

## Counter Indian misinformation

### Home adviser tells journos

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday accused Indian media of spreading false information about Bangladesh and called on local journalists to counter the propaganda.

Speaking during a visit to the family of Abu Sayed in Rangpur's Pirganj, he said, "It is the duty of Bangladeshi journalists to expose the truth and hold Indian media accountable for their lies."

He expressed confidence in the integrity of Bangladeshi journalists, urging them to report corruption wherever it exists, even within government institutions. "If you find any corruption, even involving me personally, do report it," he added.

The adviser praised Abu Sayed's bravery and announced government support for a foundation to be established in his name. He also confirmed the arrest of three suspects in connection with Sayed's murder and assured that the trial would begin soon, saying, "No one will be spared."

Addressing concerns over police recruitment irregularities, he clarified that no corruption allegations had been reported. "If you uncover any wrongdoing, report it, and we will take action," he said.

The event was attended by senior officials, including Major General Asfaquzzaman, director general of Border Guard Bangladesh, and AKM Shahidur Rahman, director general of Rapid Action Battalion.



Rickshaws crowd multiple lanes beneath the Dhaka University metro rail station, leaving little space for other vehicles and causing traffic congestion. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## DC Conference from February 16

BAHARAM KHAN

The three-day Deputy Commissioner Conference will be held in Dhaka from February 16 to 18.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus inaugurating the event, confirmed sources from the CA's Office and Cabinet Division. The working sessions will take place at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium.

Due to the reduced number of advisers in the interim government, the number of sessions will be fewer than last year's 26.

Typically, VIP sessions include meetings with the President, Chief Adviser, Speaker, Chief Justice, and Election Commission, but with the Speaker's position vacant, that session will not occur. Another VIP session may also be cancelled.

The DC Conference serves as a platform for DCs to discuss proposals with ministers and secretaries. However, this year's event may differ due to political circumstances.

With no clear policy direction from the interim government, DCs are cautious about their proposals, which typically align with the ruling party's election manifesto. Officials have encouraged proposals focused on reducing public suffering and improving access to government services.

The deadline for submitting proposals has been extended, with the Cabinet Division expecting all submissions by December. New DCs, with only a few months of experience, face additional challenges in preparing proposals.

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case of anomalies."

It will be cancelled only in case of irregularities such as corruption and bribery, Muhammad Fozul Kabir Khan, Bangladesh's power and energy adviser, told Reuters.

He also said some issues, such as Bangladesh not benefiting from some Indian tax exemptions to the power plant, have already been flagged to Adani and could partly form the basis of a deal renegotiation.

In reaction, Adani Power on Monday said it has no indication that the Bangladesh government is reviewing the power purchase agreement.

Adani Power continues to supply power to Bangladesh despite mounting dues, which are of significant concern and are rendering plant operations unsustainable, a spokesperson for Adani Power said in a statement.

"We are in constant dialogue with senior officials of Bangladesh Power Development Board and the Government of Bangladesh, who have assured us that our dues will be cleared soon," the spokesperson said.

## A jail super's mission to teach kids stay afloat

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Every evening, a group of 25 to 30 children, aged between 8 and 14, gather by a pond in Barguna's LGED Bhaban.

Under the watchful eyes of their coach, they glide from one corner of the pond to another. Their laughter mingles with the sound of splashes.

For many, this is their first experience learning to swim — a skill that could one day save their lives.

In Barguna, a coastal district where the risk of drowning looms large, such opportunities are rare. Despite the area's proximity to water, there are no swimming training centres or pools. Tragically, this gap has led to countless preventable deaths.

Over 14,000 children die from drowning in Bangladesh each year, according to Unicef.

On average, 40 children drown in Bangladesh's ponds and rivers each day during the monsoon season.

Most of these deaths are reported from coastal regions like Barguna.

Hence, Jail Superintendent Amzad Hossain Don has decided to step in. Imagine a jail superintendent. Perhaps you picture an angry old man. But Amzad defies every stereotype.

A former award-winning national swimmer and a gold medalist in cycling, he has taken it upon himself to teach these children the vital skill of swimming — free of charge.

"My mantra is simple: learn swimming, save lives," he says, as he guides the children with a mix of discipline and encouragement.



He has been teaching swimming to children in Barguna for the past two years and has trained approximately 100 young learners during this time.

He dreams of a proper swimming pool in Barguna to train even more children.

Monisha, one of the trainees, said, "I was scared of water, but now I can swim across the pond!" Her mother, Rahima Begum, expresses her gratitude: "We can finally stop worrying every time our children go near water."

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## HSIA THIRD TERMINAL Aviation officials slam Biman over soaring costs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Higher-ups of top airlines criticised Biman yesterday for its poor ground handling services at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport during a roundtable discussion.

They called for the abolition of Biman's monopoly and the allocation of the HSIA third terminal to multiple companies through an open tender.

Aviation and Tourism Journalists Forum of Bangladesh organised the discussion, titled "Third Terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport: Opportunities and Challenges", at a city hotel.

Dilara Hossain, chairman of Airlines Operators Committee, said current operation costs of foreign airlines are very high compared to neighbouring countries. The current ground handling agency charges are also very high compared to other airports. "As a result, ticket prices also increase," she added.

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## His thoughts more relevant

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we need political honesty, awareness, and strength," he said.

Praising Abul Mansur Ahmad's political philosophy, Prof Khan said during the drafting of Bangladesh's constitution, Abul Mansur Ahmad raised many objections.

In his later editions of "Amar Dekha Rajniti Ponchash Bochor", Abul Mansur incorporated these concerns, which seem more relevant in the aftermath of July uprising, said Prof Khan.

"Sheikh Mujib had invited Abul Mansur to suggest constitutional amendments, which he did, but Mujib ultimately ignored them, breaking his promises," he added.

Discussing the constitution, Prof Khan said, "Bangladesh's constitution is in a faint state. According to the constitution, people are the source of all power, which is a grand deception. Instead, it should declare that the people are the sole sovereign authority, ensuring they can remove a failed government."

Constitutional expert Arif Khan said Abul Mansur Ahmad

advocated for religious freedom for all in his political thought.

"Both our struggles in 1971 and 2024 were against inequality. Abul Mansur consistently worked against discrimination. A prominent figure in the anti-British movement, he was instrumental in empowering Bangalee Muslims."

CU Pro-VC (Administration) Prof Md Kamal Uddin said, throughout history, significant reforms have been driven by mass movements rather than elites.

"However, Abul Mansur, despite being an elite, played a critical role in such movements," he added.

Emran Mahfuz, convener of Abul Mansur Ahmad Memorial Council, said, "Abul Mansur said a democratic government could function properly if its citizens remain vigilant. Without collective action, sporadic movements cannot bring lasting change," he said.

The event was presided over by CU teacher Kh Ali Ar Raji, also an adviser to the CU chapter of Rastrochinta, and was moderated by Rastrochinta member Tanveen Kayes.



## নর্থ-ওয়েস্ট পাওয়ার জেনারেশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড

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### e-Tender Notice

Invitation Reference No: 27.28.0000.206.07.043.24.002

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Brief Description : Procurement of Tube Bundles for Shell & Tube Heat Exchanger of Gas Booster Compressor (GBC) for Bheramara 410 MW CCGP, Kushtia, Bangladesh.

Tender ID : 1041912

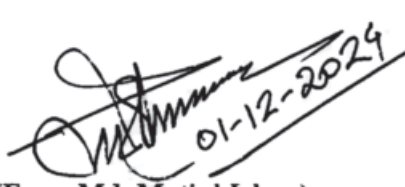
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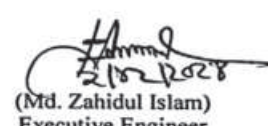
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Tender ID No	Name of Work/ Package Description	Last Selling Date and Time	Closing Date and Time
1033843	Construction of 6 (Six) Nos Centers of BITAC in Gopalganj, Barisal, Rangpur, Jamalpur, Sunamganj and Jashore District one at Jashore. Sub Head: (A) Construction of Admin & Academic Building 5(Five) storied Building with 5(Five) storied Foundation in/c. Civil, Sanitary and Electrical Works; (B) Construction of Workshop Building 6 (Six) storied Building with 6(Six) storied Foundation in/c. Civil, Sanitary and Electrical Works; (C) Construction of Foundry Building 4 (Four) storied with 4 (Four) storied Foundation in/c. Civil, Sanitary and Electrical Works.	29-Dec-2024 16:00	30-Dec-2024 12:00

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