

Former UGC chairman Prof Shahidullah passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Kazi Shahidullah passed away yesterday while undergoing treatment in Australia. He was 72.



He had been receiving cancer treatment in Australia and died at his daughter's residence in Canberra, said Prof Mohammed Alamgir, a former UGC member and Shahidullah's colleague.

Prof Shahidullah previously served as Vice-Chancellor of the National University and was a former professor in DU's History department. He also held several key positions at DU.

On August 11, after the fall of Sheikh Hasina, Prof Shahidullah resigned from UGC, citing health issues.

He was reappointed as UGC chairman for a second term on May 28, 2023. His first term began in May 2019.

Shahidullah joined DU history department in 1976 and retired as a professor in 2018. He served three consecutive terms as elected Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1997 to 2003.

He wrote several books, including "Literacy in Mid-Nineteenth Century Devon and Suffolk" in 1984.

Prioritise prudence

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insufficient — judicial transparency, police training, and a shift in societal mindsets are equally important. Survivors must be seen as resilient individuals, not victims. The media must also act responsibly to prevent their repeated harassment," she said.

"Our justice system has serious flaws. Survivors often face additional trauma in court due to aggressive questioning by defence lawyers. It's crucial to change judicial mindsets, improve the skills of police and prosecutors, and create secure spaces in police stations for survivors of abuse," she noted.

She also called for adherence to some progressive verdicts given by the High Court regarding rape cases.

Retired Supreme Court Appellate Division Justice Krishna Debnath emphasised the importance of impartial trials to ensure true justice in rape cases.

She expressed optimism that fair justice could be achieved through the application of fundamental legal principles if judges perform their duties correctly and independently.

"Imposing the death penalty or life imprisonment is not the most important matter; rather, the focus should be on how many fair judgements we can make impartially," she said.

Dhaka University Law Professor Dr Shahnaaz

Huda noted that although all crimes under the law are non-compoundable, widespread informal settlements outside the court demonstrate that law enforcement often fails.

"Despite the law's mention of DNA reports, there is only one DNA testing laboratory throughout Bangladesh," she added.

Advocate Ayesha Akter, legal specialist of BLAST, and Fahad Bin Siddiq, senior research officer at BLAST, presented a set of recommendations regarding the draft of the Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

Recommendations included expanding the definition of rape to cover all genders, providing a broader interpretation of "penetration," setting a specific age threshold for sexual consent, determining monetary fines based on the severity of rape offences, prohibiting the disclosure of identities, photos, and videos of women and children victims of sexual or gender-based violence, as well as vulnerable witnesses or accused persons in any media outlets or online platforms, establishing a state-run compensation fund for victims of rape, and much more.

BLAST Legal Adviser S M Rezaul Karim also spoke at the event.

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Investigators found spermatozoa from three unidentified individuals on her clothes, but the samples did not match any known suspects.

The PBI took over the investigation in 2020 as per the decision of the Police Headquarters.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Tonu's mother, Anwara Begum, said in a tearful voice, "The hope for justice for my daughter is fading day by day. The new investigation officer has yet to meet us. We are waiting to see what steps he takes."

Tonu's father, Yaar Hossain, added, "The new investigator contacted me over phone and asked me to visit him in Dhaka. But after suffering a stroke and undergoing surgery, my health does not allow me to travel."

Contacted, Tariqul Islam, newly appointed investigation officer of the case, said, "We are verifying all evidence and information related to the case. An official process is underway to visit the crime scene in Cumilla. If there is any development, our senior officials will brief the media."

Court Inspector Sadekur Rahman confirmed that PBI Dhaka is now leading the investigation.

Advocate Shahidul Haque Swapon, a human rights lawyer, said, "This is a failure of the state to properly investigate Tonu's murder, even after all these years."

CSOs condemn

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"Any attempt to downplay such a serious violation of human rights not only threatens justice for the victims and their security but also undermines the contributions of thousands of NGO workers who have tirelessly worked for over five decades to uplift millions of marginalised people across Bangladesh," the statement further stated.

The CSO also expressed alarm over the security risks this incident poses to NGO workers across the country.

"We believe that any disruption to the activities of globally recognised NGOs, who have contributed significantly

to the country's overall development, could impede our economic progress," the statement further stated.

The platform also issued a five-point demand — the immediate arrest and trial of the perpetrators, providing compensation and security for the victims, conducting a transparent investigation into the incident, and recognising NGO workers as key development partners.

The CSO also strongly condemned the threat to publish explicit footage of the female NGO worker and urged authorities to consider this act a severe case of gender-based violence under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

Gridlock concern

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The road is closed due to construction. The problem worsens between Jhaoil Bridge and Konabari Intersection, where the highway narrows to a single lane."

Imran Farhan Sumel, executive engineer of the Roads and Highways Department in Sirajganj, assured that construction work would be suspended during Eid to facilitate a smooth journey. "A portion of Jhaoil Bridge will be opened before Eid rush begins, so single-lane traffic will not be a major issue."

This correspondent observed that the construction work on Jhaoil Bridge was almost complete in some portions but not along the entire length of the bridge.

Nonetheless, road congestion remains a concern. "Due to reduced road space, reckless driving and overtaking often lead to gridlocks and accidents," said Md Abdur Rouf, officer-in-charge of Hatikumrul Highway Police Station.

"We will deploy additional personnel at key congestion points starting

from the 22nd of Ramadan to ensure smooth traffic flow," he said, adding that travellers heading toward Bogura and Rangpur may face difficulties at Bhuagati in Raiganj, where construction work has left limited road space.

Anticipating delays, many are planning to send their families home early.

"As a government employee, I can't leave before the holidays. Travelling with my wife and daughter after the vacation starts will be tough, so I'm sending them this Friday," said Md Rukunul Hasan, an audit officer from Pabna.

Like him, many are adopting similar strategies to avoid last-minute Eid travel hassles.

HC acquits

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delivered the verdict after hearing Babar's appeal against the lower court's judgement.

On October 30, 2007, a Dhaka court sentenced Babar to 17 years in prison for possessing illegal firearms and ammunition at his Gulshan residence.

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO 450 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Sections-81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994. AND
IN THE MATTER OF: **Md. Ruhul Alam Al-Mahbub**, son of Late A.K.M. Idris and Momena Idris, Shareholder and Managing Director, **Fair Technology Ltd.** of Khawja Palace, House-76/B (2nd & 3rd Floor), Road-11, Banani, Dhaka. ————— **Petitioner**

—VERSUS—
Fair Technology Ltd., of Khawja Palace, House-76/B (2nd & 3rd Floor), Road-11, Banani, Dhaka., Bangladesh and The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhuvan (6th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. ————— **Respondent**

Take notice that an application under Sections-81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the above named Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of **Fair Technology Ltd.** for the calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024 and to give necessary direction for holding the said meeting within a reasonable time. Upon hearing of the application on 13-03-2025 the Hon'ble Company Judge **Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohail** has been pleased to admit the said application. If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an advocate on or before the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.

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UTTARA BANK PLC.

HEAD OFFICE
47, Shahid Bir Uttam Asfaqus Samad Sarak, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000

PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information as "Price Sensitive Information" of all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Company in its 829th meeting held at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 18 March, 2025 adopted the audited Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December, 2024 and took the following decisions with regard to the forthcoming 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Bank and other related issues:-

Date and time of 42 nd AGM	:	12 May 2025 (Monday) at 11.00 a.m.
Venue	:	Digital Platform
Dividend recommended for the year 2024	:	17.50% Stock and 17.50% cash
Record Date	:	20 April 2025

Comparative Statement				
Particulars	2024		2023	
	Solo (Taka)	Consolidated (Taka)	Solo (Taka)	Consolidated (Taka)
Profit before Provision and Tax	10,972,917,433	10,988,686,663	6,944,585,676	6,927,574,587
Profit after Provision and Tax	4,880,056,822	4,784,338,150	3,203,850,214	3,172,845,598
Net Asset Value (NAV)	26,480,694,751	26,481,168,229	22,684,902,628	22,781,094,778
Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share	32.07	32.07	27.47	27.59
Earnings Per Share (EPS)	5.91	5.79	3.88	3.84
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	7.76	7.70	(12.80)	(12.83)

*Previous year's figures have been re-arranged wherever considered necessary.

Disclosure regarding for recommendation of Bonus Shares (Stock Dividend):

- Stock Dividend has been recommended to strengthen the capital base of the bank and to support business growth;
- Stock Dividend is recommended out of accumulated profit; and
- Stock Dividend is not recommended from capital reserve or revaluation reserve or any unrealized gain or out of profit earned prior to incorporation of the company or through reducing paid up capital or through doing anything so that the post-dividend retained earnings become negative or a debit balance.

Notes:

- The Shareholders whose names will appear in the Share Register of the Company or in the depository (CDBL) on the Record Date will be eligible to attend the meeting and entitled to the above Dividend.
- Members are requested to update their respective BO Account with 12 digits Taxpayer's Identification Number (e-TIN) through their respective Depository Participant (DP) before the Record Date. In case anyone fails to update e-TIN in BO Account before the Record Date, disbursement of respective dividend will be subject to deduction of Advance Income Tax (AIT) @15% instead of @10% (Individual) as per amended IT Ordinance # XXXVI of 1984 under Section 54.
- Pursuant to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Notification No. BSEC/CMRRC/2006-158/208/Admin/81 dated June 20, 2018 the Company will duly forward the Annual Report 2024 in soft copy to the email addresses of the Members available in their Beneficial Owner (BO) accounts maintained with the Depository. Members/Shareholders are requested to update their email addresses through their respective Depository Participant (DP). The soft form of the Annual Report 2024 will also be available in due course on the Company website at www.uttarabank-bd.com.

Date: Dhaka
18 March 2025

By order of the Board
Muhammad Khaled Bashir
General Manager & Secretary

ভাড়া হবে
ভাড়া হবে ৪ বস্ত্র ও পাট মন্ত্রপালারীনি (জেডিপিসি) (১৪৫ মনিপুরী পাড়া, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা) অফিস ভবন / প্রাঙ্গণে অফিস, ব্যাক-বীমা, ব্যাকের বুথ ও আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানকে ভাড়া দেয়া হবে।
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CAR SALE
TARGET SOURCING SERVICES LLC (Bangladesh Liaison Office) is welcoming interested buyers to send quotations to **Contact (+880) 9609101010** for office car.

The Car Details:
* Toyota Fortuner (Hard Jeep)
* Year Manufactured: 2007
* Model TGN51R-NKPSKT.
The Deadline for the quotation is **26 March 2025**.

সামরিক চিকিৎসা সার্ভিস মহাপরিদপ্তর
প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস
জরুরী মোরামত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। এতদ্বারা প্রস্তুত ইলেকট্রনিক মেডিক্যাল যন্ত্রপাতি মোরামতকারী ব্যাকারী/প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারীগণকে (যারা প্রতিরক্ষা কক্ষ মহাপরিদপ্তরের অফিসিয়াল) জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, নিম্নলিখিত ইউনিটের নামের পার্শ্ব বর্ণিত ইলেকট্রনিক মেডিক্যাল যন্ত্রটি অর্জনেরা হওয়ায় মোরামত করা প্রয়োজন।

উপভোগ নং-২১২/২০২৪-২০২৫ **তার ১২-০৩-২০২৫**

Ser	PVMS No	Name Eqpt	Faults/Requirement
1.	210202	4D USG MACHINE WITH STANDARD ACCESSORIES, MODEL:AFFINITY 70G, BRAND: PHILIPS, MADE IN USA	a. Mother Board Faulty b. Printer Head Faulty

২। উল্লিখিত মেশিনটি পরিদপ্তর পূর্বক প্রয়োজনীয় যুক্তি যন্ত্রাংশের প্রস্তুতকারক দেশ এবং মোরামতের নির্দিষ্ট যুক্তি যন্ত্রাংশ উদ্দেশ্য করতঃ ইঞ্জিনিয়ার সার্ভে রিপোর্টসহ দপ্তর অগ্রাধী দপদগতা কর্তৃক সীল মোহরকৃত বাদে **আদাশী ২৪ মার্চ ২০২৫** তারিখের মধ্যে এই মহাপরিদপ্তর এর মেডিক্যাল ট্রের শাখায় বর্ণিত টেন্ডার বাজে জমা দিতে হবে এবং একই তারিখ কো ১০০০ বাটিকায় সরবরাহের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।

৩। উদ্দেশ্য যে, বিশ্বায়োজিত মেশিনের মোরামতকৃত অথবা মোরামতের জন্য প্রদানকৃত যুক্তি যন্ত্রাংশের কমপক্ষে ০১ (এক) বছরের ওয়ারেন্ট (Warranty) প্রদান করতে হবে।

৪। কর্তৃপক্ষ কারন ছাড়াই যে কোন দলদার বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা র্যদেন।

আই এস পি আর/বিবিধ/১০৭

মোঃ তাপস্বর হুসান
মেজর
পক্ষে মহাপরিদপ্তর

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EDCL ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED

395-397, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208

PRESS TENDER NOTICE

Tender Ref.: EDCL (Dhaka)/PUR/PT/2025/101

Date: 19/03/2025

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the reputed Contractor/Organization for Supply and applying of 4mm Thickness Polyurethane floor work of Raw Material Store Corridor and officer room at EDCL, Dhaka Plant on urgent basis:

Name of the Item	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & Opening
4mm Thickness Polyurethane floor work For Raw Material Store Corridor and officer room at EDCL, Dhaka Plant. (Details as per Tender Schedule)	TK.5% of quoted amount	TK.750.00/set (Non-Refundable)	Closing : 09/04/2025 at 12.00PM Opening : 09/04/2025 at 12.30PM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL), Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above in the from of Bank Draft/ Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Company Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager (CC)
Procurement Department
For: Managing Director

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