

Prof Pravath Chandra Biswas new DGHS DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pravath Chandra Biswas, a professor in the Urology Department of Dhaka Medical College, has been appointed as director general of the Directorate General of Health Services. The Health Services Division issued a circular yesterday confirming it. He is one of the vice presidents of the Doctors Association of Bangladesh, a pro-BNP doctors' association.



Sellers arrange watermelons on display at Dovash Maath in Chattogram. A popular choice as a refreshing iftar meal, the fruit is being sold at wholesale prices in the port city's Firingi Bazar, ranging from Tk 30 to Tk 300 per piece depending on size and quality. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

Eid joy turns into never-ending grief

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Instead, a phone call came at night telling him that his son had died in a fire while shopping in Mirpur.

"At first I couldn't believe it," he said. "How can someone go to buy clothes for Eid and never return?"

Rakib, the elder of Zakir's two sons, joined BAF in 2020. His income was a crucial support for the family's modest household and his younger brother's education.

"Our family ran on what he earned," Zakir said. "Now I don't know how we will move forward."

The fire broke out around 1:52pm on the third floor of the 10-storey

building. Firefighters brought the blaze under control around 4:35pm.

A total of 23 people were rescued from different floors of the building. Rakib and Ananya, who were found unconscious, later died at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital on Monday night.

For Ananya's family, the tragedy has brought a similar wave of grief.

Ananya was born and raised in Saidpur of Nilphamari. The elder of two daughters of Abdul Hannan, an auto-rickshaw driver, she had grown up battling poverty.

After completing

her secondary school education, she joined BAF in March 2023, hoping to support her family and secure a better future.

"She had taken responsibility for the family," said her maternal uncle Matiur Rahman. "She also supported her younger sister's education."

On Monday, Ananya had gone to the Mirpur market for shopping when the fire broke out.

"People said she helped several of them reach the rooftop when smoke spread through the building," Matiur said.

Toward the end, she and a colleague were trapped

in the thick smoke.

Sources at the morgue said neither of the victims had visible burn marks on their bodies.

However, both died from severe smoke inhalation, with their airways badly damaged due to inhalation burns.

With their untimely demises, the anticipation of Eid has turned mournful for their families.

For Zakir Hossain, the pain remains especially difficult to grasp.

A father who had asked for a simple Eid gift must now carry home the body of the son who once held his struggling family together.

Request for Proposal (RFP)



International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites applications from interested firms/organizations for **Technical Support for Just Transition Policy Development and NDC 3.0 Implementation in Bangladesh**. The Terms of Reference (ToR) can be downloaded from the **United Nations Global Market Place (UNGM)** at <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/293348>

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Saturday, April 04, 2026**, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

Request for Proposals (RFPs)



International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka invites proposals from interested Organizations for the following tender:

1. **Hiring a service provider for delivering comprehensive climate-adaptive agricultural practice support through diverse range of interventions that promotes jobs, climate-resilient livelihoods for the host communities in Cox's Bazar.**

The bidding documents can be downloaded from the **UNGM website under Procurement Notices** link <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/292917>

The deadline for submission of the proposal is **Monday, March 23, 2026**, by 04:30 PM.

Invitation for Tender



The **Premier Bank PLC**, invites sealed tender (s) from reputed security printing firms for printing & supply of MICR Cheque Books (printed on CBS-1 paper) according Standard Specification of Bangladesh Bank and as per terms & conditions stated below:

Tender Name : Printing & supply of MICR Cheque Books (printed on CBS-1 paper) according Standard Specification of Bangladesh Bank.
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Total		68,000 Books

Terms & Conditions:

1. MICR Cheque Books must be printed Standard Specification of Bangladesh Bank and The Premier Bank PLC approved design along with Front & Back cover, Re-Order slip.
2. CBS-1 (Clearing Bank Specification-1) paper to be used in cheque printing, it should be internationally certified favoring manufacturer.
3. Tender should be submitted in a sealed packed to The Premier Bank PLC, Head Office, General Services Division, Iqbal Centre (5th Floor), 42, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka-1213, during the office hours on or before **April 15, 2026**.
4. Earnest money (refundable) equivalent to 2% of the quoted value of works in the form of Pay Order in favor of The Premier Bank PLC issued by any bank shall have to be furnished along with each tender.
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২।	প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	২।	বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যান্ডার্ডস এন্ড টেস্টিং ইনস্টিটিউশন, ১১৬/ক, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
৩।	নিলামের প্যাকেজ নং	৩।	৩৬.০৫.০০০০.১০৫.০২৬.০০১.২৩
৪।	আজানকৃত নিলামের সূত্র নং ও তারিখ	৪।	৩৬.০৫.০০০০.১০৫.০২৬.০০১.২৩; তারিখ ১২-০৩-২০২৬ খ্রি।
৫।	টেন্ডারের নাম	৫।	কিএসটিআই'র রাজস্ব বাজুটের অওতাধীন ১টি গাড়ি (ঢাকা-মেট্রো-৭-১১-০৩৮০) নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য পুনরায় সংরক্ষিত মূল্য নির্ধারণ সক্রমে অকোজো যোগ্যাকরণ ও নিষ্পত্তির শব্দে।
৬।	টেন্ডার ভুক্তমূল্য/দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	৬।	৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা মাত্র।
৭।	টেন্ডার সিডিউল/টার্মস অফ ম্যানি পরিমাপ	৭।	১০,০০০.০০ (দশ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র ("কিএসটিআই, ঢাকা" এর অনুসূচী)।
৮।	দরপত্র সিডিউল/টেন্ডার ভুক্তমূল্য বিক্রয়কারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও ঠিকানা	৮।	ওরান স্টপ সার্ভিস সেন্টার, বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যান্ডার্ডস এন্ড টেস্টিং ইনস্টিটিউশন, মান ভবন, ১১৬/ক, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
৯।	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও ঠিকানা	৯।	ওরান স্টপ সার্ভিস সেন্টার, বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যান্ডার্ডস এন্ড টেস্টিং ইনস্টিটিউশন, মান ভবন, ১১৬/ক, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
১০।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১০।	৬-০৪-২০২৬ তারিখ অফিস সন্ধ্যাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১১।	দরপত্র জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১১।	সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ হতে ০৭-০৪-২০২৬ তারিখ বেলা ১১:২৫ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১২।	দরপত্র ফোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১২।	০৭-০৪-২০২৬ তারিখ বেলা ১১:৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৩।	দরপত্র জমাদানের স্থান	১৩।	যামের উপর টেন্ডারের নাম পিপিএককনসাল্টার সীলদ্বারা মুদ্রণ করে দরপত্র বাংলাদেশ স্ট্যান্ডার্ডস এন্ড টেস্টিং ইনস্টিটিউশন, ঢাকা এর ওরান স্টপ সার্ভিস সেন্টারে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার ব্যাল্ডে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।
১৪।	বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	১।	প্রতিদিন সকাল ১০-০০ ঘটিকা হতে দুপুর ১৫-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিরাপত্তা কর্মকর্তার সাথে যোগাযোগ করে সরেজমিনে গাড়ি দেখা যাবে। গাড়ির কাগজপত্র যা আছে তার অতিরিক্ত কোনো কাগজপত্র দাবী করা যাবে না। পরবর্তীতে এ ব্যাপারে কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। গাড়িটি দেখানো যে অবস্থায় আছে সে অবস্থাতেই গ্রহণ করতে হবে। ২। নিলামের সাথে সম্পর্কিত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলির বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী দরপত্রে উল্লেখ করা হয়েছে। ৩। কিএসটিআই কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত কোন ব্যক্তিকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন এবং সর্বোচ্চ দরপত্র গ্রহণে বাধ্য নহে। সর্ববিস্তার কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

(মোঃ মুহাম্মদ আরশাদ)
উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন-২)

Tarique to open canal

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According to the BNP manifesto, by reintroducing the canal excavation programme initiated by late president Ziaur Rahman during his tenure, around 20,000 kilometres of rivers and canals will be excavated and restored across the country.

Through this initiative, 520 disappeared rivers, thousands of canals, and their natural water flows will be restored, and irrigation efficiency will be improved, it added.

Dr AKM Shahabuddin, secretary to the water resources ministry, said, "For now, the canal excavation programme is being launched in 54 districts through a joint initiative of four ministries. We hope work in the remaining 10 districts will begin within April and May."

The initiative is being implemented jointly by the water resources; local government, rural development and cooperatives, disaster management and relief; and agriculture ministries.

Officials said district administrations and the agencies assigned for the excavation work will coordinate all activities related to the inauguration and subsequent implementation of the programme.

In a letter sent to ministers and state ministers, the Ministry of Water Resources said, "This canal excavation programme across the country will play a positive role in agricultural and irrigation activities and will help increase agricultural production."

"It will also increase the amount of surface water, which will reduce the demand for groundwater. As a result, drought will decrease on one hand, and floods and waterlogging will also be reduced on the other," the letter added.

Officials said restoring canals that have gradually silted up or been encroached upon over

the years is expected to improve water flow in many rural areas and strengthen the country's irrigation network, which remains crucial for agricultural productivity.

Preparations for the launch have already been completed in many districts where local authorities have identified canals for excavation or re-excavation, they added.

Meanwhile, the relevant ministries yesterday briefed the PM on the programme's latest progress at the Secretariat ahead of its formal inauguration.

After the meeting, State Minister for LGRD Mir Shahe Alam said the PM stressed that the programme should benefit ordinary people and directed that excavation work employ more labourers instead of relying mainly on machines.

He added that at least 60-70 percent of the excavation work should be carried out manually while the rest can be done using machines where necessary.

Shahe Alam also said the PM instructed the ministers and secretaries concerned to involve voluntary organisations and students from high schools and colleges in such programmes wherever possible.

"The PM has been working tirelessly to make the major pledges of the election manifesto visible. He is committed to making several promises visible before the upcoming Eid," said another state minister, wishing to be unnamed.

Officials said the canal excavation programme is expected to complement other agricultural initiatives recently launched by the government, including efforts to expand irrigation access and support farmers.

To oversee and supervise implementation of the nationwide programme, the government earlier formed an eight-member coordination cell, chaired by PM's adviser Mirza Abbas Uddin Ahmed.

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Corrigendum
In this advertisement "Invitation for Enlistment (Goods/Works)" published in this newspaper on March 5, 2026 in Business page 2. In this advertisement in Serial No. 13 in the left column should be read as Category Wise Enlistment Fee (Tk) instead of Category wise renewal Fee (Tk) and in Serial No. 14 in same column should be read as Category Wise Renewal Fee (Tk) instead of Category wise enlistment fee (Tk) which has been inadvertently printed. The printing error is deeply regretted.
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THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
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(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
Company Matter No. 44/2026
An application under section 81(2), 85(3) read section 396 of the Companies Act 1994
AND:
saddamul Islam -----Petitioner
-VERSUS-
Eva Sweater Limited and another -----Respondents
Notice is hereby given that upon application filed by the petitioner under section 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting (AGM) and for exoneration from penalty, if any and the Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh presided over by **Eva Sweater Limited**, was pleased to admit the same on **Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque** 01.03.2026 and the Hon'ble Court has directed the petitioner to publish notices in two national newspapers one in Bengali and another in English within 3 (three) weeks and the petitioner also directed for filing of affidavit in compliance within 05 (Five) week thereafter, i.e. on or before If you are interested to oppose the said application you may do so by an advocate or in person on the date so fixed.
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The Following e-Tenders is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

SL No	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Reference No.	Description of Goods/Works	Last Selling Date and time	Closing Date and time	Opening Date and time
1.	1243099	GR-37 FY 25-26	27.11.0000.304.2 6.419.26 dated:09/03/2026	Procurement of Insulation for Gas Turbine & Steam Turbine of Bibiyana South 400 MW CCPP,BPDB, Habiganj, Bangladesh	05-04-2026 13:00	05-04-2026 14:00	05-04-2026 14:00

This is online Tender (Tender ID: 1243099), Where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
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For more details please contract to the PE's Support Desk (01755575443).

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Road Division, Jhenaidah.
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Tender ID No	Package No	Name Of Work	Publishing Date	Last Date & Time of Selling	Opening Date and Time
1242400	e-GP-27/Works-24/PMP-Major-4/JHERD/2025-26	Widening & Strengthening Existing Pavement from Ch:10+000m (Kotchandpur) to Ch:20+000 m (Maheshpur) Total =10000.00 m of Gopalpur-Talsar Bazar-Kotchandpur-Azampur-Maheshpur Road (Z-7024) under (PMP Work Road-Major) Road Division, Jhenaidah during the year 2025-2026.	08-Mar-2026 14:30	05-Apr-2026 17:00	06-Apr-2026 12:30

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