local sources.

Khandaker, according to

Police said the attack

Contacted, Khandaker

said, "I have heard about the

incident. Such actions are

appropriate action will be

Mahabubur Rahman said

there has been a long-

standing conflict between

two BNP factions in

armed attackers, led by

Muhammad Mamun -- an

attempted to attack Kamal

Uddin, son of Khavez

Ahmed, on Thursday night.

indiscriminately, injuring

not the first time the

attackers had targeted

Kamal Uddin's house; they

had previously opened fire

Following the incident,

police seized an abandoned

motorcycle and several

homemade weapons left by

He also said no case has

there multiple times.

the attackers.

the assailants

12 to 15 bystanders.

When locals intervened,

The OC said this was

accused in several cases

A group of 20-25

Officer-in-Charge

Raozan Police Station

was led by Muhammad

Mamun, identified as a

follower of Khandaker.

11 hurt as masked

Uddin

attacked over a political unacceptable in any form.

message supposedly sent If anyone from the party

from his phone, but he is found to be involved,

taken."

Raozan.

Injured Jasim

said, "I returned from

abroad three months

ago. Mohiuddin and all

of us are from the same

household. When we heard

he was assaulted, we went

to the spot. Mohiuddin was

didn't do anything like

that. No one of us are

by the gunfire received

treatment at various private

Dr Rivu Raj Chakraborty,

registrar of the casualty

ward at CMCH, said

some of the injured were

discharged after primary

treatment. The remaining

three do not have bullet

wounds, though they have

According to local

sources and the police,

the injured are residents

of a house known as the

former home of Khavez

Ahmed, a former chairman

of Noapara Union Parishad.

reportedly targeted his

son, Kamal Uddin, who is

known as a follower of BNP

central vice-chairman Gias

Uddin Quader Chowdhury.

reportedly followers of

Chattogram North District

The masked assailants

visible injury marks.

hospitals in the upazila.

Several of those injured

involved in politics."

Ex-lawmaker Tipu sent to jail COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday former lawmaker from Barishal-3 Golam Kibria Tipu to jail after rejecting his bail petition in a case filed over the attack on motorcade of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia

8, 2018. Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Sharifur Rahman passed the order after investigation officer Foyad Ahmed, a subinspector of Hatirjheel Police Station, produced Tipu before the court with an application to detain him until the investigation is completed.

at Moghbazar on February

The defence, however, argued that their client was not involved in the incident and was implicated in the case solely to harass him.

On November this year, the case was filed against 65 people, including Jatiyo Party Chairman GM Quader and Tipu, with Hatirjheel Police Station.

Tipu, who was elected as an MP for the Barishal-3 constituency in 2008 on a JP ticket, later joined the Awami League.

Three held with firearms, crude bombs

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Coast Guard yesterday arrested three persons along with a firearm, 10 crude bombs and four local weapons in Bhola.

The arrestees are Mafiz Maal, 36, Md Mamun Maal, 22, and Md Shamim Maal

Lt Commander Khandaker Munif Taqi, media official at Coast Guard Headquarters, said a team from coastguard conducted a drive at Madanpur union Daulatkhan upazila from 12:00am to 5:00am and arrested them.

He said the arrestees were handed over to Bhola Sadar Model Police Station.

shopping bags has been

started since November 3.

Various activities have also

of polythene in various

January 2025, 10 roads

of the capital Dhaka will

be declared horn-free.

Horn-free silent zones will

be announced in phases

only coral island. St

Martin's, the adviser said,

the government has taken

various initiatives and plans

to protect St Martin's Island

build a military base on

that soft land. Now those

who are waging movement

over St Martin's Island are

ship and hotel owners.

They are inciting the locals

there, she said. "These

confusions are political and

She said the DCs had been

asked to free at least one

river from pollution in 64

districts within two months.

ill-motivated," she added.

She also said no one can

and the tourism industry.

About the country's

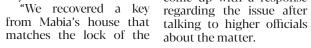
across the country.

capital, she said.

been taken to stop the use threatening voices.

shopping malls in the ritual continued for a year.

The adviser said in fraudster, splurged on a



and

Salma was killed

accused

Nazmul

(Dupchanchia

third.'

money," he said.

Hossain said

Inspector

Saad was not involved.

However, police said

Police sources said since

police or the court, they

Contacted, Bogura court

Inspector Md Mosaddek

Moslem gave a confessional

statement under Section

164 admitting the crime.

The court granted a two-

day remand for him while

Islam, the investigating

Police Station) of the

case, told The Daily Star,

"While investigating the

case, the murder timing

Saad's involvement. The

12:30pm and 1:00pm but

he was at his school from

No more burnt A supernatural scam!

If she hesitated, they

intimidated her with

This strange, coercive

Honda Vezel and a Suzuki

motorcycle with the

money, while another Md

Hashem, bought an 850

sq ft apartment in Mirpur

and built a two-storey

home in his village with

Borhanuddin upazilas, the

two fraudsters enjoyed a life

of luxury at her expense,

even dabbling in online

gambling and business

But when she finally

began to demand her

money back, they turned

hostile, warning her to

their fraudulent setup,

"Dervish Baba" identity

deleting their Facebook

The gang dismantled

Ahmed,

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Tanjil

the money.

Lalmohon

ventures.

keep quiet.

Both from

5 days each for the others.

started an investigation.

victim's room. We also

to the killing over pocket recovered the van in which they fled after the killing. During preliminary interrogation, the arrestees admitted that they had Saad did not confess to committed the murder. Mabia was the mastermind. She lived on the fourth floor of the building while Salma's family lived on the

> When asked why Mabia killed her, he said Salma and her husband found out that Mabia was involved in drug trade and used to conduct business from her apartment. They also asked her to leave but she did not

comply. When asked whether the son's confession given to Rab was false, the police official said, "I don't know arose doubt in us about anything about that, but in our primary investigation, murder took place between we found that Saad is innocent."

Contacted, an official of 8:00am to 2:00pm that Bogura Rab-12 said Rab will come up with a response regarding the issue after

came to light when the

woman filed a case with

Station on September 3 last

Investigation Department

a Dhaka court on October

finds the involvement of

in Dhaka's Uttara.

September last year.

Following that, Criminal

The charge sheet also

They were arrested in

Tanjil and Hashem

secured bail from the High

Court after spending seven

to eight months in jail,

while Hasan was granted

bail four months after his

a CID official said, "Social

media users must be

aware of these exploiting

After police submitted

gangs."

profiles, discarding SIM the charge sheet, the

Regarding the matter,

information

they had crafted.

Mohammadpur

This

Prothom Alo celebrates 26th anniv

August mass upheaval and will continue in the future as well," he said.

These horses are a staple at the weekly haat bazar in Fulchhari Ghat of Gaibandha. Traders from various areas in the region arrive at the

ghat early in the morning and off-load their products using these horse-driven carts. The photo was taken recently.

The July mass uprising was central to the anniversary arrangements of Prothom Alo. The ceremony began

with a minute's silence to pay respect to the martyrs the uprising. After the welcome session, a documentary film "Bidrohe Biplobe" was screened.

A photo journal titled

"Mukto Koro Bhoy" AKM Zakaria received this was also published with photographs selected taken by Prothom Alo photojournalists during the mass uprising. Artist Shahid Kabir unveiled an artwork called "Chiro Unnata Momo Shir" based on martyr Abu Sayeed.

The Latifur Rahman Award, presented annually to the best journalist at Prothom Alo, was also given during the programme. The daily's Deputy Editor

year's award from Transcom Group Chief Executive Officer Simeen Rahman and Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman. The award has been

launched in the name of late Latifur Rahman, founding chairman of Transcom Group and Prothom Alo's publishing company Media Star Limited, remembering his role in establishing independent journalism in

Power supply from Nepal via India

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the first trilateral power transaction carried out through the Indian grid, said an official statement in New Delhi.

India had previously announced its decision to facilitate this first trilateral power transaction from to Bangladesh, allowing for the export of up to 40 MW of power through the Indian grid. This was announced during the visit

of former Nepalese Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" to India from May 31 to June 3, 2023.

During that visit, both countries expressed their commitment to enhancing sub-regional cooperation.

Following this, a tripartite power sales agreement was signed on October 3 in Kathmandu between India's National Thermal Power Corporation Vidyut Vyapar output from Adani's power Nigam, Nepal Electricity plant in Jharkhand.

Authority, and Bangladesh

is expected to boost subensure a steady electricity supply amid reduced

Power Development Board. "The start of this

power flow from Nepal to Bangladesh through India regional connectivity in power sector," the statement said. The supply from Nepal comes at a time when Bangladesh is striving to

said M Zakir Hossain Khan,

chief executive of Change

Initiative and an adviser to

Zakir advocated for

approval

Chairperson

expanding Bangladesh's

net metering system and

processes to encourage

urban households and

businesses to adopt rooftop

Munira Sultana pointed

out that a lack of awareness

among users is a major

reason behind the poor

maintenance of rooftop

easy to maintain and can

meet electricity demands.

However, many remain

unused due to a lack of

Experts believe that

with proper standards,

financial incentives, and

private sector engagement,

Bangladesh could still

harness its rooftop solar

potential. However, this

requires a shift in mindset

and a robust

framework.

policy

awareness," she said.

"These systems are

JETnet-BD.

streamlining

SREDA

solar systems.

upazilas.

However, 400 private clinics and full-time nurses," he added.

diagnostic centres have

Private clinics

BNP convener Golam Akbar been filed vet.

attackers are

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The

now engaged in a HPV vaccine campaign for girls, drives at this moment, but will do so from next month," he said.

Under Section 21 of the Bangladesh Nursing Midwifery Council 2016, practising nursing, midwifery, or allied professions without registration is punishable by up to three years in jail, a Tk 1 lakh fine, or both.

There are 150 registered clinics private and diagnostic centres in the district, including 90 in the port city and 60 in 15

according to locals and sources in health services, around

mushroomed in the district over the past four decades, so we cannot conduct including around 250 in the port city alone.

> This means many private clinics and diagnostic centres are running without valid license and registration.

Dr Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, managing director of Parkview Hospital Private Limited, said there is a crisis for nurses in the country and hence many clinics are compelled to employ unregistered nurses.

He, however, claimed that those unregistered nurses are not untrained.

"They pass HSC and get training in hospitals before joining the profession as

Idle jute mills, rising

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might reconsider the leases if firms do not employ skilled mill workers and ramp up jute production as initially agreed.

regional BJMC's coordinator in Khulna, Golam Rabbani, said BJMC is following government directives, with two mills currently producing goods and six more in the commissioning stage.

One jute mill remains entangled in legal issues, delaying its handover, he said.

MOUNTING COSTS OF

IDLE MILLS Though production has ceased, BJMC continues to employ 2,347 officers and staff across Bangladesh, 903 employees with stationed in Khulna.

Monthly expenditure on these nine closed mills reaches Tk 4.47 crore, with Tk 3.81 crore allocated for salaries alone. Over the 50 months since the mills' closure, the government including

Mizanur Rahman, a former CBA leader at

Platinum Jute Mill, said, "BJMC workers still receive monthly salaries while deteriorates. machinery leaseholders Some prioritise other business ventures rather than reviving jute production."

Kudrat Khuda president of the Patkal Sammilito Rokkhaya Nagorik Porishad, said, presented "We workers' nine-point demands to the interim government's jute and textiles adviser, backed by data. While he assured us of support, we believe that new lease tenders are misguided. The mills should operate under state management with necessary reforms.

"At a time when jute products are in demand globally, Bangladesh's jute mills are closing down,' Khuda added.

He said over 64 mills

has spent Tk 224 crore to that have been leased to maintain basic operations, the private sector are yet to security, function.

has opportunity to redefine and heal regional

the event.

Bangladesh falls

diplomats,

academics, journalists, and business

CGS event

This year's theme, "Bay of Bengal Conversation 2024: A Fractured World", will focus on five critical areas: press freedom and misinformation, submitted a charge sheet to energy and climate change, global trade and economic issues, geopolitics and global conflict, and human rights.

The third edition of Hasnain alias Hasan, an the event takes place in a employee at Tanjil's office vastly transformed host country following the collapse of Sheikh Hasina's government and her subsequent flight after a

mass uprising. "With this change. Bangladesh

Khan was also present at

analyst for Bangladesh the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA), highlighted the contrast between Bangladesh and Vietnam's policy environments.

Vietnamese "The government offered an attractive tariff for rooftop solar projects-- \$0.0838 per unit of rooftop solar production. This rate was announced with a planned reduction after 2020, which triggered a significant surge in rooftop solar installations," he said.

He said high import duties on solar equipment in Bangladesh further hinder growth.

However, he expressed hope for a positive outcome from the government's recent decision to provide a full tax exemption for 10 years to promote renewable energy development in Bangladesh.

BARRIERS TO PROGRESS

Experts identified guidelines. unclear limited financial returns, and complex approval processes as key barriers to expanding rooftop solar in Bangladesh.

"The net metering policy is underdeveloped, with no clear compensation mechanism and capacity limitations on individual systems, making the investment less profitable,"

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NOTICE In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh

High Court Division (Statutory Original Jurisdiction) Company Matter No. 1264 of 2024

Muhammed Humayun Kabir -Versus----- Petitione

Sundarban Courier Service (Pvt.) Ltd. and others. ----Respondents Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under section 233, o the Companies Act, 1994 praying for protection as minority shareholder of the Respondent No.1-Company, namely "Sundarban Courier Service (Pvt.) Ltd" was moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the Petitioner and Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel was pleased

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regional divides," said Zillur Rahman. "This platform addresses pressing global issues,

diplomacy and including

democracy, politics, economy, and climate change," he added, cards, and abandoning the matter now rests with the

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