

VICTORY DAY 12 AL leaders arrested over sabotage plot

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Gazipur

Police arrested 12 leaders and activists of Awami League on charges of planning to sabotage Victory Day celebrations.

A Gazipur court sent them to jail yesterday after Solaiman Molla, president of BNP's Kapasia Durgapara union, filed a case against them on Friday, said Kamal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Kapasia Police Station.

The OC said the suspects were planning to sabotage activities in the Dhadhar Char area around 2:30pm on Friday. They were detained by locals and would later be handed over to police.

The arrested individuals include Afzal Hossain alias Rinkon, 30; Maruf, 25; Abul Kalam Azad, 45; Ilias Ahmed, 45.



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The 35th annual general meeting (AGM) of Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Limited (BAPEX) was held at BAPEX Bhaban, Dhaka on December 12. Istiaque Ahmad, chairman of BAPEX, presided over the meeting. The shareholders approved the FY 2023-2024 financial statements. During the programme, the shareholders and the members of the board of directors expressed satisfaction with the company's performance and provided guidance for future improvements.

JCD president

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outrage. "Many are still in the dormitories and participating in rallies," he claimed.

He warned that failing to bring the perpetrators, including members of Chhatra League, Juba League, Awami League, and police officers involved in the violence, to justice would betray the sacrifices made by students and citizens during the protests. "Failure to act will leave an indelible stain on history," he concluded.

Sweeping

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Additionally, they stressed that all educational institutions must ensure women's participation in all educational committees.

They further demanded that national climate, forest, and environmental policies include explicit goals for gender equality and women's empowerment.

"The fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government has created an opportune moment to execute the reforms needed for gender equality," said the platform.

The press conference was chaired by Naripokkho President Gita Das and moderated by Maheen Sultan.

DUTA office vandalised

STAR REPORT

Miscrants vandalised Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) office on the university campus on Friday night.

According to DUTA members, a group of 20-30 individuals broke into the Dhaka University Club around 10:00pm.

Entering the club, the assailants forced the peon on duty to unlock the DUTA office door, they said. Later, they ransacked and vandalised the DUTA office, including the honour board.

They also ruined the floral wreaths in the office commemorating Martyred Intellectuals Day.

Speaking to The Daily Star, DUTA General Secretary Dr Zeenat Huda said the perpetrators hurled expletives and threatened the office staff and peons while entering the club.

"They even threatened the teachers, saying that they would prevent DUTA teachers from organising any programmes. As a result, we could not hold any event marking Martyred Intellectuals Day."

Zeenat, a sociology professor, said, "It is unfortunate that the current DU administration has failed to protect the DUTA office and ensure the security of the teaching community. DUTA represents the entire teaching community, not any specific group, section, or faction."

Asked if any of the assailants were identified, Prof Zeenat replied, "We are still investigating the matter. We have already reported the incident to the DU Club and its concerned officials."

"We have also informed both the vice-chancellor and the proctor's office," she added.

Contacted, DU Proctor Prof Saifuddin Ahmed said the VC visited the scene.

Necessary steps will be taken, he said. On December 8, a group of Chhatra Dal men removed the photos of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and ousted former PM Sheikh Hasina from the DUTA office.

Organic

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15kg of earthworms every month at home, which she sells profitably.

"I also grow vegetables in my yard year-round using some of the vermicompost I produce," she added.

Mobarak Hossain, 60, from Panchagram village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, said, "I produce vermicompost at home, keep a portion for my own vegetable cultivation, and sell the rest to local fertiliser dealers, who then sell it to other farmers."

When contacted, Abdullah Al Mamun, deputy director of the DAE in Kurigram, emphasised that the use of vermicompost is essential for producing toxin-free vegetables and maintaining soil fertility.

"We have been encouraging farmers to use vermicompost for cultivation. In recent years, its use has increased significantly, benefiting many marginal farmers in the region," he added.

**PRAYER
TIMING
DECEMBER 15**

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AMAZ 5:20	12:45	3:45	5:22	7:00
JAMAAT 5:55	1:15	4:00	5:25	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Tribute paid to Helal

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Mohammad Azam also paid tribute to the poet.

"To my knowledge, he never received the Independence Award or the Ekushey Padak. Many of his writings remain unpublished. If there's anything the Ministry of Culture can do to preserve his legacy, we will ensure it is done," said Farooki.

Born on October 7, 1948 in Netrokona, Helal Hafiz rose to prominence with his debut poetry collection, "Je Jale Agun Jwole (The Water That Burns)", published in 1986.

Don't waste

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He urged the nation to work towards a democratic and inclusive society in honour of the martyrs.

Meanwhile, Shafiqul Alam, press secretary to the chief adviser, paid tribute to the martyred intellectuals and highlighted their lasting legacy.

"The 'new Bangladesh' being built today is a continuation of their vision," he said, drawing parallels between the July

Cold wave hits

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According to meteorological classifications, temperatures between 8 and 10 degrees Celsius signify a mild cold wave, 6 to 8 degrees Celsius a moderate one, and below 6 degrees Celsius a severe cold wave.

The cold has led to a surge in cold-related illnesses.

Dr Rakibul Alam, resident medical officer at the 250-bed Thakurgaon Modern Hospital, confirmed an increased influx of patients suffering from respiratory and other cold-induced ailments.

District administrations in Thakurgaon and Panchagarh have initiated warm clothing distribution among the cold-affected, but the demand far outweighs the supply.

Md Sabed Ali, deputy commissioner of Panchagarh, urged non-governmental organisations and affluent individuals to step forward and support the vulnerable population during this crisis.

A treasure under

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I'm just a poor man trying to support my family through this work, and I never expected to be in this situation."

Jamil Mohammad Khan, Assistant Conservator of Forests for the Wildlife and Nature Conservation Department, said, "We have successfully recovered about 4 acres of forest land. However, we did not encounter anyone during the operation, and no one came forward to claim it."

Nurul Muhaimin Milton, general secretary of Bangladesh Poribesh Sangbadik Samitee in Moulvibazar, said local environmental activists are calling for the forest department to reclaim the land, including a resort that should be prioritised

for recovery. But the forest department has stayed silent in this regard.

According to the Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Department, the Sylhet Divisional Office has communicated with higher authorities and the Directorate of Survey regarding the need for a survey.

Jahangir Alam, the Sylhet Divisional Forest Officer, said, "There has never been a survey of Lawachhara. The situation remains unchanged, and conflicts have arisen. Many occupants lack proper documentation. We only reclaim land once we are certain it belongs to us. A survey is crucial, and I will continue to advocate for one."

Priorities primary

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Md Sarwar Bari, secretary of the Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, said meaningful changes within the ministry often require external pressure. "This 'push' can come from civil society, sector experts, NGOs, and other relevant stakeholders," he said.

Professor Dr Liaquat Ali, a member of the Health Reform Commission, emphasised the importance of prioritising primary healthcare in budgeting. "Allocating more funds to primary healthcare, rather than secondary and tertiary care, is crucial to ensuring equitable access for all," he said.

Dr Naila Z Khan, another commission member, advocated for a citizen-centred approach.

"We need to focus on people's strengths and build on them, rather than just addressing weaknesses

in a disease-oriented health system," she said.

Dr Md Akramul Islam, Senior Director of BRAC's Health Programme and Humanitarian Crisis Management Programme, called for community participation in decision-making. "For the health system to truly thrive, we must empower communities to actively engage at all stages and levels," he said.

Hossain Zillur Rahman, convener of the UHC Forum and Chairperson of BRAC, underscored the need for patient-centred quality services while addressing health finance, human resources, and sectoral capacity.

Professor Dr Syed A Hamid, of the Institute of Health Economics at Dhaka University, also spoke at the programme.

Hossain Zillur Rahman delivered the welcome address.

Indo-Bangla ties

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The event was chaired by Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abdul Karim and attended by several prominent figures, including former bridges secretary Zahid Hossain, MRDI Adviser Shahid Hossain, and Energy

Research Council Chairman Wahid Hossain. Other attendees included Assistant Superintendent of Police Afsan Al Alam and Assistant Commissioner (Land) Mohammad Nazmul Hossain.

Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat Administration Section Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1225

Invitation for Tender under Framework Contract

1. Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat
2. Procuring entity name	Deputy Secretary, Administration Section, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.
3. Invitation for	Supply of Photocopier Toner & Developer; Computer Printer Toner, Computer Spare Parts/Accessories & Uniform under Framework Contract.
4. Invitation Ref. No.	11.00.0000.604.07.006.23/142, Date: 12/12/2024
5. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (National) Under Framework Contract
6. Budget and Source of funds	Revenue Budget
7. Tender package name and short description of goods	Package-6 (Lot-2)- Photocopier Toner & Developer Package-9 (Lot-1)-Computer Printer Toner (HP Brand). Package-9 (Lot-3)-Computer Spare Parts (Supply & Installation) & Others Accessories. Package-13 (Lot-2)-Uniform (For Parliament Security Personnel).
8. Tender selling place	Administration Section, Block: North-East, Ground Floor, Room No-131, Parliament Secretariat.
9. Tender selling date	17/12/2024 - 31/12/2024.
10. Tender submission & opening date and time	Package-6-(Lot-2), Package-9(Lot-1) Submission date: 01/01/2025, Time: 9:30AM-12:00AM Opening date: 01/01/2025, Opening Time: Package-6-Lot-2: 12:05 PM, Package-9-Lot-1: 12:20 PM Package-9(Lot-2) & Package-13(Lot-1) Submission date: 02/01/2025, Time: 9:00AM-12:00AM Opening date: 02/01/2025, Opening Time: Package-9-Lot-2: 12:05PM, Package-13-Lot-1: 12:20 PM
11. Tender submission & opening place	Deputy Secretary (Admin-1), Level-7, Block-East, Room No-7, (Lift-13,14,15 & 16)
12. Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	(a) Reputed supplier firms having valid trade license (2024-2025), Income Tax clearance Certificate (2024-2025) (for company 2023-2024), BIN, Experience Certificate & Authorization Letter. (b) Detailed terms & conditions will be mentioned in tender schedule.
13. Price of tender schedule	Price of schedule TK.2000/- only (As mentioned in the schedule).
14. Tender security & Tender Validity Period	Package-6-Lot-2: 70,000/- Package-9-Lot-1: 1,10,000/-, Package-9-Lot-3: 2,00,000/- & Package-13-Lot-1: 1,70,000/- Validity period: 120 days.
15. Name designation, address & Phone number of official inviting tender	Md. Mahub Jamil, Deputy Secretary (Administration), Block: North-East, Ground Floor, Room No-131, Parliament Secretariat. (55667711-55667722-2794/2188/2307, 55029007).
16. Special instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract will be for 1(One) year initially and it may be renewed for next 2(Two) years, subject to satisfactory supply of goods. Lot based lowest bidders will be selected. The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.

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12-12-2024
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Date: 12-12-2024

e-Tender Notice: 11/2024-2025 (Open Tendering Method)

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SL No.	Tender ID	Name of woks	Online Tender Publishing Date (On/After)	Online Tender Opening & Closing (Date & Time)
01.	1044292	CONSTRUCTION OF 10-STORIED MAIN BUILDING WITH SINGLE BASEMENT INCLUDING ADMIN, ACADEMIC, TRAINING CENTER, MEDICAL CENTER, LIBRARY, RESEARCH CENTER, CAFETERIA, BANK, POST OFFICE & TRANSPORTATION POOL ETC. ALONG WITH SANITARY, WATER SUPPLY & ELECTRIFICATION WORKS AT ISLAMIC ARABIC UNIVERSITY, KERANIGANJ UPAZILA, DHAKA DISTRICT.	15-Dec.-2024	Please visit the Tender Notice on the e-GP Website

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents of following Package from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the Procuring Entity Office, National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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