

Saleh, Sohel re-elected DRU president, general secy



Abu Saleh Sohel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abu Saleh Akon of The Daily Navadiganta and Mynul Hasan Sohel of The Daily Inqilab were re-elected as president and general secretary of Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday.

Mehedi Azad Masum was elected vice president, while Jafar Iqbal was elected joint secretary.

Other elected office bearers are finance secretary Niaz Mahmud Sohel, organising secretary MM Jasim, office secretary Mohammad Rashim Mollah, women affairs secretary Jannatul Fedous Panna, publicity and publication secretary Mizan Chowdhury, ICT and training secretary Mahmud Sohel, sports secretary Omar Faruk Rubel, cultural secretary Monowar Hossain, hospitality secretary Aminul Haque Bhuiyan and welfare secretary Rafique Mridha.

Out of a total of 1,757 voters, 1,444 cast their votes from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

EC plans to increase secret voting rooms at polling centres

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The Election Commission has decided to keep the number of polling centres and booths unchanged while installing two secret rooms in each booth to ease voter pressure.

EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed briefed reporters yesterday evening after consultation and preparatory meetings with 34 ministries, divisions and authorities ahead of the February election.

Referring to mock voting observations, he said two secret voting rooms in each booth would eliminate the need for additional polling centres. The budget may rise slightly due to the installation of the extra secret rooms.

Ahead of the election, the EC has finalised 42,761 polling centres and 244,649 polling booths nationwide, including 129,602 for women and 115,137 for men. Regarding the overall law and order, he said it remains satisfactory but noted that the EC's formal responsibilities will begin once the election schedule is announced.

To ensure the financial security of polling officials, the EC has decided to increase their allowances, he said. It is also introducing financial incentives for officials.

Digital family court introduced in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

With an aim to digitalise the judiciary and ease the long-standing suffering of litigants, the e-family court was officially introduced in the Chattogram Court yesterday.

Court sources said five types of cases will be under the e-family court's jurisdiction: divorce, restitution of conjugal rights, dower (mahr), maintenance, and guardianship and custody of children.

Complainants, defendants, lawyers, court support staff, judges, and the general public can use the e-family court website after registration.

Hypertension

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The survey says 26.7 percent of people aged 15 years and above consume tobacco or tobacco products, down from 29.6 percent in the 2014 survey. There is a significant gender gap: 38 percent of men use tobacco, compared to 16 percent of women.

Drug use is comparatively low (0.8 percent), yet it places a financial burden on families. Urban drug users spend an average of Tk 1,428 per month, compared to Tk 556 in rural areas.

The survey highlights the prevalence of physical and mental disabilities, which also impose financial strain. On average, 5.2 out of every 100 people live with some form of disability. Age is a major factor: among people aged 18 and above, the disability rate is 7.1 percent, compared to 1.8 percent among those under 18.

Average expenditure on disability-related treatment is Tk 6,775. In rural areas, it is Tk 7,269, higher than the urban average of Tk 5,417.

The survey shows 108 out of every 1 lakh population have tuberculosis, while 0.38 out of every 1,000 have malaria. It also shows 91.2 out of every 1 lakh population had Hepatitis B.

Aleya Akter, secretary of the Statistics and Informatics Division, and Huzur Ali, additional secretary of the Health Services Division, also spoke at the programme, with BBS Director General Mohammed Mizanur Rahman in the chair.

Inu's petition rejected

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They alleged he instructed Kushtia police to prepare lists of protesters, approved earlier acts of repression and supported helicopter assaults and armed crackdowns. His public remarks and alliance meetings, they claimed, legitimised violence across the country.

The prosecution said eyewitness testimony, digital communications and forensic evidence form a robust chain proving his complicity beyond doubt.

Earlier, the tribunal dismissed a defence petition seeking a review of the charge framing against Inu, ruling that the charge frame was upheld and that objections must be settled during trial, not at the preliminary stage.

Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam told reporters the tribunal rejected the defence's attempt to question the qualitative value of evidence, adding that the review petition contained three serious and unacceptable remarks challenging the government's authority to enact laws and describing the July uprising as so-called.

He termed these comments contemptuous and seditious and sought a contempt notice against Inu.

The tribunal did not issue any order regarding the contempt and seditious claimed by the prosecution in court. However, while briefing journalists after the proceedings, Tajul said the tribunal's observations on the issue would be reflected in the order.

Sifat Mahmud, a member of Inu's defence team, said they had sought discharge, arguing that the charges were baseless, politically motivated and unsupported by credible evidence.

He claimed Inu had no authority over law enforcement, that the investigation was biased and that the audio evidence contained inconsistencies. He said Inu had publicly urged restraint and dialogue.

Meanwhile, ICT 1 yesterday ordered BNP chairperson's adviser and Supreme Court lawyer Fazlur Rahman to appear before it on December 8

to explain why contempt proceedings should not be initiated against him.

The order came after prosecutors accused him of making adverse remarks on a television talk show on November 26, questioning the tribunal's legitimacy and suggesting its proceedings were being run through an internal arrangement.

The tribunal directed Fazlur to bring his academic and bar certificates to the next hearing.

ICT-1 also ordered authorities to produce Shahriar Kabir, former president of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, before the court on January 12 in connection with the 2013 Hefazat e Islam rally at Motijheel's Shapla Chattar. He is currently in jail in another case.

PRAYER TIMING
DECEMBER 1

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-15	12-45	3-45	5-19	7-00
JAMAAT 5-50	1-15	4-00	5-22	7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

'TEARS OF A FLOWER' Amaya Rahman's poetry collection released



CITY DESK

A young Bangladeshi poet, Amaya Rahman, has released her debut poetry collection, "Tears of a Flower", which addresses two of Bangladesh's most overlooked subjects that deeply concern today's young generation: mental health and pressing social issues such as the July uprising and the Milestone jet crash.

Published by Subarna Publications, the book was launched at the capital's Gulshan Club on November 29, said a press release.

The collection is divided into two sections, "Bleeding" and "Hope", where the author explores mental health and broader societal issues.

Farooq Sobhan, former foreign secretary and ambassador, attended the launch as the chief guest.

Other guests included Naira Khan, associate professor of linguistics at Dhaka University; Tibra Ali, professor and associate dean of research at BRAC University's School of Data and Sciences; Anita Ghazi Rahman, senior lawyer of the Supreme Court and founder of The Legal Circle; and Khadija Afzal, senior vice president of the Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs.

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International Tender Notice for Import of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice (Package-09, FY 2025-2026)

International tender in sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders for supply of 50,000 (Fifty thousand) (±5%) Metric Tons of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice. The particulars of international tender are furnished below:

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh			
1	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Food
2	Agency	:	Not applicable
3	Procuring entity name	:	Director Procurement
4	Procuring entity code	:	Not applicable
5	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	:	Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice
7	Invitation Ref. No. & date	:	13.01.0000.093.46.014.25-890, Dated: 30/11/2025
KEY INFORMATION			
8	Procuring method	:	International Open Tender Method
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9	Budget and source of fund	:	GoB fund
10	Development partners (if applicable)	:	Not applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
11	Project/ programme / code (if applicable)	:	Not applicable
12	Project/ programme name (if applicable)	:	Not applicable
13	Package No.	:	Package-09
14	Package name	:	Procurement of 50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice
15	Notice publication date	:	01 December, 2025
16	Selling of tender schedule	:	01 December, 2025 to 14 December, 2025 up to 4 30pm (BST)
17	Date and time of closing	:	15 December, 2025, Upto Time 1.00pm (BST)
18	Date and time of opening	:	15 December, 2025, Time 2.00pm (BST)
19 Name and address of the office(s):			
Selling tender documents		:	Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
Receiving place of tender		:	1) Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. 2) Office Chamber of Additional Secretary, Room No. 114, (1st Floor), Building No. 04, Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
Opening place of tender		:	Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
20	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	:	Not applicable
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
21	Eligibility of tenderer	:	Necessary papers to be submitted complying the conditions mentioned in the tender documents.
22	Brief description of goods or works	:	50,000 (±5%) (Fifty thousand) MT. of Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice at Chattogram (60%) and Mongla (40%) Port on CIF Liner Out term. Cost of the Cargo, Insurance and Freight including Stevedoring, Overseas Handling and Lightering are on seller's account. Single price per MT is to be quoted in US\$.
23	Brief description of related services	:	Not applicable
24	Price of tender document (Tk.)	:	Tk 5,000 (five thousand) or USD 100 (One hundred) non-refundable by Pay Order/Bank Draft drawn in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Food.
Mode of payment		:	Through Letter of Credit (L/C).
Crop year		:	2025 or latest
Validity of the offer		:	29 December, 2025 Upto 5.00pm (BST)

25 Quality & Specification:

Quality parameters	Specification	Margin of tolerance with claim for deviation beyond specification	Rejection
Moisture (maximum)	13.5%	14.0%	above 14.0%
Broken grain (Maximum)	5.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 2%)	6.0% (Rice of size 3/4th and below will be considered as broken and less than 1/4th broken should not be more than 3%)	above 6.0%
Foreign matter (Maximum)	0.3%	0.5%	above 0.5%
Dead, damaged & discoloured grains (Maximum)	3% in total	4.0%	above 4.0%
Radio-Activity (maximum)	50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country)	50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs (Relaxable for the crop of SAARC and South-East Asian country)	above 50 Bq/Kg of 137Cs/134Cs

All the parameters must be limited to percentage mentioned against each item individually and separately.

Pack No.	Identification of Shipment	Country of origin	Location	Tender security amount (US\$)	Shipment period
Pack-09	50,000 MT (±5%) Non-Basmati Parboiled Rice on CIF Liner out term	Any country of the world except Israel	Chattogram Port-60% and Mongla Port-40%	US\$ 300,000 (Three hundred thousand) in favour of Director General of Food for 50,000 MT Parboiled Rice (±5%) in the form of a Bank Draft/Pay-Order (No Bank Guarantee is allowed)	40 (forty) days from the date of opening of the L/C. Note that at least 50% of the total quantity must be shipped within 25 days of opening of the L/C.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Moniruzzaman
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Procurement)
28	Address of official inviting tender	Office Chamber of Director (Procurement), Room No. 501, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.
29	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: +88-02-41050178 E-mail: dproc@dgfood.gov.bd
30	(i) Incomplete, conditional tender and alternate offer shall not be considered. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. (ii) Tenderer who has been awarded two NOAs (Notification of Award) waiting for signing the contract or has signed two contracts but shipment under any of the contracts has not yet set sailed for destination, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender; (iii) Tenderer who had been awarded NOAs (Notification of Award) earlier but could not execute contract by submitting PG (Performance Guarantee) on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the next two tenders; (iv) Tenderer whose bid-bonds had been forfeited twice for not submitting PG or signing contract on time, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from the bid-bonds so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not; (v) Tenderer whose whole PG (Performance Guarantee) had been forfeited for non-supply of the contracted quantity, shall not be eligible to participate in the tender for the rest period of the current financial year, whether the money accruing from PG so forfeited is deposited to the Government treasury or not.	

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১. সংস্থার নাম	বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা
২. সংগ্রহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান	সচিব, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা
৩. জেলা	ঢাকা
৪. বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	রাজস্ব খাত
৫. দরপত্রের নাম/ কাজের বিবরণ	'মহান বিজয় দিবস-২০২৫' উদযাপন উপলক্ষে আয়োজনের বিভিন্ন কাজ
৬. অনুষ্ঠানের স্থান	সোহরাওয়ার্দী উদ্যান, ঢাকা
৭. দরপত্র দলিল প্রাপ্তি	অর্থ, হিসাব ও পরিকল্পনা উপবিভাগ, নিচতলা, প্রশিক্ষণ ভবন, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা
৮. ক্রয় প্রক্রিয়া	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র (OTM)
৯. দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয় শুরুর দিন ও সময়	০১-১২-২০২৫, সকাল ৯:০০ টা
১০. দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ দিন ও সময়	০৯-১২-২০২৫, বিকাল ৪:৩০ টা পর্যন্ত
১১. প্রি-টেন্ডার মিটিং এর সময় ও স্থান	০৭-১২-২০২৫, বিকাল ৩.০০টায়, সচিবের অফিস কক্ষে, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা।
১২. দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১০-১২-২০২৫, দুপুর: ১২:০০টা
১৩. দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১০-১২-২০২৫, দুপুর: ১২-১০টা সচিবের দপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা।
১৪. প্রতি দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার টাকা মাত্র)
১৫. দরদাতার যোগ্যতা ও প্রয়োজনীয় দলিলাদি	১। হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, এবং হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধের প্রত্যয়নপত্র, ২। দরপত্রের যাবতীয় শর্তাবলী, নিয়মাবলী, দরপত্র সিডিউল/তফসিলে উল্লেখ আছে ৩। ক্রটিপূর্ণ/অসম্পূর্ণ দরপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। ৪। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। ৫। দরপত্রে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন ২০০৬, পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০২৫ অনুযায়ী বিধি বিধান অনুসরণ করা হবে।
১৬. দরপত্রের নিরাপত্তা জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্রের সাথে যে কোন ব্যাবিজ্ঞিক ব্যাংক (সিডিউল ব্যাংক) হতে মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমির অনুকূলে ২,৯০,০০০/- (দুই লক নব্বই হাজার) টাকা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার নিরাপত্তা জামানত হিসেবে দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৭. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	মোহাম্মদ জাকির হোসেন
১৮. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবি	সচিব
১৯. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর ঠিকানা	বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা।

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