

Yasmeen Murshed

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Scholastica in 1977 as one of the country's leading English-medium institutions.

She served as the principal of the institution from 1977 to 2007.

She also served as an adviser to the caretaker government during a politically turbulent period, overseeing the ministries of Mass and Primary Education, Women and Children's Affairs, and Social Welfare.

She later served as Bangladesh's high commissioner to Pakistan

from 2007 to 2009.

Born on May 19, 1945, Yasmeen completed her MA in Economics and BA in English from the University of Punjab. She began her professional career as a lecturer in English at the Government College for Women in Islamabad.

She was a founding trustee of the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) and a member of its governing council. She also held the position of director at the United Insurance Company Ltd and Chittagong Stock Exchange Ltd.



Garbage being openly burnt by the roadside at Dhaka's Rayerbazar, worsening air pollution in the residential area. Despite the health hazards, the practice continues unchecked. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Dengue deaths

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transmission hubs if Aedes mosquitoes bite infected patients and then others," he said.

Without active community participation in eliminating breeding grounds, controlling the outbreak will be extremely difficult, he warned.

Dr HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, said there has been a rise in patients suffering from Expanded Dengue Syndrome (EDS) this year.

"Patients with EDS often die suddenly due to severe complications involving multiple organs such as the liver, brain, heart, kidneys, and central nervous system," he said.

Those with underlying conditions — such as diabetes, hypertension, or chronic lung and kidney diseases — are particularly at risk.

"Many patients fail to recognise warning signs such as severe abdominal pain, difficulty breathing, bleeding, extreme fatigue, or a sharp drop in urination or platelet count. By the time they reach the hospital, their condition is often critical," Dr Ahsan said.

He advised immediate hospitalisation for anyone showing such symptoms.

"Many patients from outside Dhaka arrive too late, often without proper

fluid management during transport. Early intervention could have saved many of them," he said.

27 more pushed

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Meanwhile in Naogaon, 10 persons were detained from Agrajdigan area under Dhamoirhat upazila.

They were detained by BGB around 3:00am yesterday, said Lt Col Mohammad Iqbal Hossain, commanding officer of BGB-14 Battalion in Naogaon.

The detainees, believed to be Bangladeshis, were pushed into Bangladesh by the BSF sometime on Wednesday night. They were later handed over to Dhamoirhat Police Station, the BGB official said.

Police were verifying their identities, said Officer-in-Charge Imam Zafar of the station.

[Our correspondent from Thakurgaon contributed to this report]

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Azaz said, "If we put up these boards now, anyone looking to buy plots here will see that the government has officially declared the area a reservoir. As a result, general buyers will refrain from purchasing plots built on illegally filled wetlands."

Rajuk Chairman Md Riazul Islam was also present at the event.

Protesters

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The journey had taken me more than two and a half hours — a trip that usually takes about one and a half," he said.

According to witnesses, protesters began gathering in the Shahbagh area after 10:30am, urging the National Consensus Commission to finalise the charter without further delay.

By 11:00am, several hundred demonstrators had blocked the intersection, bringing traffic in the area to a standstill.

Although their numbers declined when rain began, the protesters continued occupying the intersection as of the time of reporting.

Police did not intervene to disperse the crowd but diverted traffic at Matsya Bhaban, Bangla Motor, and Katabon due to the blockade, forcing vehicles and commuters to take alternative routes.

Political clashes

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The MSF also mentioned the Air Force jet crash at Milestone School and College, which left 34 people, mostly students, dead, as well as an attack on Hindu houses in Rangpur in the report.

The report said at least 352 incidents of violence against women and children occurred in July, slightly fewer than the previous month.

At least 56 incidents of rape were reported in July, including 18 gang rapes. At least seven victims were killed after the assault, it added.

The report also said at least six Bangladeshis were killed and another injured by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) last month.

Must tackle internal divides

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Kabir also said while the US reviews its foreign and defence policies every four years, Bangladesh has made only two minor adjustments since 1972.

He stressed the need to diversify the export basket, currently dominated by the RMG sector, and adopt robust policies to reduce dependence on imported energy, a strategic commodity.

CGS Executive Director Parvez Karim Abbasi said the global order is witnessing a Cold War-like atmosphere, with the US remaining the leading economy and the dollar still held in most countries' reserves.

At the same time, he noted, Bangladesh cannot afford poor relations with China, a major supplier of raw materials, or with India, which surrounds the country.

"So, we have to equally balance two of these powers with delicacy," he said.

Maj Gen (ret'd) ANM Muniruzzaman, president of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), outlined several key priorities for Bangladesh's foreign policy, including defending human and labour rights,

tapping into maritime resources, ensuring maritime security, and engaging in effective water diplomacy.

"We must enhance our capabilities in cybersecurity. We need to acquire new skills in technology. We must think about how to align ourselves with all countries," he said.

He also called for incorporating private sector input into diplomacy, strengthening climate diplomacy, and bolstering Bangladesh missions abroad to better protect expatriate interests.

He emphasised the need to revitalise Saarc.

Muniruzzaman said the revolutionary aspirations of the country have not been reflected in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and called for the removal of those who collaborated with fascist regimes.

Former ambassador Munshi Faiz Ahmad stressed the importance of consensus among political parties on foreign policy, which he said must reflect the people's aspirations.

He warned that Bangladesh is not adequately prepared to navigate the challenges of graduating from LDC

status next year.

Zahir Uddin Swapon, member of the BNP Chairperson's advisory council, called for a shift in political culture to bring harmony in foreign policy.

He said the Bay of Bengal is a key strategic zone within the Indo-Pacific region and a crucial economic corridor for the eastern sphere, making Bangladesh's position vital.

"Whoever comes into power in the next elections needs to keep all of these things in mind in designing their foreign policy," he said.

Former ambassadors M Shafiullah, Munshi Faiz Ahmad, and Shahidul Islam; Adviser to the BNP acting Chairperson Mahdi Amin; Jatiya Party Secretary General Shameem Haider Patwary; AB Party Chairman Mojibur Rahman Monju; BIPSS Senior Research Fellow Shaqat Munir; Centre for Non-Resident Bangladeshis Chairman M S Shekhi Chowdhury; Gonosamhati Andolon Chief Coordinator Zonayed Saki; and Gono Odhakar Parishad President Nurul Haq Nur also spoke at the event, which was moderated by CGS President Zillur Rahman.



We Deeply Mourn

Capt. Nazmul Haq, a retired pilot of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, passed away on July 28 at a local hospital in Dhaka. "Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji'un". He was 89. He left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren. He was buried at Sector-12 Graveyard, Uttara, Dhaka. Relatives, friends, colleagues and well-wishers are requested to pray for the departed soul.

Court bars GM Quader from party

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The judge also reinstated senior co-chairmen Anisul Islam Mahmud and ABM Ruhul Amin Hawlader, Secretary General Mujibul Haque Chunnun, and several presidium members, said a press release sent by the party's office secretary MA Razzak Khan.

In the order, the judge said the injunction will remain valid till August 3, the next scheduled date for the hearing, said bench assistant Shakhawat Hossain.

On July 27, Chunnun and nine others filed the suit against GM Quader.

In the suit, the complainants said GM Quader on June 28 removed Chunnun from the

post of secretary general and appointed Shamim Haider Patwary. Moreover, he also relieved senior JP Co-Chairman Anisul Islam Mahmud and eight others from their respective posts, which was illegal and in violation of the party rules. So the decision for removal of Chunnun and nine others should be declared illegal.

Why would we hide

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the footage how they carried children out, used cloth to cover them, and did everything they could," said the MOD director.

Nazim said, "We don't do this for the cameras. We don't seek credit. We simply do our duty. Today you see us speaking, but we won't always be here to explain. Please judge us by our actions."

At one point during the rescue, 29 army members were injured, and three are still undergoing treatment at the Combined Military Hospital.

Nazim also condemned those who filmed the tragedy instead of helping. "One child was dying, and instead of helping, people were making videos. The price of water went up to Tk 50 a bottle. Where is our humanity?"

He praised the courage of students — particularly

members of the BNCC, Scouts, and other volunteers — who assisted with the rescue alongside the fire service.

Paying tribute to the deceased Air Force pilot, Nazim said, "From what I can understand, he tried till the last moment to steer the aircraft away from the main building. Had he ejected earlier, he might have survived, but he stayed in to minimise the damage."

He urged journalists to consider the broader context. "Please don't focus only on scuffles or rumours. Look at the sacrifice. We're not doing this to be seen. If someone took off their uniform, it was to use it as a cover for a child — not for display."

"We continue working despite criticism. But a little appreciation goes a long way. It gives us strength. Just like you need encouragement, we do too," he said.

Need effective

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common perspective on national priorities.

"The course is designed to equip participants with the ability to understand national issues, exercise effective leadership, and prioritise national interest," he said.

Addressing the graduating fellows, the army chief said, "Throughout your in-depth analysis of the country's challenges and opportunities, you must have realised that while we've made significant progress over the past five decades, substantial challenges remain. As strategic leaders, you

must now confront those challenges and contribute to national advancement."

He urged participants to remain proactive and constructive in their roles, saying, "I have full confidence that you will lead by example when entrusted with responsibility."

PRAYER TIMING

AUGUST 1

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-20	12-30	5-00	6-47	8-15
JAMAAT 4-55	1-15	5-15	6-50	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

জনসংযোগ দপ্তর

পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় জনসংযোগ দপ্তরে ক্যামেরা ও আনুষঙ্গিক যন্ত্রপাতি সরবরাহের জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট ক্ষেত্রে পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সরবরাহকারী/এজেন্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। ক্যামেরা ও আনুষঙ্গিক যন্ত্রপাতির বিবরণসহ সিডিউল অফিস সমারের মধ্যে জনসংযোগ দপ্তর থেকে পাওয়া যাবে। সিডিউলের মূল্য বাবদ ১,৫০০.০০ টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) অগ্রাধী ব্যাংক পিএলসি, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখায় রাবি আবর্তক তহবিল, হিসাব নম্বর ০২০০০০২২৮৩৯৬৫-এ জমা দিয়ে বশিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের সেটারমেতে সিডিউল ক্রয়ের আবেদনের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

দরপত্র সিডিউলের সাথে প্রতিষ্ঠানের হলনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, টিআইএন, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন ও পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ, গ্যারান্টি ও ওয়ারেন্টি সনদেস্তা তথ্য এবং জার্মানত বাবদ রেজিস্ট্রার, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় বরাবরে ২৫,০০০.০০ টাকার (ফেরতযোগ্য) পে-অর্ডার/বিডি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।

সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ সময় ১৩.০৮.২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১১টা। দরপত্র ১৩.০৮.২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২টা মধ্য কোষাগার, রাজশাহী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অফিসে নির্ধারিত বারে জমা দিতে হবে। দরপত্রসমূহ ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২:৩০ মিনিটে দরপত্রাদানের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ থাকেন) খোলা হবে। ডাকযোগে দরপত্র দাখিল করা যেতে পারে, তবে তা নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে অবশ্যই পৌঁছাতে হবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখে কোনো অনিবার্য কারণে অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে জমা দেওয়া যাবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো কারণ না দর্শিয়ে যেকোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

কার্যনিশ্চয়তা প্রতিষ্ঠানকে সরবরাহ আদেশ প্রদানের ৭ কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে ক্যামেরা ও আনুষঙ্গিক যন্ত্রপাতি জনসংযোগ দপ্তরে নিজ দায়িত্বে পৌঁছাতে ও চালু করে দিতে হবে। সরকারি বিধি অনুযায়ী প্রযোজ্য সকল শুল্ক ও কর বিল থেকে কর্তন করা হবে।

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Price Sensitive Information (PSI)

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Trust Bank PLC. in its 368 (06/2025) meeting held on 31 July 2025 commencing from 02.30 p.m. has adopted, among others, **Un-Audited Financial Statements for 2nd quarter (Q2) ended on 30 June 2025**. The Board of Directors also disclosed the following:

Financial Results (Amount in BDT):

Particulars	Consolidated				Solo			
	Jan 01 to June 30, 2025	Jan 01 to June 30, 2024	April 01 to June 30, 2025	April 01 to June 30, 2024	Jan 01 to June 30, 2025	Jan 01 to June 30, 2024	April 01 to June 30, 2025	April 01 to June 30, 2024
Profit before Tax	3,172,077,564	3,472,942,018	1,854,855,435	2,227,474,407	3,209,035,257	3,465,777,488	1,848,081,820	2,219,923,415
Net Profit after Taxation	1,353,167,342	1,399,209,963	1,059,394,892	1,082,262,536	1,396,443,811	1,420,678,462	1,055,511,265	1,090,197,274
Earnings Per Share (EPS)	1.46	1.53	1.15	1.17	1.51	1.54	1.14	1.18
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	28.41	22.35	14.59	15.25	26.44	20.51	14.29	14.59

Financial Position (Amount in BDT):

Particulars	Consolidated		Solo	
	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-25	30-Jun-24
Net Assets Value (NAV)	26,881,856,421	24,497,140,419	26,625,782,760	24,092,954,625
Net Assets Value (NAV) Per Share	29.07	26.49	28.79	26.05

Note: The details of the Un-audited Financial Statements for the 2nd Quarter (Q2) ended on 30 June 2025 will be available in the website of the Bank at: www.tbld.com

By order of the Board of Directors,
Sd/-
Unmesh Ray Himel
Company Secretary (Acting)

Dated, Dhaka
31 July 2025

EDCL ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED

395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area
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Ref.No. EDCL(Dhaka)/PUR/EOI/Consultant /2025/290 Dated: 31.07.2025

REQUEST FOR EXPRESS OF INTEREST (EOI) APPOINTMENT OF AN EXPERT PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT

Essential Drugs Company Limited, 100% share owned by the Government of the people's Republic of Bangladesh is interested to appoint an expert Consultant through EOI for selection of Consulting firm for preparing Master Plan, Layout, Detail Engineering, Drawing, Design, Machineries & Equipment List, Documentation, URS, Price Schedule, Estimated Cost, Tender Documentation and Top and Full time Supervision at EDCL, Dhaka Plant. Interested firms those who are specialist in this field having sufficient working back ground for preparing Master Plan, Layout, Detail Engineering, Drawing, Design, Machineries & Equipment List, Documentation, URS, Price Schedule, Estimated Cost, Tender Documentation and Top and Full time Supervision for the following manufacturing and Utility Buildings considering all parameters of cGMP as per US-FDA and Pic/s guidelines (Details as per Tender Schedule) Interested Consultancy firms are invited for submission of offer in two envelopes. The one envelope containing the all relevant papers (Company profile, Trade License, VAT Certificate, E-Tin certificate with current Income Tax payment confirmation certificate) reference completion certificate with Work Order of related project in last five years, Project in hand work orders (if any) and other related papers (if any) must be marked as the "TECHNICAL OFFER" The other envelope containing price offer (as per our tentative scope of works) must be marks as "FINANCIAL OFFER".

Interested firms may be requested to collect a schedule with scope of works from Procurement department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka during office hours on all working days.(except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays).

Interested firms may drop their competitive offer to the tender box kept in our Procurement department within 3.00 PM which is open on 3.15PM at 14/08/2025.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**Deputy General Manager
Procurement (CC)
For : Managing Director.**

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