

## 12 houses, shop burnt in fire

### 13-year-old injured; complaint filed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A fire broke out in Sreepur upazila of Gazipur early yesterday, burning down 12 houses and a grocery shop, and injuring one person.

Fire service confirmed that 13-year-old school student Sajeeb was injured and was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Inspector Abul Kalam Azad of the Mauna Fire Station said that firefighters from two units managed to bring the blaze under control.

The fire reportedly started at the house of Abul Hashem Pradhan in the Kewa West Khand area of Sreepur Municipality around 3:00am, he added.

Affected tenants said their houses were completely burnt, destroying cash, gold ornaments, electronic appliances, and furniture.

One of them alleged that the fire was intentionally set from outside, targeting the gates on both sides of the house.

A family member of Sajeeb filed a complaint with Sreepur Police Station, duty officer Arup confirmed The Daily Star.

Nayan Kar, inspector (operations) of the police station, said they will take legal actions after investigation.

## 2 more held

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a phone call, calling several youths to the scene.

Shortly after, the youths arrived and attacked the couple with weapons -- the video of the incident went viral on social media.

Hearing the hue and cry, locals intervened, capturing Mobarak and Robi, beating them, and handing them over to the police.



A worker sorts through a pile of tomatoes at a wholesale market to separate the good ones and throw away any rotten pieces. Various companies purchase tomatoes in bulk from farmers to make ketchup and other sauces. On average, a worker sorts through 18-20 crates of tomato a day and earns Tk 10 per crate. The photo was taken at a wholesale market in Khulna's Dumuria upazila.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Its name, function do not match

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functioning there. The concept of rural development is no longer viable in the current context. That's why we believe these ministries should be renamed. We have proposed new names, but we will disclose them later."

He further stated that a mass organisation under the local government ministry will include NGOs.

"Why should the NGO Affairs Bureau be under the Prime Minister's Office? It should be overseen by those working at the grassroots level. This restructuring will integrate cooperatives and NGOs into the local government framework, allowing for better planning," he said.

Prof Tofayel also said maintaining separate engineering ministries is unnecessary. "These two ministries will be merged into one," he said.

Speaking as chief guest, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan

highlighted the lack of studies on marginalised communities.

"The progress we have made in improving their lives is largely due to reports and advocacy efforts by some NGOs. However, the problem with advocacy is that it has been intertwined with politics, affecting its neutrality," he said.

Prof Niaz urged NGOs and academicians to conduct systematic research to address the actual problems faced by these communities and called for a unified framework to support them.

Prof Taiabur Rahman, dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at DU, said there are approximately 50-60 marginalised communities on the mainland.

He emphasised that the government, private sector, and civil society organisations (CSOs) each have distinct responsibilities in working for the welfare of these communities.

Highlighting the absence of accurate data, Prof Taiabur stressed the importance of determining the exact number of marginalised communities and ensuring their fundamental rights.

"Following the July uprising, there is now an opportunity for change. There should be an elected government that addresses the issues faced by marginalised communities," he added.

DU Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Prof Sayema Haque Bidisha called for more research efforts to improve the conditions of marginalised groups.

Prof Kazi Maruful Islam from DU's Department of Development Studies presented research findings related to the programme's theme.

Other speakers at the event included Nuzhat Jabin, country director of Christian Aid Bangladesh, and Ilira Dewan, a member of the Local Government Reform Commission.

## BRAC Bank scholarships to support 300 female students

### CITY DESK

BRAC Bank has recently expanded its "Aporajeyo TARA Scholarships" programme to support 300 female students at Rajshahi University, said a press release.

The partnership was formalised at a signing ceremony on February 16 at the RU campus, where Vice Chancellor Prof Saleh Hasan Naquib and BRAC Bank DMD and Chief Operating Officer Sabbir Hossain signed the agreement.

Aporajeyo TARA is BRAC Bank's flagship CSR initiative promoting women's education.

## 9 lives lost on roads

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Nabinagar area, were killed in road accidents in Basudeb union under Sadar upazila, said Sadar Model Police Station OC Md Mozaffar Hossain.

In Habiganj Sadar upazila, fish trader Abdul Majid, 55, died as a truck hit him on Habiganj-Lakhai road, said OC Alamgir Kabir of Habiganj Sadar Model Police Station.

In Gopalganj's Kashiani upazila, a bus of Falguni Paribahan collided with a covered van of a courier service at Pona Bus Stand, leaving the van driver Jahangir dead and 16 others injured around 8:00am, said police.

Traffic movement on the highway remained suspended for three hours after the accident.

In Chattogram, Kamrul Ibne Hasan, a resident of Fatikchhari and an employee of Dutch-Bangla Bank's CEPZ branch, died and three others were injured as a bus hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on Chattogram-Khagrachhari road in Hathazari upazila and fled the scene, said police.

In Narayanganj, two people were killed and four injured after a truck hit a CNG-run auto-rickshaw on the 300-foot road in Purbachal in the afternoon.

The deceased are Arobi Akter, 32 and Khairul Bashar, 35, both passengers of the auto-rickshaw.

Police seized the truck and detained its driver, Fakhru Islam, and his assistant, Nahidul Islam.

In Pirojpur, Shahidul Islam Howlader, 75, a retired army member from Sadar upazila, died after being hit by a battery-run auto-rickshaw.

[Our correspondents from Rangpur, Brahmanbaria, Pirojpur, Gopalganj, Chattogram, Moulvibazar and Narayanganj contributed to this report.]

## Suffering

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Chattogram Wasa, said repairs have not yet begun due to complications from the construction work.

Initial assessments indicated only a crack, but further inspections revealed several additional breaks in the pipeline. "We now plan to replace the entire pipeline to prevent future water supply issues," he noted. This is not the first instance of damage to the pipeline; it was previously affected in January by a vehicle collision and cracked again in a road accident in July 2023.

As residents continue to cope with limited water supplies, Chattogram Wasa has assured the public that repair work will commence soon, though a specific timeline for restoration has not yet been provided.

## Of Palak

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**FARUK DENIES FB POST**  
Former civil aviation minister Muhammad Faruk Khan was also brought to the CMM Court yesterday for a remand hearing in a violence case filed with Motijheel Police Station.

On February 3, a Facebook post from the verified profile of the Awami League presidium member went viral, in which he denounced party chief Sheikh Hasina and called for a change in leadership. The post sparked nationwide discussions.

As Faruk was being taken to the detention cell, a journalist asked, "Did you post a status on Facebook from prison?" Faruk responded, "How can I post a status from prison? This is false information."

Another journalist repeated the question, to which he reiterated, "Is it possible to post a status from prison? How can I do that from here?"

When the journalist pointed out that the post had come from his verified account, Faruk remained silent.

PRAYER TIMING					
FEBRUARY 20					
	Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5:20	12:45	4:30	6:03	7:30
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					

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UNICEF Bangladesh is inviting interested companies with a proven track record and professional credibility of providing the above-required services under LTA.

- Download the electronic copy of Bid documents from UNGM <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/259668>
- Alternatively, vendors may request the bid documents via email at 'supplybangladesh@unicef.org' by **23 February 2025**.

Deadline for submission of the proposal: **17 March 2025 at 3:00 PM (GMT +6), Monday**

**Please note UNICEF does not charge any fee at any stage of the solicitation process.**

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HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO. 153 OF 2025  
IN THE MATTER OF

Delivery Hero Kitchens APAC Holding Pte. Ltd.

-VERSUS-

...Petitioner

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms,  
and another

...Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Acts, 1994 has been filed by the Petitioner Company before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohail vide an order dated 30.01.2025 was pleased to admit the said application.

Any person or persons having interest in the said application may appear either personally or through duly authorized Advocate on or before the date so fixed.

Copy of the said application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of required costs.

Yours faithfully

(Kazi Ershadul Alam)  
Barrister-at-Law,  
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh  
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(ORIGINAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 131 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF :  
An application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.  
AND In the Matter of :  
**Mr. Moyeen Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury**, shareholder & Managing Director of **Leader Garments Ltd.** having its registered Office:- at Plot No. 33(1/A), 27, Milk Vita Road, Section-07, Mirpur, Dhaka, -----Petitioner

VS  
**Leader Garments Ltd.**, a Private Limited Company having its Registered Office:- at Plot No. 33(1/A), 27, Milk Vita Road, Section-07, Mirpur, Dhaka, representative by its Managing Director **Mr. Moyeen Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury** and another .... Respondents  
Notice is hereby given that an application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for condoning the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the company name & style as "Leader Garments Ltd.", The Hon'ble Company Judge **Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohail** has admitted the said application on 27.01.2025 and Hon'ble court directed the petitioner to publish the notices within 3(three) weeks and also to submit affidavit-in- compliance on or before 2nd March, 2025 from the date of publication. Any person interested in the said application may appear before this Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

**Mohammad Shariful Islam**  
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## CORRIGENDUM

1. TBL/HO/GSSD/PPD/TENDER/2025/03 correction as under:

For

Procurement of 100,000 Units VISA General Platinum Debit Card (DI).

Read

Procurement of 300,000 Units DI Cards (Visa, Mastercard, UnionPay) for Trust Bank PLC.

2. A complete set of the Bid documents containing the details of the terms and conditions and the details of Pre-Bid Meeting may be downloaded from the website <https://www.tbld.com/tender>. Only schedule purchaser may attend the Pre-Bid Meeting.

Purchase & Procurement Department, GSSD

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department

Office of the Executive Engineer

Satkhira.

[www.lged.gov.bd](http://www.lged.gov.bd)

Tel : No. 0471-63413, Fax: 0471-62818.

Reference No: 46.02.8700.001.99.001.23-347

Date: 19-02-2025

### e-Tender Notice No-34/2024-25 [OTM]

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following Tender ID & Schemes.

SL No	Tender ID No.	Package No. & Name of works	Tender Closing date & time
1	1077636	e-Tender/PEDP4/SKR/2024-25/W-20.615 Repair Work of District Primary Education Office Building at Satkhira DPEO under Sadar Upazila, Dist.-Satkhira.	10-Mar-2025 12:30

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 from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to **17.00pm, Date: 09-March-2025**.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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### ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED

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### INTERNATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

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

S.L No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Items	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & opening
01.	IMP/RM/SEM/61/2024-2025 dated 19/02/2025	<b>Pharmaceutical Raw Materials (for Gopalganj): (specification as per tender schedule):</b> 01. Anhydrous Glucose (Dextrose Anhydrous) Pyrogen free BP 02. Sodium Chloride, Endotoxin Free BP	Tk. 1250.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 10.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 08/04/2025 At 11.00 AM Opening : 08/04/2025 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 Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

**N.B: This Information is also available at our Website : [www.edcl.gov.bd](http://www.edcl.gov.bd)**

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**General Manager  
Procurement (CC).  
For: Managing Director**