

Rezanur Rahman new Petrobangla chairman

CITY DESK
Additional Secretary Md Rezanur Rahman has joined as chairman of Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) on deputation on January 2.

Rahman served as additional secretary in the Power Division before joining Petrobangla.

He belongs to the 17th batch of Bangladesh Civil Service (administration) cadre. He also served as first class magistrate, assistant commissioner (land), UNO and DDLG in field administration.

He also served in the health ministry, Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission and Anti-Corruption Commission in different capacities.

He did his graduation in Mechanical Engineering from BUET and Professional Master's degree in ITC, Netherlands.

Two die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two patients died from dengue while 70 others were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning.

With the latest, the death toll rose to three this year while the number of cases reached 357, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Currently, 400 dengue patients are undergoing treatment across the country. Of them, 198 are from outside Dhaka.

Plot Sale
Bashundhara R/A,
Block-L,
3 katha Corner,
Road Size: 40/25 Feet.
Contact: 01706617524



Illegal sand extraction

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secretary of the Barachhara Water Management Cooperative Society Limited, said the sluice gate serves around 25,000 farmers from seven neighbouring villages.

He said since 2017, they have repeatedly appealed to higher authorities to stop the sand extraction, but their pleas have been ignored due to the culprits' political backing.

Mohammad Moshaddar Ali, president of the cooperative society, alleged that the illegal extraction has persisted for years due to the political influence of local Jibon League leaders, including Jewel.

"These individuals have threatened us, demanding Tk 16 lakh if sand extraction is halted through legal action. We remain hostage to them," he stated.

Contacted over phone, Jewel Mia claimed he had acquired a lease to extract sand from the canal for two

years.

"The president of the water management cooperative society demanded a bribe of Tk 2 lakh, of which I paid Tk 50,000. Even then they closed my leased sand mining site. With multiple cases against me, I am currently in hiding. How could I be extracting sand in this situation?" he said.

Md Islam Uddin, the upazila nirbahi officer of Sreemangal, said, "Sand quarry leases are issued by the Ministry of Mineral Resources. I have received an application and a petition from the High Court, along with an interim order to halt any agreement related to sand extraction from Baharchhara canal."

He said he has instructed the assistant commissioner (land) to take legal action and forwarded the petition to the Ministry of Mineral Resources for further review.

If chanting Joy Bangla

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issued a gazette making the rebel poet [Kazi Nazrul Islam] the national poet. I, along with Abdul Kuddus Makhan, escorted him from the airport to his residence. The rebel poet also wrote Banglar Joy, Bangalee Joy."

Talking about the Constitution, he noted, "The Constitution cannot be annulled; it can only be amended."

He said Sheikh Hasina's rule has surpassed Hitler's fascism in terms of authoritarianism.

Speaking about Serajul Alam Khan, Rob said he was not just a person; he was an institution. As long as the Bangalee nation exists, it will remember Serajul Alam Khan.

Nagrik Oikyo convener Mahmudur Rahman Manna said if people desire a better country, they need a strong political party.

In the absence of a good political party, it is essential to create one.

Reflecting on Serajul Alam Khan, Manna said, "Serajul Alam Khan was my organisational mentor [guru]. His contributions

to the country's liberation are profound and deserve widespread recognition."

Nazmul Haque Pradhan, general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Samajtantrik Dal, said that students who led the anti-discrimination student movement are now talking about the proclamation of the July uprising.

"But proclamations are made before a movement, not after," he said.

Professor Salimullah Khan said, "If someone claims that after the 2024 July uprising, they will erase the history of 1971, it would not be wise."

He pointed out that the crisis in Bangladesh stems from a lack of creativity among political parties.

On the Chattogram Hill Tracts crisis, he said, "The country created the CHT crisis but failed to resolve it."

The event, chaired by Raihanul Islam, chairman of the Serajul Alam Khan Research Center, was also addressed by Gono Odhikar Parishad's General Secretary Rashed Khan, freedom fighters Moazzamul Haque Bir Pratik, and Anowar Hossain.

Govt to ramp up drives

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and 600 student representatives at the field level.

Hafiz also mentioned that drives have been conducted against 54,457 battery-operated rickshaws and 5,979 paddle rickshaws.

A d d i t i o n a l l y, approximately Tk 49.98 crore in fines have been collected, and 13.9 lakh cases have been filed against traffic law violators.

Prof Moazzem Hossain of BUET said traffic signal management systems will be installed at four intersections using local technology.

February 6 on a pilot basis. Based on the outcomes, this technology will be implemented at 18 more intersections, he added.

Khuda Baksh Chowdhury, special assistant to the chief adviser, said steps have already been taken to formulate guidelines for battery-operated rickshaws.

Once finalised, the policy will help control the movement of these rickshaws on main roads, he said. Chowdhury urged the city corporations to complete road markings, traffic signs, and proper bus stop markings to improve traffic movement.

for judiciary reforms and to enhance judicial services, including the submission of judges' asset statements.

"The chief justice has taken the recommendations positively," he added.

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According to an SC source, lower court judges submitted their wealth statements to the law ministry in 2011 following a directive from the ministry.

However, this practice was discontinued as no subsequent instructions were issued, and no such rule exists for the judges.

Contacted, Transparency International Bangladesh Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said all judges and officials of the SC and lower courts should disclose their wealth statements to set a standard for others.

A law should be formulated for them to do so mandatorily, which will help prevent corruption in the judiciary, he added.

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Legal action

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Regarding the passport department, he said discussions are underway to enhance its quality of service.

"Corruption in this institution has significantly decreased since the arrival of the current director general, but further reduction is needed. People still face difficulties in obtaining passports, and we are exploring ways to alleviate these challenges," he said.

Addressing allegations that many Rohingyas use Bangladeshi passports to travel abroad and engage in illegal activities, Jahangir said, "I considered removing the police verification process and issuing passports based solely on NID cards. Police verification causes harassment, delays, and other issues, which need to be addressed. The number of police is also less than required."

"But for this [Rohingya] issue, police verification cannot be lifted. But if we see that it can be done only with the NID card, then maybe the police verification will be removed," he said.

Regarding many expatriates not receiving MRPs, the adviser said, "MRPs have been sent from Bangladesh, but distribution issues remain. The Passport DG is addressing this, and steps are being taken for faster delivery."

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Their properties should be made public, he added.

Khurshid Alam Khan, senior lawyer and the editor of Dhaka Law Reports, said, "It will be better if the interim government issues an ordinance for the mandatory submissions and public disclosure of the judges' wealth statement. In the future, an elected government can formulate a law to this effect."

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Cauliflower now

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wholesale, but now the winter variety is selling for just Tk 2.3 each. I will face a significant loss from my winter variety harvest and may not cultivate it next season," he said.

Nazrul Islam, a 65-year-old farmer from Mahipur village in Rangpur's Gangachara upazila, shared similar concerns.

Akkas Ali Bapari, a vegetable vendor in Rangpur city, said wholesalers from across the country purchased cauliflower from Rangpur region last year.

"Farmers who grew early variety cauliflower benefited more," he added.

drop in demand while supply remains high.

As a result, farmers are being forced to sell their cauliflower at extremely low prices, with many unable to sell their produce at all. Large quantities of cauliflower are rotting in wholesale markets.

Obaidur Rahman Mandal, additional director of DAE in Rangpur division, said the bumper yield of winter variety cauliflower created an oversupply in the market, pushing prices down and leaving farmers disappointed.

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EIB vice president

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and Climate Change, and Water resources Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan; Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain and Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur.

The EU is Bangladesh's largest trading partner, with exports to the EU growing from €2.4 billion to €24 billion per year in the past two decades.

Miller said the EU wants to ensure that Bangladesh maintains fundamental rights of their citizens and don't end up being indebted as the EIB provides funding.

Dismantle market syndicate

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He said there is still a lack of visible justice for key incidents such as the 2009 Pilkhana massacre and the electoral rigging of 2014, 2018, and 2024.

The student leader called for accountability from the interim government, demanding action by January 15, including recognising the sacrifices of revolutionaries and addressing their grievances.

historically submissive foreign policy.

"Who rules Dhaka will no longer be decided by Delhi," he said.

Sarijul Alam, chief coordinator of the Citizens' Committee, said the people of Faridpur, particularly on August 3-5, played a pivotal role in toppling Sheikh Hasina's regime. "She will eventually face trial and execution for her crimes," he said.

Wanted

UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 01 (One) permanent post of Lecturer and 03 (three) Temporary posts of Lecturer against the leave vacancy in the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology University of Dhaka in the Pay Scales of Tk. 22,000-53,060/- (National Pay Scales -2015).

Qualifications: Candidates must have a first class/a minimum CGPA 3.50 out of 4.00 both in B. Pharm (Honors) & M. Pharm degrees in Pharmaceutical Technology (thesis) with a first division/a minimum GPA 4.25 out of 5.00 in both SSC & HSC examinations. Requirements for either the SSC or HSC examinations may be relaxed for the candidates who have obtained the first position/the highest CGPA in both Bachelor and Master degrees. Candidates having a Ph.D. in the relevant field and research publication(s) in a quality journal may get preference. Relevant notes and conditions apply. (For details, see the Dhaka University Website). Eight copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, mark sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of Tk. 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only, payable to the Registrar, University of Dhaka, should reach him on or before 28/01/2025. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL KOLKATA (DRT 3)
8th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building, 42-C, Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071
Case No: OA/1215/2016

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Ex. No.: 5224

SONALI BANK LTD
VS
MS ROHAN EXPORTS AND ORS

To,
(1) BANGLADESH KRISHI BANK PROFORMA DEFENDANT, KHULNA CORPORATE BRANCH, KHULNA, BANGLADESH
(2) UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK LTD PROFORMA DEFENDANT, KHULNA BRANCH, 47, K D GHOSH ROAD, KHULNA, BANGLADESH
(3) BASIC BANK LTD PROFORMA DEFENDANT, KHULNA BRANCH, KHULNA, BANGLADESH
(4) NATIONAL BANK LTD PROFORMA DEFENDANT, SATKHIRA BRANCH, 32-33, OLD COLLEGE ROAD, SULTAN BAZAR, SATKHIRA, KHULNA, BANGLADESH

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, OA/1215/2016 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 05/11/2024. WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 16386251.07/- (application along with copies of documents etc annexed).

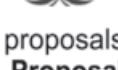
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;
(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties and financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 17/01/2025 at 10:30am failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 03/12/2024.

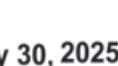
Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons
Registrar-in-Charge
Debts Recovery Tribunal-3, Kolkata

Request for Proposal (RFP)



International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites proposals from interested Firms/Organizations for the Request for Proposal (RFP) to undertake the development of Upgradation, Maintenance of Recruiting Agencies Information Management System (RAIMS) and capacity building on RAIMS. The bidding documents and guidelines to participate in the tender are available in the **United Nations Global Market Place (UNGM)** at <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/256609>
The deadline for submission of proposal is **Sunday, February 09, 2025, by 04:30 PM (BST time).**

Request for Proposal (RFP)



International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites proposals from interested Firm/Organization for Request for Proposal (RFP) for hiring of a firm for Technological Upgrade of DIFE helpline. The bidding documents can be downloaded from the **United Nations Global Market Place (UNGM)** at <a href="https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/25659