

Tanzir Fahim's death anniv

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Today is the 15th death anniversary of Tanzir Fahim Jumma (Ovi), eldest son of Sajjatuz Jumma, the founder chairman of Shahjalal Islami Bank Limited and former senior vice president of DCCI, said a press release.

Tanzir passed away in Fort Lauderdale, US on April 10, 2010 aged 29.

He obtained degrees in management and marketing from the US and was employed in an investment company as a senior executive.

He is the grandson of late national leader AHM Quamaruzzaman, one of the organisers of the Liberation War.

PRAYER
TIMING

APRIL 10

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:35	12:45	4:45	6:24	7:45
JAMAAT 5:10	1:15	5:00	6:28	8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

It's festival time

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A discussion followed under the slogan: “Let us strengthen our movement to implement the Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord to ensure the existence of indigenous Jumma people”.

The event was chaired by Prakriti Ranjan Chakma, president of the Bangladesh Indigenous Forum (CHT) and convener of the celebration committee.

Chakma Circle Chief Barrister Devasish Roy attended as chief guest.

Speakers highlighted how these traditional festivals foster unity, joy, and cultural pride, transforming hill villages into vibrant hubs of celebration with sports, rituals, and communal gatherings.

Later in the morning, a colourful rally brought the town to life. Dressed in traditional attire, men, women, and children marched from Rangamati municipality to the District Shilpakala Academy, passing through Banarupa and other key areas.

The celebration committee has organised a four-day programme from

April 9 to 12. Traditional Jumma sports will be held at Rangamati Mari Stadium on April 10, followed by Boli Khela (wrestling), poetry recitation, and cultural performances on April 11. The much-anticipated Fool Bihan (flower-floating ceremony), symbolising purity and renewal, will take place on April 12.

In the early hours of April 12, young Chakma men and women will gather at Dibachari spring in Dighinala to collect flowers for Phul Biju -- a cherished ritual that signifies cleansing and hope.

The Rangamati Hill District Council has also organised a week-long fair at the Cultural Institute of Ethnic Minorities from April 3 to 9.

The main Biju celebration will be held on April 13, while April 14 will mark Pahela Baishakh.

On the same day, the Tripura community will observe Boisu, while the Marma community will host Panikhili -- a traditional water fight symbolising purification and happiness.

Poachers kill

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Shah Alam, ranger of Jaldee Range, estimated that the elephant was probably killed two or three days ago.

The incident again highlights the alarming rise of poaching in the region and raises concerns over safety of wildlife species even in protected areas.

According to data from the Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Division, at least 102 wild elephants were either killed or died in the Chattogram region alone in the past decade till January 2025.

At least 16 elephants died from electrocution, five were shot dead, 17 died from accidents, 53 died from “old-age complications or natural causes” such as heart failure, while the causes of the remaining deaths could not be determined.

During this period, 44 people died in human-elephant conflicts in the region.

Conservationists, however, argue that all the elephant deaths resulted from human intervention.

Despite the scale of the crisis, only 18 cases have been filed for the killing of elephants.

BNP to meet

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Earlier in the day, speaking to reporters at the party chairperson's office in Gulshan, Salahuddin said, “We will certainly want a specific roadmap for the upcoming national parliamentary election before December from the chief adviser.”

“Given the confusion due to various statements from different parties, we will urge him to clearly present the roadmap through a proper process to remove the sense of instability and uncertainty,” he said.

Salahuddin said the roadmap should be formally presented to the nation to help restore political stability and boost economic activity.

“Earlier, we discussed with the Election Commission, and they said preparations would be complete by June. The chief adviser also assured us they are working to hold the election by December,”

A gentleman

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DU, shared, “I had the opportunity to work with him [Prof Siddique] through the Dhaka University Teachers’ Association during a very difficult time when four of our colleagues were imprisoned.”

“Though our working styles were different, our goal was the same -- to bring back the detained teachers and work for the university's betterment.”

“During DUTA meetings, we often disagreed, but afterward he would come to me and say, ‘You're right in your position, and I'm right in mine.’ His humility and respectful nature made him exceptional,” Prof Mamun added.

Prof Akhtar Sultana, former chairperson of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, said, “He wanted to stay close to students. Even as vice chancellor, he regularly taught classes in this department while managing his administrative duties.”

“He supported me personally during my tenure as chair. He never interfered or pressured me for anything irrational,” she said.

“He had true team spirit. He never dominated the workplace. It's difficult to be like him. He was a gentleman in the truest sense. His memory will remain with us,” she added.

Faculty members and students from the

he said.

Salahuddin also spoke about the party's reform proposals submitted to the National Consensus Commission.

BNP has proposed constitutional changes to restore balance within the state, including reinstating the caretaker government system by reverting the constitution to its pre-15th amendment form.

“But we have not called for abolishing secularism. That has been misinterpreted,” he said.

In another development, BNP yesterday announced plans to hold rallies in the capital and major cities today in solidarity with the people of Gaza and Rafah in Palestine.

The rally will start at 4:00pm from the party's Nayapaltan central office and move through Kakrail, Shantinagar, Malibagh, and Moghbazar before ending at Bangla Motor.

journalism department, along with teachers from other departments and universities, attended the ceremony and shared their memories of Prof Siddique.

Prof SM Shameem Reza moderated the event.

ACC forms

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Speaking to journalists after the meeting at the ACC headquarters, Hasnat said, “We have come to the ACC with some complaints. We have submitted them in writing.”

When asked about the nature of the complaints, he replied, “Very confidential.”

Asked about whom the complaints were against, Hasnat responded, “That too is very confidential. If we reveal it now, it won't remain confidential. Besides, the wrongdoers will become alert.”

Sarjis said, “In the past, some people used the ACC to build empires. On the other hand, many ordinary people have been harassed without any wrongdoing.”

“Now, we don't expect anything like that to happen. We had some complaints, which we've submitted in writing. That's why we came here. We're not saying anything more at this moment.”

Meanwhile, ACC filed two cases against former lawmaker Abdul Wadud and his wife Morjina Wadud for illegally acquiring assets worth over Tk 1.78 crore.

2 more parties

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After submitting their opinions, Gono Odhikar Parishad said they agreed with 85 percent of the key proposals made by the five reform commissions.

It either partially agreed or disagreed with the remaining 15 percent.

The party demanded that based on national consensus, the interim government be transformed into a national government through constitutional reform via ordinances and that the upcoming election be held under this restructured government.

Earlier, Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh, led by Nurul Amin Bepari, submitted its opinions on the reform proposals to the National Consensus Commission.

The commission, headed by Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus, began its work on February 15 with the goal of building national consensus on key reforms.

In its initial phase, the commission sought feedback from political parties on 166 major recommendations made by five reform commissions -- covering the constitution, public administration, electoral system, judiciary, and the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The recommendations were sent to 38 political parties in spreadsheet format, with a deadline of March 13 for submitting their opinions.

So far, the commission has received opinions from 31 parties. Based on these opinions, the consensus commission has already begun holding separate discussions with the political parties.

322 killed in 315 road crashes

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The statistics indicated that road accidents during this Eid decreased by 21.05 percent compared to the previous year, with fatalities down by 20.88 percent and injuries reduced by 40.41 percent.

As in previous years, motorcycles were found to be the most accident-prone mode of transport. At least 135 motorcycle-related accidents resulted in 151 deaths and 155 injuries, accounting for approximately 42.85 percent of all road accidents and 46.89 percent of all fatalities.

An analysis of the reported accidents revealed that motorcycles accounted

Declare AL a criminal

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The meeting, initiated at Hefazat's request, was attended by senior leaders from both parties.

Hefazat Secretary General Sajedur Rahman, Senior Joint Secretary General Junaid Al Habib, and Joint Secretary General Mamunul Haque attended the meeting.

From the NCP, Convener Nahid Islam, Member Secretary Akhter Hossen, and chief organisers Hasnat Abdullah and Sarjis Alam were present.

After the meeting, Ariful Islam, senior joint convener of NCP, told The Daily Star that there was consensus

regarding the trial of Awami League as a party for its role in genocide, the suspension of its political and organisational activities until the trial is complete, visible legal progress before the election, and declaring Awami League a criminal organisation.

However, he said the topic of elections was not discussed.

According to meeting sources, Hefazat leaders also discussed the need for joint efforts to withdraw what they described as false and harassing cases filed against religious scholars and opposition activists during AL's tenure.

Man dies near

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On Tuesday, Munna went to check on the paddy fields after lunch but did not return home by 5:00pm. Later, a local informed that BSF had detained him.

In the evening, he was found lying unconscious on their farmland. Family took him to a nearby hospital where he died.

Ratna said, “While being taken to the hospital, my

husband told us that BSF personnel took him to their camp and beat him.”

Lt Col Farah Mohammad Imtiaz, commanding officer of BGB Battalion 25 in Sarail, said preliminary reports suggest Munna had illegally crossed into Indian territory.

“We have yet to verify whether he was detained or assaulted by BSF,” he said, adding that an investigation was underway.

EC mulls hybrid

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which teams presented their findings.

Representatives from Dhaka University, Buet, MST, the Ministry of Social Welfare, the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, and other relevant bodies participated.

The commissioner stated, “We have examined the advantages and disadvantages of the three

methods. Regardless of which method we choose, expatriates will first have to register online. For Bangladesh, a single method won't suffice -- a hybrid approach will be necessary. Each method has its strengths and weaknesses. Mock testing will be required for all of them. Most likely, all methods will need to be implemented on a limited scale initially as a pilot.”

for 32.27 percent of accident out of all vehicles, followed by buses at 16.56 percent, battery-powered rickshaws at 14.86 percent, trucks and covered vans at 14.43 percent, private cars and microbuses at 8.06 percent, Nasimon-Karimon vehicles at 7.21 percent, and CNG-run auto-rickshaws at 6.58 percent.

On the waterways, four accidents resulted in 10 deaths, one injury, and one person reported missing. In addition, at least 20 people were killed and eight injured in 21 railway accidents during the same period.

Mozammel said the Eid journey was smoother this year compared to previous

years, attributing this to better road conditions and the active efforts of law enforcement agencies and other authorities.

“In past years, decisions made in pre-Eid coordination meetings led by transport owners and leaders, along with law enforcement agencies, were rarely implemented on the ground. While transport owners and workers had a voice in the meetings, passengers did not,” he said.

“This year marked a shift -- passenger representatives were included, and their concerns were heard. With less influence from transport groups, Eid travel this year was noticeably smoother,” Mozammel added.

INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER (IFIT)

1	Procuring Entity Name	IsDB-BISEW
2	Invitation for	Procurement of External Building Façade Work, Civil and Architectural Finishing Materials and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)
3	Invitation Ref. No.	IsDB-BISEW/Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-05
4	Publication Date	10 April 2025
KEY INFORMATION		
5	Procurement Method	Competitive Tendering among eligible Tenderers: One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM) under Least Cost Basis (LCB).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
6	Source of Funds	IsDB-BISEW and Government of Bangladesh
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
7	Project Name	Construction of IDB Bhaban-2 comprising of Multi-Storied Twin Tower and 4-Storied Multi-Purpose Business Center with Common 3-Level Basement at Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
8	Tender Package No.	Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-05
9	Tender Package Lots Name	Lot-1: Supply, Installation, Fitting and Fixing of Building External Façade Work Lot-2: Supply of Civil and Architectural Finishing Materials Lot-3: Supply and Installation of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP)
10	Last Date of Issuing Tender Documents	04 May 2025 upto 5:00 PM
11	Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting	12 May 2025 at 11:30 AM
12	Place of Pre-bid Meeting	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
13	Last Date & Time of Tender Submission	20 May 2025 upto 12:00 Noon
14	Opening of Technical Offer of Tender (Date, Time & Place)	20 May 2025 at 12:30 PM at the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Intending Tenderers or their Authorized Representatives may remain present during opening of Technical Offer.
15	Name and Address of the Office Selling Tender Documents	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
16	Name and Address of the Office for Receiving Tender	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
17	Brief Description of Works	Lot-1: Building External Façade Work: Supply, Installation, Fitting and Fixing of Aluminum Framing and Glazing Work including all Accessories, Hardware. Sealant (External, Internal) Glazing Bit etc. Lot-2: Civil and Architectural Finishing Materials: Supply of Marble, Granite and Tiles Flooring and Wall Cladding Works & External Limestone Cladding etc. Lot-3: Sewage Treatment Plant (STP): Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 85 KLD Bio Tube STP based on SBR Technology comprising Manual Bar Screen, Air Lifting Module, Air Blower, Fit Pump, Media Filter, Carbon Filter, UV Filter, Flow Meter etc.
18	Price of Tender Document & Issuance of Tender Documents	Issuance of Tender Documents: Tenderers intending to obtain Tender Documents shall have to apply along with a Non-refundable Pay Order/Bank Draft for an Amount of BDT 50,000 (Fifty Thousand) or equivalent in USD in favour of IsDB-BISEW (IDB Bhaban-2).
19	Tender Security Amount	Lump Sum BDT 3 (Three) million or in equivalent USD in the form of Pay Order/ Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of IsDB-BISEW (IDB Bhaban-2). The Tender Security furnished by a Foreign Bank must be counter guaranteed by a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.
20	Experience Criteria of Tenderer	a) General Experience: Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer must be a bonafide Contractor having minimum 10 (Ten) years of experience in Civil Construction Work, especially in Highrise Buildings. b) Specific Experience: i) Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer must have successfully completed 1 (one) work of 10-Storied and above Commercial Building complete in all respect of minimum value of BDT 500 (Five Hundred) million or equivalent USD in last 10 (Ten) Years. ii) Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer or their JV Partner(s) must have successfully completed the work of Supply and or Installation, Fitting & Fixing of the following Works of minimum value as stated below in last 10 (ten) years prior to the date of Publication of IFIT in Newspapers/Website: • Supply, Fitting, Fixing and Installation of Façade Work- BDT 50 (Fifty) million or equivalent USD. • Supply, Fitting and Fixing of Marble, Granite & Tiles Work- BDT 50 (Fifty) million or equivalent USD.
21	Financial Criteria of Tenderer	a) Minimum Average Annual Turnover: Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer must have minimum Average Annual Turnover for Building Construction Work of BDT 50 (Fifty) million or equivalent USD in last 5 (five) years. b) Liquid Asset/ Working Capital/ Credit Limit: Lone Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer must have a Liquid Asset/ Working Capital/ Credit Limit for an amount of BDT 50 (Fifty) million or Equivalent USD for this particular project.
22	Name, Designation, Address & Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Neaz Khan Chief Executive Officer IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Telephone No. +880 2223 374 601 & +880 9638 917 000 E-mail: tender@isdb-bisew.org Website: www.isdb-bisew.org
23	Any further changes/up-date/modifications regarding this Tender	Shall be available in the official Website of IsDB-BISEW (www.isdb-bisew.org) in the form of Corrigendum and Addendum. Link for Tender information: www.isdb-bisew.org/tender
24	Special Instructions and Conditions:	a) The Tender package is comprised of 3 (three) Lots of Works and the Submission of Offers for all 3 (three) Lots of Work is mandatory. b) If the Government declares holiday on the opening day of Tender, Tender shall be received and Technical Offer shall be opened at the same time on the next working day. c) Applicants without having the requisite experience and qualification need not apply for issuance of Tender Document. d) This Invitation for Tender can be seen in the Website of IsDB-BISEW. e) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenderers or any Tender or annul the Tender proceedings without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever.
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