

Hawkers association gets new committee

CITY DESK
Md Mominul Islam has been elected the president of Dhaka Sangbadpatra Hawkers Bahumukhi Samabaya Samity Ltd, and Md Farhad Hossain and Mosharraf Hossain have been elected members of the association, said a press release.
The interim committee was formed under section 22(7) of the Co-operative Societies Act 2001 (amended in 2002 and 2013) after the Dhaka District Samabaya Officer dissolved the last committee on February 2, 2025.
The committee was dissolved under section 22(2) of the Co-operative Societies Act 2001 (amended in 2002 and 2013), added the release.



Administrative void

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on my studies while constantly being bitten by mosquitoes,” Sami said.
Rassel Hasan, a resident of Bashiruddin Road in Kalabagan, echoed him.
“Two weeks ago, we did not need to apply mosquito repellent, but now it is mandatory to use it after evening due to these blood-sucking insects,” Hasan said.
The post of DSCC’s chief health officer has also been vacant since the transfer of Fazole Shamsul Kabir on December 31. Health officer Dr Nishat Parvin is now performing the duties of the chief health officer.
Contacted, Mohammad Bashirul Haque Bhuiyan, acting CEO of DSCC, said a proposal to appoint a new administrator has already been submitted, and they are hopeful of getting one by next week.
“In the absence of an administrator, I have been using my full authority as acting CEO to carry out time-sensitive and routine tasks. I also have financial

and administrative power, though I exercise it with caution,” Bhuiyan said.
Adil Mohammad Khan, president of the Bangladesh Institute of Planners, criticised the government for neglecting city corporations since coming to power.
“The absence of an administrator and CEO in DSCC, one of the country’s key city corporations, highlights this negligence,” he said.
As a result, many city dwellers are either being deprived of essential services or facing severe issues due to damaged roads and other infrastructural shortcomings, Adil added.
“It is beyond my understanding why the government is giving less priority to city corporations across the country,” he said.
“If the government were sincere, they would have appointed interim mayors by selecting eligible individuals nationwide. Their failure to do so has led to the current crisis,” he added.

Families of July martyrs block

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blood of martyrs. They don’t care about us or how we live.” The families warned to withdraw their cases if the government does not show sincerity in addressing their demands.
PEOPLE SUFFER
The prolonged blockade caused significant disruption in the city.
Patients, commuters, and emergency workers faced delays as they navigated around the blocked roads.
Mofizul Islam, 28, was seen walking with his wife and 15-month-old son, who is suffering from pneumonia. Unable to find transport, the family walked from Matsya Bhaban to Gulistan.
“Rickshaw pullers were charging double the normal fare. We had no choice but to walk,” he said.
Ambulances were let go by protesters, but many ambulances were seen stuck in nearby roads due to the gridlock.
Nurses from Birdem Hospital expressed frustration over repeated roadblocks near Shahbagh.
Later in the evening, a separate group gathered in front of the National Museum, demanding the immediate formation of a Truth Commission. They did not block the road.
Speakers criticised the government for failing to hold Awami League accountable. They demanded compensation for martyrs, treatment for the injured, and rehabilitation for victims.
Among the participants

were four victims of enforced disappearance, including Md Mukul Hossain.
“I was disappeared on February 3, 2019, and tortured for 94 days in Aynagar before being falsely imprisoned. We demand justice and compensation,” Mukul said on behalf of the Voice of Enforced Disappearance.
The group presented three demands: forming of a Truth Commission, allowing victims’ families and journalists access to Aynagar, and trials of those responsible for July killings.
Anik Roy, former general secretary of Chhatra Union, activists Tuhin Khan and Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, and poet Ferdous Ara Rumi also spoke at the event.

Woman held for trafficking

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sent to Saudi Arabia on Umrah visas. After performing Umrah, they were trafficked to Russia and sold to a man named Sultan, who then handed them over to Russian soldiers as forced labourers.
Instead of the promised jobs, they were forced to fight against Ukraine, the CID official said.
Those who refused were subjected to severe physical and psychological torture, including food deprivation. Eventually, they were forced into battle, added the official.

Humayun Kabir from Singra, Natore, was killed in the war, while Aminul from Keraniganj, Dhaka, sustained critical injuries, said the CID.
Among the victims, 24-year-old Akram Hossain from Narsingdi’s Palash managed to escape from the training camp and returned to Bangladesh on January 26. He then contacted the families of other victims.
Based on his information, Aminul’s wife, Jhumur Akter, filed a case with Banani Police Station.
Following an investigation, CID arrested

Fabia Zerir Tamanna from the airport.
During preliminary questioning, she confessed to her involvement.
CID also discovered that another group of 10 victims is stranded in Saudi Arabia.
After learning about the forced recruitment into the war, they refused to go to Russia, prompting traffickers to confiscate their passports. As a result, they are now unable to work in Saudi Arabia or return home.
CID said Fabia’s brother, Tuhin, who is currently in Russia, played a key role in persuading the victims to join the war. CID is working with government and NGOs to repatriate the victims, the official added.

ACC to probe Hasina

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2024 alone, the national flag carrier operated 48 VVIP flights for Hasina, spending a total Tk 250 crore.
Hasina reportedly spent Tk 200 crore from the state’s fund on these foreign trips. On September 18, 2021, her VVIP Biman flight for New York included a two-day stopover in Finland instead of being a direct flight, resulting in additional expenditure of Tk 7 crore, said Biman sources.
Notably, as of 2023, the government owed

approximately Tk 500 crore to Biman.
Hasina allegedly obtained fake doctorate degrees from different foreign universities by hiring lobbyists using state funds to bypass academic standards.
Some of those degrees were reportedly obtained through excessive spending or deals contrary to national interests, including those from Tripura University, Catholic University of Brussels, and Visva-Bharati University.

Probe into deaths

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inside their homes and they died by gun-shooting from helicopter,” the HC bench of Justice Md Akram Hossain Chowdhury and Justice KM Rasheduzzaman Raja said in the full text of verdict which was released recently.
On December, the bench delivered its verdict following a petition filed by Supreme Court lawyer Taimur Alam Khondaker.
Earlier, the HC had issued a rule asking the government to explain why it should not be directed to give Tk 1 crore to each family of the children who

were killed in the violence centring quota movement.
In the rule, the court asked the government to show causes why they should not be ordered to probe the incidents of deaths through an international commission.

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TIMING

FEBRUARY 7

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

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

OBITUARY

Mr. Enam Ahmed Chaudhury
Chairman of IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) died of a massive heart attack at his residence at Banani, Dhaka on 3rd February 2025. Mr. Chaudhury has left behind his wife Mrs. Nagina Chaudhury, son Mr. Nadeem Chaudhury, daughter Mrs. Ina Islam, three grandchildren, and a host of friends, relatives, and well-wishers to mourn his death.
Late Enam Ahmed Chaudhury took over as the Chairman of IFB in December 2022 and continued to serve in that capacity till his death. The Board of Trustees of IFB, members of staff, volunteers, and well-wishers deeply mourn the sudden demise of IFB’s Chairman. We pray for the salvation of his soul and eternal peace. IFB also expresses its sincerest condolences to Mrs. Chaudhury and his family members.

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