INTERNATIONAL

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET ATTACK

Suspect held on murder charges

REUTERS, Berlin

A man suspected of ploughing a car through crowds at a German Christmas market in an attack that killed five people and injured scores faces multiple charges of murder and attempted murder, police said yesterday.

Friday evening's attack in the central city of Magdeburg shocked the country and stirred up tensions over the charged issue of immigration.

The suspect, who was in custody, is a 50-year-old psychiatrist from Saudi Arabia with a history of anti-Islamic rhetoric who has lived in Germany for almost two decades. The motive for the attack remained unclear.

There were scuffles and some "minor disturbances" at a far-right demonstration attended by around 2,100 people on Saturday night in Magdeburg, police said.

Trump threatens to take back control of Panama Canal

AFP, Washington

Incoming US president Donald Trump on Saturday slammed what he called unfair fees for US ships passing through the Panama Canal and threatened to demand control of the waterway be returned to US.

He also hinted at China's growing influence around the canal, a worrying trend for American interests as US businesses depend on the channel to move goods between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

"Our Navy and Commerce have been treated in a very unfair and injudicious way. The fees being charged by Panama are ridiculous," he said in a post on his Truth Social platform. "This complete 'ripoff' of our Country will immediately stop.' The Panama Canal was returned to the Central American country under a 1977 deal signed by president Jimmy Carter.



Police forensic experts examine the wreckage of an ambulance helicopter after it collided with a hospital building and crashed into the ground in Mugla, Turkey yesterday. The cause of the accident, which left four people dead, was being investigated.

Syria won't negatively interfere in Lebanon

HTS leader Julani tells visiting Druze chiefs

AFP, Damascus

Syria's new leader Ahmed al-Sharaa, also known as Abu Mohammed al-Julani, told Lebanese Druze leaders yesterday that his country would not negatively interfere in Lebanon and would respect its neighbour's sovereignty.

Syria will no longer exert "negative interference in Lebanon at all -- it respects Lebanon's sovereignty, the unity of its territories, the independence of its decisions and its security stability," Sharaa told visiting Druze chiefs Walid and Taymur Jumblatt.

Walid Jumblatt is the first Lebanese figure from Lebanon's Druze minority.

to meet Sharaa since his group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) and allied rebel factions launched a lightning offensive last month, seizing Damascus

on December 8 and ousting longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad.

Syria "will stay at equal distance from all" in Lebanon, Sharaa added, acknowledging that Syria has been a "source of fear and anxiety" for the

Walid Jumblatt, long a fierce critic of Assad and his father Hafez who ruled Syria before him, arrived in Damascus Sunday at the head of a delegation of lawmakers from his parliamentary bloc and religious figures

30,000 foreigners staying here with expired visas

intelligence speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Daily Star, "The visas of at least 60 percent of the Indians residing in Bangladesh have expired."

This suggests around 27,000 Indian nationals are staying with expired visas.

China nationals rank second in terms of foreigners living in Bangladesh with expired visas, according to the Special Branch database.

"There are about 10,000 Chinese nationals currently living in Bangladesh, and 40% of their visas have expired," the official said.

The database shows 13,000 around US nationals are in the country, but many of them hold dual citizenship, the official said.

As of December 13. there are around 119,000 foreigners living Bangladesh.

Other foreign nationals include 7,500 from the 3,500 from Nepal, 4,500 500 from Belarus, 500 from Indonesia, 500 from Japan, 300 from Bhutan, 150 from Portugal, 100 from Finland, and 22 from Argentina. Additionally, there are 17,928 nationals from other countries, many of whom are from African nations.

Apart from Indian and Chinese nationals, around 1,017 South Korean citizens, 187 Sri Lankans, 231 UK citizens, 97 Canadians, and Bangladesh even after their visas expired.

A senior official at the According to the visa wing agency, of the DIP, these individuals must renew their visas by paying a penalty before leaving the country or risk legal complications during their stay.

Previously, the visa penalty was Tk 200 per day, with a monthly slab of Tk 10,000, and a maximum fee of Tk 30,000 for a stay of up to three months.

However, the penalty structure was revised on December 5, Nadira Akter, director (Passport, Visa and Inspection) at the DIP, told The Daily Star.

She said that the penalty is now Tk 1,000 per day for the first 15 days after visa

"After 15 days till 90 days, the penalty is Tk 2,000 per day. There is no longer a limit on the penalty, and from day 91 onwards, the penalty is Tk 3,000 per day."

Asked about the impact of the home ministry's warning, Nadira said it could not be determined immediately, as warning was only recently UK, 4,500 from Canada, issued. "Moreover, we usually receive a large from Russia, 4,500 number of visa extension from Japan, 2,500 from applications towards the Sri Lanka, 2,000 from Italy, to the holidays. We may have a clearer picture in a month."

EXEMPTION

Officials at the SB and DIP said students are generally not penalised for up to three months after visa expiry. After that, students must pay a penalty.

Additionally, nationals are exempt from penalties.

A senior DIP official mentioned that dealing with Chinese and African 461 Nigerians are staying in nationals or students is challenging, when their penalties are ministry."

"To address this, the government has decided to penalise companies and universities if they fail to notify authorities about the expiration of a foreign employee's or student's

DIP Director Nadira said, "Universities should check the financial statements of foreign students carefully before issuing visa letters, as many African nationals face financial issues.'

LEGAL STANDS

additional SB's inspector general can authorise a case to be filed with the relevant court under the Foreigners Act, 1964, against those with illegal status.

According to sources, foreign nationals are getting away with expired visas due to weaknesses in the legal framework and the lack of a comprehensive database.

Many individuals are involved in criminal activities such as drug trafficking, fraud, dealing in counterfeit currency, illegal businesses, gold smuggling, online casinos, and even human trafficking. Some others are suspected of smuggling money to their home countries via illegal channels.

Enamul Haque Sagor, assistant inspector general of police at the Police Headquarters, The Daily told foreign national has the opportunity or legal validity to stay in Bangladesh illegally. Police will take appropriate legal action against foreign nationals who will stay in the country illegally.

"In this case, everyone is requested to follow the especially instructions of the home

Cost of Tender | Last date of Closing

Stampedes in Nigeria leave 32 dead

Nigerian police vesterday raised the total death toll from two stampedes at food distribution centres to 32, as the country grappled with a spate of deadly crowd crushes at charity

Twenty-two people were killed on Saturday as people queued outside a centre distributing rice in the southern town of Okija, police said, after previously warning "many" were dead as a result of the incident.

And on the same day a separate stampede outside a church giving



food to the "vulnerable and elderly" in the capital Abuja killed at least 10 people, prompting Nigeria's President Bola Tinubu to clear his schedule in the wake of the twin

The stampedes outside food distribution centres come as Africa's most populous country grapples with its worst economic crisis in a generation, with inflation soaring to 34.6 percent in November.

Confirming the toll of 22 dead in Okija, a spokesman for the Anambra state police expressed condolences to the families and friends of those killed.

"The investigation into the unfortunate incident is still Anambra police ongoing," spokesman Tochukwu Ikenga said in a statement.



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INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

Name of the Items

EDCL invites Two Envelope System International Tender for Supply of Pharmaceutical Raw & Packing Material on C&F© Dhaka By Air and Chittagong by Sea Basis:-

No.	& Date	Name of the Items	Schedule	& opening
01.	IMP/R&PM/SEM/ 37/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw & Packing Materials: (specification as per tender schedule):	Tk. 1,500.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 13.00	Closing: 14/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening: 14/01/2025
		01. Mebendazole BP 02. Cefradine Sterile for Injection (Cefradine with L-Arginine) USP 03. Diclofenac Sodium, Tablet Grade BP 04. Colecalciferol BP (Vitamin D3, Dry Powder) 05. Hankel Glue Dela K-44/46 (Brown Colour) or Hankel glue Optal S 2008	Non-refundable	At 11.15 AM
02.	IMP/RM/SEM/38/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Benzyl Benzoate BP 02. Lactose BP 03. Stearic Acid BP 04. Sodium Benzoate BP 05. Indomethacin BP	Tk. 2,150.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 18.00 Non-refundable	Closing: 16/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening: 16/01/2025 At 11.15 AM
03.	IMP/RM/SEM/39/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Azithromycin Dihydrate Compacted USP	Tk. 6,000.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 50.00 Non-refundable	Closing: 19/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening: 19/01/2025 At 11.15 AM
04.	IMP/RM/SEM/40/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Colloidal Anhydrous Silica (Aerosil-200) BP 02. Ciprofloxacin HCI USP 03. Methyl Hydroxy Benzoate Sodium BP 04. Montelukast Sodium USP 05. Flucloxacillin Sodum Micronized BP	Tk. 3100.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 26.00 Non-refundable	Closing: 21/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening: 21/01/2025 At 11.15 AM
05.	IMP/RM/SEM/41/ 2024-2025 dated 22/12/2024	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Cetyl Alcohol BP 02. Cefradine Micronised BP 03. Cefixime Trihydrate Compacted USP 04. Croscarmellose Sodium BP	Tk. 4,650.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 39.00 Non-refundable	Closing: 23/01/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening: 23/01/2025 At 11.15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Company Limited" without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

Essential Drugs Company Limited authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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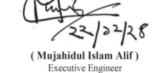
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e-Tender Notice: 11/2024-2025 (Open Tendering Method)

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SL No.	Tender ID	Name of woks	Corrigendum Publishing Date	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	22-Dec2024	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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