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and voting rights.

He said political parties are in talks with the National Consensus Commission on reforms as the process nears its end.

"But why is Bangladesh's election still hanging between the December and June swings? The government must clearly answer this," the BNP leader said.

He alleged that many cohorts of the previous regime still hold positions within the administration, and no action is being taken against them.

On the contrary, no one having any links with the BNP is being placed in key positions within the administration, Rizvi claimed.

Every day, we walk miles

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Contacted, Md Shafiul Azam, sub-assistant engineer of Public Health and Engineering Department in Dhobaura, said they have installed over 250 submersible pumps over the past five years to supply drinking water through reserve tanks in the hilly areas.

"These pumps are more effective than wells. However, the demand for water is several times higher. A proper plan involving the public representatives is necessary to establish a sustainable water supply chain in these villages," he added.

Nishat Sharmin, upazila nirbahi officer of Dhobaura, said they are planning to install more submersible pumps in the locality to mitigate the water crisis.

Krishak Dal

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According to the complaint, ongoing family disputes led to Obaidur frequently facing physical abuse and death threats from his wife, son, and daughter-in-law.

Sirajul said, "Around 2:00am, I heard a commotion and rushed to my brother's room. Sabina told me that Obaidur had suddenly fallen ill. I immediately called 999, and with police assistance, took him to the Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared him dead."

According to the police, Obaidur sustained fatal injuries to his head, face, and other parts of his body after being repeatedly struck with a stone mortar.

The OC said police detained his wife, Sabina Begum, 45, and daughter-in-law, Mashkara Khatun, 22, for questioning.

First-ever civil surgeon

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The chief adviser is expected to inaugurate the conference, which will also be attended by other advisers and secretaries, they added.

The Health Services Division yesterday issued a letter to all civil surgeons and divisional directors of the DGHS, directing them to submit relevant information, challenges, and issues requiring inter-agency coordination by April 20.

A top official of the division, seeking anonymity, said a preparatory meeting will be held next week to finalise the work plan for the event.

ABM Abu Hanif, director (administration) of DGHS, said this would be the first-ever civil surgeon conference, modelled after the DC and SP conferences.

Health services are among the most important public welfare agencies, and civil surgeons act as the government's core representatives at the district level, he said.

Hanif said while many patients express dissatisfaction over healthcare services, doctors and field-level health workers also face numerous challenges in service delivery.

"In this context, the conference aims to improve coordination -- both within the health sector and with other government agencies -- to ensure better healthcare for the public," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Nirupam Das, chief Administrator of the Bangladesh Doctors' Foundation, said the initiative would allow the government to hear first-hand accounts from field-level health professionals and take swift action to address their concerns.

Polytechnic

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Earlier in the day, students had postponed a planned rail blockade in consideration of the scheduled meeting with ministry officials.

On Wednesday, over a thousand students of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute blocked the road at Tejgaon from morning till evening, severely disrupting traffic and causing public inconvenience.

Their six-point demand includes the removal of "controversial craft instructors" appointed after 2021, converting the diploma engineering programme into a full four-year course with six-month semesters, and ensuring that only diploma holders can apply for the post of deputy assistant engineer (Grade 10) and equivalent positions.

Meanwhile, the principal of Dhaka Polytechnic Institute, Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman Khan, has been removed from his post and attached to the Directorate of Technical Education.

Shahela Parvin, previously the vice principal, has been appointed as the new principal.

Army arrested 7,822

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activities over the past two months, from February 17 to April 17.

In the same period, the army recovered 320 illegal firearms and 564 rounds of ammunition. Since deployment, a total of 9,370 firearms and more than 2.85 lakh rounds of ammunition have been seized.

He said while the army performs duties under magistracy powers, it does not face political pressure. "Once an individual is arrested, they are handed over to other law enforcement agencies, and the army does not stay involved," he added.

The army said it has intervened in 137 tense situations in industrial zones and removed 31 road blockades. Nationwide, the army dealt with 232 incidents of unrest over the last two months. These included 76 political clashes, 37 incidents related to educational institutions, and 24 involving government offices.

Asked about the recent abduction of fishermen on the Naf River by the Arakan Army, he said the BGB and Coast Guard are handling the situation. "Some abducted fishermen were released on Wednesday, and many have already returned. Discussions are ongoing for the remaining ones.

"If it becomes a matter requiring further intervention, the army or navy will take over, and we hope this issue will be resolved soon," he added.

Addressing concerns over the display of black flags during protests, he said, "Just because someone carries a black flag doesn't make them a militant. We've removed some individuals holding such flags, but there is no evidence to link them to militancy."

Commenting on the army chief's recent overseas visits, Col Shafiqul said these are part of routine military diplomacy.

The army also said it has identified the location of five Chittagong University students who were abducted in Khagrachhari and special operations are underway to rescue them.

PSC-recommended but still

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On January 9 this year, the ministry held a meeting with two intelligence agencies and decided to review the reports concerning the 227 candidates, ministry sources said.

Md Mokles Ur Rahman, senior secretary of the ministry, told reporters that day, "If there is no record of criminal offence, sedition, or prior expulsion from an academic institution, the candidates will be allowed to join." But a final decision is yet to be made.

On January 15, the 1,896 appointed candidates joined their respective posts and celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr with their families, receiving full salaries and bonuses.

"In contrast, can policymakers even imagine what kind of Eid we spent?" asked one of the 227 candidates still awaiting appointment.

"Given the age and health conditions of many of our parents, we couldn't even share this devastating uncertainty with them. We had faith in the government's assurances," the candidate added.

On January 19, intelligence agencies submitted re-verified reports to the public administration ministry. The file was sent to the Chief Adviser's Office for approval. As of now, no response has been received, officials confirmed.

A senior ministry official, requesting anonymity, said the majority of the re-verified reports were positive, although the exact number was not confirmed.

One candidate said, "We have contacted senior officials at the Chief Adviser's Office multiple times, pleading for updates, but no clear response has been given."

Ministry sources noted that 259 recommended candidates from the 28th to 42nd BCS exams were denied appointments during the Awami League's 15-year rule due to "ideological misalignment" with the then-government.

All 259 have now been appointed by the interim government.

"If candidates are once again being denied appointments for similar reasons, it only reminds us of the past misrule," said another senior official.

Contacted, Senior Secretary Mokles Ur Rahman said the matter now lies with the Chief Adviser's Office, and the ministry cannot comment until a response is received.

A senior official at the Chief Adviser's Office told The Daily Star, "There is no scope for making any comment until further instructions are received from the chief adviser. The Ministry of Public Administration will share information on the matter as per the chief adviser's directive."

PRAYER TIMING
APRIL 18

	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-35	12-30	4-45	6-24	7-45
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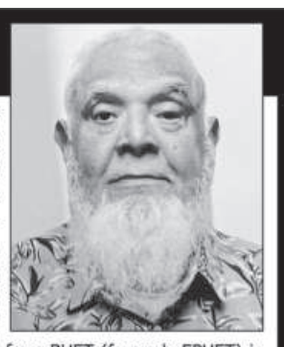
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Obituary



Engr. Al-Hajj Md. Mosharraf Hussain, retired Additional Chief Engineer of Public Works Department (PWD), breathed his last at Square Hospital, Dhaka, on Saturday, 29 March 2025, corresponding to 28 Ramadan 1446 Hijri. Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un. He was 82 years of age. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and only son, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, and numerous friends, relatives, and well-wishers who deeply mourn his loss. His namaz-e-janaza was held on the same day at Taqwa Masjid, Dhanmondi. In accordance with his wishes, he was later laid to rest at his father's grave in Banani graveyard. Md. Mosharraf Hussain earned his Civil Engineering degree from BUET (formerly EPUET) in 1964. He was a respected member of Officers Club Dhaka, Institute of Engineers Bangladesh (IEB), PWD Retired Engineers Welfare Association, and Engineers-6064. It is worth mentioning that he was the elder son-in-law of Late Mr. Shujauddin Ahmed, retired Chief Engineer of Public Works Department, and the elder brother-in-law of Md. Monowar Hossain Chowdhury, who formerly served as the Chairman of BCIC, Chief Engineer of LGED, and Chief Engineer of the Education Engineering Department. We kindly request his friends, relatives, and well-wishers to pray for the salvation of his departed soul. May Allah grant him the highest place in Jannah.

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Office of the Project Director
Conversion of Existing Chattogram-Dohazari Meter Gauge
Track into Dual Gauge Track Project
Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka

Memo No. BR/Chatto-Doha/CSC/2023-108 Dated: 16.04.2025

Corrigendum No. 1

The following Corrigendum No. 1 to the Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) Ref No. 35.01.0000.083.17.015.21-82; Dated: 04 March 2025 under GOB and ADB fund for "Consultancy Services for Construction Supervision of the Existing Chattogram-Dohazari Meter Gauge into Dual Gauge track" for the project "Conversion of Existing Chattogram-Dohazari Meter Gauge Track into Dual Gauge Track" is hereby issued:

Reference	Existing Detail	Detail as per Corrigendum No. 1
10. EOI submission deadline	The firms shall have to submit their Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) electronically (submission of documents through cloud storage/similar link will not be allowed) through ADB website (CMS) by 11:59 PM (Manila Local Time) and by 09:59 PM (Dhaka Local Time) **on or before 21 April 2025** through the link of http://csm.adb.org of Consultant Management System of ADB.	The firms shall have to submit their Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) electronically (submission of documents through cloud storage/similar link will not be allowed) through ADB website (CMS) by 11:59 PM (Manila Local Time) and by 09:59 PM (Dhaka Local Time) **on or before 02 May 2025** through the link of http://csrn.adb.org of Consultant Management System of ADB.

Corrigendum No. 1 shall become a part of the Expression of Interest (EOI).

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