

## Khurshida Haque's death anniversary today

CITY DESK

Today is the 15th death anniversary of Khurshida Haque, a social worker and wife of late MA Haque, a former minister, founder president of the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, and founder of the Police Welfare Society.

On the occasion, food will be distributed among the orphans. Special prayers will be offered at mosques, said a press release.

Her relatives, friends, and well-wishers are requested to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.



Fishers from different villages in Rajshahi wade into a shrinking canal near Kaliganj Bridge in Tanore upazila, using poloi -- a traditional bamboo fish trap. As canals continue to dry up across the Barind region, they hurry to catch what they can before it's too late. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

## Out of context videos

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The viral clip was a 10-second extract from a speech of more than three minutes, originally posted on the Facebook page of the daily Samakal.

In the full video, Khan criticises what he describes as "religion traders", saying they could issue "bizarre and strange fatwas" to gain power. He adds that people of all faiths -- Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Christians -- would resist such attempts through the ballot.

Fact-checking platform Dismislab said the BNP leader was criticising a political party, but selective editing and a misleading headline created confusion.

In another instance, a portion of a statement by BNP-nominated Manikganj-1 candidate

SA Jinnah Kabir was circulated with claims that he threatened to expel the Hindu community and Awami League supporters if the BNP was not voted into power.

The clip was shared on the verified Facebook page of the Bangladesh Awami League, the Basherakella page, and several pages operating under media outlet names. Many users shared the video and called for his arrest.

Verification shows the 28-second clip was taken out of context from a meeting with members of the Hindu community in Baniajuri union of Ghior upazila.

The full eight-minute video, posted on Kabir's verified Facebook profile, shows him criticising Jamaat-e-Islami for its role

during the 1971 Liberation War, including allegations of targeting Sanatan followers.

"The video does not show threats against followers of the Sanatan religion; it is criticism of Jamaat-e-Islami that has been misleadingly presented by removing context," Dismislab said.

Election observers say such incidents point to a broader trend of religious rhetoric being selectively framed to polarise voters.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
FEBRUARY 3

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:15	5:52	7:15
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:30	5:56	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Policy reversals, underfunding hurting edn goals

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He called for an immediate taskforce to draft an education sector plan, which should eventually lead to a permanent education commission established through law to prevent policy shifts with changes in government.

Prof Manzoor said universal schooling cannot be achieved through partial measures such as extending compulsory education only up to Class VIII. Instead, the entire system -- particularly secondary education -- must be brought under a unified planning framework. He also said curriculum changes alone would not deliver results without addressing implementation failures.

"Before talking about new curricula, we must ask whether we can implement what we already have," said Prof Manzoor, who also serves as an adviser to CAMPE.

Presenting the keynote paper, CAMPE Programme Manager Abdur Rauf said enrolment has increased,

but learning outcomes remain poor due to poverty, child labour, child marriage, climate risks, infrastructure gaps and teacher shortages. These challenges continue to leave marginalised groups behind.

He urged the next government to allocate 4-6 percent of GDP to education, introduce a universal mid-day meal programme at primary and secondary levels, strengthen teacher capacity and status, and ensure foundational literacy and numeracy at the primary stage.

Fauzia Moslem, president of Bangladesh Mohila Parishad, said frequent curriculum changes in recent years have created confusion among students, teachers and parents, with learners becoming the most neglected stakeholders.

She warned that education policies often change with governments and called for safeguards against arbitrary shifts.

Fauzia also stressed the importance of cultural and

physical education alongside technical learning and urged stronger action against violence against women and child marriage, which she identified as major causes of girls dropping out of school.

Mohammad Golam Kibria, co-chair of the Education Local Consultative Group, said the National Education Policy 2010 needs urgent review and alignment with skills development and non-formal education frameworks. He also highlighted the need for decentralisation, better use of education data and stronger budget execution.

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director at the Centre for Policy Dialogue, said Bangladesh is lagging behind on SDG indicators despite gains in enrolment and lower dropout rates.

He warned that literacy levels hovering around 50 percent raise serious concerns about readiness for STEM education, and said planning must now

move beyond SDGs given the limited time left to meet current targets.

From a humanitarian perspective, Gaza-returned physician and aid worker Nahrin Ahmed said education, health and protection must be addressed together through a multi-sector approach, particularly for women and children in crises.

Participants also stressed the need to protect educational institutions in disaster-prone areas, expand job-oriented and modern courses aligned with labour market needs, strengthen local-level decision making, and bring madrasas, kindergartens and NGO-run schools under a mandatory

registration framework.

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**পুরাতন গাড়ী বিক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

ব্যাংকের নিম্নবর্ণিত পুরাতন গাড়ীসমূহ "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" ভিত্তিতে বিক্রির উদ্দেশ্যে আগ্রহী ক্রেতাদের নিকট হইতে আগামী ১৮.০২.২০২৬ তারিখ সকাল ১১.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে বা তার পূর্বে ২৬, দিলকুশা, বা/এ, ঢাকায় অবস্থিত অত্র ব্যাংকের প্রধান কার্যালয়ের সংস্থাপন ও সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ (১৩তম তলায়) রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাস্তবে দরপত্র দাখিলের জন্য সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে এবং দরপত্র ১৮.০২.২০২৬ তারিখে সকাল ১১.৩০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।

SL	Registration No.	Brand, CC & Year	Remarks
1	Dhaka Metro Cha-14-1250	Toyota Microbus (KR42), CC-1800, Year-2001	Kept at Officers quarter, Moghbazar
2	Dhaka Metro Cha-53-3032	Toyota Microbus (KR42), CC-1800, Year-2005	Kept at Officers quarter, Moghbazar
3	Dhaka Metro Cha-53-6718	Toyota Microbus (KR42), CC-1800, Year-2007	Kept at Officers quarter, Moghbazar
4	Sylhet Metro Cha-11-0782	Toyota Microbus (KR42), CC-1800, Year-2007	Kept at Officers quarter, Moghbazar
5	Dhaka Metro GA-37-2971	Toyota (Saloon) Car, CC-1500, Year-2009	Kept at Officers quarter, Moghbazar
6	Dhaka Metro GA-33-4775	Toyota (Saloon) Car, CC-1500, Year-2009	Kept at Officers quarter, Moghbazar
7	Dhaka Metro GA-33-3608	Toyota (Saloon) Car, CC-1500, Year-2007	Kept at Officers quarter, Moghbazar

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(মো: কামরুজ্জামান)  
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**TODAY IS THE 28th DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF FORMER SECRETARY M. AKHTAR ALI**

Today 3rd February 2026, Tuesday is the 28th Death Anniversary of former Secretary Late M. Akhtar Ali. Relatives and well wishers are requested to pray for the departed soul.

**Mrs. Akhtar Ali,**  
House # 14/A, Road # 95, Gulshan # 2, Dhaka-1212.  
Phone: 01713069583

**ষষ্ঠ মৃত্যু বার্ষিকী**

বিশত ০৩/০২/২০২৬ইং তারিখে বলিয়াদী জমিদার পরিবারের বৈরাণী খুরশীদ আজিম সিদ্দিকী আমাদের সকলকে ছেড়ে না ফেরার দেশে চলে গেছেন। তিনি একজন প্রখ্যাত রবীন্দ্র সংগীত শিল্পী ছিলেন। আজ ০৩/০২/২০২৬ইং তারিখ তার ষষ্ঠ মৃত্যু বার্ষিকী। তিনি বিনয়িত প্রকৃতি, কোমল স্বভাব, সাবেক বানিজ্য মন্ত্রী এবং এফবিসিসিআই ও ডিসিসিআই এর সাবেক সভাপতি চৌধুরী তানবীর আহমদ সিদ্দিকী সাহেবের সহধর্মিণী ছিলেন। আমরা মরহুমার বিনেদী আত্মার প্রতি সকলের দোয়া ও মাগফেরাত কামনা করছি।

-মরহুমার পরিবারবর্গ

**TENDER NOTICE**

- Name of Institution:** The East Bengal Regimental Centre (EBRC), Chattogram Cantonment.
- Job Description:** Expenditure related to installation of sound system at Major Saleh Multipurpose Training Shed for recruits' training of the regimental centre from Annual Training Grant of Financial Year 2025-2026.
- Tender schedule selling:** 05 February 2026 (0900 hours) commence date
- Tender schedule selling:** 15 February 2026 (1200 hours) last date
- Tender opening date:** 15 February 2026 (1300 hours).

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Commandant  
EBRC  
Chattogram Cantonment

**বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক**  
(সেন্ট্রাল ব্যাংক অব বাংলাদেশ)  
প্রধান কার্যালয়  
মতিবিল, ঢাকা-১০০০

ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটি (BSC)-এর সদস্যভুক্ত ২০২২ সাল ভিত্তিক ০২টি ব্যাংক এ সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (মেকানিক্যাল)/এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (মেকানিক্যাল) (Job ID-10213) এর ০৩টি শূন্য পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে লিখিত পরীক্ষার সময়সূচি, content, প্রবেশপত্র ডাউনলোড সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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ডিসিপিঃ ৪৮/২০২৬-৩৬৮  
তারিখঃ ০২/০২/২০২৬

স্বাক্ষরিত/-  
মিজানুর রহমান আকন  
পরিচালক (বিএসসিএস) ও  
সদস্য-সচিব, বিএসসি

ব্যাংকিং ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে, মহানগর শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অক্ষিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে কলন।

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Office of the Project Director, Strengthening capacity of MoEFCC, DoE and BFD for natural resource management and improved climate resilience Project  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
<https://moef.gov.bd>

Memo No: 22.00.0000.000.078.14.0004.26.42 Date: 02.02.2026

**Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Hiring Firm (Time Based)**

General Information	
1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
2 Agency	Department of Environment
3 Name of Procuring Entity	Project Director, Strengthening capacity of MoEFCC, DoE and BFD for natural resource management and improved climate resilience Project
4 Procuring Entity Code	NA
5 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6 Expression of Interest for selection of	Ecosystem Valuation of Sonadia ECA and Ecological Zoning and Carrying Capacity Assessment of Sonadia ECA including Biodiversity Monitoring Protocol
7 EOI Ref No	22.00.0000.000.078.14.0004.26.42
8 Date	02.02.2026
Key Information	
9 Procurement Method	QCBS (Quality and Cost Based Selection)
Funding Information	
10 Budget and Source of Funds	The Swedish Intentional development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
11 Development partner (if applicable)	SIDA
Particular Information	
12 Project Program Code	223055500
13 Project Program Name	Strengthening capacity of MoEFCC, DoE and BFD for natural resource management and improved climate resilience Project
14 EOI Closing Date and Time:	23 February 2026, Time: 12:30 pm
Information for Applicants	
15 Brief description of the assignment (Details in the ToR)	The objective of this service will be: 1. Conduct ecosystem valuation of Sonadia ECA. 2. Perform ecological zoning and carrying capacity assessment. 3. Develop a biodiversity monitoring protocol.
16 Qualification, Experience & Skill Required (Details in the ToR)	<b>Required Qualifications of the Consulting Firm</b> 1. Minimum 15 years of general experience of the firm. 2. Proven experience of 10 years in conducting Baseline Assessment, Carrying Capacity Assessment, Ecosystem Valuation, including Stakeholder Consultations. 3. Proven experience of 10 years in working Sonadia/Coastal ECA 4. Having valid and updated legal documents including VAT and TAX Certificate 5. Financial capacity to be supported by three years Audit Reports by independent and enlisted Audit Firms and Bank Solvency Certificates. 6. Registration status of the Consulting Firm.
17 Other Details	During the term of the contract the consultant shall not be associated with any other Government agency consulting firm or private business entities. Project Director of Strengthening capacity of MoEFCC, DoE and BFD for natural resource management and improved climate resilience Project now invites eligible consulting firms of Bangladesh for submission of EOI of the aforementioned packages: Proposal should include: (a) Application (b) Organizational Profile (name, address, registrations, the primary sector of operations, consortium partners (if any), number of staff, annual expenditure, working experience, and key accomplishments, etc.) (c) If applicable, please also include VAT Registration & TIN Certificate, Joint Stock Company Registration Certificate etc.Details Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment is available in MoEFCC website <a href="https://moef.gov.bd">https://moef.gov.bd</a> . One original and two copies of the EOI must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the title of service. Expressions of Interest (EOI) shall be submitted by 23 February, 2026 up to 12:30 pm to the address below (in person or by e-mail)
18 Phasing of Services	Location: Sonadiya Island, Cox's bazar and Dhaka. Indicative Start Date (Month/Year): May 2026- Indicative Completion Date (Month/Year): December 2026
Procuring Entity Details	
19 Name & Designation of official inviting EOI	Fahmida Hoque Khan Project Director
20 Address of Official Inviting EOI	Room no. 1304, Strengthening capacity of MoEFCC, DoE and BFD for natural resource management and improved climate resilience Project, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
21 Contact details of official inviting EOI	Tel. No. - 02-55100771 Mobile: 01748293410 Email- fahmidahoquekhan@gmail.com wldrajib.bfd@gmail.com
The Procuring Entity (PE) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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**Fahmida Hoque Khan**  
Project director