



A woman catching shrimp fries in the Shibsra river. She sells those to traders at local markets, earning around Tk 800 for 1,000 fries. Many like her provide for their families through this. The photo was taken in Khulna's Dacope area recently.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Farmer killed

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over land. A village arbitration was scheduled to settle the matter yesterday. However, an altercation broke out between the two before the arbitration began.

During the altercation, Manju reportedly pushed Abdul Kalam, causing him to fall to the ground and lose consciousness, the OC said.

Relatives took him to Madarganj Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared him dead, he added.

Manju has been on the run since the incident. No case had been filed as of yesterday evening, said the officer-in-charge of the police station.

We're on alert

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created fear among locals, there is no need to panic. Members of Bangladesh Coast Guard will ensure the safety of people along the border," he said.

The coast guard chief also distributed winter clothes to underprivileged residents of Shahparir Island.

During his visit, he met with coast guard personnel and reviewed their activities.

We want this political

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He said the EU is waiting for the reform commissions to conclude and then wants to help. Miller said the visit of the EIB vice president will look to explore how it can use financing to support Bangladesh's development.

"You get AAA rated rates of lending interest rates, which you would not if you went to the market directly....," he added.

BANGLADESH'S REFORMS

The EU is engaging with Bangladesh's reform commissions to support their conclusions with financing and expertise, said Miller.

"We would support more transparency, accountability, and efficiency in using economic resources, addressing some of the structural impediments, policy challenges, or even how to ensure justice," Miller said.

FDI, LDC GRADUATION

Miller also said the EU can help Bangladesh by ensuring that the country has smooth LDC graduation, which is possible through protecting labour rights, environmental rights, and human rights.

"We are working with Bangladesh Bank to

provide very cheap loans to the RMG sector," he said.

The EU is also keen to boost its FDI to Bangladesh from only two billion euros now. However, that will need simplifying the business procedures here.

"We are waiting for a clear signal that Bangladesh is 'open for business' in the form of efforts to tackle frictions experienced by our investors," he said.

The EU will work with its member states and work with the European Chamber of Commerce, he said, adding that the interim government has the right intention to improve the business environment.

FORMAL MIGRATION

The EU signed an agreement titled "Talent Partnership Project" in July this year aiming to match EU labour needs with Bangladeshi workers' qualifications by upgrading relevant skills and providing additional training.

"The project will initially focus on the ICT, construction, textile/garment, shipbuilding, agriculture, and hospitality/tourism sectors, which are of particular interest to a number of EU Member States," Miller said.

Currently Germany and

Italy are active in this and eventually Romania and Greece will be coming in, he added.

GLOBAL GATEWAY INITIATIVE

In 2023, Bangladesh joined the GGI, an EU initiative for worldwide investment

to set up networks of transport, energy, digital, research, education and even health – both through finance and expertise.

Miller said the EU wants to ensure that the partner countries including Bangladesh maintain fundamental rights of their citizens and don't end up being indebted.

"The EU lending is of extremely good value for Bangladesh and is always going to respect EU procurement rules so you get the best value possible for money and it is always going to give you very high-quality investments," he said.

"In Bangladesh, you see huge potential for these investments," he added.

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PK Halder walks out Early action key

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bail. "Hence, I allow the prayer for bail," the judge added.

The court imposed several conditions with the bail order for PK Halder and his two associates.

It said that they cannot leave India without prior permission from the court and must attend trial on every date as directed.

Additionally, the accused are required not to commit any further offence while on bail, tamper with evidence in the case, or threaten, induce, or promise witnesses to dissuade them from disclosing true

facts to the court. They must provide their contact number, email, and proof of residence (both present and permanent) to the court and surrender their passports if not already seized or impounded by another authority.

Halder, along with five others, was arrested in May 2022 from Ashoknagar in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district.

He has been accused of siphoning off nearly Tk 300 crore from four financial institutions in Bangladesh before fleeing to India. PK Halder declined to speak to reporters outside Presidency Jail.

Jatra Pala, a tradition

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very end, even past midnight. That shows how deeply this art form resonates with us. But the venue was too small, and many had to sit on the roadside."

Schoolteacher Palash Roy of Khalsibunia village said, "Jatra Pala was once a powerful medium for promoting social harmony. It's heartbreaking to see it fade away due to economic struggles and changing times."

While the festival reignited interest in Jatra, it also exposed the challenges of preserving such a rich cultural tradition. Over the past 15 years, administrative restrictions had confined Jatra

performances to indoor stages, stripping them of their traditional open-air allure. Many troupes struggled financially, with little to no government support.

"Artistes are eager to return to open spaces," said Faiz Zahir, director of the Department of Theater and Film at Shilpakala Academy. "That's where Jatra truly thrives – accessible to everyone, free from barriers."

Shariful Islam Salim, general secretary of Nattyalok in Khulna, said, "The government must step in. Grants and honorariums are essential to keep troupes afloat. Without support, this art form will vanish."

Save 5 canals from

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Rizvi, assistant engineer of Bagerhat municipality, said, "The municipality has initiated a Tk 7.6 crore project under the Coastal Towns Infrastructure Improvement (CTIIP) programme for dredging

and cleaning the canals to restore their natural flow and mitigate waterlogging."

Rizvi expressed hope that the project, expected to begin in June next year, would significantly alleviate the sufferings of locals.

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