Enact 'Right to Food Act'

Say speakers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Speakers at a programme in Chattogram yesterday demanded enactment of a "Right to Food Act" to ensure food security for all citizens.

The demand came at a public hearing on rising food prices and inflation affecting low-income urban populations, held at Chittagong Press Club.

Mohammad Abu Sufian, MP for Chattogram-9, pledged to raise the demand in parliament, according to a press release from the Consumers Association of Bangladesh.

"There is an urgent need to address the food crisis facing low-income people, enhance their purchasing power, and ensure the availability of safe and nutritious food," he said.

The event was organised by Food Security Network Bangladesh, ISDE Bangladesh and Participatory Research and Action Network.

SM Nazer Hossain, executive director of ISDE Bangladesh, presided over the event.



Belal Uddin, a resident of Chattogram, holds up two placards at the busy Kazir Dewri Circle intersection in the port city as part of his solo campaign to raise awareness of issues ranging from environmental pollution to social responsibility and human values. He has been running the campaign on his own initiative since the Covid-19 pandemic. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: **RAJIB RAIHAN**



More patients with severe dengue are being admitted to hospitals this month.

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Dengue surge overwhelms CMCH

ARUN BIKASH DEY, *Ctg*

Dengue cases in Chattogram are rising sharply, with 1,288 cases recorded in the first 14 days of October as patients face a shortage of beds at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The district recorded 98 new cases and two deaths in the 24 hours until 9:00pm on Wednesday, according to health officials.

During a visit to CMCH on Wednesday, this correspondent found its 50-bed dengue ward overcrowded, with 91 patients -- 52 men and 39 women -- admitted. All beds were occupied and some patients had to receive treatment on the floor.

Sirajul Mostafa Suman, 30, from Karnaphuli upazila, said he had been suffering from fever since October 10 and was advised to get admitted after testing positive for dengue. However, he had to stay on the floor as no beds were available.

As of Wednesday, the district's dengue caseload reached 5,754, with 28 deaths recorded this year, according to the civil surgeon's office. Five deaths have been reported so far in October.



With all beds occupied, some patients had to receive treatment on the floor.

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The 1,288 cases recorded so far in this month are already more than half the 2,430 cases reported in September, when 16 people died. The district recorded 1,202 cases in August and 536 in July.

Dr Abdullah Abu Sayeed, associate professor of medicine at CMCH, said hospitals are receiving more patients from rural upazilas and the hill districts.

Health officials said intermittent rainfall leaves stagnant water in flowerpots, discarded tyres and open containers, creating breeding grounds for Aedes mosquitoes.

Civil Surgeon Dr Sajedur Rahman said authorities are distributing awareness leaflets based on mosquito-density surveys conducted by the Directorate General of Health Services in June this year.

Captain Ikhtiyar Uddin Ahmed, chief conservancy officer of Chittagong City Corporation, said daily drives are being conducted across wards to destroy mosquito larvae. He urged residents to remove stagnant water around their homes.

Hilsa caught, sold openly despite ban

SUSHANTA GHOSH, *Barishal*

Illegal fishing and open sales of hilsa continue unabated along both banks of the Meghna in Barishal's Hizla and Mehendiganj upazilas despite the ongoing 22-day ban.

The ban came into effect on October 8 to protect mother hilsa during the breeding season.

Locals said 2,000-3,000 maunds of illegally caught hilsa, mostly small fish, were being sold daily in at least 30 markets across the two upazilas.

The Fisheries Department has sought deployment of Army or Coast Guard personnel to strengthen enforcement drives in four upazilas of the district.

Officials said Hizla and Mehendiganj had no fisheries officers posted until October 7, just a day before the ban began.

Several thousand fishers from at least 10 unions along both banks of the Meghna have reportedly continued fishing, mostly at night.

Mahfuzur Rahman, fisheries officer of Mehendiganj, said, "Syndicates operate across the vast river. Fishers have been attacking enforcement teams. We have so far detained 10 people, seized around five lakh cubic metres of fishing nets, and 30-35kg of hilsa during drives."

Hizla UNO Md Ilias Shikder said the administration was conducting drives and had seized hilsa, which was later donated to orphanages. "We generally do not conduct operations at night in the turbulent river," he added.

Mehendiganj UNO Mohammad Riazur Rahman said awareness meetings with fishers before the ban had failed to produce meaningful results.

Md Hadiuzzaman, Barishal district fisheries officer, said, "Number of enforcement drives has declined this year due to poor budget."

Barishal Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Mamun Khandaker said they had decided to intensify operations.

According to Fisheries Department data, Barishal has 4,22,275 registered fishers, of whom 3,58,516 are receiving 25kg of rice each as government assistance during the ban.

Noakhali struggles with mounting waste

Shortage of trucks, manpower hampers garbage collection

ANWARUL HAIDER, *Noakhali*

Residents of Noakhali municipality have long been suffering due to poor waste management, with garbage piling up along roadsides, clogging drains and causing waterlogging.

Across all nine wards, waste is left to rot in the open, spreading foul odours and creating breeding grounds for pests. During rainfall, garbage washes into drains and spills onto roads, forcing pedestrians to wade through filthy water.

The situation is particularly bad in areas such as Noakhali Circuit House, Lawyers' Colony and Housing Estate, where there are no designated waste bins.

The municipality, established around 150 years ago, has yet to set up a designated waste disposal site.

"We have to pass this area with our faces covered to avoid the foul smell coming from garbage piled up along the roadside daily," said Golam Rabbani, a student.

"If municipal authorities ensured regular waste clean-up and disposal, our ordeals could have been less," said Prof Md Abul Basher, principal of Noakhali City College and a resident of Lawyers' Colony.

On the southern side of Noakhali 250-bed General Hospital, garbage, including medical waste, was seen overflowing from a dustbin, creating an unhealthy environment near the hospital.

Along the Sonapur-Choumuhoni regional highway near Shaheed Bhulu Stadium, waste was seen clogging a roadside drain. Locals said the road becomes waterlogged after rainfall, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass.

According to municipal sources, there are 93 dustbins across the municipality, which generate around 55 tonnes of waste daily.

Belal Ahmmed Khan, executive engineer of Noakhali municipality, said residents often dump household waste in the open and along roadsides instead of using designated dustbins, making collection and disposal difficult.

Saiful Islam, chief executive officer of the municipality, said two of its seven dump trucks had long been out of order and were sent for repairs.

"With only five trucks functional, alongside an acute shortage of manpower for conservancy operations, waste collection becomes difficult from all nine wards," he said.

"However, we are working to address the issues and steps will be taken to improve our waste management system," he added.



Garbage overflowing on to the road from a Secondary Transfer Station (STS).

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1260 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF
Sindhu Roy, Managing Director, 4S Design n Development Ltd.
-----Petitioner
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms and another
-----Respondents

Please take notice that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Company Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the financial year ended on 30.06.2024 & 30.06.2025 of 4S Design n Development Ltd. has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon his Lordship Mr. Justice Syed Mohammed Tazrul Hossain was pleased to admit the application on 08.10.2026.
Any person interested in the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court on the date of hearing either personally or through duly appointed Advocate.

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TENDER FOR LAB EQUIPMENT

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) invites sealed quotations from the authorized distributors/dealers/suppliers for the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of **"one set of UHPLC with PDA and ELSD Detector"** for its Pharmacy Lab of the School of Pharmacy and Public Health.

Detailed specifications and other terms & conditions are provided in the tender schedule. Interested bidders may purchase the tender schedule from the Purchase & Procurement Department, Admin Building, Level 1, Room No. 2031, upon cash payment of Tk.1,000/- (non-refundable) to the Finance & Accounts Department during office hours (9-30 AM to 4.00 PM, Sunday through Thursday) **until October 27, 2026.**

Bidders shall submit their technical and financial bids in two separate sealed envelopes to the Purchase & Procurement Department **at any time before the deadline, but not later than 2:00 PM on November 03, 2026.** The financial bid must accompany an earnest money equivalent to 2.5% of the quoted value in the form of a Pay Order or Bank Draft issued by any scheduled bank in favor of Independent University, Bangladesh. The University authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1259 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF
Sindhu Roy, Managing Director, Maya Organic Agro Industries Ltd.
-----Petitioner
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms and another
-----Respondents

Please take notice that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Company Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the financial year ended on 30.06.2024 & 30.06.2025 of Maya Organic Agro Industries Ltd. has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon his Lordship Mr. Justice Syed Mohammed Tazrul Hossain was pleased to admit the application on 08.10.2026.
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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1258 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF
Sindhu Roy, Managing Director, LnS Export Import & Trading Ltd.
-----Petitioner
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms and another
-----Respondents

Please take notice that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Company Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the financial year ended on 30.06.2024 & 30.06.2025 of LnS Export Import & Trading Ltd. has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon his Lordship Mr. Justice Syed Mohammed Tazrul Hossain was pleased to admit the application on 08.10.2026.
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MARRIAGE NOTIFICATION

This is to notify the public that Ms. INDRANI DATTA GUPTA, born on 13 September 1986, a citizen of Bangladesh, daughter of Late Mr. BARUN DATTA GUPTA and Mrs. BITHI DATTA GUPTA, residing in Dhaka, Bangladesh, was married to Mr. SOHAM GHOSH, an Indian citizen by birth, son of Late Mr. CHANDAN GHOSH and Mrs. SABITA GHOSH, residing at Hind Motor, Konnagar, District Hooghly, West Bengal, India, on 6 July 2026.
The marriage was solemnized in accordance with Hindu (Sanatan) religious rites and ceremonies, with the consent and blessings of both families, at Prianka Community Center, House No. 52/1, Road No. 3A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209, Bangladesh.
The marriage was registered on 16 September 2026 with Mr. Kamol Mazumder, Hindu Marriage Registrar, Dhaka South City Corporation, Anchal (Area)-Gha.
The registration details are as follows: Page No. 59, Volume No. 77/26.
This notification is published for public information and official record purposes.

Date: 15 October 2026
Place: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Soham Ghosh

Bangladesh Lamps PLC.

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Price Sensitive Information

Based on Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 30th June 2026, the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Lamps PLC. at its meeting held on 14-10-2026 at 3:00 pm, decided to recommend cash dividend of Tk.1.00 per share of Tk.10/- each (i.e. 10%) for the said period.

The date of 65th Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Lamps PLC. has been fixed on **Tuesday, 15-12-2026 at 11:00 a.m.** through digital platform. The register of members and share transfer book of the Company and the depository register of CDBL will remain closed on **09-11-2026, as Record Date.**

The key financial statistics as per the Audited Financial Statements of the Company are as follows:

	2025-2026	2024-2025
Net asset value (NAV) per share	Tk. 61.02	Tk. 39.93
Earnings per share (EPS)	Tk. 1.64	Tk. (6.22)
Net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS)	Tk. (3.12)	Tk. (13.86)

The shareholders whose names will appear in the Register of Members of the Company on the Record Date will be eligible to attend the meeting and qualify for dividend.

By order of the Board

Dhaka
14-10-2026

Mohammad Ruhan Miah
Company Secretary

NOTES:

Shareholders bearing BO ID are requested to update their mailing & e-mail address through their Depository Participant (DP); and

Shareholders bearing Folio Numbers are requested to submit their mailing & e-mail address to the Share Department of the Company latest by November 05, 2026.

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