

KM Mozibul Hoque elected UAP chairman

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KM Mozibul Hoque has been elected chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) Foundation and chairman of the UAP Board of Trustees for the 2026-27 term, said a press release.



Hoque was born in Muradnagar of Cumilla. Over the years, he has played a significant role in education, development, international engagement, and the corporate sector.

He has served as vice-chairman of the Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association and as president and dean of the Consular Corps Bangladesh from 2018 to 2020. Hoque is the honorary consul general of Yemen in Bangladesh and also serves as chairman of TAS Aviation Group, Shah Group, and Bakkah Holding.

Other members elected to the UAP Foundation and the UAP Board of Trustees include Alamzeb Farzad Ahmed, Abdul Malek Mollah, Zaki Alam, and Mahbuba Haque.



PHOTO: STAR

Burning topsoil for bricks rampant in Rangpur

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Agricultural land across the Rangpur region has been experiencing a decline in productivity, coupled with environmental damage due to the loss of fertile topsoil, which is being openly extracted and supplied to around 595 brick kilns in the four districts.

Locals have alleged that topsoil is being extracted strategically – using day-labourers during the day and excavators at night.

In the past week, local administrations have fined 12 brick kilns a total of Tk 15 lakh in Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, and Rangpur districts for using fertile topsoil from croplands to make bricks. The fines were imposed during drives in Hatibandha and Patgram upazilas of Lalmonirhat, Phulbari, Nageshwari and Ulipur upazilas of Kurigram, Sundarganj upazila of Gaibandha, and Taraganj upazila of Rangpur.

Despite repeated drives by local authorities, the extraction and use of topsoil for brick-making has continued.

Jamal Uddin, a technician at a brick kiln in Nageshwari upazila, said it takes about five kilogrammes of soil to make a single high-quality brick. "Each brick kiln produces 40-50 lakh bricks a year, requiring a huge amount of topsoil from agricultural lands," he added.

Aftab Hossain, a brick kiln owner from Hatibandha upazila, claimed, "We buy this soil directly from farmers. Farmers voluntarily sell the topsoil and benefit financially."

"If the collection of topsoil is stopped, brick kilns will have to shut down. If brick production stops, development activities of the state will also be disrupted," he added.

Dr Safinur Rahman, senior scientific officer of the Rangpur Divisional Soil Resource Development Institute, explained,

"The topsoil is the most important layer of soil, where the amount of organic matter is highest and most biological activities take place. Once this soil is removed, it takes more than 10 years for the land to regain its previous fertility."

Sirajul Islam, additional director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in the Rangpur region, said due to brick kilns extracting and using topsoil from agricultural land, soil fertility is deteriorating and crop production is being disrupted.

Aftab Uddin, 65, a farmer from Durgapur village in Ulipur upazila, said, "Brick kiln owners extract topsoil from several bighas of land at once. As a result, that land elevation becomes lower than the surrounding fields, causing problems with irrigation and cultivation on the land. In this way, kiln owners are strategically blackmailing us into selling the topsoil of our land."

Narayan Sarkar, 60, a farmer

from Pargachha upazila, said the topsoil of one bigha of land sells for Tk 18,000-20,000.

"While it seems profitable at first, once the topsoil is removed, expected crop yields are not obtained for several years, thereby generating losses," he added.

Shafiqul Islam, a brick kiln owner from Mithapukur upazila in Rangpur, claimed that they buy soil from farmers at a fair price and never put pressure on them.

Rezul Karim, assistant director of the Department of Environment in Kurigram, confirmed, "The matter has been informed to the local administration, and fines are being imposed through drives in different places."

Rangpur Divisional Commissioner Shahidul Islam said that district administrators have been instructed to take legal action against brick kiln owners to stop the extraction of topsoil from agricultural land.

Russian worker found dead in Pabna

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police recovered the body of a Russian worker from his dormitory in the Green City residential area of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant in Pabna on Sunday afternoon.

The deceased was identified as Raibak Maksim, 30, an employee of Atomotech Energy Company working at the power plant.

Md Muminuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Ishwardi Police Station, said Maksim was found dead in his dormitory when his roommate entered the room.

On information, police went to the spot and recovered the body, he said.

Following autopsy at Pabna General Hospital morgue, the body was handed over as per procedure on Sunday night, the OC added.

However, the findings of the autopsy report could not be known immediately.

10 cops suspended for embezzling 1 lakh yaba in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The authorities have suspended 10 police personnel of Chattogram Metropolitan Police and Cox's Bazar District Police after an internal probe committee found their involvement in embezzling around one lakh yaba pills seized from a police constable in Chattogram city's Bakalia area on December 8 last year.

Among the 10 policemen, nine are members of different ranks of CMP, and one is a constable from Cox's Bazar District Police who carried the contraband yaba pills from Cox's Bazar, said police sources.

They were suspended after the single-member probe committee submitted its findings to CMP Commissioner Hasib Aziz. Additional Police Commissioner (Traffic) of CMP, Wahidul Hoque Chowdhury, headed the committee.

The suspended policemen are -- Inspector (Investigation) Tanvir Hossen, Sub-Inspector Md Al Amin Sarkar, SI Md Amir Hossain, Assistant Sub-Inspector Saiful Alam, ASI Ziaur Rahman, ASI Saddam Hossain, ASI Enamul Hoque, Constable Rashedul Hasan, Constable Umme Habiba Swapna, and Constable Intiaj Hossain Sowrav.

Among them, Constable Intiaj is a member of

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RANGPUR DIVISION 3,152 held in anti-narcotics drives in 2025

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) arrested 3,152 people during a total 9,910 anti-narcotics drives across Rangpur division between January 1 and December 31 last year.

A total of 3,027 cases were filed during this time, said Masud Hossain, additional director of the DNC's Rangpur divisional office.

He said regular anti-narcotics operations are being conducted daily in eight districts under the division -- Rangpur, Dinajpur, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Panchagarh, and Thakurgaon.

During the drives, DNC teams seized around 10,600 kilogrammes of cannabis, 4,500 bottles of phensedyl, 500 grammes of heroin and approximately 5,500 yaba tablets, along with other locally produced and foreign illegal drugs.

The authorities also seized Tk 8 lakh in cash, 18 motorcycles, three minibuses, three CNG-run auto-rickshaws, 10 easy bikes and 64 mobile phones.

Officials said that, as a division along the border, Rangpur is being used as a key transit route for drug trafficking, adding that a significant number of those arrested were women, pointing to a growing trend in border areas.

Shahidur Rahman, a schoolteacher from Naodanga area of Phulbari upazila in Kurigram, said drug syndicates in border regions have been luring women from poor families into drug transportation, with children also being drawn into the activity occasionally.

A woman from the Naodanga border area, speaking on condition of anonymity, said traffickers use women to carry cannabis and phensedyl to Rangpur, Bogura, Natore and Dhaka in exchange for large sums of money.

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e-GP Tender Notice (OTM)

Date: বঙ্গাব্দ ১৪৩২ খ্রিঃ

e-Tender is invited in The National e-GP System (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of goods and related services mentioned below.

SL. No.	Tender/Proposal Package No. and Description	Tender/Proposal ID	e-Tender Publication Date & Time	e-Tender Last Selling Date & Time
01	P-381, Supply and Testing of Electrical Goods	1199854	04-01-2026 From 12:00	18-01-2026 Up to 12:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, registration in the national e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online branches of any registered Banks branches. Further information and guidance are available in the national e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Director
Centre for Advanced Research in Sciences (CARS)
University of Dhaka,

SC cautions media

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be legally liable for such contemptuous conduct," said the notification signed by SC's Registrar General Mohammad Habibur Rahman

The notification said recently various media outlets, including television scrolls, have published erroneous news claiming that a senior judge of the Appellate Division has gone on leave due to the appointment of the chief justice in violation of seniority, and that a judge of the High Court Division has gone on leave due to not being

assigned to a bench. Such reports are entirely false, misleading, and deeply regrettable.

"It is pertinent to mention that the Hon'ble Mr Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam of the Appellate Division has availed leave due to his mother's illness, and the Hon'ble Mr Justice Farid Ahmed of the High Court Division is temporarily unable to participate in judicial functions as he has been hospitalized due to illness. These matters have no connection whatsoever with the news circulated in the media," according to the notification.

Cross-examination

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Chowdhury observed that intentionally delaying a trial constitutes an offence.

The tribunal said it would pass an order today in this regard.

The 16 accused – 14 police personnel and two civilians – have been charged with superior command responsibility, conspiracy, incitement, facilitation, abetment, complicity, and failure to prevent or punish the crimes.

Eight of the accused are now in custody.

Those currently in custody include former superintendent of police Abdullah Hil Kafi, former

additional superintendent of police of Savar Circle Shahidul Islam, Inspector Arafat Hossain Arzu, former ASIs Abdul Malek, Arafat Uddin, Sheikh Afzalul Haque, Kamrul Hasan, and former constable Mukul Chokder. They were produced before the tribunal during yesterday's proceedings.

According to the prosecution, five protesters were already dead and one was critically injured when police, acting on instructions from senior officers and political leaders, piled their bodies together on a police pick-up van and set them on fire in Ashulia on August 5, 2024.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
Appointment of Consultant for Ground Development Works

Bangladesh Cricket Board

Ref No: BCB/Admin/Grounds/2026/08 Date: 06th January 2026

Sealed Proposals are hereby invited from reputed, experienced & bonafide Consulting Firms/Organizations for Appointment of Consultant for 02 (Two) Nos. Ground Development Works (ICC Standard) including detailed drawing & design, estimate preparation as per the design and full-time construction supervision for the National Cricket Ground, Purbachal, as per terms and conditions stated in the Proposal Schedule:

Agency	Bangladesh Cricket Board
1	Chief Executive Officer, BCB
2	Appointment of Consultant for 2 Nos. Ground Development Works (Detail Architectural & Engineering Drawings, Design, Estimate & Full-Time Supervision) at National Cricket Ground, Purbachal.
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4	Dhaka, Bangladesh
5	BCB/Admin/Grounds/2026/08
6	Open tendering Method (OTM)/ Quality & Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
7	Bangladesh Cricket Board
8	02/02/2026 at 3:00 pm
9	Finance & Accounts Department of Bangladesh Cricket Board at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur - 2, Dhaka, 1216, Bangladesh
10	Management Office of Bangladesh Cricket Board at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216.
11	To be notified
12	As a Consulting Firm/Organization, the following eligibility criteria must be fulfilled: i) Minimum 15 years' experience in Architectural, Structural & Civil Engineering consultancy. ii) Minimum 02 similar sports ground/stadium (ICC Standard) development consultancy projects completed in last 15 years. iii) Must have qualified & registered professionals - Architect, Structural Engineer, Civil Engineer, Electrical Engineer, and Supervisory Staff. iv) Must demonstrate technical capacity for master planning, detailed design, BOQ preparation, and full-time site supervision. v) Firm must be flexible in providing required manpower, equipment, and professional support as per BCB's work schedule.
13	1) Conduct topographic survey, geotechnical investigation & ground assessment. 2) Prepare detailed estimates, BOQ, technical specifications, and tender documents. 3) Provide full-time on-site supervision, quality control monitoring & progress reporting during project execution. 4) Ensure compliance with national building codes, sports facility standards & BCB guidelines.
14	Bangladesh Cricket Board, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216. Phone: +88 028031001-4. Fax: +88028031199
15	The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. Further, BCB also reserves the right to cancel the entire tender process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for Tender by issuing an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the Tender.

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