

## BNP leader files defamation case against Sarjis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A local BNP leader yesterday filed a defamation case against Sarjis Alam, chief organiser (northern region) of National Citizen Party (NCP), over "propaganda implicating BNP" in the murder of journalist Asaduzzaman Tuhin.

Gazipur city's Basan thana BNP President Tanvir Siraj filed the case with a magistrate's court seeking compensation for defaming BNP.

Tanvir said Judge Alamgir Al Mamun took cognisance of the charges and asked the Criminal Investigation Department to probe the case.

According to the case, the BNP leader said journalist Tuhin was killed while recording a video of a criminal gang.

However, Sarjis, without knowing the facts, has been spreading propaganda on Facebook, implicating BNP in the murder, which has tarnished the party's image, he alleged.

# BALASHPUR IN MYMENSINGH

## No relief from seasonal waterlogging

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Seasonal waterlogging, under-construction roads and drainage work have made life miserable for some 2,000 families in Mymensingh city's Balashpur Madhyapara area.

The seasonal menace lasts around five months annually.

Mymensingh City Corporation (MCC) claims it is building new drains and repairing old ones across the city to address waterlogging.

However, there has been no visible improvement in the most affected Balashpur Madhyapara area.

During a visit to the area, locals said waterlogging has persisted for over 20 years, with the situation worsening in the past decade.

"The menace is becoming more severe every season, increasing our suffering. We have been reeling under serious waterlogging since last month as rainwater cannot drain away even after a moderate

shower," said Reazul Hossain Rifat, a final year degree student.

Abdur Rahman, a vegetable vendor, said the problem has plagued them for five months a year over the past 10 years, with the situation deteriorating annually.



Jahan Begum, a homemaker, said she has faced waterlogging for months each year since moving there two years ago.

Locals said from May to September, thousands of residents suffer debilitating waterlogging. After every spell of rain, the area remains flooded with ankle-

to knee-deep water for days, with bathrooms, toilets and kitchens inundated.

Previously, the area's water drained into the neighbouring Kewatkhali Railway Power House Colony's drainage system, which flows into the Brahmaputra. Over time, blockages have developed, but the drains were not cleaned properly, worsening the problem.

Contacted, MCC Chief Engineer Md Rafiqul Islam Miah said a Tk 10 crore package had been taken up to construct a cross culvert and drains to pump out rainwater from the low-lying area.

The work was scheduled for completion in October last year but was cancelled four months ago after the assigned contractors left following the July uprising, he said.

A new tender has been prepared, and the work in Balashpur Madhyapara will be completed on a priority basis, with the drains connected to Kewatkhali using proper designs, the engineer added.

## Aviation stakeholders oppose move to scrap GSA provision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aviation stakeholders strongly oppose the government's move to scrap the rule requiring foreign airlines to appoint local General Sales Agents (GSA).

They warned that such a step would undermine regulatory oversight, compromise transparency, and hurt both employment and revenue generation.

According to industry estimates, the government risks losing more than Tk 100 crore in direct annual revenue and facing an additional outward foreign exchange flow of over Tk 500 crore if the provision is withdrawn.

The reaction comes as Civil Aviation and Tourism Adviser SK Bashir has called an inter-ministerial meeting yesterday to review the The Civil Aviation Act, 2017, which made it compulsory for foreign airlines operating in Bangladesh to appoint GSAs.

Industry insiders and members of the newly formed GSA Forum said the provision ensures accountability for foreign carriers and enables the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) to monitor their operations effectively.

"Revising this law would dismantle a vital oversight mechanism, allowing foreign airlines to operate without local accountability," said KM Mozibul Hoque,

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## Begum Sitara Chowdhury passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Begum Sitara Chowdhury, wife of late Justice AFM Abdur Rahman Chowdhury, passed away on August 6 at Square Hospital in Dhaka. She was 88.

She is survived by two sons, two daughters and 10 grandchildren, said a Supreme Court press release.

In 1955, she married AFM Abdur Rahman Chowdhury, the eldest son of Khan Bahadur Abdul Latif Chowdhury, Zamindar of Ulania, Barishal.

Begum Sitara earned her BA from BM College, Barishal.

As a socially conscious citizen, Begum Sitara authored "Shomoyer Kotha" (Time's Story), which serves as a call to establish integrity, justice, and compassion in society.

## ICT-1 rejects ZI Khan

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as he was occupied at the High Court. She conveyed his wish to be appointed as Hasina's counsel.

Tribunal member Justice Md Shofiul Alam Mahmood said, "ZI Khan Panna is a senior lawyer. He knows the procedure. How can he be appointed? What is his interest?"

He said the tribunal had already appointed a state defence lawyer since Hasina failed to appear before the court.

Justice Shofiul also said Panna should have appeared when the defence counsel was appointed rather than seeking involvement later. "It is like asking the station master to put you on the train after it has left," he observed.

Nazneen then stated that Panna wished to assist the appointed state defence counsel, Md Amir Hossain, in defending Hasina.

The tribunal chair rejected the request, noting that the state defence lawyer had already been appointed and that Panna could be considered for another case.

Contacted, ZI Khan

Panna said he did not want to be appointed as the state defence counsel for Sheikh Hasina; instead, he wished to offer his services free of charge. "I will not accept any payment, even if offered," he said.

He said he was at least willing to assist the state-appointed defence counsel for Hasina. "I don't know if I could save the accused if appointed, but I would certainly try."

Responding to the remark that "the train has left the station," he said, "Why only one? There can be ten state defence lawyers."

In this regard, Prosecutor Gazi Monwar Hossain Tamim said the application was not rejected but is invalid legally, as ZI Khan Panna is not a party to the case and has no right to file a petition.

"Officially, such an application cannot be made. Moreover, after five witnesses have testified, no state defence can be provided. It is a universal legal principle that a fugitive accused will not receive legal protection," he added.

## Compensation

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Protesters chanted, "Coaching or education? Education, education," and "All the flowers burnt - why? We want answers, we want justice."

At least 34 people, mostly students, died when the training jet crashed on the school.

Leon Mir, uncle of third grader Fatema Akter, said, "We lost our children but the government has not communicated with us. The school authorities contact us only to protect the school. The school authorities ask us 'is justice truly attainable in this country?' Then what is the point of demanding justice?"

"Our children died; won't we seek justice? Our children came to school to study and were supposed to return home safely... Of course, the government and the school authorities are liable," he said.

Leon demanded, "If the runway remains where it is, the school must be moved. If the school remains, the runway must be moved."

He alleged the school was gathering detailed personal data from victims' families, asking, "Why are they collecting this? Are they threatening us?"

Rina Akter, mother of Saima Akter, said she saw her daughter burning inside the room. "I did not want to send my daughter to coaching. She said that if I didn't, the miss would not be nice to her. Why has education turned into business? This coaching ruined my daughter's life."

Guardians demanded Tk 2 crore compensation per deceased child, Tk 1 crore per injured, removal of the headmistress within 72 hours, release of CCTV footage, and relocation of jet training to unpopulated areas.

College Principal Mohammad Ziaul Alam acknowledged guardians had signed letters supporting the school but denied threats or mistreatment. He said "make-up classes" occur only on request and the relocation decision rests with the government.

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**Request for Proposal (RFP)**

**International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites proposals for Hiring an event management firm for launching of Overseas Employment Platform (OEP). The bidding documents can be downloaded from the United Nations Global Market Place (UNGM) at <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/275183>**

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Sunday, August 31, 2025, by 04:30 PM (BST time).**

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**Invitation for e-Tender (Open Tender Method)**

Memo No. 16.01.0000.000.026.31.001.25.698 Date: 12/08/2025

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) for the procurement of following works.

Tender ID	Name of works	Tender publication date & time	Tender last selling date & time	Tender closing & opening date & time
1139357	Construction of book stalls, pandal for the month-long Islamic book fair on the occasion of the Holy Milad-un-Nabi [saw], 1447 Hijri.	13/08/2025 at 12.00am	26/08/2025 at 17.00	27/08/2025 at 12.00

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy is accepted. To submit e-Tender please register in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to **27/08/2025 at 11.00am**. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System and from e-GP helpdesk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)). The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Applications.

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**TENDER NOTICE**

1. Sealed Tenders in Local Currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturer(s) /Supplier(s) (Enlisted Firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army.

Ser No	Name of Items & Qty	Schedule Selling Date		Tender Opening Date	Tender No	Cost of I/T
		From	To			
1.	Grease PX-11 (Preservative Mineral Jelly Bees Wax), Qty-8,500 Kg.	13-08-25	23-09-25	24-09-25	219,254.25	1,000.00

2. Tender Schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (Non-refundable) during office time between 0800 hour to 1300 hour. The Tender can be dropped latest by 1125 hour on opening date (24-09-2025) and shall be opened at 1130 hour on the specified date of opening in presence of all Tenderers (if present).

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1.	Mineral Oil (ISO Viscosity Grade-46), Qty-15,500 Ltr.	13-08-25	23-09-25	24-09-25	219,253.25	2,000.00

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# INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER (IFIT)

1	Procuring Entity Name	IsDB-BISEW
2	Invitation for	Procurement of Civil and Architectural Finishing Work.
3	Invitation Ref. No.	IsDB-BISEW/Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-05B
4	Publication Date	13 August 2025
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
5	Procurement Method	Competitive Tendering among eligible Tenderers: One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTEM) under Least Cost Basis (LCB).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
6	Source of Funds	IsDB-BISEW and Government of Bangladesh
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
7	Project Name	Construction of IDB Bhaban-2 comprising of Multi-Storied Twin Tower and 4-Storied Multi-Purpose Business Center with Common 3-Level Basement at Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
8	Tender Package No.	Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-05B
9	Tender Package Name	Supply and Installation of Civil and Architectural Finishing Work.
10	Last Date of Issuing Tender Documents	21 August 2025 up to 5:00 PM
11	Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting	25 August 2025 at 4:30 PM
12	Place of Pre-bid Meeting	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
13	Last Date & Time of Tender Submission	01 September 2025 up to 12:00 Noon
14	Opening of Technical Offer of Tender (Date, Time & Place)	01 September 2025 at 12:30 PM at the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. Intending Tenderers or their Authorized Representatives may remain present during opening of Technical Offer. Intending Tenderers or their Authorized Representatives may remain present during opening of Technical Offer.
15	Name and Address of the Office Selling Tender Documents	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
16	Name and Address of the Office for Receiving Tender	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
17	Brief Description of Works	<b>Civil and Architectural Finishing Materials:</b> Supply and Installation of Marble, Granite and Tiles Flooring and Wall Cladding Works & External Limestone Cladding etc.
18	Price of Tender Document & Issuance of Tender Documents	<b>Issuance of Tender Documents:</b> Tenderers intending to obtain Tender Documents shall have to apply along with a Non-refundable Pay Order/Bank Draft for an amount of <b>BDT 20,000 (Twenty Thousand) or equivalent in USD</b> in favour of IsDB-BISEW (IDB Bhaban-2).

19	Tender Security Amount	Lump Sum BDT 2(two) million or in equivalent USD in the form of Pay Order/Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of IsDB-BISEW (IDB Bhaban-2). The Tender Security furnished by a Foreign Bank must be counter guaranteed by a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh.
20	Experience Criteria of Tenderer	<b>a) General Experience:</b> Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer must be a Bonafide Supplier/Contractor having minimum 10 (Ten) years of experience in supply and installation of building Finishing Materials (Marble, Granite and Tiles). <b>b) Specific Experience:</b> Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer or their JV Partner(s)/Sub-contractor must have successfully completed at least 1(one) work of Supply, Fitting and Fixing of Marble, Granite and Tiles work of 10-Storied and above Commercial Building in all respect in last 5(five) years.
21	Financial Criteria of Tenderer	<b>a) Minimum Average Annual Turnover:</b> Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer must have minimum Average Annual Turnover for Building Construction Work of <b>BDT 25 (Twenty Five) million or equivalent USD</b> in last 5(five) years. <b>b) Liquid Asset/ Working Capital/ Credit Limit:</b> Local Tenderer/Foreign Tenderer must have a Liquid Asset/ Working Capital/Credit Limit for an amount of <b>BDT 25 (Twenty Five) million or equivalent USD</b> for this particular project.
22	Name, Designation, Address & Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Neaz Khan Chief Executive Officer IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Telephone No. +880 2223 374 601 & +880 9638 917 000 E-mail: <a href="mailto:tender@isdb-bisew.org">tender@isdb-bisew.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.isdb-bisew.org">www.isdb-bisew.org</a>
23	Any further changes /up-date/ modifications regarding this Tender	Shall be available in the official Website of IsDB-BISEW ( <a href="http://www.isdb-bisew.org">www.isdb-bisew.org</a> ) in the form of Corrigendum and Addendum. Link for Tender information: <a href="http://www.isdb-bisew.org/tender">www.isdb-bisew.org/tender</a>
24	Special Instructions and Conditions:	a) If the Government declares holiday on the opening day of Tender, Tender shall be received and Technical Offer shall be opened at the same time on the next working day. b) Applicants without having the requisite experience and qualification need not apply for issuance of Tender Document. c) This Invitation for Tender can be seen in the Website of IsDB-BISEW. d) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders or any Tender or annul the Tender proceedings without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever.

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