

Ahmed Raihan Nizam passes away

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Ahmed Raihan Nizam, a former cricketer, and businessman, died in New York on June 29 after a yearlong battle with lung cancer. He was 68.

He is survived by his wife, Dr Nazneen Anwar of the World Health Organization, and their children – Omar Rasman Nizam and his wife Jennifer Rehana, Amer Razi Nizam and his wife Fariha Ali; and Faria Samreen Nizam, wife of Ikram Mayeen Choudhury and their daughter Inaara.

Ahmed Raihan attended Faujdarhat Cadet College before moving to the United States to complete his MBA from Rochester University and later Scranton University.

He was the youngest son of late OR Nizam, former vice chairman of the Chittagong Municipality in pre-independence Bangladesh.

Raihan returned to Bangladesh to join his family business, Turner Grahams (Bangladesh) founded by his father.

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Jamuna erosion displaces hundreds

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Jamuna river erosion has taken a devastating turn over the past month in Chowhali, Shahzadpur, and Sadar upazilas of Sirajganj, devouring at least 100 homes, two primary schools, several hundred acres of cropland, and portions of riverbank protection infrastructure.

Locals now live in constant fear of losing their remaining homesteads and croplands as the erosion continues to intensify with the onset of monsoon.

In Chowhali upazila, over 50 homesteads, two primary schools, and large stretches of cropland have already been lost in Omporpur, Baghutia, and Shol unions, according to locals.

"When people elsewhere were celebrating Eid-ul-Azha, we were busy shifting our houses and school from the riverbank," said Md Solaiman Hossain, a teacher of Agblianpur Government Primary

School and a resident of Chowhali upazila.

Agblianpur village has been the hardest hit, with 40 to 50 residents left homeless as erosion worsened, he added.

Md Abu Daud, headteacher of Agblianpur Government Primary School, said the tin-shed school has been shifted half a kilometre away, but most students are unable to attend classes due to the relocation.

Md Jahangir Hossain, assistant primary education officer in Chowhali upazila, said Agblianpur Government Primary School in Omarpur union and Langolmora Government Primary School in Shol union were devoured by the river over the past month and had to be relocated.

Chowhali UNO Md Mostafizur Rahman said, "The upazila administration has allocated four tonnes of rice for erosion victims."

UNO Md Kamruzzaman said dozens of houses and several hundred acres of cropland in Shahzadpur upazila have been lost

as erosion has taken a serious turn in around 10 spots.

A similar situation prevails in Chongachha and Khokshabari unions of Sadar upazila.

Md Mokhlesur Rahman, executive engineer of the Water Development Board in Sirajganj, said geo-bags have been dumped in erosion-hit areas.

"Jamuna's water level has been rising over the last 11 days, causing erosion at various points. However, there is no damage within the flood-protected areas," he said.

He said the BWDB is working in Sirajganj Sadar and Shahzadpur upazilas, but the erosion-hit shoal areas under Chowhali upazila remain outside the flood protection coverage.

Contacted, Md Abdul Based, relief and rehabilitation officer in Sirajganj district, said, "We are observing the situation and waiting for reports from upazila administrations. Once we get the reports, we will take steps for the erosion victims."

Five to die for murder

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced five men to death for the murder of a Shariatpur youth eight years ago.

Among the convicts, Salmun Sardar and Aminul Sardar are behind bars while Ismail Sardar, Rezaul Sardar and Jewel Sardar absconding.

Judge Mohammad Halim Ullah Chowdhury of Dhaka's Speedy Trial Tribunal-4 delivered the verdict, Mizanur Rahman, the tribunal's bench assistant, told The Daily Star.

Twelve other accused – Mojibur Sardar, Fazul Sardar, Malek Sardar, Mokhles Sardar, Mahbub Sardar, Tota Sardar, Tipu Sardar alias Parvej Sardar, Salam Sardar, Pavel Sardar, Nurul Haque Sardar, Parul Begum, and Shirin Akter – were acquitted as the charges against them could not be proven.

The victim, Delwar Hossain Sardar, was a resident of West Charosundi village in Shariatpur Sadar upazila.

According to the case statement, on July 12, 2017, Delwar and his brother Dulal Sardar were returning home from Subochoni Bazar by auto-rickshaw when the accused intercepted them over previous enmity.

Delwar and his brother were beaten and attacked with a sharp weapon. Delwar later died at the DMCH.

On July 14, Delwar's father, Salam Sardar, filed a murder case with Palong Model Police Station, naming 31 people.

'BNP men' storm residence of AK Azad in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A group of BNP leaders and activists of the Faridpur metropolitan unit allegedly stormed the residence of Ha-Meem Group Managing Director AK Azad, also former lawmaker of Faridpur-3 constituency, in the town's Jheeltulsi yesterday, alleging that Awami League leaders were holding a "secret meeting" there.

The incident occurred around 3:45pm, led by Golam Mostafa Miraj, member-secretary of the BNP unit, said locals.

Ha-Meem Group's land officer Md Rafizul Khan, project engineer Md Sulaiman Hossain, security guard Mehedi Hasan, and cleaner Hannan Mia were present at the house.

Rafizul said several BNP men banged on the gate, prompting the guard to open it. Golam Mostafa, along with Metropolitan Jubo Dal organising secretary Nahidul Islam Nahid and a few others, entered the premises.

Inside, they asked the guard if any AL meeting was being held. Upon receiving a negative reply, they left. While departing, they allegedly threatened, "If such incidents happen..., we will set fire to this house."

Locals said the BNP activists later gathered near the Faridpur Sadar Upazila Land Office, where about 100 supporters joined them. The group brought out a procession and marched towards Onather Intersection, circled back past Azad's house, and proceeded westward.

The procession ended at the BNP district office at Kathpatti, where a brief rally was held. Party leaders warned that no attempt to "rehabilitate Awami League's collaborators" in Faridpur would be tolerated.

Asked about the incident, Golam Mostafa said, "We received information that Awami League and its allies were holding a meeting at that house in Jheeltulsi to create unrest in the country. That's why we went there."

He said Nayab Yusuf, daughter of late BNP vice chairman and former minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, is conducting public outreach as BNP's potential candidate for the Faridpur-3 in the upcoming election. "We are working towards that goal," he said.

Witnesses claimed the BNP activists who entered Azad's house were all supporters of Nayab.

Contacted, Nayab said AK Azad owns several houses in the town. "A BNP procession took place today, but I am not aware of any incident involving BNP activists storming one of his houses."

District BNP convener Syed Modarres Ali said he is currently in Dhaka and has no knowledge of the incident.

Md Asaduzzaman, officer-in-charge of Faridpur Kotwali Police Station, said police went to the scene on information around 4:00pm, but did not find anyone there.

ACC sues Saiful Alam PR system a threat

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According to the second case, a loan of Tk 104.2 crore was sanctioned and disbursed in the name of M/S A M Trading. The money was then routed via various bank accounts using fraudulent means and ultimately deposited into the account of S Alam Super Edible Oil Ltd.

In the third case, Tk 71.51 crore was loaned in the name of M/S Saiful & Co and was similarly funneled into the account of S Alam Super Edible Oil Ltd.

The other accused in the case include S Alam Group Vice Chairman Abdus Samad, directors

Mohammad Abdullah Hasan and Shahana Ferdous, former executive VP and head of risk management at Reliance Finance Rashedul Haque, former corporate finance manager Nahida Runai, SVP and credit committee member Kazi Ahmed Jamal, former deputy manager of corporate finance Jumaratul Banna, former MD of Marine Vegetable Oils Ltd Zahir Ahmed, directors Tipu Sultan and Md Ishaq, Mostafa & Co proprietor Md Golam Mostafa, AM Trading proprietor Md Abdullah Al Mamun, Saiful & Co proprietor Saiful.

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will lead further toward authoritarian rule," he said.

Meanwhile, Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Susan Ryle has said her country is keen to support Bangladesh in holding a free and fair national election.

"There has been discussion on the election in Bangladesh with importance. Australia is providing significant assistance in this regard, particularly to the Election Commission, and they are continuing with that support," said BNP Standing Committee member Amir Khosru

Mahmud Chowdhury.

Khosru made the remarks while briefing reporters after Australian High Commissioner Susan Ryle paid a courtesy call on BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir.

Responding to a journalist's question, the BNP leader said voter turnout in the upcoming national polls will be very good, and that people will go to polling centres with great enthusiasm and interest.

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Addendum-02 to Invitation to Bid for Worldwide Media Rights

(of Bilateral (T20i) Home Series between Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) and Pakistan National Cricket Team (Men) from 17 July 2025 to 25 July 2025 and All Other Bilateral Home Series(s) Involving Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) from 26 August 2025 to 15 June 2027)

Ref: BCB/ World Media Rights / 2025/435

ADDENDUM-02

With reference to the advertisements published in the national dailies i.e., the Daily Star, Prothom Alo and Bangladesh Protidin on 12th of June 2025 under the heading: 'Invitation to Bid for Worldwide Media Rights of All Bilateral Home Series(s) Involving Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) from 12 July 2025 to 15 June 2027' (Ref: BCB/World Media Rights/2025/365) and also the Addendum-01 as published in the Daily Star on 23rd of June 2025 under the heading 'Addendum-01 to Invitation to Bid for Worldwide Media Rights of All Bilateral Home Series(s) Involving Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) from 12 July 2025 to 15 June 2027' (Ref: BCB/ World Media Rights / 2025/389). The following modifications and clarifications shall be deemed as part of the aforesaid advertisements and are hereby issued as an official Addendum-02:

BCB has resolved to keep the 'important deadlines' for Bid Document Collection, Technical Offer Submission, Security Deposit Submission & Opening of Bidding Process, as unchanged (same as those mentioned in the Invitation to Bid dated 12th June 2025 and the Addendum-01 dated 23rd June 2025) so long as it relates to Bid(s) for Worldwide Media Rights of Bilateral (T20i) Home Series between Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) and Pakistan National Cricket Team (Men) from 17th July 2025 to 25th July 2025.

BCB has further resolved to change the 'important deadlines' for Bid Document Collection, Technical Offer Submission, Security Deposit Submission & Opening of Bidding Process to extend the same for a period of 1.5 month (45 days) in addition to those mentioned in the Invitation to Bid dated 12th June 2025 and the Addendum-01 dated 23rd June 2025, so long as it relates to Bid(s) for Worldwide Media Rights of All Other Bilateral Home Series(s) Involving Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) from 26th August 2025 to 15th June 2027'.

1. Important Deadlines (unchanged)

As regards Bid(s) for Worldwide Media Rights of Bilateral (T20i) Home Series between Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) and Pakistan National Cricket Team (Men) from 17th July 2025 to 25th July 2025:

- Bid Document Collection via email: 15 June 2025 - 6 July 2025
- Technical Offer Submission Deadline: 7 July 2025 (by 5:00 PM BST)
- Security Deposit Submission Deadline: 8 July 2025 (by 12:00 PM BST)
- Open Bidding Process: 10 July 2025 (commencing at 12:00 PM BST)

2. Important Deadlines (changed)

As regards Bid(s) for Worldwide Media Rights of All Other Bilateral Home Series(s) Involving Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) from 26th August 2025 to 15th June 2027:

- Bid Document Collection via email: 15th July 2025 - 20th August 2025
- Technical Offer Submission Deadline: 21 August 2025 (by 5:00 PM BST)
- Security Deposit Submission Deadline: 24 August 2025 (by 12:00 PM BST)
- Open Bidding Process: 25 August 2025 (commencing at 12:00 PM BST)

For further clarification or detailed allocation sheet, bidders may contact: sponsorship.rights@bcb-cricket.com

The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at its sole discretion at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever. The BCB also reserves the right to amend, postpone or cancel this Addendum-02 at any time prior to commencement of the Open Bidding Process on July 10, 2025 at BST 1200 hrs and / or modify, add or alter the terms of this document and / or the conditions for bidding process by issuing further addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the bid.

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