

## Journalist Rukunuddoulah passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Veteran journalist, freedom fighter, and special correspondent of the Daily Sangbad, Rukunuddoulah, passed away yesterday at the age of 74. He breathed his last at 7:30pm at Jessore 250-bed General Hospital.

Family sources said he had been suffering from heart and kidney complications.

SM Tauhidur Rahman, general secretary of Jessore Press Club, said Rukunuddoulah will be given a guard of honour today at 1:00pm at Jessore Central Eidgah ground.

He will be buried at Jessore Karbala graveyard.

Rukunuddoulah spent more than five decades in journalism. His regular column Gram-Gramontore in the Daily Sangbad earned him wide recognition. He also worked with Channel i, Radio Today, and several Jessore-based dailies. Most recently, he served as advisory editor of Jessorer Kagoj.

He received several awards, including the Bazlur Rahman Memorial Award.

He also authored several books.



Vehicles struggle to navigate a pothole-riddled road on the Boyra-Koiya Link Road in Khulna's Koiya Bazar area. Despite repairs just three months ago, recent rains have left the road in a dilapidated state, posing risks to both drivers and pedestrians. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## BOOK READING EVENT 3,909 students awarded in Khulna city

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

A total of 3,909 students from 57 schools in Khulna city were awarded yesterday for their outstanding participation in a year-long book reading programme jointly organised by Bishwo Shahitto Kendro and Grameenphone.

The colourful, daylong award ceremony was held at the Khulna District Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

Of the awardees, 2,260 students, including 1,222 girls from 32 schools, received their prizes directly on stage. Teachers and organisers collected awards on behalf of students from 18 other institutions.

Among the winners, 2,100 received

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## River land filled up, marked for sale in Jashore

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A portion of the Mukteshwari river in Jashore has allegedly been filled up and marked for sale, sparking outrage among locals and environmental activists.

A signboard erected beside the filled-up section in Chanchra union's Bat Tala Bazar reads that the plot is for sale.

The encroached section, which flows beside the Kalibari temple in Bat Tala, has been fenced off with bamboo and levelled by the grabbers.

Locals alleged that the encroachment stretches from the western side of the temple to the eastern bank near Bat Tala village.

"We've seen this happening over the years. This river, once vital to the community, is being slowly erased," one resident said.

Mukteshwari River Conservation



Committee convener Jahangir Alam said, "We've informed the administration several times. But due to lack of proper enforcement, these practices continue unabated."

Contacted, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Jashore Sadar Md Anisur Rahman said he was unaware of the incident. "But now that we've received the report, necessary

action will be taken after investigation," he said.

Locals said the encroached area is part of the river that flows towards Dhakuria via Satighata, known as Ziar Khal, which later branches into canals in Beel Haryana.

Locals said influential groups began farming fish by leasing the lower part of the Mukteshwari. Although water flow continued, residents said an influential group recently started filling the riverbed with soil from the north side of Bhaturia Narayanpur Road culvert to the junction of Ziar Khal, before putting up a signboard to sell plots.

"This river was part of our lives. I planted jute here, bathed cows and goats, and cultivated with its water. Now it is being claimed as private land," said

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## Police stop minority conference

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programme, he told The Daily Star that approval from the DMP was required for such events.

The conference, titled "National Minority Conference 2025: From Hills to Plains, Standing Firm to Protect Existence", was scheduled to begin at 10:00am.

The event was organised by the Sanhkhyaloghu Odhikar Andolon (Minority Rights Movement), which later announced that the programme had been

postponed and that a new date would be announced.

A documentary on communal attacks in Bangladesh over the last 54 years was also supposed to be screened at the event.

Yesterday morning, many people from different parts of the country arrived to join the conference, but none were allowed to enter the venue.

Tarun Kumar Roy, who came from Nilphamari, told reporters, "I reached Dhaka around 8:00am to

join the programme, but when I came here, I heard the conference would not be held."

Around 11:45am yesterday, leaders of the Minority Rights Movement tried to hold a press briefing in front of the auditorium gate after hanging a banner.

Police, however, stopped them.

Following discussions, the organisers shifted their briefing to in front of the Department of Agricultural Extension.

Sushmita Kar, convener of the Sanhkhyaloghu Odhikar Andolon, said, "We had to postpone the conference due to unavoidable reasons. The

next date will be announced soon. But programmes like this cannot be silenced in this way."

Earlier in the day, the organisation shared a post on Facebook that read: "An indoor programme! At the last moment, the security forces blocked it. In Bangladesh, all the minority attacks are political. Then why be so afraid of a minority conference? You say 8 percent are not united. So, when everyone comes together, why stop it? Why so much fear about showing a documentary on 54 years of communal violence?"

## Voter list yet to be finalised

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Asked which departments had not yet submitted their lists, he said they did not want to disclose that information for now, as several tasks remained to be completed with the departments concerned.

Member Secretary Prof Ariful Haque Siddique said, "We had asked all departments to submit voter information a week ago. But many submitted IDs without names, while others provided names without IDs, causing delays. We hope to finalise everything by Sunday and discuss the schedule on Monday."

Following the July uprising and political changeover, universities across the country revived discussions on student union elections. While Dhaka, Rajshahi, and Jahangirnagar

universities have already announced election dates and are nearing completion of the nomination process, CU remains stuck with an incomplete voter list and no schedule.

Mehedi Hasan, a student of International Relations at CU, said most students failed to realise the importance of Cucus and the leadership had not been able to convey its significance.

"Using students' apathy as an excuse, the administration is deliberately delaying the election," he told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, the inclusion of MPhil and PhD students as voters and candidates in the polls, along with the age limit set at 30, sparked criticism.

Student groups alleged that the administration

brought MPhil and PhD students under the electoral process even though most organisations opposed their inclusion during earlier discussions.

At a recent press conference, the CU unit of Chhatra Dal claimed the move was intended to benefit a particular political group.

Md Sabuj, joint secretary of Chhatra Adhikar Parishad, said delays were either due to a lack of sincerity or pressure from higher authorities.

CU Chhatra Dal General Secretary Abdullah Al Noman said the administration was not neutral, alleging the guidelines had been tailored to benefit certain groups.

"They are delaying the date to calculate how best to favour them," he said.

CU Shibir President Mohammad Ali, however, announced a rally for next Sunday, rejecting allegations that his organisation influenced the inclusion of MPhil and PhD students.

Revolutionary Student Union Convener Tahsan Habib said CU students had fought the hardest for the polls, but the administration had failed to deliver, calling it "a clear sign of insincerity".

CU Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Kamal Uddin said there was no reason for the polls not to be held.

"The commission is working, and the voter list will be ready by Monday. We expect the schedule within a week and aim to complete the election by September," he said.

The last Cucus polls were held in 1990.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1486 OF 2025

An application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Ibrahim Iqbal Memorial Hospital Limited** ..... PETITIONER  
-VERSUS-  
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhaban (6th Floor),  
1 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215 ..... Respondents.

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994, for the alteration and addition of the objects clause of the Memorandum of Association of **Ibrahim Iqbal Memorial Hospital Limited** has been filed before the Hon'ble Company Judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Pursuant to the said application **Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel**, the Hon'ble Justice of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh was pleased to admit the application by an order dated 20.08.2025. Any person wishing to contest or oppose the aforesaid application may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through a duly appointed Advocate.

A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of requisite costs.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTARY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1471 OF 2025

[An application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 183(2) & (5) of the Companies Act, 1994]

**Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)** .....Petitioner  
Versus  
**Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms and Others** .....Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 183(2) & (5) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of "**Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited**" for the year of 2024 and/or relieving the Members of the Company from the liabilities of fine and for obtaining other necessary declarations from the Hon'ble High Court as specifically elaborated in the prayer portion of the Application has been filed and moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. The Hon'ble High Court Division comprising his Lordship **Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel**, upon hearing the learned Advocate and perusing the application along with documents annexed therewith, was pleased to admit the application and directed to issue notices to the Respondents vide order dated 19.08.2025.

Any person or persons having interest in the said application may appear either personally or through duly authorized Advocate on or before the date so fixed. Copy of the Application may be collected from the undersigned upon payment of necessary costs.

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTARY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1472 OF 2025

[An application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 183(2) & (5) of the Companies Act, 1994]

**Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited** .....Petitioner  
Versus  
**Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms and Others** .....Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 183(2) & (5) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of "**KAFCO International Company Limited**" for the year of 2024 and/or relieving the Members of the Company from the liabilities of fine and for obtaining other necessary declarations from the Hon'ble High Court as specifically elaborated in the prayer portion of the Application has been filed and moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. The Hon'ble High Court Division comprising his Lordship **Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel**, upon hearing the learned Advocate and perusing the application along with documents annexed therewith, was pleased to admit the application and directed to issue notices to the Respondents vide order dated 19.08.2025.

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