



This divider has been painted with the message "Ghush Diben Nah, Niben Nah" (Don't give or take bribes). Since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government, people from across the country have called for the new Bangladesh to be free of all kinds of discrimination and illegal practices that have plagued past governments. The photo was taken in the capital's Mohakhali area recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Administrative deadlock in Bagerhat

Residents struggle as most offices remain inactive

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

An administrative stagnation persists in Bagerhat due to suspended operations of union and municipal offices following the resignation of the Awami League-led government on August 5.

Bagerhat district comprises of nine upazilas, three municipalities, and 75 unions, employing a total of 1,041 public representatives, including mayors, councillors, upazila chairmen, vice chairmen, union parishad members, and female UP members, most of them being affiliated with the AL and its front organisations.

Since the fall of the government



following a mass upraising, most of these AL-affiliated public representatives have gone into hiding over security concerns.

Their prolonged absence has been disrupting services such as issuance

of birth and death registrations, citizenship certificates, trade licences, and inheritance certificates.

As such, residents are being deprived of essential services.

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Bhashani univ bans politics on campus

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The authorities of Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University (MBSTU) in Tangail yesterday banned all forms of political activities for students, teachers, officials, and employees on the campus.

In addition, all the university dormitories have been reopened, and academic activities will resume today, said an office order, signed by the Registrar Dr Md Tauhidul Islam.

On August 5, following the fall of the then government, MBSTU Vice Chancellor Prof Farhad Hossain, along with six teachers, resigned.

Ustad Mihir Lala no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Ustad Mihir Lala, 83, the veteran singer of Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, is no more. He passed away at his residence in the port city at 7:30am today.

He is survived by his wife, Jayanti Lala, a celebrated artist known for her performances in Nazrul Sangeet, as well as by their son and daughter.

Mihir Lala served as the principal of Ariya Sangeet Chattogram until his passing.

He was accorded state honours at the JM Sen Hall premises in the city, and his funeral took place at the Baluar Dighi Moha Shamshan in Chattogram.

Mihir Lala was born on January 4, 1941. Although he was born in Cox's Bazar, he grew up in Boalkhali.

Mihir Lala's deep passion for music blossomed early in his childhood. He began his musical journey under the guidance of Ustad Abu Bakr Siddiqui and later learned from some of the most revered maestros of the subcontinent.

He also studied under Ustad Amanat Ali Khan. Ultimately, it was under the tutelage of Pandit Barin Majumdar that he emerged as a prominent figure in the world of classical music.

During the Liberation War, he played an active role as a vocal artist for Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra.

He was honoured with the Shilpakala Padak in 2018.



Workers, along with fire service members, trying to salvage whatever they can after 200 tonnes of jute were burnt in a fire at a warehouse in Munshiganj yesterday. The reason behind the blaze is yet to be determined and no one was injured in the incident, said officials.

PHOTO: STAR

Protect children and their rights

UN calls on interim govt

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A high official of the UN has called on the interim government to seize the current transition as an opportunity to address existing gaps in laws and methods to protect children from all forms of abuse and exploitation, and from arbitrary detention.

The call comes as, according to the latest verified figures by Unicef, more than 65 children were killed during the crackdown on peaceful demonstrations leading to the fall of Awami League regime on August 5.

"Youth and children in Bangladesh have been at the forefront of the recent protests in the country. They have achieved a lot, but they have also paid a huge price," said Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence Against Children, Najat Maalla M'jid, on Friday.

"I add my voice to those of the UN Secretary-General and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights underscoring the need for a full, independent, impartial, and transparent investigation into all acts of violence.

"In particular, I would like to stress the importance of ensuring adequate safeguarding mechanisms for children and young people who have been victims of violence, arbitrary arrests and detention."

Maalla M'jid encouraged the interim authorities to expand and strengthen institutions and social programme so that they are easily accessible to all children.

She recalled the critical importance of a child-friendly justice system, including independent courts for minors, even more so considering the high number of children and youth that were detained during the recent protests.

"I welcome that the release of children has begun, and call for the swift release of all children," she said. "It is critical that all charges against them are lifted, especially under the cybercrime and anti-terrorist legislation, and that there are guarantees of no further prosecution."

The UN official also called on the authorities to protect youth and children's right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly.

Three die as microbus falls in canal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Three persons were killed and another was injured when a microbus hit a roadside tree and fell into a canal in Cumilla yesterday.

The accident occurred around noon at Madhaia in Chandina upazila as the driver of the microbus, traveling from Dhaka to Cox's Bazar, lost control of the vehicle, according to police.

Monjurul Alam, officer-in-charge of Eliotganj Highway Police Station, said, "The road was slippery due to rainfall, which led to the accident."

The three deceased -- Mozammel, 42, Shakhawat, 40, and driver Tarek, 38, all employees of Trust Life Insurance Co Ltd -- died on the spot, police said.

The injured was admitted to Chandina Upazila Health Complex.

The bodies will be handed over to the families after legal procedures.

ATTACKS ON CTG POLICE ESTABLISHMENTS

Damages worth Tk 23cr, 500 firearms looted

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

The spree of attacks on numerous police establishments in Chattogram district following the resignation of the Awami League-led government on August 5, caused infrastructural damages worth around Tk 23 crore, said police officials.

The estimated value of other damages, including those caused to vehicles, is still being assessed.

Also, at least 500 firearms of different types, including SMGs, shotguns, Chinese rifles, gas guns, rifles, pistols, and more than 15,000 rounds of ammunition were looted from police stations, raising concerns as only a few of those could be recovered so far.

According to Chattogram Metropolitan Police and Chattogram District Police sources, 12 of the 16 police stations in the district and 11 other police outposts sustained damages in the recent spate of attacks and violence. Of those, Kotwali,

Sadarghat, EPZ, Patenga and Lohagara police stations sustained significant damages after being set ablaze, while Hathazari and Raozan also came under mob attack and underwent considerable damage due to vandalism.



"My station, set up in an old building, was completely destroyed in the violence and is now unusable. We have begun setting up a new office in an outpost near the Karnaphuli Tunnel," said Md Mahfuzur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Patenga Police Station.

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Central Police Hospital
Rajarbag, Dhaka

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender are hereby invited from the Suppliers/Local Agents in their official pad for the purchase of the following items for Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka for the financial year 2024-2025.

Sl No.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs/Public Security Division
1	Agency	Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka
2	Procuring entity name	Director (DIG), Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
3	Invitation for	Purchase of Office Equipment.
4	Invitation Ref No.	CPH/Tender-3/2024-2025/3447
5	Date	17/08/2024

KEY INFORMATION

7 Procurement method OTM (Frame work)

FUNDING INFORMATION

8 Budget and source of funds Revenue Budget (GOB).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9	Tender publication date	18/08/2024.
10	Tender last selling date	02/09/2024
11	Tender submission date and time	At 12.00 Noon on 03/09/2024.
12	Tender opening date and time	12.30pm on 03/09/2024.

Name & address of the office

Selling tender document	Office of the Director (DIG), Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
Receiving tender document	Office of the Director (DIG), Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
Opening tender document	Office of the Director (DIG), Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

14	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Photocopy of up-to-date trade license. 2. Up-to-date bank solvency certificate. 3. Photocopy of up-to-date Income tax certificate. 4. Photocopy of VAT certificate. 5. Original money receipt paid for purchasing tender document. 6. Photocopy of up-to-date bank statement certificate. 7. Experience certificate. 8. Other documents (as per Schedule).
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Brief description of goods

Name	Price of tender document	Tender security in Taka	Completion time in days
a) Office Equipment.	Tk. 1000.00	3,50,000.00 (three lakh fifty thousand)	15 (fifteen) days.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

16	Name of official inviting tender	Dr. Md. Emdadul Haque
17	Designation of official inviting tender	Additional DIG (A & F)
18	Address of official inviting tender	Additional DIG (A & F), Central Police Hospital, Rajarbag, Dhaka.
19	Contact details of official inviting the tender	Tel: 88-02-8312075 Fax 88-02-9342297

Special instructions

- No tender will be received after the deadline for submission.
 - The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceeding.
 - Tender will be evaluated item by item basis.
 - All items will be purses after allocation of budget.
- If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time same venue.
 - The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any tender partly of fully and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

(Signature)
17-08-24

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PRAYER TIMING
AUGUST 18

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

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION