

Woman to die for Dhanmondi double murder

UNB, Dhaka

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a woman to death in a case filed in connection with the Dhanmondi double murder in 2019.

Judge of Dhaka Additional Metropolitan and Sessions Judge Court-7, Tahida Akter handed down the punishment.

The convict is Surovi Akter, domestic help of deceased Afroza Begum.

The court also fined her Tk 50,000, in default of which she will have to suffer five months more in rigorous imprisonment.

The court also acquitted Bachhu Mia, a worker of the house, as allegations brought against him could not be proved. According to the prosecution, police recovered the bodies of Afroza Begum, 65, and her housemaid Diti, 18, from a house in Dhanmondi on November 1, 2019.

A case was filed with Dhanmondi Police Station on November 3, 2019. Police submitted a charge sheet against Surovi and Bachhu Mia on February 1, 2022.



A dense swarm of rickshaws, almost all of them battery-operated, causes severe traffic congestion in the Agargaon area, Dhaka. Despite occasional police raids, poor enforcement against unauthorised vehicles on main roads continues to create congestion and safety hazards across the capital. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Only three women

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The 2014 cabinet included five women among 57 members (8.77 percent). Alongside then prime minister Sheikh Hasina, were agriculture minister Matia Chowdhury, state minister for public administration Ismat Ara Sadek, state minister for women and children affairs Meher Afroz Chumki, and state minister for information Tarana Halim.

The 2009 cabinet recorded the highest female participation, with five women among 31 members – around 16.12 percent. They included then prime minister Sheikh Hasina, Sahara Khatun, Dipu Moni, Matia Chowdhury, and Munnun Sufian.

Dipu Moni became the country's first female foreign minister, Sahara Khatun served as the first female home minister, and Matia Chowdhury was agriculture minister.

Experts warned that the decline in women's representation at the cabinet level could undermine decades of

progress in political empowerment.

At just 6 percent, the latest figure highlights the gap between women's share of the population and their role in policymaking, they said.

Kamrun Nahar, a member of women's rights group Naripokkho, said the low representation was not surprising.

"This is nothing new. But we had hoped for a more reasonable level of representation," she said.

She added that the government must prioritise women in decision-making roles. "With political support from the top, meaningful change can happen, and women will be able to engage in politics more actively," she said.

PRAYER TIMING
FEBRUARY 18

Fajr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-20 12-45 4-30 6-03 7-30
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Language debate in Pak era went beyond religion

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"The best terminology often comes from the languages that historically shaped our intellectual and cultural formation. To discard them out of narrowness weakens the language," he said.

Researcher Mamun Siddiqui of Bangla Academy said the language question during the Pakistan era was inseparable from land, democracy and economic rights.

He said discussions over Pakistan's state language began even before the state was formed. "It was like speaking of the Ramayana

before the birth of Ram," he said.

Citing Abdul Haq, Mamun said, "If linguistic freedom is not secured, political freedom remains incomplete."

"Besides, Enamul Haq had warned that imposing Urdu would bring 'political, cultural and economic death' to East Pakistan," he added.

Referring to Abul Mansur Ahmad, Mamun said, "If the language of the people and the language of the state do not coincide, that state cannot be democratic."

He said newspapers

and magazines from Chattogram, Cumilla, Sylhet and Dinajpur carried arguments in favour of Bangla as the state language, showing that the demand extended beyond Dhaka-based elite.

"These writings prepared people's minds," he said, stressing that the 1952 Language Movement did not emerge suddenly.

He described the language struggle as linked to economic and political emancipation, arguing that without that connection, "no language movement can succeed."

Prof Tariq Manzoor of the Bangla department at Dhaka University said, "If we think of 'Bangalee Muslim' as a combined identity, that is largely a post-1947 development," noting that before partition

the terms were often treated separately.

On language, he distinguished between spoken and written forms, saying linguistics prioritises speech while prescriptive grammar focuses on written norms.

He said attempts after 1947 to reshape Bangla through script reform, spelling changes and heavy insertion of Arabic-Persian vocabulary largely failed because language cannot be sustained through artificial imposition.

On the state language debate, he said from the perspective of a religion-based state, the push for Urdu as a lingua franca followed a certain logic. However, Bangla's demographic majority and rich literary heritage made it impossible to sideline, he

added.

"A language spoken by the majority and backed by a strong literary tradition cannot be denied state status," he said.

Although Bangla received constitutional recognition in the 1950s, its administrative implementation remained limited during the Pakistan period. Recognition was granted, but practical application lagged far behind, he added.

Man shot

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Unidentified attackers set the house on fire around 1:00am over the feud. Stored crops, wooden furniture and other household items were burnt, but no one was injured, the family members said.

Riazul Islam Tinku, however, denied the allegation and said neither he nor any of his followers was involved in the incident.

A case has been filed in this connection, but none had been arrested till yesterday evening, said Narail Sadar Police Station OC Md Oli Miah.

J a m a a t - e - I s l a m i - nominated candidate Ataur Rahman won the election in the constituency.

(Our correspondents from Brahmanbaria and Bagerhat contributed to the report.)

Expression of Interest (EOI) Franchise Ownership Rights
Women's Bangladesh Premier League T20 (WBPL T20)
 Bangladesh Cricket Board
 Ref No: BCB/Franchise Ownership Rights/WBPL T20/2026/109 Date: 18th February 2026

FRANCHISE OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from reputed business houses, entities and companies for acquiring the Franchise Ownership Rights of the Women's Bangladesh Premier League T20 (WBPL T20) for a period of Three (03) consecutive editions/- seasons, namely the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Edition/Season of the WBPL T20.

Note: A minimum of Three (03) eligible business houses, entities, or companies demonstrating satisfactory financial capability will be shortlisted for awarding of Franchise Ownership Rights for the inaugural edition (1st Edition) of the Women's BPL T20.

Non-Eligibility :

- 1) Companies involved in Tobacco, Alcohol (both surrogate and non-surrogate), Betting, or Online betting and its surrogate shall not be eligible to participate in this EOI process.
- 2) Any person or entity having an existing unresolved dispute with the BCB or ICC on a point of law or fact shall be deemed ineligible to acquire the aforementioned rights or to participate in the EOI process.

EOI Submission Procedure:

A detailed document (EOI Guideline) containing the submission requirements, franchise model and financial structure will be available from **Thursday, 19th February 2026** at:
BPL Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216
Official Websites: www.tigercricket.com.bd & www.bpl20.com.bd

Interested parties must submit their EOI applications in a sealed envelope addressed to the **Chairperson, WBPL Governing Council, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)** at the BCB Management Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, by the close of business hours on **Wednesday, 4th March 2026**.

Documents to be Submitted with EOI:

- a) Company Profile and Profiles of Individual Directors/Owners.
- b) Latest Auditor's Report on Financial Statements (each consortium member must submit separately).
- c) Bank Solvency Certificate along with Bank Statement.
- d) Certified copy of Memorandum & Articles of Association with Certificate of Incorporation or similar constitutional documents.
- e) Updated VAT Registration, Trade License and Tax Identification Number (TIN).
- f) In case of consortium/ Joint Venture (JV) - a Notarized Consortium/ JV Agreement.

BCB reserves the unconditional rights to accept or reject any or all EOIs at its sole discretion at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever during the EOI process. BCB also reserves the right to amend, postpone or cancel the entire EOI process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for EOI process by issuing further addendum(s) at any time prior to the commencement of the EOI selection process.

WBPL Governing Council
 Bangladesh Cricket Board
 Management Office: Sher-E-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
 HIGH COURT DIVISION
 (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
 COMPANY MATTER NO. 99 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF:
Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) --- Petitioner
VERSUS
 The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms and Others. --- Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under section 81 (2) read with section 85 (3) and section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited for the calendar year 2025. Upon preliminary hearing, Ms. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit the said application by an order dated 02.02.2026 and also directed to submit the affidavit in compliance. Anyone interested may appear before the Hon'ble Court. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

Md. Yasir Munir
 Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh.
 ML Village (3rd Floor), 147, Shantinagar, Dhaka.

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
 HIGH COURT DIVISION
 (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
 COMPANY MATTER NO. 65 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF: **Md. Mostafizur Rahman Khan** Petitioner
DELMON PROPERTIES LTD. and another Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that **Md. Mostafizur Rahman Khan** filed an application under section 81(2), 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 ("the application") seeking an order to hold Annual General Meeting for the calendar year 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 of respondent No. 01 Company, **Delmon Properties Ltd.** for submitting the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account for the year ended on 30th June 2021, 30th June 2022, 30th June 2023, 30th June 2024 and 30th June 2025, before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing, the Hon'ble Justice of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, **Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque** was pleased to admit the application by an order dated 02.02.2026 and further the petitioner is directed to publish this notice in two daily newspaper namely The "Daily Star" and "The Daily Jangant" within 3 (three) weeks from date of said order and also the petitioner is further directed to file an affidavit-in-compliance on or before 04.03.2026. The petitioner is further directed to put in requisites forthwith. Any person or persons having interest in the said application may appear either personally or through duly authorized Advocate on the date so fixed. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of required costs.

Yours sincerely,
A.K.M. Mahbul Alam Bhuiya, Advocate
 Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Suit No. 15, kabokash Supermarket, Kawranbazar, Dhaka.

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY
 Progoti Foundation for Education and Development
 Permanent Sanad Holder

INVITATION FOR TENDER

East West University (EWU) is inviting tenders from bona fide and interested suppliers or firms for the following items:

1. Shifting and Modernization of Dr. S. R. Lasker Library of EWU.
2. Procurement of Two (02) Types of Computers with Monitor, Graphics Card, and Online UPS for East West University Center for Research and Training (EWUCRT).
3. Seepage Control and Waterproofing of the Fountain Area of the Lower Basement of EWU.

The detailed tender schedules, along with terms and conditions, may be obtained from the Finance & Accounts Department (1st Floor) of the University up until **11 March 2026** during office hours (until 2:00 P.M.) on working days.

The tender schedule for Item No. 02 will also be available through the e-tendering portal: <http://etender.ewubd.edu>

Price of Tender Schedule (Non-Refundable):
 * Item No. 01: Tk.2,000/- (Taka Two Thousand only)
 * Item No. 02 & 03: Tk.500/- (Taka Five Hundred only)

Interested bidders are requested to submit their tenders by **12 March 2026, 11:00 A.M.** through the e-tendering process (as specified in the schedule), or hard copy tenders may be dropped in the tender box kept on the 2nd Floor, Office of the Treasurer (Room No. 316) of the University.

The tenders received within the deadline will be opened on the same day (**12 March 2026**) at **11:30 A.M. in the Conference Room (4th Floor)** of EWU in the presence of bidders' representatives.

Bidders must clearly mention the name of the item at the top of the envelope. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of the bidding document.

East West University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders, either in whole or in part, without assigning any reason whatsoever, and its decision in this regard shall be final.

Chief of HR & Logistics

Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
 Engineering Department
 TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215
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e-Tender Notice
 Memo: 26.05.0000.006.26.023.25.164
e-Tender Notice No: 06/2025-26
 Date: 17 February, 2026

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following Packages:

Tender ID No.	Name of works	Tender Publication Date	Tender Security	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time	Tender Opening Date & Time
1223035	Supply and installation of two passenger lifts with voltage stabilizers at TCB Bhaban, Kawrabazar, Dhaka.	18 February 2026	9,00,000/-	03 March 2026 16.00 pm	04 March 2026 12.00 pm	04 March 2026 12.00 pm
1219493	Construction of Tin shed Godown, Internal RCC road and miscellaneous works at TCB Regional Office, Molvibazar.	18 February 2026	18,00,000/-	11 March 2026 16.00 pm	12 March 2026 12.00 pm	12 March 2026 12.00 pm
1219476	Repair and maintenance of boundary wall, water proofing of the warehouses, RCC road and including miscellaneous works of the TCB's Regional office, Chattogram.	18 February 2026	40,00,000/-	15 March 2026 16.00 pm	16 March 2026 12.00 pm	16 March 2026 12.00 pm

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration on e-GP system (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is mandatory for more details contact e-GP help desk. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.

Executive Engineer
 Phone: 02-55013923

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