

Mohammad Hafizur Rahman passes away

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Retired Bangladesh Bank official Mohammad Hafizur Rahman passed away yesterday. He was 92.



He breathed his last at 1:05pm at his residence in Dhaka. He left behind his two daughters, one son, five grandchildren, and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death. Hafizur Rahman was from Nesarabad upazila in Pirojpur. He will be laid to rest today at his family graveyard in Pirojpur.



BAGERHAT'S KACHUA UPAZILA

Waterlogging threatens Boro cultivation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat  
Thousands of farmers in Kachua upazila, Bagerhat, are facing a critical situation as waterlogging has rendered over 1,000 bighas of land unsuitable for Boro cultivation. Villages such as Sangdia, Kolmibunia, and Pingoria are struggling with stagnant water that refuses to recede. Hossain Paik, a 25-year-old farmer from Kolmibunia village, said, "I have two fish enclosures spread over five bighas of land. The waterlogging has made it impossible for me to plant Boro paddy this season. If the water

doesn't recede soon, there won't be any time left to cultivate." The problem is exacerbated by the malfunctioning of the Arjakhali sluice gate, which, according to locals, allows water to enter but not drain out. Rafiqul Paik, a 28-year-old farmer from the same village, said, "I can't cultivate on my two bighas of land because the water won't drain. I have no solution in sight," he said. In Shrirampur village, Shishir Das, 45, has been trying to pump water out of his eight bighas of land, but his efforts have been fruitless. "Even after removing

water multiple times, it keeps coming back. I am helpless as the planting season slips away," he said. The situation has left the farming community uncertain and financially strained, as Boro is one of the region's most important crops. The prolonged waterlogging not only threatens these farmers' livelihoods but also raises concerns about food security in the area. When contacted, Abu Rayhan Md Al-Biruni, executive engineer of the Water Development Board in Bagerhat, said steps are being taken to address the issue. He, however, did not specify a timeline for resolving the problem.

Women

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Vermicompost is primarily used in fruit and vegetable farming, so its production and demand have grown significantly," said Md Ashikur Rahman, a deputy assistant agriculture officer at the DAE, Pabna. Mita Sarkar, Ishwardi upazila agriculture officer, said, "Earthworms process cow dung into vermicompost over time. While repetitive crop cultivation and excessive use of chemical fertilisers reduce soil fertility, vermicompost helps restore fertility and enhances crop yields at a lower cost. It's suitable for almost all types of crops, so we're encouraging farmers to use it more."

Cut bureaucracy, boost autonomy

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OPERATIONAL REFORMS  
The reform commission has advised immediately forming a permanent prosecution unit as per the ACC Act by appointing a few permanent prosecutors initially, and gradually replacing contract-based lawyers with permanent prosecutors over 5-10 years.

It also asked to automate the ACC's processes, including management, investigations, secret inquiries, and prosecution through end-to-end automation. It also suggested expanding the Digital Forensic Lab's manpower and capacity and placing it directly under the chairman's supervision. The commission also proposed setting up an ACC training academy to enhance its financial, administrative, and technical capabilities and to ensure mandatory and regular staff training. To prevent internal corruption, the commission has advised forming a high-powered task force, with support from government and intelligence agencies, to identify and expel corrupt ACC officials and refer them for criminal prosecution. ACC spokesperson and Director-General Md Akhtar

Hossain declined to make any comments on the report. Dr Ittekkharuzzaman, head of the reform commission, said, "There should be diversity in ACC appointments. ACC should recruit from professions directly related to its work instead of prioritising bureaucrats." "We (the commission) want the ACC to be independent and effective, but its independence is not limitless. The ACC must be accountable, with recognition for successes and accountability for failures," he added.

57pc graduates

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Daffodil International University (over 59pc), National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM) (over 58pc), BRAC University (James P Grant School of Public Health) (over 55pc), North South University (over 40pc), and other institutions (over 69pc). The survey, however, did not include an equal number of participants from all institutions. Addressing the event, Professor Mohammad Zahurul Islam of NSU emphasised that public health graduates face fewer challenges due to better communication skills and curriculum diversity. Dr Ataur Rahman, director of Center for Professional Skill Development and a contributor to the report, said hiring external faculty and high dropout rates among public health students contribute to these challenges.

Professor Rounaq Jahan, convener of BHW Advisory Council and distinguished fellow at Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), suggested prioritising reforms in public health education, and advocated for collaboration between public and private institutions, maintaining curriculum standards, and integrating public health into governance frameworks. Speaking as chief guest, Md Sarwar Bari, secretary to the Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, acknowledged significant progress achieved in public health education recently, and stressed that it should not remain theoretical, and its benefits must be extended to the community level. Ahmad Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, convener of BHW, chaired the event. Miranda Beckman, health advisor at Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), spoke, among others.

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3rd terminal set

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parking design, the chairman admitted that the car parking area was placed in front of the terminal, which slightly affected the building's aesthetics. In reply to a query, the CAAB chief said two security personnel were removed from duty at the HSA after beating a Bangladeshi-origin Norwegian passenger recently at the Dhaka

Airport. "A report on the incident was submitted by the investigation committee, which conducted a thorough inquiry. Based on the findings, the two personnel were sent back to their respective forces for further investigation," said the CAAB chairman. The identities of the removed personnel were not disclosed.

Family refuses

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The hospital authorities also said the claim of a "wrong surgery" by the patient's family was "extremely unfortunate" and the actual events had been "grossly distorted". When asked about the matter, Irtiza's father Md Mahmud Hasan said, "We don't understand these technical medical terms like whether foreign body removal is considered an operation. My payment receipt clearly states 'operation charge'. That implies it was a surgery, regardless of its scale. If only one eye had an issue, why did the doctor treat the other?"

"Even though the doctor made a mistake, they didn't initially provide us with a discharge letter. When they eventually did, the error wasn't mentioned in it. We cannot accept their explanation. My child was given anesthesia, and permission was taken for surgery. So how can they claim it wasn't surgery?" Meanwhile, Dr Shahedara Begum was arrested from her residence in the capital's Elephant Road area early yesterday, following a case filed by the child's father with Dhanmondi Police Station. She was later granted bail by the court the same day.

A rural game

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teams while navigating the route to their destination. As the game reached its conclusion around 9:00pm, the East team emerged victorious, successfully transporting the Guti to their destination. "Hoomguti Khela is

more than just a game; it's a legacy," said Mita Sarkar, a local cultural enthusiast. She said the annual event continues to strengthen communal bonds, honour history, and celebrate the rich heritage of Phulbaria's rural communities.

Save Hatirjheel

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government prioritised one percent of people instead of 99 percent by adding multiple ramps to the elevated expressway. However, it should have been a bypass from the airport to Jatrabari as per the Strategic Transport Plan-2005, he said. He warned that the additional link from Sonargaon to Palashi in the Tk 3,216 crore expressway project will significantly increase traffic congestion. BIP General Secretary Sheikh Muhammad Mehedi Ahsan blamed the lack of a white paper for the deterioration of Dhaka and called for forming a commission to create sustainable cities. Syeda Ratna, coordinator of Tentultala Playground Protection Movement, Representative of River Bangla Dr Kajal Rashid, Md Mithun from Work for Better Bangladesh Trust and Masud Karim from Kalabagan Welfare Society also spoke.

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Under the Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) project Narayanganj Government Technical Schools and Colleges received grants to improve the quality of technical education and increase the capacity of technical education institutions. In accordance with the needs of the country and the international labor market, in an effort to accelerate the economic development by reducing the unemployment of the country by increasing the skills, education and training of the youth, workers, women, disabled, backward and underprivileged people of the country, in the purchase of goods of the procurement nature described below e-tenders are being invited through National e-GP (www.eprocure.gov.bd) system.

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1055352	Goods: Supply of Machineries and Equipment for Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Trade	NCT OTM	16-Jan-2025 12:00:00 , 03-Feb-2025 13:30:00
1055470	Goods: Supply of ICT Equipment and Accessories	OTM OTM	16-Jan-2025 12:00:00 , 03-Feb-2025 14:00:00

Engr. Md. Mahub Haider  
Principal

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
সিনিয়র স্পেশাল জজ এর কার্যালয়  
নারায়ণগঞ্জ  
নিম্ন বর্ণিত তদারকসি ০২ নং কলামে বর্ণিত ব্যক্তির মালিকানাধীন ০৩৩ কলামে উল্লিখিত সম্পত্তি পরামর্শন পিটিশন নং ০২/২০২৫ মামলায় মালিকানাধীন প্রতিবেদন আবেদন, ২০২২ এর ১৪(৩) দ্বারা মোকদ্দমের চক্রোদ্ধার করা হয়েছে যা সর্বসাধারণের আকর্ষণীয় জ্ঞান বিজ্ঞপ্তি আকারে প্রকাশ করা হলো।  
"সম্পত্তির তফসিল"  
ক্রমিক নং: ১  
বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি (বর্ণনা):  
১. সীমা বেলা (০৬), মাদী- মিতু মিয়া, গ্রাম- পেরিয়ারা, থানা- পরিষদবাড়ী, জেলা- জামালপুর, বর্তমান সাং- পদ্মুর উলাক মফসিল, থানা- বন্দর, জেলা- নারায়ণগঞ্জ।  
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২. মিতু মিয়া (০৩), মিতা- হাদিস মিয়া, গ্রাম- পেরিয়ারা, থানা- পরিষদবাড়ী, জেলা- জামালপুর, বর্তমান সাং- পদ্মুর উলাক মফসিল, থানা- বন্দর, জেলা- নারায়ণগঞ্জ।  
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জন্ম তারিখ-০৩/০২/১৯৭৩ খ্রি।  
বন্দর থানাধীন সেন্ট্রাল মৌজার ব্যাংক নং-১১১৬ ও ১১১৭, দাগ সিস্টেম ও এর ৪৯০৬, আর.এল ৭৫৪ নং দাগের ০৬ শতাংশ সম্পত্তি।  
দাগ নং-৭০৫৪, তারিখ-০৫/১১/২০২০ খ্রি।  
মৌজা-বাসলী, খতিয়ান নং-হাল-১১৫৩, ১১১৪, দাগ নং-হাল-২২০১৬, সৌদি-জালা, ইছতে ২২ শতাংশের কতে ৬ শতাংশ (উত্তরাংশ)। মোজার ৬ শতাংশ জমি মার।  
দাগ নং-১৩০৭, জং ০৩/০৩/২০১৬ খ্রি।  
মৌজা-বাসলী, খতিয়ান নং-হাল-১১১৪  
তারিখ-০৫/১১, হাল-০২২০, ১। দাগ নং-হাল-১২০১৬, সৌদি-সোরা, ইছতে ১৬ শতাংশের কতে ইছতে ১২ শতাংশ। মোজার ৫ শতাংশ জমি মার।  
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Memo No. 35.01.7364.456.07.012.24-124 Date: 16-01-2025  
e-Tender Notice: No. 19/2024-2025  
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Tender Package No: e-GP/04/PMP Road Major/EE/SRD/SYL/2 024-25  
Periodic Maintenance work under PMP(Road-Major) providing by Reconstruction, DBS Wearing Course, Strengthening & Rigid Pavement Work at Ch. 0+000 to 0+610, Ch. 2+817 to 4+100, Ch. 4+120 to 4+900, Ch. 4+920 to 6+200, Ch. 8+200 to 9+250, Ch. 10+050 to 10+300 & Ch. 11+050 to Ch. 12+425 Including Road marking, Traffic Sign, Sign Post of Vadeshwari-Mirganj-Manikona-Fenchuganj Road (Z-2831) Under Road Division, Sylhet During The Year 2024-2025.  
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