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## SEDITION CASES Palli Bidyut Samity's 6 officials put on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed six Palli Bidyut Samity (PBS) officials on three-day remand each in two sedition cases. They have been accused of destabilising the power sector.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Farzana Shakila Sumu Chowdhury delivered the remand order after Ashikur Rahman Dewan, investigation officer of the cases and also an inspector of Khilkhet Police Station, produced the six before the magistrate seeking 10-day remand for each, a sub-inspector serving in the court told The Daily Star.

The six are Rajon Kumar Das, assistant general manager of Munshiganj PBS; Asaduzzaman Bhuiyan, deputy general manager of Nabinagar zonal office of Bramanbaria PBS; Dipak Kumar Singha, deputy general manager of Cumilla PBS I; Mohammad Rahat,

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A nurse attends to Rozina, a dengue patient from the capital's Khilgaon, at Mugda Medical College Hospital yesterday. The homemaker, who is expecting her second child in December, was admitted to the hospital four days ago.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Drop in prices of eggs, veggies brings relief

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

The price of eggs dropped yesterday as the supply increased in the capital's kitchen markets, with some shops starting to follow government-fixed rates.

Producers sold brown eggs at Tk 1,058 for each 100 pieces (Tk 126.96 per dozen).

In the capital's Tejgaon wholesale egg market, the price was Tk 132 per dozen. Retailers at Karwan Bazar sold eggs for Tk 145 per dozen.

In several kitchen markets and areas, eggs were available for Tk 150-160 per dozen yesterday, down from Tk 190-200 three days ago.

Under the pricing set by the government, each egg should be sold for Tk 10.58 at the producer level, Tk 11.01 at wholesale, and Tk 11.87 at retail. This means the consumers should be able to purchase eggs for Tk 142.44 per dozen.

To make eggs affordable to consumers, the government has allowed imports with the import duty lowered to 5 percent from 25 percent.

This duty relief will be in effect until December 15, according to an order issued by the National Board of Revenue on Thursday.

ITEMS (PER KG)	PRICE (YESTERDAY)	PRICE (LAST WEEK)
	TK 145-160 PER DOZEN	TK 180-200 PER DOZEN
	TK 240-320	TK 400-500
	TK 60-100	TK 80-120
	TK 60-80	TK 80-120
	TK 30-40	TK 40-50

Speaking to The Daily Star, Mohammad Amanat Ullah, former president of the Tejgaon Egg Merchants' Association, said, "Under an agreement, four farms began supplying 20 lakh eggs to the wholesale markets from Thursday -- 10 lakh to Tejgaon and 10 lakh to Kaptan Bazar -- at the government-set prices.

"However, the demand at the Tejgaon wholesale egg

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## Take realistic steps to rein in price hike of essentials

Tarique urges govt

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday urged the interim government to take pragmatic steps to control the rising prices of essentials.

Addressing a discussion via a video link, he urged the government to prioritise the elimination of a market syndicate established during the previous regime.

"People from all walks of life, particularly those in low-income groups and small businesses, are enduring significant hardships due to the unusual price hikes of essential items," the BNP leader said.

Mere sweet words will not suffice while people remain half-fed, he said.

"I call upon the

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## Hope for peace in Gaza, Lebanon dashed

Netanyahu, Hezbollah promise more war after Hamas leader killed

REUTERS, Jerusalem/Cairo

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's promises to press on with Israel's wars in Gaza and Lebanon dashed hopes yesterday that the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar might help end more than a year of escalating conflict in the Middle East.

Lebanese militant group Hezbollah meanwhile vowed to escalate fighting against Israel and its backer Iran said "the spirit of resistance" would be strengthened by the death of its Palestinian ally Sinwar in Gaza.

Sinwar long accused a mastermind of the Oct 7, 2023, attack that triggered the Gaza war, was killed during an operation by Israeli soldiers in the Palestinian enclave on Wednesday, a pivotal event in the year-long conflict.

Netanyahu called Sinwar's killing a milestone late on Thursday but vowed to keep up the war, which in recent weeks expanded from fighting against Palestinian group Hamas in Gaza into an invasion of southern Lebanon and the bombardment of large swathes of the country.

➤ Western leaders see Sinwar's demise as chance for peace

➤ Iran says 'the spirit of resistance' will be strengthened by the death of ally



"The war, my dear ones, is not yet over," Netanyahu told Israelis, saying fighting would continue until hostages held by Hamas are released.

"We have before us a great opportunity to stop the axis of evil and create a different future," he added, referring to Iran and its militant allies across the region in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Yemen.

Netanyahu's comments contrasted with Western leaders, including U.S. President Joe Biden, who said Sinwar's death offered a chance for the conflict to end.

The US wants to kick-start ceasefire talks and secure the release of hostages, U.S. State Department

spokesperson Matthew Miller said, adding that Sinwar had been refusing to negotiate.

"That obstacle has obviously been removed. Can't predict that that means whoever replaces (Sinwar) will agree to a ceasefire, but it does remove what has been in recent months the chief obstacle to getting one," he said.

One senior diplomat working in Lebanon told Reuters that hopes Sinwar's death would end the war appeared misplaced.

"We had hoped, really throughout this, that getting rid of Sinwar would be the turning point where the wars would end ... where everyone would be ready to

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## Govt's second round of talks with political parties today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second round of dialogue between the interim government's advisers and several political parties will be held today.

The dialogue is part of the efforts to advance state reforms.

The Gono Forum, Liberal Democratic Party, Jatiyatabadi Samamona Jote, I2-Party Alliance, Jatiya Mukti Council, Labour Party, Jatiya Party (Andalib), and several other parties are scheduled to participate in the talks

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**শ্রদ্ধাজলি**

আজ ১৯শে অক্টোবর ২০২৪ ইং, (শনিবার) দেশের অন্যতম উদ্যোক্তা ও বিশিষ্ট ব্যবসায়ী এবং নাভানা লিমিটেড ও আফতাব অটোমোবাইলস্ লিমিটেড এর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা, আমাদের পরম শ্রদ্ধেয় মরহুম আলহাজ্ব জহুরুল ইসলাম সাহেবের ২৯ তম মৃত্যুবর্ষিকী।

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## Shujeo Shyam passes away

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Renowned composer and singer Shujeo Shyam passed away early yesterday at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital.

The Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra artiste breathed his last around 2:50am, his daughter Rupa Manjuri Shyam told the local media.

The 78-year-old musician was battling cancer, diabetes, and kidney issues.

Following his passing, his body was taken to Dhakeshwari Temple, where he received a guard of honour in the presence of family and close associates from the cultural community.

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## Chance encounter led to the killing of Hamas chief

AFP, Jerusalem

The Israeli military announced the death of Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar after a group of soldiers killed him in a chance encounter in southern Gaza's Rafah.

Sinwar became Israel's most wanted man after Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack, the deadliest in Israeli history.

His death represents a massive blow to the Palestinian militant movement that has waged a war with Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip for more than a year now.

Here is what we know about the killing of Israel's most wanted man.

**HOW DID IT HAPPEN?**

According to the Israeli military, Sinwar met his end at the hands of a routine patrol on Wednesday.

It said a group of soldiers of the 828th Brigade (Bislah) was moving through the city of Rafah when it came across three Palestinian militants.

Israeli media and military officials said there was no prior intelligence pointing to Sinwar's presence in the area.

"Sinwar hid in places that our forces have explored over a long period of time," military spokesman Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said



Yahya Sinwar

**29th DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF**

**LATE AL-HAJJ JAHURUL ISLAM**

The 29th death anniversary of the founder Chairman of Islam Group Al-Hajj Jahurul Islam is being observed today.

A Doa mahfil will be held at his birth place Bhagalpur, at 11 a.m. October 19, 2024 in the mosque of Jahurul Islam Medical College & Hospital. All relatives, friends and well-wishers are requested to pray for his eternal peace.

On behalf of Islam Group  
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