



Akbar Sheikh debarks his date palm tree, preparing it for juice extraction -- a cherished winter tradition. The sweet juice is transformed into date palm molasses, a seasonal favourite, now selling for Tk 350-400 per kg. The demand for molasses peaks during the chilly months. The photo was taken in Khulna's Dumuria upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Biman aircraft seized after 20 gold bars found on flight

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National Security Intelligence, Customs Intelligence and Investigation Department, and security personnel of Chattogram Shah Amanat International Airport yesterday seized 20 gold bars from a passenger seat of a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight.

CIID seized the aircraft, as there is a possible involvement of airline officials in this regard, said Minhaj Uddin, additional director general of CIID, Chattogram Office. "We seized the aircraft as per the law, but its operational activities, including carrying passengers, will continue as scheduled," he said. "We have informed all airline companies that any aircraft found with hidden gold inside will be seized."

The gold carrier, identified as Atia Samia, 35, was handed over to the police, he said.

Md Ibrahim Khalil, spokesperson of the airport, stated that the gold bars, weighing 2.33 kg and worth around Tk 2.60 crore, were recovered from a passenger seat of BG 148, a Biman flight that landed from Dubai around 9:25am.

"Wrapped in black tape, the gold bars were smuggled from Dubai and hidden under seat 9J," he said.

Group Captain Shaikh Abdullah Alamgir, director of the airport, said, "We have no information about the aircraft being seized. After the gold was recovered, the plane departed the airport for Dhaka."

## RMG workers block highway for arrears

UNB, Gazipur

Workers of a readymade garment factory blocked the Chandra-Nabinagar highway in Gazipur yesterday, demanding two months' arrears.

The blockade disrupted vehicular movement, but traffic between Dhaka and northern districts remained operational via another route.

The agitated workers of Hardy Associates Ltd alleged that the factory authorities promised to pay their arrears but failed to do so. On December 23, the factory was closed without settling the unpaid wages, leaving workers with no choice but to take to the streets.

Mizanur Rahman, superintendent of Gazipur Industrial Police, said workers were driven to protest as the management did not pay their due wages.

## Commission to uncover domestic

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to relevant authorities, including the chief adviser, to secure necessary secretariat support.

It will request additional facilities, such as security for its members and their families, transport, secretariat and office resources. It will also propose granting the commission chief a position equivalent to an adviser to effectively deal with domestic and foreign stakeholders.

Additionally, the commission will suggest that its other members receive a status equivalent to that of judges of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, said the commission chief.

After securing these

provisions, the commission has a plan to hold its next meeting and begin taking statements.

"After every meeting, if necessary, we will update the media to ensure transparency and keep the nation informed," the Fazlur Rahman said.

When asked about aligning the commission's investigation with the International Crimes Tribunal, he stated that they will seek the inclusion of four legal experts specialising in civil, criminal, military, and international law.

He said the commission will consider measures to prevent individuals involved from leaving the country, following discussions with commission members.

The commission has been tasked with submitting a report within 90 days.

"We hope to complete our report within the designated time. If delays occur for valid reasons, we will seek an extension," he concluded.

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### e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the national portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of goods as stated below:

S. No.	Tender ID, Reference No.	Procurement Nature, Title	Type, Method	Publishing Date, Closing Date
1	1055833, 15.52.0000.012.07.007.18-1387	Goods, Procurement of desktop and laptop computer	NCT, OTM	26-Dec-2024 11:00:00, 15-Jan-2025 17:00:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no hard/offline copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP portal is required

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### EGM 2025

St. Joseph Old Boys' Foundation (SJOBF)

The Executive Committee of St. Joseph Old Boys' Foundation (SJOBF) requests the members to join the Extraordinary General Meeting of 2025 to be held at Gulshan Club, Dhaka on Friday, January 24, 2025 at 4:00PM.

Agenda has been sent to all registered life members through email. In case if any life members missed the email notifications, please send an email for requesting the agenda at [sjobf\\_2025@gmail.com](mailto:sjobf_2025@gmail.com)

#### Extraordinary General Meeting

Venue: Gulshan Club

NWJ-2/A, Bir Uttom Sultan Mahmud Road, Gulshan Ave, Dhaka

Date: January 24, 2025 (Friday)

Time: 4:00 PM onwards

# NEWS

## Family reunited

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after 18 years of separation. For Dollar and his siblings, the reunion was more than just having their father back -- it marked the end of an 18-year journey filled with struggle, longing, and hope.

Dollar, now 28, told The Daily Star, "I often asked myself if I would ever see my father again."

Overwhelmed by emotion, he struggled to say much more.

For years, Dollar and his siblings visited countless offices and sought help from numerous people to bring their father back, but each attempt ended in heartbreak.

Two months ago, however, hope was reignited when a person provided Dollar with the address of the BRAC Migration Welfare Centre.

Without delay, he went to BRAC, where his journey to reunite with his father finally found a ray of hope.

BRAC gathered the necessary details and started working to resolve the complexities surrounding Robiul's return.

Their efforts bore fruit yesterday, bringing an end to the 18-year-long wait and struggle.

## Acquire legal

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of foreigners living in nationals who are living in Bangladesh without valid visas to promptly take necessary action as per existing regulations, warning that failure to do so would result in legal repercussions.

As of December 13, there are around 1,19,000 foreigners living in Bangladesh with expired visas have expired, said intelligence officials.

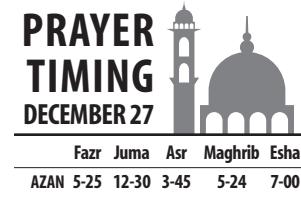
The database shows that around 13,000 US nationals are in the country, but many of them hold dual citizenship.

Other foreign nationals include 7,500 from the UK, 4,500 from Canada, 3,500 from Nepal, 4,500 from Russia, 4,500 from Japan, 2,500 from Sri Lanka, 2,000 from Pakistan, 2,000 from Italy, 500 from Belarus, 500 from Indonesia, 500 from Japan, 300 from Bhutan, 150 from Portugal, 100 from Finland, and 22 from Argentina.

"Such actions disqualify them from participating in politics. Even after being ousted, they continue to conspire against the country's stability," he said.

He reiterated Jamaat's commitment to building a corruption-free society, where young people could find jobs based on merit, and women could move freely and safely.

"We seek justice for all, without forcing people to beg at the doors of the courts," he said.



Faz Juma Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-25 12-30 3-45 5-24 7-00

JAMAT 6-00 1-15 4-00 5-27 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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## জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, গোপালগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগাধীন টুঙ্গিপাড়া-কোটালীপাড়া(মাঝবাড়ী) (জেড-৮৪৩) সড়কের চেইনেজে ১৩+৬৭৯ কিলোমিটার কোটালীপাড়া উপজেলাধীন বর্ষাপাড়া নামক স্থানে নতুন একটি ব্রীজ নির্মাণের জন্য ডাইভার্সন নির্মাণ করা হয়েছে। এখন পুরাতন ব্রীজটি ভাঙ্গা শুরু করা হবে। ব্রীজ নির্মাণকালীন সময়ে সরকার ডাইভার্সন ব্যবহার করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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