

MA Samad's 21st death anniv today

CITY DESK

Today is the 21st death anniversary of MA Samad, founder of Bangladesh General Insurance Company PLC (BGIC), said a press release.

After his retirement as managing director of Jiban Bima Corporation, he established BGIC, the first non-life insurance company in private sector after the country's liberation.

Moreover, he was the founder director of Bangladesh Insurance Academy and former chairman of Bangladesh Insurance Association.

MA Samad wrote two books in Bangla -- one on life insurance and another on general insurance. He also wrote two text books in English on life insurance.

He was an enlisted international expert in the Technical Assistance Program on Trade and Development of the UN. MA Samad visited most of the insurance training institutions in UK and USA under UNDP fellowship programme. MA Samad was born at Kulaura of Moulvibazar on January 1, 1923.

PRAYER TIMING

OCTOBER 17

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-50	12-45	4-00	5-38	7-15
JAMAAT	5-25	1-15	4-15	5-41	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

Despite fertiliser shortages, high pesticide prices and water scarcity, farmer Alatun Tudu irrigates his Aman paddy field with groundwater in Tema village of Mohanpur upazila, Rajshahi, as the crop nears harvest. The photo was taken yesterday.

Push-in of 1,275 prevented since January 1: BGB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has so far prevented attempts by India's Border Security Force (BSF) to forcibly push in 1,275 people to the country through different border points in 182 incidents across 23 districts since January 1 this year.

Lt Col Md Mahbub Morshed Rahman, director (operations) of BGB, disclosed the figures at a press briefing at its Dhaka headquarters yesterday. He said the force had intensified border surveillance and strengthened coordination with relevant authorities to prevent illegal push-ins.

Several of those pushed in alleged that they had been detained, tortured or mistreated by Indian authorities before being forced across the border.

A wave of push-ins by India's BSF began in May last year.

Such attempts intensified again in May this year following the political changeover in India's West Bengal state.

On June 17, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed told parliament that 2,369 people had been pushed into Bangladesh since August 5, 2024. Of them, 2,175 were handed over to police stations, 11 returned to the BSF, and 183 pushed back across the border.

On July 20, the home minister said Bangladesh would accept its nationals living in India only after their citizenship had been verified through diplomatic channels and their return arranged under established legal procedures. The issue featured prominently in the 57th director general-level meeting between BGB and BSF in New Delhi in June this year.

Jubo Dal leader hacked to death

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Cumilla*

Miscreants hacked a local Jubo Dal leader to death near Chhatarkhil police outpost in Cumilla Sadar upazila yesterday.

Md Abu Kawsar, 40, was a leader of Ward 4 of Cumilla city Jubo Dal, said Khalilur Rahman Biplob, senior joint convener of Cumilla Metropolitan Jubo Dal, said police.

He was from Cumilla city's Kaptanbazar, he added.

Touhidul Anwar, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Model Police Station, said Kawsar was attacked and seriously injured by a group of assailants in the Chhatarkhil area around 11:00am. He was taken to Cumilla Trauma Centre for treatment and died in the ICU around 2:00pm.

Witnesses said Kawsar was travelling in an auto-rickshaw through the Chhatarkhil area when assailants lying in wait launched a sudden attack on him. They repeatedly hacked him with sharp weapons, including on his neck, leaving him critically injured. The attackers fled on motorcycles after the assault.

Local sources said a dispute had been ongoing between some of Kawsar's friends and two local men over a piece of land.

Police were working to arrest those involved in the killing, said the OC.

Crowd detains RU student after car crash kills rickshaw-puller

RU CORRESPONDENT

A rickshaw-puller was killed and two others seriously injured after a car, allegedly driven by a Rajshahi University student, hit them in the city's Talaimari area yesterday.

Dr Shamim Hasan, spokesperson for Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, identified the deceased as Md Shahjalali, 50.

"Three people were brought to our hospital for treatment. One of them died, while the other two are receiving treatment," he said.

Police and Rajshahi University campus sources identified the driver as SM Rizon, a student of the university's Department of International Relations and proprietor of Bengal Signature, a seal-making firm.

According to locals, the incident occurred around 2:00pm. Rizon was driving the car when it struck a female pedestrian, throwing her to the roadside. He then allegedly lost control of the vehicle and ran over two rickshaw-pullers, one of whom died at the scene.

People at the scene later detained Rizon and the car until police arrived.

Boalia Police Station Officer-in-Charge Masuma Mustari confirmed that an RU student named SM Rizon was in the driver's seat.

Gaziur Rahman, additional deputy commissioner (media) of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said Rizon was taken to the police station along with the vehicle to maintain order as a crowd gathered at the scene.

"Further legal action will be taken if the allegations against him are substantiated during questioning," he added.

Farmer beaten, hacked to death over theft suspicion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Satkhira*

A fish farmer was beaten and hacked to death by a mob allegedly over suspicion of fish theft in Satkhira's Tala upazila yesterday.

The victim, Khitish Mondal, 53, was a resident of Jiala village, said police.

The incident took place in the Uttar Khola Beel area. Khitish was rescued in critical condition and taken to Tala Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared him dead around 11:00am.

Sub-Inspector Mohsin Ali of Tala Police Station said they had learnt that Khitish was beaten to death over allegations of fish theft.

According to locals, Khitish was caught by a group of people around 3:00am on suspicion of stealing fish from an enclosure in Uttar Khola Beel. He was later taken to the Jiala cremation ground, tied to a tree, and beaten by the enclosure owner and other villagers, they said.

Khitish's wife, Sulekha Rani Mondal, alleged that 10 to 15 people were involved in the attack. The attackers broke her husband's arms and legs and struck his head with a sharp weapon.

"How can they tie a man to a tree, beat and hack him throughout the night and kill him over suspicion of theft? We want justice for this brutal killing," said Khitish's cousin Partha Mondal.

Police said preparations were underway to file a case in connection with the incident.

SI Mohsin said they would identify those involved in the incident and take legal action against the perpetrators.

They said it was a minor accident. My son was dead

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not filled up yet, so he left his schoolbag inside and was standing outside when a bus ran him over."

CCTV footage of the incident suggested that the bus was being driven without its helper on board. It was making a turn when it struck Sayon and ran him over.

Sazu also believed the helper's absence and mismanagement of the school bus services contributed to his son's untimely demise.

"There should have been a ground attendant there. Children were moving around, and so many buses operate from that spot. If a helper or ground attendant had been present, the driver might have realised that someone was near the bus. Call it negligence, carelessness or mismanagement -- there was a failure," he said.

Lt Col (retd) Ferdous Hasan, principal of the institution, said the helper was outside the campus gate at the time.

A written undertaking submitted by Sazu to the institution surfaced on Facebook on Wednesday, where he had to agree not to pursue legal action over his son's death, and that he did not personally hold anyone responsible for his son's death and wanted to take the body to his village home in Pabna for burial.

However, in the last line of the undertaking, the father requested that the school authorities conduct a proper investigation, identify anyone responsible, and take action against them.

Sazu said he had declined an autopsy because he feared a lengthy legal process and the additional distress it would cause his family. His wife was pregnant, he added.

"I have little faith in the country's legal system and police investigation. The process is also time-consuming. My child has died, and we could not bear the stress of a lengthy legal process on top of that," he said.

"I was told that I needed to submit a written undertaking. When the school prepared the document, it mentioned only a 'bus accident'. I asked them to change it to 'school bus accident'."

Sazu said he added the final line himself to make it clear that, although he was not pursuing a criminal case, he expected the school to investigate the incident and hold anyone found responsible accountable.

"I told them to form an inquiry committee, examine CCTV footage, identify anyone at fault and take disciplinary action. They must also improve school bus management so that no other child suffers such a tragic death," he said.

He also submitted a written statement to the police expressing his wish to receive the body without an autopsy.

"My child's head was completely crushed. His face was in no condition to be seen. I could not let his mother or anyone else see his face. We took him home only to bury him," Sazu said with a sigh.

Principal Lt Col Ferdous said the buses were hired contractually to transport students.

"This is an extremely tragic incident for us as well. We are investigating the matter seriously. The inquiry will examine what went wrong and why the incident occurred, and we will take further action based on the findings," he said.

Asked what action could be taken, the principal said the driver or anyone else found negligent would be dismissed, alongside further legal action if recommended.

No case had been filed over the incident, said AHM Salauddin, officer-in-charge of Rupganj Police Station.

"The family did not want a post-mortem and said they would not pursue legal action. If they seek police assistance, we will provide it," he added.

A fresh bid to streamline Dhaka's bus network

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The interim government attempted a limited Gabtoli-Chashara rollout in 2025.

SM Salehuddin, former member of the DTCA Bus Route Rationalisation Coordination Committee, said owners and workers feared the system would reduce their income and control over bus operations and fares.

DTCA inspections in 2024 found that 165 of 400 designated stops across eight routes had not been built, while only 80 had fully functioning ticket facilities.

Under the latest decision, the DTCA and police must send improvement lists to city corporations within seven working days. Construction and repairs are due within three months, while owners have two months to repair and repaint rundown buses.

It remains unclear how existing valid permit holders will be excluded under the new system.

Bangladesh Passenger Welfare Association Secretary General Mozammel Haque Chowdhury demanded oversight by an experienced public authority and urged authorities to resolve problems on one or two routes before expansion.

Prof Shamsul Hoque of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology called for long-term funding, permanent supervision and coordination with BRTC, human hauliers, and smaller public transport services to prevent unequal competition.

"Maintaining discipline after the buses are launched will be the real challenge," he said. "Political will alone cannot guarantee success."

SM Ali's 33rd anniversary of death today

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1928. He was the eldest son of the late Syed Mustafa Ali, an official of the Assam Civil Service, and nephew of famous litterateur Syed Mujtaba Ali.

Ali started off as a reporter with the Pakistan Observer while he was a student at Dhaka University. He went on to hold important positions in various publications in Pakistan, Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore.

He was the managing director of The Hong Kong Standard and The Bangkok Post.

He joined the Press Foundation of Asia as its executive director in the 1970s. In the mid-1980s, he became Unesco's regional communications adviser for Asia and the Pacific based in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.

Ali returned home in 1989 and had a brief stint with the Bangladesh Observer as editor. He launched The Daily Star in 1991 and worked tirelessly to establish it as a leading national daily. He injected a new life in the English language journalism of the period. He died in 1993 at a Bangkok hospital at the age of 65.

বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম এক্সপ্লোরেশন এন্ড প্রোডাকশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (বাপেক্স)
BANGLADESH PETROLEUM EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION CO. LTD (BAPEX)
Administration Division, Foreign Purchase Department
BAPEX Bhaban (Level-4), 4, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh

Invitation for International Competitive Tender (ICT)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
3	Company	Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Limited (BAPEX)
4	Procuring Entity Name	General Manager, Administration Division, BAPEX.
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of 3D Seismic Data Interpretation System (LOT-01: G&G Interpretation, Modeling & Log Interpretation Systems with related Services and LOT-02: Seismic Reservoir Characterization System with related Services)
7	Invitation Ref No & Date	BAPEX/Admin/Int/Ten-1358/2026
8	Date	Date: 14-10-2026
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelopes Tendering Method (OSTETM)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	BAPEX Own Fund
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Project / Program Name	3D Seismic Survey at Habiganj, Bakhrabad & Meghna Fields
12	Tender Package No.	GD-12
13	Tender Package Name	Procurement of 3D Seismic Data Interpretation System (LOT-01: G&G Interpretation, Modeling & Log Interpretation Systems with related Services and LOT-02: Seismic Reservoir Characterization System with related Services)
		Date
14	Tender Publication Date	18-10-2026
15	Tender Last Selling Date	30-11-2026 at 15.00 hrs.
		Date / **Time**
16	Tender Closing Date and Time	01-12-2026 / 11.30 (BST)
17	Tender Opening Date and Time	01-12-2026 / 12.00 (BST)
18	Name & Address of the office(s)	**Address**
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Accounts & Finance Division, BAPEX Bhaban (Level-3), 4 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)	i. Petrobangla; Accounts Division, Petrocenter, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka ii. Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd (TGTDCL); Accounts Division, 105 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS		
19	- Receiving Tender Document	Room No-401, Foreign Purchase Department, Level-4, BAPEX Bhaban, 4, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
	- Opening Tender Document	Room No-401, Foreign Purchase Department, Level-4, BAPEX Bhaban, 4, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Meeting Room, Level-6, BAPEX Bhaban, 4 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215. / **Date**: 04-11-2026 / **Time**: 11:00 hrs. BST
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
20	**Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer**	• The minimum of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the supply of Goods and related services as Supplier shall be 7 (Seven) years. • For LoT-1 The minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of similar Goods of at least 1 (one) contract(s) successfully completed within the last 5 (Five) years, each with a value of at least 0.7 million USD or 8,61,00,000.00 BDT and For LoT-2 The minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of similar Goods of at least 1 (One) contract(s) successfully completed within the last 5 (Five) years, each with a value of at least 0.22 million USD or 2,70,60,000.00 BDT. • Lot-01: The minimum supply experience for Lot-01 is 2 licenses of G&G Interpretation, Modeling & Log Interpretation software per year and for Lot-02: The minimum supply experience for Lot-02 is 2 licenses of Seismic Reservoir Characterization software per year. • The minimum amount of financial resources as liquid asset or working capital or credit line(s) or specific credit commitment or in any combination of them, of the Tenderers shall be is 0.80 million USD or 9,84,00,000.00 BDT for LOT-1 and 0.25 million USD or 3,07,50,000.00 BDT for LOT-2. • The Tenderer or Supplier from the Countries which do not have diplomatic relationship with Bangladesh are not eligible.
21	Brief Description of Goods	LOT-01: G&G Interpretation, Modeling & Log Interpretation Systems with Necessary Hardware; and LOT-02: Seismic Reservoir Characterization System with Necessary Hardware.
22	Brief Description of Related Services	• **Commissioning & Installation:** The bidder should provide service on Commissioning & Installation of the Software & Hardware at BAPEX Dhaka Office. • **Work association:** 142 days for LOT-01 and 58 Days for LOT-02
23	Language of Tender	Tenders shall be written in the English language.
24	Price of Tender Document (the currency (ies))	BDT 13,800.00 or USD 112.00 (Non-refundable) Including VAT

25	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (the currency(ies)) Proposal to be made as per Tender Document ITT Clause-32	Completion Time/Delivery Time in Days
	1	Procurement of 3D Seismic Data Interpretation System (LOT-01: G&G Interpretation, Modeling & Log Interpretation Systems with related Services and LOT-02: Seismic Reservoir Characterization System with related Services)	The Goods are to be delivered at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka and related services are to be delivered as per Section 6: Schedule of Requirements of tender document.	BDT 33,00,000.00 (Thirty-Three Lac) or USD 26,830.00 (Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty) for Lot-01 and BDT 85,000.00 (Eighty Five Thousand) or USD 690.00 (Six Hundred Ninety) for Lot-02	13 (Thirteen) weeks following the date of receipt of the L/C

26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Asad Ullah	
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager (Admin)	
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Room No-501, Administration Division, Level-5, BAPEX Bhaban, 4 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.	
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	+8802-55011774	gmadmin@bapex.com.bd/purchase.bapex@gmail.com/purchase@bapex.com.bd
30	The Tender will be conducted as per the PPA-2006 & PPR-2025. This Tender Notice will also be available at website of Petrobangla (www.petrobangla.org.bd), BAPEX (www.BAPEX.com.bd), DG Market (www.dgmarket.com) and BPPA (www.bppa.gov.bd).		
31	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.		

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General Manager (Admin.)