Four killed in

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road accidents

Four people were killed in road accidents in three

districts during the last two days, according to

Md Zahrul Islam, 38, a sub-inspector in Nilphamari; and Monayem Hossain Suzan, 38,

from Lalpur village in Phulbari upazila died

instantly, said Subrata Sarkar, officer-in-charge of

Dinajpur-Gobindaganj regional highway in College Bazar area, while they were returning

The accident happened around 9:00pm on

In Jhenidah, a pickup driver was killed in a

head-on collision between his vehicle and a bus in

Ambagan bus stand area under Kaliganj upazila

Sadar upazila, was declared dead at Kaliganj

Nazrul Islam, 30, from Karepur in Shariatpur

In Thakurgaon, a tractor worker died as the

sand-laden vehicle overturned in Satyapir bridge

area yesterday. The victim -- Kaderul Islam, 18,

was from Panchagarh's Boda upazila.

In Dinajpur, two people -- including a police officer -- were killed as their motorbike and a bus collided head-on in Birampur on Tuesday

reports from our correspondents.

Birampur Police Station.

home from a Rajshahi court.

Upazila Health Complex.

### ATTACK ON BERNICAT'S CONVOY

### Prime accused held in Dhaka

#### **Court accepts supplementary** charge sheet against 9

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested prime accused Mohammad Îshtiaque Mahmud in a case filed over the attack on former US ambassador to Bangladesh Marcia Bernicat's convoy in August 2018.

Ishtiaque, also brotherin-law of Sujan Secretary Badiul Alam Majumder, was arrested from Mohammadpur. He will be sent to court today, HM Azimul Haque, deputy commissioner of DMP's

Tejgaon Division told The Daily Star. Earlier in the day, a Dhaka court accepted the supplementary charge sheet against nine people in the case. The nine included Ishtiaque and Naimul Hasan Rasel, president of Mohammadpur unit of BCL.

Eight accused -- Firoz Mahmud, Naimul Hasan Rasel, Mir Amzad Hossain Akash, Sazu Islam, Razibul Islam Razu, Shahidul Alam Khan Kajol, Siam and Oli Ahmed Jony -- are now on bail.

Following re-investigation, Investigation Officer Rajon Kumar Saha, an assistant commissioner of Detective Branch of DMP, pressed charges on September 19 to the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, accusing Ishtiaque and eight others.

In the supplementary charge sheet, only Ishtiaque was shown as a fugitive accused.

After accepting the charges, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Zaki Al Farabi issued an arrest warrant against Ishtiaque as he did not secure bail from any court.

The magistrate directed the Mohammadpur Police Station OC to submit by October 31 the progress report on execution of the arrest warrant.

### New student org leaders attacked by 'BCL members'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Democratic Students' Force (DSF), a students' organisation that was launched yesterday, suffered injuries in an attack carried out allegedly by a BCL group on the Dhaka University campus yesterday afternoon.

Eyewitnesses said the attack took place around 1:20pm near the Teacher Student Centre when DSF Convener Aktar Hossain was leaving the campus on a rickshaw, after launching the new organisation.

Aktar was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for primary treatment, said Asif Mahmud, convener of the DU unit of DSF. Six other leaders -- Lutfur Rahman, Faysal Hasan, Nishita Jaman, Rahnuma Hridy, Sadia Islam and Asadulla -- were also injured in the attack.

BCL leaders and activists denied the allegation.

The DSF leaders claimed that Rasheduzzaman Ronny, BCL vice president of DU Jashim Uddin Hall, was among

Rasheduzzaman told The Daily Star that he was not even near TSC when the incident happened.

The new organisation has been formed by a group of former leaders and activists of Chhatra Odhikar Parishad, who resigned from the organisation a few months ago



Caught in a downpour, Maleka Begum carries her precious roses to a nearby shed. The 60-year-old makes a living by selling the flowers next to the Kirtankhola river in Barishal. She earns Tk 500-600 from the sales every day. The photo was taken near the Trish Godown area yesterday. PHOTO: TITU DAS

# Barishal now new dengue hotspot

DIPAN NANDY, DHAKA and SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Entire Barishal division is now facing an emergency situation amid dengue outbreak.

Barishal division also saw the second highest dengue death toll recorded this year after Dhaka, while ranking third after Dhaka and Chattogram in the number of dengue cases.

There are 1,155 patients currently admitted to hospitals across the division, including 461 in Barishal district, 262 in Patuakhali and 167 in Pirojpur. In the last 24 hours, 294 dengue

patients were hospitalised in this division. In September, Barishal division recorded the highest number of dengue

There are more than 900 patients admitted to the medicine department of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital against only 100 beds. After the dengue outbreak, the medicine ward was announced as a dedicated ward for dengue treatment, and currently has around 250 dengue patients.

Due to the bed crisis, patients are compelled to use spots even near

said they are utilising every available

Dr Shyamal Krishna Mondal, health director of Barishal division, said dengue is spreading rapidly due to stagnant water in villages and lack of awareness among people.

Pirojpur Civil Surgeon Dr Mohammad Hasnat Yusuf Zaki said most dengue patients in the district are from Nesarabad upazila, due to presence of nurseries and orchards, which led to a higher rate of infection among labourers.

Patuakhali Civil Surgeon Dr SM Kabir Hasan said hospitals are facing a shortage of beds amid an alarmingly high rate of dengue infection in the district.

Dr Rabiul Islam, conservation officer of Barishal City Corporation, said, "The mosquito eradication programme is facing challenges due to presence of canals, waterbodies, and numerous drains in the city. However, we are trying hard to check dengue spread."

Mahiuddin Ahmed, mayor of Patuakhali Municipality, and Bani Amin, executive officer of Pirojpur Municipality, stressed on awareness campaigns.

Additionally, intensive spraying is being conducted to keep drains clean,

Meanwhile, 16 more people died from dengue in 24 hours preceding Hospital director Dr Md Saiful Islam 8:00am yesterday. At least 2,564 dengue patients were hospitalised in

### **VISA POLICY** US ambassador

## clarifies Editors Guild's concern

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The Editors Guild Bangladesh has received a response from US Ambassador Peter Haas reaffirming the US commitment to defending press freedom.

On September 28, the Editors Guild sent the US envoy a letter expressing concern over his remarks in a TV interview in which he said Bangladeshi media could come under the purview of the US visa restrictions.

Haas in his reply categorically said his country supports the freedom of press, reads the release issued by Editors Guild yesterday.

"US Ambassador Peter Haas has said the United States staunchly defends press freedom and the right of journalists and media outlets to exercise their right to freedom of expression. This includes views critical of any government, including the United States," the release adds.

Being assured, Editors Guild wants to keep trust in the clarified positions of the US government and the ambassador who are known as firm advocates of free and independent press, reads the release signed by Mozammel Haque, president of the organisation, and Inam Ahmed, its general secretary.

#### MA Rashid's 31st death anniversary

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Today is the 35th death anniversary of former secretary MA Rashid.



the occasion, a doa and milad mahfil will be held at Maghrib prayers at the Unity Club, United House, said a press release.

Relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to attend the event and pray for his departed soul.





### **Evercare Hospital** observes Heart Day

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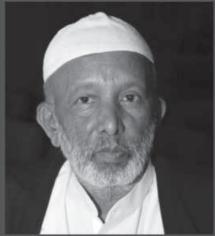
Evercare Hospital Dhaka recently organised a patient forum to observe World Heart Day 2023, said a press release.

In the press conference, the speakers discussed this year's theme "Use Heart, Know Heart" and exchanged opinions and experiences.

Dr AOM Reza, coordinator and senior consultant. Clinical and Interventional Cardiology Department; Prof Md Shahabuddin Talukder, Dr Shams Munwar, Dr Atigur Rahman, and Dr Tamzeed Ahmed, senior consultants, Clinical and Interventional Cardiology; Prof M Atahar Ali, senior consultant, Heart Failure and Arrhythmia Unit: and Dr Nighat Islam, consultant. Noninvasive Cardiology, joined the discussion.



# **4<sup>TH</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY**



It's been 4 years we lost our honorable former MD Veteran Industrialist, FEROZ ALAM on 5 October 2019.

We remember him on this day. We all pray to Almighty Allah for granting him Jannat.

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# Women must unite

FROM PAGE 5 education, saying that people with disabilities are vulnerable to sexual abuse and exploitation due to limited access to information. Prof Kaosar

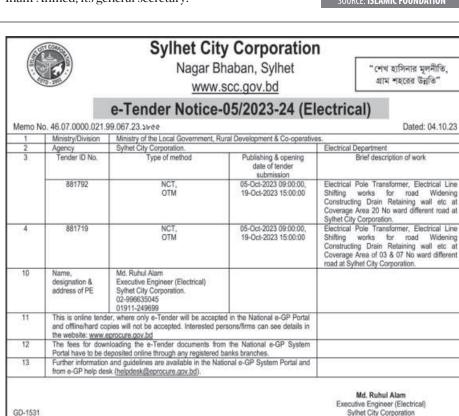
Afsana from James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) at Brac University said, "We are still struggling to impart comprehensive sex education among our children. Until parents openly discuss it with their children, it will remain a taboo.' Rita Houkayem, senior

development officer (gender equity), High Commission of Canada in Bangladesh, emphasised collective action and urged for focus on marginalised groups, particularly women, girls,

and sexual minorities, to end violence and discrimination. Rehnuma discussed the necessity of united action to combat and violence sexual harassment, saying, "It's a matter of our existence now.' Artist Dilara Begum

Jolly, retired Justice Debnath, Krishna Manusher Jonno Foundation programme head Banasree Mitra, and Brac's JPGSPH director Farhana Alam, spoke at the roundtable, among others.

Nijera Kori Coordinator Khusi Kabir moderated the programme. Sushmita S Preetha, editor of editorial and opinion section at The Daily Star, made the concluding remarks.









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### Commonwealth Scholarships tenable in the UK (MS & PhD) - 2024 (Open Category)

The viva-voce of the Commonwealth Scholarships tenable in the UK (MS & PhD) - 2024 is going to be held on 9 & 13 October 2023 at UGC Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka. The applicants are requested to check the UGC website (www.ugc.gov.bd) to find short list/s, viva-voce date/s, result/s and other directions etc. All relevant information will be uploaded at the UGC website timely. Any attempt of persuasion regarding the Viva-voce will disqualify the applicant/s. No communication will be made with the applicant/s from UGC side.

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