

Mohammad  
Azaz new  
administrator  
of DNCC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mohammad  
Azaz,  
chairman  
of the River  
and Delta  
Research  
Centre,  
has been appointed as the  
administrator of Dhaka  
North City Corporation.

He has been appointed  
as a full-time administrator  
for a one-year term. A  
notification was issued in  
this regard yesterday, signed  
by Mahbuba Irene, deputy  
secretary to the LGD.

Nine hurt  
in clashes  
during BNP  
conferences

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Bagerhat

Nine people were injured in  
clashes among BNP leaders  
and activists during union  
conferences in Bagerhat's  
Kachua and Chitalmari  
upazilas on Tuesday.

In Kachua, police said  
three people were injured  
when two BNP factions  
fought over the formation  
of the Dhopalkhali union  
BNP committee.

Meanwhile, supporters  
of two BNP factions clashed  
in Chitalmari during the  
conference of Ward-4 BNP  
of Kalatala union, which  
left six people injured, said  
OC SM Shahadat Hossain.

"The service provided

## Lost signals, lost safety

FROM PAGE 5  
Matsyajibi Samitee,  
stressed the urgency of a  
robust communication system,  
stating that for nearly five lakh fishermen  
and their families, radio is a  
vital source of information.

With mobile networks failing at sea, a strong radio  
communication system is  
essential. "The authorities  
should either increase Barishal's frequency  
or establish a relay station in Kuakata," he added.

Md Rafiqul Islam, regional director of  
Bangladesh Betar Barishal centre, said the station's  
coverage does not extend beyond Kuakata beach,  
meaning fishermen at sea cannot receive urgent  
weather updates.

Without a relay station or stronger transmission power,  
it is impossible to reach the estimated 125,000  
deep-sea fishermen who rely on  
radio for survival, he added.

He said they have also  
notified the issue to the  
higher authorities.

"Hopefully, they will try  
to come up with a solution soon  
by setting up a relay station in Kuakata or  
increasing the frequency," he added.

## 999 services now in English too

FROM PAGE 3  
that foreign officials in  
Bangladesh -- including  
those working with the UN,  
INGOs, foreign missions,  
and various development  
partners -- will now be able  
to seek emergency help  
more conveniently.

"Currently, we are rolling  
out the English service with a limited number of  
workstations to assess the  
response. Based on the  
feedback, we will expand the service," he said.

He said similar services are popular in Singapore,  
Malaysia, and the UAE.

Three inspectors --  
Soyebur Rahman, Shahadat  
Hossain, Selim, and Istiak  
Ansari -- conducted a one-month training session to  
prepare 20 officers to  
handle calls in English.

## Injured

FROM PAGE 3  
On February 7, at least 18  
people were injured when  
alleged Awami League  
activists attacked a group of  
protesters near the ancestral  
home of Mozammel Haque  
in Gazipur.

Later that night, Kashem's  
family learned that he was  
among the injured. Police  
took the injured to Shaheed  
Tajuddin Ahmed Medical  
College Hospital.

Twelve of the injured,  
including Kashem, were  
later transferred to DMCH.

**BR test runs**

FROM PAGE 5  
dedicated railway bridge  
of the country will be  
inaugurated formally  
on March 18, Al Fattah  
Md Masudur Rahman,  
additional director general  
(infrastructure) of BR, told  
The Daily Star.

Masudur, also project  
director of bridge, said they  
have started using one of  
the two lines of bridge for  
the trial operation.

He said the president of  
JICA, the financer of the  
over Tk 17,000 crore project,  
will take part in the bridge  
inauguration programme.

The 4.8km double line  
dual gauge bridge over  
Jamuna River will boost rail  
connectivity between Dhaka  
and northwestern regions.



## VACANCY NOTICE

World Health Organization (WHO) invites applications from the interested  
and eligible candidates for the following position under following contractual  
modality:

### - Executive Assistant- Data Management and GIS / SSA

For further details on submission of applications including detailed post description  
please visit our websites:

<https://www.who.int/bangladesh/about-us/employment>  
<https://careers.who.int/careersection/ex/jobsearch.ftl>

Qualified female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

WHO has a smoke-free environment and does not recruit smokers or other  
tobacco users.



AHSANULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
141-142, Love Road, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208  
Phone: 02 8870422 (Ext-201) Web: [www.aust.edu](http://www.aust.edu)  
Ref. No. AUST/EEE, MPE & CE/OTM/Tender-10/2024-25

## TENDER INVITATION

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) is inviting sealed bids from bona fide/ reputed  
organizations/ distributors/ business partners/agents for:

- Supply of Lab Equipment (Overcurrent relay, directional relay & differential relay) for the Department of EEE (Re-Tender)
- Supply of Lab Equipment (Bioplus kit, Sensors & software) for the Department of MPE (Re-Tender)
- Supply & Installation of Direct shear test apparatus (ASTM D 3080-04) for the Department of Civil Engineering
- Supply of Lab Equipment (Total Station) for the Department of Civil Engineering

The bidders must submit earnest money @ 2.5% of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled  
bank drawn in favor of "Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology" along with their offer. Interested bidders may  
collect schedule of tender from Procurement Officer of AUST on all working days till Feb. 25, 2025. The sealed offer must be  
submitted on Feb. 27, 2025 by 1.30pm at the Treasurer's office and the tenders will be opened at 02:00pm on the same  
day (Feb. 27, 2025). Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the tenders.  
The AUST authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason whatsoever  
and is not bound to award the work order to the lowest bidder.

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENLISTMENT AT SMC ENTERPRISE LIMITED

Reference No. and dated SMC EL/Enlistment/01/2025  
11 February 2025

Category of goods & services 1) Raw Materials (Local & Import), 2) Packaging Materials (Local & Import), 3) Printing & Packaging, 4) Computer & Computer Accessories, 5) Outdoor Advertising, 6) Promotional Gift Items, 7) General Order Supplier (Tour & Travel Agency, Freight Forwarder, CNF, Insurance Company, Gift & Stationary Items, etc.), 8) Advertising Agency (i.e. Creative, Media Buying, Events & Activations, Digital Media Buying) 9) Research Agency, 10) Training/HR Development Organization, 11) Vehicle Maintenance/Engineering Work Shop

Duration of Enlistment 02 Years

Schedule collection date, time, and place Schedule will be available at [www.smc-bd.org](http://www.smc-bd.org) to be downloaded and printed free of cost from 11 to 23 February 2025

Application dropping place, date, and time Potential vendors are invited to submit sealed envelope with application and necessary business documents into Tender Box at SMC Tower, Level 1, 33 Banani C/A, Dhaka-1213 from 11 to 23 February 2025 within 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. Category of goods & services should be mentioned on top of the envelope. SMC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all application(s) without conveying any reason whatsoever

**N.B: Already enlisted suppliers have to apply in this procedure**

Deputy Managing Director (Operations), SMC Enterprise Limited  
SMC Tower, 33 Banani C/A, Dhaka. Phone: +88-02-222275074-80

## Scuffle, sit-in, strike

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The protest ended around  
4:00pm.

Meanwhile, candidates  
facing the cancellation  
of their appointments  
as assistant teachers in  
government primary  
schools continued their  
sit-in at Shahbagh, demanding  
reinstatement.

Around 150 protesters  
gathered in front of the  
National Museum at 1:30pm.  
Since Monday, they  
have been demonstrating,  
disrupting traffic for hours.

On Monday, police used  
batons, water cannons, and  
sound grenades to disperse  
the protesters. However, the  
demonstrators remained  
on the road.

The protesters claimed  
that their appointments  
had been revoked "unfairly".

"A total of 6,531  
candidates were included in  
the final merit list but haven't  
received appointments. We  
urge authorities to resolve  
this immediately," they said  
in a statement.

Besides, doctors at

the National Institute of  
Neurosciences (NINS) in  
Dhaka observed a three-  
hour work stoppage  
from 11:45am to 3:00pm,

"Around 9:30am, Enamur  
and three others were  
brought to the court under  
police escort for hearing  
in several cases filed with  
Savar and Ashulia Police  
Stations," said a court staffer.

They also demanded the  
resignation of Director Prof  
Quazi Deen Mohammad  
and joint director Prof Md  
Badru Alam.

While emergency and  
ICU services remained  
operational, outdoor  
services were disrupted,  
causing patient suffering.

Doctors claimed at least  
10 people, including three  
physicians, were injured in  
an attack by third and  
fourth-class employees and  
outsourced staff of NINS.

Asked about the work  
abstention, Joint Director  
Md Badru Alam said, "A  
misunderstanding arose  
over the transfer of a doctor.  
There was a brief argument  
between the two sides."

He claimed there was  
no work stoppage by the  
doctors and the issue had  
been resolved.

## 'Secret note' sparks

FROM PAGE 3  
at the Chief Judicial  
Magistrate's (CJM) Court in  
Dhaka amid police security.

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When asked about the  
incident, Inspector Harun  
or Rashid, who was on duty  
at that time, said, "I did not  
notice any such incident."

Dhaka Metropolitan  
Magistrate MA Azharul  
Islam conducted the  
hearing on a 10-day remand  
prayer, which was sought  
to interrogate Mazumder  
in connection with a case  
filed over the death of Emon  
Hossain Gazi in Dhaka's  
Jatrabari area on August 5.

The magistrate granted  
a five-day remand for  
Mazumder.

**SHAMBHU LOSES  
TEMPER**

Former AL lawmaker

Dhirendra Debnath

Shambhu lost his temper  
while being taken to the

CJM Court for a case hearing

yesterday, as a journalist  
on the court premises was  
taking his pictures.

"Take as many photos as

you want. You have nothing

else to do! Isn't one photo

enough? What's the point  
of taking so many?" he said,  
addressing journalists.

## Staff shortage

FROM PAGE 5  
give signals to trains, but  
closed stations do not,  
requiring loco masters to  
reduce speed to minimise  
the risk of accidents.

Mujibur Rahman,  
another loco master,  
echoed the same concern.

The shortage of  
manpower has also forced  
railway to operate many  
stations with retired station  
masters on a contractual  
basis, while most of the  
operational stations are  
running with half the  
required workforce.

Tarek Imran, deputy chief  
operating superintendent  
of railway's Eastern Zone,  
said the manpower crisis  
is worsening day by day  
and they are regularly  
reaching out to higher  
authorities to recruit more  
staff and resume operations  
at the closed stations.

Md Sabuktigin, general  
manager of railway's Eastern  
Zone, said they have sent  
multiple letters to higher  
authorities urging them to  
address the crisis, but the  
issue remains unresolved.

**PRAYER  
TIMING  
FEBRUARY 13**

|             |       |      |         |      |
|-------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| Fazr        | Zohr  | Asr  | Maghrib | Esha |
| AZAN 5-25   | 12-45 | 4-30 | 5-57    | 7-15 |
| JAMAAT 6-00 | 1-15  | 4-45 | 6-01    | 7-45 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Notification

Dhaka Third Division Qualifying Cricket League (2024-2025)

No.-BCB/CCDM/2024-25/871

Date: 13th February, 2025  
Dhaka Third Division Qualifying Cricket League (2024-2025) will be held in March 2025. According to the decision of the Bangladesh Cricket Board, the Teams / Clubs located in Dhaka Metropolitan Area only (Excluding corporate, office, and cricket academy teams) will be able to collect the prescribed application Form and terms & conditions from the office of CCDM, BCB by paying Taka 1,000/- (One Thousand) on 19, 20 and 22nd February, 2025 (between 10 AM to 6 PM).

The interested clubs / teams need to submit the prescribed application form and necessary papers on official letterhead of the club along with the Pay Order of Taka 1,00,000/- (One Lac) in favor of "Bangladesh Cricket Board" (Entry Fee, Non-refundable) on 23 and 24th February, 2025 (between 10 AM to 6 PM) at the Office of CCDM, BCB (Sher-E- Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216). Please note that no application will be accepted after the due date.

It must be mentioned that no team/club outside the Dhaka Metropolitan Area can participate in this league. All interested clubs/teams must comply with the terms & conditions prescribed by BCB.

**Member Secretary**  
Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM)  
Bangladesh Cricket Board, Dhaka



**Bangladesh Cricket Board**

Date: 13th February, 2025

**Invitation for Tender for Hiring of Transport Services (Scheduled and Unscheduled)**

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|--------------------------|--|
| 1 Name Ministry/Division | Ministry of Health & Family Welfare      |
| 2 Procuring Entity       | icddr,b                                  |
| 3 Invitation for Tender  | Services                                 |
| 4 Invitation Ref No      | icddr,b/SCM/GoB/OTM/Pkg#PS-06&07/2024-25 |
| 5 Date                   | 13-02-2025                               |

**KEY INFORMATION**

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| 6 Procurement Method | Open Tendering Method (National) |
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