

## Driver hacks bus owner to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bus owner was hacked to death last night allegedly by a driver in the city's Adabor area following an altercation over the daily rent for the vehicle.

The deceased is Shwapan Khan, 40, owner of Bhuiyan Paribahan, which runs on the Mohamadpur-Abdullahpur route.

Adabor Police Station Inspector (Investigation) Abdul Malek said the driver used to run a bus of the Bhuiyan Paribahan on a contractual basis.

Last night, an altercation broke out between the owner and the driver, Mohammad Sohel, over the daily rent. At one point, Sohel hacked the owner with a machete.

Shwapan was taken to the Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital where a doctor declared him dead. Malek said the driver is on the run.



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**A woman catching shrimp fries in the Shibsa 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.**

## 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

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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."

## BNP reinstates

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14 luxury cars belonging to members of the S Alam Group – including brands like BMW, Mercedes, Audi, Porsche, and Range Rover – were moved from a warehouse in the city's Kalurghat Industrial Area on August 30 following the ouster of Awami League government.

These vehicles were used by the family of the group's Chairman Saiful Alam Masud.

The incident gained widespread attention after videos of the incident went viral on social media platforms.

The BNP also dissolved the convening committee of its Chattogram south district unit after the incident.

detection efforts.

Manzur stressed the need for modern equipment and effective chemicals for larviciding and adulticiding. He recommended declaring dengue a reportable disease from January, requiring doctors to provide the addresses of patients to facilitate targeted interventions.

Meanwhile, hospitals, often overlooked in anti-mosquito campaigns, must also be prioritised, said Bashar, as they can become hotspots for dengue transmission.

The government must also focus on decentralised efforts, prioritising urban and rural areas equally. Strengthening mosquito control departments and holding them accountable would be critical to achieving sustained results, Bashar added.

## Man forced

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detailed on Tuesday on suspicion of cattle theft. After being severely beaten, the two were released into the custody of the mother of one of them. While being taken away, locals intercepted them, and one of the victims was forced to drink the acid-limestone mixture."

"We have launched an operation to identify and arrest the culprits," the OC added.

## JCD leader

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Shahin Mia, Pavel's elder brother and a BNP activist, said, "Bayejid and his men killed my brother. We demand justice."

Bayejid could not be contacted for comments.

No case has been filed over the incident.

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