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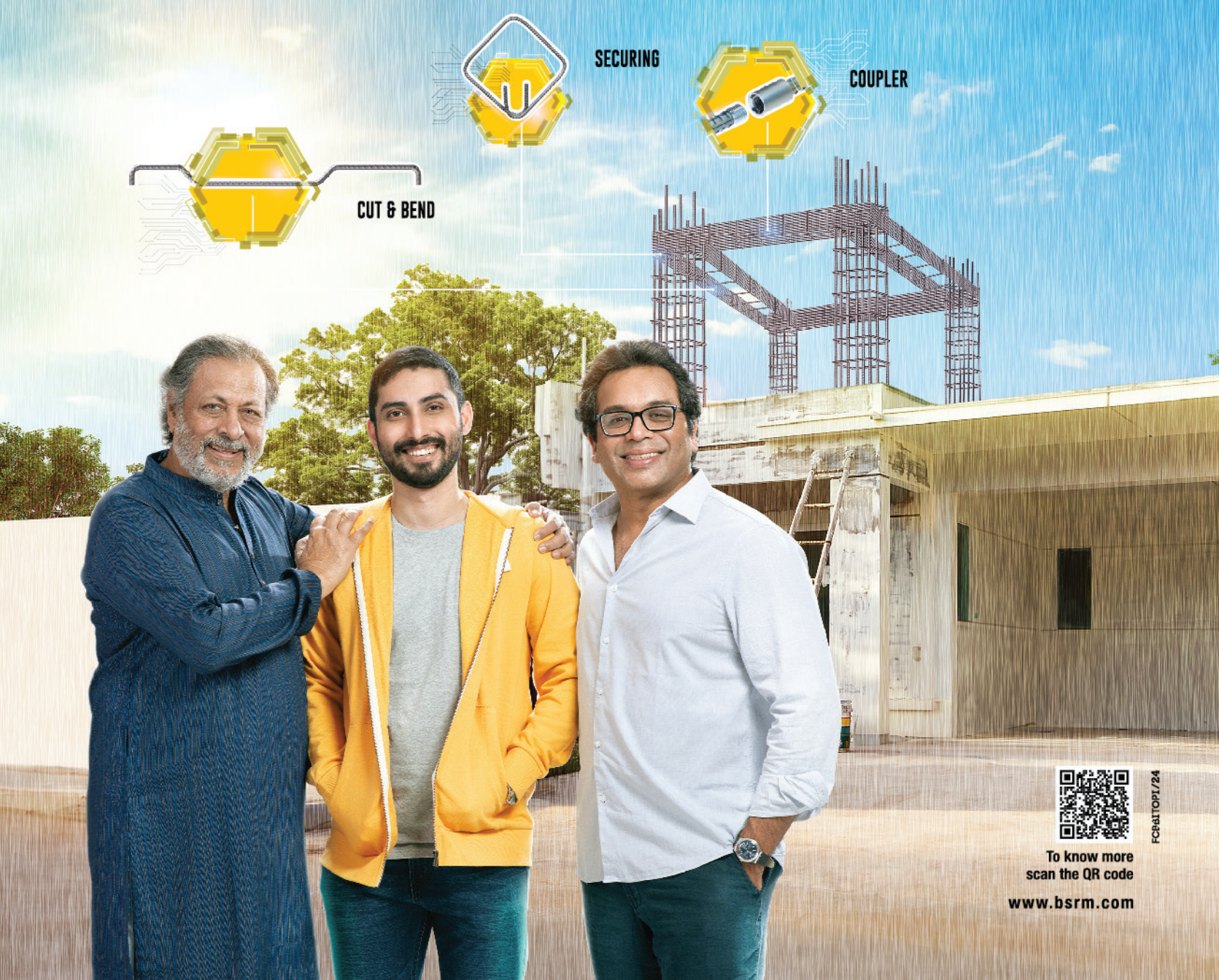


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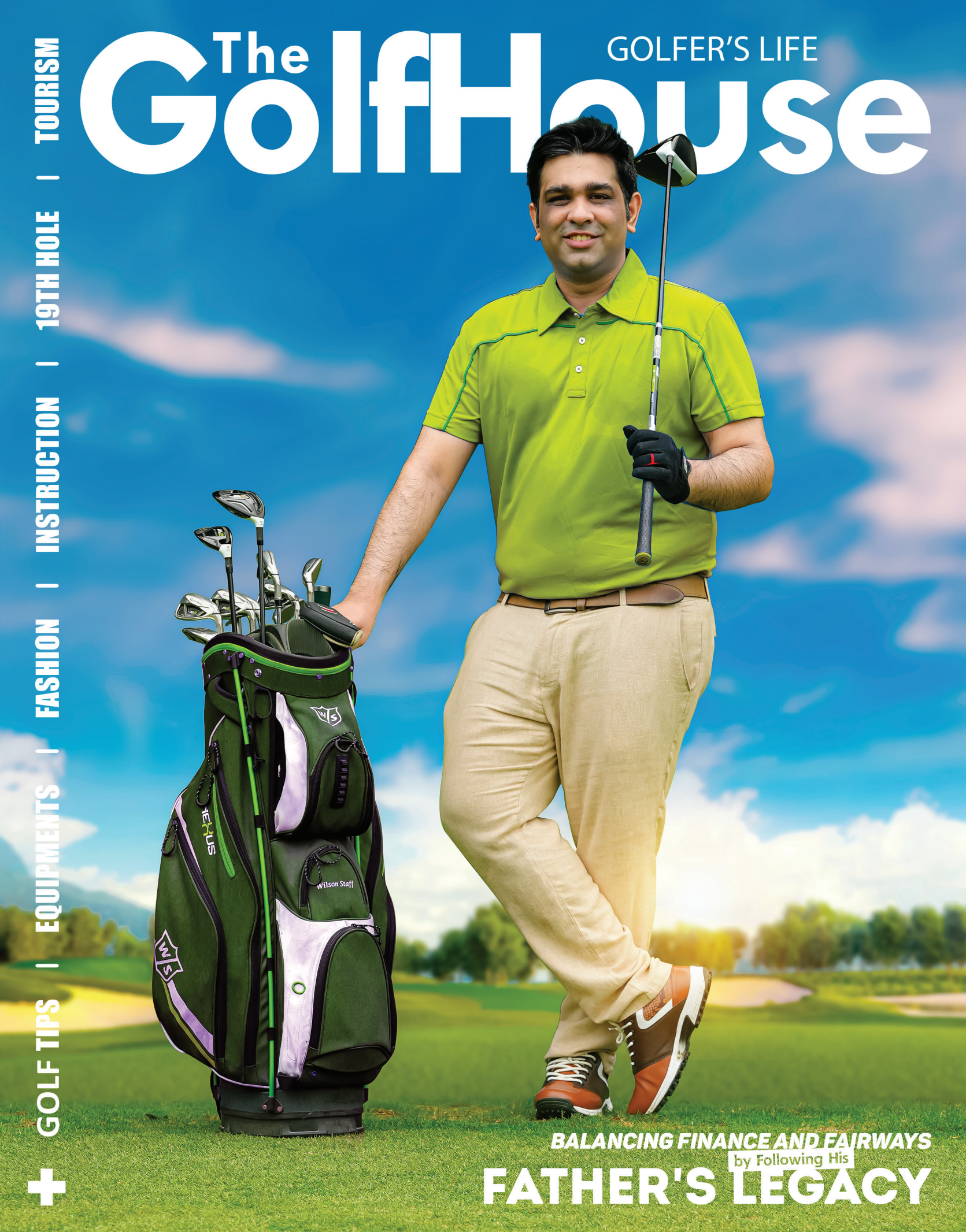


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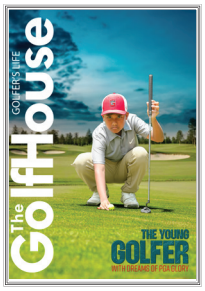


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Golf in Bangladesh is growing, yet true country clubs with diverse amenities haven't emerged. This issue explores why, highlights Md. Razu's journey from caddie to pro, and features corporate leader Raqibul Faiaze's bond through golf. A new section, Driving Range, introduces luxury cars and motorsports content.



# EDITOR'S CHOICE




Keegan Bradley secured the Presidents Cup for the United States recently when he clinched a point in his match against the International Team's Kim Si-woo that lifted his team to the 15-1/2 target needed to retain the trophy in Montreal.

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# Editor's Note

**Dear readers,**

Golf in Bangladesh is experiencing significant growth, yet one question remains: Why haven't true country clubs, as seen internationally, taken root here? While golf courses like Bhatiary, Mainamati, and Kurmitola offer excellent golfing facilities, they lack the multifaceted amenities—such as tennis courts, swimming pools, and wellness centers—that define true country clubs abroad. In the U.S. and across Europe, country clubs provide a broader lifestyle experience, offering social events, family-friendly services, and networking opportunities alongside various sports. In this issue, we delve deeper into why this concept hasn't yet taken hold in Bangladesh.

The focus here has remained largely on the sport itself. This could be due to limited demand for the full country club experience and the significant investment required to develop such facilities. However, as golf continues to grow in popularity and the middle class expands, we may see true country clubs emerge in the future. For now, the existing clubs cater predominantly to golf enthusiasts.

In this issue, we highlight inspiring stories from the golfing community. One such story is that of Md. Razu, who began as a ball boy and caddie at Savar Golf Club and worked his way up to becoming a professional player. His journey, despite challenges like limited sponsorship, is a testament to the opportunities that golf can offer in Bangladesh.

We also feature Raqibul Faiaze Mohammad Ikramah, Head of Financial Accounting and Reporting at Grameenphone. Despite his demanding corporate role, Raqibul finds time to bond with his father, a retired Brigadier General, through golf. For him, the sport is not just a leisure activity, but a way to connect with family and apply the principles of patience, focus, and discipline to his professional life.

On the competitive front, this edition covers the recent President Cup, which showcased the best of Bangladesh's golfing talent and further cemented the sport's growing stature in the country.

Lastly, we are excited to introduce a new section focused on automobiles and luxury cars under Driving Range. This category will bring you the latest news, reviews, and trends from the world of luxury cars and motorsports, expanding TheGolfHouse family into exciting new territory.

Thank you for joining us as we continue to explore and celebrate the evolving world of golf in Bangladesh.

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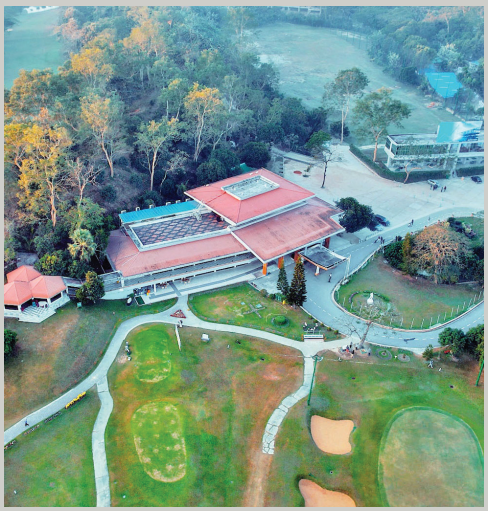

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I wasn't nervous. The truth is–it's the funniest thing–I got selected to the team at the 2013 British Open at St. Andrews, and I remember hearing the news and I was gutted. I had my friend's birthday party that was that same week as the Solheim. So when I got selected for the team, I was absolutely gutted. I was like, "Oh, I can't go to my friend's birthday party!" Looking back now it seems silly, but I didn't realize how big the Cup is.

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Shanto was introduced to golf at the age of 3 by his father. Practicing at Shaheen Golf and Country Club Patenga (SGCCP), his natural talent quickly became evident. His father's belief in his potential ignited his love for the game.





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CULLINAN LINKS GOLF CLUB

# WHERE LUXURY MEETS SERENITY



The breathtaking Belek coastline, Cullinan Links Golf Club is the epitome of luxury and excellence in Turkey's thriving golf scene. Offering one of the most prestigious golfing experiences in the region, this club is nestled between the breathtaking Mediterranean Sea, the Taurus Mountains, and the serene Beşgöz River. The unique setting alone makes it a standout destination for golf enthusiasts, but it's the exceptional course design and luxury amenities that truly elevate Cullinan Links to another level.

**A Premier Golfing Experience**

Cullinan Links Golf Club features two championship courses, Aspendos and Olympos, each designed to provide a blend of challenge and enjoyment for golfers of all levels. Created by some of the most respected names in golf course architecture—Hawtree Ltd (1997), Marc Westenborg (2009), and European Golf Design (2021)—the courses showcase a commitment to world-class golfing standards. Just a short drive from Antalya Airport, golfers can quickly immerse themselves in the club's stunning natural surroundings and exceptional facilities.

**Aspendos Course: A Classic Beauty**

The Aspendos Course is a masterclass in golf course design. Spanning 5,463 yards, this par-71 course offers a captivating mix of challenging play and beautiful landscapes. With 58 carefully placed bunkers and visually striking fairways, the course caters to players of all skill levels,





"A golfer's paradise framed by the beauty of Belek's coastline."

offering a challenging yet enjoyable experience. The course is designed to accommodate a handicap of 36 for men and 44 for women, ensuring an inclusive yet thrilling experience for all.

### Olympos Course: A Riverfront Jewel

The Olympos Course, slightly shorter at 5,461 yards, also boasts a par of 71. With 61 strategically positioned bunkers, this course presents its own set of challenges, particularly with its stunning location along the Beşgöz River. The tranquil riverside setting adds a serene backdrop





"Where the Mediterranean meets world-class golf at Cullinan Links."

while testing players' skills with intricate hazards and natural beauty. Like its counterpart, the Olympos Course provides an exhilarating round for players of all levels, combining elegance with playability.

### Unmatched Facilities and Natural Beauty

Spread over an expansive 1,100,000 m² (110 hectares), Cullinan Links is home to lush, soft grasses and towering pine trees, with every hole uniquely designed to highlight the surrounding natural resources. The course uses Paspalum grass in the summer and a blend of Poa and Lolium Perenne in winter, ensuring pristine playing conditions year-round. With greens averaging 600 m² and generously sized tee boxes, players have plenty of space to enjoy their game.

The 119 strategically placed bunkers (42 fairway and 77 green bunkers) add both aesthetic value and a test of precision. Additionally, the 10 lakes scattered across the course, coupled with the flowing Beşgöz River, ensure that players must always be mindful of the water hazards.

### Comprehensive Practice Facilities

For those looking to sharpen their skills, Cullinan Links offers a wide range of practice facilities. There are five putting greens, one of which spans over 1,000 m², designed to mirror the challenges of the full 18-hole layout. The course also includes two spacious pitching greens, perfect for working on short game precision, measuring 735 m² and 432 m².

The club's comprehensive facilities also include 100 golf buggies and 300 trolleys for easy navigation around the course. PGA professionals are available for personalized lessons, making it a fantastic place for both beginners and seasoned players to hone their skills.

### Beyond Golf: Luxury and Leisure

Cullinan Links Golf Club is more than just a golfing destination; it's a luxury retreat. In partnership with the neighboring Titanic Deluxe Golf Belek resort, guests can indulge in a variety of world-class amenities. A kilometer-long private beach, a lavish spa, and numerous recreational activities make this an ideal place for relaxation after a round of golf. Families will appreciate the excellent dining options and the Tini Kids Club, ensuring fun for all ages. Evening entertainment, including concerts and beach parties, further adds to the luxury experience.

The resort also offers facilities for football (three professional-size fields), tennis (six courts, including clay and Proclay), and multiple swimming pools, including an Olympic-size heated pool with 10 lanes. For adventure seekers, canoeing and kayaking on the Beşgöz River provide an exhilarating way to explore the natural surroundings.



## Conclusion

Cullinan Links Golf Club is a unique gem in Antalya's golfing scene, seamlessly blending top-notch golf facilities with luxurious accommodations. Whether you're visiting for a competitive tournament, a business retreat, or a leisurely golf vacation, Cullinan Links offers an experience that is both challenging and memorable. With its exceptional design, beautiful landscapes, and luxury amenities, this club is bound to become a cherished part of your golfing memories.



"Luxury and nature blend seamlessly at Cullinan Links Golf Club."

**Location:**
Belek coastline, Turkey, 30 minutes from Antalya Airport.

**Courses:**
Two championship courses – Aspendos and Olympos, both Par 71.

**Course Features:**
119 bunkers, 10 lakes, and expansive practice facilities with five putting greens and two pitching greens.

**Grass Types:**
Paspalum for summer; Poa and Lolium

**Perenne for winter.**
Luxurious Amenities: Links to Titanic Belek Resort, spa, private beach, Tini Kids Club, and various sports facilities.

**Golf Services:**
100 golf buggies, 300 trolleys, PGA-pro golf lessons, left- and right-handed golf set rentals.

**Outdoor Activities:**
Canoeing and kayaking on the Beşgöz River, football fields, tennis courts, and Olympic-sized pools.



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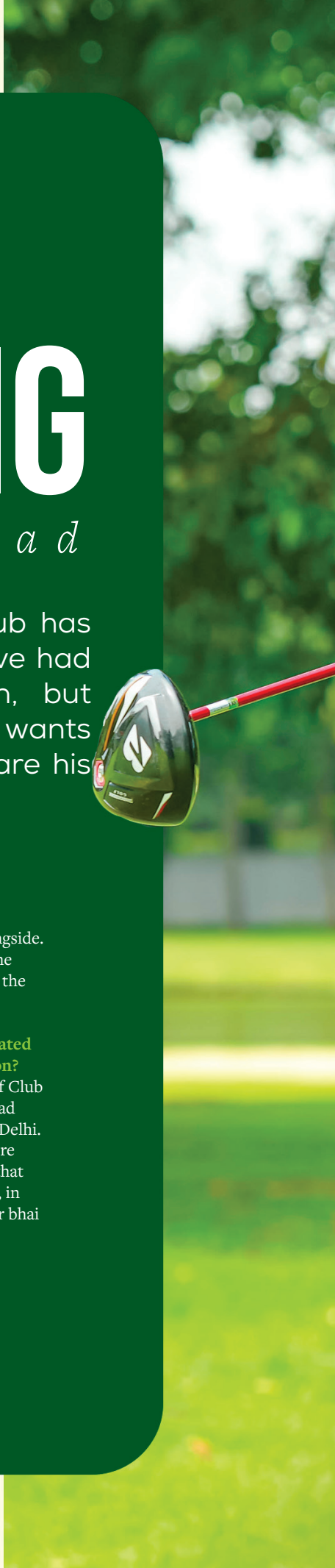
# NO ALTERNATIVE TO PLAYING

## *Tournaments Abroad*

Mohammad Razu from the Savar Golf Club has been a professional golfer. He may not have had enormous success like Siddikur Rahman, but the ball-boy-turned-caddie-turned-pro wants to follow the same path to success. Here are his thoughts on golf:



**Kindly tell us about your journey in golf?**

I am Mohammad Razu, a professional golfer from Savar Golf Club, where I started playing golf. I started off as a ball-boy in 2000 and then turned a caddie in 2012. I turned pro in 2017. So you can say it's been seven years since I've been playing the sport professionally.

**How did you get introduced to the sport?**

We had a golf club close to our home. So one day a cousin of mine took me to the club, where I got my introduction to the game. I used to work with foreigners on Fridays and continued studies alongside. Slowly from there my interest in the game grew, and as I've said before, the rest fell in its place.

**Is there any incident that motivated you to take up golf as a profession?**

A. Siddikur bhai went to Savar Golf Club in 2013 to play a tournament. He had just won the Hero Indian Open in Delhi. So, I asked my seniors to know more about him. When I came to know that he was a ball boy and a caddie, too, in the beginning, I thought if Siddikur bhai could do that why couldn't I?




**Mohammad Razu**

Professional Golfer



"Without sponsorship, golfers can't concentrate on their game. It's an expensive sport."

**What is your golfing routine and practice regimen?**

Golfing routine is a very important thing for a golfer. I try to maintain a strict routine in this regard. I wake up early and do some exercise before heading to the golf club where I get dressed. I do some chipping and putting before playing 18 holes on the course. Then I practise putting for two to three hours in the afternoon since putting is the most important thing for a golfer.

> ***I began as a ball-boy, became a caddie, and eventually turned pro in 2017. It's been a rewarding journey ever since.***

**Share some details about your most recent tournament experience.**

The last tournament I played was in the Jashore Golf Club. I almost won that tournament but for a mistake of mine. I had two penalties as I didn't know the rules properly. Unfortunately, I had to settle for second with a score of 15-under-par. Jamal Mollah won the title at 17-under-par. That was a lesson for me that when you play golf you have to be aware of all the rules and regulations properly.

**What was your initial handicap score when you started, and how did you improve upon it?**

When I was a caddie, my handicap was 5. I took it to zero before turning pro.

**Why do you think Bangladeshi golfers are not able to compete internationally?**

Bangladesh has a few quality golfers who can compete at international events. The biggest drawback is lack of sponsorship. Without sponsorship, golfers can't concentrate on their game. Since most of us are from low-income families, we need more support from sponsors. It is an expensive sport. I have some personal sponsors who help me out. My golf club also gives me some financial assistance. That is why I can still survive as a



Razu at City Bank Jashore Masters BPGA Golf Tournament

professional golfer. But that is not the case for most of the golfers.

**Do you have a favourite golf course? If so, which one and why?**
My favourite is of course Savar Golf Club. I have grown up there and I know the greens and the fairways inside out.

**Which golfer do you admire the most?**
I have two favourite golfers. First is Siddikur Rahman bhai and the second is Sajib Ali.

**What has been the most memorable event in your golfing career so far?**
I won a three-round tournament in Khagrachari in 2018. That is still the most memorable event for me.

**What are your goals for the next few years? Are there any specific tournaments or milestones you're aiming to achieve?**
My understanding is, if someone has to flourish, he will have to play a lot of tournaments abroad. So, my plan is to qualify for the PGTI next year and perform well in the Indian circuit. And then I can take my game to the next level.



"If Siddikur bhai could do it, why couldn't I?"



## BEYOND THE GREENS:

# WHY TRUE COUNTRY CLUBS HAVEN'T TAKEN ROOT IN BANGLADESH YET

In recent years, golf has emerged as a growing sport in Bangladesh, attracting people from all walks of life. As more golf courses and clubs are being developed across the country, many are curious about the different types of clubs that exist, particularly golf clubs and country clubs. Though they may seem similar on the surface, these two types of clubs offer distinct experiences to their members, and understanding the difference is essential for both golf enthusiasts and those looking to join a club for recreational and social purposes. Let's explore the difference between a golf club and a country club, and what they mean within the Bangladesh context.

Clubs like Bhatiary Golf & Country Club or Mainamoti Golf & Country Club may have "country club" in their title, but their main focus is on providing golf facilities. Unlike international country clubs, which offer a wide array of amenities such as tennis courts, swimming pools, fitness centers, spas, fine dining, and family-friendly social activities, these clubs in Bangladesh are predominantly geared towards golf enthusiasts.

While they do occasionally offer some additional services such as small social spaces or basic dining options, they do not meet the comprehensive, multi-facility offerings typically seen in renowned country clubs around the world. A true country club experience involves a holistic lifestyle, offering something for everyone—whether it's sports, leisure, business networking, or family gatherings.

### Why Is There No True Country Club in Bangladesh?

The primary reason Bangladesh lacks country clubs with international

standards is that the concept of a country club as a broader social and recreational hub has not fully developed here. While the golf community is growing, the demand for a country club experience that offers much more than golf is still limited. Most of the focus remains on the sport of golf itself, with only basic amenities like restaurants or small event spaces being available to members.

Additionally, the investment required building and maintaining facilities like tennis courts, large swimming pools, fitness centers, and spa services can be quite substantial. Without a consistent demand from the local population, these facilities have not been a priority for club developers.

### What Makes a True Country Club?

In comparison, true international country clubs, like those found in North America, Europe, or Southeast Asia, offer:

**Multi-Sport Facilities:**
In addition to golf, members have access to sports like tennis, squash, swimming, and sometimes even equestrian facilities.

**Health and Wellness Centers:**
Fully equipped gyms, spas, and wellness centers, offering yoga, pilates, personal training, and other fitness services.

Social and Networking Events: Regular social events such as formal dinners, charity galas, concerts, family days, and business networking meetings.

**Fine Dining and Catering Services:**
Gourmet dining options with a variety of cuisines, fine wines, and sometimes private chefs for personalized meals.

> ***Golf courses and clubs are being developed across the country, many are curious about the different types of clubs that exist, particularly golf clubs and country clubs.***

**Event Spaces:**
Large spaces for hosting weddings, corporate events, and private gatherings, with professional event planning and management.

### The Path Forward: Potential for True Country Clubs in Bangladesh

As Bangladesh continues to grow economically and the middle class expands, there is potential for the development of true country clubs that match international standards. Investors and developers could look into this space, creating exclusive clubs that offer a complete lifestyle experience for families, business professionals, and sports enthusiasts.

For now, however, most clubs in Bangladesh remain largely golf-centric, despite the "country club" label. The introduction of full-fledged country clubs would require a cultural shift, with a stronger demand for multi-sport and social facilities from a wider audience.

### The Mislabeling of Country Clubs

In essence, while there are several clubs in Bangladesh using the term Country Club, they primarily operate as golf clubs with few additional amenities. A true country club experience, as understood internationally, is yet to be realized in the country. Until then, the focus will remain on the sport of golf, with incremental improvements in social and recreational offerings as the golf community continues to grow. TheGolfHouse will keep an eye on the development of the country's golfing and club culture, and we hope to one day see true country clubs that meet global standards right here in Bangladesh.

## GOLF CLUB VS COUNTRY CLUB

| Feature | Golf Club | Country Club |
|---|---|---|
| Focus on Amenities | Primarily centered around golf facilities | Offers a wide range of amenities beyond golf |
| Social and Networking Opportunities | Limited basic social spaces | Hosts diverse social events and activities |
| Facility Diversity | Generally lacks multi-sport facilities | Features gyms, spas, and various sports courts |
| Dining and Catering Services | Basic dining options, limited variety | Gourmet dining experiences and customized catering |
| Event Hosting Capabilities | Limited event spaces, mainly for golf-related events | Large event spaces with professional planning |

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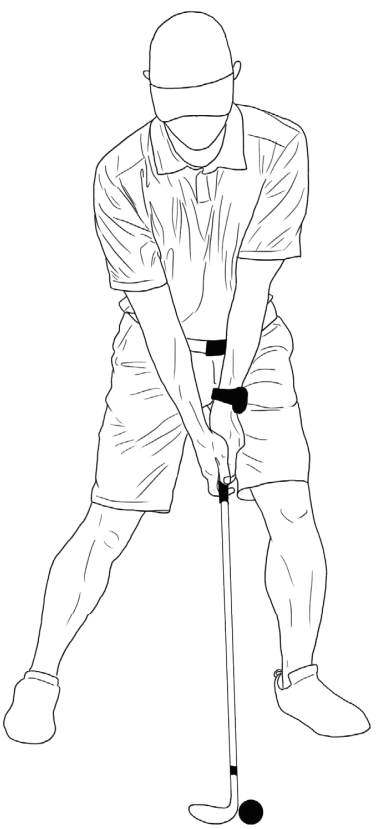
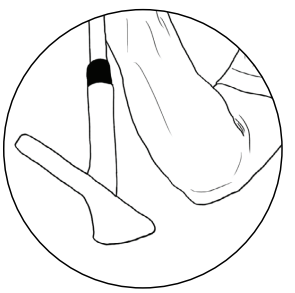
4. Hands are more left than the club.

## CORRECT BUNKER SHOT SET UP POSITION

1. Ball position is inside of left heel.
2. Clubface is slightly open and the body is aiming slightly left.
3. Knees are more bent and stance wider.
4. Hands are on the same line as the club.







To be a good bunker player, first you have to understand how the bounce of the wedge works and after that, you have to position yourself so you can use the bounce. Simple variations in your set up position will let you use the bounce automatically and set you free from the sand!

To be a good bunker player, first you have to understand how the bounce of the wedge works



# Up Close *with* Charley Hull

**You grew up in a small town a couple hours north of London. What's your first golfing memory?**
When I was, like three, I'd play with my dad down at his golf course, Kettering Golf Club. I used to just walk around with him at first. Then we'd play.

**Did you play other sports or was it always golf?**
I did play [soccer] and stuff like that, but I spent every day at the golf course.

**And were you good at the game right away?**
Yeah. Everyone used to say I always had that "natural talent."

**You remember being clearly good in a way that was different from everyone else?**
When I was seven years old, I beat a 17-year-old boy, and I think that's when people started saying, "Ooh, she's pretty good."

**What was his reaction?**
He was mad. After I beat him, he just said, "Fair play, girl."

**Did you really love the game or was it just, you know, part of your life?**
I loved it. It was all I knew, really, so I didn't think about it. But I just loved being on the golf course.

**Now you've been a pro for over a decade. Do you have the same relationship with the sport?**
I don't know. It's something that's been in my life—well, I'm 28, so for, like, 26 years. So I'm just so used to it, it's my routine. When I don't have it, I feel lost.
When you made the 2013 Solheim Cup team, you were the youngest Cupper in history.

**What do you remember from that week?**
So, my first Solheim Cup came when I was 17, and in singles, I played Paula Creamer, who was one of my idols, and I beat her and got her autograph

*I actually somewhat prefer playing Solheim Cup in America. I like it when the crowd's a bit against you."*



At this year's U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster CC, Hull lit it up—and went viral.

afterward. I wasn't trying to be like, "Oh, I got the autograph of the golfer I beat." My friend had asked me to get it and so I did.

**Do you remember Solheim feeling different than a typical event?**

I wasn't nervous. The truth is—it's the funniest thing—I got selected to the team at the 2013 British Open at St. Andrews, and I remember hearing the news and I was gutted. I had my friend's birthday party that was that same week as the Solheim. So when I got selected for the team, I was absolutely gutted. I was like, "Oh, I can't go to my friend's birthday party!" Looking back now it seems silly, but I didn't realize how big the Cup is. In fairness, your friends only turn 17 once, 18 once. It feels like the whole world.

And growing up playing golf, I missed out on a lot of things—normal things that most kids would do as part of their childhood. So I really was sad to miss it. But I guess, in the end, it's worked out pretty well.



Charley Hull is set to compete in her seventh Solheim Cup.



# KEEGAN BRADLEY SECURED THE PRESIDENTS CUP FOR THE UNITED STATES




Keegan Bradley secured the Presidents Cup for the United States recently when he clinched a point in his match against the International Team's Kim Si-woo that lifted his team to the 15-1/2 target needed to retain the trophy in Montreal. It was the 10th consecutive Presidents Cup triumph for the Americans, who boast an all-time record of 13-1-1 in the biennial match play event against a line-up of international players from outside Europe.

***"They made the captain's job really easy and these guys played their hearts out this week, and they really played well on the back nine," said U.S. captain Jim Furyk.***

The U.S. needed 4-1/2 points from 12 singles matches and wins for Xander Schauffele, Russell Henley and Patrick Cantlay along with a half-point from Sam Burns set the stage for U.S. Ryder Cup captain Bradley, who beat Kim 1-up with five other matches on the course. Bradley, who this week made his first team event appearance in 10 years, missed putts to clinch the Presidents Cup over the last two holes but got







Scottie Scheffler tees off during Sunday Singles at the 2024 Presidents Cup at Royal Montreal Golf Club.



Scheffler, Cantlay, Burns, Kisner, and Henley walk the 17th hole during a 2024 Presidents Cup practice round.



Captains Jim Furyk and Mike Weir shake hands before the Presidents Cup first round.

the decisive point when Kim missed an eight-foot birdie putt at the par-four 18th. “It’s a fairy-tale; it’s a movie almost,” said Bradley. “I just can’t believe it. You just have to work as hard as I can, and good things happen.”

While the Internationals swept Friday’s session to draw level at 5-5, the Americans built up an 11-7 lead on Saturday that left their opponents needing 8-1/2 of the remaining 12 points to win the cup, a feat neither team has achieved in the event’s history. The U.S., a dominant squad of golfers all in the top 25 of the world rankings, including five of the top 10, took control early and never wavered even as the Internationals made a late push in a number of matches. Furyk sent Schauffele out in the opening match and the world number two carded five front-nine birdies in his 4&3 win over Australian Jason Day for the first U.S. point of the day.

Burns and South Korean Tom Kim followed with the first tie in any match all week before Henley secured a 3&2 win over Im Sung-jae in a match the American never trailed. Japan’s Hideki Matsuyama delivered the first full International point of the session when he birdied three of his final five holes to secure a 1-up win over Scottie Scheffler.

While Canadian Corey Conners added another point with a 5&3 win over Tony Finau it was too little too late as Cantlay, a 3&1 winner over Taylor Pendrith, and Bradley already had the upper hand in matches they closed out.

> ***It’s a fairy-tale; it’s a movie almost,” said Bradley. “I just can’t believe it. You just have to work as hard as I can, and good things happen.***

## CULTURAL BRIDGES:
# THE POWER OF SPORT IN STRENGTHENING INDONESIA -BANGLADESH RELATIONS

*In life, we encounter challenges that test our strength and resolve. Embrace each experience as an opportunity to learn and grow. True success lies not just in achievements, but in the relationships we cultivate and the positive impact we make on others along our journey."*

**Heru Hartanto Subolo**
Indonesian Ambassador To Bangladesh



Upon arriving in Bangladesh, I was prompted to get involved with golf because I see it as part of my weekly exercise routine and an opportunity to network and build connections with various layers of society here in Dhaka. The availability of golf courses and facilities not far from my home also encouraged me to try out this great sport.

I got interested in golf because it's often associated with leisure, business networking, and socializing, thanks to its relaxed atmosphere and the chance to spend time outdoors. Golf's etiquette, sportsmanship, and the challenge it presents—playing with my knowledge and skills, as well as my own self—fascinate me. It keeps me fit and engaged, and the unpredictability of the game adds to its charm. I find it interesting that I can play well one day and struggle the next, even on the same course.

As the president of Tiger Golf Club, we hold regular golfing events every Saturday for all members, concluding with brunch. This brunch serves as a medium for all members to come together, share updates about the club, and announce future activities. We've organized overseas golf tournaments, such as one in Antalya, Turkey last year, another in Bali in February, and one planned for Kathmandu this October, Insha Allah. These tournaments combine sport with business and leisure, allowing members to benefit from healthy lifestyles, entrepreneurial connections, and local tourism. With the support of our members, TGC also engages in social activities, providing basic needs and donations to caddies and supporting humanitarian efforts, such as for the victims of last year's Turkey earthquake. We signed an MoU with Intercontinental Hotel Dhaka in July 2023, which will give our members extra benefits at the hotel. We're also expanding our social media presence to promote our activities further.

I began my career as a diplomat when I joined the Foreign Ministry of Indonesia in 1991, after working in the private sector focusing on energy. I consider myself fortunate; being a diplomat is a prestigious and rewarding career that involves representing my country abroad and promoting peace and understanding among nations. Since starting my career, I've served in our consulates and embassies in Houston, Oslo, Washington DC, and Sydney. Now, I am happily stationed in Dhaka, while also serving our bilateral relations with Nepal.
My family and I truly enjoy representing Indonesia in Bangladesh. Living in Dhaka

feels like being part of an extended family, surrounded by friends. As a foreigner, I experience a warm and welcoming atmosphere that makes it easy to connect with various layers of society. The people here are supportive, hospitable, and caring.

Over the past two years, I've been involved in many golfing activities in Dhaka. While many tournaments sponsored by big companies stand out, I particularly remember events like the President Cup and the golf tournament sponsored by the Runner Group.

Kurmitola Golf Course, located close to the Gulshan area where I live, is a great course with 18 holes, although I mostly play nine. It features lush green fairways, well-maintained greens, and a challenging layout with numerous ponds and water hazards. KGC boasts a vibrant golfing community, good clubhouse facilities, a pro shop, and coaching services, enhancing the overall golf experience. I enjoy playing there, but I also look forward to exploring beautiful golf courses in other areas of Bangladesh during my term.

My golfing nightmare? Water hazards! They often induce self-doubt and a lack of confidence, which can affect my swing. Thankfully, my companions and friends at TGC are incredibly supportive, often bringing me spare balls. However, I did find it amusing when I was charged 100 taka for every lost ball at breakfast after our games. Nevertheless, I always stay motivated, feeling lucky to have such wonderful people in TGC.

In Indonesia, badminton is arguably the most successful sport, having won numerous gold medals in international championships and the Olympics. Other popular sports include football, futsal, basketball, volleyball, and our native martial art, pencak silat.

Since taking up my position in 2021, I've witnessed significant changes in Bangladesh, particularly in economic growth and development. The country is focused on reducing poverty, improving infrastructure, and promoting sustainable development, working toward goals outlined in Vision 2021 and Vision 2041. I believe that with the current progress, achieving these dreams is entirely possible.

Indonesia, as a tourist destination, boasts a vibrant and diverse tourism industry. Our vast archipelago offers a wide range of attractions, from stunning beaches like those in Bali and the Gili Islands to hiking up active volcanoes. Adventure tourism is also popular, with some of the best diving spots in the world located in places like Raja Ampat. Indonesia's rich cultural heritage, from historic temples to traditional dances, adds to its appeal. Tourism plays a vital role in our economic growth, job creation, and foreign exchange earnings.

***"Every round of golf is a lesson in patience, resilience, and the beauty of imperfections."***

Looking ahead, I hope that the relationship between Indonesia and Bangladesh continues to strengthen in various areas. There's potential for enhanced trade ties, investment opportunities, and increased people-to-people exchanges through tourism and cultural interactions. Open dialogue, diplomatic efforts, and mutual respect are essential for fostering a strong, productive relationship that benefits both countries.

After two years in Dhaka, I will miss many unique and captivating aspects of Bangladesh. The warm hospitality that makes me feel welcome, traditional events and festivals, and the delicious food, especially mutton kacchi biryani and roast chicken with pulao rice, will be hard to leave behind. I will also miss the bustling markets and bazaars that offer exciting shopping experiences.

The secret to my career success lies in always being willing to learn and being resilient. Staying positive and focused is crucial. I'm fortunate to have developed strong professional networks in Bangladesh, which has allowed me to build relationships across various layers of society. My involvement in TGC helps maintain a healthy work-life balance.

To youngsters pursuing their careers, I would share valuable life lessons: embrace failure as a natural part of growth, learn from your mistakes, and keep moving forward. Discover what you love and pursue it passionately. Be resilient, as life can be challenging, and invest in meaningful relationships. Genuine connections enrich your life and provide support during tough times. And always remember to seek blessings from the Almighty.

# The Young Golfer with Dreams of PGA Glory

Syed Mahdi Mahbeer, affectionately known as Shanto, is an 11-year-old rising star in the world of golf. A student at Shaheen English Medium College, his passion for the game began at the tender age of 3, guided by his father and mentor. With 24 trophies to his name and a dream of reaching the PGA Tour by 2033, Shanto is already making waves on the junior golf circuit. As he prepares for the 2024 Hainan Junior Golf Tour Final, this young talent is determined to represent Bangladesh on the global stage.



**Syed Mahdi Mahbee**
Junior Golfer

**Tell us about yourself and your family.**
Syed Mahdi Mahbeer, known as Shanto, is an 11-year-old junior golfer from Dhaka. He is a student at Shaheen English Medium College (SEMC) and has a passion for football and music. His father, Wing Commander Syed Saiful Alam, is a pilot and his mentor in golf, while his mother, Wing Commander Manira Yeasmin, and younger brother are his biggest supporters.

**How did you first get into golf, and at what age?**
Shanto was introduced to golf at the age of 3 by his father. Practicing at Shaheen Golf and Country Club Patenga (SGCCP), his natural talent quickly became evident. His father's belief in his potential ignited his love for the game.

**What does golf mean to you?**
Golf is a way of life for Shanto. It teaches him patience, discipline, and perseverance, helping him grow as both a golfer and a person.

**How do you balance golf and studies?**
Shanto balances his time with a set schedule, prioritizing both school and golf. His family and coaches help him stay focused on his goals.

**Favorite golf course?**
Shanto's favorites are Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) for its structure and beauty,



"My dream is to be ranked number one in my age category, and I'm working diligently to achieve that."



and Shaheen Golf and Country Club Patenga (SGCCP), where he has fond memories with friends and family.

**Who is your coach, and how often do you train?**
Shanto trains six days a week under Md Rasel at KGC, focusing on improving technique, mental toughness, and fitness.

**Have you trained with professional golfers?**
Yes, Shanto has trained with several professional golfers, including Md Hannan and Md Shah Alam. Each coach has contributed significantly to his development.



Golfing started at the age of three in SGCCP



Practice session at GCCC in 2020

**What's the most challenging part of golf?**
Maintaining consistency under pressure is the toughest aspect of the game for Shanto. He is working on mental toughness and staying positive through challenges.

> ***I make sure to plan my practice sessions around my schoolwork and always prioritize my education.***

**Which part of your game needs improvement?**
Shanto is focusing on improving his short game, specifically chipping and putting, and increasing his swing speed.

**Achievements and future competitions?**
Shanto has won 24 trophies across various clubs and tournaments. He is preparing to compete in the 2024 Hainan Junior Golf Tour Final in China and aims to reach the PGA Tour by 2033.

**Dream golf partners?**
Shanto would love to play with Tiger Woods for his skill and Cristiano Ronaldo for his competitive spirit.

**Future aspirations?**
Shanto dreams of competing on the PGA Tour and representing Bangladesh internationally. Beyond golf, he hopes to inspire young golfers to pursue their dreams.



***The most challenging part of playing golf for me is maintaining consistency, especially under pressure."***



***Golf is more than just a sport to me; it's a way of life. It teaches me patience, discipline, and perseverance.***



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1 Address



2 Takeaway



3 Turn



4 Transition



5 Impact



6 Finish

# BALANCING FINANCE AND FAIRWAYS by Following His FATHER'S LEGACY.

Raqibul Faiaze Mohammad Ikramah, FCCA CPA, the Head of Financial Accounting and Reporting at Grameenphone, Vice Chair, Members Advisory Committee (MAC) of ACCA Bangladesh, has followed his father's footsteps to the golf course. Despite a very demanding corporate job, the finance Professional makes time to play the game of golf, with his father and for his father, a retired Brigadier General of Bangladesh Army. In this interview with The GolfHouse, the successful high-official of Grameenphone talks about his father's passion for golf, his own attachment with the game and the connect between success on the golf course and corporate field.

**Share with our readers about yourself and your professional life.**

From starting as a Specialist in financial reporting at Grameenphone to now leading the Financial Accounting & Reporting (FAR) department as Deputy Director, it's been a learning and enjoyable ride since mid-2016. Before joining GP, I gained valuable experience at KPMG in Bangladesh.

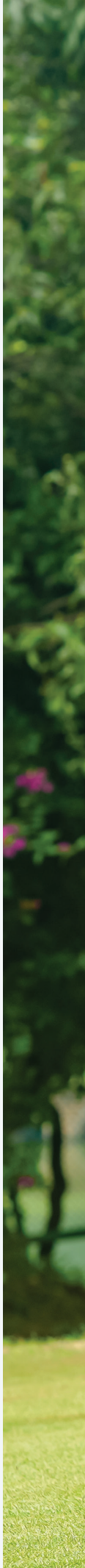
Professionally, I am a proud Fellow of ACCA and a CPA Australia member too and trying my best to contribute to the betterment of the finance & accounting profession. Also on a voluntary perspective, currently I am serving as Vice Chair of the Member Advisory Committee (MAC) of ACCA Bangladesh and co-leading few community-based committees under MAC. I am also a proud alumnus of North South University (NSU).

**How did you first get into golf, and what inspired you to pursue it alongside your corporate career?**

Getting into golf is an emotional story for me actually. Golf is to me a mode of giving time to my father and respecting his passion and love towards this amazing game. When I was a small kid, I used to go to the golf field with my father in the early morning; this journey started from Jessore Golf Club around 28+ years ago. From there on, my father, my coach, always inspired me to become regular in golf. Alhamdulillah, I still get the opportunity to play with him and I feel my father becomes very happy when I play golf; my father is very passionate regarding golf. After attaining a certain age-limit as per the rules of Kurmitola Golf Club and Army Golf Club, I converted my dependent membership to independent membership.

**Since you mentioned your father brought you to the golf course, tell us about the role he played in shaping your passion for golf?**

Frankly speaking, I was inspired by his passion towards golf and it was a very effective way for me to give time to my father too. On the tournament nights, I used to attend prize-giving ceremonies with my parents and after marriage, my





**Raqibul Faiaze Mohammad Ikramah**
FCCA,CPA
Head of Financial Accounting & Reporting & Deputy Director; Grameenphone
Vice Chair of Members Advisory Committee of ACCA Bangladesh




wife also used to join us; hence, for me to able to give quality time to my parents also played a significant role.

Obviously, he apprised me about the benefits of playing golf at various stages of my life.

**Could you share any memorable moments on the golf course with your father that impacted your golfing life?**
Moments are many but can be clubbed into one category; every moment that I passed on the field with my father is a memorable moment for me actually. Special moments are when I used to observe my father getting trophies in the tournaments; I won some but nothing like compared to him.

**Balancing a demanding corporate role with golf can be challenging. How do you manage your time effectively to excel in both areas?**
Fully agree and it's a challenging one. Currently, I am more regular in the winter season and on weekends. Eagerly waiting for my two toddlers to grow up more; so that I can find more time to remain in the field.

**Is there a piece of wisdom or advice from your father that you apply in your professional golf or corporate career?**

There are many things that I apply by learning from him; if I say from my top of my mind, the following things will be in priority:
-Don't run after money; instead run after earning respect
-Don't panic when you will not have any solution at first glance
-Power of trusting your loved ones/ empowering others

**To date, what is your proudest golf accomplishment?**

Winning my first trophy in junior category and last trophy in men's category. I don't play that well but earlier won some awards in amateur tournaments.

> ***Getting into golf is an emotional story for me; my father, my coach, always inspired me to become regular in golf.***

**What parallels, if any, do you see between the skills required for success in golf and those needed in the professional world?**

Maybe other than the technical / functional skills, many required soft skills / attributes are very common in both areas to become successful. Sharing such top 4/5 skills from my point of view:
-Patience
-Consistency
-Practice / preparation
-Team player: Though it is an individual game, it is played in a team.
-Discipline / respecting rules rigorously

**What is the best thing about golf?**

Tricky question indeed. Let me share few things to describe why I like golf apart from my attachment with father;
-It gives me some alone time to think about life
-Opportunity to learn new things and perspectives from fellow respected golfers
-Green fields
-Associated health benefits





"I feel my father becomes very happy when I play golf; my father is very passionate regarding golf."



**How do you believe your passion for golf enhances your performance and leadership abilities within the community and professional life?**
My passion for golf always teaches me that I cannot become successful most of the time on a consistent basis. Such failures give me a constant reminder of the value of remaining humble and the sense that life is not always about winning everything but enjoying every moment. Maybe such philosophy is helping me a lot in contributing to the profession and community.

> ***The value of consistency and the value of remaining focused all the time are crucial in both golf and my professional life."***

**In your view, does the patience and resilience built on the golf course translate into better problem-solving in the professional life?**
Yes, I fully agree. I would also like to add two more things:, the value of consistency and value of remaining focused all the time.

**Do you believe playing golf with other individuals makes you a better version of yourself ?**
Obviously. I usually don't play golf with a specific group. Most of the time I get a team of unknown, good-hearted, experienced fellow golfers in the team. Whenever I play with fellow golfers, I get to learn new things and perspectives; obviously such learning and the urge to learn from everyone helps me a lot to contribute in the profession and community.

Question for Faiaze's Father:

**How do you feel when you see your son is following your passion for golf?**
Response of Brigadier General Abdul Mannan Miah (Retd.)

Undoubtedly, I feel very happy when I see my son is also following my passion. I really love this game and am passionate about playing regularly, given my health condition permits. I wish Faiaze loads of success in golf and professional life. Lastly I am proud of him.

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Courtside Venue:

# Redefining Destination

Weddings in Bangladesh

For many couples, a destination wedding is a dream, yet logistical challenges often make it difficult to achieve. The idea of flying out guests to a specific location, managing their accommodation, and covering other expenses can be daunting. Additionally, many couples may not have the disposable income required for a lavish destination wedding, leaving their dream unfulfilled. As a result, many families look for wedding venues in Dhaka that offer the ambiance of a destination wedding without the hassle or financial strain.





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Before the decoration of the venue

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It is the perfect solution: an outdoor wedding setting that captures the essence of nature, all while being conveniently located within Dhaka city. Situated in United City, the venue is just 5km away from Dhaka's main hub, Gulshan. Nestled in scenic surroundings, where gentle breezes, birdsong, and towering trees enhance the beauty of your occasion, Courtside Venue offers an idyllic setting.

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Couples and their families always prioritize the comfort of their guests. With this in mind, Courtside Venue has been designed with a sprawling 170,000 square feet of space. This ensures ample room for a grand stage, dance floor, photo booths, food stalls, and a dining area, comfortably accommodating over 6,000 guests. To add to the convenience, the venue provides parking for over 4,000 cars and includes a large kids' play zone to keep children entertained. Recognizing that some customers may not require the full venue space, Courtside also offers the option to book half the venue for more intimate gatherings.

Wahid Sorwar, the Business Development Manager for United Group's entertainment ventures shared his thoughts on Courtside Venue, stating, "I take immense pride in the trust our clients place in us. This trust, earned through a track record of successful events, is what sets Courtside apart as the premier choice for those looking to create memorable, impactful experiences."

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***Courtside Venue offers a unique garden space surrounded by tall, lush trees, providing a picturesque setting perfect for capturing those precious moments. The towering trees create a forest-like backdrop, allowing couples to craft a mystical atmosphere that can be tailored to their vision.***



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The venue space can be decorated to suit any theme. Popular choices among our customers include a rustic ambiance, a romantic garden setting, or even a luxurious outdoor experience. With its wooden elements, the venue is perfectly suited for a rustic wedding. The garden area, filled with trees, can be adorned with string lights, floral arrangements, and lanterns to enhance the rustic charm. For a romantic setting, colorful flowers, chiffon fabric, low lighting, and the garden's natural beauty provide the perfect touch. Finally, for a luxury outdoor setting, Courtside Venue offers high-end catering, glamorous lighting, sophisticated decorations, and a grand stage.

**An Insider's Perspective**

We spoke with Enchanted, an event management company who has collaborated with Courtside for over five years. They shared, "What sets Courtside apart is its vast space, perfect for both intimate winter weddings and grand celebrations. It can easily host up to 5,000 guests, with parking for over 4,000 cars, making it ideal for large-scale events."

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**Ending on a good note**

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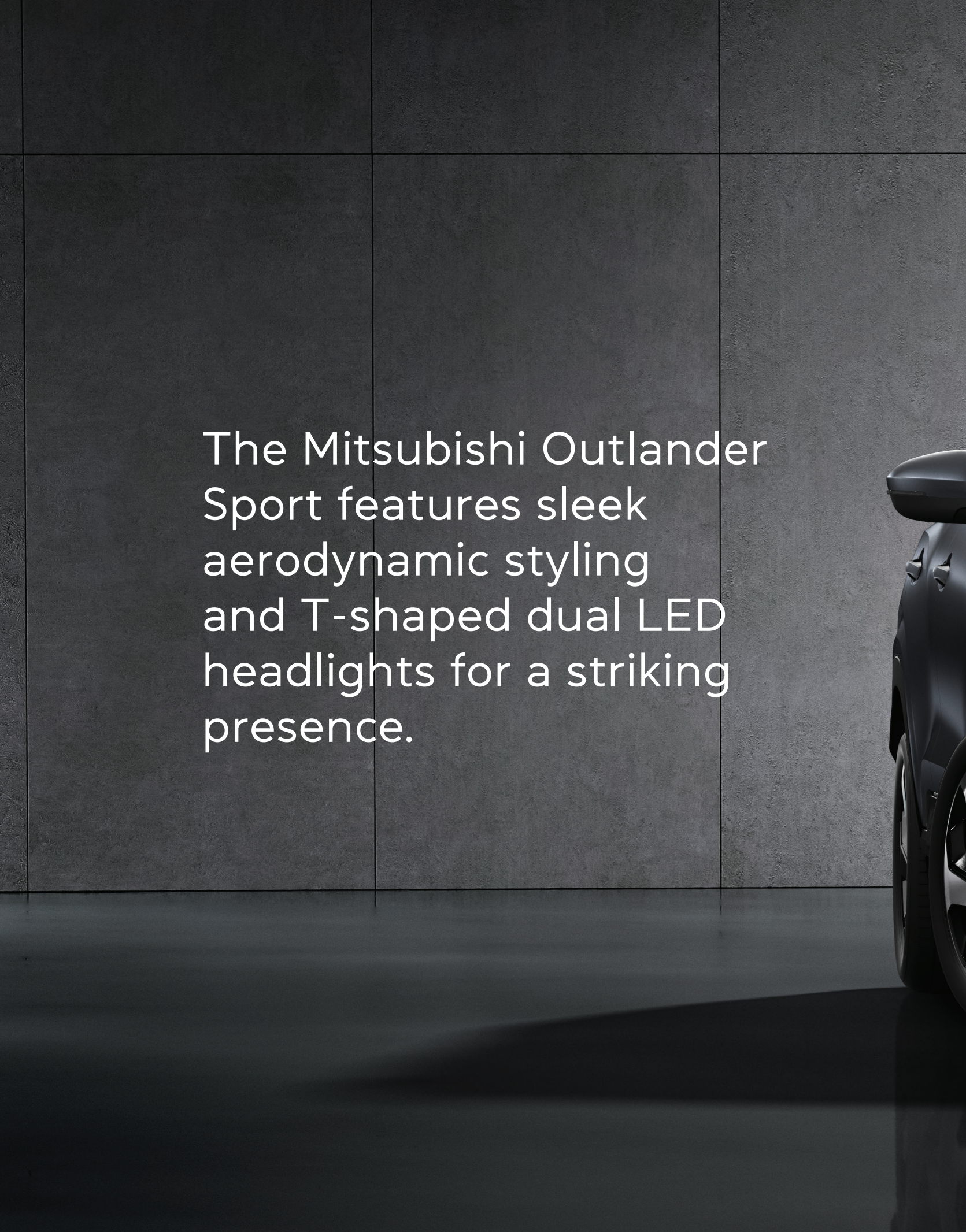
The Mitsubishi Outlander Sport features sleek aerodynamic styling and T-shaped dual LED headlights for a striking presence.

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SPORT




Mitsubishi Motor's legacy in the automotive world is one of innovation, reliability, and rugged performance. The brand has consistently produced vehicles that appeal to adventurers, urban dwellers, and families alike, and the new Mitsubishi Outlander Sport is no exception. In Bangladesh, the 4WD Outlander has built a formidable reputation for its robust design and dependable performance, and with the introduction of the 5-seater, two-wheel-drive Outlander Sport, RANGS Limited has set the stage for the next generation of SUVs. This new-gen SUV not only inherits the Outlander's iconic pedigree but also introduces a new level of performance, technology, and design that fits perfectly in today's fast-paced, dynamic world.

Mitsubishi has always been known for its bold and practical designs, and the Outlander Sport doesn't disappoint. The SUV's aerodynamic styling gives it a commanding presence on the road while maintaining a sleek, urban-friendly profile. At the front, the T-shaped dual LED projection headlights not only add to its aggressive appearance but also provide crystal-clear illumination during night drives. These headlights are complemented by bi-functional LED daytime running lights (DRL) and turn signals, which enhance both visibility and safety. The rear of the vehicle features striking LED tail lamps






***The Outlander Sport is designed to adapt to every journey, whether it's navigating city streets or conquering rugged terrains, providing a seamless blend of performance and versatility for any adventure."***

and a high-mounted stop lamp, ensuring the car is easily seen by others on the road. It's length, width & height are 4390mm, 1810mm & 1635mm. Gross & carb weight are 1630 kg & 1250 kg.For added convenience, Mitsubishi has included a hands-free power tailgate with a kick sensor, allowing easy access to the boot even when your hands are full. The car comes with 18" two tone alloy with the same spare on the back too! With a 5.2-meter turning radius and a ground clearance of 222 mm, the Outlander Sport effortlessly navigates tight spaces and rough roads alike.Equipped with four selectable driving modes—Normal, Wet, Gravel, and Mud—the Outlander Sport adjusts seamlessly to

different terrains. This makes it perfect for those spontaneous weekend getaways or simply handling unpredictable weather in Bangladeshi roads.

Stepping into the Outlander Sport's cabin is an experience in itself. Mitsubishi has designed the interior with comfort and sophistication in mind. The horizontal-axis dashboard creates a sense of openness, making the interior feel spacious and welcoming. The ambient lighting further enhances the cabin's premium atmosphere, perfect for long drives or evening commutes. The 8-inch digital driver display offers easy access to vital driving information, while the segment leading 12.3-inch SDA HD touchscreen keeps you connected with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto integration. Whether you're streaming your favorite playlist or using the built-in navigation system, the infotainment system is designed to provide a seamless multimedia experience. Additional conveniences such as the front console tray with wireless charging and front floor console with cooling function ensure that your tech stays charged and your drinks stay cool, making every journey a pleasant experience.Audio enthusiasts will also appreciate the 6-speaker sound system with two additional tweeters, ensuring high-quality sound throughout the cabin.

Passengers in the second row can enjoy ample legroom, their own AC vents& charging ports making every journey a comfortable one. Meanwhile, the dual-zone automatic climate control with nanoe X function ensures that the interior temperature is perfect for everyone, regardless of the external weather conditions.

At the heart of the Outlander Sport is Mitsubishi's renownedMIVEC engine technology. The fully octane driven 1.5L 4-cylinder DOHC engine is as efficient as it is responsive, providing the kind of nimble, fuel-efficient performance that urban drivers crave. Coupled with the high-efficiency CVT (Continuously Variable Transmission), drivers will enjoy a smooth and intuitive driving experience, whether navigating city streets or cruising down the highway. The vehicle's suspension is expertly tuned, offering a comfortable ride that absorbs road imperfections with ease. But what sets the Outlander Sport apart is its versatility in tackling various driving conditions.

Safety has always been at the core of Mitsubishi's vehicle design, and the Outlander Sport takes this commitment to new heights. Equipped with a comprehensive suite of safety features, this SUV provides peace of mind whether you're navigating congested city streets or exploring off-road paths.The Outlander Sport includes six SRS airbags positioned around the cabin to protect passengers in case of a collision. Blind spot warning and rear cross-traffic alert (RCTA) help drivers stay aware of their surroundings, reducing the chances of accidents. In addition, the rearview camera and parking sensors make maneuvering in tight spaces effortless and stress-free.More advanced safety technologies like Active

***The Outlander Sport's 1.5L 4-cylinder DOHC MIVEC engine delivers a perfect balance of efficiency and responsiveness, offering nimble, fuel-efficient performance ideal for urban driving.***





***The Outlander Sport's refined interior combines spacious design, advanced infotainment with Apple CarPlay, and premium conveniences for a seamless, comfortable driving experience.***



Yaw Control (AYC), Active Stability Control (ASC), and Traction Control (TC) ensure that the vehicle remains stable and under control even in slippery conditions. Tire pressure monitoring (TPMS) also helps drivers stay informed about tire health, ensuring optimal performance and safety on every drive. The inclusion of anti-lock braking (ABS), Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD), and Brake Assist further enhances the vehicle's braking capabilities, ensuring responsive and reliable stopping power in any situation. Mitsubishi's engineers have gone the extra mile to ensure that the Outlander Sport is a fortress on wheels, designed to protect drivers and passengers at every turn.

One of the standout features of the Outlander Sport is its impressive cargo space. The versatile luggage area offers plenty of room for your belongings, whether you're heading out for a weekend adventure or just need extra space for everyday tasks. The second-row seats are spacious and can be folded down to accommodate larger items, making the Outlander Sport a practical choice for families, adventure seekers, and urban explorers alike. The car comes with 6 eye catching colors.

The Mitsubishi Outlander Sport represents the best of both worlds: the proven legacy of the Outlander name combined with the latest in automotive technology, performance, and design. For drivers in Bangladesh looking for a vehicle that delivers on performance, safety, and style, the Outlander Sport is the perfect fit. Backed by 5 years warranty with 3 free servicingfrom RANGS Limited, Mitsubishi Motor's official distributor in the country, the Outlander Sport is more than just a car; it's a lifestyle statement, ready to take on any challenge with confidence and flair.






Mitsubishi Unveils Outlander

# Sport SUV in Bangladesh at Tk49.5 Lakh

Mitsubishi, the iconic Japanese automobile brand, has introduced its latest offering, the Mitsubishi Outlander Sport SUV, to the Bangladesh market. The vehicle, priced at Tk49.5 lakh, was unveiled at a grand launch event at the flagship showroom in Tejgaon, Dhaka, by RANGS Limited, the official distributor of Mitsubishi vehicles in Bangladesh.

The Outlander Sport SUV boasts cutting-edge technology, premium features, and a robust design that caters to the diverse demands of Bangladeshi drivers. Powered by a 1,499cc 4-A-91 DOHC 16-valve 4-cylinder (1.5L MIVEC) engine and equipped with a continuously variable transmission (F-1-CWA), this vehicle is built for smooth yet powerful performance.

One of the standout features of this SUV is its four special driving modes, tailored for various road and weather conditions, making it a reliable companion for both city roads and off-road adventures. The vehicle also offers an impressive ground clearance of 222mm, adding to its adaptability on Bangladesh's diverse terrains.

The interior reflects a fusion of luxury and comfort, with its black-themed, honeycomb-pattern leather-wrapped seats. It features an 8-inch fully digital instrument cluster and a 12.3-inch infotainment system that comes with Android Auto, Apple CarPlay, and Navigation capabilities. The spacious rear seats can comfortably












accommodate three passengers, ensuring an enjoyable ride for family and friends.

Safety has been a priority in the design of the Outlander Sport. The SUV comes equipped with six airbags, anti-lock braking system, electronic brake pressure distribution, automatic stability control, blind spot warning, and rear cross-traffic alert technology. It also features active yaw control, designed for better traction on slippery roads, along with tyre pressure monitoring systems, electronic parking brakes, rearview cameras, and parking sensors.

On the exterior, the Outlander Sport presents a striking appearance with T-shaped headlights, rear combination lights, and 18-inch machine-cut







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alloy wheels. The SUV is available in six stunning colours, ensuring there's an option for every taste.

During the launch event, Mohammad Hamdur Rahman Simon, CEO of RANGS Limited, highlighted Mitsubishi's commitment to providing premium service. "We offer a five-year warranty and three free servicings, along with a nationwide sales and service network, ensuring customers get the best value and support," Simon said.

Also present at the event were other key figures from RANGS Limited, including Shoeb Ahmed, Director of RANCON Auto Division 1, Mohammad Fahim Hossain, Divisional Head of Marketing, and Saleh Ahmed, Divisional Head of Finance. They emphasized that customers are welcome to test drive the Mitsubishi Outlander Sport at their flagship showrooms in Dhaka and Chittagong.

With its premium features, safety technologies, and stylish design, the Mitsubishi Outlander Sport is set to make a bold statement in the SUV market in Bangladesh.

**Price:** Priced at Tk49.5 lakh, now available in showrooms in Dhaka and Chittagong.

**Engine:** Powered by a 1,499cc engine with four driving modes for versatile road conditions.

**Tech Features:** Includes a 12.3-inch infotainment system with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay.

**Safety:** Comes with six airbags, blind spot warning, and rear cross-traffic alert for safety.

**Warranty:** Offers a five-year warranty with three free servicings.



# Salted AND PEPPER PRAWNS



## Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons Corn flour
- 2 teaspoons ground dried peppercorn medley
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 600g raw peeled prawns, tails intact
- 1/4 cup extra cooking oil
- 1 cup chopped fresh Spring Onion Chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 long red chili, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon Chopped Ginger
- 1 teaspoon Sesame Oil
- 1 teaspoon Oyster Sauce
- Local lettuce wedges, to serve

## Method

**1.** Combine flour, pepper and salt in a large snap-lock bag. Add prawns. Seal bag. Shake to coat prawns in flour mixture.

**2.** Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large frying pan over high heat. Cook half the prawns, gently tossing, for 3 to 4 minutes or until just cooked through. Transfer to a bowl. Repeat with 2 tablespoons of remaining oil and prawn mixture.



A good salt-and-pepper prawn is a thing of beauty: salty, crispy, spicy. Serve these crisp-fried prawns with nahm jim mayonnaise for dipping and they will be a huge finger-food hit at your next party or weekend meal.

**3.** Return prawns to pan. Add coriander, garlic, ginger,chilli, lemon juice and remaining oil. Cook, tossing gently, for 2 minutes or until heated through. Serve prawns with lettuce and lemon wedges.



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**Kuakata,** a serene beach town in southern Bangladesh, blends its natural beauty with growing tourism, serving as a destination for relaxation, cultural exploration, and eco-friendly development.

**FACT**

Kuakata is a beautiful beach town located in the southern part of Bangladesh, within the Barisal Division. Known for its panoramic view of both the sunrise and sunset over the Bay of Bengal.

**Best time to visit**

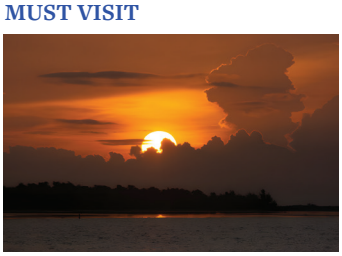
From November to February, during the dry winter months, when the weather is cooler and ideal for outdoor exploration.

**Currency**

Bangladeshi Taka

## Check List

### MUST VISIT



A traveler to Kuakata can enjoy its sandy beach for sunrise and sunset views, visit the Kuakata Buddhist Temple, explore Fatrar Char island, and wander through the Jhau and Gongamati Reserved Forests. The Misripara Buddhist Temple and Rakhain villages offer a glimpse into the local culture and traditions.

### MUST TRY



A must-try delicacy in Kuakata is its fresh seafood, a local specialty that draws many visitors. The region is particularly renowned for its prawn, Hilsa fish, and shutki (dried fish) dishes, offering a true taste of the local flavors.

### NEAREST GOLF COURSE



The nearest golf course to Kuakata is Payra Golf Course, near the Payra Sea Port in the Barisal Division. Just a few hours' drive from Kuakata, this well-maintained course offers a refreshing golfing experience surrounded by the natural beauty of southern Bangladesh.

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The three-day tournament, which concluded today with a prize-giving ceremony at the Army Golf Club, showcased exceptional talent. Major General Khan Firoz Ahmed, Senior Directing Staff at the National Defense College and President of Junior division, Bangladesh Golf Federation, attended the closing ceremony as the chief guest and presented the awards to the winners. Among the distinguished guests were Senior Vice President of Bangladesh Golf Academy Major General Kazi Iftekhar Ahmed (Retd.), Vice President of Bangladesh Golf Federation Brigadier General Md. Towhid Hossain, SGP, ndc, psc, Secretary General of BGF, and other key figures from the golf community. The tournament was organized by the Bangladesh Golf Federation (BGF). Sharif through his standout performance in this tournament he secure two victories, one is the opening event (Course Par 54 Holes) and another one is the Under-21 Championship. He compete with 66 junior golfers from 14 different golf clubs. Alongside, Md. Faizan Hasan from Kurmitola Golf Club claimed the Under-14 Championship, while Md. Mahmud, also from Savar Golf Club, won the Under-17 Championship. In the female category, Maimuna Mahin of Uttara Golf Club was recognized as the best female player of the tournament














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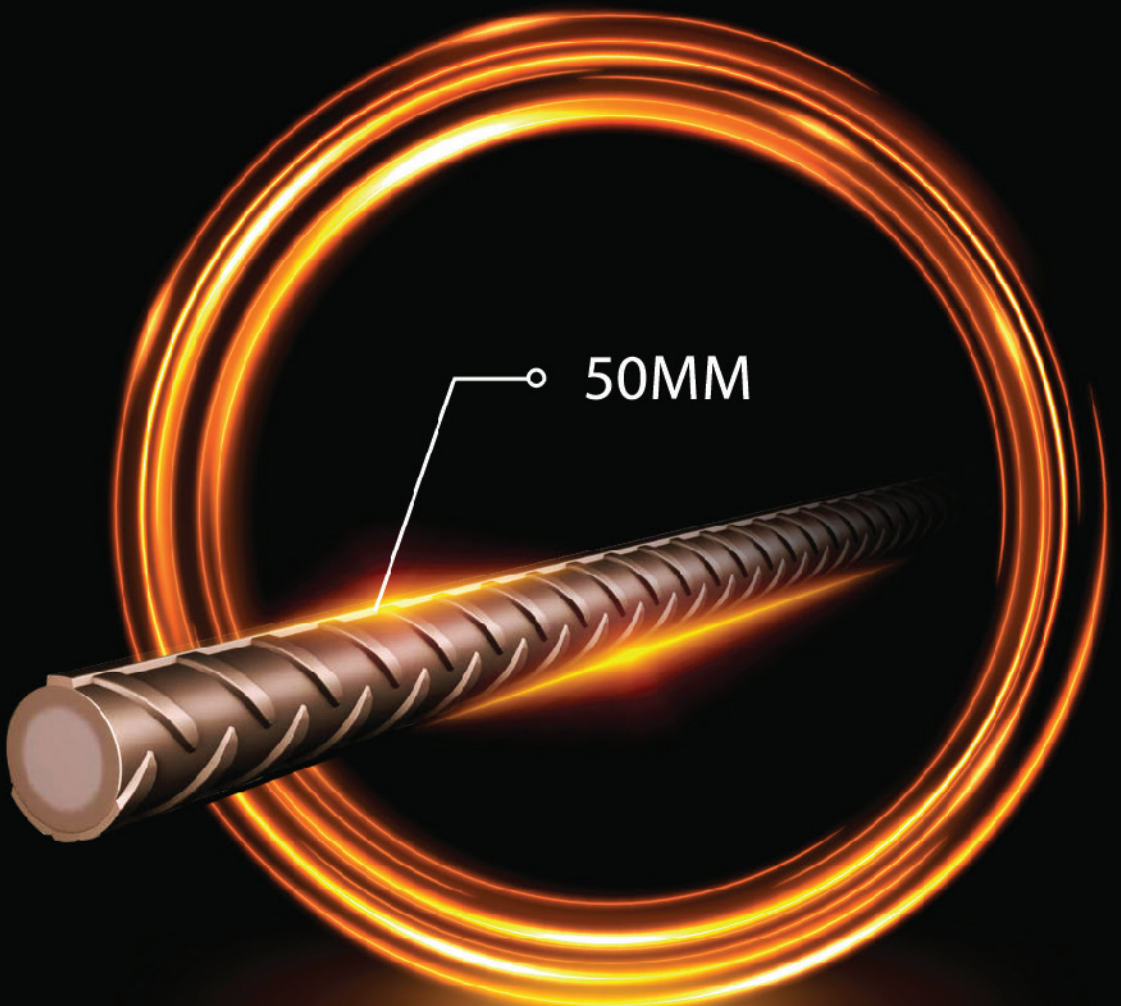


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