Prof Abdur Rahman Khan passes away

CITY DESK



Maj Gen (retd) Prof Abdur Rahman Khan, a former adviser to a caretaker government, passed away at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Dhaka on August 5, according to a press release.

Prof Khan served as adviser to the ministries of health and family welfare, and religious affairs in 1996.

He played a significant role in the fields of metabolic disorders and diabetes research, helping advance medical science and healthcare in Bangladesh.

He also served as the chief consultant at BIRDEM. His friends, relatives, and well-wishers have been requested to pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

Youth held over rape of 9-yr-old girl in Jashore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Benapole*

Police arrested a 22-year-old man yesterday in connection with the alleged rape of a nine-year-old schoolgirl in Jashore Sadar upazila.

Jalil Khan, son of Abul Karim, was held in an early-morning raid from a relative's house.

According to police and the victim's family, the incident took place on Wednesday morning when Jalil allegedly lured the child into his room while she was playing near her home and raped her.

The girl fell ill after returning home and later told her family about the incident.

Victim's father later filed a case with Jashore Kotwali Police Station on Wednesday night.

Sub-Inspector Kabir Hossain Mollah, the investigating officer, said police traced the accused based on information about his whereabouts and arrested him.

Jalil was produced before a Jashore court yesterday, which sent him to jail, he added.



A rickshaw-puller pushes his passenger-laden rickshaw through a waterlogged street in Dhaka's New Market area yesterday. Heavy rainfall caused waterlogging in parts of the capital, disrupting traffic and daily commutes.

PHOTO: MEHEDI HASAN

PATUAKHALI MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Driver shortage halts ambulance service

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, *Patuakhali*



PHOTO: STAR

Families are being forced to rely on private ambulance services to transport patients to and from the hospital, often paying more than double the fare.

Patients and their families have been suffering due to the unavailability of ambulance services at Patuakhali Medical College Hospital.

Although the hospital has five government-allocated ambulances, three have been out of service for nearly three years, while the other two are lying idle due to a shortage of drivers.

As a result, families are being forced to rely on private ambulance services to transport patients to and from the hospital, often paying more than double the fare. Private ambulance operators have allegedly formed a syndicate and are charging significantly higher rates.

A trip from Patuakhali to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital in Barishal, a distance of about 40 kilometres, used to cost Tk 2,000 in a government ambulance, while transporting a patient from Patuakhali to Dhaka cost around Tk 10,000.

Private ambulance operators are now charging Tk 3,000-3,500 and Tk 14,000-15,000 for the same trips respectively.

Sajal Kumar, a private ambulance driver, said their operating costs were higher as they did not receive salaries or benefits like government-employed drivers.

Abdul Jabbar, a resident of Telikhali village in Patuakhali Sadar upazila, said he recently had to pay Tk 3,500 for a private ambulance to take a patient to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

"Earlier, I paid Tk 2,000 to take my ailing daughter to the same hospital in a government ambulance," he said.

Confirming the matter, Dr Dilruba Yasmin Liza, superintendent of the hospital, said only one driver, Abdus Salam, had been operating the two functional ambulances for nearly two years.

However, after his retirement on June 30 this year, the hospital's government ambulance service came to a complete halt.

"We have informed the higher authorities about the situation and requested immediate measures to repair the out-of-service ambulances and appoint new drivers," she added.

Six more die with measles-like symptoms

UNB, *Dhaka*

Six more patients died with measles-like symptoms in the last 24 hours until 8:00am yesterday, bringing the country's combined tally of confirmed and suspected measles-related deaths to 860 this year.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), all the latest fatalities were suspected measles deaths.

With the latest update, the number of suspected measles deaths has risen to 764, while the number of laboratory-confirmed measles deaths remained unchanged at 96.

A total of 733 new suspected measles cases were reported during the 24-hour period, bringing the cumulative number of suspected cases nationwide to 1,33,638.

Meanwhile, 85 new confirmed measles cases were recorded, bringing the total number of laboratory-confirmed infections to 16,740.

4 univs to probe teachers over pro-AL activities

STAR REPORT

Authorities of at least four public universities have formed probe bodies over the last couple of days to investigate the allegations against some teachers over their involvement in "anti-state activities and attempts to facilitate the return of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina".

The measures were taken following recent media reports alleging that 404 teachers from 22 universities were involved in activities in support of Awami League, whose activities remain banned.

Chittagong University formed a three-member committee yesterday to identify teachers allegedly involved in activities "against the state and public order", said a notice signed by Deputy Registrar Khandaker Moazzem Hossain.

Jagannath University formed a four-member committee to probe allegations against 68 teachers accused of engaging in "anti-state activities", said an office order issued by the Registrar's Office.

The authorities of Patuakhali Science and Technology University also formed a five-member committee on Wednesday to investigate allegations against some of its teachers.

In Kushtia, Islamic University authorities formed a five-member committee on Wednesday to investigate allegations of anti-state activities against 44 teachers.

No entry test for class 1 from 2027

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will not hold admission tests for class 1 from the 2027 academic year, the education ministry said yesterday.

"Students will be admitted to class 1 through lottery," said a press release signed by Abdullah Shibli Sadiq, senior information officer of the ministry.

Admission tests, however, will continue for other classes in primary and secondary schools, it added.

The decision came amid concerns among parents after ministry officials earlier indicated that admission tests could be introduced for classes 1 to 9 from 2027. Many parents subsequently began sending their children to coaching centres in preparation.

Four ministries, divisions get new secretaries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appointed new secretaries to four ministries and divisions, said a public administration ministry notification.

It said Sakhawat Hossain, secretary to the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, has been attached to the Ministry of Public Administration.

Obaydur Rahman, secretary to the Ministry of Housing and Public Works, has also been attached to the Ministry of Public Administration. Jasmin Nahar, additional secretary to the home ministry, has been promoted to secretary and appointed secretary to the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education.

Mohammad Saiful Islam, secretary to the Energy and Mineral Resources Division, has been transferred to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief. Ziaul Hoque, additional secretary to the Energy and Mineral Resources Division, has been appointed secretary to the division.

PRAYER TIMING
AUGUST 7

	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-20	12-30	5-00	6-47	8-15
JAMAAT	4-55	1-15	5-15	6-50	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

A walk thru

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Mohammad Hemayet Uddin from Shibpur in Narsingdi, who visited with his family, said they spent around two hours inside but needed more time to see everything.

He suggested adding more photographs, videos and details about the movement, the sacrifices of those killed, and the contributions of key figures.

Outside the museum, a large memorial area resembling a cemetery has been created, with the names of those killed during the July uprising inscribed on marble and steel structures.

Inside, the galleries depict the July 2024 mass uprising, the role of students and ordinary people, Bangladesh's political developments, and the 16-year rule of the ousted prime minister.

Remembering

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a PhD from Visva-Bharati on music aesthetics. His research was later published as Sangeeter Shilpadarshan.

Keynote speaker Dr Fakir Shohedul Islam Suman, a disciple of Bandyopadhyay, emphasised his dedication to preserving the Bishnupur gharana and combining musical practice with intellectual inquiry.

Other speakers, including Prof Aleya Parveen, former teacher Ustad Syed Sajid Hossain, and Vice Principal Prof Aniqa Raisa Chowdhury, urged students to study Bandyopadhyay's works, embrace rigorous discipline and uphold the traditional guru-shishya lineage.

The memorial concluded with discussions and shared memories, reaffirming Bandyopadhyay's enduring influence on future generations of musicians.

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CORRIGENDUM

RFP No. 39/2026 | Ref. Pro. (Log.) 256/2026, issued on 28 July 2026 and published on 29 July 2026 for the **"Appointment of an Independent Audit Firm to Conduct a Special Audit and Compliance Review",** is hereby amended as follows:
The **Proposal Submission Deadline** is revised to **16 August 2026 at 2:30 PM (BST),** and the **Technical Proposal Opening** is revised to **16 August 2026 at 3:00 PM (BST).** The **revised Terms of Reference (TOR),** incorporating the clarifications and amendments arising from the Pre-Bid Meeting, will be published on the BDRCS website (www.bdrcs.org) under the Tender section.
All other information and conditions contained in the Request for Proposal (RFP) shall remain unchanged.
Dr. Kabir M. Ashraf Alam, ndc
Secretary General

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Request for Proposals (RFP):
Selection of Sub-Recipient (SR) for "Prioritized HIV Prevention and Treatment Services for Key Populations in Bangladesh Supported by the Global Fund GC8 Grant"

Tender Ref. icddr,b/SCM/ OTM/2026/751 **Date: August 06, 2026**

Proposals are being solicited by icddr,b from bonafide Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) legally registered under the laws of Bangladesh, having a minimum of three (3) years of demonstrated experience in HIV prevention and treatment services for Key Populations, and who can meet the eligibility and selection criteria outlined in the RFP document. Interested organizations must form a joint venture consortium comprising a lead Sub-Recipient (SR) and two associate organizations engaged as Sub-Sub-Recipients (SSRs). All essential information for interested bidders is included in the RFP document.

Prospective bidders may download the complete RFP document from the following link:
https://www.icddrb.org/work-with-us/tender-notices

Pre-bid meeting: August 13, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM BST.
(The pre-bid meeting will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams. The link is provided in the tender document.

Submission deadline: September 07, 2026 by 2:00 PM BST.
Proposals must be submitted as one (1) hardcopy document, together with a signed scanned copy shared via a Google Drive link to **rfp@icddrb.org**, and dropped in the designated box at the Supply Chain Management, icddr,b, Chiller Building, Ground Floor (through Hospital Gate Entry), Mohakhali; Dhaka-1212, addressed to the Director, Supply Chain Management. Any submission received after the prescribed date and time will not be accepted.

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