

### Man hacked to death in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Motaleb Hossain, 45, a director of a comedy series "Vadaima," was hacked to death by unidentified assailants in Tangail yesterday.

The deceased was a resident of Krishnapur village in Sadar upazila.

According to Lokman Hossain, officer in charge of Tangail Police Station, Motaleb was returning home on a motorcycle with a friend around 11:30pm when they were intercepted by 10 to 15 armed men.

The assailants attacked him with sharp weapons, the OC said quoting locals.

Motaleb's friend managed to escape unharmed. As of last evening, no case was filed regarding the incident.



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## RAJBARI GOVT POULTRY FARM 28 years of neglect

SUZIT DAS, from Rajbari

Established in the 1981-82 fiscal year, the Rajbari Government Poultry Farm, spanning 2.88 acres in the Bhabanipur area of Rajbari town, was once a beacon of hope for the local meat industry.

It aimed to alleviate poverty by encouraging chicken rearing among locals.

However, the farm's hatchery operations have been non-functional since 1996 due to mismanagement, negligence, and a severe shortage of workers.

Now, the farm imports chicks from government hatcheries in Kushtia and neighbouring districts, and sells them to locals after 28-50 days at Tk 80-100 each.

The warehouse, residential quarters, water tank, hatchery shed, and two of the four chicken rearing sheds are in a state of disrepair. The only vehicle available for farm operations has been out of order for a long time.

An official said, "If the sheds are made operational again, the farm could produce 100,000 chicks, rear 18,000-20,000 chickens for meat, and raise 150,000 egg laying hens annually. However, only two sheds are currently in use, with around 12,000-14,000 Fayoumi and Sonali chicks being reared."

The farm, which requires 13 workers to function smoothly, is currently operating with only four.

Local poultry farmer Jasim Mondal said Sonali chicks from the farm are significantly cheaper than those from private farms, costing Tk 15 per chick compared to Tk 35-50 elsewhere.

However, supply is inconsistent, often leaving buyers empty-handed.

Md Kamal Bashar, the acting manager of the farm, said, "The annual demand for chicken in Rajbari is 20,000, but we receive only 10,000-12,000 chickens yearly. We have requested an increased budgetary allocation to ensure a regular supply of chicks and meet local demand."

### Two cousins drown in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Two cousins drowned in a pond in Keshabpur upazila of Jashore yesterday.

The incident occurred at Hasanpur village. The deceased - Shakil Hossain, 10, son of Sohag Hossain, and Maliha Khatun, 8, daughter of Mamun Khan, - were visiting their uncle's house.

Ashrafuzzaman, a member of Hasanpur UP, said the two went to bathe in a pond and drowned.

### Power outage hits rural areas

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Remal hit the coastal areas. One of the country's two floating storage and regasification units (FSRU) was damaged, reducing the LNG regasification capacity to 600 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) from 1,100 mmcf.

The affected Summit-run FSRU was repaired later from abroad, but it is yet to start operations due to technical glitches in the subsea landing pad in Cox's Bazar's Moheshkhali area. It was supposed to be completed by July 15, as per the then government announcement. But still the Summit Group said it will take more time.

Summit Corporation International in a statement told The Daily Star that it may take up to September to resume ship-to-ship transfer.

"Assuming favourable weather and sea conditions, Summit anticipates completing the repositioning and the reconnection of the DTM (Disconnectable Turret Mooring) plug by the end of August 2024 and for the ship-to-ship transfer to be ready in September 2024."

Due to adverse weather conditions at sea and almost zero underwater visibility, the damage identified by the internationally licensed subsea diving team has posed significant obstacles to rectify the issue in July, Summit noted.

"We have contracted 'Oriental Dragon', a Diving Support Vessel (DSV) for a stronger and higher capacity crane to move the DTM, which is expected to reach Moheshkhali from Singapore on August 22," it added.

Besides, the highest single power producer - 1,500MW Adani Power Plant, located in India's Jharkhand, has shut one of two units due to fresh technical glitches, according to PDB officials.

Khandaker Mokammel Hossain, PDB member (generation), said Adani power plant was shut once due to a leak in a valve of the boiler circulating pump last month.

"It was repaired later and the production increased. But a new leakage was identified on August 13, leaving half of its unit shut," he said.

Contacted, Adani Group shared a statement through a PR agency in Bangladesh, saying, "Adani Power supplied 769MW to Bangladesh today (yesterday) from an alternate unit, as one unit of the Adani Power plant had to be shut down on August 13 for a technical issue."

"We regret any inconvenience caused by this technical fault. We are working hard to fix the issue at the earliest and restore the full capacity of power generation," reads the statement.

Besides, Hossain said the Matarbari power plant, which was under trial run, but providing great support amid the gas shortage, has also stopped production recently.

Also, one out of two units of Chattogram's SS power plant is also under maintenance.

The PDB data shows that currently around 2,300MW - or one third of total coal power capacity of 6,604MW - remain idle.

The country's total power generation capacity is 26,947MW.

### Radio silence in Khulna

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were destroyed. The scene was chaotic; you can't imagine the fear we felt."

A CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL LOSS  
The destruction is not just physical but also cultural.

Nikhil Krishna Majumdar, a renowned flute player and instrument maker, lost his collection of musical instruments, which had been housed in a museum at the station.

"I've been making and playing instruments for Khulna Betar since 1985. The loss of those instruments and documents is heartbreaking. They were not just tools but symbols of our cultural heritage," he said.

Prof Anwarul Kadir, a prominent educationist and civic leader in Khulna, condemned the attack.

"This was not a random act. Many documents and artefacts related to our folk music and history were destroyed. This loss is irreplaceable and deeply disturbing."

THE ROAD AHEAD  
The attack has left over 200 staff members, including 16 officers, in disarray. The centre's infrastructure, equipment, and archived data are irreparably

damaged, and broadcasts have been suspended for over a week.

Bangladesh Betar Director General Rabindrashri Barua visited the site on August 13, vowing to restore operations as soon as possible. "We are committed to resuming broadcasting, either by renovating the damaged building or setting up operations elsewhere," Barua said.

Netai Kumar Bhattacharje, its regional director, said, "Everything in the centre was reduced to ashes. Our immediate goal is to clean and repair

the facility, but it will take time."

Khulna Betar, which began with a modest 10 kW transmitter on December 4, 1970, and expanded to 100 kW by 1981, had earned the affection of listeners not only in Bangladesh but also in West Bengal, India.

It started its journey in the administrative building of Khulna University in Gallowari, a suburb in Khulna city.

Its programmes were a lifeline, offering everything from news to entertainment, and its loss is deeply felt by the community.

### Rice price

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Golam Rabbani, a private sector employee shopping at Mirpur-1 kitchen market, said the prices of many essential items have remained high for over a year, as the previous government failed to curb the high prices.

"I am forced to buy less than what we need, as there's no other option," he said.

On Wednesday, Salehuddin Ahmed, finance and planning adviser to the interim government, stated that inflation in Bangladesh is expected to decline within a reasonable timeframe.

On the same day, newly appointed Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur said the burden of rising prices may be reduced to tolerable levels within the next five to six months.

The government will focus on improving supply and production to curb inflation, he said after a meeting at the Secretariat.

### Bangladesh needs to follow a safe

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power project can continue without being hampered.

"I said we will definitely continue it. A big investment has been made there. If it is not completed, we will not get its result," Touhid Hossain said.

Mantyskiy also handed over a letter from Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov to Touhid Hossain, congratulating him on his appointment as foreign adviser.

Meanwhile, the Japanese ambassador told Hossain that under the "Strategic Partnership," Japan will continue its support for Bangladesh's development and prosperity, and stand by its side during the transition process.

He said Japan will keep up with the existing projects related to the Rohingya refugees.

The UN resident coordinator told the media that a UN team of

independent experts would visit Dhaka next week to investigate the killings during the students' protest.

"They will assist us so that we can rightly probe the killings and punish those responsible," Hossain told the media.

They also discussed economic cooperation, LDC graduation, climate change, and the ongoing UN humanitarian operations concerning Bangladesh.

### We will resist all counter

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"During its tenure, the Awami League did not have the courage to allow any other party to legitimately win 50 seats in Bangladesh. Like thieves and robbers, they have placed their members or candidates in all 300 seats, without any actual election in every constituency. Additionally, they have placed their patrons in the 50 reserved seats as well."

"Those who occupied these 350 seats are fascists and nurturers of a fascist ideology," he said, adding that the AL, Jubo League, and Chhatra League

members involved in wrongdoing will also be held accountable.

"They need to answer for the torture inflicted on the people over these 16 years. They must face punishment. Then the people will decide whether AL can vie in the next election or not," he added.

Another key coordinator, Hasnat Abdullah, said members of the AL-led government and its associated bodies have smuggled thousands of crores of taka abroad over the last 16 years, with some portion of the money being used to spread propaganda.

"You [Sajeeb Wazed Joy] don't have the right to make decisions about the country while sitting in the US. Your boat [electoral symbol of the Awami League] leaked a long time ago. You no longer have a boat, so there is no point in finding a baitha [a wooden stick used to steer a boat]. Do not expect that you will run the boat of Bangladesh through Modi's baitha," he added.

### Banani ramp

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about opening the Mohakhali entrance ramp within a week. Tolls will be collected manually, he added.

He however could not say when the exit ramp at the FDC gate (Karwan Bazar) could be opened as one of the pillars there was torched.

Miscreants torched the Banani toll booth on July 18 and the Mohakhali toll booth the following day amid unrest centring the quota reform movement, causing the suspension of its service.

The authority resumed the operation of the expressway, except for the three ramps, from August 11.

Before the suspension, over 50,000 vehicles used the flyover daily on average, and the number of users remains almost the same now, he said.

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Memo No. 46.07.0000.021.07.123.24.3109 Dated: 14.08.24

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of the Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives.		
2. Agency:	Sylhet City Corporation Electrical Department		
Tender ID No.	Type of method	Publishing & opening date of tender submission	Brief description of work
1008725,	NCT, OTM	15-Aug-2024 09:00:00, 02-Sep-2024 15:00:00	Goods, Supplying of Electric goods for Repair and Maintenance of Street lighting System in Sylhet City Corporation.
05 Name, designation & address of PE	Md. Ruhul Alam, Executive Engineer (Electrical), Sylhet City Corporation. 02-996635045 01911-249699		
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Executive Engineer (Electrical)  
Sylhet City Corporation

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AUGUST 16

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-25	12-30	4-45	6-38	8-00
JAMAAT 5-00	1-15	5-00	6-41	8-30

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Local Government Engineering Department**  
**Office of the Executive Engineer**  
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Memo No. 46.02.1900.000.07.427.2024-7002 Date: 15/08/2024

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1.	LGED/CUM/GOBA/ 24-25/RM-06-01	Supply of Materials for Routine Maintenance (On Pavement) under LGED Cumilla.	1008299	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
2.	CCB/C/VR/ W-368	Improvement of Hossainpur-Padua Road at Ch. 1265-1848m (Road ID: 419095140) under Barua Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007536	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
3.	CCB/C/VR/ W-346	Improvement of Daulkandi - Batakandi Road to (Hasnabad Bridge) - Gonggoprosad GPS via Hasnabad Bazar Road at Ch. 00-1320m (Road ID: 419365075) (Salvage materials cost Tk. 2,32,146/-) under Daudkandi Upazila, District: Cumilla (3rd Call).	1004989	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
4.	CCB/C/VR/ W-357	Improvement of Putia Basra Miyajee NHW- Basra Bridge Road at Ch. 00-736 (Road ID: 419365127) under Daudkandi Upazila, District: Cumilla (3rd Call).	1004993	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
5.	CCB/C/VR/ W-366	(a) Improvement of Baharchar Eidgah - Vazra Govt. Prg School via Baharchar H/School Road at Ch. 907-2000m (Road ID: 419364061); (b) Construction of 86m Protective Work on the same road under Daudkandi Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007534	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
6.	CCB/C/VR/ W-335	(a) Improvement of Tree Nibas Reg. school to Kasipur Road at Ch. 00-572m (Road ID: 419914124) (Salvage materials cost Tk. 1,63,698/-); (b) Construction of 97m Protective Work on the same road under Sadar Dakshin Upazila, District: Cumilla (2nd Call).	1007406	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
7.	LGED/CUM/VR RP/Re-hab/24-25/W-245	Rehabilitation of Eliotgong NHW-Mohichail GC via Baraiya Krisnapur Bazar Road from Ch. 7560-9160m (Road ID: 419272007) (Salvage Tk. 7,05,437/-) under Chnadina Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1006811	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
8.	CCB/C/VR/ W-362	(a) Improvement of Ombarpur Bazar to Ambarpur GPS Road at Ch. 00-1000m (Road ID: 419274104); (b) Construction of 150m Protective Work on the same road; (c) Construction of 1x1.10x1.50m 1 No. Culvert at Ch. 660m on the same road under Chandina Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007530	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
9.	CCB/C/VR/ W-363	(a) Improvement of Mohichail Ombarpur Road- Batabari Prg. School Road at Ch. 00-700m (Road ID: 419275080) (Salvage materials cost Tk. 3,06,213/-); (b) Construction of 92m Protective Work on the same road; (c) Construction of 2x3.50x4.00m 1 No. Culvert at Ch. 478m on the same road under Chandina Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007531	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
10.	CB/C/VR/ W-364	Improvement of Majikha pacca road-Alikmora Darul Karan Atimkhana Road at Ch. 00-800m (Road ID: 419274049) under Chandina Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007532	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
11.	CCB/C/VR/ W-365	Improvement of Boxgong Bottali - Tetuya Akkas Mastarer Bari Road at Ch. 00-820m (Road ID: 419874296) (Salvage materials cost Tk. 44,600/-) under Nangalkot Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007533	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
12.	CCB/C/VR/ W-323	a) Improvement of Malipara to Purbadair road via Nabiabad Madrasa Road at Ch. 00-1000m (Road ID: 419814060); b) Construction of 83m Protective Work on the same road under Muradnagar Upazila, District: Cumilla (2nd Call).	1007405	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
13.	CCB/C/VR/ W-338	Improvement of Khapura-Umumura-Chapiola Road (Muktijoddha Mohosin Bhuiyan) Road at Ch. 400-1400m (Road ID: 419814038) under Muradnagar Upazila, District: Cumilla (2nd Call).	1007408	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
14.	CCB/C/VR/ W-371	(a) Improvement of Bahutpara to Noapukurpur Road at Ch. 1200-1890m (Road ID: 419816065); (b) Construction of 127m Protective Work on the same road under Muradnagar Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007539	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
15.	CCB/C/VR/ W-372	(a) Improvement of Baharkhola South Nabalok Miar Bari Pucca Road - Baharkhola South Govt. Primary School Road at Ch. 00-800m (Road ID: 419885990) (Salvage materials cost Tk. 17,23,576/-); (b) Construction of 330m Protective Work on the same road under Meghna Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007540	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	LTM
16.	CCB/C/BW-11	Construction of 27.00m Long RCC Girder Bridge on Channal-Nagarpar Road at Ch. 2327m (Road ID: 419184058) (Salvage Materials Cost Tk. 1,17,302/-) under Burichong Upazila, District: Cumilla.	1007542	03-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	04-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	OTM
17.	CRM/DP/COM/ W-43/2023-24	Construction of 2-Storeyed Rural Market Building (With 04-Storeyed Foundation) at Jhalan Bazar under Upazila: Barua, District: Cumilla.	999487	17-Sep-2024 16:00 BST	18-Sep-2024 12:30 BST	OSTETM

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