

Seminar on blue economy held at Maritime University

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A seminar titled "Blue Economy: Unlocking the Potential of Oceans for Sustainable Development of Bangladesh" was held at Bangladesh Maritime University, located at Senapangan, Dhaka Cantonment, on April 21, said a press release.

Education Adviser Prof Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar was present as the chief guest during the closing ceremony.

Chief of Naval Staff Admiral M Nazmul Hassan attended as the chief guest during the inaugural ceremony of the daylong seminar.

The seminar was presided over by the university's Vice-Chancellor, Rear Admiral Ashraful Hoq Chowdhury.

The keynote paper was presented by Prof Pierre Failer of the University of Portsmouth, UK.

Prof Teng Zin of the National Ocean Technology Center, China; Prof Natrah FB Mohd Ikhsan, head of the Aquaculture Department at Universiti Putra Malaysia; and Dr Tonia Astrid Capuano, an oceanography expert from a French government agency, also presented papers on various topics.

The seminar featured three parallel technical sessions.

In the first session, titled "Blue Economy Sector," Dr Md Mojibar Rahman, district climate change coordinator of UNDP; Prof Md Yeamin Hossain of the Department of Fisheries, Rajshahi University; and Dr Md Saiful Islam, Assistant Professor at Bangladesh Maritime University, presented their papers.



Winners of the Bangladesh Press Photo Contest 2025 at Drikpath Bhaban in Panthapath. The 12-day exhibition was inaugurated by Drik on April 19. This year's top honour, "Picture of the Year 2024," was awarded to Ashraf Alom. Rashed Shumon, a photojournalist of The Daily Star, are among six other winners. The event, featuring 31 selected images from 1,310 submissions, reflects a visual narrative of Bangladesh's socio-political landscape. It will end on April 30.

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Battery-run rickshaw

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pedal-rickshaw drivers. Battery-run rickshaw drivers then chased them. Later, some residents from Karail slum and nearby areas joined the protest and blocked the road," said Mehedi Hasan, inspector (investigation) of Banani Police Station.

Abdul Jalil, president of the Gulshan-Banani-Badda Auto-rickshaw, Easybike Drivers' Association, said around 8,000 battery-run rickshaws operate in the area.

"This morning, pedal-rickshaw pullers and locals attacked battery-run rickshaw drivers. In response, the drivers gathered and launched a protest in the Banani-II area," Jalil claimed.

He said their protest was called off on Saturday after

police gave assurance that they could run on alleyways but not main roads.

The protest and sporadic clashes continued till afternoon, before law enforcers were deployed to the area to maintain order.

Al Amin Hossain, additional deputy commissioner (Gulshan Zone) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said the battery-run rickshaw drivers had alleged that they were intercepted and assaulted by people from Gulshan Society in the morning near Gulshan area.

The drivers then regrouped and swooped on the people from the society near Banani-II, and also attacked pedal-rickshaw pullers and individuals who attempted to take photos or videos of the incident there, he said.

Army personnel later removed them from Banani II after 2:00pm, he added.

The ban on battery-run rickshaws came into effect on Saturday morning, jointly enforced by the Gulshan and Banani societies, DMP, and Dhaka North City Corporation following complaints from residents over traffic congestion and road safety issues since the vehicles started plying the main roads after August 5 last year.

Under the new restrictions, battery-run rickshaws are prohibited from operating on both main and inner roads in Gulshan-I, Gulshan-2, and Banani. Only registered pedal rickshaws are currently allowed to operate in these areas.

2nd tribunal soon to

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team would also be expanded to meet the growing workload.

The discussion was organised by the platform Voice of Enforced Disappeared Persons (VOED) at Jatiya Press Club.

At the event, survivors of enforced disappearances called for the immediate withdrawal of all false cases, punishment for those involved in disappearances and extrajudicial killings, and the repeal of repressive laws enacted during the Awami League regime.

Their key demands include repealing the 2013 (Amended) Anti-Terrorism Act, which they

deem unconstitutional; ending extrajudicial killings and holding perpetrators accountable; unconditionally releasing all individuals falsely imprisoned, particularly under the anti-terrorism law; and withdrawing all politically or personally motivated cases.

VOED also called for locating the disappeared and informing their families, rehabilitating victims through a dedicated department or the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, providing lifelong pensions and medical support, identifying and punishing those responsible, publishing a white paper on the role of state forces,

disclosing all related government documents, and issuing a formal state apology to victims' families and the nation.

Victims of enforced disappearances shared their personal experiences at the event.

Enforced disappearance survivor Brig Gen (retd) Abdullahil Amaan Azmi and AB Party General Secretary Barrister Asaduzzaman Fuad also spoke at the event, among others.

M Maroof Zaman, a former Bangladesh ambassador to Vietnam and a victim of enforced disappearance himself, is the chief coordinator of the newly formed platform.

Govt to open 10 BR hospitals

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Currently, BR operates 10 hospitals with a total of 431 beds in Dhaka, Chattogram, Rajshahi, Pakshi, Syedpur, Lalmonirhat, Parbatipur, and Santahar. All doctors, nurses, and staff are appointed and paid by BR.

Under the new MoU, all movable and immovable assets of the hospitals will be jointly managed by a central committee, formed in coordination with the Health Services Division and Railways Ministry and led by the latter's secretary.

An inventory committee comprising representatives from both ministries will list all movable assets and recommend actions for their maintenance, repair, replacement, enhancement,

addition, or removal. The Health Services Division will bear the cost of development and operations, while existing staff will remain under BR's employment.

As BR's manpower structure lacks posts for specialist doctors, the Health Services Division will assign such doctors to ensure advanced care. The railways adviser said many general hospitals are overwhelmed, while BR hospitals remain underutilised.

Government resources must not remain idle, he said.

A joint committee will assess each hospital's needs and potential next week. Further actions

will follow based on its recommendations, he added. "More doctors, nurses, and medicines will be provided, and these hospitals will be open to the general public," he also said.

Speaking at the event, Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum said there is currently a shortage of 8,000 doctors nationwide, so it would be unrealistic to expect these hospitals to become fully functional overnight.

However, she expressed hope that about 2,000 doctors could be appointed through a special BCS by mid-September. Once the minimum requirements are met, the hospitals will be opened to the public, she added.

Three put on remand High Court

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cousin, Humayun Kabir, filed the case with Banani Police Station, naming eight people, including two leaders of the Banani Thana unit of Students Against Discrimination, and accusing 25-30 unnamed individuals.

Humayun said he identified the named accused using CCTV

footage. The named accused include Sobhan Niyaz Tushar, joint convener of SAD's Banani Thana unit, and Hriday Miazi, joint member secretary of the same unit.

The other six are Meheraj Islam, Abu Jahr Giffari alias Pish, Mahathir Hasan, Rifat, Ali, and Fahim.

3,382 under-construction

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behind the capital's worsening condition. Prof Kamaruzzaman said, "Dhaka was planned for five to six million people. It now houses nearly 25 to 30 million. No expert in the world can solve this city's problems unless decentralisation takes place."

On the sidelines of the event, guests unveiled a book titled "Dhaka's Canals on Their Dying Breath: An In-Depth Look at How the Capital's Waterways Are Being Choked," written by The Daily Star Senior Reporter Helemul Alam. The book sheds light on the lost and surviving canals in the city and explores the systemic issues behind their

destruction. Referring to his book, Helemul identified five major causes for the destruction of the canals: construction of box culverts, flood protection embankments, bank lining, U-channels, and unplanned urbanisation – along with the failure of authorities to protect them.

Project stalled amid

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"No approval means no funds. Without funds, we cannot begin fieldwork. We hope the RDPP will be approved within this month."

He said the army plans to implement the project in two phases, with the first phase targeted for completion by December 2026.

The project, with an estimated cost of around Tk 1,734 crore, covers land acquisition, sand filling, construction of an engineering building and base camp, boundary walls, deep tube wells, pond ghats, and external electrification, according to project documents.

A recent visit by this correspondent to the Tegharia site in Keraniganj found little visible activity apart from some ongoing work on a pond ghat by the previous contractor.

Students expressed frustration over the delay.

"Every day, we battle Old Dhaka's chaotic traffic to attend classes soaked in sweat," said Tasmia Sarker, a student of Mass Communication and Journalism. "We sincerely urge the university administration to ensure visible progress on the second campus as soon as possible."

Helal Uddin, a Finance student, said, "We've long demanded a safe and modern educational

environment. It seems we have to take to the streets again, and we will, if needed."

Md Helal Uddin Patwari, the project's chief engineer, confirmed that the RDPP is pending at the planning ministry and said work could begin once it receives clearance.

"We are optimistic that first phase of the work will begin and finish before the 2026 deadline," he added.

On land acquisition and residential halls, he said some land is still pending acquisition.

"Initially, dormitories weren't included in the first phase, but following protests, construction of two halls (Bani Bhaban and Abdur Rahman) was added to the revised RDPP."

Contacted, JnU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Md Rezaul Karim declined to comment, referring the correspondent to the PD.

The government first approved the concept of a new JnU campus in 2016

following mass student protests. In 2018, the land ministry allocated 200 acres in Keraniganj. However, the project has seen little progress since.

Established in 2005 with 22 departments under four faculties, JnU now has 40 departments under six faculties. These are crammed into an 11-acre campus in Sadarghat, serving over 19,000 students.

SC sends draft

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the Supreme Court Secretariat Ordinance 2025, the list of amendments to the Rules of Business 1996, the list of amendments to the Allocation of Business, and the Supreme Court Secretariat Organogram's draft were also sent to the

secretary of law and justice division of the law ministry for taking necessary steps.

On September 21 last year, Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed in an address to lower court judges said he would take steps for the establishment of a separate secretariat for the judiciary.

Azharul's appeal

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led by Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, passed the order after hearing a petition seeking a review of its earlier verdict that upheld the International

Crimes Tribunal's (ICT) ruling sentencing Azharul to death.

The Appellate Division upheld Azharul's death sentence on October 31, 2019.

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এক্ষেত্রে সাদৃশ্যমানের (Similar nature of work) কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান একাধিক ক্যাটাগরিতে আবেদন করতে পারবে। এ প্রেক্ষিতে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়ের মেকানিক্যাল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং উইং এর অধীনে ২০২৫-২৬ অর্থ বছর মেয়াদে তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে অনধিক ৬২৫.০০ (পঁচিশ) লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত মূল্যমানের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি অনুসরণে দরপত্র আহবান করা হবে।

আবেদনকারীকে কাজের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর ও জাতীয় সনদপত্র, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদপত্র, কারিগরি জনবলের নিয়োগপত্র/রায়েডাটা, যাত্রিক সরঞ্জামাদির (mechanical tools-owned/leased) বিবরণ ইত্যাদি আবেদনপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে।

দরপত্র দিলেই সকল শর্তাবলী পরিপালন ও তালিকাভুক্তি ফি বাবদ ৬৫,০০০.০০ (টাকা পাঁচ হাজার) মাত্র এবং তালিকাভুক্তি নবায়ন ফি বাবদ ৬২,০০০.০০ (দুই হাজার) মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা প্রদান সাপেক্ষে যোগ্য ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে ২০২৫-২৬ অর্থ বছর মেয়াদে তালিকাভুক্ত করা হবে। প্রতিবছর তালিকাভুক্তি হালনাগাদ করা হবে। সেই লক্ষ্যে সিপিটিইউ কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত নবায়ন ফি (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা প্রদানপূর্বক অত্র বিভাগের চাহিদা অনুযায়ী হালনাগাদ ইনকাম ট্যাক্স সার্টিফিকেট, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, কারিগরি জনবল, ইন্সুরেন্স/মেশিনারিজ এর তালিকা ইত্যাদি ডকুমেন্টস অত্র বিভাগে দাখিল করতে হবে। উল্লেখ্য, তালিকাভুক্ত হওয়ার যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন অর্থাৎ Responsive হিসেবে বিবেচিত সরবরাহকারী বা ঠিকাদারকে ক্যাটাগরি প্রতি ৬৭৫,০০০.০০ (টাকা পাঁচশত হাজার) মাত্র (ফেরতযোগ্য) মূল্যমানের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার জমা রাখতে হবে; যা কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্তির পর কার্য সম্পাদন জামানত (Performance Security) হিসেবে গণ্য হবে।

নতুন তালিকাভুক্তি ও তালিকাভুক্তি নবায়ন সংক্রান্ত দরপত্র দিলেই কমন সার্ভিসেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-২ হতে প্রত্যহ অফিস কর্মদিবসে সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ৪.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নগদে ৬০০.০০ (টাকা পাঁচশত) মাত্র প্রদানপূর্বক আবেদনকারীর নিজস্ব প্যাতে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে আগামী ১২/০৫/২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। তালিকাভুক্তি দলিলে সংযোজিত প্রার্থী (specified form) যথাযথভাবে পূরণকরতঃ যাচিত ও সংযুক্ত কাগজপত্রাদিসহ আগামী ১৫/০৫/২০২৪ তারিখ বেলা ০৩:০০ ঘটিকা মতো আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি কমন সার্ভিসেস ডিপার্টমেন্ট-২ এর পরিচালক (প্রকৌশল-ই/এম) মহোদয়ের অফিস কক্ষে (৮ম তলা, ৩০ তলা ভবন) দাখিল করতে হবে এবং একই দিনে বেলা ০৩:১৫ ঘটিকায় উপস্থিত আবেদনকারী/মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) উন্মুক্ত করা হবে। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিতে তালিকাভুক্তির যে কোন আবেদন আংশিক বা সম্পূর্ণ গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার এবং তালিকাভুক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম তালিকা হতে বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে। এ ব্যাপারে কোনরূপ আবেদন/স্বদর্শিতা গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
COMPANY MATTER NO-593 OF 2025

An application under section81(2), 85(3)read with section 396 of the Company Act- 1994 AND
IN THE MATTER OF
Ms. Gule Afroz Mahbub, W/o of Mr. Ali Mahbub, President of SAARC Business Associate Of Homes Based Workers, of House- 09, Road- 54/A, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.Petitioner
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and othersRespondents

Notice is here be given that an application under Section 81(2), 85(3) read with Section396 of the Companies Act 1994 was moved in petitioner to Condonation of delay in holding the 12th, 13th and 14th Annual General Meeting of the Company named and style as SAARC Business Associate Of Homes Based Workers Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohail has admitted the said application on 20.04.2025 if any person interested in the said application may appear on the date of hearing either himself or through his Advocate. A copy of said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

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