

Sayeed Hossain Chowdhury passes away

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Sayeed Hossain Chowdhury, one of the founders and former chairman of ONE Bank PLC, passed away on Tuesday at a private hospital in Dhaka.

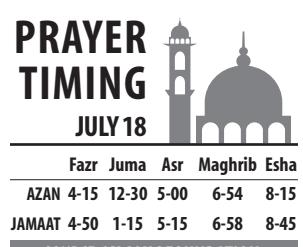
He played the role of the key figure in the development of ONE Bank PLC, where he served as chairman during two tenures (2001-2008 and 2012-2020) and as a director in later years.

Chowdhury was the founder chairman and CEO of HRC Group. In 1991, he established HRC Group, which grew into a major conglomerate involved in sectors like shipping, real estate, media, finance, and IT.

He also held leadership roles in several organizations including Media New Age, ISN Ltd, and BGIC.

He served as President of BOGSOA (Bangladesh Ocean Going Ship Owners Association). He also served as Honorary Consul of Spain in Bangladesh.

His Namaz-e-Janaza was held yesterday around 4:45pm at Sadat Nur Mansion, 5 Paribagh, Shahbagh.



SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A farmer plants Aman paddy seedlings in the Rajargao area of Sylhet Sadar upazila. His labor will bear fruit in the month of Agrahan (late November), when the crop is ready for harvest. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Illegal but abundant

Rampant use of fine-mesh China Duari nets threaten Netrokona's fish stocks

JAYDUL ISLAM

Once teeming with native fish during the monsoon, many of Netrokona's wetlands and village ponds are now eerily quiet. The catch has dwindled, and for many families, fish, once a staple, is now a luxury.

Locals blame the sharp decline in fish stocks on the rampant use of banned fine-mesh fishing nets, particularly the notorious "China Duari".

Fish populations have dropped so drastically that many households can no longer afford to buy fish, even in water-filled areas.

China Duari nets, typically 1 to 1.5

feet high and 60 to 90 feet long, are cage-like structures made from iron rods. Priced between Tk 2,000 and 10,000, they are spreading rapidly



fisherman said, "If we use current nets, the authorities chase us. So, we use China Duari instead. We get more fish. We know it harms fish reproduction, but we do it out of necessity..."

According to Md Kamrul Hasan, upazila senior fisheries officer in Barhatta, the nets trap everything: small fish like puti and khalisha, shrimp, tengra, magur, boal, shing, pabda, shol and even frogs, snails, and turtles.

"The most alarming part is that egg-bearing fish and fry die once caught, severely hampering the natural reproduction process," he said.

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Wishing anonymity, a

328 arrested nationwide in army-led joint drives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 328 individuals have been arrested in joint drives conducted across the country by the Bangladesh Army in coordination with other law enforcement agencies between July 10 and July 17.

The arrestees include identified criminals, illegal arms holders, smugglers, juvenile gang members, extortionists, illegal occupiers, robbers, illegal sand lifters, drug dealers, and drug addicts, according to a press release issued by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) yesterday.

During the operations, eight illegal firearms, 49 rounds of ammunition, 16 crude bombs, various types of narcotics, locally made weapons, stolen goods, mobile phones, and cash were recovered.

The ISPR said the arrests were part of the army's professional efforts to help maintain law and order amid the ongoing situation in the country.

The arrested individuals were handed over to the respective police stations after preliminary interrogation and completion of legal formalities, the press release said. To ensure public safety, the Bangladesh Army continues to carry out regular patrols and security operations across various areas, it added.

The army is also directly involved in maintaining stability in industrial zones and controlling labour unrest to ensure uninterrupted business operations.

Need to ensure independence of the judiciary

Says chief justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Syed Reafat Ahmed yesterday urged the interim government to ensure meaningful and sustainable independence of the judiciary, warning that failure to do so could jeopardise democratic governance and undermine future reforms.

He made the remarks while speaking at the "Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Memorial Lecture, 2025" at the Supreme Court Bar Association auditorium in the capital. The lecture was organised by the Ishtiaq Centre to mark the death anniversary of eminent jurist Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, father of the chief justice.

The chief justice stressed the need for a separate judicial secretariat to ensure administrative autonomy.

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JULY UPRISING

Police submits charge sheets in 12 cases

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have so far submitted charge sheets in 12 cases – including three filed over murder – linked to the July uprising.

All three murder cases were filed in Sherpur district, said Enamul Haque Sagar, assistant inspector general (media) at Police Headquarters.

The remaining nine cases were filed under various legal provisions – one each under the Dhaka and Barishal Metropolitan Police jurisdictions, three in Chapainawabganj, two in Sirajganj, and two currently under investigation by the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI). Senior police officials are overseeing the investigations to ensure they are conducted thoroughly and properly, he added.

Police reaffirmed their commitment to completing the remaining investigations and bringing those responsible to justice.

9 of a family get life term for murder

A CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

A court in Kishoreganj yesterday sentenced 13 individuals, including nine members of a family, to life imprisonment in a case filed over the murder of a grocer in 2016 in the district's Karimganj upazila.

District and Sessions Judge Muhammad Nurul Amin Biplob announced the verdict.

The court also fined the convicts Tk 10,000 each. If they fail to pay the fine, they will have to serve six months more in jail, Public Prosecutor Md Jalal Uddin said. All the convicts are residents of Deopur (Kajlalati) village in Karimganj upazila.

According to the case, the accused had a dispute with grocer Syed Ali over a piece of land. On March 23, 2016, when Syed Ali went to the Niamatpur Bus Stand market, he was stabbed in an attack carried out by the accused.

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ACC sues Tarique Siddique, family

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shared the information during a press briefing yesterday.

Sources involved in the probe said ACC found a seven-storey house under Tarique's name on Road 1 in Baridhara DOHS, along

with a plot in Sector 7 of Purbachal. He also owns three apartments in Gulshan, which he claims to have inherited from his mother, and holds Tk 17.36 crore in cash across various bank accounts.

Shaheen Siddique is found to own three plots in Sectors 21 and 30 of the Purbachal New Town Project, a 10-katha plot and two 5-katha plots in Sector 26 of Purbachal, two 3,500-square-foot apartments in Baridhara Model Town,

a 3,000-square-foot flat in Baridhara DOHS, and bank deposits totalling Tk 3.67 crore, including fixed deposits worth Tk 2.75 crore.

No immovable property was found in the names of their daughters. Their combined illegal wealth – over Tk 8 crore – is entirely in the form of movable and liquid assets. Although they claimed the assets were inherited from their parents, the ACC found no valid source of income to support the claims.

Khelafat names

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representation in the lower house and full proportional representation in the upper house.

Manmun said, "We must all unite against fascism. Unfortunately, it is being seen recently that even the anti-fascist parties are using aggressive language against one another. This mutual conflict is encouraging the allies of fascism. They are even daring to attack the revolutionaries of July-August. Now is the time to build a united resistance."

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ADDENDUM-01 to Invitation for EOI from Sports Marketing Consultancy Firm / Agency / Business Entity for the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20

Ref: BCB/BPL/Marketing Consultancy Service/2025/502

ADDENDUM-01

With reference to the Advertisement published in the national dailies i.e. Daily Star, Bangladesh Protidin & Daily Amar Desh on the 10th July 2025, titled "Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) from Sports Marketing Consultancy Firm / Agency / Business Entity for the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) T20" (Ref: BCB/BPL/Marketing Consultancy Service/2025/457), Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby issues the following modifications and clarifications which shall be deemed as part of the aforesaid advertisements and are hereby issued as an official Addendum-01:

1. Eligibility of Consortiums / Joint Ventures

EOIs will be accepted from individual firms as well as consortiums or joint ventures comprising two or more firms/entities. In such cases, bidders must:

a) A signed Joint Venture / Consortium Agreement. b) Authorization Letter identifying the Lead Member.

c) Individual profiles and credentials of each participating entity.

2. International Firms without Physical Presence in Bangladesh

International firms without a registered office in Bangladesh are eligible to participate, provided they

a) The requirement of operating a physical office in Dhaka is no longer a mandatory precondition at the EOI stage. However, selected firms must ensure legal and operational presence in Bangladesh prior to execution of contract.

b) International firms without a registered office in Bangladesh are eligible to participate, provided they: (i) demonstrate sufficient credentials and international experience to the satisfaction of BCB, (ii) commit to deploying a dedicated senior team on-ground in Bangladesh upon selection, and (iii) fulfill all legal, regulatory and operational requirements as per laws of Bangladesh and policies of BCB upon being granted with contract.

3. Project Tenure

This engagement is structured as a multi-year appointment, subject to satisfactory performance and mutual agreement. The precise term and scope will be detailed in the Service Agreement post-selection.

4. Evaluation Process Clarification

EOIs will be evaluated using a weighted scoring model based on pre-defined criteria (refer to General Guideline). Shortlisted applicants will be:

• Invited to make a detailed presentation before the Evaluation Panel.

• Required to submit a comprehensive financial proposal prior to final selection.

5. Scope of Work Template

A template for the Accepted Detailed Scope of Work is available upon request and can be collected from BCB Management Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh during office hours (between BST 1000 to BST 1700) or by emailing at bpl20@bcb-cricket.com on or before 24 July, 2025.

6. Coordination with Stakeholders

BCB will actively support the appointed firm in liaising with sponsors, broadcasters, franchisees, and commercial partners during the engagement.

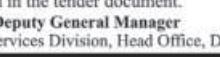
All other terms, submission instructions, eligibility criteria, and timelines as per the original EOI Advertisement remain unchanged.

For further clarification, please write to: bpl20@bcb-cricket.com (No later than 24 July 2025)

BCB reserves the unconditional right to accept or reject any or all EOIs at its sole discretion at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever. BCB also reserves the right to amend, postpone or cancel the entire EOI process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for EOI process by issuing further addendum(s) at any time prior to the commencement of the EOI selection process on or before July 24, 2025.



Date: 18th July 2025



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(A private limited company incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF RESELLER AGREEMENT

1. The Board of Directors of KURITA (SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD. (the "Company") wishes to announce and make known to members of the public by way of this Notice of Termination of Reseller Agreement ("Notice") that as of 02 April 2025 ("Date of Termination"), the Company has terminated its Reseller Agreement dated 01 April 2024 (the "Agreement"), with CHEMICAL WORLD (BD) ("CWB"), a company organised and existing under the laws of Bangladesh, at the principal place of business address of House #1 (Ground Floor), Road #01, Block #8, Lamatia, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

2. As of the Date of Termination, CWB shall no longer be permitted to market, advertise, distribute, or resell any products bearing the Company's name, logo, description, branding, or otherwise be reasonably recognised as belonging to the Company, online or in its physical shop(s). Also, all contracts and agreements, including the Agreement, between CWB and the Company have been terminated, and CWB shall not have any right or authority to represent the Company, or hold that it has any relationship conferring such right or authority to represent the Company, in any capacity in any dealings.

3. Following this Notice, any forgoing dealings with CWB for products bearing our name, logo, branding, or otherwise be reasonably recognised as belonging to the Company, based on the belief that CWB continues to represent the Company in any capacity, e.g., agent, or be an authorised reseller of the Company, shall be at your own risk and costs.

4. The Company regrets that it will not be open to receiving any requests for clarification, or enquiries, about the Notice.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
KURITA (SINGAPORE) PTE. LTD.
10 July 2025

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Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)

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