাসিন্দার প্রমাণ হিসেবে ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা/সিটি কর্পোরেশন কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদ এবং আবেদনকারী বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা, শহিদ বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও বীরানন্দের সন্তান হলে তিনি যে বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহিদ বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/বীরানন্দের সন্তান এ মর্মে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ/পৌরসভা/সিটি কর্পোরেশন কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদ এবং ক্ষুদ্র নৃ-গোষ্ঠী, শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী ও তৃতীয় লিঙ্গের প্রার্থীদের উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদ এর ১(এক) সেট সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি দাখিল করতে হবে।
- ১০। প্রতিবন্ধী প্রার্থীদের লিখিত পরীক্ষার (প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) শর্তসাপেক্ষে প্রয়োজন হলে আগামী ২৩/১১/২০২৪ তারিখের মধ্যে নিয়োগ কমিটির সভাপতি বরাবর আবেদন করতে হবে।
- ১১। কেউ প্রকৃত তথ্য ও যোগ্যতা গোপন করে অথবা ভুল/মিথ্যা তথ্য দিয়ে আবেদন করলে তার আবেদনপত্র বাতিল করা হবে। এ ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত হ্রাস্য বলে গণ্য হবে।

১২। প্রার্থীদের লিখিত, ব্যবহারিক (প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ করা হবে। পরীক্ষার স্থান ও সময়সূচি পরবর্তীতে জানানো হবে। পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোনো প্রকার ভ্রমণ ও দৈনিক ভাতা (টিএ/ডিএ) প্রদান করা হবে না।

১৩। কোনো প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোনো আবেদন গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল এবং এ নিয়োগ কার্যক্রমের আংশিক/সম্পূর্ণ পরিবর্তন/বাতিল এবং পদের সংখ্যা/স্থান/বৃত্তির ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। এ নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

১৪। এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি, লিখিত, ব্যবহারিক (প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষা এবং পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্য স্থাপত্য অধিদপ্তরের ওয়েবসাইট (www.architecture.gov.bd) এ পাওয়া যাবে।

১৫। অনলাইনে আবেদনপত্র পূরণ সংক্রান্ত নিয়মাবলী ও কবরীয়ে:

- ক. পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণে অসম্পূর্ণ প্রার্থীর <http://architecture.teletalk.com.bd> এই ওয়েবসাইটে আবেদনপত্র পূরণ করবেন। আবেদনের সময়সীমা নিম্নরূপ:
 - (i) Online-এ আবেদনপত্র পূরণ ও পরীক্ষার ফি জমাদান করার তারিখ ও সময়: ১৩-১১-২০২৪ খ্রিঃ, সকাল-১০:০০ ঘটিকা হতে;
 - (ii) Online-এ আবেদনপত্র জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়: ০৯-১২-২০২৪ খ্রিঃ, বিকাল-০৫:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
- উক্ত সময়সীমার মধ্যে User ID প্রাপ্ত প্রার্থীগণ Online-এ আবেদনপত্র Submit-এর সময় থেকে পরবর্তী ৭২ (বাহাত্তর) ঘণ্টার মধ্যে SMS-এ পরীক্ষার ফি জমা দিতে পারবেন।
- Online আবেদনপত্রে প্রার্থী তার সন্যাতলা রঙিন ছবি (সৈর্ঘ্য ৩০০x৩০০ pixel) ও স্বাক্ষর (সৈর্ঘ্য ৩০০x৪০ pixel) স্ক্যান করে নির্ধারিত স্থানে upload করবেন। ছবির সাইজ সর্বোচ্চ ১০০ KB ও স্বাক্ষরের সাইজ সর্বোচ্চ ৬০ KB হতে হবে।
- Online আবেদনপত্র পূরণকৃত তথ্যই যেকোনো পরবর্তী সকল কার্যক্রমে ব্যবহৃত হবে, সেহেতু Online-এ আবেদনপত্র Submit করার পূর্বেই পূরণকৃত সকল তথ্যের সঠিকতা সম্পর্কে প্রার্থী নিজে সতর্কতা নিশ্চিত করেন।
- প্রার্থী Online-এ পূরণকৃত আবেদনপত্রের একটি প্রিন্ট কপি পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত যে কোনো প্রয়োজন সহায়ক হিসেবে সংরক্ষণ করবেন এবং মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় এক কপি জমা দিবেন।
- SMS প্রেরণের নিয়মাবলী ও পরীক্ষার ফি প্রদান: Online-এ আবেদনপত্র (Application Form) যথাযথভাবে পূরণপূর্ণক নির্দেশনা মতে ছবি এবং স্বাক্ষর upload করে আবেদনপত্র Submit করা সম্পন্ন হলে কম্পিউটারে ছবির Application Preview দেখা যাবে। যদি Applicant's Copy তে কোনো তথ্য ভুল থাকে বা অস্পষ্ট ছবি (সম্পূর্ণ কালো/সম্পূর্ণ সাদা/যোগ্য) বা ছবি/স্বাক্ষর সঠিক না থাকে তাহলে আবেদন ফি জমা না দিয়ে থাকলেই কেবল পুনরায় (Web-এ) আবেদন করতে পারবেন। উল্লেখ্য যে, আবেদন ফি জমাদানের পর আর কোনো পরিবর্তন/পরিমার্জন/পরিবর্তন গ্রহণযোগ্য নয় বিধায় আবেদন ফি জমাদানের পূর্বে প্রার্থী অবশ্যই উক্ত Applicant's Copy তে তার সার্বস্বত্বিক তোলা রঙিন ছবি, নির্ভুল তথ্য ও স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত PDF কপি Download পূর্বক নিশ্চিত করে রঙিন প্রিন্ট কপি সংরক্ষণ করবেন। Applicant's Copy তে একটি User ID নম্বর দেয়া থাকবে এবং User ID নম্বর ব্যবহার করে প্রার্থী নিম্নোক্ত পদ্ধতিতে যে কোনো Teletalk pre-paid mobile নম্বরের মাধ্যমে ০২(দুই)টি SMS করে পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে বর্ণিত হ্রাস ০১ নং ক্রমিক এর জন্য পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকা ও Teletalk এর সার্ভিস চার্জ ৩৫/- (পঁয়ত্রিশ) টাকার মোট ৩৩৫/- (তিনশত পঁয়ত্রিশ) টাকা ও ক্রমিক নং-০২ থেকে ০৫ নং ক্রমিকের জন্য পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ ২০০/- (দুইশত) টাকা ও Teletalk এর সার্ভিস চার্জ ২৩/- (তেইশ) টাকার মোট ২২৩/- (দুইশত তেইশ) টাকা এবং ০৬ ও ০৭ নং ক্রমিকের জন্য পরীক্ষার ফি বাবদ ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা ও Teletalk এর সার্ভিস চার্জ ১২/- (দুই) টাকার মোট ১১২/- (একশত বার) টাকা অর্থাৎ ৭২(বাহাত্তর) ঘণ্টার মধ্যে জমা দিবেন। এখানে বিবেচ্য হবে উল্লেখ্য যে, "Online-এ আবেদনপত্রের সকল অংশ পূরণ করে Submit করা হলেও পরীক্ষার ফি জমা না দেয়া পর্যন্ত Online আবেদনপত্র কোন অবস্থাতেই গ্রহীত হবে না"।
- SMS এর নিয়মাবলী: প্রথম SMS: ARCHITECTURE <space> User ID লিখে Send করতে হবে 16222 নম্বরে।
Example: ARCHITECTURE ABCDEF & Send to 16222
Reply: Applicant's Name, Tk. 335/223/112 will be charged as application fee. Your PIN is 12345678. To pay fee Type ARCHITECTURE <space> Yes <space> PIN & Send to 16222.
দ্বিতীয় SMS: ARCHITECTURE <space> Yes <space> PIN লিখে Send করতে হবে 16222 নম্বরে।
Example: ARCHITECTURE Yes 12345678 & Send to 16222
Reply: Congratulations! Applicant's Name, payment completed successfully for ARCHITECTURE Application for (post name) User ID is (ABCDEF) and Password (xxxxxxxxx).

- প্রশ্নপত্র গ্রাফিক্স বিষয়টি <http://architecture.teletalk.com.bd> ওয়েবসাইটে এবং প্রার্থী মোবাইল ফোনে SMS-এর মাধ্যমে (শুধুমাত্র যোগ্য প্রার্থীদেরকে) যথাযথভাবে জানানো হবে। Online আবেদনপত্রে প্রার্থীর প্রদত্ত মোবাইল ফোনে পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত ব্যবহারী যোগাযোগ সম্পন্ন করা হবে বিধায় উক্ত নম্বরটি সার্বজনিক সচল রাখা, SMS পড়া এবং প্রাপ্ত নির্দেশনা তৎক্ষণিকভাবে অনুসরণ করা বাধ্যতামূলক।
- SMS-এ প্রেরিত ব্যবহার করে পরবর্তীতে রোল নম্বর, পদের নাম, ছবি, পরীক্ষার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানের/ক্ষেত্রের নাম ইত্যাদি তথ্য সফলিত প্রবেশপত্র প্রার্থী Download পূর্বক রঙিন প্রিন্ট করে নিবেন। প্রার্থী এই প্রশ্নপত্রটি লিখিত পরীক্ষার অংশগ্রহণের সময় এবং উত্তীর্ণ হলে ব্যবহারিক (প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় অবশ্যই প্রদর্শন করবেন।
- শুধুমাত্র টেলিটক প্রি-পেইড মোবাইল ফোন থেকে প্রার্থীগণ নিম্নবর্ণিত SMS পদ্ধতি অনুসরণ করে নিজ নিজ User ID এবং Password পুনরুদ্ধার করতে পারবেন।
- User ID জানা থাকলে ARCHITECTURE <space> Help <space> User <space> User ID & Send to 16222.
Example: ARCHITECTURE Help user ABCDEF & Send to 16222.
- PIN Number জানা থাকলে ARCHITECTURE <space> Help <space> PIN <space> PIN Number & Send to 16222.
Example ARCHITECTURE Help PIN 12345678 & Send to 16222.

ক. পত্রিকা ছাড়াও স্থাপত্য অধিদপ্তরের ওয়েবসাইট www.architecture.gov.bd এ বিজ্ঞপ্তিসহ এতদসংক্রান্ত সকল তথ্য দেখা যাবে অথবা QR Code স্ক্যান এর মাধ্যমে টেলিটকের জবপোর্টাল <https://alljobs.teletalk.com.bd> ওয়েবসাইটে সরাসরি প্রবেশ করেও বিজ্ঞপ্তিটি পাওয়া যাবে। নিয়োগ পরীক্ষার তারিখ, সময় ও অন্যান্য তথ্য www.architecture.gov.bd ওয়েবসাইটে জ্ঞাত হওয়া যাবে।

গ. অনলাইনে আবেদন করতে কোনো সমস্যা হলে টেলিটক নম্বর থেকে ১২১ অথবা alljobs.query@teletalk.com.bd ই-মেইলে যোগাযোগ করা যাবে। এছাড়া টেলিটকের জবপোর্টাল এর ফেসবুক পেইজ <https://www.facebook.com/alljobsbdteletalk> এ মেসেজ এর মাধ্যমে যোগাযোগ করা যাবে। (Mail/মেসেজ এর Subject-এ Organization Name: ARCHITECTURE, Post Name:***, Applicant's User ID & Contact Number অবশ্যই উল্লেখ করতে হবে)।

উ. ডিগ্রারেশন প্রার্থীকে অনলাইন আবেদনপত্রের ডিগ্রারেশন অংশে এই মর্মে ঘোষণা দিতে হবে যে, প্রার্থী কর্তৃক আবেদনপত্রের প্রদত্ত সকল তথ্য সঠিক এবং সত্য। প্রদত্ত তথ্য অসত্য বা মিথ্যা প্রমাণিত হলে অথবা কোনো অযোগ্যতা ধরা পড়লে বা কোনো প্রতারণা বা দুর্নীতির আশ্রয় গ্রহণ করলে কিংবা পরীক্ষার নকল বা অসদৃশ্য অবস্থান করলে পরীক্ষার পূর্বে বা পরে অথবা নিয়োগের পরে যে কোনো পর্যায়ে প্রার্থী বাতিল করা হবে এবং সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ প্রার্থীর বিকল্পে আইনগত ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা যাবে।

১৬। শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ের জন্য অপেক্ষা না করে হাতে যথেষ্ট সময় নিয়ে Online-এ আবেদনপত্র পূরণ ও আবেদন ফি জমাদান করতে পরামর্শ দেয়া যাবে।

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TASNIA FARIN

I feel very blessed that it's the third year of the award, and I've secured nominations consecutively all three times. *Nikosh* was a risky project for me since the story dealt with a very sensitive topic. However, the whole team put their heart and soul into it. I'm very glad that *Nikosh* has also received nominations in other categories. When you work hard for a project, recognition like this makes the effort more fulfilling. Hoping for the best.



AZMERI HAQUE BADHAN

I'm delighted to receive my first nomination for the Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT and Digital Content Awards for my role as Sultana in the web series *Guti*, recognised in both the popular and critics' choice categories. Sultana's life is one of constant struggle; she faces immense mental and physical challenges, taking on morally complex work to provide for her family. Her story as a small-time drug carrier striving to survive in a harsh society deeply resonated with me.



RAFIATH RASHID MITHILA

Shayla's character in *Myself Allen Swapan* added a new dimension to my acting journey. When adding a new character to my acting portfolio, I always look for diversity and depth. I am honoured and inspired that the Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT and Digital Content Awards have recognised my performance and nominated me in the Best Actress category.



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TAMA MIRZA

I'm thrilled that *Friday* has received so many nominations at the prestigious Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT and Digital Content Awards. I'm especially honoured to have been nominated in both the popular and critics' categories. When I chose to work on this project, I was drawn to the challenge of portraying Mona, a character inspired by a true story. It took me a full week to step out of the role, which speaks to how immersive the experience was. I'm grateful for the love from both audiences and critics.



SHAHNAZ SUMI

Recognition in work can come in many forms—love from the audience, praise from critics, and discussions about it. Being nominated in the Best Actress category at the Blender's Choice The Daily Star OTT Awards is a new and significant recognition for me. Portraying Suraiya in the series *Mobaraknama* was a milestone, a step forward in my journey as an actress. I feel that this character is taking me even further ahead. In a way, both Suraiya and I have already won.

NEWS

Prof Yunus leaves for Azerbaijan today

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capitol Baku for the annual climate summit to discuss how to avoid increasing threats from climate change in a place that was one of the birthplaces of the oil industry.

Prof Yunus will lead a small delegation and attend more than 10 high-level events that will be addressed by global leaders from around 200 countries.

The 29th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29) will be held from November 12-22.

However, Prof Yunus will attend the world leaders' summit scheduled for November 12-13 and will return home on November 14.

Foreign Minister Md Touhid Hossain, who is now visiting Saudi Arabia, will be joining the Bangladesh delegation from there.

"We will be focusing on our priorities that include net zero emission, climate financing, loss and Damage fund, climate adaptation, technology for renewable energy, etc," a foreign ministry official told this correspondent yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan, who will be joining the summit on November 17, stressed the urgent need for global unity in tackling climate change.

Rizwana will urge developed countries to fulfil their climate finance commitments and provide

technological support to nations most vulnerable to climate impacts.

"It's time that developed nations uphold their commitments to support the most affected countries," she told UNB, highlighting the disproportionate challenges faced by vulnerable nations like Bangladesh.

With global temperatures hitting record highs, and extreme weather events affecting people around the globe, COP29 will bring together leaders from governments, businesses, and civil society to advance concrete solutions to the defining issue of our time.

A key focus of COP29 will be on finance, as trillions of dollars are required for countries to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect lives and livelihoods from the worsening impacts of climate change.

The conference will also be a key moment for countries to present their updated national climate action plans under the Paris Agreement, which are due by early 2025. If done right, these plans would limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and double as investment plans advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The COP29 is being held at a time when US President-elect Donald Trump's transition team has prepared executive orders and proclamations that would withdraw the US from the Paris Climate Agreement and open up western lands for drilling

and mining, reported The New York Times on Friday.

Trump, during his earlier tenure in 2020, also formally withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement, making the US the first nation in the world to do so.

Climate and international relations experts have expressed concerns that the US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement that was signed in 2015 is bad news for countries like Bangladesh that remain at the forefront of the climate crisis.

Between 2000 and 2019, Bangladesh experienced 185 extreme weather events, making it the seventh most vulnerable country to climate change.

During COP15 in Copenhagen, a global fund was promised, in which developed countries were supposed to deposit \$100 billion a year to help underdeveloped nations battle climate change.

Now, as COP29 is preparing to get underway, even the first \$100 billion has not been raised.

A foreign ministry official said Bangladesh will strongly present the argument why more funding for Bangladesh was crucial.

"It is because the country has been facing increasing levels of climatic events that are affecting millions of people every year—call it salinity intrusion, flood, cyclones, tidal surges, or drought," the official added.

Govt to ask for Interpol's red notice

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At least 753 people were killed and thousands more injured during the uprising.

Over 60 complaints of crimes against humanity and genocide have been filed against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and many of her party leaders with the ICT investigation agency and the prosecution team till mid-October.

Prof Asif assured that the

government would give maximum efforts to ensure these people are returned to face trial.

He added that the complaint filed with the International Criminal Court (ICC) against the chief adviser and others was done to tarnish the current government's image.

"No case was filed with the court. Only a written petition with the ICC was placed, which is something

anyone can do.

"This is such an unbelievable complaint devoid of any proof that there is no chance of the complaint being accepted."

The adviser added that the fascist regime is spreading propaganda simply for self-defence.

Adilur Rahman Khan, who is the adviser for public works, was also present as the duo inspected the renovation work progress.

Govt strips 118

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The journalists whose cards were revoked include Channel I Director and Head of News Shykh Seraj; Daily Jugantor Editor Saiful Alam; Daily Kalbela Editor Santosh Sharma; UNB Advisory Editor Farid Hossain; AP Bureau Chief Julhas Alam; Bangladesh Journal Editor Shahjahan Sarder; Global TV Chief Editor Syed Ishtiaque Reza; Daily Ittefaq City Editor Abul Khair; SATV Head of News Mahmud Al Faisal; Independent TV Chief Editor and CEO M Shamsur Rahman and its Head of News Mamun Abdullah; Daily Peoples' Life Editor Azizul Islam Bhuiyan; Daily Janakantha Executive Editor Swadesh Ray; Energy and Power Editor Mollah M Amzad Hossain; and Daily Ajker Patrika Editor Golam Rahman.

Asian Age Chairman M Shoeb Chowdhury; Daily Sangbad Editor Altamash Kabir; Maasranga TV Chief News Editor Rejoanul Haq; Daily Inqilab City Editor Zakaria Kaja; Samakal City Editor Shahed Hossain Chowdhury; Dhaka Diplomat Editor Abdul Mazid; Bangla Tribune Editor Zulfikar Russell; Views.com Editor Narayan Acharya; Chattogramnews.com Editor Shuklul Das; News Now Bangla Editor Shamima Akhter Dola; Sangbad Pratinid Editor Mahfuz Rahman Rimon; Dainik Amader Notun Somoy Editor Nasima Khan Monti; Kings News Editor in Chief Sheikh Nazmul Hoque Saikat; Dainik Amar Somoy Chief Editor Abdul Gaffar Khan; and Banglanews.com Editor in Chief Alamgir Hossain also lost their accreditation.

Student leader Mahin Sarker said, "Awami League is worse than the Nazi party. The Nazi party was banned when it had popular support. We demand a ban on the Awami League."

Tarikul Islam, coordinator of the student movement, urged people all to be vigilant until the reforms are done.

Late at night on Saturday, Hasnat in a Facebook post said there would be a mass gathering at Zero point. Students, BNP supporters, and leaders of the Gono Odhikar Parishad began to gather at Zero Point before daybreak yesterday.

BNP staged a motorcycle procession, and the size of the crowd grew as hours passed. The rally began around 12:30 pm near the southern gate of Baitul Mukarram Masjid, which is within 100 metres of Shaheed Noor Hossain Square.

Students of different schools, colleges, and members of Chhatra Federation, Islami Chhatra Andolon, and other student bodies attended the programme.

Some were seen stopping commuters on rickshaws, motorcycles, and on foot and asking them questions.

Several men were handed over to police on charges that they were AL supporters.

The event caused long tailbacks in and around Gulistan throughout the day.

"While many of you [in the civil society] have forgotten what happened the past 16 years and are fixated on these three months, we respectfully ask you to talk about these three months as well as those 16 years."

Toss vital

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the first ODI as they endured a crushing collapse, losing seven wickets in 24 balls while chasing 236, leading to a 92-run thrashing. However, the inclusion of Nasum Ahmed and Jaker Ali Anik helped the Tigers to a 68-run win in the next match which levelled the series. Nasum was the most impactful player for the Tigers as he gave them momentum with the bat, courtesy of a 24-ball 25, before scalping three wickets to finish off the game for his side. The 29-year-old will once again be a key figure in the third match alongside the Tigers' batting effort which will be under focus.

Trump wins

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North Carolina, Nevada and Georgia.

Trump -- who never conceded his 2020 loss -- sealed a remarkable comeback to the presidency in the November 5 vote, cementing what is set to be more than a decade of US politics dominated by his headline right-wing stance.

The meeting between the outgoing and incoming presidents is customary, but Trump did not invite Biden for one after making unsubstantiated election fraud claims that culminated in the January 6, 2021 Capitol riot.

Trump also broke with precedent by skipping Biden's inauguration, but the White House has said the Democratic president will attend the upcoming ceremony.

Biden's meeting with Trump will take place in the Oval Office, the White House said Saturday.

Trump, the 78-year-old ex-reality TV star, won wider margins than before, despite a criminal conviction, two impeachments while in office and warnings from his former chief of staff that he is a fascist.

Exit polls showed that voters' top concerns was the economy and inflation that spiked under Biden in the wake of the Covid pandemic.

Ukraine launches biggest drone attack on Moscow

Russia downs 34 drones; Kyiv destroys 62 of 145 drones launched by Moscow

REUTERS, Moscow

Ukraine yesterday attacked Moscow with at least 34 drones, the biggest drone strike on the Russian capital since the start of the war in 2022, forcing flights to be diverted from three of the city's major airports and injuring at least one person.

Russian air defences destroyed another 36 drones over other regions of Western Russia in three hours yesterday, the defence ministry said.

"An attempt by the Kyiv regime to carry out a terrorist attack using an airplane-type drones on the territory of the Russian Federation was thwarted," the ministry said.

Russia's federal air transport agency said the airports of Domodedovo, Sheremetyevo and Zhukovsky diverted at least 36 flights, but then resumed operations. One person was reported injured in Moscow region.

Moscow and its surrounding region, with a population of at least 21 million people, is one of the biggest metropolitan areas in Europe, alongside Istanbul.

For its part, Russia launched a record 145 drones overnight, Ukraine said. Kyiv said its air defences downed 62 of those. Ukraine also said it attacked an arsenal in the Bryansk region of Russia, which reported 14 drones had been downed in the region.

Unverified video posted on Russian Telegram channels showed drones buzzing across the skyline.

The 2-1/2-year-old war in Ukraine is entering what some officials say could be its final act after Moscow's forces advanced at the fastest pace since the early days of the war and Donald Trump was elected 47th president of the US.

Trump, who takes office in January, said during campaigning that he could bring peace in Ukraine within 24 hours, but has given few details on how he would seek to do this.

When Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called Trump to congratulate him on his presidential election victory, Tesla CEO and Trump supporter Elon Musk joined the call, according to media reports. Musk owns SpaceX, which provides Starlink satellite communication services that are vital for Ukraine's defence effort.



Palestinians gather to receive meals cooked by a charity kitchen, amid the ongoing Israeli offensive, in Deir Al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

20 killed in Israeli strike north of Beirut

AFP, Beirut

Lebanon's health ministry said an Israeli strike yesterday killed 20 people including three children in the village of Almat, north of the capital Beirut.

The Shia Muslim majority village of Almat is located in a mostly Christian region. It is outside Hezbollah's traditional strongholds of south Beirut and south and east Lebanon which Israel has heavily bombed since late September in its war against the Iran-backed movement.

"The Israeli enemy strike on Almat in the Jbeil district killed 20 people including three children and injured six, in an updated toll," the health ministry said in a statement.

The ministry also said Israeli strikes killed three Hezbollah-affiliated rescuers in the south.

Earlier, Lebanese official media reported an Israeli strike on a house in the main eastern city of Baalbek, which was not preceded by an Israeli army evacuation warning.

"Enemy aircraft launched a strike on a house in the Al-Laqaes neighbourhood" of the city, the state-run National News Agency said.

Overnight and yesterday morning, Israel conducted a series of air strikes on southern and eastern villages and locations, NNA said.

On Saturday, Israeli strikes killed 20 people in eastern Lebanon and 13 in the south, according to health ministry figures.

Israel intensified its air campaign mainly targeting Hezbollah bastions in Lebanon on September 23 and a week later sent in ground troops.

J&K GUNFIGHTS Indian soldier, suspected rebel killed

AFP, New Delhi

An Indian soldier was killed in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) yesterday, the army said, as troops battled gunmen in the disputed Muslim-majority territory.

The army said an operation had been mounted "based on specific intelligence" about the presence of suspected rebels in Kishtwar where gunmen last week shot dead two village defence guards.

The gunmen were from "the same group" behind the killing of the village defence guards. On Saturday evening the army killed a suspected rebel in a separate gunfight.

China opposes new Philippine maritime law

Vows to protect South China Sea 'sovereignty'

REUTERS, Beijing

China rejected Philippine maritime claims yesterday, saying new legislation "severely infringes on" Beijing's territorial sovereignty and rights in the South China Sea, and vowing to protect its own interests.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr signed two laws on Friday to define the country's maritime entitlements and set designated sea lanes and air routes to reinforce sovereignty.

"China firmly opposes this and will continue to take all necessary measures in accordance with the law to resolutely defend China's territorial sovereignty and maritime rights and interests," the foreign ministry said.

Beijing claims sovereignty over nearly all of the South China Sea, including areas claimed by the Philippines, Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Iran says three militants killed in southeast

AFP, Tehran

Iranian security forces yesterday killed at least three people during clashes with jihadists in the country's restive southeast, state media reported, following a deadly attack on police last month.

"Three terrorists of the enemy were killed and nine others were arrested" during operations in Sistan-Baluchistan province, the official IRNA news agency said.

Some 15 militants have been reported killed since an October 26 attack claimed by the Pakistan-based Sunni jihadist group Jaish al-Adl (Arabic for Army of Justice). That attack left 10 police officers dead in the province.

Sistan-Baluchistan, which borders both Afghanistan and Pakistan, is one of Iran's most impoverished provinces and one of the few mainly Sunni provinces in Shiite-dominated Iran.

It has for years faced unrest involving drug-smuggling gangs, rebels from the Baluchi minority and Sunni Muslim extremists.

US warplanes attack Houthi targets

AFP, Washington

US warplanes staged multiple strikes Saturday night on Iran-backed Houthi advanced weapons storage facilities in Yemen, the Pentagon said.

The facilities contained various weapons used to target military and civilian vessels navigating international waters throughout the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, according to information provided to AFP by the Pentagon.

The Houthi-run Al Masirah

television network reported three American and British raids that targeted the capital Sanaa's southern Al-Sabeen district.

"Eyewitnesses said they heard intense flying, along with explosions in different parts of the capital Sanaa," Al Masirah said.

The United States and Britain have repeatedly struck Houthi targets in Yemen since January in response to attacks by the rebels on shipping in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

The rebels say the strikes, which

have disrupted maritime traffic in a globally important waterway, target vessels linked to Israel and are intended to signal solidarity with Palestinians during the Gaza offensive.

The attacks have seriously disrupted the Red Sea route which carries 12 percent of global trade.

In more than 100 Houthi attacks over nearly a year, four sailors have been killed and two ships have sunk, while one vessel and its crew remain detained since being hijacked last November.

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Why are so many doctors unregistered?

BMDC must be strengthened to ensure strict oversight

We are alarmed by the recent revelations from the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC) that painted a disturbing picture of the health sector in general, and the medical profession in particular. As per BMDC data, approximately 36,000 doctors are practicing without their registrations renewed. Moreover, an unspecified number of "fake doctors"—who either registered with falsified documents or have no registration at all—are plying their trade with the BMDC unable to identify or track them. All this amounts to a critical oversight failure that can lead to a lack of accountability for any malpractices committed by physicians.

The importance of registration cannot be overstated. Doctors hold the power of life and death in their hands, and without a strong regulatory framework to oversee their activities, we're putting patients at risk. While hospitals and clinics where they work also have the duty to enforce registration requirements, the responsibility falls primarily on BMDC. As the regulatory authority, BMDC is mandated to register anyone practicing medicine and dentistry and also suspend them in case of professional misconduct, negligence, etc. Currently, there are about 134,568 registered general doctors, 14,323 dentists, and 29,018 medical assistants. As well as registration, BMDC also handles complaints against doctors and is also responsible for the medical educational institutions.

Despite having such broad responsibilities, however, BMDC is struggling with limited operational capacity, mainly due to staff shortages and inadequate facilities. It is also constrained by inadequate office space, as it operates out of a small, shared building and reportedly does not even have a room spacious enough to conduct a full council meeting. At a press briefing on Thursday, the council's president highlighted these issues, adding that while the number of medical institutions and practitioners has risen manifold over the decades, there has been a considerable dip in quality, especially in private medical colleges. This makes it all the more important that doctors are subjected to rigorous eligibility tests before their registration or re-registration to ensure they meet the highest professional standards. Ensuring proper education for prospective doctors is also crucial.

For this, we need proper leadership by the health authorities, particularly the BMDC. We urge the government to strengthen this vital institution so that it can handle the growing demand for its regulatory role with the thoroughness that it requires. Stricter enforcement of registration renewals and a robust verification process are vital to prevent unfit and unregistered doctors from practicing. Additionally, we must address the crisis of substandard education in some private medical colleges so that only the most qualified candidates are able to enter the profession.

Sundarbans must be protected at all costs

Government should consider phasing out Rampal power plant

As experts repeatedly cautioned long before the Rampal power plant became partly operational, the project is already causing various environmental issues, harming the Pasur and Mairara rivers near the Sundarbans as well as the forest itself. According to a report by this daily, the first unit of the coal-fired plant began operating in late 2022 without an effluent treatment plant (ETP), and it has since been discharging untreated waste into the rivers. This not only violates a condition set by the Department of Environment (DoE) but is also seriously damaging to aquatic life, potentially making fish unsafe for consumption.

A report published by the Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS) in September revealed that wastewater from the plant is being discharged into the Mairara River—which converges with the Pasur—without proper treatment. As a result, mercury levels in the rivers have risen. CEGIS collected water samples from 14 locations near the plant on four occasions since February 2023, finding that mercury levels had exceeded the government set acceptable limit of 0.0001 mg/L, reaching 0.001 mg/L. Between February and April this year, CEGIS teams found that while civil works for the ETP were completed, the mechanical and instrumental components were still unfinished.

Mercury contamination poses serious risks to the ecosystem. Phytoplankton and zooplankton, the microscopic organisms essential to aquatic ecosystems, absorb mercury, which then accumulates in fish, reducing their ability to reproduce. Humans and other animals consuming such fish may face serious health risks, according to experts. Moreover, local villagers who bathe in the rivers or use their water for daily chores are exposed to harm. We may recall that, in 2017, Greenpeace released a study warning that the plant would emit enough mercury to make fish within approximately 70 square kilometres unsafe for consumption. All this underscores why building the plant near the Sundarbans was a terrible idea from the outset.

The CEGIS report highlights many other alarming issues. Interestingly, however, the deputy general manager of the plant claims that the ETP has been "fully operational" for some time. If that's the case, why is the environment around the plant still being damaged? This is a question the government must investigate urgently. Immediate steps must be taken to mitigate the environmental damage caused by the plant, while a long-term plan for its discontinuation should be considered to prevent lasting damage to the ecosystems of Sundarbans, which is invaluable to Bangladesh and its people.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



World War I ends
On this day in 1918, at 5am, the Allied powers and Germany signed an armistice document in the railway carriage of Ferdinand Foch, the commander of the Allied armies, and six hours later World War I came to an end.

COP29 must set a new goal for climate finance and adaptation



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As the climate crisis transcends borders, the 29th edition of the annual UN Climate Change Conference, COP29, taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan this year, is gearing to welcome 127 countries to spearhead the next stage in global climate negotiations. With rising global temperatures and escalating weather events, the conference will prioritise securing climate finance, which is defined as mobilisation of public and private money into three focus groups—adaptation, mitigation, and loss and damage—as needed by vulnerable countries to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and protect susceptible communities. A central focus will be on the submission of updated national climate action plans under the Paris Agreement, which the countries must present by early 2025.

These policies aim to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). COP29 will bring together leaders from governments, businesses, and civil society to collaborate on actionable solutions, with the potential to unlock significant investments and shape the future of global climate policy. Briefly, the agendas of COP29 are focused on adaptation and finance. Adaptation refers to adjustments in ecological,

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social or economic systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli and their effects, with steps and efforts aimed at building resilience against climate changes.

It is crucial to understand that there can be no adaptation of a "3 Degree World." With the current policies, Planet Earth is on track for a three degrees Celsius temperature rise above pre-industrial levels—an unprecedented increase. At this level, ecosystems and infrastructures will struggle to cope. The Equator centric regions are expected to experience much greater warming, potentially twice the global average. This will lead



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to extreme heat-trapping, which will significantly increase mortality rates, making large parts of the tropics uninhabitable. As the risk of crossing irreversible climate tipping points grows, the consequences for both the environment and human populations might be devastating. However, a three-degree world is not inevitable; with decisive and swift action it can be prevented, and this is the fundamental goal behind COP29.

At COP28, substantial progress was made on climate finance—particularly with the establishment of the Loss

and Damage Fund. The aspiration was that affluent nations would conclusively fulfil their long-standing commitment to provide \$100 billion annually in climate finance, but the reality was far from reflective of said assertions. Bangladesh is looking to this summit with a sense of urgency, reflecting the country's deteriorating climate crisis. Despite some advances in addressing loss and damage, the \$100 billion target is still unmet. This is deeply concerning given the geo-environmental condition of Bangladesh, which is already suffering from rising sea levels and frequent floods.

In 2024, Bangladesh continues to struggle with intensifying impacts of climate change caused primarily by the activities of developed nations. As a low-lying delta nation, it is experiencing increased monsoon flooding and cyclonic activity. For Bangladesh, these recurring floods lead to not only climate-induced displacement but also long-term economic losses, as people lose livelihoods, homes, and access to clean water. Cyclone

primary concern is whether the newly proposed New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) will deliver the necessary financial resources to tackle its climate adaptation needs. The NCQG aims to supersede the \$100 billion pledge, but there is growing concern that the money will not arrive quickly or in sufficient capacities. For Bangladesh, the climate crisis is no longer a distant threat—it's a current reality.

While COP28 offered modest optimism with discussions about reforming global financial systems to attract private investment, Bangladesh remains wary of solutions that rely too heavily on private sector funding, which can be unpredictable and slow to mobilise. The country needs guaranteed and immediate funding for climate adaptation and loss recovery, rather than complex financial mechanisms that may only serve to delay the much-needed assistance.

A key issue that remains unresolved from COP28 to COP29 is whether emerging economies like China and oil-rich Gulf states should contribute to global climate financing. Bangladesh, alongside other vulnerable nations, strongly assert that the burden of financing should not fall solely on the shoulders of the affluent nations. With the growing climate impacts that affect every part of the globe, it is crucial that all major economies—regardless of their development status—participate in climate finance. At COP29, Bangladesh will push for this broader responsibility, arguing that no country is exempt from the global climate emergency. This also includes a dialogue on "just transition," which promotes a fair shift to low-carbon economies by prioritising workers' rights, social equity and community well-being, while minimising negative impacts.

As COP29 progresses, Bangladesh will be watching closely to see whether the international community can meet the urgency of its climate needs. The country's future depends on substantial financial commitments for climate adaptation as well as the ability to recover from climate-induced damage. For Bangladesh, COP29 is not just a diplomatic event—it's a moment of survival. The anticipation is that this time, the world will act with the speed and scale required to avert even greater climate devastation. COP29 will be a critical opportunity for the global communities to ramp up efforts to curb climate change, particularly through enhanced financial support and more ambitious national climate action plans.

Decarbonising the RMG sector requires smart policies



RMG NOTES

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According to a report by the Apparel Impact Institute (AII), \$1 trillion is required globally to decarbonise garment supply chains, with a significant portion required for Bangladesh. The challenges are multifaceted, from a heavy reliance on fossil fuels to inefficiencies within factory operations. Addressing these issues requires both substantial funding and strategic planning. Bangladesh's current energy infrastructure heavily relies on fossil fuels, such as natural gas, oil and coal. This dependency not only increases carbon emissions but also strains the country's economy due to high import duties. Adding to the problem, the limited rooftop solar capacity of many factories restricts the use of renewable energy sources. As a result, Bangladesh requires significant investment to shift away from a fossil-fuel dependent grid and towards renewable energy sources.

Another key barrier to decarbonisation in our RMG sector is the low energy efficiency in factory operations, particularly with steam systems. While Bangladesh has made strides in building green factories, these initiatives have not adequately addressed energy efficiency issues, which persist in equipment such as compressors, air conditioners and generators. Many of these machines are outdated and inefficient, leading

to high energy consumption and increased fossil fuel reliance. Replacing these inefficient systems with energy-efficient alternatives could reduce the sector's overall energy demand and alleviate fossil fuel imports. However, this requires substantial investment.

Bangladesh has access to some funding facilities through organisations like the Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL) and the Bangladesh Bank. However, the use of these funds remains low due to complex accessibility requirements. High entry barriers, such as stringent eligibility criteria, deter many factories from taking advantage of these resources. Additionally, restrictions on foreign exchange loans by the Bangladesh Bank further complicate funding, particularly for renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. These restrictions, while meant to control foreign exchange outflows, ultimately hinder initiatives that could reduce fossil fuel dependence.

To address these challenges, Bangladesh has already secured a \$250 million allocation from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) to support renewable energy development, but much more is required to achieve substantial decarbonisation. Foreign direct investment (FDI) and funding from international development agencies can be pivotal in bridging

the financial gap. These funds should ideally be converted into low-interest loans in the Bangladeshi taka to ease currency exchange pressures on the economy. Establishing these as revolving funds, where funds are repaid and reused within the country, will minimise foreign exchange outflows and provide long-term financial support for decarbonisation projects. This structure would also alleviate concerns about currency fluctuations impacting loan repayment.

Global apparel brands, as key stakeholders in the supply chain, can play a significant role in financing supplier decarbonisation. Brands can directly contribute to the sustainability of the industry through revolving funds and can reduce the forex burden on Bangladesh by making financing more accessible to suppliers. However, to ensure that such funds are truly impactful, brands must recognise that their purchasing practices, pricing strategies and order visibility affect the suppliers' ability to invest in decarbonisation. Therefore, any funding initiative should also address these structural issues within the supply chain.

One effective way to boost the accessibility and affordability of funds is through derisking mechanisms. This approach makes the funds more attractive and affordable for local suppliers by reducing perceived risks, thereby encouraging greater participation. By derisking funds, the RMG sector can unlock more financing for renewable energy projects and energy efficiency upgrades.

According to the Fashion Producer Collective's white paper, alternative funding models that don't entirely rely on debt are critical for the sector's sustainability. This could include grants, equity investments or shared

savings agreements where brands and suppliers split the cost savings achieved through energy efficiency upgrades. Moving away from a debt-centric approach allows more factories to engage in decarbonisation efforts without exacerbating financial strain.

Programmes such as the Future Supplier Initiative by The Fashion Pact aim to support suppliers in their decarbonisation journey. However, these programmes may lack the customisation necessary for Bangladesh's unique context. A collaborative approach, where brands, funders and manufacturers co-create methodologies, ensures the efficient use of funds and tailoring of projects based on the actual needs of the RMG sector. This cooperation will foster better results and avoid potential misallocation of resources.

Beyond factory-level improvements, Bangladesh must upgrade its national grid to accommodate renewable energy inputs. This requires not only funding but also policy reforms that enable investments in renewable infrastructure. Enabling policies will attract private investments, expedite renewable energy adoption, and facilitate the gradual shift from fossil fuels to more sustainable energy sources. Decarbonising our RMG sector is a significant challenge. The industry must secure large-scale funding, with an emphasis on availability, accessibility and affordability. By facilitating access to foreign and local funds, derisking investments, and promoting collaborative funding models, the sector can make meaningful strides towards sustainability. However, for these initiatives to succeed, brands, manufacturers and financial institutions must work together to create a supportive ecosystem.

How the youth are shaping a new era of meritocracy



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The July uprising in Bangladesh marked a pivotal moment in the nation's history, where the youth rose up against not only economic injustice and political corruption, but also the deeply entrenched system of political elitism. For years, power in Bangladesh has been concentrated in the hands of a single political dynasty. The youth, representing more than half of the population, are now rejecting this system and demanding a new vision for the country—one based on meritocracy, equality, and true democracy.

The youth-led protests in July-August were a powerful response to a system that had long suppressed their potential. The protests, initially about the unjust quota system for government jobs, quickly evolved into a broader rejection of the deeply entrenched power structure as well as cultural narrative. This resonates strongly with Antonio Gramsci's theory of cultural hegemony, where the ruling class maintains power by controlling cultural norms and making their dominance seem like common sense.

Similarly, the shift in the youth's mindset—transforming from passive

acceptance of their oppression to becoming active agents of change—is striking. These young people are no longer just protesting policies; they are fighting against a system designed to keep them in check. Paulo Freire's *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* foresaw this kind of transformation, where the oppressed, once aware of their condition, begin to challenge the very structures that oppress them. Gramsci and Freire both would likely see this as a predictable outcome, where awareness sparks resistance and a demand for real change.

The political elitism in Bangladesh has long been reinforced by a combination of patronage networks, nepotism, and symbolic gestures of reform. The quota system, initially designed to provide opportunities for disadvantaged groups, including freedom fighters' descendants and ethnic minorities, became a tool for consolidating power. Over time, the system was manipulated by the elites to secure jobs for their loyalists and families, leaving many deserving candidates feeling alienated. The youth's rejection of this system represents not just opposition to a specific policy, but a

broader challenge to the hegemonic political structures that keep power concentrated in the hands of a few. The protests were a clear demand for a meritocratic system where leadership and opportunities are based on talent, hard work, and integrity—an evident outcome predicted by the counterhegemonic movement from Gramsci's idea.



The youth-led protests in July-August were a powerful response to a system that had long suppressed their potential. FILE PHOTO: ORCHID CHAKMA

In Bangladesh, the education system has long mirrored Freire's critique, which says traditional education systems often reinforce oppression by treating students as passive recipients of knowledge, rather than as active participants in

their learning. Students are taught to memorise and conform, rather than think critically or challenge the status quo. This has effectively kept the youth disempowered, limiting their ability to question the political and social systems that govern their lives. As a result, many young people have come to view the political process as irrelevant or corrupt,

culture of patronage and favouritism that has permeated the country's political and social institutions. Freire's "problem posing" model of education, which emphasises dialogue, critical thinking and active engagement, is exactly the kind of reform that we need to empower our youth and prepare them to take on leadership roles.

The uprising was also a rebellion against the political elite, which has its roots in a deeper frustration with the contradictions of Bangladesh's democratic system. Elections, often plagued by corruption and manipulation, have not provided the kind of accountability or change that the youth are seeking. To truly address the root causes of political elitism and inequality and to prevent a similar situation in the future, investments must be made in educational reform and political inclusion, giving the youth a real voice in shaping the future.

The education system must be overhauled to prioritise critical thinking, creativity, and civic engagement. Freire's vision of education as a tool for liberation must be implemented, with schools and universities encouraging students to engage with real-world issues, challenge authority, and become active participants in their communities. Only by fostering an education system that promotes independent thought and problem-solving can Bangladesh equip its youth with the skills they need to challenge the political status quo and create a more equitable society.

At the same time, political reforms are essential to break the grip of bloodline politics. Bangladesh must create more opportunities for young leaders to emerge, whether through electoral reforms, greater transparency or efforts to reduce the influence of money and nepotism in politics. Youth participation in politics must be encouraged, and pathways to leadership must be opened to those who demonstrate merit and a commitment to public service.

Finally, the youth must be given the economic opportunities they need to stay in Bangladesh and contribute to its development, rather than being driven abroad by the lure of better prospects. The government must invest in creating jobs, support entrepreneurship, and address the structural inequalities that limit opportunities for upward mobility. By creating an environment where young people can thrive, Bangladesh can stem the tide of brain drain and ensure that its brightest minds stay to build a better future for the country.

The path forward will not be easy, but the July uprising has shown that the youth of Bangladesh are ready to take on the challenge. By reforming the education system, opening up political opportunities, and creating a more inclusive and merit-based society, we can empower our youth to become the architects of a new, more just and equitable future. It's time to dismantle the old systems of political control and give the youth the tools they need to build a Bangladesh that truly reflects their aspirations.

RETHINKING BANGLADESH'S DEFICIT FINANCING The case for National Savings Certificate reform



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Financing budget deficits through domestic and external resources is widely practised in many countries, including Bangladesh, to manage fiscal shortfalls and invest in infrastructure to stimulate economic growth. For a large share of its budget deficit, the Bangladesh government primarily relies on two domestic sources: borrowing by issuing i) marketable securities and ii) non-marketable securities. Marketable securities include treasury bills and bonds, and non-marketable securities are largely comprised of National Savings Certificates (NSCs). While these instruments play a crucial role in deficit financing, there are concerns about how they are managed and their impact on macroeconomic stability and overall inequality.

Treasury bills and bonds are sold in open auctions participated by primary dealers on their own accounts and on behalf of clients which are mostly banks. This process is guided by market principles, where interest rates fluctuate based on demand and supply. When demand for government securities is high, the government typically pays lower interest rates. Conversely, when demand is low, the government's cost of borrowing increases. Sometimes, if there is insufficient appetite for treasury securities, the central bank intervenes, a practice known as "devolement." However, this often leads to inflationary pressure, as money is printed without corresponding productive output.

In contrast, financing through non-marketable securities like NSCs presents a different set of challenges. NSCs are sold to individuals at fixed, government administered interest rates, which are typically higher than market rates and add significant costs. For example, the government had to allocate Tk 11,217 crore for savings certificate interest assistance in FY24. Although NSCs provide individuals, irrespective of income status, with a stable savings instrument, it creates uncertainty for the government, which cannot accurately predict how much will be raised from these instruments in any given fiscal year, making fiscal borrowing uncertain.

The current governance and profit structure of NSCs also hinder efforts to achieve both macroeconomic stability and social equity. The amalgamation of NSC deposits, pure savings by individual citizens, within the Treasury Single Account (TSA)—a unified structure of government bank accounts maintained by Bangladesh

Bank—diverges from TSA's function of consolidating government revenue streams and payments. Additionally, conflating interest payments on NSCs with social safety net expenditures complicates public financial management and obscures the true cost of delivering social protection. Moreover, the relatively high interest rates offered by NSCs disproportionately benefit middle- and upper-income individuals.

Volatility in NSC uptake directly impacts government expenditure, whether deposits exceed or fall short of demand. Higher deposits from NSCs result in excess liquidity and increased interest payments, while lower-than-expected deposits hinder budget implementation.

A key objective of NSCs is to promote savings. For many, NSCs offer essential social protection, providing a safe place to invest hard-earned savings and receive a predictable return. Thus, the government cannot simply eliminate them without risking significant harm to those who rely on this support.

Additionally, NSCs offer interest rates typically higher than those for government bonds and treasury bills, distorting the financial market and obstructing the development of a vibrant secondary market for treasury securities. These higher interest rates place a growing burden on public finances through rising interest payments. Most importantly, interest payments are made with little regard to the depositor's income level, leading to an uneven distribution of this facility across society.

Given these challenges, should Bangladesh consider abolishing NSCs to simplify its deficit financing strategy? The answer is far from straightforward. A key objective of NSCs is to promote savings. For many, NSCs offer essential social protection, providing a safe place to invest hard-earned savings and receive a predictable return. Thus, the government cannot simply eliminate them without risking significant harm to those who rely on this support.

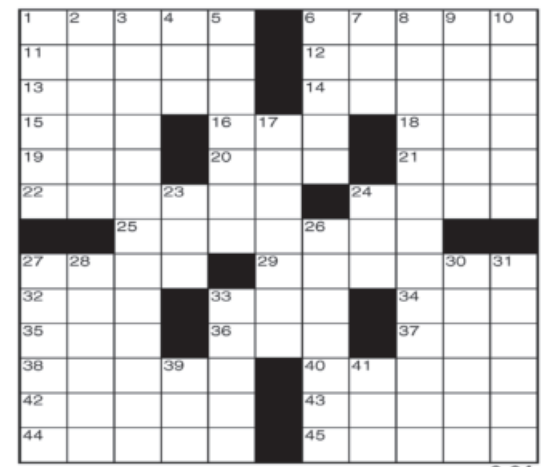
According to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the per capita Gross National Income (GNI) in FY24 was Tk 306,144 in nominal terms. The Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2022 reported that the average household income and expenditure were Tk 32,422 and Tk 31,500, respectively, indicating that the households save only Tk 922 per month, or around

Tk 11,000 per year, on average. Under the current NSC rules, individuals can invest up to Tk 15 lakhs and enjoy the highest interest rates. For investments exceeding Tk 15 lakhs, individuals receive slightly less interest than the previous ceiling, although it often remains higher than the market rate. This existing ceiling disproportionately benefits those who can afford to save more, while lower-income households—who can save much less—are left behind.

To address this issue, the NSC schemes can be redesigned. One proposed solution is to create a small savings fund with a separate account outside of TSA to avoid the amalgamation of government receipts and payments with individuals' savings. Also, a separate authority to manage NSCs can mobilise savings from low-income individuals by issuing small-denominated savings instruments considering low-income people's affordability. This authority will also act as a primary dealer and invest in treasury auctions like other primary dealers. This way the government can more accurately predict its borrowing needs for meeting fiscal deficit while

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BIRTH CENTENARY OF KHAN SARWAR MURSHID

THE LAST ROMANTIC

New Values set an intelligent critical standard, and tempered its Bengali preoccupations with good articles from overseas, and translations and critical discussions of modern writing from other Islamic countries. For a man in his early twenties all this was considerable achievement.

NIAZ ZAMAN

In 1961, the Arts Faculty of the University of Dhaka was still located at the southern end of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital. It was there, under the high-ceilinged rooms with their antique benches that Dr Khan Sarwar Murshid taught the MA English Preliminary students. He would be there only for a few months because, later that year, he would leave for Harvard. Our classes were lecture-based. Teachers spoke, students listened. The only occasion we had for close contact with teachers was during our tutorials when four or five of us met our tutors. I was lucky to have Dr Murshid as one of my tutors. However, much as I strove to write good tutorial essays, the highest mark I ever received from him was a B+. We were too intimidated in those years to talk to our teachers and I never asked him how I could improve my grades. Dr Murshid was assigned to teach John Donne and Dante Gabriel Rossetti. We still teach Donne but Rossetti has grown out of fashion. Perhaps even in the early sixties Rossetti was not important, but Dr Murshid's teaching of Rossetti and Donne was like a breath of fresh air.



The Englishwoman in the middle is Miss A G Stock. Dr Murshid is seated second from the left. Next to him, on the extreme left, is Zillur Rahman Siddiqui. Jyotirmoy Guhathakurta is seated second from the right.

PHOTO COURTESY: MEGHNA GUHATHAKURTA.



Khan Sarwar Murshid with his wife, Nurjahan Murshid.

Theory was quite unknown those days. The study of a writer's biography was quite common. And teachers who had good voices often read texts aloud in class. Both Donne's poetry and Rossetti's came alive in Dr Murshid's voice. I can never forget the charismatic teacher, tall and strikingly handsome, reading English poetry as it should be read. Donne's "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning" and Rossetti's sonnets embedded themselves in my senses. Sadly, he was not there when I was in my final year MA, so I did not get to learn his thoughts on W. B. Yeats and T. S. Eliot – on whom he had written, along with Aldous Huxley – for his doctoral dissertation.

Dr Murshid had barely known me for a few months. In the ten years since my classes with him, much had happened. How well did he remember the girl in braids in his tutorial class? Yet, in late January 1972, when I visited him, saying that I needed a job, that I was now qualified as having taught for seven years, one and a half of them at Chittagong University, he listened quietly. A few days later, I learned that I had been appointed on an ad hoc basis in the Department of English. If that brave man had not listened sympathetically to me, I would not have been where I am today.

In *Memoirs of Dacca University 1947-1951*, A.G. Stock describes Dr Murshid's bravery during the riots of the 1950's. She comments, "I was full of admiration for Murshid's courage." His readiness to act when action was needed, his courage to do the right thing, was as much a part of him as was his love for books. Dr Murshid's recommending a Punjabi for a post when Bangladesh had fought an army composed largely of Punjabis required great courage – and he had that in plenty.

In a moving tribute to her father, "The Intellectual Journey of Khan Sarwar Murshid," published in the *Daily Star* on December 8, 2020, Tazeen Murshid sums up his concept of values – and perhaps explains how he could take the step that he did when he recommended me.

At the core of Murshid's world view had already evolved the concept of values. It included ideas of order and moral responsibility, justice and right conduct, truth and beauty as the measure of such an order. He summed these up in his concept of values. To him, values were what made a man, and those values are what held society together.

Tazeen Murshid notes that even before her father began his doctoral studies, "he embarked on his spiritual journey into ancient

Indian philosophy in the context of his literary studies." He had thought of an intellectual platform where these values could meet. They would be new values and that was what he called the name of his quarterly journal when he started it in 1949. It was two years after Partition and the creation of Pakistan; Bengalis had not yet lost faith in Pakistan. He was just a young man of 25 when he started *New Values*. He would continue the journal for 14 years, trying to publish the best of current thought, poetry and fiction.

Professor Stock, in her memoirs, discusses the importance of *New Values* and how it "set out to focus on the many-sided thought that was stirring in East Pakistan."

New Values set an intelligent critical standard, and tempered its Bengali preoccupations with good articles from overseas, and translations and critical discussions of modern writing from other Islamic countries. For a man in his early twenties all this was considerable achievement, and it bears witness to the liberating mental atmosphere of life in Dacca at the time.

New Values was remarkable for including not just essays, but also stories, poems, translations, and book reviews. Its writers included Bengalis, Indians, West Pakistanis, English men and women. The topics ranged over politics, economics, literature, and philosophy. Syed Waliullah's story, "The Escape," which was first published in *PEN Miscellany* from Karachi in August 1950, was

their own, it is pleasantly surprising to see how just after the creation of Pakistan a young man was reaching out to the world as well as projecting the world of East Bengal and its mind to readers in English wherever they were. As his son, Kumar Murshid, who is co-editor of this volume, says, "*New Values*, for a crucial period in our history, provided a progressive platform for intellectuals and poets in Bengal and beyond to re-evaluate and redefine their identity and aspiration as citizens of a Muslim state in which the concept of a 'Bengali Muslim' identity was taking shape alongside the shaping of the secular Bengali identity."

In his tribute to Professor Murshid, "The Inspirational Dr. Murshid" (*Khan Sarwar Murshid: Sangbardhana Grantha*, 2012), Fakrul Alam regrets that the one failing "Of this remarkably learned and intellectually vibrant man" was that "almost nothing by him can be found in print." True, apart from his *Introductions to Contemporary Bengali Writing: Pre-Bangladesh Period* (UPL, 1995), and *Contemporary Bengali Writing: Bangladesh Period* (UPL, 1996), the essays collected in *Kaler Katha* (Mowla Brothers, 2001), and the posthumous publication of his

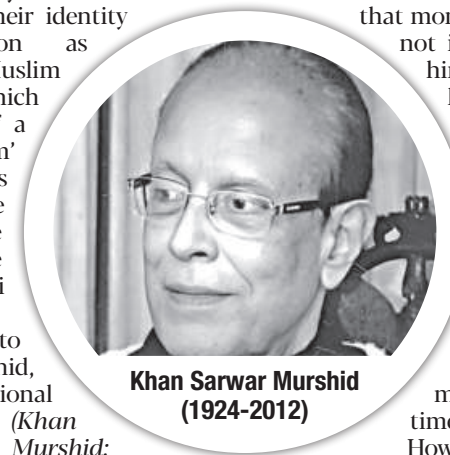
desk!" My brother, Raza Ali, who was also a student of the English Department, did not get to take any of his classes because Dr Murshid was at Harvard for much of my brother's time at the university. However, there was an approachability about Dr Murshid that led to my brother visiting him after he got a good job. Dr. Murshid was disappointed in the choice my brother had made. He explained that money and status were not important, and for him as long as he had his books and record collection he was content. He encouraged my brother to continue with his studies. (A few years later, my brother did that.) Perhaps those who read too much do not have time to write.

However, there was perhaps another reason which no one has quite pointed out. He was a perfectionist. Mizanur Rahman Shelley, in his essay "The Maestro of Moving Times" (*Khan Sarwar Murshid*), describes how students belonging to a government backed organization had beaten up Professor A. N. M. Mahmud. Dr Murshid was the Secretary General of the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA). The teachers met in the Teachers Club and condemned the incident. Dr Murshid had the

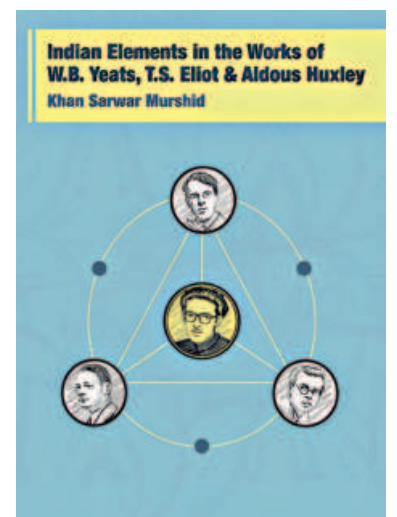
called upon him. And he was not one to shy away from action when needed. Things were not all right. His views were the very opposite of the powers that be. He had played an important role in the centenary celebrations of Tagore. It was a dangerous position to take at a time when singing Tagore songs was banned. Though not directly involved in politics, his advice was often sought. But academics who refuse to toe the line of the party in power are not always appreciated. In "A Tribute to Professor Khan Sarwar Murshid: A Man of Values" (*Khan Sarwar Murshid*), Dr Rehman Sobhan suggests something of this sort happened after 1971. After a brief stint as Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University, Dr Murshid was sent to Poland as ambassador. As Dr Rehman Sobhan points out, Poland was "not a country which was likely to bring out his best talents."

Subsequent political events must have disheartened the man who had started out with the hope of a world of possibilities. Perhaps that is why he withdrew from a world so different from the one he and some of his colleagues had envisioned, immersing himself in his books and teaching occasional classes at the university. Perhaps that is why he had also attempted to bring out a collection of pieces from *New Values*, pieces which were indicative of a time when the Bengali consciousness was rising but divisiveness had not rent the nation. The publisher he approached at the time was not interested.

Fortunately, his son recognized the importance of *New Values* and



Khan Sarwar Murshid (1924-2012)



republished in *New Values*, 4, in 1952. Thanks to the publication of *New Values for a New Generation* (Bangla Academy, 2019), we can appreciate the range of the pieces that appeared in the journal. Among the 28 selected pieces are writings on the Bengali mind, modern Bengali music and Nazrul Islam, poetry in East Pakistan, essays on Ghalib and Iqbal, on Sarojini Naidu and Yeats. There is also an essay on comparative literature – written by Dr Murshid and Henry Widdowson, then working for the British Council. But there are also essays on politics, economics, religion. A. G. Stock's essay on literature is included as are some of her poems.

Thanks to this publication, today's reader can not only understand the mind of East Bengal during those years, but also the broadness of the vision of the young editor. Today, when Bangladeshi readers and scholars claim all of literature as

doctoral thesis, *Indian Elements in the Works of W. B. Yeats, T. S. Eliot and Aldous Huxley* (UPL, 2021), there is nothing. Why didn't Dr Murshid write more? One answer might be that he read too much.

The first mention we have of Dr Murshid in Professor Stock's *Memoirs of Dacca University* reveals his fondness for reading: "Murshid spent a good deal of time reading at the bungalow. It was interesting to talk to and accommodatingly easy to ignore when either of us was busy." An anecdote provided by Fakrul Alam also suggests Dr Murshid's ability to ignore the world while engrossed in a book. "I had gone to his house to meet his daughter Tazeen Murshid, a good friend, and we talked and talked for almost ninety minutes. All this time I saw him sitting in his study, fully focused on the book that he was reading. When I left Tazeen that day, he was still glued to the book and his

responsibility of drafting the press release. Mizanur Rahman waited impatiently for it. He urged Dr Murshid to hurry as the press were waiting. Dr Murshid responded by saying that "these things need to be prepared with great care." Mizanur Rahman blurted out, "Sir, if you were the Editor of a daily it would have come out once in a fortnight." Dr Murshid was not perturbed. He stopped correcting the draft, took off his glasses and looked quietly at Mizanur Rahman for a few minutes. He then went back to correcting what he was writing and only when he was satisfied did he give the statement to Mizanur Rahman.

We do not know why Dr Murshid did not publish his thesis that had been highly recommended by Professor Geoffrey Bullough, the External Examiner. Perhaps by the time Dr Murshid had finished writing his thesis, the business of the world

was able to convince Shamsuzzaman Khan of Bangla Academy to bring out a selection of pieces from the journal. As Dr Murshid says in his Introduction to *New Values for a New Generation*, "*New Values* was much more than a high brow literary journal. It had become the voice of a new generation of youthful intellectuals who fostered a globalized perspective on the key issues facing Bengali Muslims and their new nation Pakistan in the context of an analysis of the experience of other postcolonial developing nations."

The new millennium would have shown Dr Murshid a world very different from the one that Bengalis of his generation had hoped and fought for, in words and actions. He would have felt very much like Yeats, the last romantic, with whom his daughter Tazeen says he identified the most.

Niaz Zaman is a retired academic, writer and translator.

Tigers look for new heroes as question hangs over Riyadh

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh take on Afghanistan in the series-deciding third and final ODI in Sharjah today in the absence of a few key players and their senior-most statesman Mahmudullah Riyadh searching for runs.

Captain Najmul Hossain Shanto, who was named player of the match in the second ODI for his 76, remains doubtful for today's game following an injury sustained in the previous match, said sources inside the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

The batter had been taken for scans and at the time of filing this report, the team management was waiting for the reports.

Bangladesh are without Shakib Al Hasan and Liton Das in the series and faced further set back with the injury to Mushfiqur Rahim in the first ODI. Now Shanto, who is the leading scorer in this series with 123 runs, is also in doubt.

Shanto had said in the press conference after the second ODI on Saturday that they cannot focus too much on the absence of seniors. His words ring truer before the series-deciding game, especially in light



of Mahmudullah's lack of contributions in the series.

Mahmudullah was expected to take on more responsibility to make up for the notable absences but instead his poor form has added to the team's burden.

In the second ODI, Mahmudullah got out trying to clear the ropes, just two deliveries after he saw Shanto perishing attempting to do the same thing in that very over.

After losing a well-set Shanto in the 41st over, a senior player such as Mahmudullah was expected to steer the side through to the end of the innings.

Instead, the veteran went for the big shot, but could neither manage the flourish nor pack the punch to clear the ropes against Afghan left-arm spinner Nangeyalia Kharote and held out to long off.

The timing of his dismissal could not have been worse. The death overs had just begun and Bangladesh were now down to debutant Jaker Ali and a returning Nasum Ahmed. Despite platform being laid earlier on, Mahmudullah leaving Bangladesh at

184 for 6 invited trouble.

Jaker and Nasum then rescued the Tigers with vital contributions of 37 and 25 respectively which helped them secure the series levelling 68 run win. The duo hit five sixes between themselves, which also puts a spotlight on Mahmudullah's difficulty in clearing the ropes against Kharote, who was Afghanistan's seventh bowling option that day.

In the first ODI too, the onus was on Mahmudullah to guide the innings after Bangladesh were reduced to 132 for 4 in the 31st over, chasing 236. But Mahmudullah, failed to read Rashid Khan's googly and was castled.

His fielding capabilities too has come under question this series with him being late to react on a catch at long off against Mohammad Nabi in the first ODI.

Mahmudullah's last four ODI innings read 0, 1, 2 and 3 and unless the 38-year-old turns around his ODI form dramatically in the third ODI, the onus will be on the likes of Mehedi Hasan Miraz, Tanzid Tamim and Towhid Hridoy to emerge as heroes today.

Taskin, Shoriful back as Bangladesh name squad for WI Tests

SPORTS REPORTER

Pacers Taskin Ahmed and Shoriful Islam returned as Bangladesh announced a 15-member squad for the upcoming away Test series against the West Indies, part of the World Test Championship.

Taskin was rested while Shoriful missed the two-match home Test series against South Africa last month due to a back strain.

Mushfiqur Rahim, who suffered a finger injury during the first Afghanistan ODI last week and was ruled out for the rest of the three-match series in the UAE, was left out for the Windies tour.

Pacer Khaled Ahmed and off-spinner Nayeem Hasan, who were in the squad for the South Africa Tests, were also left out.

Spinner Hasan Murad replaced Shakib Al Hasan in the South Africa series after the latter failed to return to Bangladesh for his Test swansong. Murad retained his place for the Windies series.

The first Test against the West Indies will begin on November 22 in Antigua while the second match will begin on November 30 in Jamaica.

SQUAD: Najmul Hossain Shanto (C), Shadman Islam, Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Zakir Hasan, Mominul Haque, Mahidul Islam Ankon, Liton Das (WK), Jaker Ali, Mehedi Hasan Miraz (VC), Tajjul Islam, Shoriful Islam, Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, Nahid Rana, Hasan Murad

Aus bet on uncapped McSweeney for India Tests

REUTERS, Sydney

Uncapped Nathan McSweeney has beaten out his rivals to secure the vacant spot in the Australia team for the first Test against India in Perth, with head selector George Bailey backing the 25-year-old to open the batting later this month.

Australia has been engrossed for weeks in a heated debate over who should take the spot left open in the batting order by the season-ending injury to all-rounder Cameron Green.

With Steve Smith's brief period as a Test opener already signalled as being over, McSweeney has been given the nod to partner Usman Khawaja at the top of the order when the first of five Tests against India gets under way on Nov. 22.

McSweeney, who usually plays at number three for his state

SQUAD: Cummins (c), Khawaja, McSweeney, Labuschagne, Smith, Head, Carey, Marsh, Inglis, Hazlewood, Starc, Lyon, Boland.

Queensland, scored 14 and 25 in his two innings as an opener in the "A" match against India in Melbourne, which concluded on Saturday.

That proved sufficient to see off the challenge of teenager Sam Konstas, as well as tried and tested options Cameron Bancroft and Marcus Harris, even if the latter scored a 74 in the first innings of the match.

Pakistan relish 'special moment'

- This was Pakistan's first series win in any format against Australia in Australia since 2002.
- Australia's 140 all out in 31.5 overs at Perth is their lowest total in ODIs at home since their 74 all-out against Sri Lanka in 2013 in Brisbane.
- Pakistan pacers scalped 26 wickets in this series against Australia -- the joint-second most by pacers for any team in a three-match ODI series.
- Pakistan's eight-wicket win in the third and final ODI yesterday, coming on the back of their nine-wicket win in the second ODI, meant that this was the first time that Australia lost consecutive ODIs by a margin of eight or more wickets.
- Pakistan cruised to victory with 141 balls and 139 balls in the second and third ODIs, respectively, making it the first instance of Pakistan winning successive matches in the format with 100-plus balls to spare. It is also the first instance of Australia losing two back-to-back ODIs with 100-plus balls left.



AFP, Perth

Saim Ayub hit 42 and Abdullah Shafique 37 as Pakistan raced to a commanding eight-wicket victory and their first ODI series win in Australia for 22 years on Sunday.

After bowling out the woeful world champions for a miserly 140 at Perth Stadium, Mohammad Rizwan's team reached their target in the 27th over.

The impressive performance, aided by high-quality bowling from Naseem Shah, Shaheen Shah Afridi, and Haris Rauf, ensured a first ODI series win in Australia since 2002.

They lost a tense opening match in Melbourne by two wickets, but bounced

back with an emphatic nine-wicket victory in Adelaide.

"It's a special moment for me and the fans," said captain Rizwan.

"I'll give all the credit to the bowlers. Australia in Australia is not easy.

"But Saim and Abdullah have given us a couple of great starts, too," he added.

"The fans love us regardless of whether we win or lose and I really appreciate that."

The hosts rested Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, and Mitchell Starc in Perth ahead of the Test series starting this month against India, and they were certainly missed.

Shafique and Ayub began aggressively and rode their luck, with little spark from

the bowlers.

After Shafique and Ayub departed following a few dropped chances, Rizwan (30) and Babar Azam (28) kept calm to steer Pakistan home.

Rizwan won the toss and sent in Australia to bat, who were no match for Afridi (3-32), Shah (3-54) and Rauf (2-24).

It was a disappointing batting display from the six-time World Champions Australia, who were missing a host of regular starters, as Sean Abbott top-scored with 30 before getting bundled out in the 32nd over.

"It's pretty disappointing, to be honest," said skipper Josh Inglis.

"Not enough runs on the board in games two and three."

Amite hits maiden first-class double ton

SPORTS REPORTER

Amite Hasan hooked Abdul Halim for a four through fine-leg to celebrate his maiden double ton in first-class cricket as Sylhet division dominated proceedings against Khulna Division on day two of their fourth-round fixture of the National Cricket League (NCL) at the Cox's Bazar Academy Ground yesterday.

In a true testament to showing grit and patience, Amite faced 455 deliveries, hitting 18 fours and a six, and batted over 12 hours over the course of two days before he fell to Ziaur Rahman for 213.

Along with Amite, Asadulla Al Galib also hit 115 as Sylhet declared at 496 for seven. Mahedi Hasan took four wickets for 152 while Ziaur got 3 for 15 for Khulna, who reached three for no loss at stumps.

At the other game in Cox's Bazar's Sheikh Kamal International Cricket Stadium, Chattogram Division were in a strong position as Shahadat Hossain Dipu and Yasir Ali strung together a 141-run unbroken stand against Barishal Division.

Dipu scored a run-a-ball 64 while Yasir reached 81 off 106 as Chattogram reached 202 for 3. Earlier, Barishal were bowled out for 318 in the morning session with spinner Ashraful Hasan picking up four for 68 for Chattogram.

At the Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi, Rajshahi Division were skittled out for 189 -- the exact first-innings score of Rangpur Division. Chowdhury Md Rizwan bagged three wickets for Rangpur for 30 runs while Tanbir Hayder scalped two for one run.

In reply, Rangpur reached 83 for 4 at stumps. Shuvagata Hom contributed with an all-round performance for Dhaka Division at Sylhet Academy Ground in Sylhet against Dhaka Metro.

He bagged four for 62 to help bowl Dhaka Metro out for 304 before hitting an unbeaten 60 to see Dhaka Division reach 254 for 6.



Rafi, Romana continue breaking records

SPORTS REPORTER

Samiul Islam Rafi and Romana Akter set three new national records on the second day of Max Group 33rd National Swimming Championship at the Syed Nazrul Islam National Swimming Complex in Mirpur yesterday.

Although Bangladesh Navy swimmer Rafi had expressed his concern over recovering from load in training, the 19-year-old set two more records yesterday after having set a new record in 50m backstroke on the opening day.

Rafi first broke the 200m individual medley record with a timing of 2min 09:99sec, wiping off the previous record of 2min 10:77sec set by Kajal Mia in 2023. The Olympian swimmer later set a new 200m backstroke record by clocking 2min 10:87sec, breaking his own record of 2min 11:86sec from last year.

The swimmer from Rajbari also participated in 100m freestyle, an event he competed in Paris Olympic Games, however, he failed to repeat his Olympic timing of 53.10sec. He finished the distance at a time of 53.28sec.

Rafi was happy with his overall performance and attributed it to the training he received in Thailand under a World Aquatics Federation scholarship for Paris Olympics.

"I have been gradually improving my timing despite

having sat idle after the Paris Olympics. I lagged behind without training but then went to Thailand to continue training. I also struggled there to match with other swimmers which had made me worried," Rafi told reporters.

"However, we went through hard training; even trained 16 to 17 thousand metres every day along with exercise and gym. Now I am getting the rewards and I am really happy with that," concluded Rafi, who is now on top of individual medals tally with four gold medals.

Meanwhile, Romana of Bangladesh Army, who was out of swimming for nearly one and a half years due to her assignment in UN peacekeeping mission in Sudan before her return in September last year, produced a record in 200m breaststroke after setting a record in 100m breaststroke on the first day.

Romana rewrote her own record in the 200m breaststroke by clocking 2min 51:35sec, breaking her own eight-year-old record of 2min 51:90sec.

"I am happy with my timing because I won another gold medal by creating another national record. I am looking forward to keep going with such performance," said Romana, currently in second position of individual medals tally with two gold medals and one bronze medal. Soniya Akter was on top alongside Rafi with four gold medals.



Mohamed Salah netted his 10th goal in all competitions on Saturday to help Liverpool beat Aston Villa 2-0 at home on Saturday, opening up a five-point lead at the top of the Premier League after Manchester City suffered a 2-1 defeat at Brighton just hours ago. [Inset] Pep Guardiola was left dejected as his side could not hold on to the lead given by Erling Haaland in the first half, with Joao Pedro and Matt O'Riley scoring in the 78th and 83rd minutes to help Brighton snatch three points. The defeat meant Guardiola suffered four consecutive defeats for the first time in his managerial career.

PHOTO: AFP/REUTERS



COP29 SUMMIT
Prof Yunus leaves for Azerbaijan today



DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus will be leaving for Baku, Azerbaijan, today to attend the UN's biggest climate conference, COP29, which is seen as a pivotal opportunity to accelerate action to tackle the ongoing climate crisis.

Global leaders and diplomats from across the world will descend on the

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Demanding arrears, several hundred RMG workers blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Basan area of Gazipur. The workers of five factories under T&Z Group demonstrated for the second consecutive day yesterday to press home their demand, creating huge tailback on the highway. Story on page 5.

PHOTO: MONJURUL HAQUE

BRINGING BACK FUGITIVES
Govt to ask for Interpol's red notice

Says law adviser about trial in cases over killings, genocide during mass uprising

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will request the Interpol to issue red notices to arrest and bring back fugitives allegedly involved in the killings and genocide during the July-August mass uprising, Law Adviser Prof Asif Nazrul said yesterday.

The adviser told reporters after inspecting the status of renovation at the International Crimes Tribunal, which is housed in the old High Court building on the Supreme Court premises.

"Red notices will be issued swiftly through Interpol," he said, adding that fugitive fascist elements, regardless of where they may be in the world, will be held and brought to justice.

"We will work with sincerity and prioritise bringing them back from wherever they are hiding."

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Trump wins all 7 swing states

Biden, Trump to meet at White House Wednesday

AFP, Washington

Donald Trump won the state of Arizona in this week's US presidential election, US TV networks projected, completing the Republican's sweep of all seven swing states.

After four days of counting in the southwest state with a large Hispanic population, CNN and NBC projected Trump added 11 electoral votes that the state offers to his electoral vote tally as he defeated Vice President Kamala Harris.

Outgoing President Joe Biden scored a narrow but crucial victory in Arizona in 2020.

The latest good news for Trump came as the White House said Biden would meet with the president-elect at the White House on Wednesday.

The scale and strength of Trump's comeback, which also saw the real estate tycoon win the popular vote by a margin of around four million votes, has sent shockwaves through the defeated Democratic Party.

The Republicans have already regained control of the Senate and look well set to retain a majority in the House of Representatives thanks to support from white working class voters and a large share of Hispanics.

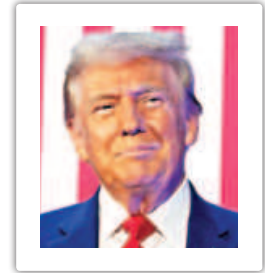
CNN has called Republican victories for 213 seats in the House, with 218 needed for a majority in the lower chamber.

The networks' figures show Democrats on 205 seats, although senior party figures are still hoping they can pull off a slim victory that would significantly curtail Trump's powers.

NBC sees the Republicans with 212 seats so far, and 204 for the Democrats.

The other six swing states won by Trump in the presidential race are Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan,

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30 killed in Israeli strikes on Jabalia

At least 13 children among the dead; many remain under rubble

AFP, Palestinian Territories

Gaza's civil defence agency yesterday said 30 people, including 13 children, were killed in Israeli strikes on two houses in the north of the Palestinian territory.

The first strike early yesterday hit a house in Jabalia, northern Gaza, killing "at least 25" people, including 13 children, and injuring more than 30, civil defence said.

Since October 6, the Israeli military has been engaged in a withering air and ground assault on areas of northern Gaza, including Jabalia, saying they are seeking to stop Hamas from regrouping there.

Another strike on the Sabra neighbourhood of Gaza City killed five people, with others still missing in the aftermath, civil defence said. "A number of civilians are still under the rubble," the agency added.

Contacted by AFP, the Israeli military said it was "looking into the reports" of the strikes.

Israel's offensive has killed 43,603 people in Gaza, most of them civilians, according to figures from the Hamas-run territory's health ministry that the United Nations considers reliable.

The United Nations human rights (OHCHR) office on Friday condemned the number of civilians killed in Israel's offensive in Gaza, with women and children comprising nearly 70 percent of the thousands of fatalities

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it had managed to verify.

Meanwhile, Qatar has suspended its role as a key mediator for a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal until Hamas and Israel show "seriousness" in talks, the foreign ministry said.

Israel's main military backer the United States had on October 15 warned that it could withhold some of its billions of dollars in military assistance unless it improves aid delivery to the Gaza Strip within 30 days.

With that deadline fast approaching, there has been little sign of improving conditions, with a UN-backed assessment on Saturday warning famine is imminent in northern Gaza.

Aid shipments allowed to enter the Gaza Strip were now lower than at any time since October 2023, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report.



Toss vital as Tigers aim to clinch series

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Najmul Hossain Shanto and Hashmatullah Shahidi - captains of Bangladesh and Afghanistan teams - will be looking to the heavens to win the toss before the first ball is bowled in the series decider of the three-match ODI series between the sides at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium today.

The match will get underway at 4:00 pm and will be telecast live on T Sports and Nagorik TV.

The first two matches saw the chasing teams fall considerably short of their targets as the wicket got slower, making run-scoring and keeping up with climbing run-rates difficult. As things stand, both sides would be looking to win the toss and bat first with the primary aim of posting a total of around 250 as Afghanistan's 235 and Bangladesh's 252 proved to be more than enough in the first two matches, respectively.

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New image of Dark Wolf Nebula unveiled

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Astronomers have unveiled an image of a giant cloud of space gas and dust that creates the illusion of a wolf-like silhouette against a colourful cosmic backdrop.



Nicknamed the Dark Wolf Nebula, the cloud is in the Scorpion constellation near the middle of the Milky Way, around 5,300 light-years from Earth.

This image takes up an area in the sky equivalent to four full moons, but is actually larger part of an even larger nebula called Gum 55.

Some people viewing the image might even think it looks like a werewolf, with hands reaching out.

Dark nebulae are cold clouds of cosmic dust, so dense that they obscure the light of stars and other objects behind them.

Dust grains within them absorb visible light and only let through radiation at longer wavelengths, such as infrared light.

These clouds of frozen dust are of interest to astronomers because they often contain new stars in the making.

The new image, captured in a 283-million-pixel image by the VLT Survey Telescope (VST) at the European Southern Observatory's (ESO) Paranal Observatory in Chile, shows in detail how the dark wolf stands out against the glowing star-forming clouds behind it.

The colourful clouds are built up mostly of hydrogen gas and glow in red tone because of the intense UV radiation from the newborn stars within them.