

### Manjur elected president, Liton GS of DUJA



Manjur Hossain Liton Islam

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) has elected a new executive committee for 2026, with Manjur Hossain Mahi of Kaler Kantho as president and Liton Islam of Star News as general secretary.

The election took place yesterday at the association's office at the Teacher Student Centre (TSC) on the Dhaka University campus. The results were announced around 3:00pm by Chief Election Commissioner Nurul Karim Bhuiyan, a former DUJA president and currently the deputy commissioner of Gazipur.

Others elected to the committee are Vice President Mahathir Mohammed (The Daily Star), Joint General Secretary Rahad Uddin (Daily Janakantha), Treasurer Neimur Rahman Emon (The Daily Observer), Office Secretary HM Khalid Hasan (Desh Rupantor), and Executive Members Borhan Uddin (Channel 24), Samsuddoza Nabab (Dhaka Tribune), and Mohammad Shahedul Islam (Times of Bangladesh).

### Khalilur, UNCTAD

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Grynspar, who was previously vice president of Costa Rica, is a candidate for the position of secretary-general of the United Nations, while Foreign Minister Rahman is a candidate for the president of the 81st session of the UNGA.

The two officials discussed their respective candidatures.

Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury, permanent representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, was present during the meeting.

# 31% of RMG factories in 6 key zones yet to pay Eid bonus

## Says intelligence report

STAR REPORT

At least 31 percent of garment factories in six key industrial belts have yet to pay Eid bonuses to workers as of yesterday (March 17, 2026), despite the government-set deadline already expired, according to an intelligence agency report.

The report also says that at least 12 percent of factories did not even pay wages for February by yesterday in Dhaka, Gazipur, Ashulia-Savar, Narayanganj, Chattogram and Mymensingh.

According to the intelligence agency, there are 3,429 garment factories in these six regions. Of them, 3,014 factories had paid wages till yesterday, while only 2,388 had paid Eid bonuses.

That means 87.89 percent of factories cleared wages and 69.2 percent paid bonuses.

Industrial police officials, however, said pressure was being maintained on factories that failed to clear wages and bonuses by yesterday.

Ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, the labour ministry had set a strict deadline for factories to pay February wages by March 9 and bonuses by March 12.

Bangladesh Bank also issued a circular allowing one month's wage equivalent loans for export-oriented factories.

Gazi Jashim Uddin, additional inspector general of the Industrial Police, said the overall situation in the garment sector was expected to remain manageable, although isolated problems might arise in some factories.

"You know the number of factories is huge. Even if only one percent face problems over wages or bonuses, that still means several factories. If even five factories have disputes and workers

come out onto the streets, it can create a significant situation," he said.

According to him, both the ministry and law enforcement agencies have taken initiatives, while coordination is ongoing with industry associations, including the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association, and Bangladesh Textile Mills

Association.



"Most factories have already cleared wages for January and February. Only a small number remain, and those payments are expected to be completed soon," Jashim added.

The intelligence report shows that out of 689 garment factories in Ashulia and Savar, 607 had paid wages and 469 had paid Eid bonuses by Monday.

In Gazipur and Tongi, 1,064 out of 1,196

factories paid wages, while around 850 paid bonuses.

In Dhaka metropolitan area, 436 out of 522 factories paid wages and 360 paid bonuses.

In Narayanganj, 349 out of 395 factories paid wages and 272 paid bonuses.

In Chattogram, 433 out of 487 factories paid wages and 340 paid bonuses. In Mymensingh, 125 out of 140 factories paid

wages, while 98 paid Eid bonuses.

Earlier, in a report on March 8, the home ministry had recommended tripartite talks involving owners, workers and the government to resolve disputes at vulnerable factories, alongside tighter surveillance in garment zones and extended banking hours to facilitate payments. It also warned that workers denied dues might gather on highways or at key public points to press their demands.

### Nine killed in road accidents in Tangail, Kishoreganj

STAR REPORT

At least nine persons were killed in separate road accidents in Tangail and Kishoreganj districts yesterday and the day before.

In Tangail, three people were killed as a CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided with an oncoming, Jamalpur-bound bus of Rajib Paribahan near Nolia Grameen Bank area in Dhanbari upazila around 3:30pm yesterday, reports our Jamalpur correspondent.

The bus fled the scene immediately afterward. The deceased were identified as: Akbar Ali, 55, auto-rickshaw driver and resident of Dhanbari; Omar Faruk, 50, and Khokon Mia, 45, both residents of Sarishabari upazila of Jamalpur and passengers of the auto rickshaw.

Akbar Ali died on the spot, while the two others succumbed to their injuries after being taken to Dhanbari Upazila Health Complex.

The bodies will be handed over to families after legal procedures. Police were trying to locate

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### China is our true friend: Shafiqur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer and Leader of the Opposition Shafiqur Rahman yesterday described China as a "true friend" of Bangladesh, calling for expanded initiatives for public welfare.

Shafiqur made the remarks at a food distribution programme for underprivileged people at Adarsha High School ground in Mirpur-10. The event was jointly organised by Jamaat and the Chinese Embassy in Dhaka, with Chinese Ambassador Yao Wen present.

He said China had never interfered in Bangladesh's internal affairs and had proven to be a dependable development partner. "Some countries interfere at will after taking everything from Bangladesh without offering anything in return. But China does not do that," he said.

Referring to five decades of ties, he said China recognised Bangladesh in 1976 and has since become one of its largest development partners, contributing to major infrastructure projects.

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### ICU services resume after a year following infant's death

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The incident triggered outrage and grief, drawing the attention of higher authorities.

Health Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain, accompanied by the health secretary and other senior officials, visited the hospital on Monday night and assured that ICU operations would resume within a day.

"The condition of the boy was very critical and he required ICU support. But the ICU at this hospital remained inoperative... Other hospitals usually do not take patients with such infectious diseases," the minister told reporters.

"We came here after learning about the incident... We will resume ICU operations by tomorrow [March 17] by any means, including attaching doctors," he added.

ICUs with a total of 240 beds were established in hospitals across 22 districts between 2020 and 2023 under the Covid-19 Emergency Response and Pandemic Preparedness (ERPP) Project, largely funded by the World Bank.

More than 1,000 staff members, including medical officers and technicians, were recruited to operate the units.

At IDH, a five-bed ICU was set up under the project and became operational in 2021 with 12 doctors, according to sources at the hospital and the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

However, contracts of the workforce, including those at IDH, expired in June 2024. The interim government neither renewed these contracts nor appointed replacements, rendering

the ICU non-functional. Hospital sources said they had written on several occasions to the higher authorities seeking manpower to run the ICU, but to no avail.

The ICU and High Dependency Unit are located on the fourth floor of the hospital.

During a visit to the unit yesterday at noon, a nurse told this correspondent it had already been cleaned in preparation for reopening.

"Upon instructions from the health minister, we have already taken the necessary preparations to resume ICU operations today [Tuesday]," said Tanzina Jahan, superintendent of the hospital.

She added that four doctors have been attached to the hospital and a roster of nurses has been prepared to run the ICU.

### Death anniv of Abul Mansur Ahmad today

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Abul Mansur Ahmad wrote about the language issue from the early 1940s and contributed to the Language Movement as the editor of the Ittehad.

A very successful politician, Abul Mansur Ahmad played a key role in the formation of the Awami Muslim League. He served as vice president of the organisation from 1953 to 1958.

Abul Mansur Ahmad was the author of the famous

Ekush Dafa (21-point programme) election manifesto of Jukta Front in the 1954 election through which the Muslim League was ousted from power.

The Ekush Dafa was the first comprehensive articulation of the political, economic and cultural demands of the Bangalees of the then eastern part of Pakistan.

He was elected a member of East Bengal Provincial Assembly in that election, and served as health

minister in the United Front cabinet under Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq. In 1955, he was elected a member of Pakistan Constituent Assembly.

He was the minister for education in the United Front government of East Pakistan in 1956 and the minister for commerce and trade in 1956-1957. After the promulgation of martial law by Ayub Khan in 1958, he was imprisoned and subsequently released in 1962.

He then retired from

politics. Abul Mansur Ahmad was known for his strong stand in favour of regional autonomy of East Pakistan. He also made remarkable contributions to industrialisation of the long-neglected East Pakistan.

He always propagated secularism in a manner unparalleled in the forties, fifties and sixties.

Ahmad's publications include great satires like "Aina", "Asmani Purdah", "Gulliverer Safar Nama" and

"Food Conference". He also penned insightful works on the social and political history of Bengal, such as "Bangladesher Culture". He has two autobiographical writings - "Atma Katha" and "Amar Dekha Rajnitir Panchash Bachar".

Abul Mansur Ahmad was born in 1898 in Dhanikhola village of Trishal, Mymensingh.

Bangla Academy has published Ahmad's writings which are available in four volumes now.

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### Eid exodus in full

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**আগ্রহ ব্যক্তকরণ পত্র আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

"Learning Acceleration in Secondary Education (LAISE)" শীর্ষক বিনিয়োগ প্রকল্পের ২০২৪-২৬ অর্থবছরে Year 2 এর ডিফারেন্স ডিসব্রুংকলিং লিঙ্কড রিসাল্টস (DLRs) ডেরিভেশনে কার্যকর পরিকল্পনার লক্ষ্যে DLR ডিরেক্ট পরামর্শক প্রতিষ্ঠান নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত আগ্রহ ব্যক্তকরণ পত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে।

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DLR 1.1:	Number of teachers trained in one of the following domains: core subject mastery, pedagogy for blended learning, climate change mitigation, adaptation meets yearly target;
DLR 2.2:	Number of schools implementing learning acceleration program (formative assessments and remediation among grade 6 and 8 students) meets yearly targets;
DLR 4.2:	SRGBV protocol activated, and poverty-targeted stipends disbursed with (i) (a) at least 5,000 institutions have sexual harassment prevention committees (SHPCs) set up; (b) referral pathways established; (c) standard operating procedures (SOPs) adopted; and (ii) poverty-targeted stipends disbursed for grades 6-12 based on the manual.
DLR 7.2:	Number of secondary students that received instruction on climate change mitigation and adaptation through dedicated sessions meets target (year 2: 15,000 students);
DLR 3.2:	Blended learning implemented in at least 700 secondary institutions;
DLR 6.2:	(i) Certifications/awards distributed to top 100 learning accelerator schools as per manual (DLR 6.1, part (i)); and (ii) additional 100 schools implementing climate resilience measures as per manual (DLR 6.1, part (ii)) meets yearly target (cumulative target for Year 2: 200 schools);
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- পরামর্শক প্রতিষ্ঠানের বর্ন যাবে এবং ডিফারেন্স ডেরিভেশনসের জন প্রোগ্রামীয় কার্যকরণসং আগ্রহ ব্যক্তকরণ পত্র (EOI) অনুসর্ন-এ এ বর্নিত কার্যকরণসং ০ (নি) সেট আগ্রহ ব্যক্তকরণ পত্র ডাকযোগে/সর্নায়িত হান্দায়ী ০২/০৪/২০২৬ খ্রিঃ তারিখ পূর্ন ১২:০০ ঘটিকা সর্ন মধ্যাহ্নিকাল, পরিবীক্ষণ ও মূল্যায়ন সেক্টর-৬, ভবন নং-১১, কক্ষ নং-২৪, বায়োমিট্রিক্স ও মূল্যায়ন বিভাগ, পরিকল্পনা মন্ত্রণালয়, শের-ই-বাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এর ব্যবহের প্রেরণ করতে হবে; এবং
- কর্তৃক কোন প্রকার কাল শর্নিত্যে প্রোগ্রামনয়ানে সর্বক কিংবা যে মেন আবেগন বর্নিত যোগ্যতা করতে পারবে।

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