

## JU observes Selim Al Deen’s death anniv

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The drama and dramatics department at Jahangirnagar University yesterday organised a daylong programme at their campus, marking the 17th death anniversary of renowned thespian and former teacher Selim Al Deen.

Prominent theatre and cultural personalities attended the event, which began early in the morning with a procession from the department building to Deen’s grave. The procession was inaugurated by JU Vice Chancellor Prof Mohammad Kamrul Ahsan.

The event, chaired by Prof Harun Rashid, featured a discussion on Deen.



Farmers use a paddy plant transfer machine to plant Boro seedlings at Batna village, Barishal. The photo was taken recently.

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## SC verdict on Khaleda

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Huq alias Kazi Kamal and businessman Sharfuiddin Ahmed challenging the HC judgement that upheld their 10 years’ imprisonment handed down by the trial court in the same case.

The SC held hearings on the two appeals of Khaleda Zia and on one appeal of Sharfuiddin for three days and on the appeal of Kazi Kamal yesterday.

During hearings, the lawyers for the convicted accused, Anti-Corruption Commission and even the state counsels told the SC

that there is specific charge in the case, no money of the Zia Orphanage Trust was misappropriated and no corruption was committed.

On November 11 last year, the Appellate Division stayed the HC judgement in the case and also allowed Khaleda to file two appeals with it challenging the HC verdict.

The 79-year-old former prime minister then filed the appeals, praying to the apex court to scrap the HC judgment and to acquit her from the case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

## Scaling peaks and breaking

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to dream, and now my dreams are unbounded.”

Mazumder, the first Bangladeshi woman to summit Everest, highlighted the challenges at Baden Powell Peak. “We set up base camp at 4,600 metres and opened the route to 5,400 metres, but crevasses made it impossible to continue. Rather than give up, we adapted,” she said.

The expedition was organised by Abhijatri, a Bangladeshi organisation promoting adventure and gender equality, with support from the Liberation War Museum.

A press meet celebrating the achievement was held on Monday in Kathmandu, where Unesco Representative to Bangladesh Dr Susan Vize hailed the expedition as embodying the spirit of Sultana’s Dream.

Debnath, a first-time trekker, said the experience was transformative. “It’s not the mountain we

conquer, but ourselves,” she said, quoting Sir Edmund Hillary.

The organisers announced plans to make the expedition an annual event and to release a Nepali version of Sultana’s Dream.

“This journey has taught us to not only dream but to conquer,” Mousumi said.

For Rekha, the mountaineers are her calling despite societal doubts. “Mountains are my mother,” she said. “I will always prioritise my dreams.”

## No more party symbols

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The speakers criticised the previous government for politicising local elections, highlighting issues such as the allocation of party symbols and voter manipulation.

They emphasised the need to eliminate these issues and conduct fair elections.

A total of 103 representatives from various sectors, including former local public representatives and political party members, participated in the views exchange programme organised by the Local Government Reform Commission.

## Election timelines a decision

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software, and hardware, she said.

“The team will finish the assessment within 10 days and will come back here to present it before the EC,” she added.

“We’re in the initial days and trying to understand what the needs of the Election Commission are and how the commission would like to run the elections. There are already works ongoing in terms of updating the electoral rolls,” said Lewis.

The UNDP will hold talks with the commission and other stakeholders, including civil society, academicians, and political parties. Then, the delegation will put forward the recommendations and inform what support it can offer, she also said.

In response to a query, she said they are talking about parliamentary elections, not local government elections, as the EC made the request in that regard.

Asked about BNP’s desire to hold elections by mid-2025, the UNRC said, “We are not touching on timelines... That’s a decision for the government of Prof Yunus and political parties to make.”

The needs assessment mission is looking into areas where the UN can support, she said.

“The team will visit Chattogram tomorrow [today] and will hold meetings with the stakeholders in the coming days,” said Lewis.


Then, the delegation will meet civil society, academia, political parties, and every stakeholder involved in the election. Then, it will hold a feedback session with the Election Commission, the UNRC said.

Replying to a question about the timeframe of the next general election, EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed, the CEC, and other election commissioners said they are working in line with the window given by the chief adviser.

PRAYER  
TIMING  
JANUARY 15

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:00	5:36	7:00
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:15	5:40	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



**Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)**  
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**OPEN TENDER NOTICE (Goods)**

Memo no: 53.23.0000.001.03.115.24.240 Date: 14 January 2025

Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) was established by the Government of Bangladesh for poverty alleviation through employment generation. PKSF invites Tender in sealed envelopes from competitive tenderers for 'Procurement of Laptop (12 nos.), Printer (8 nos.), Camera (3 nos.), Photocopy Machine (3 nos.), Scanner (3 nos.) and Digital Display Board/4K Android TV (2 nos.) under GCF-RHL, GCF-ECCCP-Drought and giz-Haor Project of PKSF' under Package No: PKSF/GCF/RHL/2024-2025/GD-06 which includes 3 Lots.

The tender document including specification for the procurement should be submitted using prescribed 'Tender Document', which can be collected from PKSF during office hours from 15/01/2025 to 05/02/2025 upon payment of a non-refundable amount of BDT. 1000/- (Taka One Thousand) only in cash.

Tender documents should be submitted at the office of PKSF by 2:00 pm on or before 06/02/2025. Tender documents will be opened at 2:30 pm on 06/02/2025 in presence of the tenderers or their representatives.

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

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

(Dr. Md. Jashim Uddin)  
Additional Managing Director

## Khaleda

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doing better than before. Routine tests are being conducted by the doctors. Treatment is being provided based on the test reports and some changes have been made to her treatment protocol,” he said.

The 79-year-old former prime minister has long been suffering from liver cirrhosis, kidney complications, heart issues, diabetes, arthritis, and other ailments.

Her health condition deteriorated after she was jailed in 2018 following her conviction in a corruption case.



**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
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বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে, চট্টগ্রাম  
**ই-জিপি টেন্ডার নোটিশ**

নং-৫৪.০১.১৫০০.২৫৩.০৫০.৬০.২৪ তারিখঃ ১৩/০১/২০২৫ইং

বিভাগীয় পরিবহন কর্মকর্তা বাংলাদেশ রেলওয়ে পাহাড়তলী চট্টগ্রাম কর্তৃক National Electronic Government procurement portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) ও নিম্নলিখিত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হইয়াছে।

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০১	৫৪.০১.১৫০০.২৫৩.০৫০.৬০.২৪	১০৩০০২৬	Purchase of IPS and maintenance for various stations under DTO/CTG Division.	EGP/OTM	30-Jan-2025 12.30pm

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## Star celebrates

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journey, we have remained resilient, strong, and committed to our ethics and values. I believe we will emerge even stronger in the face of adversities,” said Simeen Rahman, also the chief executive officer of Transcom Group.

Romo Rouf Chowdhury, another director of Mediaworld Limited, said, “In terms of journalism and editorial policies, the newspaper is performing exceptionally well.”


Matiur Rahman, editor and publisher of the Daily Prothom Alo, said there is no doubt The Daily Star and Prothom Alo have been practising independent journalism over the years.

Prothom Alo and The Daily Star protested and exposed the rule of the fascist regime through their reportage, he said.

Thirty-three journalists and staff members of The Daily Star were honoured for outstanding performance.

Senior Staff Reporter Zyma Islam and Special Correspondent Partha Pratim Bhattacharjee won the Best Investigative Reporting 2024 award for their series on the NRBC Bank scam. Golam Mortoza received the “Editor’s Performance Excellence Award”, and Md Mohiuddin Alamgir was named Best Reporter.

Mohammad Suman Miah won the “Most Impactful Journalist” award, while Ashik Abdullah Apu, Md Sajjad Hossain, Md Arafat Rahaman, and Md Sirajul Islam received the “Year of the Youth” Award.



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**TENDER NOTICE**

1. Sealed tender in Local currency is invited from bonafide Manufacturer/ Dealer/ Supplier/ Importer (enlisted with DGDP) for supply of the following item for Bangladesh Navy:

Ser	Name of Item	Date of Selling From To	Date of Opening	Cost of Tender Schedule	Tender No	Currency
1.	Spare Parts for Outboard Engine & Main Engine (Brand: Yamaha) (Qty: 72 Ltr)	13-01-2025 09-02-2025	10-02-2025	BDT 5,000.00	254.07.206.2025	Local

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available in this Directorate General on payment as per invitation of tender selling rate (non-refundable) during office hours between 0900 hours to 1300 hours on the above mentioned date of selling. The tender can be dropped in the tender box latest by 1200 hours and the same will be opened at 1205 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of the tenderers (if present).

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Lt Commander BN  
For Director General  
Directorate General Defence Purchase

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources  
Power Division  
Power Cell  
**Employment Opportunity (Revised)**

Applications are invited from bona-fide Bangladeshi nationals for the following position in the project titled “TA for Strengthening and Development of Sustainable Power Sector in Bangladesh” under the Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources:

S/N	Name of the Post and Salary	Nos.	Requirements
1.	Director General (Project Director)  (Monthly consolidated Salary Tk. 1,00,500.00)	01	(a) Must have Graduation in Electrical/Mechanical Engineering or Master Degree in Business Administration or Economics with at least 25 years working experience including 20 years professional experience in power sector. (b) He/She should have experience in administration and managerial profession. (c) Any Project experience in Power Cell will get preference. (d) Having Computer Skill will be highly appreciated. (e) Maximum age limit is 59 years but not less than 50 years.

**Terms and Conditions:**  
1 This appointment will be completely on contract basis. It may be extended on successful and satisfactory completion of the tenure as determined by the Power Division in the Contract, subject to the project duration.  
2 Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, along with 2 (two) copies of recent passport size photographs and copies of certificates of all educational qualifications and experiences.  
3 Application should be submitted to the Power Division (Rom No-208, Building No-6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka) within 15 days from the date of the publication of this advertisement. Candidates already in service should apply through proper channel.  
4 Name of the position **MUST** be mentioned on the top of the envelope.  
5 Details job responsibilities and other information are available at [www.powerdivision.gov.bd](http://www.powerdivision.gov.bd) and [www.powercell.gov.bd](http://www.powercell.gov.bd).  
6 Candidates who applied earlier according to the previous advertisement (dated: 10/09/2024) complying with the conditions of the current advertisement will be considered for this advertisement and need not to apply again.  
7 Power Division reserves the authority either to appoint or cancel the process at any stage, without showing any reason.

(MOHAMMAD SOLAIMAN)  
Deputy Secretary  
Power Division  
Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources



**Tender Notice**

1. **Name of Institution:** School of Infantry and Tactics, Jalalabad Cantonment, Sylhet.  
2. **Description of work:** Renovation of mechanized infantry maneuver ground and APC Track which are used for the Training of Personnel to be deployed under united nations.  
3. Start date of tender sale: 15 January 2025 at 0900 hrs.  
4. Last date of sale of tenders: 29 January 2025 at 1400 hrs.  
5. Tender opening date: 30 January 2025 at 1200 hrs.

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General Staff Officer-1 (Training)  
School of Infantry and Tactics  
Jalalabad Cantonment, Sylhet  
Mobile No. 01769-183580

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Press Information Department (PID)  
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting  
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka

Memo No. 15.52.0000.012.07.007.18/1387 Date : 14.01.2025

**e-Tender Notice**

e-Tender is invited in the national portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of goods as stated below:

S. No.	Tender ID, Reference No.	Procurement Nature, Title	Type, Method	Publishing Date, Closing Date
1	1058482, 15.52.0000.012.07.007.18-1516	Goods, Procurement of different Office Equipment and related service	NCT, OTM	15-Jan-2025 12:00:00 , 30-Jan-2025 12:00:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no hard/ offline copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP portal is required

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