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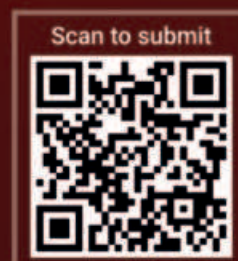
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Ali Imam: Murder cases against journalists without specific allegations are unacceptable. These are nothing but the outcome of peoples' wrath. But weren't some questions raised by certain journalists behind rising tensions? It isn't unusual for some people to have such anger and hatred towards some journalists for their activities.

The home ministry, however, has formed a cell to scrutinise these cases. If the accused are not found to be involved, the cell will ensure that the final report clears them.

TDS: Why do minorities come under attack whenever there is a change of power in our country? Does the government have any plan for the minority communities' long-term demand for a Minority Commission?

Ali Imam: Some incidents of attacks on minorities occurred when there was no government after the fall of Sheikh Hasina. After Muhammad Yunus took charge, he warned against such attacks and police were asked to take stern actions against the assailants. Cases have been filed in many places and police arrested many suspects.

Not just minorities, but those who are weak in their societal position also come under attack. The question is not about minorities or the majority. Everyone has the right to seek justice.

TDS: What is the government's plan for the demand for rewriting or reforming the constitution?

Ali Imam: To my knowledge, the advisers have discussed no such issue. We took an oath to uphold the constitution. The constitution is not anything unchangeable, but no discussion to change it was held.

"We don't want to see any politically labelled teacher or student on campus," she said.

Mahfuj said many agreed in the meeting that the kind of student politics Chhatra League and Awami League practised should not return to campuses.

There is an ongoing debate and discussion at educational institutions about what kind of politics the students and teachers can be involved in on campus. The government will decide only after seeing a consensus reached through that debate, he said.

**OTHER SUGGESTIONS**  
The student leaders recommended that the interim government take steps to control the price of essentials and ensure voting rights of the people by reforming the Election Commission.

They said the government should focus on increasing agricultural production by providing subsidies to farmers, lowering the costs of pesticides, diesel, and farm equipment.

They also expressed concerns over brain drain; border killings; and law and order.

A student leader appealed to Yunus to take steps so that those who go abroad for postgraduate and PhD degrees return home afterwards.

Another student called upon the interim government to allocate a greater portion of the GDP to the education sector.

## Citizens' platform launched

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said they have pledged to fulfil their civic duties.

"We will work to cooperate with the government formed on August 8 to ensure its accountability and play a role in formulating policies that serve the public interest.

"The proper trial of mass killings, restructuring of state institutions, and formulation of public interest-driven policies are prerequisites for a new political settlement," she said.

Sharmeen also mentioned that the committee would hold discussions with social, cultural, and religious leaders, as well as people from various groups who joined the uprising, in all metropolitan cities, districts, and upazilas.

"By expanding this committee to the grassroots level, we will work to rebuild the state by consolidating the spirit of the uprising," she said.

The committee has outlined eight primary tasks, including upholding the collective intentions and democratic aspirations reflected through the uprising of students and the people; taking necessary initiatives to ensure punishment of those responsible for the killings of students and people; establishing space for cooperation with the interim government to facilitate urgent reforms and restructure the state organisations; mobilising people from all walks of life through discussions, exchanges of views, and pro-public programmes in collaboration with various social, cultural, and political initiatives.

The tasks include integrating social, cultural, and religious leadership at all levels to uphold the aspirations of the mass uprising, and continuing resistance against fascist forces.

Nagorik Committee convener Nasiruddin, a former student of Dhaka University's marketing department, joined Amar Bangladesh Party (AB Party) in September 2022.

He had served as the research and information affairs assistant secretary of the AB Party central committee. Party insiders said he resigned before the quota protest began in July.

Before joining the AB party, he was a leader of the Chhatra Federation of Dhaka University unit.

AB Party, founded by some former leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, has recently got its registration with the Election Commission.

In February 2020, Nagorik Committee member secretary Akhter Hossen observed a hunger strike at

Raju Memorial Sculpture, demanding an end to border killing by Indian Border Security Force (BSF).

Akhter was involved in the quota reform protest back in 2018 and came into the limelight after observing a hunger strike on DU campus to protest the question paper leak during the university's admission tests.

A former DU law department student, Akhter was elected the social welfare secretary at Ducsu in 2019. He was also the president of Dhaka University unit Chhatra Odhikar Parishad. Former Ducsu vice-president Nurul Haque Nur was one of the founders of the organisation.

Later, Akhter became the founding member of Gonotrantik Chhatra Shakti, where Nahid Islam, now an adviser to the interim government, served as general secretary.

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Nagorik Committee spokesperson Sharmeen, a former student of the sculpture department at DU's fine arts faculty, was involved in Rastrochinta, a platform that hosts discussions on political reform, rule of law and constitutional rights, among others, and DU's Chhatra Federation.

Apart from Nasiruddin, Akhter, and Sharmeen, The Daily Star identified at least 26 committee members affiliated with different organisations.

The organisations include Quota Reform Movement, Chhatra Odhikar Parishad, Chhatra Union, Chhatra Dal, Chhatra Federation, Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad, Rashtia Sangskar Andolan, Rastrochinta, Mayer Daak, and DU Debating Society.

Among them are Ariful Islam Adib, ex-president of the Central Chhatra Odhikar Parishad; Sarwar Tushar of Rastrochinta; Anik Roy, former general secretary of Chhatra Union; Sabhanaz Rashid Diya, public policy manager of Facebook in Bangladesh; Shrobona Shafique Dipti, a teacher at ULAB; Sanjida Rahman Tulee, coordinator of Mayer Daak; Alik Mree, a leader of Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad; Tasnim Jara, a doctor and social media influencer; Pritom Das of Rastro Sangskar Andolan; Manzur Al Matin, a lawyer; Kaneta Ya Lam Lam, ex-Chhatra Dal leader; Salman Muqtadir, a social media influencer; Syed Hasan Imtiaz, former leader of Chhatra League DU unit, and two family members of two people killed during the recent quota reform protests.

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One such bank is Global Islami Bank, whose Chairman Mohammad Nurul Amin told The Daily Star that they will meet with the BB governor today to seek liquidity support to repay the depositors' money.

The new National Bank chairman Abdul Awal Mintoo told The Daily Star in an interview recently that the BB has an obligation to provide support for three reasons: for the sake of the country's economy, for the sake of depositors and for the sake of customers who are involved in production.

Nine banks including six S Alam-controlled ones were facing a severe liquidity crisis for more than a year due to huge irregularities and scams but the central bank suspended the liquidity support for them after the ouster of the Awami League-led government.

On August 12, the central bank instructed all banks not to honour cheques worth more than Tk 1 crore of the nine banks.

The banks are National Bank, Padma Bank, ICB Islamic Bank, and six others in which the S Alam Group holds majority stakes: Islami Bank, First Security Islami, Social Islami, Union, Global Islami and Bangladesh

Commerce Bank.

A senior central bank official who is observing the restructured banks told The Daily Star that only Islami Bank was able to reduce its liquidity crisis among the six banks that were under S Alam Group's control.

The other five banks – Social Islami, Global Islami, Union, First Security Islami and Bangladesh Commerce Bank face a severe liquidity crisis, as per the central bank official.

Those five lenders will not be able to run their banking activities without liquidity support.

The rest of the restructured banks are National, Exim, United Commercial, Al Arafah Islami and IFIC. Of them, National and EXIM are in tight liquidity situations.

In yesterday's press conference, Mansur said that every depositor will get back Tk 2 lakh from the previous Tk 1 lakh against bank deposit insurance if any bank becomes bankrupt.

As much as Tk 70,000 crore has gone outside the banking sector and of them Tk 30,000 crore have been returned, he said.

Now, the cash withdrawal limit has been lifted but around 10 banks still have problems so their customers will have to be patient for a little longer.



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Yunus tells organisers of student movement about building a new Bangladesh

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Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday urged key organisers of the student-led mass uprising to continue their efforts to make students' and the people's dream of a new Bangladesh come true.

"For the dream, they sacrificed their lives. We must make that dream a reality. We have no other way," he said.

Not only are the people of the country eager to build a new nation, but Bangladeshis all over the world are also saying they want to be a part of realising that dream, he said at a views-exchange meeting with the students at the Chief Adviser's Office yesterday.

Yunus said when he sees graffiti on the walls, it surprises him. "How did the students come up with so many words?"



Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus talking to organisers of the Anti-discrimination Student Movement at the Chief Adviser's Office in the capital's Tejgaon yesterday. PHOTO: PID

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There were no poets, no writers, and no scholars behind them," he said.

Warning the students about possible attempts to sideline them from their nation-building work, he said, "Don't give up until the job that you have taken up is done."

Students have awakened a wave; they have also awakened the youth of the whole world. "The youth of other countries also say they want to learn about us because they need this in their country too," Yunus said.

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For instance, Exim Bank has already been provided with Tk 1,000 crore special liquidity support from the central bank for 90 days, documents show.

The condition of a few crisis-hit banks is at the stage of bankruptcy but the government has no plan to declare them bankrupt, said BB Governor Ahsan H Mansur at a press conference yesterday.

Those banks can stage a comeback if they get policy support from the central bank, he said, adding that the BB will revive them by merging with stronger ones.

The central bank will not provide liquidity support by printing money as before but those lenders can avail such support through inter-bank money supply, with the BB acting as the guarantor of the ailing banks.

So far, seven of the ailing lenders, whose boards were reconstructed recently, verbally requested the central bank for liquidity support to repay the depositors' money.

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## Star INTERVIEW

## Want to make people feel they own the state

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I want to echo Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus's remarks that the interim government will continue as long as the people want us to serve. We have already sat with several political parties to know their desires and will continue to do so in the coming days.

TDS: Fear has crippled the executive, and it's not functioning properly. What's your plan to make it fully functional?

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When a reporter asked about the large number of people being accused in cases, Mahfuj said that a due and standard process should be followed when a case is filed.

**CAMPUS POLITICS**  
A woman student leader said a teacher or a student may have their own political ideology, but on campus they should only be a teacher or a student.

corruption, the ACC is there.

TDS: Journalists and politicians are being charged wholesale. What will be the fate of these cases?

Ali Imam: Murder cases against journalists without specific allegations are unacceptable. These are nothing but the outcome of peoples' wrath. But weren't some questions raised by certain journalists behind rising tensions? It isn't unusual for some people to have such anger and hatred towards some journalists for their activities.

The home ministry, however, has formed a cell to scrutinise these cases. If the accused are not found to be involved, the cell will ensure that the final report clears them.

TDS: Why do minorities come under attack whenever there is a change of power in our country? Does the government have any plan for the minority communities' long-term demand for a Minority Commission?

Ali Imam: Some incidents of attacks on minorities occurred when there was no government after the fall of Sheikh Hasina. After Muhammad Yunus took charge, he warned against such attacks and police were asked to take stern actions against the assailants. Cases have been filed in many places and police arrested many suspects.

Not just minorities, but those who are weak in their societal position also come under attack. The question is not about minorities or the majority. Everyone has the right to seek justice.

TDS: What is the government's plan for the demand for rewriting or reforming the constitution?

Ali Imam: To my knowledge, the advisers have discussed no such issue. We took an oath to uphold the constitution. The constitution is not anything unchangeable, but no discussion to change it was held.

"We don't want to see any politically labelled teacher or student on campus," she said.

Mahfuj said many agreed in the meeting that the kind of student politics Chhatra League and Awami League practised should not return to campuses.

There is an ongoing debate and discussion at educational institutions about what kind of politics the students and teachers can be involved in on campus. The government will decide only after seeing a consensus reached through that debate, he said.

**OTHER SUGGESTIONS**  
The student leaders recommended that the interim government take steps to control the price of essentials and ensure voting rights of the people by reforming the Election Commission.

They said the government should focus on increasing agricultural production by providing subsidies to farmers, lowering the costs of pesticides, diesel, and farm equipment.

They also expressed concerns over brain drain; border killings; and law and order.

A student leader appealed to Yunus to take steps so that those who go abroad for postgraduate and PhD degrees return home afterwards.

Another student called upon the interim government to allocate a greater portion of the GDP to the education sector.

## Citizens' platform launched

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said they have pledged to fulfil their civic duties.

"We will work to cooperate with the government formed on August 8 to ensure its accountability and play a role in formulating policies that serve the public interest.

"The proper trial of mass killings, restructuring of state institutions, and formulation of public interest-driven policies are prerequisites for a new political settlement," she said.

Sharmeen also mentioned that the committee would hold discussions with social, cultural, and religious leaders, as well as people from various groups who joined the uprising, in all metropolitan cities, districts, and upazilas.

"By expanding this committee to the grassroots level, we will work to rebuild the state by consolidating the spirit of the uprising," she said.

The committee has outlined eight primary tasks, including upholding the collective intentions and democratic aspirations reflected through the uprising of students and the people; taking necessary initiatives to ensure punishment of those responsible for the killings of students and people; establishing space for cooperation with the interim government to facilitate urgent reforms and restructure the state organisations; mobilising people from all walks of life through discussions, exchanges of views, and pro-public programmes in collaboration with various social, cultural, and political initiatives.

The tasks include integrating social, cultural, and religious leadership at all levels to uphold the aspirations of the mass uprising, and continuing resistance against fascist forces.

Nagorik Committee convener Nasiruddin, a former student of Dhaka University's marketing department, joined Amar Bangladesh Party (AB Party) in September 2022.

He had served as the research and information affairs assistant secretary of the AB Party central committee. Party insiders said he resigned before the quota protest began in July.

Before joining the AB party, he was a leader of the Chhatra Federation of Dhaka University unit.

AB Party, founded by some former leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, has recently got its registration with the Election Commission.

In February 2020, Nagorik Committee member secretary Akhter Hossen observed a hunger strike at

Raju Memorial Sculpture, demanding an end to border killing by Indian Border Security Force (BSF).

Akhter was involved in the quota reform protest back in 2018 and came into the limelight after observing a hunger strike on DU campus to protest the question paper leak during the university's admission tests.

A former DU law department student, Akhter was elected the social welfare secretary at Ducusu in 2019. He was also the president of Dhaka University unit Chhatra Odhikar Parishad. Former Ducusu vice-president Nurul Haque Nur was one of the founders of the organisation.

Later, Akhter became the founding member of Gonotrantik Chhatra Shakti, where Nahid Islam, now an adviser to the interim government, served as general secretary.

Akhter was one of the organisers of the recent quota reform protests.

Nagorik Committee spokesperson Sharmeen, a former student of the sculpture department at DU's fine arts faculty, was involved in Rastrochinta, a platform that hosts discussions on political reform, rule of law and constitutional rights, among others, and DU's Chhatra Federation.

Apart from Nasiruddin, Akhter, and Sharmeen, The Daily Star identified at least 26 committee members affiliated with different organisations.

The organisations include Quota Reform Movement, Chhatra Odhikar Parishad, Chhatra Union, Chhatra Dal, Chhatra Federation, Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad, Rashtia Sangskar Andolan, Rastrochinta, Mayer Daak, and DU Debating Society.

Among them are Ariful Islam Adib, ex-president of the Central Chhatra Odhikar Parishad; Sarwar Tushar of Rastrochinta; Anik Roy, former general secretary of Chhatra Union; Sabhanaz Rashid Diya, public policy manager of Facebook in Bangladesh; Shrobona Shafique Dipti, a teacher at ULAB; Sanjida Rahman Tulee, coordinator of Mayer Daak; Alik Mree, a leader of Adivasi Chhatra Sangram Parishad; Tasnim Jara, a doctor and social media influencer; Pritom Das of Rastro Sangskar Andolan; Manzur Al Matin, a lawyer; Kaneta Ya Lam Lam, ex-Chhatra Dal leader; Salman Muqtadir, a social media influencer; Syed Hasan Imtiaz, former leader of Chhatra League DU unit, and two family members of two people killed during the recent quota reform protests.

## BB to rescue problem banks

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One such bank is Global Islamic Bank, whose Chairman Mohammad Nurul Amin told The Daily Star that they will meet with the BB governor today to seek liquidity support to repay the depositors' money.

The new National Bank chairman Abdul Awal Mintoo told The Daily Star in an interview recently that the BB has an obligation to provide support for three reasons: for the sake of the country's economy, for the sake of depositors and for the sake of customers who are involved in production.

Nine banks including six S Alam-controlled ones were facing a severe liquidity crisis for more than a year due to huge irregularities and scams but the central bank suspended the liquidity support for them after the ouster of the Awami League-led government.

On August 12, the central bank instructed all banks not to honour cheques worth more than Tk 1 crore of the nine banks.

The banks are National Bank, Padma Bank, ICB Islamic Bank, and six others in which the S Alam Group holds majority stakes: Islami Bank, First Security Islami, Social Islami, Union, Global Islami and Bangladesh

Commerce Bank.

A senior central bank official who is observing the restructured banks told The Daily Star that only Islami Bank was able to reduce its liquidity crisis among the six banks that were under S Alam Group's control.

The other five banks – Social Islami, Global Islami, Union, First Security Islami and Bangladesh Commerce Bank face a severe liquidity crisis, as per the central bank official.

Those five lenders will not be able to run their banking activities without liquidity support.

The rest of the restructured banks are National, Exim, United Commercial, Al Arafah Islami and IFIC. Of them, National and EXIM are in tight liquidity situations.

In yesterday's press conference, Mansur said that every depositor will get back Tk 2 lakh from the previous Tk 1 lakh against bank deposit insurance if any bank becomes bankrupt.

As much as Tk 70,000 crore has gone outside the banking sector and of them Tk 30,000 crore have been returned, he said.

Now, the cash withdrawal limit has been lifted but around 10 banks still have problems so their customers will have to be patient for a little longer.



People sign up to become members of the Jatiya Nagorik Committee, a group that aims to "fulfill the dreams of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement". The photo was taken in front of the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Steps to be taken to bring Hasina back for trial

### Says chief ICT prosecutor; one more murder case filed against her

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Necessary steps would be taken to extradite former prime minister Sheikh Hasina from India, in order to put her on trial for alleged mass killings during the student-led protests in July and August, said Md Tajul Islam, newly appointed chief prosecutor for the International Crimes Tribunal.

"We will file an application with the International Crimes Tribunal, once it resumes, to issue arrest warrants against all absconding accused, including Sheikh Hasina, in connection with the cases filed for mass killing and crimes against humanity," he said yesterday at a press briefing on the ICT premises in Dhaka.

Tajul said an extradition treaty exists between Bangladesh and India, signed during Hasina's tenure in 2013.

"I believe she [Hasina] will be the main accused in the genocide in Bangladesh. She has been accused in most of the

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## 'Protest victims may face hurdles to justice'

### Speakers say doctors were forced to conceal gunshot wounds in medical records during Jul-Aug revolution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When protesters arrived at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with gunshot wounds, the doctors were asked by the hospital authorities to conceal any mention of the nature of the injury on the official documentation.

Dr Mostak Ahmed, a trauma surgeon at the hospital's casualty ward, said this at a discussion on custodial torture while sharing his experience treating victims of gunshot injuries during July and August.

"We could not write that a victim had gunshot wounds. We had to write some other cause," he said. "Autopsies were not always possible because of the sheer

volume of bodies coming in."

The discussion titled "Custodial Torture and Accountability: Challenges and Remediation" was organised by Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust at Bishwa Sahitya Kendra in Dhaka.

Speakers talked about the challenges that victims of the July revolution will face when seeking justice for the atrocities perpetrated upon them.

"Given that so many of the victims who have suffered at the hands of the law enforcers do not have adequate medical documentation recording the cause of their death or injury, we are dependent on circumstantial evidence," said Dr Qazi Zahed

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## Mustafa Monwar on life support

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent cultural personality Mustafa Monwar, 89, has been on life support at Square Hospital since Saturday night.

He has been suffering from respiratory problems and other old-age complications.

He was placed on life support following complications from a stroke and brain haemorrhage, according to family sources.

Monwar received Ekushey Padak for his contributions to fine arts.

His influence extends beyond his work. As a

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A dust cloud encompasses this road as vehicles pass through. This bus further adds to the woes, emitting thick black smoke from its exhaust pipes. As Bangladesh strives to move forward and become an ideal country, issues of dust pollution and unfit vehicles need to be looked at more closely. The photo was taken in the Mohammadpur bus stand area recently.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

## CTG SHIPYARD EXPLOSION

### One worker dies, 8 in critical condition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A worker died yesterday hours after sustaining severe burn injuries in an explosion at a shipbreaking yard in Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila.

Ahmed Ullah, 38, was declared dead around 1:00am while being transported to the Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery from Chattogram, said Tariqul Islam, resident surgeon at the hospital.

The victim was one of eight workers sent to the hospital in Dhaka following the blast. The other workers are currently undergoing treatment, with several in critical condition.

Among the injured, Barkat Ullah suffered 60 percent burns, Anwar Hossain 25 percent, Al Amin 80 percent, Zahangir Alam 70 percent, Habib 45 percent, Abul Kashem 70 percent, and Khairul Islam 80 percent. Ahmed Ullah had sustained burns on 90 percent of his body, said Tariqul Islam.

"Of the remaining seven workers, five are in critical

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## Workplace safety remains a far cry

SIFAYET ULLAH, City

Cutter-man Sahab Uddin died after falling from a scrap ship at a shipbreaking yard in Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila on May 29 last year.

He fell while cutting an iron plate without a safety belt at Four-Star shipbreaking yard.

"We were working without safety belts as the yard owner didn't provide us with any gear. Sahab would not have died if he had been wearing a belt," said Mohammed Ali, a colleague of the deceased.

In 2023, there were 35 accidents in the shipbreaking sector, resulting in seven deaths and 28 injuries, according

to reports from several government and non-governmental organisations.

Workers continue to be killed or injured by explosions, falls, falling objects, and burns due to the absence of proper safety equipment and unsafe working conditions.

The recent explosion at SN Corporation's yard in Shitalpur on Saturday which killed one so far and injured 11 others further highlight the persistent lack of safety measures in the sector.

Tapan Dutta, convener of the Shipbreaking Workers' Trade Union Forum, said, "Most shipyard owners are still not providing safety equipment to workers, putting their lives at risk."

Shipbreaking yards in Chattogram span a 10km stretch along the seashore in Sitakunda and Mirsarai.

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## KHALEDA CASE

### ACC asked to produce all witnesses on September 12

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday asked the Anti-Corruption Commission to produce all the prosecution witnesses, including the investigation officer, before it on September 12 in Niko corruption case filed against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and eight others.

Judge Sheikh Hafizur Rahman of Dhaka Special Judge Court-9 passed the order after Md Zakir

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## CORRECTION

In a photo caption published on Page 3 of The Daily Star on September 6, we wrote — Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus pays tribute to the Armed Forces Division by placing a floral wreath at the Shikha Anirban inside the army headquarters yesterday. Prof Yunus, who visited the division as part of his official duties, laid the wreath to honour the sacrifices and dedication of the members of the Armed Forces. It should be — Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus lays wreath at the Shikha Anirban at Dhaka Cantonment on Thursday (05.09.2024), paying tributes to the martyred members of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives during the Liberation War in 1971.

We regret the inadvertent error.

## JULY-AUGUST MOVEMENT

### 631 lives lost, 19,200 injured

### Says health ministry report

SAJJAD HOSSAIN

At least 631 people lost their lives and over 19,200 were injured during the anti-discrimination students' movement from July 15 to August 5, according to a health ministry report.

The report said over 450 people were brought dead, while 181 individuals succumbed to their injuries while undergoing treatment during the course of 21 days.

The health ministry formed the committee on August 15 to compile a comprehensive list of casualties. The committee submitted its report to the ministry on Thursday.

Among the injured, over 16,000 have received treatment from government hospitals across the country, while around 3,000 have been treated in private facilities.

Muhammud Humayun Kabir, former senior secretary of the health service division and head of the committee, said, "Collecting data from private hospitals is challenging as they don't strictly preserve data as government hospitals do. In some cases, victims' family members hid registry entries out of fear."

Ministry officials said the current draft list, which is undergoing data cleaning by ministry officials, will be made public on the website, where additional information may be updated.

According to the report, a significant portion of the injured individuals received treatment in government hospitals.

However, no information has been provided to the government regarding those who may have been treated in private clinics in the Barishal, Khulna, Mymensingh, and Rangpur divisions.

Dhaka division recorded the highest number of injuries, with over 11,000 people. Chattogram had the second highest number of injuries, with over nearly 2000 people hurt in the clashes.

Meanwhile, Dhaka division had the highest number of fatalities, with 477 deaths, while the Barishal reported the lowest, with one death.

Chattogram and Khulna reported 43 and 39 deaths, respectively.

Among those hospitalised, 3,048 sustained serious injuries, requiring surgery, and at least 525 people were left with permanent physical disabilities as a consequence of their injuries.



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## Abeda Muzammel passes away

STAR REPORT

Abeda Muzammel, wife of Maj Gen (ret'd) Muzammel Hussain, resident



of House: 498/A, Road: 33, Mohakhali DOHS, Dhaka passed away at the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka on September 7.

She was 82, said a press release.

She is survived by her three daughters – Rumesa, Tania and Suzy – and a host of grandchildren, relatives and well-wishers to mourn her death.

Her namaz-e-janaza was held at Mohakhali DOHS Mosque following the Asr prayers yesterday.

She was buried at the Banani Army Graveyard.

## Golam Rabbani new law secretary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appointed Md Golam Rabbani, joint secretary (administration-1) of the law and justice division under the law ministry, as secretary to the law and justice division.

The ministry issued two separate gazette notifications to this effect yesterday saying that the orders will come into effect immediately.

## Azmi's nat'l anthem remarks personal

UNB, Rangpur

Jamaat Secretary General Prof Mia Golam Parwar clarified that former army officer Abdullahil Amaan Azmi's statement regarding the national anthem reflects his personal views and not the party's position.

"Azmi is not affiliated with Jamaat, and his comments about changing the national anthem are entirely his own," Parwar said during a discussion at a hotel in Rangpur city yesterday.

He added that Jamaat-e-Islami bears no responsibility for Azmi's remarks.

## Protest victims may

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Iqbal, a legal expert and Supreme Court lawyer.

Aneek R Haque, the additional attorney general, said the compensation specified under the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act is not sufficient for victims.

Law enforcers found guilty of custodial torture have to give Tk 25,000 if the victim survives and Tk 2 lakh if the victim dies.

"What will victims gain from getting these paltry sums?" said Haque.

In many cases, victim families do not receive even this minimal amount.

Imtiaz Hossain Rocky, brother of Ishiaque Hossain Jonny who died from torture in Pallabi police custody in 2014, shared that he is still struggling to claim the compensation.

Rocky had obtained a lower court verdict in their favour in 2020, but the Pallabi police have since then appealed at a higher court.

He also mentioned that after August 5, one of the accused in the case attacked and vandalised his auto repair garage, robbing him of his sole source of income.

Speakers said students, protesters, and ordinary citizens continue to face false charges filed by the previous regime, with many still not released from jail.

Lawyers and paralegals who had provided legal services in July and August spoke about the torture inflicted upon students when they were being arbitrarily detained during

block raids. The days preceding August 5 witnessed unprecedented custodial violence, they said.

"I met students whose limbs were broken, who were badly bruised and beaten," said Shah Md Babar, a Supreme Court advocate.

"A lot of students are afraid of taking legal steps against the police because they don't know what the future will hold," he said.

Speakers also said the country's rights situation has not improved post-August 5.

"We are not yet at a stage when custodial torture has been abolished. Why is it that even after August 5, the rights situation has not improved? The violations have simply taken a different form. Democracy is still broken," said Nur Khan Liton, human rights expert currently serving on the commission investigating enforced disappearances.

"We need to focus on fixing the law and order situation. The lawyers are still abusing the law. Those who were victims of custodial torture remain silent and refrain from seeking justice," said Sara Hossain, honorary executive director at BLAST.

Advocate ZI Khan Panna, senior human rights lawyer, said, "The Political Prisoners Act should be reinstated to safeguard the rights of political detainees. We don't want another repressive environment. Democratic rights must be upheld."

## Workplace safety

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There are currently 56 operational shipyards employing between 22,000 and 50,000 workers, according to a study conducted by Young Power in Social Action and the World Bank in 2019.

Bangladesh dominates the global ship recycling market, handling 70-80 percent of ocean-going vessels, according to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's 'Review of Maritime Transport 2019'.

Although Bangladesh ratified the Hong Kong Convention for the safe recycling of ships in 2023, only four shipyards have obtained green certificates under the convention.

Fazlul Kabir Mintu, coordinator of the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, said most accidents in the sector stem from explosions, falls, and strikes by falling objects due to the negligence of yard authorities.

"Deaths from safety lapses can be prevented if the sector's stakeholders take proper action," he added.

When asked why workplace safety remains overlooked in ship recycling, Kamal Uddin Ahmed, former vice president of the

Bangladesh Ship Breakers and Recyclers Association, downplayed the issue, claiming accidents are infrequent.

However, he added that efforts are being made to improve safety standards. **EXPLOSION CAUSED BY LACK OF INSPECTION** While workers and witnesses cited the absence of safety protocols, SN Corporation officials claimed the blast was unavoidable.

During a visit to the yard on Sunday, a blasted pipeline used for unloading oil was found on the ship.

Barkat Ullah, CEO of SN Corporation, claimed that the explosion occurred during a safety inspection. However, records revealed that 10 of the 12 injured workers were not part of the safety team.

Jamal Uddin, a former cutter man and workers' rights activist, attributed the accident to the improper inspection of the pump room.

On Sunday, the Department of Environment suspended the environmental clearance of SN Corporation and ordered the cessation of shipbreaking activities, while the Chattogram district administration formed a probe body to investigate the incident.

## Dhaka Bank MD Emranul Huq no more

STAR REPORT

Dhaka Bank Managing Director and CEO Emranul Huq passed away



yesterday at a hospital in Kolkata after fighting against cancer. He was 61, said a press release.

He left behind his wife, a son and two daughters.

Emranul became the managing director and CEO of Dhaka Bank in February 2020.

He had joined the bank in 1998 and served in various key positions of several corporate branches.

Before joining Dhaka Bank, Huq worked at Eastern Bank Ltd and Credit Africa Bank Ltd in Zambia.

With more than three decades of professional banking experience both at home and abroad, Huq began his career in 1986 as a management trainee at Bank of Credit and Commerce International in Dhaka.

## Mustafa

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teacher and mentor, he has nurtured generations of artists.

As a former director general of BTV, he played a crucial role in the resistance to Pakistani rule and participated in the independent struggle as an active personality in the Bangladesh Betar programmes in 1971 from Kolkata. He was jailed in 1952 for drawing anti-Pakistan cartoons during the Language Movement.

Monwar graduated from Kolkata Art College before migrating to Dhaka and joining the Dhaka Art College as a lecturer. He is widely lauded as a puppeteer dedicated to children's educational entertainment.

His family sought prayers for his early recovery.

## ACC asked

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Hossain Bhuiyan, one of Khaleda's lawyers, appealed to the court to conclude recording of the witnesses' statements.

Lawyer Zakir told the court that the prosecution has failed to produce any of its witnesses for the last three consecutive dates.

So, recording statements of the witnesses should be concluded, he added.

Khaleda, who stands accused in over 30 other cases, was earlier acquitted of Zia Orphanage and Zia Charitable trust graft cases on presidential mercy.

She was also acquitted of five defamation cases filed during the immediate past Awami League rule.

The ACC filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station on December 9, 2007, for abusing power in signing a deal with the Canadian company Niko for exploring and extracting gas.

## Patenga beach falls

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Contacted, Wahidul Alam alias Wahid Master, president of the Patenga Beach Shop Owner Association, refuted the allegations of extorting shop owners.

"We are members of this association. So, we are saving money jointly for ourselves and this is not extorting," he claimed.

Hawkers Association convener, Nur Mohammed alias Nur Boli claimed they don't take any money from their members. Nur Mohammed claimed that all of them were real shop owners of this beach area before being evicted during the renovation.

Saleh Ahmed, a local ward councillor and member of the beach management committee, admitted they failed to save the beach from encroachment.

"Syndicates are managing everything using bribes. We are helpless," he

added. Israfil Mazumder, in charge and inspector of the tourist police (Patenga Zone), told this newspaper that influential people built these structures using the power of politics.

"We have evicted these illegal structures many times. But by abusing political power, the occupiers rebuilt these structures," he added.

He said they will evict these structures again after the situation is normal.

## Steps to be taken to bring Hasina

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cases, and we will pursue her extradition through legal processes," he said.

"The crimes occurred across all fifty-six thousand square miles of Bangladesh. In each instance, the common instruction was to shoot and kill. Collecting and compiling evidence of these crimes is a significant challenge, specially as the main accused, including Hasina, have fled the country," he said.

He expressed concern that many accused individuals are still in Bangladesh, occupying official positions, and could attempt to destroy evidence. Tajul said his office's top priority is to preserve and protect the

evidence while ensuring swift action in presenting it before the tribunal.

The ICT chief prosecutor called on victims, particularly students, to come forward with any evidence they may have and assist the investigating agency or the prosecution team.

Tajul said the trial would be conducted with justice in mind, ensuring that victims and their families feel that justice has been served.

"The accused will not face oppression, but the perpetrators will not be spared," he said.

Regarding potential amendments to the International Crimes (Tribunal) Act, 1973, Tajul

said, "We have just taken office. We will sit with the government to discuss and make decisions on this matter." At least 11 separate cases have been filed with the ICT against Sheikh Hasina, who is currently in India, for allegedly carrying out massacres across the country between July 5 and August 5, according to ICT sources.

Meanwhile, another murder case was filed against Sheikh Hasina, Sheikh Rehana and Obaidul Quader and 46 others including journalists with a Rangpur court yesterday.

One Moyna Begum filed the case for killing her son Sajjad Hossain, a fruit vendor, on July 19.

Advertorial

**Taufika Foods and Lovello Ice-cream PLC (LOVELLO) Plans to expand its capacity with BDT 150cr. investment**

Taufika Foods and Lovello Ice-cream PLC (DSE: LOVELLO) has recently completed approval for the investment of BDT 150 crore to set up its 2nd (second) unit of the ice cream manufacturing plant. The investment will help Lovello increase its production capacity, allowing the company to meet the growing demand for its products in the region.

As part of the expansion, Lovello has purchased approximately 59.16 decimals of land adjacent to the existing plant located in Bashile, Valuka, Mymensingh. The company plans to enter into contracts with international suppliers including Tetra Pak Southeast Asia Pte Ltd (Singapore), MEC Group (China), Teknoice (Italy), and Yantai Moon co. Ltd. (China) for the acquisition of capital machinery necessary for the construction of the facility.

"This investment represents a significant milestone in the growth of Lovello" Said the company's CS. "With this expansion, we aim to more than double our production capacity and cater to larger market segment. This development aligns with our goal of increasing market share."

The new plant is expected to more than double Lovello's current production capacity with an estimated daily output of 250,000 liters of ice cream once operational. The project is scheduled to be completed and commence production by June 2025.

This expansion is a strategic move to strengthen our position in the market," said a senior executive. "We believe that this will allow us to better serve our customer and continue our growth."

Lovello plans to fund the investment through a combination of internal resources and bank financing. Further details on the progress of the expansion and its financial impact will be discussed in the company's upcoming earning call.

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01	1013194	Procurement of Unnatamaner Mashur Dal (Mota) to Jamalpur District Jail for the period of 01 October-2024 to 31 March-2025.	03-Sep-2024 20:00 18-Sep-2024 12:00
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Mazharul Islam  
Superintendent (Acting)  
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Project Name	DGBP & PoV-Tex	
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Prerequisite of Tenderer	The tenderer is required to submit the following updated documents: Trade License, Business Identification Number (BIN), Tax Identification Number (TIN) & Tax Return Certificate, VAT Registration Certificate. The tenderer is required to provide an updated bank solvency certificate, issued in favor of the designated organization/vendor. The tenderer should be submitted the related previous work experience documents.	
Group	Item Name Qty Item Specifications	
A	Laptop Category -1 5	Outlined in the annexure of the tender schedule.
	Laptop Category-2 3	
	MS Office 8	
	Projector 1	
	Projector Screen 1	
B	Printer-Multi-functional 2	
	DSLR Camera 1	
D	PABX System one set and Installation One set with all installation materials	
E	Motorcycles 8	
F	Executive Chair for office use 20	
Date, Time & Place for Collecting Tender Documents.	From 9th September 2024 to 19th September 2024, the tender schedule is available 10 AM to 4.30 PM at Apartment # A1, Merrydale, 1st Floor, House # 32, Road # 10A, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1209. Mr. Probrir Kumar Biswas- Contact Number: 01771599638.	
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No-58.01.0000.102.99.019.24-686 Date: 08/09/2024.

**Corrigendum**

Subject: Amendment of DIP Tender no. 58.01.0000.102.99.019.24-570, 19-08-2024 for Selection of service provider for the supply of manpower.

Tender No. & Date	Description	Existing	Amended As
58.01.0000.102.99.019.24-570, 19-08-2024	At Serial No. 14 Application Closing Date and Time	09/09/2024 at 1:00 PM (BST).	17/09/2024 at 1:00 PM (BST).

All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

08.09.2024  
(Md Al Amin Mridha)  
Deputy Director (Procurement)  
For Director General.

GD-376

## Patenga beach falls victim to encroachment

### Illegal structures threatening its natural beauty

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

The Patenga beach in the port city is at risk of losing its natural beauty as illegal structures keep sprouting along the seaside in the absence of effective measures from the authorities concerned.

The illegal activity, which began in 2019 following renovation by Chattogram Development Authority (CDA), has grabbed most of the space on the beach, leaving tourists and locals suffering.

Patenga is a sea beach located 14 kilometres south from the main point of the port city. It is also an estuary of the Karnaphuli.

Every day, hundreds of people visit the beach; the crowd doubles during holidays. But the massive occupation has resulted in a crisis of available space.

However, no authorities have any data regarding the number of these illegal structures.

Both tourists and locals alleged that the illegal activity was going on in broad daylight.

Two syndicates under the name of

"Patenga Beach Hawkers Association" and "Patenga Sea Beach Shop Owner Association" are sheltering this illegal activity by extorting each shop owner daily.

Currently, 197 members are under the Hawkers Association, while 290 shops are under Patenga Beach Shop Owner Association.

This correspondent recently visited the area and observed that at least 500 hundred illegal structures — including restaurants, snack stalls, cloth stalls and souvenir shops have emerged on the beach.

Private job holder Salah Uddin, who visited the beach with his family on Friday, expressed disappointment over the illegal structures. He said there is no space to sit near the beach with family members.

"The beach is now a mess," he said. At least 10 shop owners admitted that they pay Tk 200 to 400 to collectors of the associations daily.

"We can't run a shop without paying money to them," said a shop owner, requesting anonymity.



Illegal structures like restaurants, clothing stalls and souvenir shops keep sprouting along the seaside of Patenga beach in the port city. Syndicates charge these shops Tk 200-400 each day to allow them to continue their operations.

PHOTO: STAR

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## DEATH OF STUDENT Asaduzzaman Khan, Dipu Moni, Ali Arafat sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former ministers Asaduzzaman Khan and Dipu Moni, and former state minister Mohammad Ali Arafat were sued in a case filed over the death of Jagannath University (JnU) student Ikramul Haque Sajid during the recent mass protests.

The victim's father filed the case with Kafirul Police Station on Saturday, naming 73 individuals as accused.

Former inspector general of police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun, former director general of Rapid Action Battalion Harun-ur-Rashid and former Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner Habibur Rahman, along with other Awami League leaders and activists, have been accused in the case.

According to the first information report, Sajid was shot in an attack by AL members during a mass protest in Mirpur-10 on August 4.

He passed away while receiving treatment at the intensive care unit of the CMH on August 14.

## Flood-hit Moulvibazar faces fresh water crisis

### 9,030 tubewells damaged, local admin working to restore normalcy



MINTU DESHWARA

Over 9,000 deep and shallow tubewells were submerged during three separate floods in Moulvibazar in the past two months, causing a severe shortage of clean drinking water.

The contaminated wells are producing cloudy, foul-smelling water. Sadekun Begum, a resident of Mierpara village in Kulaura upazila, said, "Our government tubewell was submerged and now produces dirty water. So, we are forced to fetch water from far away."

Shaidul Hasan Shipon, general secretary of the Kulaura Sangbadik Samitee, said tubewells in low-lying areas such as Hakaluki and Kawadighi haors are prone to contamination during the monsoon season. He pointed out that areas like Kulaura, Juri, and Barlekha are particularly vulnerable.

The floods have left approximately 300,000 people in Kamalganj, Rajnagar, Juri, Barlekha, Kulaura, and Sadar upazilas suffering from a severe water crisis.

Sufian Mia, a resident of Kamalganj, said, "Half of my house was submerged. We returned home only recently, but the floodwater has contaminated the tubewells and the toilets are unusable."

In Mierpara village, Shamim Mia said his tubewell, which served 15 families,

was completely washed away during the last flood. However, the Upazila Public Health Engineering office has installed a new tubewell, restoring access to clean water for the affected households.

Md Muhsin, sub-assistant engineer of the Kulaura Upazila Public Health Engineering office, said 250 tubewells have been repaired, 350 disinfected, and five new ones installed in response to the crisis.

The Moulvibazar District Public Health Engineering office said 13,050 litres of bottled water, 305,700 water purification tablets, and 3,955 ten-litre jerry cans have been distributed to the affected areas. Additionally, 30,000 litres of treated water have been supplied through water treatment plants across Kulaura, Juri, Barlekha, Kamalganj, Moulvibazar Sadar, and Rajnagar. Hygiene kits were also provided to 609 women and children.

Khaleduzzaman, executive engineer of the District Public Health Engineering office in Moulvibazar, said, "Repair and purification efforts are ongoing, but the full extent of the damage is yet to be assessed. Several tubewells remain unusable, and it may take another two months to restore normalcy."

"We have repaired 699 tubewells so far," he added.

## Jashim Uddin new foreign secretary

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has appointed Ambassador Md Jashim Uddin as the 27th foreign secretary of Bangladesh, succeeding Masud Bin Momen.

Immediately before this, he was Bangladesh ambassador to China with concurrent accreditation to Mongolia.

Jashim Uddin joined Bangladesh Foreign Service in 1994. He belongs to the 13th batch of BCS (Foreign Affairs) Cadre.

Jashim also served as ambassador to Qatar from 2020 to 2022 and to Greece with concurrent accreditation to Malta and Armenia from 2015 to 2020.



## ACC to probe graft allegations against ex-chief whip

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday decided to launch a formal inquiry into the alleged corruption of Abdus Shahid, former chief whip of the Jatiya Sangsad, after it found evidence against the former Awami League lawmaker.

According to ACC, evidence of corruption against Shahid that he occupied Forest Department land to set up a tea garden has been found in initial probe. The allegation that he installed streetlights and a deep tube well in the tea garden with government

expenses is also found to be true.

ACC's preliminary intelligence investigation also revealed information about the acquisition of houses and flats in Dhaka and various parts of the country in the names of his wife and children, as well as assets worth millions of taka.

Furthermore, evidence has surfaced regarding the purchase of a house by his wife in the "Begum Para" neighbourhood in Canada, and the accumulation of vast amounts of illegal assets both at home and abroad.

Based on this information, the ACC has decided to initiate a formal inquiry into Abdus Shahid.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Six die as microbus hits autorickshaw

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A total of six people were killed when a microbus hit a CNG-run autorickshaw in the Kutirchar area of Kamarkhand upazila in Sirajganj yesterday.

Five of the victims hailed from the same village and were related to each other. They were returning home on the CNG-run autorickshaw from Sirajganj town, said police and locals.

The deceased are autorickshaw's driver Rashidul Islam, along with its passengers, Md Nuruzzaman, 22, Tarek Rahman, 55, Jahangir Alom, 56, Abdul Mazid, 50, and his brother Rejaul Karim of Tarash upazila.

Md Abdur Rob, sub-inspector of Kamarkhand Police Station, said the accident occurred in the Kutirchar area when a microbus from the opposite direction hit the autorickshaw around 12:00pm.

Three of them, including Rashidul, died on the spot.



Three others were admitted to Sirajganj Medical College Hospital, where they died within a few hours.

The driver of the microbus fled after the incident, said SI Rob, also the case's investigation officer.

Vehicle movement remained halted for some time on the Sirajganj-Nalka road following the accident.

Family members of the victims received their bodies.



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# Yagi weakens after killing dozens

AFP, Ha Long

Typhoon Yagi weakened to a tropical depression yesterday, after killing over a dozen people, tearing roofs off buildings, sinking boats and triggering landslides across Vietnam.

The typhoon had left a trail of destruction and two dozen people dead across southern China and the Philippines before it ravaged Vietnam.

A family of four was killed yesterday after heavy rain caused a hillside to give way and collapse onto a house in the mountainous Hoa Binh province of northern Vietnam, according to state media.

Since Friday, 10 others have been killed in storm-related incidents, some crushed by falling trees or drifting boats, the defence ministry's disaster management agency.

Yesterday afternoon, six more people, including a newborn baby and a one-year-old boy, were killed in a landslide in the Hoang Lien Son Mountains of northwestern Vietnam.

The slide was triggered by heavy rains and high winds after Yagi made landfall on Saturday, but authorities are yet to attribute the deaths to the storm.

The typhoon also damaged nearly 3,300 houses, and more than 120,000 hectares of crops in the north of the country, the authority said.



This aerial picture shows damaged buildings and debris on a street after Super Typhoon Yagi hit Ha Long, in Quang Ninh province of Vietnam yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

# India records first 'mpox case'

AFP, New Delhi

India yesterday reported that it had put a "suspected mpox case" into isolation, assuring that the world's most populous nation had "robust measures" in place, the health ministry said in a statement.

There have been no confirmed cases of mpox in India, a country of 1.4 billion people.

"A young male patient, who recently travelled from a country currently experiencing mpox transmission, has been identified as a suspect case of mpox," the health ministry said in a statement.

"The patient has been isolated in a designated hospital and is currently stable," it said, adding the samples "are being tested to confirm the presence of mpox".

It gave no further details of where he may have contracted it.

"There is no cause of any undue concern," it added. "The country is fully prepared to deal with such (an) isolated travel related case and has robust measures in place to manage and mitigate any potential risk."

Formerly called monkeypox, the virus was discovered in 1958 in Denmark, in monkeys kept for research. It was first detected in humans in 1970. It is caused by a virus transmitted to humans by infected animals, but can also be passed from human to human through close physical contact.

Usually mild, it is fatal in rare cases. It causes flu-like symptoms and pus-filled lesions on the body.

Mpox's resurgence and the detection in the Democratic Republic of Congo of a new strain, dubbed Clade 1b, prompted the World Health Organization to declare its highest international alert level on August 14.

# Building collapse kills 8 in Lucknow

Dozens injured

AFP, New Delhi

Indian rescuers yesterday pulled out eight bodies from the wreckage of a three-storey building in the city of Lucknow, reports said, with the state minister calling the deaths "heart-breaking".

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency broadcast images of piles of concrete, and state rescue teams with heavy digging machines searching for bodies.

The commercial building, which had been used by multiple small companies -- including as a warehouse and as a vehicle workshop -- collapsed on Saturday afternoon.

PTI quoted officials as saying eight bodies had been pulled out, and 28 people were injured.

It was not clear if there were others still trapped.

The cause of the collapse is not known, but building and construction accidents are common during India's June-September monsoon season, with old and rickety structures buckling under days of non-stop rain.

Akash Singh, who worked in the building, said a pillar had developed a crack.

He had moved to the ground floor fearful it would worsen, with lashing monsoon rains battering the city.

# The holy city in India where thousands go to die

AFP, Varanasi

Some stay only days, others wait decades, but the crowds of elderly Indian Hindu devotees are calm and confident that their one-way pilgrimage to death will deliver everlasting peace.

Smouldering funeral pyres line the Ganges river in India's holy city of Varanasi, where thousands of Hindu faithful come each year to spend their final days.

Dying beside the banks of the Ganges guarantees they will be cremated there and their ashes scattered in the water along the river's steps or "ghats", which Hindus believe ensures liberation from the cycle of rebirth.

Badri Prasad Agarwal, 92, travelled for days over 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) from the far western state of Rajasthan, happy to wait in peace knowing he was in the right place to die.

"This is god's own land," the 92-year-old said, resting at the near-end of a long and hard life.

He says his god has told him he has five more months to live. He is content to spend them in a hospice that serves those coming to spend their final days in quiet contemplation of their past and the future they believe will come.

He has found space to live in a charity guesthouse called the Mumukshu Bhawan hospice -- "House of those Seeking Salvation" -- one of scores of "salvation homes" in the city.

The centre has 40 rooms serving some of the thousands of people who come to Varanasi to die.

Agarwal is pleased to be there, as it is one of the closest to the river, just a minute's walk away.

There the cremation fires blaze nonstop, as they have done since time immemorial.

For Hindus, the northern city of

Others use their life savings to pay their way, or bring along relatives to care for them.

There are medical facilities for the sick but in this holy city, death is not something to mourn.

Instead, it is considered a blessing, for the understanding of the elders is that their souls will attain freedom from the cycle of life and death.



Varanasi, also known as Benares, is one of the holiest places in the world.

It is the city of Lord Shiva, the god of destruction, who Hindus say must destroy before he can recreate. People in search of "moksha", or liberation, have travelled there for centuries.

At the salvation hospice, some come alone and are dependent on charity. Some are married couples.

Gulab Bai came with her husband over 30 years ago. He died after seven years, and while her now grown children come to visit, she is ready to go.

The 91-year-old, dressed in a saffron sari, the sacred colour of Hinduism, waits for her turn in serenity.

"Dying and being cremated here breaks the endless cycle of life and death," she said. "Then I will attain salvation."

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০২	সদস্য	জু.বিজ্ঞান/ভূ-তত্ত্ব ও খনিজ বিদ্যা/আইন/অর্থনীতি/হিসাববিজ্ঞান/ব্যবসায় প্রশাসন/ব্যবস্থাপনা/কমিউনিকেশন/ইংরেজি/সমস্যা/পদার্থবিদ্যা/ফিলিস্তি পদার্থবিদ্যা বিষয়ে কোন স্নাতক বিদ্যালয় হতে কমপক্ষে স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রী	০২		

৩। **নিয়োগ, কার্যকাল, বেতন, ভাতা, সুযোগ-সুবিধা ও অন্যান্য শর্ত:**  
ক. মহামান্য রাষ্ট্রপতি কর্তৃক নিযুক্ত হয়ে উক্ত সদস্যপদ কমিশনের সার্বজনিক কর্মকর্তা হবেন;  
খ. প্রতিমাসে মূল বেতন বাবদ ৯৫,০০০/- টাকা, বাড়ি ভাড়া বাবদ ৫০,৬০০/- টাকা, নিজেস্ব ও পরিবারবর্গের জন্য দেশের অভ্যন্তরে চিকিৎসা ব্যয় প্রাপ্য হবেন;  
গ. নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরী কমিশন আইন, ২০০৩ (সংশোধনসহ) এবং এতদধীনে উল্লিখিত প্রণীতব্য প্রবিধানমালা দ্বারা নিয়ন্ত্রিত হবে;  
ঘ. নিযুক্তির পর সদস্য হিসাবে কার্যকাল, কার্যভার গ্রহণের তারিখ হতে ৩(তিন) বৎসর হবে;  
ঙ. চাকরিতে নিয়োজিত ব্যক্তিকে জীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে দরখাস্ত দাখিল করতে হবে।

৪। **নিয়োগের অযোগ্যতা:**  
(১) কোন ব্যক্তি সদস্য হিসাবে নিযুক্ত হবার বা থাকবার যোগ্য হবেন না, যদি তিনি-  
ক) বাংলাদেশের নাগরিক না হন;  
খ) কোন ব্যাংক বা আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক ঋণখোলা হিসাবে ঘোষিত হন;  
গ) আদালত কর্তৃক দেউলিয়া ঘোষিত হন;  
ঘ) নৈতিক অলম্ভনিত কোন অপরাধের দায়ে দোষী সাব্যস্ত হয়ে আদালত কর্তৃক অনানু দুই বৎসর বা তদুর্ধ্ব মেয়াদের কারাদণ্ডে দণ্ডিত হয়েছেন এবং উক্ত দণ্ড হতে সুজিলালের পর পৌঁ বৎসর সময় অভিক্রান্ত হননি; এবং  
ঙ) সরকারি চাকরিতে নিয়োজিত থাকেন।  
(২) কমিশনের আওতাভুক্ত কোন কিছুতে ব্যবসায়িক স্বার্থ রয়েছে এমন কোন ব্যক্তি সদস্য পদে নিয়োগ লাভের যোগ্য হবেন না।  
(৩) সদস্য হিসেবে নিয়োগ প্রাপ্তির পর তিনি নিজ নামে বা অন্য কোন ব্যক্তির মাধ্যমে এনার্জি খাতে ব্যবসায়িক স্বার্থে জড়িত হতে/থাকতে পারবেন না।

৫। ক্রটিপূর্ণ/অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিক্রমকেই বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।  
৬। নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

৭। সচিব, জ্বালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদ বিভাগ, বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা বরাবর আবেদনপত্র ২(দুই) সেট সংলগ্নসহ আগামী ২৩ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০২৪ তারিখ সোমবার বিকাল ৫.০০ টার মধ্যে সরাসরি/রেজিস্টার্ড ডাকযোগে দাখিল/প্রেরণ করতে হবে। চাকরিরত প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের সাহায্যে নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের মধ্যে আবেদনপত্র জমা দিতে হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখের পর প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। এ বিজ্ঞপ্তি [www.emrd.gov.bd](http://www.emrd.gov.bd), [www.powerdivision.gov.bd](http://www.powerdivision.gov.bd) এবং [www.berc.org.bd](http://www.berc.org.bd) ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে।

(মোঃ হুমায়ুন কবীর)  
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**Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)**  
TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215  
www.tcb.gov.bd.  
Commercial Section  
Invitation For Tender (National) for Purchase of  
(a) 55,00,000 Litre Refined Soyabean Oil, (b) 55,00,000 Litre Refined Rice Bran Oil (c) 5,000 M. Ton Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Additional Director (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	a) Refined Soyabean Oil b) Refined Rice Bran Oil c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	a) 26.05.0000.016.08.427.24.2683, b) 26.05.0000.016.08.427.24.2684, c) 26.05.0000.016.08.427.24.2685,
8	Date	08-09-2024

**KEY INFORMATION**  
9. Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method (OTM) (National)

**FUNDING INFORMATION**  
10. Budget and Source of Funds: TCB's Own Fund.

**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**  
11. Tender Package No.: a) TCB/Imp-83/Soyabean Oil/2024-25, b) TCB/Imp-83/Rice Bran Oil/2024-25, c) TCB/Imp-83/Red Lentil/2024-25  
12. Tender Package Name: a) Refined Soyabean Oil, b) Refined Rice Bran Oil c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil  
13. Tender Invitation/ Publication Date: 09-09-2024

Date	Time
22-09-2024	17:00 P.M
23-09-2024	12:00 P.M
23-09-2024	12:15 P.M

17. Name & Address of the office(s):  
- Selling Tender Document of each item can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column. (1) Sonali Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka. (2) Trust Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.  
- Receiving Tender Document: In front of TCB's reception (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.  
- Opening Tender Document: Board Room, TCB.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**  
18. Brief Eligibility of Tenderer: Bonafide Suppliers. Details conditions have been mentioned in the Tender documents.  
19. Goods Description: a) 55,00,000 (Fifty Five Lac) Litre Refined Soyabean Oil Packed in 02 (Two) Litre Food Grade PET Bottle. b) 55,00,000 (Fifty Five Lac) Litre Refined Rice Bran Oil Packed in 02 (Two) Litre Food Grade PET Bottle. c) 5,000 (Five Thousand) M.Tons Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil packed in 50 kg bag.  
20. Price of Tender Document: Price of (a) Refined Soyabean Oil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand), (b) Refined Rice Bran Oil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand) & (c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil tender document is Taka 5,000 (Five Thousand).

Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (BDT)	Supply Schedule
21	a) Refined Soyabean Oil b) Refined Rice Bran Oil c) Whole Husked (Without Husk) Red Lentil.	Offers are to be made on TCB's Godowns of Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Barishal, Moulvibazar, Mymensingh, Cumilla, Madaripur, Jhenaidah, Bogura, Dinajpur, Gazipur District's godown/Upalza's godown.	Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to: a) BDT 1,78,00,000 (BDT One Crore Seventy Eight Lac) Only. b) BDT 1,97,00,000 (BDT One Crore Ninety Seven Lac) Only. c) BDT 1,04,00,000 (BDT One Crore Four Lac) Only.	Entire quantity of Goods is to be supplied within (a) 10-01-2025 (b) 10-01-2025 (c) 26-12-2024

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**  
22. Name of Official Inviting Tender: Khandaker Nurul Hoq  
23. Designation of Official Inviting Tender: Additional Director (Commercial), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.  
24. Address of Official Inviting Tender: Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.  
25. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender: Telephone No. 55014272 Fax No. 88-02-55014269 E-mail: tcb@tcb.gov.bd, tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd  
26. Special Instruction: a) All terms and conditions related to the tender and product details are mentioned in the tender document. b) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in whole/in part without assigning any reason.

(Khandaker Nurul Hoq)  
Joint Secretary  
Additional Director (Commercial)  
Trading Corporation of Bangladesh

Russia's RT will continue to work in West: editor

REUTERS, Moscow

Russian state media outlet RT, which the United States has accused of trying to influence its presidential election, will continue to work in the West by going around any limits or sanctions, its editor-in-chief said yesterday.

The United States on Wednesday filed money-laundering charges against two employees of RT for what officials said was a scheme to hire an American company to produce online content to influence the 2024 election.

The United States also announced actions targeting RT, including Editor-in-Chief Margarita Simonyan, calling her "a central figure in Russian government malign influence efforts".

Simonyan said on RT that the West had been cracking down on the network since 2014, when Russia annexed Crimea.



Firefighting personnel monitor the blaze as Highway 330 is engulfed by the Line Fire near Running Springs, California, on Saturday. California Governor Gavin Newsom and San Bernardino County authorities declared a state of emergency yesterday. The Line Fire has burned more than 7,000 acres (2,800 hectares).

PHOTO: AFP

Iran president to visit Iraq on first foreign trip

AFP, Tehran

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian will visit neighbouring Iraq on Wednesday, state media reported Sunday, in what will be his first trip abroad since he took office in July.

Pezeshkian will head a high-ranking Iranian delegation to Baghdad to meet senior Iraqi officials.

The visit comes at the invitation of Iraq's premier, Mohammed Shia al-Sudani, the official IRNA news agency quoted Iran's ambassador to Baghdad Mohammad Kazem Al-Sadegh as saying.

The two countries will sign memoranda of understanding on cooperation and security, Sadegh said, without elaborating.

He said the agreements were to have been signed during a planned visit to Iraq by Iran's late president, Ebrahim Raisi.

But Raisi was killed in May along with the then foreign minister, Hossein Amir-Abdollahian, when their helicopter crashed on a fog shrouded mountainside in northern Iran.

Since taking office, Pezeshkian has vowed to "prioritise" strengthening ties with the Islamic republic's neighbours.

Violence rages in Gaza, West Bank

'Gunman from Jordan' kills 3 Israelis at West Bank crossing

AFP, Palestinian Territories

A truck driver shot dead three Israeli guards at a border crossing between the occupied West Bank and Jordan yesterday before being "eliminated", Israel's military said, as it pounded Gaza with new strikes.

The rare attack at the Allenby Bridge crossing comes amid soaring violence in the West Bank with major Israeli raids and attacks by Palestinians, and against the backdrop of the Israel-Hamas Gaza war, now in its 12th month.

The military said "a terrorist" reached the crossing area, also known as the King Hussein Bridge, in a truck "from Jordan".

The driver "exited the truck and opened fire at Israeli security forces operating at the bridge", a military statement said.

"Three Israeli civilians were pronounced dead as a result of the attack," it said, clarifying to AFP that they were "security guards" and not in the army or police.

The attacker was shot dead, the military added, without providing his identity.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced the assailant as a "despicable terrorist" inspired by "a murderous ideology" which he said was fuelled by Iran.

Hamas praised the attack but did not claim responsibility for it, adding it "affirms the Arab peoples' rejection of the (Israeli) occupation, its crimes, and its ambitions in Palestine and Jordan".

Jordan's interior ministry said authorities were

"investigating the incident".

The crossing, in the Jordan Valley, is the only international gateway for Palestinians from the West Bank that does not require entering Israel, which has occupied the territory since 1967.

Violence in the West Bank has surged alongside the war in Gaza.

Israel's military on August 28 launched simultaneous raids across several cities and refugee camps in the northern West Bank, killing at least 36 Palestinians, according to the Ramallah-based Palestinian health ministry.

Since October 7 last year, Israel's offensive in Gaza has so far killed at least 40,972 people, according to the health ministry in the Hamas-run territory.

The UN human rights office says most of the dead are women and children.

Yesterday, Israel pounded Gaza with air strikes and shelling as prospects remained dim for a ceasefire.

Gaza's civil defence agency said nearly a dozen people were killed in Israeli air strikes yesterday, including five in Jabalia refugee camp.

The Israeli military said it had struck around "25 Hamas targets" across Gaza over the past day.

There has been no respite for the 2.4 million Palestinians living in Gaza, almost all of whom have been displaced at least once.

"Moving from one area to another is distressing because there is no safe place in Gaza," said Raaed Hamad, 51, a cancer patient from the southern city of Khan Yunis.



French largely satisfied with Macron's PM choice: poll

AFP, Paris

The French are largely satisfied with the appointment of the centre-right Michel Barnier as prime minister, but believe he will not last long in his new post, a poll said yesterday.

According to the Ifop poll for the Journal du Dimanche, 52 percent of people polled said they were satisfied with the appointment of 73-year-old Barnier, a former foreign minister who acted as the European Union's Brexit negotiator, as head of government.

By comparison, 53 percent of respondents approved the nomination of Barnier's predecessor, Gabriel Attal, when he was appointed PM in early January.

The poll was released after more than 100,000 left-wing demonstrators rallied across France on Saturday to protest against the nomination of Barnier as prime minister.

According to the Ifop poll, a majority of respondents see Barnier, the oldest prime minister in the history of modern France, as competent (62 percent), open to dialogue (61 percent) and likeable (60 percent).

POLITICAL IMPASSE IN FRANCE

Le Pen urges Macron to hold referendum

AFP, Paris

French far-right leader Marine Le Pen yesterday urged President Emmanuel Macron to hold a referendum on key issues such as immigration, suggesting that giving the French a direct vote might help break the political deadlock.

Last week Macron appointed the centre-right Michel Barnier, a 73-year-old former foreign minister who acted as the European Union's Brexit negotiator, as prime minister, seeking to move forward after June-July snap elections that resulted in a hung parliament.

But analysts say the country is set for a period of instability, with Barnier's hold on power seen as fragile and dependent on support from Le Pen's eurosceptic, anti-immigration National Rally (RN) party, which is the largest party in the new National Assembly.

A left-wing coalition, which emerged as France's largest political bloc after the elections, although short of an overall majority, is also piling pressure on Barnier.

More than 100,000 left-wing demonstrators rallied across France on Saturday to protest against his nomination and denounce Macron's "power grab". Yesterday, she urged Macron to conduct a referendum on key issues such as immigration, health care and security to give the people a direct vote.

'Time is now' for peace

Says Germany's Scholz over Ukraine war

AFP, Frankfurt

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz yesterday called for diplomatic efforts to be intensified to achieve peace in Ukraine "more quickly", as the war grinds through its third year.

The call comes as Scholz is under growing pressure at home amid signs of public fatigue with the conflict that started with Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

"I believe that now is the time to discuss how we can get out of this war situation and achieve peace more quickly," Scholz told public broadcaster ZDF, in an annual summer interview.

The far-right AfD and far-left BSW parties -- who both want to end weapons deliveries to Ukraine -- made huge gains in two regional elections in Germany last week, while Scholz's coalition parties received a bruising.

Germany is the second largest contributor of aid to Ukraine after the United States, and Scholz's government has repeatedly pledged to keep up the support for "as long as it takes".

Scholz said Russia should attend the next international peace summit on ending the war, after Moscow was excluded from the first one. "It's important that we make progress," Scholz said.

On the ground, Russia yesterday said its forces had advanced in eastern Ukraine as Kyiv reported deadly air attacks and urged the West to allow it to carry out more retaliatory strikes inside Russia's borders.

Two people were killed yesterday in a Russian air strike on the Ukrainian city of Sumy, the capital of the region from where Ukraine poured troops and tanks across the border into Russia in its shock counter-attack.



সামরিক চিকিৎসা সার্ভিস মহাপরিদপ্তর প্রতিরক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস. জরুরি দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি. ১। সশস্ত্র বাহিনীর জন্য দেশীয় মুদ্রায় ছকে উল্লিখিত ঐক্যসমূহ অকার্যে প্রতিরক্ষা ক্রয় মহাপরিদপ্তরের অধিকারভুক্ত ব্যবসায়ী/প্রকৃতকারী/আমদানীকারক/ইজেক্ট প্রকৃতির নিকট হতে সীল মোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে।

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh HQ.MT.Pool CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229 www.caab.gov.bd. Memo No : 30.31.0000.201.08.051.24/65. e-GP Tender Notice ( OTM). e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd). Package information is available in tender notice under e-GP system portal.

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## RMG unrest will hurt the industry

Govt must prevent further disruptions, minimise damage

We are concerned about the outcome of recent disruptions in the ready-made garments (RMG) industry. This vital sector—which last year fetched an all-time high of about \$47 billion from exports—could be in for a rude shock this year after being rocked by frequent protests, factory closures, and vandalism over the past month or so. This is already having an impact, with many international buyers who regularly visit Bangladesh to finalise work orders cancelling their trips, affecting their planning for upcoming seasons. Citing a representative of a major European buyer, a report by this daily even said that many requests for value-added garments have already been cancelled or postponed.

In an environment of uncertainty and insecurity, it is natural that buyers would have a Plan B for sourcing apparel from alternative destinations where they can safely place orders. As well as supply-chain disruptions, buyers also have to think about reputational risks arising from placing orders in restive countries. There is already a concern among many buyers that about 5 to 10 percent of their work orders placed in Bangladesh could be affected by the latest unrest and other hurdles. What this means for local producers is that they are having to deal with concerns not just about future orders but also the profitability of existing ones, as they may have to provide discounts and expensive air shipments because of supply delays.

Ironically, the problems in Bangladesh have raised hopes for rival apparel suppliers, including India, who are apparently expecting a boost in their work orders. Even though India's apparel exports remain significantly lower than Bangladesh's, the country's offer of various incentives and policy supports to its garment hubs and manufacturers contrasts the frequent challenges facing our manufacturers. This shows how our position as the world's second-largest garment exporter could be upended if we don't ensure stability and competitiveness fast enough. True, Bangladesh can still turn around. Its competitive pricing, improved safety and environmental compliance, and increased capacity for diversified products are still a potent mix. But to prevent the recent incidents of work orders being shifted elsewhere from becoming a trend, we must expedite our efforts.

A lot has been said about the recent protests by workers. At a recent press conference, the Industrial Bangladesh Council, which represents 18 trader unions, blamed local youth gangs, garment waste traders, and unemployed individuals for instigating the demonstrations in Savar, Ashulia, and Gazipur. Going forward, we must approach these disruptions in a manner that both addresses the genuine grievances of workers—including delayed wage payments and unlawful dismissals—and persistent security issues. The interim government has reportedly set a 12.65 percent export growth target for this fiscal year, but without fixing the problems in our biggest export sector, such targets cannot be reached successfully.

## Workers' safety must be prioritised

Explosion at Sitakunda shipbreaking yard calls for actions

Yet again, the workers of a shipbreaking yard have suffered serious injuries in Chattogram's Sitakunda upazila. On Saturday, an explosion took place in SN Corporation's shipbreaking yard leaving 12 workers with severe to moderate burn injuries. Of them, 10 are said to be in critical condition. The incident happened when the victims went to inspect the fuel tank in a scrapped ship's engine room, as per a report by this daily.

Over the last two decades, such incidents have become quite common, taking the lives of 257 workers in total. This shows how precarious this profession has been. Of the 30 to 35 shipbreaking yards currently operating in Sitakunda, only four have green compliance certificates, which are issued based on the criteria of environmental friendliness, workers' safety, and the working environment of yards. While it is not clear yet what caused the latest explosion, the question remains whether responsible government bodies properly carry out inspections at the shipbreaking yards.

As various reports reveal, these yards are notorious for their hazardous work conditions. Workers often lack proper safety gear, handle toxic material unsafely, inhale dangerous fumes on scrapped ships, and work long hours without necessary intermittent breaks. Although the Bangladesh Ship Recycling Act 2018 and the Ship Breaking and Recycling Rules 2011 set out the rights of workers and the required work conditions and training that their employers and yard owners must provide, enforcement of these legal instruments remains a big concern, as evidenced by the frequency of workplace injuries and fatalities.

It has been six years since the Bangladesh Ship Recycling Board was formed per the 2018 Act to ensure overall supervision and evaluation of ship recycling operations, among other things. But to date, this board remains inactive. The imperatives of insurance benefits for workers and punishment for law violators following regulation inspections are also facing the same stagnation. We are told that a three-member committee has been formed to probe Saturday's incident, but we urge the government to take comprehensive measures to prevent such incidents from occurring again. For that, a speedy implementation of the 2018 law to ensure shipbreaking workers' safety and wellbeing is vital.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY



### Mao Zedong dies

Marxist revolutionary Mao Zedong emerged as the undisputed Chinese Communist Party leader following the Long March (1934-35) and dominated China in the period after the communist takeover in 1949. He died on this day in 1976.



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# What reforms does the media need in Bangladesh?



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The insurrection that toppled the autocratic regime of Sheikh Hasina has cost at least 800 deaths, including 92 children. It has also taken the lives of five journalists, according to Voice of America. The extreme brutality employed by the security forces and the supporters of Awami League also maimed thousands of others, and again those injured include journalists, though their exact numbers are yet to be determined.

Though the victims belonging to the media were largely being targeted by police and AL activists, regrettably there were quite a few who were subjected to the protesters' backlash. Several TV channels and newspaper offices have been attacked, disrupting their broadcasts and publications. In Khulna, the press club was set on fire. In Chattogram and several other places, there have been attempts to attack and set fire to press clubs.

It is, therefore, crucial to introspect why democracy-supporting protesters attacked one of the most important institutions of democracy: the media. There is indeed a risk in professional and objective journalism, but that risk comes from the attempt to hold the powerful accountable. Objective and honest journalism should never be a cause of public outrage.

There is no debate that due to the ousted government's repression and intimidation, revealing the truth had become increasingly difficult. The fear was so pervasive that editors openly admitted a few years ago that they couldn't write what they wanted to. But, unfortunately, this is not the full picture.

A significant part of the media became accomplices to the autocracy, encouraging the suppression of dissent and spreading falsehoods and defamation against political opponents to incite harassment. In some cases, the partisan behaviour dipped to such a low that later revelation showed two journalists in Narayanganj using illegal arms on protesters while accompanying local AL activists.

Conversely, they either ignored or failed to adequately report on serious incidents of political repression, human rights violations, corruption among the ruling clique, and illegal steps to consolidate power. The stories of torture in Aynagar of those who were victims of enforced disappearances, or the massive corruption cases that are now making headlines, were not covered by most of the media.

The reasons for this are quite complex. They include factors like the arbitrary granting of TV, radio and newspaper licences to party supporters, using the media by existing owners for their business interests or

to gain advantages, political ambitions of owners and some journalists, compromises made for financial and material benefits, and political loyalty.

The AL government adopted a strategy of issuing licences without considering financial capacity, professional skills or capability. The fallen regime's aim was presenting the abundance of media as evidence of media freedom in the country. This has created a chaotic situation in the media landscape.

There is no hope of escaping this situation as long as the current model of media ownership and management continues. Even if some temporary changes are brought about by some self-initiated enthusiasm, it will not last, and things will return to the way they were. Therefore, a fundamental change in the character of the media is necessary, and urgent reform measures are needed to achieve this.

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Monopolistic practices must be eliminated. Control of multiple media outlets (newspaper, television and radio) by the same individual or organisation, as well as multiple institutions within the same medium (multiple channels), hinders free competition. This obstacle must be removed to create a competitive environment in the media landscape. Competition enriches democracy, while monopolistic centralisation creates adverse conditions for democratic debate and environment.

State-run institutions—Bangladesh Television (BTV), Bangladesh Betar, and Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS)—must be kept free from government control or influence, and similarly, corporate or privately-owned TV, radio and newspapers must be kept free from the influence of their owners'

personal and business interests. One major obstacle in this regard is the owners' active participation in the management of these institutions. By giving professional journalists editorial control and professional executives the responsibility of business management, unethical interference and influence from owners can be stopped. Owners must maintain an "arms-length distance" from the operation of media institutions.

Objectivity and truthfulness must be at the core of editorial policy.

In TV, radio or newspapers owned by individuals, political activities or the promotion of associated business products and services must ensure transparency and balance. Unilateral promotion should not be allowed, and there should be a transparency declaration regarding ownership. In the past few elections, we saw that due to ownership, an institution turned into a blatant propaganda tool or exclusive promoter of a candidate, effectively becoming a political leaflet. For example, media owned by bitumen or cement manufacturers don't disclose their conflict of interests when reporting or giving opinions related to their industry, misleading readers who perceive their statements as independent and neutral. Just as it is unimaginable that *The Washington*

influence in their oversight. Editorial institutions also need to develop and align the code of conduct for media professionals with the evolving challenges in the industry.

The mushroom growth witnessed in the country's media industry over the last 15 years meant severe skill shortages resulting in a significant degradation of the quality and standard of journalism and other contents. It is, therefore, crucial to strengthen capacity-building programmes in cooperation with universities and other training institutes.

### Possible obstacles to the reform and how to overcome them

Amendments to the existing laws will be required, particularly in the management laws of state institutions and the licensing policies and regulations of private TV and radio.

Owners with multiple media outlets should be encouraged to reorganise their businesses. The government will not shut down any media, but alternatives must be sought to end the concentration of multiple TV channels or multiple media outlets under one business group. It is particularly problematic as none of these owners have kept their business limited only within the media, but have media outlets as subsidiaries of their other interests. The control of multiple TV channels or dual media like TV channels and newspapers under the same company disrupts the balance in the media market, undermining competition. In some cases, these institutions don't make a profit but operate with subsidies from other businesses of the owners, leading to unethical business practices. Those institutions that are not profitable should be given the opportunity to merge or be sold to other interested parties to make them profitable and sustainable.

Institutions that fail to meet the national media policy should be given a set time frame to achieve compliance; creative solutions can be found by providing that opportunity. No media licence renewal should be done solely for personal or corporate interests. All existing institutions should be required to commit to and demonstrate adherence to these policies, with provisions to phase out unprofessional institutions.

The need for media will not diminish anytime soon as it is an essential prerequisite for democracy. In a number of matured democracies, calls for treating media as a public good, like education or health service, are being made as debates on providing public funds to save smaller newspapers kick in. Those who want to consider social media as a substitute for news media have seen and are seeing its failure to curb rumours, fake news and misinformation. The attempts to incite communal tension have certainly not gone unnoticed by anyone.

Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus mentioned media as one of the areas for reform before the elections. Now, we await practical steps. The media will have to embark on a long struggle to regain the trust of the people, who have shown disappointment and anger towards some of the country's outlets.

## India is failing to understand Bangladesh's new reality



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The statement by Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh calling upon the Indian military leadership to analyse the conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza and Bangladesh has caused confusion and concern in Dhaka. It is crucial for India to clarify the meaning behind this statement, given its official status. The comparison with Ukraine—which is facing invasion and war with Russia—and Gaza—which has been destroyed by Israel's brutal military campaign that has killed over 40,000 people since October 7,

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2023—are quite intriguing, extreme, and certainly not appropriate.

For the past month, there has been a pressing need for India to recognise that a people's revolution, now being referred to as the "Monsoon Revolution," has taken place in Bangladesh. And the two countries now need to recalibrate their relationship, rebuilding it based on mutual respect, which has not yet been achieved—nor has there been any clear indication that it will be.

As Bangladesh works to rebuild after the Monsoon Revolution, we need our neighbours and friends to stand with us. Statements like that of the Indian defence minister will vitiate the tense atmosphere and are not conducive to fostering a constructive relationship between Bangladesh and India. The Bangladesh foreign ministry should seek an urgent clarification as to what this statement means.

It is equally important for



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Bangladesh and send a special envoy to send a clear and unequivocal signal that it is ready to work with our new interim government, especially after the defence minister's statement, which risks fuelling tensions between these two South Asian nations. India also needs to work with all the stakeholders in Bangladesh and build a relationship between the two



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the US was behind the uprising in Bangladesh, the defence minister also wanted to alert China at the same time. He tried to tell them that although changes have occurred in Bangladesh, India is prepared if anything happens. It has particularly alerted the US because India is involved with that country in many areas, including on the Indo-Pacific issue. But at the same time, India has increasingly shown that its foreign policy has to be The India Way (as per the title of the book of S Jaishankar). There's a bit of consensus on that in India. While it has maintained a relationship with Russia despite the sanctions, it also has a relationship with China, particularly when it comes to BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, and Myanmar. I think that was addressed in some way through this particular statement by the Indian defence minister.

The third factor is not to take Bangladesh for granted, as was done during the Awami League rule. So, I think that message has been put forward to the Indian hierarchies and the stakeholders. It is pretty straightforward because our chief adviser has pointed out a couple of things regarding Teesta water-sharing, border killing, reviving SAARC, and several other issues. Earlier, he also made a particular statement about the northeast. So, I think what the Indian defence minister wanted to say is that it is not going to be what it used to be in the last decade or so, when the Awami League was not a headache for them. Also, it wants to deal with

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republics, rather than with just one political party or leader.

Moreover, New Delhi needs to understand that this revolution was driven by the Bangladeshi youth—the Gen Z. And so, understanding the perspectives, dreams, and aspirations of the next generation of Bangladeshis is critical for fostering sustainable, long term relations. Their views about the Bangladesh-India relationship are very different from those of the previous generations, and Indian policymakers should also take this into account.

From Bangladesh's side, there is an urgent need to revamp its diplomatic presence in New Delhi. I believe the true message of the post-Monsoon Revolution order in Bangladesh is not being appropriately communicated. We need to think outside the box, as traditional approaches won't cut it anymore. Moving forward, we need to build a future-oriented, forward-thinking agenda.

I think three critical factors probably contributed to what Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said. First, he wanted to address the domestic constituency and assure the Indian people. It was pretty clear from what he mentioned in his speech, "We have to deal with the unexpected." From the word "unexpected," it became clear that he mainly meant the changes in Bangladesh, which have been seen as major setbacks for India by its media and as some Indian policymakers have indicated after August 5. I think India needed to assure the domestic constituency, "Look, it was unexpected, but we are looking into it." "We are monitoring the situation, we know what is happening," etc. I am sure much of India must have been thoroughly shocked, given that for the last decade or so, it had been saying that it had the best relationship with Bangladesh. Now, there is a missing point: India's relationship was not

with the people of Bangladesh; it was with a particular political party or group. And that has failed. I am sure they have now understood that it is far better to have a relationship with the people than with a particular group of people or political party.

The second point is that we are now in a multipolar world where India wants to acquire its position as one of the major powers. Its economy has already surpassed the UK and France in terms of volume. So, from that point of view, India also wanted to alert the US. Because the general narrative in India has been that

Bangladesh's new regime. While these three factors are important, the ball is now India's court. It's now up to them how they will deal with Bangladesh. But it's too early. In the next three to six months, how India will deal with Bangladesh will become clear. If there is a meeting between the Bangladesh chief adviser and the Indian prime minister at the United Nations in New York, that could give us an indication of what kind of changes will come. But no doubt New Delhi is quite sure that this is a different regime from the Awami League one. So, they will have to deal with it accordingly.

## What politics for the new generation should look like



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On August 3, when Nahid Islam made his announcement from Central Shaheed Minar regarding the one-point demand for Sheikh Hasina to step down, he also said something important that might've gotten lost in the clamour. Nahid's call to build a new political settlement where no dictatorship can ever take root again is one that will eventually be vital for the future of Bangladesh.

In the aftermath of the Awami League government's ouster, it takes scant reflection to realise that the political settlement that has existed since the revival of democracy in 1991 has categorically failed. The BNP's repeated refusal to hand over power to neutral caretaker governments in 1996 and 2006 followed by the Awami League's death grip on the nation for 15-plus years stand testament to this failure.

The period since 1991 has seen repeated attempts by whoever is in power to silence, imprison, and neutralise whoever is in the opposition. While this lack of trust and goodwill among politicians has weakened the country's democracy, all of this was done with a disdain for public welfare. Governments at certain points did oversee the physical and human development of the country, but whenever it came down to a choice between public safety and the continuation of the incumbent's hold on power, the latter was chosen. From forming

partisan election commissions to conducting sham elections, and then lying to the public through their teeth—this treatment has been the norm for decades now, so much so that a vast part of society started to get used to it.

Unlawful apprehensions by government-backed law enforcers, criminal activities by student and youth wings of the ruling political parties, and corruption in the bureaucracy went unchecked. There has always been an air of inevitability in all of this, that this is how the powerful in Bangladesh are supposed to treat the powerless. Unless one wishes to turn from an innocent bystander to a victim, they had better stay quiet.

All of this points to a prevailing lack of respect for the ordinary people among the ruling class in Bangladesh. Whether or not this disrespect is a result of weak democracy, or if the weak democracy is a result of the disrespect, can be debated like the chicken-and-egg problem. But the differing levels of tolerance for this disrespect is a good place to start if we want to understand why the buck stopped with this new generation, whose legitimate demands—met with disdain and disproportionate force—became a catalyst for a mass uprising, the first of its kind since 1990.

Before delving into the politics

that might be acceptable for the new generation, let us try to understand who they are as people. Popular discourse enjoys exploring the vocabulary of Gen Z and marvelling at their courage and indomitable spirit, but looking at the root of these things may be a more productive venture. Solely focusing on how the Gen Z is

kindle that they were able to uproot the evil spirit of autocracy that had descended upon this country, that many others before them failed to even stand up to?

Having spent a considerable part of my career working at a youth magazine, working with people born right before or after the turn of the millennia, and being born



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different from the rest of society—and even exoticising them—is counterproductive in the sense that it creates an artificial barrier for the rest of us to realise and internalise the values that helped them achieve the impossible.

We must not forget that the new generation is only a younger version of us—they are our younger siblings and our children. Yes, their world has been shaped differently by access to the internet from early childhood, but what exactly is the effect the internet has had on them? What part of their humanity did it

in that same period myself, my observation of this generation is that their sense of individuality is strong. The internet allows everyone to be a person defined by their own interests and beliefs, as opposed to a person shaped—or limited—by their surroundings and physical reality. This is, of course, not universal and should only be thought of as a trend in opposing directions for people of different generations. However, this stronger sense of self leads directly to a stronger sense of self-respect, and with young people, that is what makes the buck stop.

of laws and guns, they do not have the appetite to stand and accept that. You push a person with self-respect too far, and they strike back. You push a generation like that too far, and empires fall.

So what does all of this tell us about the politics of tomorrow? Politicians need to stop thinking of those they wish to govern as their servants, and learn to think of them as their employers. Anyone with a job will know that employers require appeasement, and employees need to be wary of the mood of their employers and work to maintain

its balance. Most importantly, the employer's authority demands respect.

Politicians need to start understanding that the loud, unnecessary, intrusive politics that we know today needs to become the politics of the past. Holding up traffic for a party anniversary while regular people suffer is a form of disrespect. Covering every possible surface in public buildings and busy intersections with the unwelcome faces of politicians and the seven generations of underlings they sponsor is a form of disrespect. Going on TV and calling press conferences only to spew laughable lies disrespects the public's intellect. Getting elected through free and fair elections only to turn around and gut democracy so your power goes unchallenged is possibly the worst form of disrespect there is, and the politics for the new generation has no space for it.

What direction our politicians choose to go is up to them, but for the next few decades, whether or not politicians keep their jobs will be determined by the voting public, who will be largely made up of the Gen Z, the Gen Alpha, and those that come after them. It is the responsibility of this interim government, and active politicians, to work towards building a political settlement that espouses an attitude among politicians where they prioritise and respect their constituents. Fair electoral practices and financial accountability and ethical standards for politicians need to be codified with this premise in mind.

We have already seen how the new generation reacts to injustices. If our politicians of the future decide to test these people again, they will do so at their own peril.

# Hero Alom assaulted on Bogura court

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Hero Alom's lawyer, Md Mostafa Shakil, said, "Senior Judicial Magistrate Sadia Afroz Rima asked PBI to investigate the case. The court will decide on the case after the investigation."

Hero Alom told The Daily Star from the hospital. "When I left the court building after filing the case, a group of BNP followers attacked me. They compelled me to hold my ears and made me do squats. After that, they punched me in the face and head. They beat me in the chest and other parts of the body. The attackers alleged that I abused [BNP acting chairman] Tarique Rahman verbally in a speech.  
"I never abused Tarique Rahman.

If they have any evidence, I will go through any punishment. BNP does not have power yet. Before that, they started anarchy across the country. Have we ousted a dictator to bring another dictator to power?" he asked.

Contacted, Abdul Based, vice-president of Bogura District BNP and general secretary of Bogura District Lawyers' Association, told The Daily Star, "Hero Alom came to file a case against government officials and Awami League leaders and activists. BNP followers should be happy, why would BNP men beat him?"

"Hero Alom brought this allegation to tarnish the image of BNP,"

Later in the day, Bogura district BNP held a press conference and denied the party's involvement in the assault on Hero Alom.

Rezaul Karim Badsha, president of the Bogura district BNP, said, "BNP has nothing to do with those who beat Hero Alom. Those seen in the video are not BNP leaders or workers."

"If anyone commits a crime in the name of BNP, they will be identified and handed over to the police."

Sub Inspector Rahim Rana of the Bogura Sadar Police Station told The Daily Star, "We heard that Hero Alom was beaten up in court when he came to file a case, but no one has complained to us about it so far."

# Mob beats ex-BCL leader

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12:30am yesterday.  
Boalia Police Station Officer-in-Charge SM Masud Pervez confirmed the matter to The Daily Star.

He said, "Masud came under a mob attack in the city's Binodpur area on Saturday night when he went there to buy medicine. The mob alleged that Masud attacked protesting students on August 5, the day of Hasina's ouster."

"The mob first took him to Motihar Police Station to have him arrested. However, since no case was filed with the station regarding the violence during the student-led mass movement, Masud was brought to Boalia police."

"The seriously injured Masud was rescued with the help of the army and

taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. There, he died shortly after."

The OC said that if the victim's family filed a complaint, legal action would be taken over this incident.

A video of Masud speaking to journalists after he was taken to Boalia Police Station in an injured state has gone viral on social media.

While lying on the floor at the station, Masud was seen as saying that he went to Binodpur to buy medicine and that he became a father on September 3.

"I used to be in the Chhatra League... But I left politics a long time ago."

Masud was a former assistant secretary of RU unit Chhatra League and former member of BCL central committee.

In 2014, unidentified criminals

attacked Masud on the Rajshahi University campus. They chopped off the lower part of his right leg and slit his wrists. The then-BCL leaders blamed Islami Chhatra Shibir activists for the attack. Since the attack, he had to use a prosthetic leg.

Last year, Masud was appointed store officer at Rajshahi University Medical Centre by the university administration.

Abdullah's brother Ayatullah Behesty told reporters that he did not know who beat him. "We will take legal steps."

On the day of the incident, Masud posted the photo of his newborn on Facebook and wrote, "Alhamdulillah. All praise be to Allah Almighty. I became the father of a daughter on September 3. I pray to Almighty Allah for good health and a good life."

# Rohingyas sneaking in thru Naf river

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Myanmar military crackdown dubbed ethnic cleansing by the UN, are living in the sprawling camps of Cox's Bazar.

Citing many of the newly arrived refugees, Rohingya journalist Saiful Armani said that over 40,000 members of the ethnic minority group moved to the Min Gla Gy village of Rakhine's North Maungdaw township to escape "attacks by the Arakan Army, who do not let them get out of their houses."

The Arakan Army abducted Rohingya youths and raped their women, Armani alleged.

On the other hand, the Myanmar military is carrying out air strikes on many Rohingya villages, Armani said. Many Rohingyas were killed by drone attacks in August, he said.

Being targeted by both the military and the rebels, the Rohingyas who took

shelter at Min Gla Gy village are fleeing to Bangladesh in groups by paying brokers, Armani said.

Many of the freshly arrived Rohingyas narrated the ordeals they faced on their way to Bangladesh.

"We can't live in Myanmar as the Arakan Army is killing our people and setting fire to our houses. We fled to Bangladesh to save our lives," said Zura Khatun, a Rohingya woman from Jamtola of Maungdaw who arrived at a camp in Cox's Bazar on September 4.

Some of the women were sexually harassed by brokers on their way to Bangladesh, another Rohingya woman said on the condition of anonymity.

The brokers from Boroitoli of Teknaf snatched their ornaments, around Tk 5 lakh cash and important documents, she said.

The fresh arrivals are now staying with their relatives in the camps of

Teknaf and Ukhiya of Cox's Bazar, which are already under strain in the face of dwindling support from international donors.

Lt Colonel Mohiuddin Ahmed, commanding officer of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Battalion 2 in Teknaf, however, denied that Rohingyas are entering Bangladesh by crossing the Naf river, a natural border between the two countries.

"They may be using other ways," he said, adding that BGB is not allowing any trespassers and has already pushed back many Rohingyas from the river.

Meanwhile, the Subrang union and municipal areas of Teknaf were rocked by the sound of loud explosions yesterday morning.

The continuous sound of blasts and shelling was coming across the river, where the Arakan Army and Myanmar junta troops are locked in fierce combat.

# Man dies in jail custody

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"I rushed to the hospital around 3:00am and found my brother dead."

Contacted, Jibitesh Biswas, superintendent of Gopalganj 250-bed General Hospital, said Elahi was taken to the hospital three times in the last few days.

Elahi was first hospitalised around 11:25pm on September 3. He was given treatment and released a few moments later, said Jibitesh.

Around three hours later, he was taken to the hospital again. There were several injury marks on the lower part of his body, the doctor added.

Elahi fell ill again on Saturday night and was hospitalised. But doctors declared him dead, the jailer added.

Earlier on August 10, a group of Awami League activists blocked the Dhaka-Khulna highway in

12:15am on September 4.  
Abul Hossain, jailer of the Gopalganj district jail, said, "Elahi was ill when he was taken to the jail on September 4. He even could not walk properly on that day."

He had injury marks on the lower part of the body and the hands, he said.

"We learnt that he was taken to jail after being discharged from Gopalganj 250-bed General Hospital.

Then, we sent him again to the hospital on the same day [September 4]. Elahi received treatment there and was taken to the jail a day later," he said.

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Earlier on August 10, a group of Awami League activists blocked the Dhaka-Khulna highway in

protest of "forcing former prime minister Sheikh Hasina to leave the country".

Their protest caused long traffic jam. On information, army personnel rushed there and asked the protesters to leave the highway. But the protesters were locked in an altercation with army personnel. At one stage, the protesters attacked them, leaving nine army personnel injured.

An army vehicle was torched, and two firearms were looted.

On August 22, Lt Col Md Maksudul Alam of the 10th Bengal Regiment lodged a case with Gopalganj Sadar Police Station accusing 106 named and some 3,000-3,200 unidentified people in connection with the incident.

OC Anisur said 22 accused were arrested so far in the case and they were sent to jail through the court.

# Rampant use of firearms

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The gangs formed two rival alliances: the Bhuiyan Sohel and Syedpuriya Babu groups are one side while the Molla Arshad and Imtiaz groups are on the other.

Each group has 20-25 armed cadres and several drug peddlers. In clashes, the gangs used sharp weapons, and threw bricks, and crude bombs at each other. But they have been using firearms since the fall of the government.

In early August, mobs looted arms and ammunition from different police stations and facilities.

As per Police Headquarters data, 5,829 firearms were looted. Of those, 3,933 were recovered while the rest are missing. The arms include rifles, SMGs, pistols, shotguns, and teargas launchers.

Locals say some of the police arms are now at the hands of the gangs.

On September 6, a Rab team recovered three abandoned shotguns, 98 bullets, and a police belt from the Beribadh area.

A police officer, who watched the videos from the Geneva Camp, said pistols, revolvers, rifles, and shotguns are often kept in police stations, either as backup or as property of civilians. The shotguns seen in the footage are

not of the type that police use. But it could still be at a police station.

He said it was likely that the looted weaponry was now being used by the gangs.

"These firearms could have been owned by civilians who might have surrendered these to the police. However, a pistol seen in the video could have been owned by either the police or civilians," he said, requesting anonymity.

A source at Dhaka Medical College morgue said Sonu's body had 14 bullet wounds.

A police officer said that the bullets were from a 12-gauge shotgun.

Ruhul Kabir Khan, deputy commissioner of Tejgaon Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said police were looking into whether firearms were given to any groups before August 5 to suppress the student-led mass uprising.

Iftekhar Hasan, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, suspected that the firearms used in Geneva Camp might have been looted from various police stations, including Mohammadpur.

He added that police were conducting operations to arrest the suspects and recover the firearms. No arrests have been made yet.

# Some parties falling into neighbouring country's trap

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organisations got misled and made some remarks. They have stepped into the trap of a neighbouring country. So, they're spreading confusion," he said, without naming any party or the neighbouring country.

The BNP leader urged the people to stay vigilant to thwart the "old conspiracies still going on from inside and outside the country". The conspirators do not want the people of this country to get back their democratic rights, he said.

He said that though "dictator" Sheikh Hasina was overthrown by the mass uprising, "our desired goal - the political rights of the people - remains unachieved".

"BNP's movement will continue until the people's rights to vote and speak are established," he added.

Tarique said the BNP's movement will continue until a "people's government is established and the people's representatives get the opportunity to work for the development of their localities, the people and the country".

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01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change		
02	Agency	Bangladesh Forest Department		
03	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Establishment of Greenbelt, Eco-restoration and Eco-tourism Development in Cox's Bazar District.		
04	Invitation for	Supply of manpower through outsourcing		
05	Invitation Ref. No.	22.01.0000.701.14.080.24.2222		
06	Date	08th September 2024		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
07	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM): National Competitive Tender (NCT)		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
08	Budget and source of funds	GoB Budget, Government of Bangladesh.		
09	Development partners	Not applicable		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
10	Project/programme name	Establishment of Greenbelt, Eco-restoration and Eco-tourism Development in Cox's Bazar District.		
11	Tender Package No.	NCS 01-PD/Cox Greenbelt/2024-2025		
12	Tender package name	Supply of manpower through outsourcing		
13	Tender publication date	09th September 2024		
14	Tender last selling date	22 September 2024		
		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
15	Tender closing date and time	23th September 2024	12.30pm	
16	Tender opening date and time	23th September 2024	1.00pm	
	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
17	Selling, receiving & opening tender document	Office of the Conservator of Forest, Chattogram Circle, Banpaha, Nandan Kanon, Chattogram.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
18	Eligibility of tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenderers will be the firms having required experience of manpower supply through outsourcing.</li> <li>Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law.</li> <li>Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh.</li> <li>Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.</li> <li>Others eligibility are mention in tender document.</li> </ul>		
19	Brief description of services	Supply of manpower up to project period for the position of (i) Office Assistant cum Computer Typist (1 No.), (ii) Plantation Mali (10 Nos.) and (iii) Watcher (10 Nos.) from a Service Provider.		
20	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 1000 (one thousand) only (non-refundable)		
21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
22	1	Supply of manpower through outsourcing	Project Area	Tk 1,05,000.00
				30 June 2025 (non-renewable)
23	Name of official inviting tender	Mohammed Hossain		
24	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Project Director		
25	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Conservator of Forest, Chattogram Circle, Banpaha, Nandan Kanon, Chattogram.		
26	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 02333361591, E-mail: ecfctgbd@gmail.com		
27	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

  
**Mohammed Hossain**  
 Deputy Project Director  
 Establishment of Greenbelt, Eco-restoration and Eco-tourism Development in Cox's Bazar District

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**নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

তারিখঃ ০৭ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ ইং

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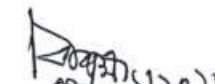
পাবনা বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের জন্য স্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে জনবল নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

ক্রমিক	বিভাগের নাম, পদের নাম, বেতনস্কেল ও গ্রেড	পদের সংখ্যা	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা
(১)	কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগ অধ্যাপক (৫৬৫০০-৭৪৪০০) (গ্রেড-৩)	০১টি	১. কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগের জন্য কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগ হতে ইন্সপেক্টর/কম্পিউটার এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগের জন্য ইন্সপেক্টর/কম্পিউটার এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগ হতে ০৪(চার) বছর মেয়াদি স্নাতক (সম্মান) এবং স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি থাকতে হবে। ২. (ক) স্নাতক ও স্নাতকোত্তর উভয় পরীক্ষায় সিজিপিএ ৪.০০-এর মধ্যে সিজিপিএ ন্যূনতম ৩.৫০ অথবা সনাতন পদ্ধতিতে প্রথম শ্রেণি থাকতে হবে। (খ) এসএসসি/সম্মান এবং এইচএসসি/সম্মান পরীক্ষায় সিজিপিএ ৫.০০ এর মধ্যে ন্যূনতম সিজিপিএ ৩.৫০ অথবা সনাতন পদ্ধতিতে ১ম বিভাগ থাকতে হবে। ৩. স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পর্যায় সহযোগী অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৫(পাঁচ) বছরের ন্যূনতম ১৬(ষোল) বছরের সক্রিয় শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে এবং বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট মেট্রি ০৮(আট) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে যার মধ্যে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক পদে থাকাকালীন কোন শীকৃত জার্নালে অন্ততঃ ০৩(তিন) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে। ৪. এমফিল/সম্মানের ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পর্যায় সহযোগী অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৪(চার) বছরের ন্যূনতম ১৪(চৌদ্দ) বছরের সক্রিয় শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। কমপক্ষে ০৪(চার) টি স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ের বিসিস গবেষণা পরিচালনা (Supervision) এর অভিজ্ঞতা এবং শীকৃত (referred) জার্নালে বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট অন্ততঃ ০৮(আট) প্রকাশনা যার মধ্যে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক পদে থাকাকালীন কোন শীকৃত জার্নালে অন্ততঃ ০৪(চার) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে। ৫. পিএইচডি ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৪(চার) বছরের ন্যূনতম ১২(বারো) বছরের সক্রিয় শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। কমপক্ষে ০৫(পাঁচ) টি স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ের বিসিস গবেষণা পরিচালনা (Supervision) এর অভিজ্ঞতা ও শীকৃত (referred) জার্নালে বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট অন্ততঃ ১০(দশ) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে যার মধ্যে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক পদে থাকাকালীন কোন শীকৃত জার্নালে অন্ততঃ ০৪(চার) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে।
(২)	ইন্সপেক্টর/কম্পিউটার এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগ অধ্যাপক (৫৬৫০০-৭৪৪০০) (গ্রেড-৩)	০১টি	১. পিএইচডি ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৪(চার) বছরের ন্যূনতম ১২(বারো) বছরের সক্রিয় শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। কমপক্ষে ০৫(পাঁচ) টি স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ের বিসিস গবেষণা পরিচালনা (Supervision) এর অভিজ্ঞতা ও শীকৃত (referred) জার্নালে বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট অন্ততঃ ১০(দশ) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে যার মধ্যে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক পদে থাকাকালীন কোন শীকৃত জার্নালে অন্ততঃ ০৪(চার) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে।

**শর্তাবলী :**

- আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ২৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ ইং। সকল আবেদনপত্র রেজিস্ট্রার, পাবনা বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, রাঙ্গাপুর, পাবনা বরাবরে উক্ত তারিখের (২৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ ইং) মধ্যে (সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত) অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (৯:০০টা থেকে ৪:০০টা) কেবলমাত্র ডাকযোগে পৌঁছাতে হবে।
- আবেদনের জন্য বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নিজস্ব ওয়েবসাইট ([www.pust.ac.bd](http://www.pust.ac.bd))-এ প্রবেশ করে আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিম্নোক্ত জরুরীতালিকা অবশ্যই সংযুক্ত করতে হবে এবং প্রার্থীকে আবেদনপত্রের স্বাক্ষর করতে হবে।  
 (ক) সদ্যস্বাক্ষরিত পাসপোর্ট আকারে ০৩ কপি রঙিন ছবি (খ) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (গ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র/জন্ম নিবন্ধনের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (ঘ) অভিজ্ঞতা (বেতনক্রমসহ) সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (যদি থাকে বা প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) (ঙ) প্রকাশনা ও প্রশিক্ষণ সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (যদি থাকে বা প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) (চ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার।
- সকল পদের প্রার্থীদের জন্য ০৮(আট) সেট আবেদনপত্র জমা দিতে হবে।  
 (খ) মূল আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিজ টিকানা সফলিত ১০/- (দশ) টাকার ডাকটিকিটসহ ফেরত বাম সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- শীকৃত জার্নাল বকতে ISSN নম্বর সফলিত Peer Reviewed গবেষণা জার্নাল অথবা ISBN নম্বর সফলিত গবেষণা পুস্তক/জার্নাল বুঝাবে।
- বিজ্ঞানীয় প্রার্থীদের আবেদনকারী সেভা হবে এবং যে কোন একটি শর্ত শিথিলযোগ্য হবে। এছাড়াও বিজ্ঞানীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে প্রয়োজনীয় সংখ্যক প্রকাশনার অতিরিক্ত ০২(দুই)টি (প্রথম গবেষণা হিসেবে একটি ও সহযোগী গবেষণা হিসেবে একটি) প্রকাশনার জন্য আরও ০৬(ষোল) মাস রোগ্যত সুবিধা পাবেন এবং ০২(দুই) পদে সর্বোচ্চ ১(এক) বছর রোগ্যত সুবিধা প্রাপ্য হবেন।
- ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/কম্পিউটার শিক্কাপন ব্যাধারা ২০/০৩/২০২৪ খ্রি. তারিখের পূর্বে এই বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে শিক্ষক পদে যোগদান করেন, তাঁদের পক্ষে যদি যথার্থই উচ্চতর ডিগ্রি (এমফিল) করা সম্ভব না হয় উচ্চতর পদে আবেদনের জন্য তাঁদের প্রথম গবেষণক (Principal author) হিসেবে বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট আরও ০২টি অতিরিক্ত প্রকাশনা থাকলে প্রার্থী রোগ্যতযোগ্য হিসেবে বিবেচিত হতে পারেন।
- চাকরির প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।
- জটিলপূর্ণ/অসম্পূর্ণ এবং বিলম্ব প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- প্রত্যেক প্রার্থীর তাঁর প্রার্থিত পদের নাম বামের উপর স্পষ্ট করে লিখতে হবে।
- প্রাপ্য সংখ্যকসমূহ প্রার্থীদের পর কেবলমাত্র যোগ্য প্রার্থীদেরকে লিখিত পরীক্ষা/মৌখিক পরীক্ষা এ ডাকা হবে। এর জন্য কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।
- পাবনা বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়-এর অনুলে জন্মতা বাহক লিমেটেড-এর যে কোন শাখা হতে সকল পদের প্রার্থীদের ৬০০/- টাকার (অফসেটযোগ্য) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আবেদনপত্রের সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্রের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার নং, টাকার পরিমাণ ও তারিখ উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ এই নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাতিল কিংবা সংশোধন করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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**Mohammed Hossain**  
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## The premiere OTT and Digital Content Award returns

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### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DESK

The country is currently undergoing significant reforms, and the entertainment industry is striving to keep pace with equal enthusiasm. Last year saw a surge in web series, films, and OTT projects that reshaped the landscape of the industry.

**Blender's Choice–The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards** has announced its third edition, set to take place later this year. Presented by Ispahani and The Daily Star, a press conference was held yesterday, led by Omar Hannan, general manager of Ispahani Tea Limited; Ajoy Kumar Kundu, CEO of Mediacom Limited; and Imran Kadir, head of Marketing & Sales at The Daily Star.

Hosted by Aisha Khan, the event brought together talented filmmakers and artists excelling in the OTT space. Notable attendees included Shihab Shaheen, Shahnaz Sumi, Priyontee Urbee, Syed Ahmed Shawk, Shankha Dasgupta, Raka Noshin Nower, Pulak Aneel, Elita Karim, Mofassal Hossen Alif, and Chorki Content Head Anindo Banerjee.

This year, **Blender's Choice–The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards** is expanding its categories to a total of 30. These

include 9 popular choice awards for Film and Drama, 3 for Music, 12 critics' choice awards, and 5 for content creators.

Omar Hannan, general manager of Ispahani Tea Limited, commented, "Following the overwhelming success of the past two events, we've decided to proceed with the third edition. Our main goal has always been to inspire innovative and uplifting content, encouraging creators to push their boundaries and develop exceptional projects. Our slogan for Blender's Choice– 'Let's blend with new'– reflects this vision. While OTT is still a relatively new concept for audiences, I'm confident that, over time, more people will embrace it alongside mainstream media."



Ajoy Kumar Kundu, CEO of Mediacom Limited, shared research showing that OTT content is growing at an annual rate of 10.8%. "Projections for 2029 indicate that the growth and popularity of OTT content in the country will double. I'm confident in the bright future ahead and proud to be associated with Blender's Choice and The Daily Star, as we continue to inspire and recognise deserving talent."

Renowned director Shihab Shaheen praised

the **Blender's Choice–The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards** for their excellence over the past two years. "I believe you've done an outstanding job, ensuring that the most deserving talents are rightfully recognised. I look forward to continuing to create bold and captivating content that will engage audiences," he said.

This year, The Daily Star has expanded its award categories to include roles such as set designers and costume designers. **Guti** director Shankha Dasgupta applauded this inclusivity, stating, "I appreciate The Daily Star for consistently recognising those behind the scenes, like art directors, costume designers, and makeup artists. I trust the jury will ensure that the most deserving talents are celebrated."

Talented actress and dancer Shahnaz Sumi emphasised the importance of realistic performances to engage audiences. "Whether it's a skit or a dance, it must be portrayed with authenticity and sincerity to truly connect with viewers," she said.

Syed Ahmed Shawk, a recipient of multiple awards from this platform, remarked, "Directors eagerly anticipate the **Blender's Choice–The Daily Star OTT & Digital Content Awards**. As OTT has flourished in our country, this platform has become a fitting tribute to the tireless efforts behind the scenes. Besides the National Film Award, this is the only platform that honours both on-screen and off-screen talent. This recognition is a great source of inspiration, and people always look forward to it."

Submissions for nominations opened on September 8 and will continue until October 8.

## Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh welcome baby girl

Bollywood stars Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh joyfully announced the arrival of their baby girl yesterday (September 8), as per their Instagram posts. The couple's first child was born at Mumbai's Reliance Foundation Hospital, where Deepika was admitted the previous evening, accompanied by her mother, Ujjala Padukone. The news of their baby's arrival quickly spread, following viral images and videos of Deepika arriving at the hospital.

Just days before the birth, the couple visited Mumbai's Siddhivinayak Temple to seek blessings for their newborn. Dressed in a traditional green saree, Deepika was spotted with a visible baby bump as she and Ranveer, along with their families, attended the temple barefoot.



The announcement of Deepika's pregnancy came in February this year through a joint social media post featuring charming motifs of baby clothes, shoes, and balloons, with the caption "September 2024." The couple's maternity photoshoot, showcasing Deepika proudly displaying her baby bump, further highlighted their excitement.

As they embark on this new chapter, reports suggest Deepika and Ranveer may soon relocate to a new residence. They are reportedly preparing to move into a luxurious apartment in Bandra, adjacent to Shah Rukh Khan's iconic bungalow, Mannat. The new home, occupying floors 16 to 19 of the building, will also feature a private terrace once completed.

Deepika and Ranveer's love story began in 2013 during the filming of **Goliyon Ki Rasleela Ram-Leela**. Their relationship remained private until their grand wedding at Lake Como, Italy, in December 2018, which seamlessly blended both their cultural traditions.

Deepika plans to return to work in 2025 after a maternity leave that will last until March of the upcoming year. She will resume acting with the sequel to **Kalki**, starring alongside Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, and Prabhas. Additionally, Deepika will appear in Rohit Shetty's **Singham Again**, a cop drama featuring her husband Ranveer Singh as well.

## Venice Film Festival 2024 winners announced

**The 81st Venice Film Festival came to an end on September 7 with an award-giving ceremony. The festival marked the start of the awards season and highlighted major preferences for the Oscars, with eight of the past 12 Best Director Awards at the Oscars going to films that debuted in Venice.**



The Venice jury this year was headed by French actress Isabelle Huppert.

**Here is a list of all the main award winners:**  
GOLDEN LION for best picture: **The Room Next Door** by Pedro Almodovar (Spanish production)

SILVER LION runner-up prize: **Verniglio** by Maura Delpero (Italy, France, Belgium)

Best Director: Brady Corbet for **The Brutalist** (Britain)

Best Actress: Nicole Kidman for **Babygirl** (United States)

Best Actor: Vincent Lindon for **The Quiet Son** (France)

Best Screenplay: Murilo Hauser and Heitor Lorega for **I'm Still Here** (Brazil, France)

Special Jury Award: **April** by Dea Kulumbegashvili (France, Italy, Georgia)

Best Young Actor: Paul Kircher for **And Their Children After Them** (France)



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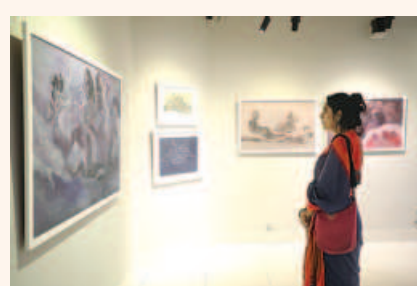
## 'JOURNEY OF COSMOS' Masudur Rahman's profound exploration of existence

**Masudur Rahman's solo art exhibition, titled *Journey of Cosmos*, is currently on display at Alliance Française de Dhaka in Dhanmondi. It is a profound contemplation of the interconnection between humanity, nature, and the universe. The artist's work delves into the vastness and emptiness of the human mind, revealing how these elements impart sophisticated depth to creation, love, and life.**

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The exploration begins with the concept of the void, which he perceives as the central state of being. Unlike the traditional view of emptiness as a mere blank space, Rahman envisions it as a potent entity filled with infinite potential—a space where both form and formlessness coexist. His artworks thus examine this duality, which he believes is fundamental to life itself.

Through his work, Rahman presents a blend of tangible forms and abstract concepts, reflecting the intricate balance between these two states. This philosophical approach is reminiscent of ancient Eastern traditions, where the void is seen as the origin of all creation and a space where everything exists in its purest form. His paintings embody this concept, offering a visual representation



of the dynamic interplay between existence and non-existence, form and emptiness.

Rahman's artistic style is characterised by a unique combination of figurative and abstract elements. He incorporates natural symbols such as rivers, trees, fields, and skies, grounding his work in a realistic domain while simultaneously evoking the intangible, mysterious, and cosmic. These natural elements are not

mere aesthetic choices but are imbued with deeper significance, symbolising the flow of life and the interconnectedness of all things. In his landscapes, nature is not just a backdrop but an integral part of his narrative. The green of the forests represents vitality and the life force, while the horizon symbolises the meeting point between the known and the unknown, the finite and the infinite. His portrayal of human figures within these vast natural landscapes highlights his theme of interconnectedness.

Rather than depicting humans as dominant figures, he often presents them as small and seemingly insignificant compared to the grandeur of nature and the cosmos. This approach communicates the idea that human life is part of a larger universe. The human figures often blend into their surroundings, further emphasising the

concept of unity and interconnectedness. This suggests that human identity is not separate from the natural world but intrinsically linked to it. The fusion of human and natural forms reflects the idea of the great self—a state of being where individual identity dissolves into universal consciousness, highlighting the unity of all existence.

In a world increasingly dominated by materialism and disconnection, it serves as a vital reminder of the interconnectedness of all things and the enduring presence of the cosmic in the mundane. The exploration of form, void, and the natural world reaffirms the power of art to inspire, provoke thought, and connect us to the larger, ever-expanding universe.

The **Journey of Cosmos** art exhibition is open to all from 3pm to 8pm till September 14.

## Hero Alom assaulted on Bogura court

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Hero Alom's lawyer, Md Mostafa Shakil, said, "Senior Judicial Magistrate Sadia Afroz Rima asked PBI to investigate the case. The court will decide on the case after the investigation."

Hero Alom told The Daily Star from the hospital. "When I left the court building after filing the case, a group of BNP followers attacked me. They compelled me to hold my ears and made me do squats. After that, they punched me in the face and head. They beat me in the chest and other parts of the body. The attackers alleged that I abused [BNP acting chairman] Tarique Rahman verbally in a speech.  
"I never abused Tarique Rahman.

If they have any evidence, I will go through any punishment. BNP does not have power yet. Before that, they started anarchy across the country. Have we ousted a dictator to bring another dictator to power?" he asked.

Contacted, Abdul Based, vice-president of Bogura District BNP and general secretary of Bogura District Lawyers' Association, told The Daily Star, "Hero Alom came to file a case against government officials and Awami League leaders and activists. BNP followers should be happy, why would BNP men beat him?  
"Hero Alom brought this allegation to tarnish the image of BNP,"

Later in the day, Bogura district BNP held a press conference and denied the party's involvement in the assault on Hero Alom.

Rezaul Karim Badsha, president of the Bogura district BNP, said, "BNP has nothing to do with those who beat Hero Alom. Those seen in the video are not BNP leaders or workers.

"If anyone commits a crime in the name of BNP, they will be identified and handed over to the police."

Sub Inspector Rahim Rana of the Bogura Sadar Police Station told The Daily Star, "We heard that Hero Alom was beaten up in court when he came to file a case, but no one has complained to us about it so far."

## Mob beats ex-BCL leader

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12:30am yesterday.  
Boalia Police Station Officer-in-Charge SM Masud Pervez confirmed the matter to The Daily Star.

He said, "Masud came under a mob attack in the city's Binodpur area on Saturday night when he went there to buy medicine. The mob alleged that Masud attacked protesting students on August 5, the day of Hasina's ouster.

"The mob first took him to Motihar Police Station to have him arrested. However, since no case was filed with the station regarding the violence during the student-led mass movement, Masud was brought to Boalia police."

"The seriously injured Masud was rescued with the help of the army and

taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. There, he died shortly after."

The OC said that if the victim's family filed a complaint, legal action would be taken over this incident.

A video of Masud speaking to journalists after he was taken to Boalia Police Station in an injured state has gone viral on social media.

While lying on the floor at the station, Masud was seen as saying that he went to Binodpur to buy medicine and that he became a father on September 3.

"I used to be in the Chhatra League... But I left politics a long time ago."

Masud was a former assistant secretary of RU unit Chhatra League and former member of BCL central committee.

In 2014, unidentified criminals

attacked Masud on the Rajshahi University campus. They chopped off the lower part of his right leg and slit his wrists. The then-BCL leaders blamed Islami Chhatra Shibir activists for the attack. Since the attack, he had to use a prosthetic leg.

Last year, Masud was appointed store officer at Rajshahi University Medical Centre by the university administration.

Abdullah's brother Ayatullah Behesty told reporters that he did not know who beat him. "We will take legal steps."

On the day of the incident, Masud posted the photo of his newborn on Facebook and wrote, "Alhamdulillah. All praise be to Allah Almighty. I became the father of a daughter on September 3. I pray to Almighty Allah for good health and a good life."

## Rohingyas sneaking in thru Naf river

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Myanmar military crackdown dubbed ethnic cleansing by the UN, are living in the sprawling camps of Cox's Bazar.

Citing many of the newly arrived refugees, Rohingya journalist Saiful Arkan said that over 40,000 members of the ethnic minority group moved to the Min Gla Gy village of Rakhine's North Maungdaw township to escape "attacks by the Arakan Army, who do not let them get out of their houses".

The Arakan Army abducted Rohingya youths and raped their women, Arkan alleged.

On the other hand, the Myanmar military is carrying out air strikes on many Rohingya villages, Arkan said. Many Rohingyas were killed by drone attacks in August, he said.

Being targeted by both the military and the rebels, the Rohingyas who took

shelter at Min Gla Gy village are fleeing to Bangladesh in groups by paying brokers, Arkan said.

Many of the freshly arrived Rohingyas narrated the ordeals they faced on their way to Bangladesh.

"We can't live in Myanmar as the Arakan Army is killing our people and setting fire to our houses. We fled to Bangladesh to save our lives," said Zura Khatun, a Rohingya woman from Jamtola of Maungdaw who arrived at a camp in Cox's Bazar on September 4.

Some of the women were sexually harassed by brokers on their way to Bangladesh, another Rohingya woman said on the condition of anonymity.

The brokers from Boroitoli of Teknaf snatched their ornaments, around Tk 5 lakh cash and important documents, she said.

The fresh arrivals are now staying with their relatives in the camps of

Teknaf and Ukhiya of Cox's Bazar, which are already under strain in the face of dwindling support from international donors.

Lt Colonel Mohiuddin Ahmed, commanding officer of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Battalion 2 in Teknaf, however, denied that Rohingyas are entering Bangladesh by crossing the Naf river, a natural border between the two countries.

"They may be using other ways," he said, adding that BGB is not allowing any trespassers and has already pushed back many Rohingyas from the river.

Meanwhile, the Subrang union and municipal areas of Teknaf were rocked by the sound of loud explosions yesterday morning.

The continuous sound of blasts and shelling was coming across the river, where the Arakan Army and Myanmar junta troops are locked in fierce combat.

## Man dies in jail custody

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"I rushed to the hospital around 3:00am and found my brother dead."

Contacted, Jibitesh Biswas, superintendent of Gopalganj 250-bed General Hospital, said Elahi was taken to the hospital three times in the last few days.

Elahi was first hospitalised around 11:25pm on September 3. He was given treatment and released a few moments later, said Jibitesh.

Around three hours later, he was taken to the hospital again. There were several injury marks on the lower part of his body, the doctor added.

Elahi fell ill again on Saturday night and was hospitalised. But doctors declared him dead, the jailer added.

Earlier on August 10, a group of Awami League activists blocked the Dhaka-Khulna highway in

12:15am on September 4.

Abul Hossain, jailer of the Gopalganj district jail, said, "Elahi was ill when he was taken to the jail on September 4. He even could not walk properly on that day."

He had injury marks on the lower part of the body and the hands, he said.

"We learnt that he was taken to jail after being discharged from Gopalganj 250-bed General Hospital.

Then, we sent him again to the hospital on the same day [September 4]. Elahi received treatment there and was taken to the jail a day later," he said.

Elahi fell ill again on Saturday night and was hospitalised. But doctors declared him dead, the jailer added.

Earlier on August 10, a group of Awami League activists blocked the Dhaka-Khulna highway in

protest of "forcing former prime minister Sheikh Hasina to leave the country".

Their protest caused long traffic jam. On information, army personnel rushed there and asked the protesters to leave the highway. But the protesters were locked in an altercation with army personnel. At one stage, the protesters attacked them, leaving nine army personnel injured.

An army vehicle was torched, and two firearms were looted.

On August 22, Lt Col Md Maksudul Alam of the 10th Bengal Regiment lodged a case with Gopalganj Sadar Police Station accusing 106 named and some 3,000-3,200 unidentified people in connection with the incident.

OC Anisur said 22 accused were arrested so far in the case and they were sent to jail through the court.

## Rampant use of firearms

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The gangs formed two rival alliances: the Bhuiyan Sohel and Syedpuriya Babu groups are one side while the Molla Arshad and Imtiaz groups are on the other.

Each group has 20-25 armed cadres and several drug peddlers. In clashes, the gangs used sharp weapons, and threw bricks, and crude bombs at each other. But they have been using firearms since the fall of the government.

In early August, mobs looted arms and ammunition from different police stations and facilities.

As per Police Headquarters data, 5,829 firearms were looted. Of those, 3,933 were recovered while the rest are missing. The arms include rifles, SMGs, pistols, shotguns, and teargas launchers.

Locals say some of the police arms are now at the hands of the gangs.

On September 6, a Rab team recovered three abandoned shotguns, 98 bullets, and a police belt from the Beribadh area.

A police officer, who watched the videos from the Geneva Camp, said pistols, revolvers, rifles, and shotguns are often kept in police stations, either as backup or as property of civilians.

The shotguns seen in the footage are

not of the type that police use. But it could still be at a police station.

He said it was likely that the looted weaponry was now being used by the gangs.

"These firearms could have been owned by civilians who might have surrendered these to the police. However, a pistol seen in the video could have been owned by either the police or civilians," he said, requesting anonymity.

A source at Dhaka Medical College morgue said Sonu's body had 14 bullet wounds.

A police officer said that the bullets were from a 12-gauge shotgun.

Ruhul Kabir Khan, deputy commissioner of Tejgaon Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said police were looking into whether firearms were given to any groups before August 5 to suppress the student-led mass uprising.

Iftakhar Hasan, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, suspected that the firearms used in Geneva Camp might have been looted from various police stations, including Mohammadpur.

He added that police were conducting operations to arrest the suspects and recover the firearms. No arrests have been made yet.

## Some parties falling into neighbouring country's trap

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organisations got misled and made some remarks. They have stepped into the trap of a neighbouring country. So, they're spreading confusion," he said, without naming any party or the neighbouring country.

The BNP leader urged the people to stay vigilant to thwart the "old conspiracies still going on from inside and outside the country". The conspirators do not want the people of this country to get back their democratic rights, he said.

He said that though "dictator" Sheikh Hasina was overthrown by the mass uprising, "our desired goal - the political rights of the people - remains unachieved".

"BNP's movement will continue until the people's rights to vote and speak are established," he added.

Tarique said the BNP's movement will continue until a "people's government is established and the people's representatives get the opportunity to work for the development of their localities, the people and the country".

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### Invitation for Tenders

01	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change		
02	Agency	Bangladesh Forest Department		
03	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Establishment of Greenbelt, Eco-restoration and Eco-tourism Development in Cox's Bazar District.		
04	Invitation for	Supply of manpower through outsourcing		
05	Invitation Ref. No.	22.01.0000.701.14.080.24.2222		
06	Date	08th September 2024		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
07	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM): National Competitive Tender (NCT)		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
08	Budget and source of funds	GoB Budget, Government of Bangladesh.		
09	Development partners	Not applicable		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
10	Project/programme name	Establishment of Greenbelt, Eco-restoration and Eco-tourism Development in Cox's Bazar District.		
11	Tender Package No.	NCS 01-PD/Cox Greenbelt/2024-2025		
12	Tender package name	Supply of manpower through outsourcing		
13	Tender publication date	09th September 2024		
14	Tender last selling date	22 September 2024		
		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	
15	Tender closing date and time	23th September 2024	12.30pm	
16	Tender opening date and time	23th September 2024	1.00pm	
	Name & address of the office(s)	Address		
17	Selling, receiving & opening tender document	Office of the Conservator of Forest, Chattogram Circle, Banpaha, Nandan Kanon, Chattogram.		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
18	Eligibility of tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenderers will be the firms having required experience of manpower supply through outsourcing.</li> <li>Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law.</li> <li>Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh.</li> <li>Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh.</li> <li>Others eligibility are mention in tender document.</li> </ul>		
19	Brief description of services	Supply of manpower up to project period for the position of (i) Office Assistant cum Computer Typist (1 No.), (ii) Plantation Mali (10 Nos.) and (iii) Watcher (10 Nos.) from a Service Provider.		
20	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 1000 (one thousand) only (non-refundable)		
21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
22	1	Supply of manpower through outsourcing	Project Area	Tk 1,05,000.00
				Completion time in weeks/months
23	Name of official inviting tender	Mohammed Hossain		
24	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Project Director		
25	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Conservator of Forest, Chattogram Circle, Banpaha, Nandan Kanon, Chattogram.		
26	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 02333361591, E-mail: ecfctgbd@gmail.com		
27	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

  
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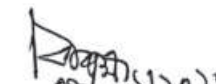
পাবনা বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের জন্য স্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে জনবল নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত নিম্নবর্ণিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিকদের নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

ক্রমিক	বিভাগের নাম, পদের নাম, বেতনস্কেল ও গ্রেড	পদের সংখ্যা	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা
(১)	কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগ অধ্যাপক (৫৬৫০০-৭৪৪০০) (গ্রেড-৩)	০১টি	১. কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগের জন্য কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগ হতে ইন্সপেক্টর/কম্পিউটার এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগের জন্য ইন্সপেক্টর/কম্পিউটার এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগ হতে ০৪(চার) বছর মেয়াদি স্নাতক (সম্মান) এবং স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি থাকতে হবে। ২. (ক) স্নাতক ও স্নাতকোত্তর উভয় পরীক্ষায় সিজিপিএ ৪.০০-এর মধ্যে সিজিপিএ ন্যূনতম ৩.৫০ অথবা সনাতন পদ্ধতিতে প্রথম শ্রেণি থাকতে হবে। (খ) এসএসসি/সম্মান এবং এইচএসসি/সম্মান পরীক্ষায় সিজিপিএ ৫.০০ এর মধ্যে ন্যূনতম সিজিপিএ ৩.৫০ অথবা সনাতন পদ্ধতিতে ১ম বিভাগ থাকতে হবে। ৩. স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পর্যায়ে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৫(পাঁচ) বছরের ন্যূনতম ১৬(ষোল) বছরের সক্রিয় শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে এবং বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট মেট্রি ০৮(আট) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে যার মধ্যে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক পদে প্রকাশনা কোন শীকৃত জার্নালে অন্ততঃ ০৩(তিন) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে। ৪. এমফিল/সম্মানের ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পর্যায়ে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৪(চার) বছরের ন্যূনতম ১৪(চৌদ্দ) বছরের সক্রিয় শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। কমপক্ষে ০৪(চার) টি স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ে বিসিস গবেষণা পরিচালনা (Supervision) এর অভিজ্ঞতা এবং শীকৃত (referred) জার্নালে বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট অন্ততঃ ০৮(আট) প্রকাশনা যার মধ্যে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক পদে প্রকাশনা কোন শীকৃত জার্নালে অন্ততঃ ০৪(চার) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে। ৫. পিএইচডি ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৪(চার) বছরের ন্যূনতম ১২(দ্বায়ে) বছরের সক্রিয় শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। কমপক্ষে ০৫(পাঁচ) টি স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ে বিসিস গবেষণা পরিচালনা (Supervision) এর অভিজ্ঞতা ও শীকৃত (referred) জার্নালে বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট অন্ততঃ ১০(দশ) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে যার মধ্যে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক পদে প্রকাশনা কোন শীকৃত জার্নালে অন্ততঃ ০৪(চার) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে।
(২)	ইন্সপেক্টর/কম্পিউটার এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং বিভাগ অধ্যাপক (৫৬৫০০-৭৪৪০০) (গ্রেড-৩)	০১টি	১. পিএইচডি ডিগ্রিধারী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৪(চার) বছরের ন্যূনতম ১২(দ্বায়ে) বছরের সক্রিয় শিক্ষকতার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। কমপক্ষে ০৫(পাঁচ) টি স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ে বিসিস গবেষণা পরিচালনা (Supervision) এর অভিজ্ঞতা ও শীকৃত (referred) জার্নালে বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট অন্ততঃ ১০(দশ) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে যার মধ্যে সহযোগী অধ্যাপক পদে প্রকাশনা কোন শীকৃত জার্নালে অন্ততঃ ০৪(চার) টি প্রকাশনা থাকতে হবে।

**শর্তাবলী :**

- আবেদনপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ২৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ ইং। সকল আবেদনপত্র রেজিস্ট্রার, পাবনা বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, রাঙ্গাপুর, পাবনা বরাবরে উক্ত তারিখের (২৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ ইং) মধ্যে (সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত) অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (৯:০০টা থেকে ৪:০০টা) কেবলমাত্র ডাকযোগে পৌঁছাতে হবে।
- আবেদনের জন্য বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের নিজস্ব ওয়েবসাইট ([www.pust.ac.bd](http://www.pust.ac.bd))-এ প্রবেশ করে আবেদন করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিম্নোক্ত জরুরীতালিকা অবশ্যই সংযুক্ত করতে হবে এবং প্রার্থীকে আবেদনপত্রের স্বাক্ষর করতে হবে।  
 (ক) সদ্যসমাপ্ত পাসপোর্ট আকারে ০৩ কপি রঙিন ছবি (খ) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (গ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র/জন্ম নিবন্ধনের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (ঘ) অভিজ্ঞতা (বেতনক্রমসহ) সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (যদি থাকে বা প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) (ঙ) প্রকাশনা ও প্রশিক্ষণ সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (যদি থাকে বা প্রয়োজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) (চ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার।
- সকল পদের প্রার্থীদের জন্য ০৮(আট) সেট আবেদনপত্র জমা দিতে হবে।  
 (খ) মূল আবেদনপত্রের সাথে নিজস্ব স্বাক্ষরিত ১০/- (দশ) টাকার ডাকটিকিটসহ ফেরত বাম সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- শীকৃত জার্নাল বসতে ISSN নম্বর স্বাক্ষরিত Peer Reviewed গবেষণা জার্নাল অথবা ISBN নম্বর স্বাক্ষরিত গবেষণা পুস্তক/জার্নাল বুঝাবে।
- বিজ্ঞানীয় প্রার্থীদের আবেদনকারী সেভা হবে এবং যে কোন একটি শর্ত শিথিলযোগ্য হবে। এছাড়াও বিজ্ঞানীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে প্রয়োজনীয় সংখ্যক প্রকাশনার অতিরিক্ত ০২(দুই)টি (প্রথম গবেষণা হিসেবে একটি ও সহযোগী গবেষণা হিসেবে একটি) প্রকাশনার জন্য ০৬(ছয়) মাস এবং আরও অতিরিক্ত ০২(দুই)টি (প্রথম গবেষণা হিসেবে একটি ও সহযোগী গবেষণা হিসেবে একটি) প্রকাশনার জন্য আরও ০৬(ছয়) মাস রোগ্যত সুবিধা পাবেন এবং ০২(দুই) পদে সর্বোচ্চ ১(এক) বছর রোগ্যত সুবিধা প্রাপ্য হবেন।
- ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ব্যাকটিরি শিক্কাপ বাছাড়া ২০/০৩/২০২৪ খ্রি. তারিখের পূর্বে এই বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে শিক্ষক পদে যোগদান করেন, তাঁদের পক্ষে যদি যথার্থই উচ্চতর ডিগ্রি (এমফিল) করা সম্ভব না হয় উচ্চতর পদে আবেদনের জন্য তাঁদের প্রথম গবেষণক (Principal author) হিসেবে বিষয় সংশ্লিষ্ট আরও ০২টি অতিরিক্ত প্রকাশনা থাকলে প্রার্থী রোগ্যতযোগ্য হিসেবে বিবেচিত হতে পারেন।
- ডাকরিভত প্রার্থীদের অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।
- জটিলপূর্ণ/অসম্পূর্ণ এবং বিলম্ব প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- প্রত্যেক প্রার্থীর তাঁর প্রার্থিত পদের নাম বামের উপর স্পষ্ট করে লিখতে হবে।
- প্রাপ্য সংখ্যকসমূহ প্রার্থীদের পর কেবলমাত্র যোগ্য প্রার্থীদেরকে লিখিত পরীক্ষা/মৌখিক পরীক্ষা এ ডাকা হবে। এর জন্য কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না।
- পাবনা বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়-এর অনুলে জন্মতা বাসক লিমেটেড-এর যে কোন শাখা হতে সকল পদের প্রার্থীদের ৬০০/- টাকার (অফসেটযোগ্য) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আবেদনপত্রের সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে। আবেদনপত্রের ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার নং, টাকার পরিমাণ ও তারিখ উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
- কোন কারণে দর্শনোপস্থিত বাতিলকৃত কর্তৃপক্ষ এই নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাতিল কিংবা সংশোধন করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

অধিকতর যোগ্যতা সম্পন্ন/বিজ্ঞানীয় প্রার্থী/পাবনা বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে এডমিস্ট্রিভিভ অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন প্রার্থীদের আবেদনকারী হতে হবে এবং বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন কর্তৃক পদের অনুমোদন সাপেক্ষে কর্তৃপক্ষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি পদের সংখ্যা/হাস বা বৃদ্ধি করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

  
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## Tigers look to India series with confidence

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Bangladesh Test side began their preparations for the upcoming series against India yesterday in Mirpur and pacer Shoriful Islam felt that it would be a steeper challenge than what they faced in their recent Pakistan tour.

However, Shoriful was optimistic that the Tigers would be able to use their confidence from winning the Pakistan series to take on the India challenge.

Bangladesh created history by whitewashing Pakistan in their recent two-match Test series – the Tigers' first-ever series win in the longer format over Pakistan.

"We will try to start [against India] with a win and as we are fresh off a good series [against Pakistan], everyone is confident. So, we will try to use that," Shoriful said in a video released by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday.

"They [India] are more experienced as a team compared to Pakistan and they are a big team. If we do well against a big side, worldwide we will be followed more and our games will be watched," Shoriful added.

Pacers played a pivotal role in beating Pakistan, and Shoriful, who missed the second Test due to injury, talked about the competition among the pacers in the Bangladesh side.

"There was a time that pacers were not playing much. But now pacers are playing and those outside the team always stay ready.

"If someone is injured and misses one or two matches, someone else steps up and plays. It doesn't appear that there is a deficiency or someone missed a game.

"After I got injured, Taskin [Ahmed] bhai did very well and it felt really good because when everyone is doing well, it's even great to watch. We have many bowlers who are coming up to the national team or will come up one day. Pace bowling is a big challenge now and everyone has to fight for places to come in. It's great for Bangladesh," Shoriful added.

From Mushfiqur Rahim, Shakib Al Hasan to Liton Das, everyone played a role in Bangladesh's Test series triumph in Pakistan. Shoriful believes that the greater experience in the Tigers' ranks instilled a belief in them against Shan Masood and Co.

"When we went to Lahore, all our batters and pacer bowlers were discussing that we have been playing Pakistan in Tests for a while and although we are playing away from home, we had better chances of winning. It's because of the experience in our ranks compared to them. Look at the number of matches they played and how many we played and Shakib bhai was always reminding us of that."

Bangladesh face India in the first of the two-Test series on September 19 in Chennai.



Bangladesh pacers Shoriful Islam and Hasan Mahmud gear up under the supervision of BCB's pace bowling coach Tareq Aziz for the upcoming India tour as the Tigers' Test squad began their official practice session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Following a historic maiden Test series win over hosts Pakistan this month, expectations will be high from pacers in the India tour, beginning with the first of the two Tests from September 19 in Chennai.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

## Bangladesh lose to Bhutan again

SPORTS REPORTER

A stoppage-time strike from Kinga Wangchuk handed a visiting Bangladesh a 1-0 defeat to hosts Bhutan in the second and final FIFA friendly match at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan yesterday.

The triumph of the Dragon Boys meant the two-match series ended in a 1-1 draw as Bangladesh defeated Bhutan 1-0 in the first match on Thursday.

The men in red and green beat Bhutan 1-0 in the first match with a strike from Sheikh Morsalin despite an overall dismal performance.

Expectations were that the players will improve their performance in the second match, however, the boys seemingly played without purpose throughout the match.

Cabrera brought two changes in the playing eleven from the first

in on a poor clearance of the Bangladesh defense with substitute Kinga Wangchuk converting a volley after receiving the ball from a Dawa Tshering following a free-kick in the stoppage time.

"We knew Bhutan needed a win as they lost the first match. They came stronger and they did it," said Cabrera at the post-match conference.

"I think we

**I think we managed quite well in a sense because the second half was very tight except the goal-scoring move. They were very accurate in the set-piece. Bhutan was more accurate in the second half.**

BANGLADESH COACH JAVIER CABRERA



It was also overall Bangladesh's second defeat against Bhutan, who had earlier lost 3-1 to Bhutan in 2016, during a play-off match of the Asian Cup that threw Bangladesh out of the international arena for nearly two years.

The charges of Spanish coach Javier Cabrera went to Thimphu to play two matches against Bhutan with a view to improve their position in the FIFA rankings ahead of the draw for the upcoming Asian Cup but a victory and a defeat means they were not able to meet their expectation.

match by drafting in Shahriar Emon and Issa Faisal in place of injured Rakib Hossain and Bishwanath Ghosh.

The absence of Rakib was felt throughout the match with the forwards hardly penetrating the Bhutan backline. Cabrera sent four pair of fresh legs in the second half but they hardly had any impact on the game.

When the game was seemingly heading towards a goalless draw, Bhutan cashed

managed quite well in a sense because the second half was very tight except the goal-scoring move. They were very accurate in the set-piece. Bhutan was more accurate in the second half.

"It was also good for the team to get into such a challenging situation. You need to play games to improve and that was the main objective of the window. In next, we will try to improve a bit and get better result."

### SHORT CORNER

#### Moeen Ali retires from international cricket



England all-rounder Moeen Ali has retired from international cricket, saying "the time is right" to move on. Moeen played all three formats for England after making his international debut in 2014. A stylish left-handed batter, Moeen scored five Test and three ODI centuries. He also took 204 Test wickets, along with 111 in ODIs and 51 in T20 cricket for England.

#### 'Afghanistan can beat anyone'

Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi said Sunday his side have the potential to challenge the world's top teams, but will need more exposure in Test cricket. "It's tough, but if we play to our strength, we can beat any team," said Shahidi, mentioning that playing without key player Rahsid Khan would be tough when they host New Zealand in a one-off Test starting Monday at their adopted home ground in India, near New Delhi.

#### District cricketers put forward 17-point demand

Cricketers from various districts put forward a 17-point demand, including financial assurances and opportunity to play more games, to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Sunday. BCB director Nazmul Abedin Fahim assured them that the board will try to meet their demands as per its capabilities.

\*Read full stories on The Daily Star's website

## Mixed emotions as chess teams leave for Budapest today

SPORTS REPORTER

While FIDE Master Tahsin Tajwar Zia will be grief-stricken for not being able to have his father, GM Ziaur Rahman, with him like the last edition but it will be a joyous occasion for two sisters – WFM Wadifa Ahmed and WCM Walijah Ahmed – to represent Bangladesh in the 45th Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary.

Tahsin will represent Bangladesh in open section along with GM Niaz Murshed, GM Enamul Hossain Razib, IM Fahad Rahman and FM Manon Reza Neer while Wadifa and Walijah are set to play in women's section along with WIM Rani Hamid, WFM Noshin Anjum and GM Nushrat Jahan Alo.

Both teams will leave for Hungary today, with the competition set to get underway on Wednesday.

Elder sister Wadifa had got two opportunities to participate in Chess Olympiad but could not do so due to the coronavirus outbreak in 2020 and due to her exams in 2022.

"There was uncertainty this time too due to the recent situation in the country but finally I am leaving with my younger sister to play the Chess Olympiad which is a matter of joy for us," Wadifa told reporters after the official briefing at Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room yesterday.

Tahsin, meanwhile, is feeling the absence of his father. "I still can't believe that my father is no more. My father wanted me to qualify for the national team this time too, so that I can play the Chess Olympiad and I am going to play but my father is absent," Tahsin said at the very hall where his father breathed his last on a chess board on July 5.

## Wirtz, Musiala dazzle as new German era begins

AFP, Duesseldorf

Florian Wirtz and Jamal Musiala turned on the style, laying on goals for each other, as a new-look Germany beat Hungary 5-0 in Duesseldorf on Saturday.

The young forwards showed the future is bright for the football-mad nation after the retirements of 2014 World Cup winners Manuel Neuer, Toni Kroos, and Thomas Mueller, along with captain Ilkay Gundogan.

After 27 minutes, Wirtz found Musiala who squared for Niclas Füllkrug to open the scoring.

Wirtz's long pass allowed Musiala to double Germany's lead in the second half, with the Bayern Munich forward returning the favour with an assist shortly after.

Aleks Pavlovic scored with 13 minutes remaining – his first goal in Germany colours – before Kai Havertz won and converted a penalty with nine minutes remaining.

With Wirtz and Musiala both 21 and Havertz 25, the convincing win suggests Germany has the talent to overcome this summer's departures, two years out from the 2026 World Cup.



"It's fun to play with Flo (Wirtz)" Musiala told ZDF, adding "we need to keep building our chemistry, using every game."

"It's a lot of fun," Fuellkrug told ZDF. "I really enjoyed watching when Flo and Jamal got into it in the second half – they're pretty hard to stop when they're like that."

"We're really lucky to have them in the team – it's a gift. It'll be fun for every German fan watching in the next few years."

New captain Joshua Kimmich said, "to start so dominantly and with such gravity – I'm just proud of the team."

Germany coach Julian Nagelsmann, who on Friday doubled down on his publicly stated desire to win the next World Cup, praised the atmosphere in the camp.

"The chemistry is incredible and has been like that for three or four months – and we'll need that if we want to fulfil our dreams."

Nagelsmann praised Wirtz and Musiala, saying "when both are up for it and they step on the gas, it's going to be tough."

"When they're on the pitch and they connect with each other, it's nice to watch."

Germany travel to face the Netherlands in Amsterdam on Tuesday, while Hungary host Bosnia and Herzegovina.



Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka claimed the trophy in New York at last after years of close calls, as she outplayed American sixth seed Jessica Pegula 7-5, 7-5 in the US Open women's final to add the New York title to her back-to-back Australian Open victories on Saturday. Sabalenka made it to the US Open final last year and reached the semifinals twice.

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## ANTI-DISCRIMINATION STUDENT MOVEMENT

# Citizens' platform launched to help achieve goals

MD ABBAS and SIRAJUL ISLAM RUBEL

A 55-member Jatiya Nagorik Committee was formed yesterday to work towards fulfilling the goals of the Anti-discrimination Student Movement that toppled the Awami League-led government.

Muhammad Nasiruddin Patwary was made convener and Akhter Hossen member secretary of the committee.

Samanta Sharmeen was designated spokesperson for the committee while 52 others were made its members.

The committee is comprised of former activists and leaders of different student bodies; people involved in different campaigns; teachers; lawyers; journalists; and social media influencers.

None of the committee members are students. On behalf of the Anti-discrimination Student Movement, convener Nasiruddin announced the committee at the Central Shaheed Minar around 5:30pm.

While making a statement, spokesperson Sharmeen



Women workers leave a garment factory in Ashulia during lunch break. The factory reopened after a few days of closure amid workers' unrest. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH

## Mob beats ex-BCL leader to death

A CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Abdullah Al Masud, a store officer at Rajshahi University Medical Centre, stepped out of his home on Saturday night to get medicine. Before leaving, he shared on Facebook that he had become a father a few days ago and sought blessings for his newborn daughter.

But little did he know that, by the cruel hand of fate, he would not return to his family alive and that his newborn would grow up without knowing her father.

That night, Masud, also a former Chhatra League leader, died after being beaten by an unruly mob in the Binodpur Bazar area adjacent to Rajshahi University.

Masud was handed over to police with serious injuries. Later, he was taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital, where he died around



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## Man dies in jail custody

### He was an accused in case over attack on army personnel

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A man, who was in Gopalganj district jail in a case filed over attacking army personnel in the district last month, died early yesterday.

Elahi Sikdar, 25, was the son of Mohi Sikdar of Falsi village in Gopalganj's Kashiani upazila.

He was brought dead to the Gopalganj 250-bed General Hospital around 1:00am, said hospital officials.

Elahi, who had a roadside restaurant at Falsi Bazar, was picked up from his home around 1:30pm on September 3, his elder brother Kudrat Sikdar told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Around 12 hours later, police called us over phone and told us that my brother was hospitalised," he said.

The following day, Elahi was sent to jail though a court, Kudrat added.

"We got a phone call from the jail authorities around 1:30am last night [yesterday]. They told us that Elahi fell ill and was sent to hospital," he said.

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## TURF WAR AT GENEVA CAMP

# Rampant use of firearms raises alarm

Gunfights between narcos left at least 2 dead in last few days

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and MUNTAKIM SAAD

Clashes between armed gangs have become common in the capital's Mohammadpur Geneva Camp in recent weeks as drug dealers are trying to take control of the area, residents said.

Locals are now raising alarm over the use of firearms that had not been previously seen in the area.

Experts who have seen the photos and video clips taken by locals during the clashes said the pistols used were probably looted from police last month.

In video clips collected by this newspaper, a group of men were seen firing shotguns, pistols, and rifles.

Locals say they have been hearing gunshots almost every day since the fall of the Awami League government in early August.

On August 6, a day after Sheikh Hasina fled

the country, a man named Shahan Shah was shot dead. Another man named Sonu was killed in a major shootout on September 3.

Also known as Bihari Camp, the densely populated Geneva Camp is home to over 25,000 non-Bangla speaking people. Gang activities there centre around drug abuse and trade.

Several residents said they were living in constant fear.

Before he died three years ago, Ishtiaq Ahmed, a notorious drug dealer, controlled the sale of marijuana and yaba in the camp. Several groups emerged after his death, locals said.

One of them, the Bhuiyan Soheli group, began selling heroin in 2022. Eventually, two other groups also started dealing heroin.

Tension ran high in April this year when Imtiaz group also started selling heroin.

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**Each group has 20-25 armed cadres and several drug peddlers. In clashes, the gangs used sharp weapons, and threw bricks, and crude bombs at each other. But they have been using firearms since the fall of the government.**

## Some parties falling into neighbouring country's trap

### Says Tarique

UNB, Dhaka

BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday alleged that "some" political parties are making misleading statements, having fallen into a trap set by a "neighbouring country".

He also said that the BNP would continue its movement until voting rights and democracy are restored in Bangladesh.

"The dictator has fallen. But conspiracies are still on," Tarique said while virtually addressing a public rally at Kalaroa Football Ground in Satkhira.

"We've seen in the last few days that some political parties or



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## Rohingyas sneaking in thru Naf river

Say community leaders in Cox's Bazar

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

A few hundred Rohingyas have been crossing the border into Bangladesh daily through the Naf river over the past few days, facing attacks by both the Myanmar military and Arakan Army rebels in Rakhine state.

The newly arrived Rohingyas have alleged indiscriminate murder, rape and arson attacks by both sides in recent days.

Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, the refugee, relief and repatriation commissioner, told The Daily Star the official stand of Bangladesh is not to allow any more Myanmar nationals to enter illegally.

However, 8,000 to 10,000 Rohingyas arrived in Cox's Bazar refugee camps recently, he added.

He also said most of them came on August 4 and August 5 when the situation in Bangladesh was unstable during the mass uprising.

Rohingya community leaders, however, said as many as 30,000 Rohingyas have arrived in the last month.

Earlier on September 3, Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain told reporters that around 8,000 Rohingyas entered Bangladesh recently.

Around 1.2 million Rohingyas, most of whom fled a 2017

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## SURVEY ON US PRESIDENTIAL RACE

# Harris, Trump tied on eve of debate

AFP, Washington

The US presidential race remains neck-and-neck according to polls released yesterday, two days before Kamala Harris and Donald Trump hold their first -- and potentially only -- televised debate.

The latest polling confirms that Trump retains locked-in support from about half of voters, despite the Republican's historic status as a convicted felon and his role in instigating the unprecedented attempt to overturn his 2020 loss to Joe Biden.

Harris, who only jumped into the race after President Biden abruptly quit in July, has rapidly transformed herself from a little-noticed vice president into a serious contender. However, the polls show she has not made a major breakthrough, leaving the race a toss-up.

A New York Times/Siena poll found that 78-year-old Trump is leading Harris nationally by 48 to 47 percent, well within the margin of error.

US presidential elections are decided by tallying the results of state-by-state contests, rather than an overall national popular vote, meaning that a tiny handful of swing states typically decide the balance.

The poll found Harris, 59, narrowly ahead in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania and tied in four other swing states -- Nevada, Georgia, North Carolina and Arizona.

A CBS News/YouGov poll put Harris ahead by one percentage point in Michigan and Wisconsin and tied in Pennsylvania.

The election is already chaotic, with 81-year-old Biden dropping out amid concerns over his age, Trump narrowly surviving an assassin's bullet at a rally, and

fears mounting that Trump will again refuse to concede if he loses in November.

However, the latest numbers confirm that each candidate retains a remarkably stable base of loyalists, almost evenly splitting the country.

One game changer could be Tuesday's ABC News debate, the only one scheduled between the two.

Trump will be under pressure to rein in his characteristic use of insults and intimidation as he stands next to a mixed-race candidate vying to become the first female president in US history.

Harris will need to use the huge viewership to connect with Americans in a way that she was unable to as vice president and has had little time to accomplish in her super-condensed campaign run.

With Trump now the oldest presidential nominee in US history, she is pitching an optimistic, forward-looking message in contrast to Trump's apocalyptic claims that the country faces terminal decline without him in the White House.

At the same time, Harris will have to solve the conundrum of how to debate Trump, who habitually makes false statements on nearly every topic and loves to get under his opponents' skin. Biden, in his only debate against Trump before dropping his candidacy, found himself entirely unable to cope.

Already, Trump has been subjecting Harris in his speeches to racist and sexist taunts, deliberately mispronouncing her name and calling her "crazy" and a "Marxist."

"It will take almost superhuman focus and discipline to deal with Donald Trump in a debate," Harris supporter and current transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg told CNN.



## IN MEMORIAM

"Brothers. Sisters. Look around; look at one around.

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Excerpt from *Babu Bangladesh!*

Written by Dr. Numair Atif Choudhury

Deceased September 9, 2018



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