

## Niaz Ahmed Chowdhury passes away

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Niaz Ahmed Chowdhury passed away at Evercare Hospital yesterday, at the age of 80, said a press release.

He had been suffering from old-age complications and pneumonia.

He left behind his widow, Ria Chowdhury, daughter Noushin Afzal, son Nihad Chowdhury, only brother Monsur Ahmed Chowdhury, six grandchildren, and a host of relatives, friends, and well-wishers to mourn his death.

The second son of late Mozir Uddin Chowdhury from Vaddeshwar in Sylhet, Niaz worked in the private sector until 2010.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today, after the Asr prayers at Gulshan Azad Mosque. Later, he will be buried at the Banani Graveyard.



**A fisherman couple from the Manta community, living on a boat on the Kalabodor, folds their nets together by the riverside. They are keeping the nets aside due to the government's ongoing ban on hilsa fishing from October 4 to 25. The photo was taken yesterday in the Bukhainagar area of Barishal Sadar upazila.**

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## BNP calls PR party-centric

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In contrast, Jamaat AHM Hamidur Rahman Azad called for introducing PR to avoid electoral irregularities and ensure that "every vote counts."

"The first and foremost benefit of PR is that every voter can recognise that they are represented in parliament," he said.

Nagorik Oikya President Mahmudur Rahman Manna dismissed the debate, saying, "There is nothing to discuss about PR. The people of the country do not understand it, and they have no interest in it."

Biplobi Workers Party General Secretary Saiful Haque alleged that a "motivated campaign" was being carried out to claim that 78 percent of people support PR.

Former Election Commission Secretary SM Jakoria warned that a party winning the most votes under PR might still be unable to form the government, creating a "mismatch between expectations and outcomes."

AB Party Chairman Mojibur Rahman Monju said, "If voting takes place at night, there will be no difference between an election under the PR

system and the traditional first-past-the-post system."

Presenting the keynote paper, Prof Mamun Al Mostofa of Dhaka University's Political Science Department said forming an Upper House based on PR alone would not ensure accountability or strengthen democracy.

Gono Odhikar Parishad General Secretary Rashed Khan said discussions would continue to reach a consensus on the electoral system, while Ganosanghati Andolon's Executive Coordinator Abul Hasan Rubel said PR could only be considered if people lose faith in the current one.

## Hope rekindled

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carried out at the hospital – 55 autologous and five allogeneic – with only two unsuccessful cases, according to a doctor from the unit.

### NEED AND COST OF TREATMENT

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum inaugurated and visited the renovated unit, expressing hope that BMT services would soon resume at a relatively low cost.

Prof Abu Jafor, director general of the Directorate General of Health Services, said around 1,000 patients need BMT annually in the country.

However, health facilities in both public and private hospitals have the capacity to perform around 200 transplants annually, he said. Therefore, the BMT unit authorities have to prioritise patients, with particular emphasis on children.

Dr Kamrul Hasan, head of the Haematology Department and the BMT unit, said preparations for transplantation have begun and the service is expected to resume within two to three weeks.

He said there are five beds in total, and the unit will be able to perform 50 to 60 transplants annually.

Replying to a question, he said the cost varies depending on the type of BMT, disease, and the patient's condition.

Autologous

transplantation may cost between Tk 5 lakh and Tk 7 lakh, while allogeneic transplantation may cost Tk 12 to Tk 15 lakh, said Kamrul Hasan.

He said an autologous transplant costs around Tk 15 lakh in private hospitals, while the same procedure can cost Tk 20 lakh to Tk 1 crore in other countries. The cost of allogeneic transplantation is even higher.

### CHALLENGES AHEAD

Asked about the challenges to continue services, Dr Mafruha Akter, an associate professor who has been involved in 52 BMTs, said apart from financial issues, providing training to doctors and nurses is crucial.

"A multidisciplinary approach is also important, as these patients need care for other complications as well. Standardisation of the unit will also be key," she said.

Currently, there are 16 trained nurses in the unit, said Sara Mukti Das, nurse in charge of the unit.

Prof Sayedur Rahman, special assistant to the health ministry, said trained doctors from Chattogram Medical College Hospital and Mitford Hospital will be brought to the unit.

He said the government will establish a fund for the unit, covering a portion of the transplant cost, while the remaining expenses will be borne by the patient.

## A life of wisdom

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Nazrul Institute, Bangla Academy, and Shilpakala Academy, among others.

Speaking on behalf of the family, his sister, Syeda Sattar Baby, said, "We spent the last eight day-nights at the hospital. The love I saw from his students and admirers made me feel that my brother was not only a great teacher but also a beloved soul to many. For that, I express my gratitude on behalf of our family."

Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury, remembering his former student and colleague, said, "Manzoor was a brilliant student who began teaching early. His connection with literature was unique. He received several awards, including the Ekushey Padak, all of which he truly deserved. He was a rare human being, completely free of arrogance."

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, "Dhaka University has lost one of its finest teachers today."

Recalling her memories, she added, "Manzoor bhai was not only a teacher and writer but also an extraordinary human being. Our relationship was more personal than professional. He was respected for his wisdom, humility, and integrity. Many hoped for a miracle, but his time to leave had come."

Law Adviser Asif Nazrul, who lived next door to him

on Fuller Road, said, "He had a smile that could only come from a pure heart. It was his signature. Despite our political differences, I always admired his honesty and integrity. He was immensely knowledgeable and deeply loved. His death is an irreparable loss."

Mofidul Hoque, trustee of the Liberation War Museum, said, "He was sincerely involved in many initiatives. His vastness of thought and his ability to awaken others will remain in society."

Artist Monirul Islam said, "He wasn't just an academic or a writer – he had a deep understanding of contemporary art and aesthetics. That's why I trusted him greatly."

Photographer Shahidul Alam said, "In 2018, when the government exerted pressure on me, Pathshala, and Drik, he took the burden upon himself to shield us. Later, when the authorities tried to manipulate our governing body, he used his influence to free us from that difficult situation."

From the Shaheed Minar, his body was taken to Dhaka University Mosque, where his namaz-e-janaza was held after Zuhr prayers. Later in the afternoon, he was laid to rest at the Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard in Mirpur.

Manzoorul, 74, breathed his last while undergoing treatment at LabAid Hospital in Dhaka on Friday.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
OCTOBER 12

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4:45	12:45	4:15	5:45	7:15
JAMAAT	5:20	1:15	4:30	5:50
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Date: 08/10/2025

### Invitation for Tender (International)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges, Road Transport and Highways Division
2	Agency/Department	Roads and Highways Department (RHD)
3	Purchaser Name	Superintending Engineer Roads and Highways Department, MIS & Estates Circle Address: Sarak Bhaban, Level-5, Block- B, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh
4	Purchaser District	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Plants & Equipment for Axle Load Control System under Roads and Highways Department.
6	Invitation Ref	Memo No.35.01.0000.160.14.24.400
7	Date	08 October 2025

#### KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method, International (One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method, OSTETM)
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#### FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget & Source of Funds	Development Budget (GOB)
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#### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10	Tender Package No.	01/RHD/SE/MIS & ESTATES CIRCLE /2025-2026
11	Tender Publication Date	12 October 2025
12	Tender Last Selling Date	25 November 2025, Time: 17:00 hours (Bangladesh Standard Time)
13	Tender Closing Date and Time	26 November 2025, Time: 12.30 hours (Bangladesh Standard Time)
14	Tender Opening Date and Time	26 November 2025, Time: 15.00 hours (Bangladesh Standard Time)
15	Name and Address of the office (s)	Address

Selling Tender Document	<b>Project Manager (Executive Engineer)</b> Roads and Highways Department, Axle Load Control Stations Project Address: Sarak Bhaban, Block- B, Room No: 522, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh
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1) Receiving Tender Document (Primary place)	<b>Superintending Engineer</b> Roads and Highways Department, MIS & Estates Circle Address: Sarak Bhaban, Level-5, Block- B, Room No: 526 Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh
2) Receiving Tender Document (Secondary place)	<b>1. Divisional Commissioner,</b> Dhaka Division, 1st 12 Storied Government Building, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka-1000 <b>2. Additional Chief Engineer, RHD</b> Dhaka Zone, Roads and Highways Department, Alenbari, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208.

Opening Tender Document	<b>Office of the Superintending Engineer</b> Roads and Highways Department, MIS & Estates Circle Address: Sarak Bhaban, Level-5, Block- B, Room No: 526 Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh			
16	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	30 October 2025 Time: 15.00 hours (Bangladesh Standard Time), <b>Conference Room-306</b> ; Technical Services Wing, Roads and highways Department, Block- A, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	Eligibility of Tenderer has been mentioned in the Section 2 of Tender Data Sheet (TDS).		
18	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply and Installation of plant/equipment for Axle Load Control Stations (ALCS) (17 stations situated all over Bangladesh and 01 Axle Main Control Center, AMCC at RHD Headquarter) comprising - Pre-selection Sub-System (HS-WIM) - Station Evasion Control Sub-System - Axle Load Control Station Computer Sub-System - In-Station Truck Traffic Management Sub-System, - Axle Load Measurement and Enforcement Sub-System (LS-WIM) - Axle Load Control Back Office Sub-System (in Dhaka) - CCTV Sub-System, IT Network Sub-System - Other necessary infrastructure works		
19	<b>Identification of Lot</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Price of Tender Document</b>	<b>Tender Security Amount</b>
	Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Plants & Equipment for Axle Load Control System under Roads and Highways Department	17 stations situated all over Bangladesh and 01 Axle Main Control Center (AMCC) at RHD Headquarter.	BDT 12,000	BDT 45 million or US\$ 375,000
20	Name of Official Inviting Tender	K.M. Noor-E-Alam		
21	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Superintending Engineer		
22	Address of official Inviting Tender	Superintending Engineer Roads and Highways Department, MIS & Estates Circle Address: Sarak Bhaban, Level-5, Block- B, Room No-526, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh		
23	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Mobile No.: 01711040772; 01730782512 e-mail address: <a href="mailto:serhdmis.estate@gmail.com">serhdmis.estate@gmail.com</a>		
24	Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.			

#### Special Instructions:

- No tender will be received after the deadline of submission.
- If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/ opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The procuring Entity reserves the right to exclude or decrease the quantity of tender items for which no claim will be entertained.
- CD, VAT, Taxes and other charges/expenses have to be paid by the Contractor as per latest Rules of the Government of Bangladesh.

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