

## Morjina Begum passes away

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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.

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

## Shafiuddin Ahmed's death anniv today

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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 in 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 of Charmurarah 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 60-70 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 Charmurarah.

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."

## Granting asylum to Hasina means sheltering a 'killer'

Says Rizvi

BSS, Dhaka

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday said giving asylum to Sheikh Hasina is like providing shelter to a "killer".

He said this while speaking to journalists after paying tributes to BNP founder Ziaur Rahman at his mausoleum in the capital, marking the silver jubilee of Ziaur Rahman Foundation.

Referring to a statement of a neighbouring country regarding providing shelter to Hasina, the BNP leader said they have clearly said that Hasina is in their country and their behaviour to this end is that of a "big brother".

"We have extradition treaty with India. Arrest warrant has been issued against Hasina. We have to bring her back to the country through due diplomatic process under the treaty," he said.

Otherwise, the top criminals of Bangladesh will get a chance to seek refuge in different foreign countries, including India, he said.

Referring to the shutdown on Thursday by a section of officials from various Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS) units under the Rural Electrification Board (REB), Rizvi said they are yet to become free from the clutches of the autocracy as the cohorts of the fascist government are still in the administration and are out to create chaos in the country.



## Seven 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 synthetic 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 through various strategies. 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 also said.

## Paddy fields buried

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in Fulgazi and Parshuram upazilas got damaged in 95 places, which resulted in the flood.

Local farmers and agriculture officials opined that it will not be possible to cultivate paddy on the affected lands for next three to five years.

"We used to cultivate Boro, Aus and Aman paddy on these lands, which are all now buried under sand. We are worried how we will make a living if we cannot cultivate the lands due to sand," said Nazmul Hossain, 50, a farmer of Niz Kalikapur village in the upazila.

"We do not know how to remove this sand from the crop fields. On the other hand, it is also illegal to sell sand from croplands. So, we urge the administration

to help us overcome this problem," he added.

Many farmers called upon the government to introduce ration to help them survive till the lands become cultivable again.

"Around 17,000 farmers have been affected in Parshuram upazila by the flood, while crops on total 4,209 hectares of land got destroyed," said Sifat Hasan, upazila agriculture officer in Parshuram.

Asked about what could be done with the croplands, he said, "Farmers can cultivate different types of vegetables on the lands, and other drought-tolerant crops. Doing so, as well as applying enough organic fertilisers on the sandy topsoil will gradually prepare the lands for paddy cultivation over time."

## 2 BCL

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According to the students' complaint, Saikat attacked students during the anti-discrimination student movement, and Ariana made a list of protesting female students and had them threatened for their participation.

RU Proctor Prof 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 yesterday.

He said a case was filed against them for attacking students during the student-led mass uprising.

## Fishermen struggle

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loans from NGOs 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, a 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 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 22 days with the family. We need either 100 kg of

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.

Nripendra Nath 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 moment."

## Fraudster steals

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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 halt the delivery and filed a general diary with Kafrul Police Station.

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

A CID press release said during interrogation,

Bepari admitted that their gang, consisting of 14-15 members, had been extorting money through fraud for a long time.

A case against Bepari is currently pending.

Sifat Ullah, 19, from Munyarikanda village in Pakundia upazila, was a student at Mauna Emdadul Uloom Jamia Islamia Madrasah in Sreepur, Gazipur.

**বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন**  
বিএসইসি ভবন  
১০২ কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১২১৫।

**মালামাল সরানোর বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

যার জন্য প্রয়োজ্য মেহবুবা আফতাব সাথী, সম্পাদক ও ডাইরেক্টর, যমুনা নিউজ টোয়েন্টিফোর ডটকম টিউলিপ গার্ডেন, বাড়ী নং- ১০, রোড- ২/২, ব্লক- এফ, চেয়ারম্যান বাড়ী, বনানী, ঢাকা-১২১৩।

আপনি বাংলাদেশ ইম্পাত ও প্রকৌশল করপোরেশন, ১০২, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা- ১২১৫ এর ভাড়াটিয়া হিসেবে বিএসইসি ভবনের ১১ তলায় প্রতি বর্গ ফুট ৬০/- টাকা হারে ২,৯৩৭ বর্গফুট স্পেস মাসিক মোট ১,৭৬,২২০/- (এক লক্ষ ছিয়াত্তর হাজার দুইশত বিশ) টাকা প্রতি মাসের ১ম সপ্তাহে পরিশোধের শর্তে ভাড়া গ্রহণ করেন। কিন্তু গত ১৪-০৮-২০১৭ তারিখ হতে ভাড়া প্রদান না করায় আপনি একজন ডিফল্টার ভাড়াটিয়া গোপনে গত ১৪-০৮-২০১৭ তারিখ হতে গৃহ ত্যাগ করে চলে যাওয়ায় ও উহা তালবন্ধ রাখার কারণে বিএসইসি উক্ত জায়গা অন্যত্র ভাড়া দেওয়া যাচ্ছে না। ফলে বিএসইসি তথা সরকার আর্থিকভাবে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত হচ্ছে। ভাড়া চুক্তির শর্ত জগ করা ইতোমধ্যে আপনার ভাড়া চুক্তি বাতিল করা হয়েছে। অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে মালামালগুলো সরিয়ে নেয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। অন্যথায় উক্ত মালামালগুলো নিলামে বিক্রির মাধ্যমে আপনার নিকট ভাড়া ও ইউটিলিটি বাবদ বকেয়া পাওনা টাকার সাথে সমন্বয় করা হবে। এ বিষয়ে আপনি কোন পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ না করলে পরবর্তীতে কোন প্রকার গুজর আপত্তি সর্বাদালতে গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

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