

ILLEGAL SAND  
EXTRACTION  
Journalist  
threatened,  
bike, camera  
vandalised  
OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Lalmonirhat

A journalist received a death threat allegedly from some sand extractors in Lalmonirhat's Aditmari upazila early yesterday when he took a video of illegal sand extraction from the Teesta river.

The sand extractors also vandalised his camera, motorcycle, wireless boom and headphones.

Mahfuzul Islam Bakul is Lalmonirhat district correspondent of Channel 24 Television and Dainik Khaborer Kagoj.

Bakul filed a written complaint against nine people with Aditmari Police Station, said OC Ali Akbar of the police station.

Bakul said he received information from locals that a syndicate had been illegally extracting sand from the Teesta at night.

Based on it, he and his cameraman arrived at the Chandimari Kutirpar area around 1:30am. "The sand lifters attacked us and vandalised my camera, motorcycle, and other equipment. They also threatened to kill both me and my cameraman. Later, with the help of locals, we managed to escape."

OC Ali Akbar said they would look into the complaint.

NU Bogura  
regional office  
launched  
CITY DESK

The Regional Center of the National University (NU) in Bogura was inaugurated yesterday.

National University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr ASM Amanullah inaugurated the regional office in the morning. Later, at an event centring the inauguration was held.

**FLAT FOR SALE**

**Size: 4381 sft**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH**  
**HIGH COURT DIVISION**  
**(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**  
**COMPANY MATTER NO. 218 OF 2025**

**IN THE MATTER OF :** An application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of The Companies Act 1994.

**-AND-**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Steel Enterprise Limited .....Petitioner

**-Versus-**


The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies & Firms .....Respondent.

Take notice that an application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of The Companies Act 1994 was moved before the High Court Division of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bangladesh for confirmation of alterations of object clauses in the Memorandum of Association of the petitioner company by Special Resolution adopted by the members of the petitioner company in the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 21.11.2024. Upon hearing, Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel was pleased to admit the application for hearing vide order dated 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2025.

Anyone willing to oppose the said application, may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through duly appointed Advocate. Copy of the application can be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary charges.

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**We Remember**



20.09.33 - 1.3.2003

On his 22<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary today, we profoundly remember late **Matiur Rahman**- a Freedom Fighter, Founder & Chairman of Kisan Group, Former Cabinet Minister and former President of Dhaka Chamber of commerce & Industries.

Charity lunches will be served today at orphanage. Please pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

Chondona, Robin, Shuvo & Amit  
&  
Members of Kisan Group  
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Many of the roads in the busy Bahaddarhat area in the port city remains under the clutches of vendors. Ongoing development work further complicates the situation. These factors together contribute to traffic congestion, making it difficult for residents to navigate the area. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

BRIDGE OVER BARAK RIVER

Work yet to begin  
after 9 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

The construction of a new bridge over Barak River near Sarkar Bazar in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila has yet to begin even though nine months have passed since the work order was issued.

The upazila administration invited tenders for constructing the new, 11-metre-long girder bridge to replace the old, dilapidated one over the river on April 4, 2024. The Department of Disaster Management allocated Tk 42.64 lakh for the project, and the contract was awarded Sajida Enterprises.

However, despite receiving the work order on May 28, the contractor firm has yet to commence construction.

"Crossing the river using the broken bridge becomes particularly challenging in monsoon, when it becomes slippery and causes people to slip and sustain injuries. Students sometimes use boats for the crossing when the river swells up in monsoon, but boats are not always available," said Nurul Islam, a resident of Nasirpur village.

Abu Mia Chowdhury, chairman of Khalipur union parishad, said the local market is a major hub for cattle trade. The delayed construction of new bridge is compelling people to use the old bridge for access to the market, and bear extra expenses for



transporting goods and cattle, he added. Abhijit Dey, an engineer representing the contractor firm, attributed the delay to political instability. Also, the contract includes construction of six bridges in different locations, so priority was given to areas with less developed communication, he added.

Abhijit, however, assured that primary

work on the bridge over Barak river could be completed within 15 days, allowing construction to continue even during adverse weather conditions.

Contacted, Zahirul Islam, project implementation officer in the upazila, said he assumed his role only recently and did not have the contractor's contact information to reach out to them in this regard.

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dilapidated condition.

The Sreemangal municipality alleged that the college authorities did not hand over the library building to the municipality when it relocated. As such, no steps could be taken to renovate the structure. Moreover, the college authorities earlier had demolished the rear boundary wall of the library and built an extended classroom, encroaching on the land of a children's park beside it.

A cyclone in April 2024 caused significant damage to the entire structure.

"The college authorities did not hand over the keys and other belongings when they left the building in 2020," said Zahirul Islam, executive engineer of Sreemangal municipality.

Contacted, Piyali Bhowmik, acting principal of the college, claimed the college's activities were conducted in the library building with permission from the then municipal authorities. She, however, said there is no document in this regard.

Islam Uddin, UNO of Sreemangal, said there is a plan to establish a modern public library on the land. "We are working in this regard," he added.

**PRAYER  
TIMING**

**MARCH 1**

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
5:15	12:45	4:30	6:05	7:30

JAMAAT 5:50 1:15 4:45 6:10 8:00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

1,021 detained in Dhaka

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and patrol operations have been strengthened in coordination with the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) and other law enforcement agencies.

In Dhaka, DMP and other law enforcement agencies arrested 228 suspected criminals, including robbers and muggers, in a crackdown against criminals in the capital on Thursday, said a DMP release.

With these arrests, the total number of detainees in Dhaka over the past four days has risen to 1,021.

The arrestees include 15 robbers, 24 professional snatchers, five extortionists, 12 thieves, 27 drug dealers, and 30 individuals with outstanding warrants.

Law enforcers seized 12 sharp weapons, a microbus, four mobile phones, and Tk 62,290 in cash from the detainees. Additionally, they confiscated 238 yaba pills and 37.6 kg of cannabis.

A total of 49 cases were filed, and legal action has been initiated against those arrested.

According to the DMP's Crime Command and

Control Center, 550 patrol teams have been deployed across 50 police stations in Dhaka to ensure security and smooth movement of the people of Dhaka Metropolitan City.

Additionally, 65 police checkpoints have been set up at key locations, with 20 more operated by the specialised police unit APBN alongside the DMP.

To further strengthen security, 14 patrol teams from the CTTC, 12 from the Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU), and 10 from the DMP and Rab are stationed in crime-prone areas of the city.

Outsourced workers

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programme on February 23.

Ashraful Alam, a leader of BCMCL's outsourced workers, said despite working at the mine for 15-20 years, they remain deprived of various benefits, including salary increments and festival bonuses, unlike their permanent counterparts.

The then Awami League government in 2018 had issued a directive revoking essential benefits for outsourced workers, putting many temporary employees in financial distress, he alleged.

After the AL government's ouster, the outsourced workers staged protest in Dhaka, and received assurances from the then advisory council on wage disparity concerns.

showroom, according to the fire service.

Lima Khanam, duty officer at the fire service headquarters, told UNB that the fire erupted from an electric short-circuit at a shop in the kitchen market near Shewrapara Metro Station on Begum Rokeya Sarani.

Firefighters managed to bring the blaze under control after 45 minutes and it was completely doused around 5:50am.

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Saifur Rahman

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Highlighting Saifur Rahman's contributions, Bashir said his policies prevented an economic downturn immediately after a period of instability.

"The economy was on the verge of collapse, but his policies kept it running for years," he said. Bashir emphasised that the current government is working to rebuild the economy with a fair distribution of resources, preventing the rise of crony capitalism.

BNP Standing Committee Member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said Saifur worked for all sections of the society, maintaining a balance between business interests and the welfare of citizens. He focused on improving the lives of the marginalised, said Khasru, a former commerce minister. Saifur focused on reducing dependency on foreign aid and mobilising internal resources, Khasru said.

Describing Saifur as "a champion of market economy, private sector development, and export-led growth," Khasru said he had the ability to make tough decisions for economic transformation.

Power Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir

Khan said when autocratic governments leave power, they often deplete the country's treasury and foreign exchange reserves, a situation Bangladesh recently witnessed.

He credited Saifur for successfully managing the finance ministry in the 1990s under similar circumstances, calling him the best finance minister the country has seen.

Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed said he had not seen such a friendly and knowledgeable minister in his career as Saifur.

He said Saifur never interfered in the central bank's operations, which is rare for a political finance minister.

Former finance secretary Zakir Ahmed, BIDS acting Director General Kazi Iqbal, and Bonik Barta Editor Dewan Hanif Mahmud also spoke at the event.

Additionally, Planning and Education Adviser Wahiduddin Mahmud, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, ICC Bangladesh President Mahbubur Rahman, and Debapriya Bhattacharya, distinguished fellow at CPD, shared their thoughts via video messages at the event.

Hope for a new dawn

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"No political party has truly been people-friendly. Leaders, once in power, deceive the public through unethical politics, voter suppression, and corruption. They amass billions of dollars through corruption and then syphon that money off to abroad. Then there is also revenge culture in politics. The result is the suffering of people and a dysfunctional state," he said.

He believes NCP could be the answer by establishing an inclusive democratic state and promoting equality and justice.

Delwar Hossain, who hailed from Narayanganj,

said, "People have been held hostage by two major political parties, both of which have established dynasties. We believe that in this new party, even a hawk or a farmer's child -- if qualified -- can become prime minister."

For many attendees, this rally marked their first active participation in politics.

Rakib Fakir, a National University student from Savar, said, "Since becoming politically aware, I have only seen Sheikh Hasina in power. I never even had the chance to vote. We were disengaged, but not anymore. From now on, I will be involved in politics in support of the new party."

Interim govt failed

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Sagar-Runi, and Munia, as people have long awaited their resolution.

Accusing the previous government of sheltering Taqi's killers, particularly individuals linked to former MP Shamim Osman and his family, Rafiur Rabbi said, "The interim government's advisers initially spoke about the case, and Rab made some progress. They arrested six people, and one even gave a confessional statement before the court. But nothing has moved forward since then."

Rabbi also recalled that

in 2014, a year after the murder, Rab announced that the investigation was nearly complete, and a draft charge sheet was prepared. However, the investigating authorities have yet to finalise and submit it to the court.

Taqi went missing after he left his Shaista Khan Road home in Narayanganj for Sudhijon Pathagar, a local library, around 4:00pm on March 6, 2013.

A day after his body was found, his A-level results were out, which showed he got the world's highest mark in physics in that exam, obtaining 297 out of 300.

Curtain falls

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bought novels, essays, and history books this year."

This year's fair was also fraught with challenges.

On February 7, during the first Shishu Prohor, the absence of Sisimpur disappointed little book lovers. Further controversies emerged, including an incident on February 10 when a group of people stormed the Sabyasachi stall displaying books by Taslima Nasrin, leading to police intervention.

On February 15, another controversy erupted on social media over the closure of a stall selling sanitary pads. A letter -- regarding the closure circulated on Facebook -- said "several Islamist

groups" had objected to the sale of sanitary pads.

Later, Bangla Academy DG Mohammad Azam said, "This stall did not have approval. That's why it was shut down."

Amidst the challenges, new elements of the fair sparked interest among visitors. A notable addition was the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement stall, which featured literature and memorabilia related to mass uprisings.

As the sun set on the Boi Mela, a palpable sense of farewell washed over the fairgrounds. While the bittersweet nature of goodbyes lingered, there remained a glimmer of hope that this cherished tradition would continue to endure.

Hills razed

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"We do not know whether the contractor is using hill soil. Since red soil is being used, it might have been extracted by razing hills. We will send a letter to the contractor in this regard," he said.

Mohammad Asad, contractor of the project, claimed they had collected the soil from a subcontractor

who extracted it from registered land, not from hills.

Md Shahinul Islam, range officer of Cox's Bazar South Forest Division (Ukhiya), said they received a complaint a few days ago and launched an investigation. "We found an area where small hills were razed. Further investigation is ongoing."