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Khaleda’s liver transplant depends on medical test reports
Says her personal physician

BSS, Dhaka
The medical board formed for Khaleda Zia’s treatment will take the decision regarding her liver transplant after observing medical test reports in the next few days, said Prof Dr AZM Zahid Hossain, her personal physician, yesterday.
“Madam’s medical tests for major complications will continue today, tomorrow and the day after tomorrow. The doctors will plan for her next course of treatment depending on reports,” he said while briefing journalists at the London Clinic.
Responding to a question about the liver
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This banner lists all the children and young people killed during the July-August mass uprising last year. The banner was placed in front of the Dhaka University library yesterday by the Anti-discrimination Students’ Movement, as part of their initiative to honour all of the martyrs.

Elect Ducsu president thru direct voting
Proposes JCD, submits reform proposals to DU

DU CORRESPONDENT
The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has proposed that the president of Ducsu be an elected student representative instead of the vice-chancellor of Dhaka University to ensure a balance of power.
They also proposed creating two vice president posts – one for male students and another for female students.
Currently, the VC automatically serves as the president of Dhaka University Central Students’ Union without an election, and there is one vice president post.
A group of JCD leaders, led by DU unit President Ganesh Chandra Roy Sahos and General Secretary Nahiduzzaman Shipon, submitted the Ducsu amendment proposal to the university authority.
This came after the university authorities sought amendment suggestions from all active student organisations.
JCD proposed several reforms – including election of the Ducsu president and hall unions’ executive committees through direct student voting, and formation of an “Advisory Council” comprising teachers, administrators, alumni, and students to oversee and balance the powers of president.
Under the current constitution, the Advisory Council is responsible for approving the budget and assisting with some duties of the vice president.
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BSF hands over detained Bangladeshi to BGB

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon
Indian Border Security Force (BSF) handed over a Bangladeshi national to Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday, a day after he was detained from Beurjhari border area in Thakurgaon’s Baliadangi upazila.
Sheikh Alimur Rahman of Khulna was handed over to the BGB through a flag meeting around 6:00pm, said Lt Col Tanvir Ahmed, commanding officer of BGB Battalion-50.
The commanding officer said BSF from Barabillah camp detained him about 300 yards inside Indian territory near pillar No-380/4-S.
The BGB officials later contacted BSF for a flag meeting.

SAVAGERY AT DU
‘They took turns in beating Tofazzal’
Police press charges against 21 DU students

EMRUL HASAN BAPPI and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN
Before mercilessly beating 35-year-old Tofazzal Hossain at Dhaka University’s Fazlul Haque Muslim Hall, the attackers demanded Tk 35,000 from his family as compensation for stolen mobile phones.
When Tofazzal’s uncle, Abdur Rob Mia, refused to pay, the accused became enraged and severely beat the mentally unstable man with a cricket stump and bamboo stick on his shoulders, back, legs, and thighs.
Tofazzal died due to severe injuries and blood loss. These findings were detailed in the charge sheet for the murder, which occurred on September 18 last year.
Md Asaduzzaman, inspector (investigation) of Shahbagh Police Station, submitted the charge sheet on January 1 to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate’s Court of Dhaka.
Following a three-month investigation, 21 Dhaka University students were named



Police press charges against 21 DU students; six in jail, 15 fugitives

Attackers demanded Tk 35,000 from family, before beating him

Though DU proctorial team delayed response was not mentioned in charge sheet.

A second case was filed against the hall’s former provost and 14 students, but proceedings stayed.

as accused in the case filed by the university authorities against unidentified perpetrators on September 19 at Shahbagh Police Station.
Six accused – Jalal Mia, 24; Ahsan Ullah alias Bipul Sheikh, 24; Al Hossain Sazzad, 21; Mottakin Sakin Sah, 21; Md Sumon Mia, 21; and Wajibul Alam, 21 – are in jail and have given confessional statements in court.
The remaining 15 accused – Firoz Kabir, 23; Abdus Samad, 23; Sakib Rayhan, 21; Yeasin Ali Gain, 21; Yamuzzaman Yam, 21; Fazle Rabbi, 23; Shahriar Kabir Shovon, 24; Mehedi Hasan Imran, 24; Ratul Hasan, 20; Sultan Mia, 23; Nasir Uddin, 22; Mobasser Billah, 24; Shishir Ahmed, 21; Mohosin Uddin, 22; and Abdullahil Kafi, 21 – are on the run.
The charge sheet does not mention any political affiliation of the accused.
Confirming the development, Inspector Asaduzzaman told The Daily Star yesterday, “We have mentioned all findings from the investigation in the charge sheet.”
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BANGLADESH EYE HOSPITAL
Child’s wrong eye operated on before correcting procedure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
An 18-month-old child underwent a procedure on the wrong eye at the Bangladesh Eye Hospital in Dhaka on Tuesday.
The procedure, intended to address an issue in the child’s left eye, was performed on the right eye first. Upon realising the error, the doctor performed a second procedure on the correct eye.
The incident has left the family of the child, Irtiza Ariz Hasan, deeply upset and demanding accountability.
According to Irtiza’s father, Md Mahmud Hasan, they brought their son to the hospital on Tuesday afternoon due to a problem in his left eye. A doctor diagnosed the issue as dust in the eye lens, which required surgical removal. The procedure was conducted around 8:30pm.
“After the surgery, we were shocked to see that the operation had been performed on his right eye. When I pointed out the mistake, the doctor admitted it, saying, ‘Oh my God, sorry,’” Mahmud recounted.
The doctor then took the child back to the operating theatre to perform the procedure on the left eye.
Mahmud also claimed that the hospital refused to provide a discharge report



acknowledging the mistake.
“The doctor admitted the error verbally but did not document it. Later, the doctor and her colleagues left the hospital without informing us,” he said.
The procedure was conducted by Shahedara Begum, a consultant pediatric ophthalmologist and strabismus surgeon. Despite repeated attempts, she could not be reached for comments.
Qazi Mesbahul Alam, chief operating officer of Bangladesh Eye Hospital, acknowledged the incident and described it as a grave mistake.
“Our doctor made an error by operating on the right eye first without consulting the family. This incident is both disappointing and unfortunate,” he said.
He clarified that the procedure was not a major operation but the removal of dust from the eye lens. “A committee has been formed with senior hospital officials to investigate the matter. If the family files a formal complaint, we will take appropriate action,” Alam added.
The child’s family has urged the hospital to take responsibility for the error and ensure such incidents do not recur. “We want justice not just for our child, but to prevent other families from experiencing this nightmare,” Mahmud said.



Children play a traditional game of “Phul Tokka” on a winter morning in their school. Many of them choose to come here before classes start so that they can have some fun and games before getting to the more serious business in the classrooms. The photo was taken from the premises of the Beel Pabla Line Government Primary School in the Dumuria upazila of Khulna recently.

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