

Tension

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important centres will have a 19-member team present. A total of 4,400 policemen, over 300 Ansar members, and around 285 APBn (Armed Police Battalion) members will be on duty, he added.

Furthermore, ten platoons of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) will be deployed on the day of the election.

Md Mahamudul Hasan, commander of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-8), also echoed the same.

Meanwhile, many non-residents began to gather at the city bus stand in Barishal. A middle-aged woman, who had travelled from Dhaka to support her brother who is a councillor candidate, was seen waiting in front of one such counter, visibly worried about the scarcity of transportation options.

The transport authorities confirmed the noticeable increase in the number of people compared to a typical day.

Meanwhile, Border Guard Bangladesh teams have started patrolling various city streets.



With speeding vehicles coming from both directions and no foot-over bridge nearby, pedestrians have to leap over the iron rods on the under-construction median to cross the capital's Satmasjid Road. This photo was taken yesterday near Jigatola intersection.

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Delayed

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The traffic rush has increased significantly in the city in recent years. To solve this issue, light vehicles, including battery-run three-wheelers and rickshaws, usually take the smaller roads to avoid traffic congestion, according to locals.

"However, most vehicles now prefer to take the central road. The workers need to speedup," said Nazrul Islam Channu, convener of Jonoudyog, a citizens' forum.

Serajul Alam

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unit at the age of 82.

He had been undergoing treatment at the hospital for old age complications, according to DMCH Director Brig Gen Nazmul Haque.

Before his burial in Begumganj, Serajul was given a guard of honour by the local administration. He was buried beside his mother's grave as per his last wish.

Earlier, people from all walks of life paid tribute to Serajul, known as "Dadabhai" among friends and colleagues, by placing floral wreaths on his coffin. Hundreds of people, including noted politicians of the country, joined his janaza.

They said Serajul spent the later years of his life in solitude. His demise was also a silent one.

During his years as a student, Serajul became the assistant general secretary of Chhatra League in 1961 and its general secretary in 1963. He was also a key figure behind the formation of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal in 1972.

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Rejoinder, our reply

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that they discussed with the university authorities about the students' concerns and held the exam only after being assured of safety by the university proctor.

The rejoinder clarified that the department rescheduled the midterm exam of May 8 2023, following the sudden illness of the concerned course teacher.

"Deliberately skipping pre-scheduled examinations despite being instructed not

to do so is a breach of the academic code of conduct... Such a violation of academic norms cannot be considered a legitimate reason for rescheduling and retaking the midterm exam," the rejoinder reads.

OUR REPLY

A report should be judged by the facts contained in it.

But the department in their rejoinder claimed our report as "incomplete" and "partial", without contesting a single fact that we wrote. It only explains or clarifies their versions through the

rejoinder.

While preparing the report, we contacted the department chairman, Prof Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, and three concerned course teachers to know the rationale behind their decision.

But all of them refused to make any comments on the matter. Prof Jahangir instead said: "You can write whatever you want."

We appreciate that the department authority now explains their versions through this rejoinder.

We stand by our report.

A technological evolution

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gambling, sexual harassment and other forms of cyber crimes have risen significantly.

Frauds on social media by hacking accounts and using fake accounts, question paper leaks, and terrorist propaganda, have also witnessed a surge.

"The use of information technology and the internet is playing the most important role in changing the patterns of crime," said Additional Commissioner (admin) of DMP AKM Hafiz Akhtar.

Police officers mentioned that criminals mostly target job-seekers and less educated people. Several of them said the biggest challenge is to change their process while investigating modern-day crimes. Apart from only collecting physical evidence and questioning witnesses, they have to recover the victims' cell phones and look into their social media accounts and transactions on MFS apps.

For an investigator it is certain that they must have

a know-how on devices and technology in general, said police.

AFM Al Kibria, deputy commissioner of the Cyber Crime Investigation Division of the CITC unit, told The Daily Star that the major challenges are that the victims do not want to file cases in cyber-related crimes. Due to the delay in filing complaints, it became harder to collect evidence.

Another issue is the lack of awareness, especially in MFS related crimes, he said.

"Often, service providers of many sites do not respond to our requirements properly and delay the exchange of information. Steps have been taken for the mutual legal assistance treaty (MLAT) to solve this issue," he added.

Moreover, tech-savvy criminals are now using VPNs to hide their activities, making it an even bigger challenge to catch them, Kibria explained.

"We are providing training to our officials on the newer trends of

crimes. Currently, there are cybercrime units in Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Detective Branch, Criminal Investigation Department, Anti-Terrorism Unit, and Rapid Action Battalion. The officials working in the cybercrime unit of CID have trained abroad," he mentioned.

Former Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque said officers get some basic cybercrime training during training and they get extensive training when they are included in specialised units.

"However, it is necessary to include cybercrime in the general training manual to deal with the new trends of crime, especially financial ones," he added.

Mir Rezaul Alam, principal of Bangladesh Police Academy in Sardah, said, "We are presently providing a basic course on cybercrime to the newly-recruited officers. We plan to include the provision of specialised training on cybercrime, money laundering, and human trafficking."

Highway

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June 11, 2005, they have expanded their presence to 73 highway police stations across eight regions. Their jurisdiction covers approximately 3,000 kilometres of the national highway, which accounts for a significant portion of the country's total road network of 8,888.46 kilometres.

Md Shahabuddin Khan, additional inspector general of police and head of the highway police, told this correspondent, "The highway police are actively working to prevent robberies, combat smuggling of illegal goods, and protect the well-being of vehicle owners, workers, and passengers."

Additionally, the highway police have implemented various initiatives to provide immediate assistance to injured passengers, including prompt first aid services, efficient accident management, transportation to hospitals, and quick removal of damaged vehicles to keep the roads operational, he said.

Some BNP leaders working

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his supporters are facing harassment, intimidation, and arrests, while the administration has not provided him with the necessary support when needed.

According to Rupan, eight of his supporters have been arrested so far. Meanwhile, his

manifesto outlines a plan to transform Barishal into a green city.

It emphasises the importance of ensuring accountability among public representatives and aims to eradicate corruption and political influence within the city corporation.

One of his key objectives

is to establish transparency in all administrative processes.

Additionally, the manifesto pledges to alleviate the burden of "illegally imposed taxes" on the city dwellers and proposes the digitalisation and modernisation of birth, death, and trade licences for greater efficiency.

People won't

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minister for water resources Advocate Gautam Chakraborty, Fakhru said their party took part in talks with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina before the 2018 election with the hope to create an atmosphere for a neutral election through discussions, but they were bypassed.

"We have been cheated twice (in the 2014 and 2018 elections). We would like to clearly say that the people of the country won't get cheated again for the third time," he observed.

The BNP leader said the next election must be held

under a non-party caretaker government as the current regime has completely destroyed the voting and election system in the country in a planned way.

Referring to Law Minister Anisul Huq's comment in parliament that no one will be arrested during the next election as the administration will remain under the Election Commission, he said, "Who will believe these words? We want to say clearly, no one will be misguided by these words of the current regime. Because you have never kept any promises that you made before the nation."

BNP brought

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road march and now their allies are 52 parties.

Many of those parties have fled. The movement, which has no leader or people's engagement, cannot turn into a mass movement, he said.

Quader said Mirza Fakhru predicted that AL would not get even 10 percent votes. Before 2008 elections, BNP said AL won't even get 30 seats in parliament and in reality, they got only 30 seats in the polls, he mentioned.

He urged BNP to contest the next general elections. "If you have courage, join the election," he said.

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e-Tender is invited in the e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works mentioned in the table below.

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Description of works	Source of fund	Tender documents last selling date & time	Tender closing & opening date and time
01	840639	Construction of CC Road of Uttar Satpai Crematory (Bourning Ground) at Ward No-01 Under Natrokona Pourashava, Ch.0.00m to 95.00m	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
02	841113	Construction of RCC Drain at Pal Para from Sunil Master House to Mogra River at Ward No-02 Under Natrokona Pourashava Ch. 0.00m to 85.00m	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
03	841736	Construction of RCC Road leading from Moinpur Akhar road to H/O Shamim Raja (Soro) Khan at Ward No-03 Under Natrokona Pourashava, Ch. 0.00m to 70.00m.	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
04	844694	Construction of CC Road at West Cholkpara Rail Line to H/O Md. Shah-uddin at Ward No-3 under Natrokona Pourashava, Ch. 0.00m to 125.00m	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 20-06-2023 Time: 17.00
05	844835	Construction of CC Road at East Malmi Graveyard internal Road at Ward No-05 Under Natrokona Pourashava, Ch. 0.00m to 113.00m	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
06	844913	Construction of RCC Drain from Masua Bazar Khasi Mohol Amob Roy Chowdhury House at Ward No-06 Under Natrokona Pourashava, Ch. 0.00m to 80.00m	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
07	844977	Construction of CC Road Baluwakhal from Hasem House to Lili Talukder House at Ward No-4 Under Natrokona Pourashava, Ch. 0.00m to 100.00m	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
08	845004	Construction of CC Road Part-01: East Manli Amtola road to H/O Kukon Rishi (48.00M), Part-02: East Manli Main road to H/O Arshad Mia (55.00M), Part-03: East Manli Main road to H/O Freedom Fighter Abul Hashem (58.00M), Part-04: East Manli Main road to H/O Mothi Dotta (30.00M) at Ward No-5 Under Natrokona Pourashava,	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
09	845049	Construction of RCC Drain leading from Katly Alahi New-wase Khan Road Hasghem Uddin House to Mogra River Via Dipu House (114.00M) at Ward No-07 Under Natrokona Pourashava.	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
10	845103	Construction of RCC Drain leading from Nagra Primary School Road Shujith Kumar Rhor House to Existing Drain Via Gupal Nug House (103.00M) at Ward No-08 Under Natrokona Pourashava.	ADP	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
11	845115	Construction of RCC Drain leading from Maagra Jura Kobor Road to Fur-Fura Masjid back side outlet drain via Sonju Rahman House (168.00M) at Ward No-08 Under Natrokona Pourashava.	REV	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
12	845125	Construction of CC Road Part-01: Bolinogua Gouri Shaha House to H/O Md. Rasel (110.00M), Part-02: Bolinogua Main road H/O Fozkur Rahman (180.00M), Part-03: Mukterpara MP Goli Drain Top Slab (114.00M) at Ward No-09 & 07 Under Natrokona Pourashava,	REV	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30
13	845126	Construction of CC Road Part-01: Dharia Uttar-para Main BC road to H/O Nur-Ahomed (73.00M), Part-02: Dharia Madrasha front Road side RCC Palisading Work (28.00M) at Ward No-09 Under Natrokona Pourashava	REV	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 12.00	Date: 25-06-2023 Time: 14.30

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**NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY**  
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**RE-TENDER NOTICE**  
**Tender No. NSU/22-23-T13**

North South University is inviting sealed offer from bona fide firm/ reputed organization/ distributors/ business partners/ agents for supplying email account and cloud storage capacity for North South University as described in the tender schedule.

Interested bidders may collect schedule of tender from Southeast Bank Ltd. Bashundhara Branch, Dhaka from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on all working days till **July 11, 2023** by paying non-refundable amount of Taka 1,000.00 (One Thousand) in cash for each schedule.

The bidders must submit **earnest money @ 2.5%** of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted on **July 12, 2023** by 2.15 p.m. at the office of the undersigned. The offers will be opened at 2:30 p.m. on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.

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Three held over arms

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Sayeed alleged that said the person showing the gun is Abul Kalam Azad alias Tuhin and he is the former president of ward-7 unit of Chhatra League.

Meanwhile, a CCTV footage of the showdown went viral on Facebook on Thursday evening.

Tuhin was arrested with arms by the Rapid Action Battalion on March 12, 2021 and was recently released on bail, according to media reports.

This correspondent tried to reach Aftab Hossain Khan and Abul Kalam Azad but both of their phone numbers were found switched off.