

Prof Lutfun Hossain passes away

STAR REPORT

Dr Lutfun Hossain, a retired professor of the Department of Fisheries Biology and Genetics at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and former dean of its Faculty of Fisheries, passed away at a hospital in Dhaka on Tuesday, aged 84.



Prof Hossain taught at the Department of Zoology of Dhaka University from 1964 to 1973. In 1973, she joined BAU, where she served in the departments of Zoology and Fisheries Biology & Genetics until her retirement in 2007.

She left behind her husband Prof Lutfur Rahman, a retired teacher of BAU, two daughters—Dr Sabrina Luthfa, a faculty member at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, and Dr Samina Luthfa, a teacher at the Department of Sociology of Dhaka University—and three grandchildren.

Her namaz e-janaza was held after Isha prayers at Baitun Noor Jame Mosque in Uttara on Tuesday, and she was laid to rest at a graveyard in Uttara-12.

A doa mahfil will be held at her residence in Uttara after Asr prayers tomorrow.

First death anniversary

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area, an industry known for its difficult working conditions.

The decision proved pivotal, laying the foundation for one of South Asia's most successful footwear businesses.

Beyond business, Elahi, chairman of Apex, played a key role in Bangladesh's industrial growth.

He advocated improved working conditions in the tannery sector

and supported its modernisation. His influence also extended to trade policy and industrial reforms.

He studied at St Xavier's College before earning a master's degree in economics from Dhaka University.

Under his leadership, Apex Footwear and Apex Tannery became leading exporters in the leather and footwear sector, feeding into a global demand for

high-quality products.

Elahi also helped establish institutions like Mutual Trust Bank and Pioneer Insurance.

His guidance extended to educational and social organisations such as East West University, Sunbeams School, Manusher Jonno Foundation and Freedom Foundation—institutions that continue to influence education, social development and civil society in Bangladesh.

An unprecedented

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This time, however, the July uprising, which toppled the Sheikh Hasina-led government and dissolved the 12th parliament, has left the House without its presiding officers.

Former speaker Shirin Shamin Chaudhury resigned in September 2024 and has not been seen publicly since. Outgoing deputy speaker Shamsul Haque Tuku is in prison facing a murder charge.

"This is a unique situation," said Prof Nizam Ahmed, a noted parliamentary affairs expert. He noted that after independence, senior Constituent Assembly member Maulana Abdur Rashid Tarkabagish presided over the inaugural proceedings before the election of the speaker and deputy speaker.

In April 1974, the Speaker of the Constituent Assembly presided over the first session of the new parliament until a new speaker was elected. Nizam also recalled that after the 1991 elections, following the fall of HM Ershad amid a mass uprising, many MPs refused to take oath from then speaker Shamsul Huda Chowdhury as he had been appointed by Ershad.

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Prof Al Masud Hasanuzzaman of Government and Politics at Jahangirnagar University said he cannot recall any instance when the speaker's chair remained vacant, even briefly.

"This is unusual, but the country is witnessing an extraordinary situation..."

Take steps

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special video message to the nation.

Referring to experts, the prime minister said people become infected with dengue or chikungunya through the bite of Aedes mosquitoes. "So, it is necessary to take all preventive measures in advance..."

Although dengue usually spreads most during the monsoon from June to October, he said public health experts warn that the risk is not limited to any particular time of the year.

He said the government is going to start a nationwide cleanliness campaign every week from March 14.

The PM called on all public representatives, including MPs, to conduct weekly cleanliness campaigns every Saturday in their respective areas with the participation of locals.

Leadership void risks stagnation at ACC

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The first commission was headed by former justice Sultan Hossain Khan. Following the political transition in 2007, the commission resigned before completing its term.

The second commission, led by Lt Gen (ret'd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, also stepped down before finishing its tenure after the Awami League came to power in the 2008 national election.

In 2009, the third commission was formed with Ghulam Rahman as chairman. The fourth commission was headed by M Badiuzzaman, and the fifth by Iqbal Mahmood. These three commissions, formed during the AL government, completed their full terms.

After the July uprising, the sixth commission resigned on October 29, 2024, when the Moinuddin Abdullah-led commission stepped down.

The ACC then remained without a commission for 42 consecutive days, triggering widespread criticism and slowing many of the organisation's activities.

Abdul Momen later assumed office as chairman on December 10, while the other commissioners joined on December 11 and December 15.

In the absence of commissioners, it remains

unclear who has the authority to make decisions on crucial matters such as approving cases, authorising investigations and initiating enforcement actions, as the ACC Act does not clearly specify an alternative decision-making mechanism.

Officials fear that aside from ongoing inquiries, investigations and routine administrative work, many important decisions may remain stalled.

Some senior ACC officials and stakeholders have suggested an interim administrative arrangement until a new commission is appointed.

One proposal suggests a five-member committee led by the ACC secretary to oversee administrative decisions temporarily. Another proposal suggests that the secretary work with the commission's eight directors general to maintain continuity.

During the interim government period, the ACC Act was amended through the ACC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

The ordinance increases the number of commissioners from three to five and reduces the tenure from five years to four years. It also requires that at least one commissioner be a woman and that at least one have

expertise in information and communication technology.

The president appoints one of the commissioners as chairman.

The ordinance also replaces the search committee with a verification and selection committee and revises its composition.

Under the amended framework, a senior judge of the Appellate Division—except the chief justice—will chair the search committee. Other members will include a High Court judge nominated by the chief justice, the Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh, and the chairman of the Public Service Commission.

The committee will also include two members of parliament—one from the ruling party and one from the opposition—nominated by the speaker after consultations with both sides. If parliament is dissolved, the committee may be formed without MPs.

A source at the Cabinet Division said preliminary discussions on forming the search committee began on Sunday, and the ACC secretary has already met the cabinet secretary.

However, the division is still waiting for policy-level approval from the government before formally starting the

process. Once the signal comes, the committee could be formed quickly, the source said.

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CREDIBILITY
Governance experts say the situation could have been avoided if the government had adhered more carefully to its commitments on anti-corruption and good governance.

If tekharruzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh, said, "Understandably, governments may want individuals of their choice to lead institutions like ACC. However, removing the incumbent commission in a manner that has tarnished the government's image only addressed the easy part—creating the vacancies."

"As the nation watches, the real challenge now is to minimise the damage by appointing individuals with proven records of expertise and experience," he said.

He added that even if political considerations influence appointments, the public will expect the new ACC leadership to demonstrate professional integrity and independence and enforce the law without fear or favour, regardless of a person's identity, status or political affiliation.

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ADMISSION IN POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS
FALL - 2025 Semester

Program	Duration	Minimum Qualification/ Requirement
M.Sc. Engg./M.Engg. in Civil Engg.	Minimum 1½ years	Minimum CGPA of 2.50 out of 4.0 in BSc. Engg. and a minimum GPA of 3.50 out of 5.0 in either S.S.C. or H.S.C., but GPA not less than 2.00 in the either examination.
M.Sc. Engg./M. Engg. in EEE	1 or 2 years	Bachelor Degree in Math/ Statistics/ Physics/ Engineering or equivalent degree

Online Application opens on 10/03/2026. The address for online application is "https://iims.aust.edu/pg-admission". Please contact the respective Department Office or the Registrar Office for further information. The last date of submission of applications/online application is 30/04/2026.

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Worldwide Media Rights
Bilateral International Home Series involving the Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men) in 2026

Ref No: BCB/Media Rights / 2026/201 Date: 12th March 2026

Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) along with financial offers from reputable TV Broadcasters, Digital Platforms, and Marketing Agencies / Consortia / Firms for acquiring the Worldwide Media Rights of the following Bilateral International Home Series involving the Bangladesh National Cricket Team (Men), to be hosted in Bangladesh in 2026:

Series Covered under this EOI :

01. New Zealand Teams Tour of Bangladesh 2026
02. Pakistan Teams Tour of Bangladesh 2026 (Test Series only)
03. Australia Teams Tour of Bangladesh 2026

Categories of Media Rights :

01. Satellite TV (Linear) Rights - Worldwide including Bangladesh.
02. Digital OTT Rights - Worldwide including Bangladesh

Eligibility Criteria :

- a) Companies related to Tobacco, Alcohol (surrogated and non-surrogated), Betting or Online Betting and its surrogate shall not be eligible to participate in the EOI process.
- b) Any person(s) or entities with an existing unresolved dispute (i.e., Financial, Disciplinary and any other) with BCB or ICC on a point of law or fact shall be ineligible to acquire the aforementioned rights or to participate in the EOI Process.
- c) The Broadcaster/ TV Channel must be in operation (on air) for at least 03 (Three) years. Marketing agents must have the capability and reasonable experience in marketing international standard cricket events.

EOI Document Collection Procedure:

- a) Interested parties need to obtain a copy of the EOI Document (General Guidelines) related to EOI will be available at the BCB's Official Website: www.tigercricket.com.bd
- b) The details of the EOI process, Series Itinerary, Production Specifications etc. set out in the EOI Document. EOI document will be available from 14th of March 2026 to 28th of March 2026.

EOI Submission Procedure:

The EOI along with financial offer (prepared in accordance with the EOI Document) must be submitted at the BCB Management Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, Bangladesh by 29th of March 2026 during office hours (between BST 1000 to BST 1700) in the following manner:

- i. **Category A:** Financial offer including TV Production Cost.
- ii. **Category B:** Financial offer excluding TV Production Cost.

The submission must be placed in a sealed envelope to be addressed to: **Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board.** Interested participant may submit EOI along with financial offer electronically via email at sponsorship.rights@bcb-cricket.com

The EOI needs to be accompanied with the following documents:

01. Company Profile and Individual Directors' / Owners' Profile.
02. Updated auditor's report on financial statements (In case of consortium, each party's auditor's report needs to be submitted individually).
03. Bank Solvency Certificate along with Bank Statement.
04. Certified copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association along with certificate of Incorporation or similar constitutional documents.
05. Updated VAT Registration Certified, Trade License and Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate or similar documents.
06. In case of Consortium, notarized consortium Agreement.

The BCB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at its sole discretion without assigning any reason. The BCB also reserves the right to 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 an addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the EOI.

Chief Executive Officer
Bangladesh Cricket Board
Management Office: Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216

Action if allegations

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Claiming that there is no sufficient ground to prove this case, defence counsel Munsurul Hoque Chowdhury sought discharge of Menon and Qamrul from the charges.

The counsel also argued that the accused had no authority to make decisions at the 14-party meeting on July 19 and that no incidents occurred in Keraniganj, where Qamrul served as lawmaker.

Also yesterday, a witness, Md Faisal, told ICT-1 that his nephew Maruf Hossain died before he could be taken to hospital as law enforcers and AL activists had allegedly stopped an ambulance carrying him on Rampura Bridge during the July uprising.

He quoted a BGB member as saying, "One

is already finished; we will finish you too."

After repeated pleas from the family, they were eventually allowed to proceed, but the delay proved fatal. By the time the ambulance reached Dhaka Medical College Hospital at 7:20pm, doctors declared that Maruf had died around 15 minutes earlier.

Maruf was shot in the lower abdomen while protesting near BRAC University campus on July 19.

Faisal was testifying in a crimes against humanity case against two former BGB officers—Lt Col Mohammad Redowanul Islam and Maj Rafat Bin Alam Moon—and two police officers—former Khilgaon additional deputy commissioner Rashedul Islam and former Rampura OC Md Moshior Rahman.

STATUTORY NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(ORIGINAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 215 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3), 183 read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994. AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Md. Billal Hossain Siddique, shareholder & Managing Director of Green Oxygen Limited having its registered Office- at 270/2/Ao, Meradia, Khilgaon, Dhaka. -VERSUS- Petitioner

Green Oxygen Limited, a Private Limited Company having its Registered Office- at 270/2/Ao, Meradia, Khilgaon, Dhaka, representative by its Managing Director Md. Billal Hossain Siddique and another. Respondents.

Notice is hereby given that an application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3), 183 read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condoning the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the company name & style as Green Oxygen Limited. The Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque has admitted the said application on 02.03.2026 and Hon'ble court directed the petitioner to publish the notices within 3(three) weeks and also to submit affidavit-in-compliance on or before on 23.04.2026 from the date of publication. Any person interested in the said application may appear before this Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges. (Mohammad Shariful Islam), Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Hall Room No. 1, Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban, Dhaka-1000, Mobile: 01711173360

STATUTORY NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 148 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Section 43 of the Companies Act, 1994. AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Md. Hossain Mollah, son of late Ibrahim Mollah, Address: 18/1-19 West Testuri Bazar, Dhaka. -VERSUS- Petitioner

Card Board and Box Factory (Pvt.) Ltd. represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Golam Sarwar, bearing Registration No. C-23624 (2029) of 1993 dated 15.03.1993, Registered Office Address- 24, Outer Circular Road, South Shajahanpur, Dhaka and others. Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Sections 43 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for rectification of the share register of the company name & style as Card Board and Box Factory (Pvt.) Ltd. The Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Debashish Roy Chowdhury has admitted the said application on 24.02.2026 and Hon'ble court directed the petitioner to publish the notices within 4(four) weeks and also to submit affidavit-in-compliance on or before within 2(two) weeks from the date of publication. Any person interested in the said application may appear before this Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges. (Mohammad Shariful Islam), Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Hall Room No. 1, Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban, Dhaka-1000, Mobile: 01711173360

STATUTORY NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(ORIGINAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 31 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994. AND

IN THE MATTER OF: S.M. Moniruzzaman, shareholder and Managing Director of Elit Line Express Ltd. Having its office- House -130, Suit-C Word-3 Lane-2 Haji Elahi Box Road, Gawayer, Prem Bagan, Haji Camp, Dakshinshikan, Dhaka. -VERSUS- Petitioner

Elit Line Express Ltd. Having its office- House -130, Suit-C Word-3 Lane-2 Haji Elahi Box Road, Gawayer, Prem Bagan, Haji Camp, Dakshinshikan, Dhaka. represented by its Managing Director Dr. S.M. Moniruzzaman and another. Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3), 183 read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condoning the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the company name & style as "Elit Line Express Ltd.". The Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque has admitted the said application on 09.02.2026 and Hon'ble court directed the petitioner to publish the notices within 5 (Five) weeks and also to submit affidavit-in-compliance on or before 16th March 2026 from the date of publication. Any person interested in the said application may appear before this Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges. (Rowshan Ali), Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Room No. 5028 (Annex), Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban, Dhaka-1000

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Home Affairs
Office of the Directorate of Engineering
Bangladesh Coast Guard Headquarters
Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

Invitation for Tender

Director Engineering e-GP Invitation No. 44.08.2680.050.53.002.26.115 Date: 11 March 2026

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the following procurement:

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1	1244723	Procurement of furniture of CGFWA building hall room at BCG Base Chattogram	OTM	12/03/2026 12:00pm	30/03/2026 17:00pm	31/03/2026 12:00pm

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, please register on e-GP System (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details, please contact support desk contact numbers.

Documents can be downloaded till deadline of Tender/Application/Proposal submission.

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Captain BN
Director Engineering
Bangladesh Coast Guard

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Bangladesh Power Development Board
Directorate of Purchase
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01.	1244637	EE-GRL-03 Fy-25/26 Lot-1	27.11.0000.3 04.26.134.26 Date: 11/03/2026	Supply of ACSR Dog Conductor (For Tongi Store)	16-Apr 2026 13.00	16-Apr 2026 14.00	16-Apr 2026 14.00
02.	1238439	EE-GRL-03 Fy-25/26 Lot-2	27.11.0000.3 04.26.135.26 Date: 11/03/2026	Supply of ACSR Dog Conductor (For Fauzderhat Store)	16-Apr 2026 13.00	16-Apr 2026 14.00	16-Apr 2026 14.00

This is 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 (<http://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 through any registered bank branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd). For more details please contact to the PE's Support Desk (01768595879).

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