



Rowers race towards the finish line in a thrilling boat competition held as part of the Youth Festival 2024. Teams from various places in and around Khulna participated, while thousands of spectators gathered to witness the event. The photo was taken on the Rupsha River in Khulna yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Forced to resign, school principal suffers stroke

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Moulvibazar

Shanwar Mohammad Rezaul Karim, principal of Shahjahanpur High School in Habiganj's Madhabpur upazila, suffered a stroke on Tuesday while allegedly being forced to resign.

According to reports, a group of youths entered his office that morning, accusing him of embezzling funds from 2020 to 2024.

As they pressured him to sign a resignation letter, he lost consciousness and collapsed. A video of the incident has since gone viral on social media.

He was rushed to a hospital and remains under treatment, said family.

Following the incident, the Upazila Secondary Teachers and Employees Association held a meeting yesterday, demanding authorities identify

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Strike halts fuel supply in Rajshahi, Rangpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Dinajpur*

Fuel lifting and distribution from the depots in Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions have come to a complete halt as fuel pump owners and workers went on a strike yesterday morning.

The Bangladesh Petroleum Dealers, Distributors, Agents, and Petrol Pump Owners' Association's Rajshahi unit called the strike starting from 8:00am yesterday, protesting an eviction drive conducted by the Roads and Highways Department without prior notice.

In a statement, the association's president Md Mizanur Rahman Ratan and general secretary Md Abdul Jalil condemned the RHD's eviction drive as "unjust and unreasonable", and urged fuel pump owners in Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions to suspend operations.

Abdul Jalil also alleged that the RHD in Bogura excavated drainage channels in front of Hamim Filling Station and Anika Filling Station in Adamdighi, causing damage to the pumps.

The strike led to disruption of vehicular movement across 16 districts, including eight under the Rangpur division.

Motorcyclists, in particular, struggled as petrol and octane became largely unavailable, with many stations

remaining shut down completely since morning.

Arman Hossain, a motorcyclist in Dinajpur, said, "I have been searching for petrol since morning, but every pump is closed in Dinajpur. This is a major problem for daily commuters like me. If I don't get fuel soon, I will have to leave my bike and rely on public transport."

Similarly, in Rangpur, Bhupen Roy, a fuel-run three-wheeler driver, said, "Many of us depend on daily earnings from our vehicles. If the pumps remain shut, how will we survive?"

He urged authorities to resolve the issue immediately.

According to reports, RHD in Naogaon conducted an eviction drive on both sides of 59km Naogaon-Joypurhat road between February 2 and 4 without any prior notice, causing widespread concern and dissatisfaction among the fuel pump owners.

Contacted, Md Hamidul Haque, executive engineer of RHD in Naogaon, however, said the eviction drive was carried out by RHD in Bogura.

Authorities from both the Naogaon and Bogura RHD claimed that the eviction was part of a regular drive and was conducted in accordance with a prior public notice published in newspapers.

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Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)
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Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

For the Selection of Consulting / Audit Firm
For Conducting Operator's Procedure and Systems Audit of Teletalk Bangladesh Limited

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1. Ministry/Division	Posts and Telecommunications Division, Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications & Information Technology
2. Agency	Autonomous Bodies and Other Institutions
3. Name of Procuring Entity	Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC)
4. Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6. Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting/ Audit Firm (Lump - sum)
7. EOI Ref. No.	14.32.0000.400.01.006.24.180
8. Date	02/02/2025

KEY INFORMATION

9. Procurement Method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10. Budget and Source of funds	Revenue Budget (Own Funds)
11. Development Partner (if applicable)	Not applicable

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12. Project/Programme Code (if applicable)	Not applicable
13. Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	Not applicable
14. EOI Closing Date and time	23/02/2025 (12.00 P.M.) Bangladesh Standard Time (GMT+6)

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15. Brief Description of the Assignment	Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as the 'Commission' or 'BTRC') intends to appoint a Consulting/ an Audit Firm for conducting Operator's Procedure and Systems Audit of Teletalk Bangladesh Limited. The scope includes performing the auditing tasks in the following categories:
	1) Regulatory and Legal Matters 2) Technical Matters 3) Financial Matters 4) Any Other Matters

The details of the scope of work are mentioned in the Terms of References (TOR).

16. Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required	The lead firm (Audit Firm) must be a competent ICAB member with sufficient and high-scale auditing experience. Additionally, the lead firm and/or any of its Joint Venture, Consortium or Association (JVA) partners must have sufficient technical and information system auditing experience in multinational telecom/IT firms. The lead firm is encouraged to associate with foreign audit firm(s) with sufficient information system (technical) audit experience in multinational environment. The details of the experience, resource and delivery required are mentioned in the TOR. Detailed TOR and other relevant information are available at WEB LINK.
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17. Other Details (if applicable)	The formation, operation and obligation of JVCA shall be governed by the Rule-54 of Public Procurement Rules-2008 of Bangladesh.
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18. Association with foreign firms is	Encouraged
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Ref. No.	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date (Month/Year)	Indicative Completion Date (Month/Year)
19. -	Not applicable	Dhaka	06/2025	11/2025

20. Name of the Official Inviting EOI	M. A. Taleb Hossain
21. Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	Director, Administration Division, BTRC
22. Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Plot # E-5/A, Agargaon Administration Area, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
23. Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI	Tel: +8802222217116 Email: diradmin@btrc.gov.bd taleb.hossain@btrc.gov.bd

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ATTACK ON HASINA'S TRAIN

HC acquits all 47 accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday scrapped the trial court judgement and acquitted all the 47 accused in the case filed over the attack on a train carrying the then opposition leader, Sheikh Hasina, in Ishwardi 30 years ago.

The trial court had earlier sentenced nine people to death, 25 to life imprisonment, and 13 accused to 10 years' jail sentence in the case.

The HC also asked the jail authorities to immediately release the accused from prison.

The HC bench of Justice Muhammad Mahbub Ul Islam and Justice Md Hamidur Rahman delivered the verdict after holding hearing on the death references (trial court documents for confirmation of death

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It's flawed

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population density. This replaces the previous uniform FAR policy, which REHAB argues was more effective.

The association warned that if the reforms are not finalised within the deadline, they will launch a large-scale movement involving all stakeholders, including landowners.

Wahiduzzaman

noted that REHAB had so far avoided street protests but would be forced to act if authorities failed to respond.

REHAB highlighted the housing sector's contributions and the negative effects of the new DAP. Wahiduzzaman pointed out that the 2008 building regulations were designed with provisions for canal conservation, road widening, and water body protection.

Allowing conditional land-use changes in these areas is both illegal and harmful to the city's environmental sustainability, they said.

The authorities must act now to prevent further deterioration of Dhaka's urban landscape," Wahiduzzaman asserted.

continue to be encroached upon with no action from regulators.

They pointed out inconsistencies in the DAP's formulation, stating that the "Detailed Regional Plan (2022-2035)" was completed before the "Dhaka Structure Plan," violating urban planning principles.

According to REHAB, the Town Improvement Act of 1953 mandates that the structural plan should be completed before the DAP, with input from experts and the public.

They also argued that classifying floodplain areas as "main channel" and "general floodplain" has no legal basis and violates existing laws, court rulings, and public interest.

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PRAYER TIMING FEBRUARY 6

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:15	5:52	7:15
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:30	5:56	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

BISWA IJTEMA

2nd session of first phase ends with Akheri Munajat

STAR REPORT

The second session of the first phase of Biswa Ijtema concluded yesterday through "Akheri Munajat" seeking blessings for peace and prosperity of the Muslim Ummah.

The final prayer was conducted by Maulana Zubair Ahmed, the top leader of Shura-e-Nezam, Bangladesh.

The prayer began at 12:10pm and ended around 12:25pm.

Around 3,050 devotees from 76 countries participated in the first phase of the six day Ijtema.

Its first session ended on February 2 and the second

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