

Abul Hussain's  
death anniv

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The 11th  
death  
anniversary  
of renowned  
poet Abul  
Hussain is being observed  
today, said a press release.

Hussain's works reflect his lifelong search to find a philosophical and religious position that allows him to analyse and try to understand individual lives in relation to society.

He also spoke about the political instability and economic uncertainty. Hussain authored 25 books.

Naba Basanta was his first book of poetry. Birash Sanglap (1969), Duswpana Te Duswpane (1985), Ekhono Shomoy Achhey (1997), Aar Kirshen Opekkha (2000), Kaler Khatae (2008), and Selected Poems by Abul Hussain (1986) are some of his other notable works.

Born in Khulna on August 15, 1922, he was educated at Kolkata Presidency College and Kolkata University in Economics.

For more than 30 years, he was a civil servant in national and international organisations, at home and abroad.

Hussain was honoured with many awards -- including Ekushey Padak, Bangla Academy Award and Padabali Award.

# Khulna bypass road unprepared for over 15yrs



DIPANKAR ROY

The 2.37-kilometre Sheikh Abu Naser Bypass Road in Khulna city, stretching from Sheikh Abu Naser Specialised Hospital to the City Bypass intersection, has been in a state of utter disrepair for over 15 years.

Thousands of people from Beel Pabla, Aronggata, Dumuria, Khalishpur, Daulatpur, and Boyra areas use the road daily. It is also a gateway for more than 400 oil tankers transporting fuel from the state-owned Padma, Meghna, and Jamuna depots in Khalishpur.

Despite this, no maintenance work has been carried out since the road was constructed in the 2008-09 fiscal year under a Tk 14 crore project of the Khulna Development Authority.

Over the years, the road's bitumen surface has eroded

entirely, leaving loose bricks exposed. Countless small and large potholes have developed along the stretch, making vehicular movement highly risky. During the dry season, dust blankets the area, while in the monsoon, the road becomes muddy with puddles forming in the potholes.

"Every year we expect that the road will be repaired, but it never happens," said Mahamuda Khatun, a local.

Locals voluntarily repaired the road two years ago using donated bricks and sand, but the initiative provided only short-term relief.

"We've repeatedly appealed to the authorities concerned to repair the road, but no one responded," said Hemayet Hossain, former president of Madinabagh Janakalyan Samity.

Several important establishments, including Khulna

Specialised Hospital, BNS School and College, Naval Admission Centre, Sector Office of Border Guard Bangladesh, KMP Police Lines, and the Tax Office, are located on the eastern side of the road.

Contacted, KDA Executive Engineer Montasir Maman said, "KDA had built the road, but later received no budget for its maintenance. We requested both the Khulna City Corporation and the Local Government Engineering Department in 2010 and again in 2014 to take over its responsibility, but nothing happened."

KCC Chief Engineer Md Moshiuzzaman said they were working to repair 1.5 kilometres of the total 2.37-kilometre road since April 13 this year at a cost of Tk 19.58 crore.

"The work is expected to be completed by October 31," he added.

## JU allocates only 2.85% for research

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research and innovation Tk 9.23 crore (2.85 percent), and primary medical services Tk 45 lakh (0.14 percent). A special grant of Tk 4.40 lakh has been allocated for purchasing medicines and pathology kits.

"The research budget is definitely inadequate... we needed at least 5 percent of the total budget to ensure quality research and innovation," said Prof Md Monwar Hossain, director of the Wazed Miah Science Research Centre.

"We require at least 80 lakh takas annually for medicine and dressing equipment alone, and 75 lakh takas more to sustain pathology services," said Dr Shamshur Rahman, JU's chief medical officer.

Contacted, JU Pro Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof Dr Sohel Ahmed acknowledged the inadequate allocations.

"Yes, the research budget is inadequate for the growing number of faculty and researchers, but the allocation is set by the relevant ministry and the University Grants Commission. Due to our heavy engagements, we couldn't communicate effectively with the authorities this time. Still, we tried our best and hope to secure better funding in the next fiscal year," he said.

"The medical centre has not been able to utilise its existing resources effectively," he added.

The projected income

for the FY2025-26 budget includes Tk 279.35 crore in grants from the UGC, while Tk 44 crore from internal revenue sources such as student fees, admission form sales, and other service charges.

Meanwhile, JU's accumulated deficit is expected to reach Tk 100.37 crore by the end of FY 2025-26.

### Jamaat

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Screenings and cultural programmes will take place; and on July 29 and 30, discussion meetings will be held by women and female students.

Besides, a seminar will be held on August 1, a photo exhibition from August 1 to 3, nationwide processions on August 5, and discussions from August 6 to 8.

### PRAYER TIMING JUNE 29

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 4-05 12-45 5-00 6-54 8-17  
JAMAT 4-40 1-15 5-15 6-57 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## BNP wants an election

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uprising, scheduled to begin on July 1.

When asked by a journalist whether the BNP expects a specific election date to be announced after the meeting between the chief adviser and the CEC, Rizvi replied, "We certainly hope so."

Earlier on Thursday, CEC Nasir paid a courtesy call on Yunus at the latter's residence, Jamuna.

On Friday, BNP standing committee member Salahuddin Ahmed urged both the CA and the CEC to disclose what they discussed.

He said the party assumed that Yunus asked the Election Commission to prepare for the parliamentary polls in the week before the start of Ramadan in February 2026, as discussed in the meeting between the chief adviser and BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman during their meeting in London earlier in June.

"They [government] will have to hold the election after the necessary reforms, and it must be held within a logical time," he said.

Rizvi voiced concerns that the nation is facing economic and social crises, with various forms of mob violence emerging.

"People will be able to cast their votes according to their own choice," he added.

Regarding closed jute mills in Khulna, Shafiqul said, "The government will nationalise those closed jute mills where schools are situated."

He expressed hope that Khulna will turn around and see significant progress within the next decade.

China keen to set up

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Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder and Senior Assistant Press Secretary Foyez Ahmed were also present.

Speaking about the upcoming national election, the press secretary said it will be the most free, fair, peaceful, neutral and participatory election in Bangladesh's history.

To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution, with or without modification:

"RESOLVED THAT the draft Scheme of Amalgamation of 1. Nourish Agro Limited, 2. Nourish Feeds Limited, 3. Nourish Grand Parents Limited, 4. Nourish Fisheries Limited, 5. Agrow Breeders Limited, 6. Agrow Bio Solutions Limited, 7. Agrow Fruits and Vegetables Limited and 8. Aquafarm Shrimp Limited ("Transferor Companies") with Nourish Poultry and Hatchery Limited ("Transferee Company") (the Scheme) be and is hereby approved and subject to sanction of the Scheme by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in accordance with the provisions of sections 228 and 229 of the Companies Act, 1994, approval of the Scheme by the shareholders and creditors of the respective Transferor Company and Transferee Company in accordance with law in similar manner, let the Transferor Companies be merged with the Transferee Company in terms of the Scheme."

The creditors of the Company are being requested to attend the meeting on the date, time and at the place mentioned above.

By the order of the Board  
Sd/-  
Nazmul Ahsan Khan

Chairman of Nourish Poultry and Hatchery Limited  
June 28, 2025

The Scheme of Amalgamation shall be kept open in the registered office of Nourish Poultry and Hatchery Limited at House No. 39, Sonargaon Jheel Road, Sector 07, Uttra, Dhaka 1230, Bangladesh, and is available for inspection by all the concerned sharing Office Hours.

The shareholders and members of the Company are being requested to attend the meeting on the date, time and at the place mentioned above.

## Govt to regulate

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capacity is limited to two, excluding the driver.

Registration with city corporations will be compulsory, with each vehicle assigned a unique number and plate. Fitness certificates must be renewed every two years.

While insurance will not be mandatory for vehicle registration, personal accident insurance for drivers will be compulsory. City corporations will be responsible for monitoring insurance validity.

The operational lifespan of each rickshaw has been fixed at five years. The government also plans to install GPS based vehicle tracking systems in the future.

Rickshaws will be restricted to city corporation and traffic police-approved routes. Operation on highways, expressways, bus lanes, footpaths, diplomatic enclaves, and other sensitive areas will be strictly prohibited. Use of mobile phones while driving will be a punishable offence. In the event of a hit-and-run, the driver's licence will be permanently revoked.

City corporations and traffic police will jointly determine the maximum number of rickshaws allowed in each zone.

Designated parking and charging stations will be set up in each ward, with an emphasis on solar-powered charging. A colour-coding system will be introduced to help monitor operations by area. Financial institutions will offer low-interest loans to support drivers and

owners.

To oversee implementation, a technical committee has been formed, headed by an additional secretary from the Urban Development Division. Members include representatives from BRTA, Buet, BSTI, MIST, and the city corporations.

The final draft of the regulation was approved in a recent meeting chaired by the local government adviser.

"This move will bring dignity to rickshaw drivers," said LGRD Adviser Md Mahmud.

"Once they are registered and trained, no one can call them illegal. We will ensure that they are protected from extortion and harassment."

Speaking at an event at the DNCC headquarters in Gulshan yesterday, he said Buet-designed battery-run rickshaws will begin operating in Dhaka's Paltan, Dhanmondi, and Uttara areas from August.

DNCC Administrator Mohammad Azaz said, "We aim to train and license one lakh auto rickshaw drivers under this initiative."

He said the old battery rickshaws would be replaced by the new ones gradually.

Transport expert Prof Md Shamshul Hoque, however, expressed doubt about the plan's efficacy.

"Regulating small vehicles is an absurd idea," he said. "No policy or guideline can truly control them. I would have more faith in this initiative if the government had shown at least one successful example before."

## Govt to expand

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1.9 percent receive formal skills training.

Unicef Representative in Bangladesh Rana Flowers said, "The SKILFO pilot proves that when out-of-school youth get the right training and support, they can thrive and contribute to society."

Rubaiya Mursheed, assistant professor of Dhaka University's Economics department, said SKILFO's flexible delivery, market alignment, and strong engagement with employers and communities were key to its success.

According to BNFE, 83.1

percent of participating girls and 81.3 percent of boys have already secured placements or income opportunities.

KM Kabirul Islam, secretary of Technical and Madrasah Education Division, recommended including homeless children and exploring integration of Qawmi Madrasa students, alongside supporting graduates financially and enriching their entrepreneurship capabilities.

Md Shakhawat Hossain, secretary of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education presided over the programme.

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Chittagong Eye Infirmary and Training Complex a renowned tertiary eye care institution in Chittagong, is seeking a competent "Financial Consultant / Advisor" to provide strategic guidance to the Board of Trustees on its subsidiaries and ongoing initiatives.

**Key Responsibilities:** (a) Advise the Board of Trustees on financial strategies, investments, risk management and corporate restructuring. (b) Ensure compliance with healthcare sector regulations and financial policies in Bangladesh. (c) Analyze financial operations, identify opportunities for efficiency and promote long-term sustainability. (d) Lead negotiations with stakeholders, financial institutions and regulatory bodies.

**Key Qualifications:** (a) 10+ years of proven experience in financial advisory/consultancy, corporate restructuring or senior financial leadership roles. (b) Expertise in healthcare finance, including familiarity with Bangladesh's healthcare regulations and compliance frameworks. (c) Professional certifications, such as FCA, FCMA, FCCA or equivalent, are highly preferred. (d) Strong analytical skills with the ability to translate complex financial data into actionable insights.

**Compensation & Benefits:** A competitive, negotiable salary package commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Interested candidates are requested to apply by 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 with a detailed resume, copies of certificates, National ID and two recent passport-sized color photographs to the address below:-

### Managing Trustee

Chittagong Eye Infirmary and Training Complex, Pahartali-4202, Chittagong.

E-mail: iocoitc@ctgeyeinfirmary.info

## Aziz Al Kaiser new NSU chairman

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Aziz Al Kaiser, a business leader and long-serving member of North South University's Board of Trustees, has been elected its new chairman, succeeding Azim Uddin Ahmed.

The decision was made at the annual general meeting yesterday, said a press release.

Kaiser, son of late MA Hashem, founding member and former trustee board chairman, and founder of Partex Group, also chairs City Bank and Partex Star Group.

"I am deeply honoured to follow in the footsteps of our founders and predecessors. As chairman, my mission is to elevate NSU's global standing as a centre of academic excellence, innovation, and inclusiveness," Kaiser said.

NSU Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Hannan Chowdhury congratulated him.

## Two killed in road accidents

STAR REPORT

Two people were killed and two others injured in road accidents yesterday, according to reports from our correspondents.

In Manikganj, schoolboy Syed Md Addin, 6, son of Rafiqul Islam, was killed and his mother injured as a truck hit a rickshaw they were aboard in Khalpar area, said Manikganj Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge SM Aman Ullah.

The OC said the truck was seized but the driver and assistant fled.

In Jamalpur, Ataur Rahman, 50, an assistant teacher at Pollakandi High School, was killed and another person injured after a car hit them on Dewanganj Sanandbari road in Pollakandi Bridge area of Dewanganj upazila.

They were in morning walk, said police and locals.

Samuel Islam was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital, said Dewanganj Police Station OC Nazmul Hasan.

### LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO. 926 OF 2025  
IN THE MATTER OF:

Nourish Poultry and Hatchery Limited and others  
—Petitioners  
VERSUS  
The Registrar, Office of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms and others  
—Respondents

NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF