

Workers attack two

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According to Industrial Police and EPZ sources, a total of 173 workers were recently dismissed from three factories – including Excelsior Shoes and JW Apparel – during the Eid holidays.

The terminated employees were reportedly paid four months' basic salary along with other benefits.

Unrest erupted following the dismissals, with workers blocking the main CEPZ road for over 30 minutes yesterday afternoon.

Mohammad Solaiman, superintendent of the Industrial Police, Chattogram range, said the unrest at Excelsior Shoes Ltd began around 8:30am when the terminated workers gathered at the factory gate.

Quoting witnesses, he said the protesters broke the main gate, stormed the premises, and began

attacking officials and staff. Security supervisor Mamun, who was injured in the attack, said 60 to 70 people, including the terminated workers, forcibly entered the compound and beat up guards and officials.

They also vandalised office equipment, including glass doors, window panes, and computers.

GM Mohiuddin told The Daily Star that 40 of the terminated workers had been dismissed following discussions with the CEPZ authority, on charges of inciting unrest and involvement in earlier clashes in January and February.

All dues were cleared prior to termination, he added.

Abdus Sobhan, executive director of CEPZ, said the situation was brought under control with assistance from law enforcement agencies by 2:30pm.

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came forward to help. Not even the July Shaheed Smriti Foundation, which was established to support the wounded and families of those killed, alleged Ansar.

"I went to the July foundation in Dhaka twice from Patuakhali. The last time they mocked me, saying people like me show up with fake cases," said Ansar, weeping beside his son's freshly dug grave.

"He'd still be alive had those in power cared," he added.

Meanwhile, Hridoy suffered at their home in Jouta village of Baulal upazila. His vision worsened, fevers became frequent, and the pain from the remaining pellets intensified. On Wednesday, his condition deteriorated.

He succumbed to his injuries at the Baulal Upazila Health Complex on Friday.

Ansar said he sold his only battery-powered rickshaw and a cattle to take Hridoy to Dhaka for treatment. Doctors even recommended treatment abroad, which was beyond the family's means.

Only after his son's death did Ansar receive Tk 20,000 for funeral expenses from the assistant commissioner (land) of Baulal, along with a promise from the Patuakhali deputy commissioner to help him buy a new rickshaw.

Hridoy, the youngest of

four siblings, dropped out of school after class seven due to poverty. He worked occasionally in his village and Dhaka, where his elder brother Shohanul Islam Anis works as a carpenter.

Hridoy came to Anis's home in Jatrabari on July 13 and joined the protests.

"I told him not to go, fearing something might



Parents of Hridoy mourn their son at their village home. PHOTO: STAR

happen. But he kept going without telling me," said Anis.

After being shot on July 18, Hridoy was treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where two of the three pellets were removed from his head. Doctors advised against removing the third due to a risk of fatal complications.

Although treatment at DMCH was free, the family struggled with associated costs. "We could only afford basic medicine from local pharmacies. Proper treatment might have

saved him," Anis said. Anis alleged he tried multiple times to contact top student leaders for help but received no response.

Contacted, Jahid Hossain, public relations officer of July Smriti Foundation, said, "Hridoy's name was not in the Management Information System (MIS) of any government hospital, meaning his family never submitted the required documents. We are deeply saddened, but without proper documentation, we couldn't help."

Regarding allegations of mistreatment, Jahid said, "I don't believe our staff behaved inappropriately. The incident likely happened outside our premises. We have no record of any of Hridoy's family visiting us."

On February 5, this newspaper published a report exposing the bureaucratic hurdles faced by July uprising victims while seeking aid from the foundation. It included the stories of a martyr's widow working as a house help, a single mother in her sixties denied support over paperwork issues, and a Jagannath University student refused aid due to a minor documentation error.

The JnU student, Anan Sabik, yesterday said he had still not received any assistance, despite resubmitting proper documents over a month ago.

In response, Jahid said the foundation will investigate the matter.

Asked if the aid process has been streamlined, Jahid said, "Previously, victims had to return to their home districts for verification. That's no longer required. Now, if the documents are in order, the process takes about two weeks."

Fix overlap

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They said the date for the 46th BCS written exam was announced even before the written results of the 45th BCS were published. Meanwhile, the preliminary exam date for the 47th BCS has already been announced.

They termed the situation "inhumane," as it compels applicants to appear in multiple written exams and then prepare again for the 47th BCS preliminary exam.

They urged the PSC to complete the viva voce for the 44th BCS by May and publish the final results by June. They also called for a structured plan to conclude the recruitment process for the 44th to 47th BCS exams without further delay.

Among other demands, they said the written test results of the 45th BCS should be announced soon after the final results of the 44th BCS, and the viva voce for the 45th should begin promptly while completing the recruiting process for this BCS before December 2025.

Maternal, neonatal

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several common factors.

"Although Bangladesh has made significant progress in reducing child mortality, we are still at risk," she told The Daily Star yesterday.

She identified common illnesses such as pneumonia, diarrhoea, typhoid, and other infectious diseases as major contributors to child deaths.

The main issue lies in the lack of awareness, she said.

"People need to be educated on the importance of breastfeeding and the introduction of supplementary foods after six months, which are readily available in our food system," she said.

Prof Iflat stressed the need for accessible healthcare for these common diseases to prevent further child mortality. She also emphasised the importance of care from conception to safe delivery for ensuring healthy babies.

One of the UN reports said home deliveries, which account for 30 percent of all births in the country, are a major contributor to high newborn mortality and stillbirth rates.

Many of these births occur without skilled medical assistance,

significantly increasing the risk of complications, it said.

Another major concern is the limited access to specialised care for sick newborns. Many rural areas lack adequate healthcare facilities, leaving newborns without essential medical attention.

The shortage of trained midwives also remains a critical issue.

To meet its Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target, Bangladesh needs to save an additional 28,000 newborns each year, the report said.

Contacted, Prof Sayedur Rahman, special assistant to the chief adviser for the health ministry, said they have taken several plans to reduce newborn mortality and stillbirth rates.

He said they have taken steps to increase the number of midwives as the existing number is inadequate.

They were taking steps to increase facility-based delivery and better integration between health and family planning, he told The Daily Star over the phone.

"We are also working to increase SCANU [Special Care Newborn Unit] facilities and telemedicine service for early risk detection," he said.

Prime accused

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former president of the local Swachhchasebak League and a defeated chairman candidate.

Zajira Police Station Officer in Charge Dulal Akand confirmed the arrests to The Daily Star, stating that seven individuals from both factions were taken into custody following the clash.

Meanwhile, a Rab team arrested the prime accused, Kuddus Bepari, from Dhaka.

Jalil is currently in Shariatpur district jail, while Kuddus was recently released on bail in a separate case. Both have multiple cases filed against them, including charges related to bomb explosions, assault, and murder,

according to the OC.

"The situation is currently under control," he added. "Police are actively conducting searches to ensure no explosives remain hidden. Legal action will be taken following a thorough investigation."

Law enforcement and intelligence teams are also investigating the source of the explosives and other materials used during the clash.

Superintendent of Rab 8, Mohammad Monir Hossain, confirmed Kuddus Bepari's arrest to The Daily Star.

He said the arrest was made around 1:00am in Dhaka's Mominbagh area during a joint operation conducted by Rab 8 and Rab-3.

Five killed in road

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The deceased was identified as Abu Bakkar, 50, from Hajir Ali village in the upazila, said Jashore Kotwali Police Station OC Abul Hasnat.

In Gazipur, a pedestrian was killed after being hit by an unidentified vehicle

in the Asia Pump area of Tongi on the Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway around 10:00am yesterday.

The deceased is Arun Kumar Mallick, 75, from the Bara Deora area of Tongi, said Tongi West Police Station OC Iskander Habibur Rahman.

Sacked BDR members

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is reinstatement with compensation," said Fazlur Rahman, a former subedar major.

"We sought a meeting with the BGB director general to submit our memorandum. Our five-member delegation tried to engage, but we had to hand over the memorandum through the gate to a BGB official via a senior police officer. Until we receive a clear response, our movement will continue," he added.

Afzalur Rahman, another expelled BDR member, said, "During the 2009 BDR mutiny, I was posted in Khagrachhari, far from Dhaka. Yet, I was

Committed to combat

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Trafficking, held at a city hotel.

The adviser highlighted several recent initiatives, including a national action plan to combat human trafficking, a web-based national referral mechanism for victim support, and the establishment of dedicated tribunals to expedite the prosecution of trafficking cases.

He also noted the expansion of mutual legal assistance frameworks with BIMSTEC and other partner countries to boost regional cooperation.

"Traffickers continue to evolve, exploiting economic vulnerabilities and misusing technology. This

demands a coordinated, strategic response," he said.

"BIMSTEC plays a vital role by facilitating intelligence sharing and the exchange of best practices among member states," he added.

Evaly's Rassel

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Instead, the company provided him a cheque, which was later rejected by the bank, read the case statement.

On January 29 this year, another Dhaka court sentenced the couple to two years' imprisonment in a case filed over the embezzlement of Tk 14.10 lakh from a customer.

On June 2 last year, a Chattogram court sentenced Rassel and Shamima to one year in jail in a cheque bounce case.

On December 19 last year, Rassel was sentenced to two years in jail and Shamima sentenced to one year in jail in a fraud case.

On September 16, 2021, the couple was arrested from their Mohammadpur residence in the capital in a case filed over fraud and embezzlement.

Shamima was released on bail in April 2022, and Rassel on December 19, 2022.

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as occasional raids have proven ineffective. They said the authorities must take more substantial and regular action to halt the destructive activities that are causing long-term environmental damage.

In Jamalpur Sadar, sand traders have been lifting sand from the Brahmaputra river for years, increasing the risk of collapse of the vital Brahmaputra Bridge.

However, the administrations of Jamalpur and Sherpur remain indifferent.

In Sarishabari, influential locals have been extracting sand from the Jhenai river. Although the administration occasionally conducts drives and punishes sand lifters, the practice continues.

Deputy Commissioner Hasina Begum said drives are being conducted regularly in all upazilas from where sand is being lifted, and administrations have been asked to stop illegal sand lifting.

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Heat, low rainfall

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budding as expected. Some are even dying due to the drought, said Shamim Ahmed Chowdhury, manager of Shirajnagar Tea Garden.

The drought has also created conditions for pest outbreaks, he said.

Nipen Pal, general secretary of the Bangladesh Tea Workers Union, said most gardens no longer maintain the recommended number of shade trees.

"Each acre should have 300-350 shade trees, but half the gardens lack even that. This not only lowers yield but also affects tea quality."

Experts from the Bangladesh Tea Board and the Bangladesh Tea Research Institute have warned that tea bushes thrive in temperatures between 20-25°C and can only tolerate up to 29°C without damage.

However, temperatures

in Moulvibazar have reached as high as 38-39°C this season.

"If there are enough shade trees, the microclimate under the canopy can allow the plant to tolerate up to 35°C," said Ismail Hossain, director of the Bangladesh Tea Research Center. "But beyond that, photosynthesis is disrupted, and the plant's food production stops."

Dr Rafiqul Haque, director of the Tea Board's Project Development Unit, said, "We must focus on planting shade providing creepers and climate-resilient tea varieties. Water reservoirs in each garden and efficient irrigation systems are also essential."

With no signs of immediate rainfall, the future of the tea industry this season remains uncertain, and stakeholders are calling for urgent measures to prevent further losses, he added.

বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
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(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
Company Matter No. 471 of 2025

Hersa Imam, Managing Director of Remedial Limited, Flat-A10, House-60, Road-11A (New), Dhanmondi, R/A, Dhaka-1209. ----- Petitioner

-VERSUS-

The Register of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhaban (6th Floor) Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215. ----- Respondent

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that the above named petitioner has filed an application under section 81(2) of the read with section 85(3) and section 396 of The Companies Act, 1994 before the Company Bench of the High Court Division of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bangladesh with a prayer of condoning the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of Remedial Limited for the calendar year 2023-2024. After preliminary hearing on 17.03.2025, his lordship Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel presiding over the said Hon'ble Court, was pleased to admit the application. Any person interested in the application may appear before the Hon'ble court either in person or through an Advocate and contest the matter. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of requisite costs.

(BM Mamun-or Rashid)
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Chamber: Md. Zafarullah Chowdhury & Associates
52/1, Hasan Holdings, 9th Floor, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.

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(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)

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1094103	27.21.0000.684.07 .001.25.289, Date: 25/03/2025	Painting of Tower No-10, 11, 12, 13 of Dohazari-Coxsbazar 132 kV Transmission Line and Muffling of Leg of Tower No-3, 18, 85, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94 of Dohazari-Shikalbaha 132 kV Transmission Line & Tower No- 122 of Dohazari-Coxsbazar 132 kV Transmission Line of Dohazari 132/33 kV Grid Substation under Power Grid Bangladesh, GMD, Chattogram-South.	13 Apr 2025 at 14:00

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