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Morjina Begum passes away CITY DESK

Morjina Begum, mother of The Daily Star's senior reporter and Bangladesh Sports Journalist Association general secretary Anisur Rahman Poltu, passed away yesterday at her own residence in the Old Kashba area of Jashore city. She was 79.

Her Namaz-e-Janaza was held after Jumma prayers. She was buried at the Jashore Karbala Graveyard. She is survived by three sons and as many daughters and countless well-wishers.

Football Bangladesh and BSJA Federation expressed their condolences at her passing.

Shafiuddin Ahmed's death anniv today CITY DESK

Today is the 12th death anniversary of Shafiuddin Ahmed.

He was a local organiser of the Liberation War, politician and social worker, said a press release. On this occasion, a doa mahfil will be held today at his village home Khaishakhali under Shibpur upazila of Narsingdi.

BB removes NCC Bank chairman, director STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank on Thursday removed NCC Bank Chairman M Abul Bashar and Director Md Abdul Awal after they were declared loan defaulters at Bank Asia.

The central bank issued letters to NCC Bank's managing director on the same day regarding the removal.

Bashar is also the son of Awal.



Potters lay out freshly-made clay pots in the sun to dry. They make various items for daily use with clay and sell them for Tk 10-120 per piece. The photo was taken from the Silimpur area in Khulna's Dighalia upazila yesterday. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

A canal excavation gone wrong?

Locals allege contractor dredged waterbody excessively to sell earth for brick kilns, leading to flood

AZIBOR RAHMAN, Jhenaidah

The excavation of a 13-kilometre canal in Jhenaidah Sadar upazila has brought significant hardship to residents Charmuraridah and Makimpur villages.

The Bangladesh Water Development Board began the excavation in December 2022, completing it in July 2023 at a cost of Tk 2.55 crore. While the project was awarded to Yunus and Brothers Pvt Ltd, the work was completed by sub-contractor Raees Uddin.

However, locals allege that some influential individuals, backed by the ruling Awami League at the time, profited from the project by selling the excavated earth to nearby brick kilns.

In violation of regulations, parts of the canal were dug to depths of 25-30 feet and widths of $60-\overline{70}$ feet. The excessive extraction led to the collapse of the canal banks during heavy monsoon rains, causing flooding in homes, roads, and farmlands in the surrounding villages, said locals.

Villagers fear further collapses, which could worsen the situation. "They dug the canal close to my homestead despite our requests. The bank collapsed, flooding my house and



causing significant damage. Half of my home was washed away, and I live in constant fear of losing the rest," said Azironnessa, a resident of Charmuraridah.

Bahar Ali of Makimpur noted that the locals were powerless to stop the irregularities due to the political influence of those involved. Attempts to contact sub-contractor Raees

Uddin were unsuccessful as his phone was switched off.

Ranjan Kumar Das, executive engineer of BWDB in Jhenaidah, said, "I have visited the site, and two officers have been assigned to survey the damage. Higher authorities have been informed, and steps will be taken to address the irregularities.'

Over 4cr trapped in extreme poverty Says report on Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

Some 4.17 crore people in Bangladesh are living in extreme poverty, with 6.5 percent of the population facing severely dire conditions, according to a latest report.

The report, titled "Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2024: Poverty Amid Conflict", was published jointly by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative of the Oxford University on Thursday.

It identifies poor living standards as the largest contributor to Bangladesh's poverty rate, accounting for 45.1 percent of the poverty index. Education and health factors also play significant roles, contributing 37.6 percent and 17.3 percent, respectively.

This latest UNDP report calls attention to the urgent need for targeted interventions to address the root causes of poverty and improve living conditions for millions in Bangladesh and beyond.

Lalon spoke against discrimination Says adviser Farida

BSS, Kushtia

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter yesterday underscored the importance of preserving the songs of Fakir Lalon Shah.

She said these songs are essential for future generations to understand and appreciate his teachings. "Lalon spoke against all sorts of discrimination 134 years ago," she said.

She was speaking as chief guest at the Lalon Festival at the Lalon Akhra in Chheuriva of Kushtia's Kumarkhali, marking the 134th death anniversary of Fakir Lalon Shah.

7 held for smuggling, selling drugs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Narcotics Control in a series of raids in Gulshan, Bhatara, and Moghbazar areas, arrested seven youths for their alleged connection with smuggling and selling drugs.

A huge amount of drugs were also recovered during those drives led by DNC's Dhaka Metro North deputy director Shamim Ahmed, said DNC in a press release yesterday.

The seized drugs include 772 grammes of Kush and five THC vape cartridges smuggled from Canada, 150 pieces of MDMA -- a synhetic drug also known as Molly or Ecstasy -- trafficked from the UK, 39 kilogrammes of shisha, and 3,000 pieces of yaba.

The press release said a group of youths brought the drugs from abroad. They used to sell the drugs to upper-class youths, it added. The arrestees have long been involved in smuggling drugs under the cover of food items through international mail, it said.

Fishermen struggle Fraudster steals from family Want swift justice Two BCL

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four siblings, left home hungry in search of work.

By evening, his family received the news that he had been shot. He was found bleeding near City College and was he had accrued in his final pronounced dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 7:00pm.

The next day. Shahjahan's mother filed a case at New Market Police know how I will raise the Station. However, she later discovered that police had initially shifted blame to BNP and Jamaat men, accusing them in the case.

Following the fall of the on August 5, the case took leaders.

for the establishment of a based on the family's speedy tribunal to ensure concerns.

accountability and prevent delays or acquittals of the guilty.

In addition, Shahjahan's student movement, and family is pleading for financial compensation to settle the Tk 2.7 lakh debt months. Creditors are now pressuring the family for

repayment. "I am worried about my baby's future and don't child," said Shahjahan's wife Fateha Akter.

Md Sajib, investigation officer of New Market Police Station, said the case had been transferred Awami League government to the Detective Branch on September 17. He said a dramatic turn with the Shahjahan had died from arrest of prominent AL a gunshot wound to the head and the charges were The family has called altered [naming AL leaders]

বাংলাদেশ ইস্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন

বিএসইসি ভবন

১০২ কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১২১৫।

মালামাল সরানোর বিজ্ঞাপ্ত

FROM PAGE 5 attacked students during anti-discrimination the

Ariana made a list of protesting female students and had them threatened for their participation. Prof RU Proctor

Mahbubur Rahman said police arrested two students from the campus. "I heard a case has been filed against them. The

administration will look into the matter," he said. Officer-in-Charge of Motihar Police Station Abdul Malek said the two were sent

to the court vesterday. He said a case was filed against them for attacking students during the student-led mass uprising. Mentionable, Saikat already Raihan was accused in the case filed by a leader of RU Chhatra Dal on October 8 in this regard.

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সচিব, বিএসইসি

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NGOs from loans ranging from Tk 20,000 to Tk 2 lakh," said Kalam Howladar, general secretary of the fishermen's association in the union.

"We are all eagerly waiting for a better time when we can go fishing in the river again and may have a good catch to be able to pay back our debts," he added.

However, some fishermen have still been going to the river for fishing, ignoring the ban.

Ismail Khalifa, а fisherman, said, "In this full moon, there are many hilsa in the river. so some fishermen cannot resist the temptation. However, they are going to the river at their own risk, as the authorities are conducting drives and many get moment." caught and jailed, or fined, or both."

Some fishermen said they could not catch enough fish prior to the ban due to inclement weather.

"Only 25 kg of rice is not enough to survive for JAMAAT 5-25 1-15 4-15 5-41 7-45 22 days with the family. SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION We need either 100 kg of



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FROM PAGE 5 rice, or cash assistance during the fishing ban," said Ismail.

According to the Divisional Fisheries Office in Barishal, of the total 4,21,093 registered fishermen in the division, some 3,78,041 received 25 kg of rice.

However, the distribution has not been done proportionately. For instance, 80 percent of

registered fishermen got rice in Barishal district whereas only 50 percent in

Bhola. Nripendranath Biswas, deputy director of Divisional Fisheries Office in Barishal, said, "We are doing our best to ensure all registered fishermen get government assistance. However, we cannot do much regarding unregistered fishers at this

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requesting OTP numbers that were generated on Aminul's phone. Without suspecting any foul play, Aminul shared the OTPs. The fraudster used these to make purchases via an e-commerce website.

In total, Tk 1,56,150 was stolen from the family.

Realising they had been defrauded, Parvez immediately contacted the

e-commerce company to Bepari admitted that halt the delivery and filed their gang, consisting of 14-15 members, had been a general diary with Kafrul extorting money through Police Station.

The family also lodged a fraud for a long time. complaint with the Criminal Investigation Department. A CID team raided the Suryanagar area in Shibchar, Madaripur, and arrested in Pakundia Akash Bepari, 21, a member of the fraud gang.



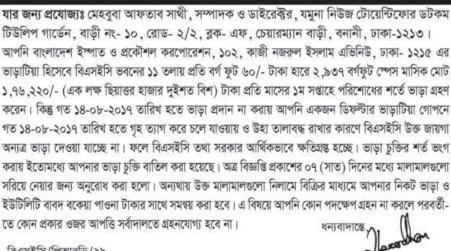
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