

JULY UPRISING
Meal allowance
raised to
Tk 250 per
injured patient

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The health ministry has directed the relevant authorities to increase the dietary allowance for injured and admitted patients of the student-led mass uprising to improve the quality of their food.

According to a circular issued by the Health Services Division on Sunday, the daily allowance has been raised to Tk 250 per person, up from Tk 175.

The circular was sent to the director general of the DGHS, all directors of medical colleges and specialised hospitals, all divisional directors of DGHS, superintendents of government hospitals, all civil surgeons, and all upazila health and family planning officers.

Former US

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we face any obstacles in ensuring justice. They expressed interest in learning more about the enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings that occurred over the last 15 years under Sheikh Hasina's rule," he said.

He said the two diplomats emphasised their neutral stance and urged the government to ensure punishment to prevent such crimes in the future.

Meanwhile, the ICT yesterday extended the deadline by three months for submitting the probe report on the killing of college student Muhammad Hridoy during the uprising in Gazipur's Konabari.

The tribunal also approved a one-day interrogation of Constable Akram Hossain, who directly shot Hridoy, an eleventh grader at Hemnagar Degree College in Tangail. On August 5, Akram allegedly shot Hridoy at point-blank range after police encircled him.



A man transporting watermelons on a boat to reach the wholesale markets in the Port Road area of Barishal Sadar yesterday. Farmers from various char areas in Bhola use such boats to take their produce to the market via the river.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

WATER CRISIS IN CHATTOGRAM

Residents struggle amid salinity surge

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Residents in various areas of the port city of Chattogram are grappling with an acute water crisis as supplies from the Chattogram Water and Sewerage Authority (CWasa) have significantly diminished.

CWasa is compelled to shut down its treatment plants daily for extended periods due to saltwater intrusion in the Halda river and reduced water release from Kaptai Lake. As of November last year, the state agency had a total of 98,755 registered consumers.

"We are only getting water once or twice a week. Due to the shortage, we are forced to buy bottled water from the local market," said Abdullal Al Noman, a resident of the Akbar Shah area.

Tofayel Ahmed, a resident of the Bahaddarhat area, said, "With our limited income, we are compelled to buy bottled water for consumption. This is putting extra financial strain on us."

CWasa operates four surface water treatment plants -- two in Rangunia on the bank of the Karnaphuli River and two in Madunaghat and Mohora areas along the Halda River -- with a combined production

capacity of around 46 crore litres of water daily. However, the ongoing crisis has seen daily production reduced to around 40-41 crore litres.

According to CWasa's data, salinity levels in the Halda have spiked significantly above the usual range of 100-250 mg per litre near the Mohora plant.

The salinity levels recorded most recently were 2,300 mg per litre on March 2, followed by 2,280 mg per litre on March 3, and 1,520 mg per litre on March 4.

Higher salinity levels were also noted at the Madunaghat plant area -- 1,700 mg per litre on March 2, followed by 1,500 mg per litre on March 3, and 1,020 mg per litre on March 4.

"Halda's increasing salinity has forced the closure of the two plants for two to three hours daily, leading to reduced water production by at least 3-4 crore litres," said Maksud Alam, chief engineer of CWasa.

"Meanwhile, the water release from Kaptai Lake into the Karnaphuli has reduced significantly as the lake's water level has dropped following prolonged periods of low rainfall. Consequently, the water level of the Karnaphuli River has also fallen, reducing water production at the two plants in Rangunia by around 2 crore litres daily," he added.

The Consumers Association of Bangladesh has expressed concern over the high salinity levels in CWasa's water in a statement yesterday. "Due to the negligence of certain CWasa officials, city residents are being forced to endure water shortages and are even having to drink salty water, especially during the

Ramadan," the statement read. The CWasa chief engineer said, "We maintain salinity levels in the water at a maximum of 250 mg per litre. While some salinity may remain after the purification process, it does not exceed the 250 mg per litre limit."



AL's ouster revives

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A total of 11 people have been arrested in connection with the murder. Of them, six remain in jail, while the others have been released on bail.

Since the killing, the victim's family has consistently alleged that members of the influential Osman family were involved in the murder. They also claimed the investigation was stalled due to interference from high-ranking officials of the then AL government.

The leaked probe findings also supported their claims, as according to the findings, Azmery killed Taqi as his father Rabbi, along with his supporters, actively campaigned for Salina Hayat Ivy ahead of the Narayanganj City Corporation election.

After the fall of the AL government, Rab arrested six individuals in September last year in connection with the case.

According to Rab, all six were close aides of Azmery Osman. The arrested individuals are Azmery's driver Jamshed Hossain, his relative Abdulla Al Mamun (alias Jamai Mamun), and his close aides Kajal Hawlader, Shafayet Hossain Shipon, Mamun Mia, and Yar Mohammad.

Among them, Kajal Hawlader has given a confessional statement before the court under Section 164.

In September last year, Lt Col Tanvir Mahmud Pasha, the then commanding officer of Rab 11, told The Daily Star that the investigation had been stalled for years due to "pressure".

He had vowed to complete the probe quickly, however, it still remains unfinished.

Lt Col Pasha was recently transferred and replaced by Lt Col HM Shazzad Hossain.

Contacted yesterday, Lt Col Shazzad said he will submit the charge sheet soon.

A smiling Shajahan and a worried Salim

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Shajahan responded, "I always smile. I will keep smiling until my last breath."

'A RUSHED JUDGEMENT IS NO JUDGEMENT'

While in the dock, Solaiman Salim was approached by a lawyer who inquired about his prison experience.

"I am fasting, reading books, and can talk to my family over the phone. Schri and Iftar meals are normal," he replied. He paused and added, "Don't you see how drained everyone's faces look?"

When the judge entered,

Solaiman continued addressing journalists.

"Many journalists publish false news. They wrote that Shajahan Khan and others are getting good food in prison. These lies are making our situation worse," he stated.

Police instructed him to stop speaking, to which he retorted, "You are going to slaughter me anyway. Give me a little time."

He then told the lawyer, "A death sentence could come at any moment. I wouldn't be surprised. Look at how Bangabandhu's house was demolished. The

message is clear."

After the hearing, while being taken to the lockup, he asked a lawyer about his father's health.

When a journalist asked about his comment on a possible death sentence, he replied, "A rushed judgement is no judgement."

'ONE MURDER CASE IS ENOUGH'

Inside the dock, former head of news at Ekattor Television Shakil Ahmed and principal correspondent Farzana Rupa exchanged words.

During the hearing, Rupa sought permission to speak.

"I do not have a lawyer. May I speak in favour of my bail?" she asked.

The judge replied, "This is a hearing to show you as arrested, not a bail hearing."

She continued, "The number of cases is piling up. I am a journalist. A single murder case is enough to frame me."

Meanwhile, former Supreme Court justice Manik was placed on a two-day remand in connection with the death of 24-year-old Abujor Sheikh in Dhaka's Gulshan area on July 19 last year.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 345 OF 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85 (3) of the Companies Act, 1994 AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Waqar Ahmad Choudhury

- Versus -

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) of the Companies Act, 1994 has been filed by the petitioner before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court to Bangladesh praying for condonation of delay for holding the Annual General Meetings of Nascom (Pvt.) Limited for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024. The Hon'ble High Court Division presided over by Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel vide order dated 27.02.2025 was pleased to admit the said application and fix the date for filling an affidavit-in-compliance. Any person interested in the said application may appear in the matter either personally or through his duly authorised Advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed charge.

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Ref No. 46.207.000.21.16.006. 2024-2025

Dated: 05/03/2025

CORRIGENDUM:1

e-Tender are invited in e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by office of the Executive Engineer, Zone-9 Dholpur, Jatrabari, Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of following package, which will be available at e-GP website from date 12-02-2025, 23:00. This is notify for all concern that the e-tender Notice which was circulated vide this Office Memo No: 46.207.000.21.16.005. 2024-2025 Dated: 12/02/2025 Due to unavoidable circumstances the following tender selling and closing date has been shifted as below:

SL. No.	Tender ID, Ref. No.	Name of works	As in Notice		Amendments (1 st)	
			Last Selling date and Time	Tender Closing Date and Time	Last Selling date and Time	Tender Closing Date and Time
01.	1074230 egp/dscc/z09/24- 25/p-08	Repairing works of damaged section of various roads at ward No 62,63,64,65 under zone-9, Dhaka South City Corporation	06-Mar-2025, 12:00	06-Mar-2025, 15:00	10-Mar-2025, 12:00	10-Mar-2025, 15:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in E-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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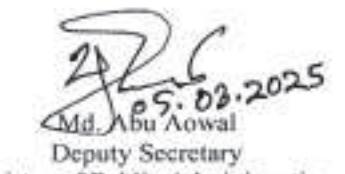
Date : 05-03-2025

Ministry of Public Administration of Bangladesh invites the flowing tender in the National e-GP Portal:

Si	Tender Id	Name of Supply	Publishing Date and Time	Closing Date and Time
1	1082548	Electrical equipment: LED TV, Microwave Oven, Paper, Shredder, CC Camera and Accessories etc..		
2	1083231	Office Furniture: Wooden Office Table Side Table, Utility Table with Drawer Unit, Side Table wooden Lacquered Polish (wooden), Computer Table, Visitor Chair Visitor Chair, Sofa Set Pure Leather, Steel Almirah, Steel file cabinet etc..	06 March 2025 & 10:00	20 March 2025 & 14:00

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 portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal should be deposited on-line through any registered Bank.

Further Information and Guidelines are Available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP Helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).


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