

## Finish BCS process

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The party further proposed that candidates be allowed to reshuffle their cadre choices after the written results are announced but before the viva voce. It also called for reinstatement of the non-cadre system, as seen in the 38th BCS, with the highest number of appointments given to non-cadres who pass the viva.

Meanwhile, the Public Service Commission has released the schedule for the 46th BCS written exams, which will begin on May 8 and take place at centres across Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chattogram, Khulna, Barishal, Sylhet, Rangpur, and Mymensingh.

## Raise your voice

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Speaking as chief guest, Mirza Abbas said, "Had the Muslim world remained united and raised their voices collectively, Israel would not have dared to continue this genocide."

He warned that without effective action from the United Nations and Muslim countries, such oppression would continue.

Salahuddin Ahmed, said, "The genocide in Palestine began long ago, with both direct and indirect support from global powers. Yet the leaders of the Muslim world have failed to take a firm stand."

"On behalf of the BNP,

divisions.  
This comes amid protests by job seekers demanding a postponement of the exams.

Moreover, joint forces yesterday dispersed some protesters with batons around 3:00pm after they attempted to march towards the PSC office demanding postponement of the written exams.

Several protesters were detained during the incident.

Earlier on Tuesday, the protesters broke into the PSC premises over the same demands, and gave the commission a three-day ultimatum to postpone the exam date.

## Police Week finally confirmed

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commissioners -- have been named in murder cases related to the crackdowns.

"Some officers have gone into hiding or fled the country. We are now reshaping the force with new leadership in key positions. A new uniform is also in the works," said an official.

A senior DMP officer said political instability had put the event in doubt, but the appointment of a new inspector general cleared the way. "The government delayed its approval, but now the focus is on a more low-key, meaningful event."

A deputy inspector general said guidance may be given during the week ahead of the expected December elections. "But whether we can truly break free from political influence

remains uncertain -- and that's a concern we hope to raise."

Sources allege that BPM and PPM awards have previously been influenced by political considerations. On February 24, the home ministry revoked medals from 103 officers who received them in 2018 for their roles in the controversial 10th national election.

Fresh allegations suggest lobbying is again taking place, with some officers reportedly using administrative pressure to get on the medal list.

However, Police Headquarters has pledged transparency. "Only deserving candidates will receive the medals," said a senior officer. "Those lobbying for recognition will be excluded."

Fewer than 50 medals

are expected to be awarded this year.

There will be no ceremonial parade or presidential meeting this year, according to PHQ sources. The event will begin with an address by the chief adviser.

On April 30 and May 1, various units -- including the Special Branch, CID, RAB, Tourist Police, Railway Police, and Industrial Police -- will give presentations. Meetings with the home adviser, home secretary, and ministry officials will also take place.

Additional events include a PUNAK fair, a citizen dialogue, the annual Police Service Association meeting, and a reunion with retired officers.

The week will conclude with a formal dinner on May 1.

## 50 hurt

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vessels were FB Tarek 2 and FB Tufan 2, operated by Sagir Company, and FB Ma, owned by Selim Chowdhury.

Quoting a crew member, Selim Chowdhury said, "A group of armed robbers suddenly attacked while the fishermen were at sea. When the fishermen tried to resist, the armed robbers boarded the trawlers, beat them, and opened fire."

"Over 50 fishermen from around 10 trawlers were shot during the attack," he added. "We received the information through mobile phone calls from nearby trawlers that witnessed the incident. Many vessels have since left the area in fear."

He also noted that no communication could be established with the affected fishermen since the incident.

"We have informed both the superintendent of police and the Coast Guard. Efforts are underway to reach the stranded fishermen," said Golam Mostafa.

Barguna Superintendent of Police Md Ibrahim Khalil said the coast guard have been notified, and they have started rescue operations.

## Sazzad's wife

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against her," she said.

Police arrested Sazzad on March 15 from Bashundhara City Shopping Mall in Dhaka. He was later produced before a Chattogram court on March 16.

After Sazzad was arrested, Sharmin posted a video on Facebook on March 16, threatening those involved in his capture.

"We will spend bundles of money to bring him back. Be prepared -- those responsible for his arrest won't be spared," she reportedly said in the video.

The initiative targets

## Lifesaver on the Meghna

Chandpur town." Jahanara Begum, 48, also from the same village, said, "If someone falls sick, we have no option but to go to local drug stores seeking medicine."

Ratan Chowkidar, a member of Nilmakal Union and resident of Majhikandi, said it takes over an hour by trawler to reach the Haimchar Upazila Health Complex.

"But a doctor is not always available there, often forcing people to travel to Chandpur, spending more money and time," he said. "So, the floating hospital is a huge benefit for us."

A Friendship official said around 150 to 170 patients receive treatment daily. Periodic camps are held focusing on specialised care such as eye, ENT, burn and plastic surgery, and gynaecology. Medicines are provided free of cost.

The mobile unit stays anchored at a location for about two and a half months before moving to the next.

With the hospital scheduled to leave in a few days, locals are calling for it to be made permanent.

"This hospital is providing an invaluable service, and we want it to continue," said Ratan.

## Take measures

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He also called for the setting up of a specialised street newborn unit at Matua Hospital to ensure proper medical care for abandoned infants.

Mozibur emphasised the need for a human milk storage facility for street newborns, noting that breast milk is vital for survival. Therefore, a facility must be established -- in accordance with relevant religious customs -- to safely collect and distribute breast milk, he stressed.

## SSC exams begin

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This year, around 19.28 lakh students registered for the exams, over one lakh less compared to previous year.

Of them, a total 14,90,142 registered under nine general education boards, while 2,94,726 under the Madrasa Education Board, and 1,43,313 under the Technical Education Board.

The exams are being held at 2,291 centres across 18,084 institutions.

Meanwhile, around 700 examinees at Jharpbari Dwi-Mukhi High School centre in Dinajpur's Birganj upazila had to use candlelight while taking their test yesterday due to

power cut following heavy rain and strong winds that began just before the exam.

Md Zahedul Islam, secretary of the centre, said, "Just before the exam began, the storm caused power outage. We arranged for candles immediately so students could continue. Fortunately, power was restored within 20-25 minutes."

The inclement weather left many students and guardians distressed as they made their way to exam centres getting drenched in rain. Several centres had to conduct the exams in near darkness, our Dinajpur correspondent reported.

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of 500 to 600 new patients being admitted daily across the division. Over 3,000 new cases have been recorded in the past week alone.

Since January, more than 23,000 patients have been treated for diarrhoea in the division, with over 11,000 hospital admissions reported in March.

Health authorities warned that the ongoing heatwave could further

exacerbate the outbreak, describing the situation as "alarming". Zianagar upazila in Pirojpur district has been identified as a hotspot for the outbreak.

Officials said most of the cases have resulted from the consumption of contaminated water and food. They urged the public to maintain proper hygiene and take necessary precautions, stressing that diarrhoea is preventable through awareness.

## Diarrhoea cases surge in Barishal

Dr Shyamal Krishna Mondal, divisional health director, acknowledged the sharp rise in patients but said there was room for cautious optimism.

"The positive news is that most patients are recovering quickly. We still have sufficient saline supplies, and any shortages are promptly addressed with support from nearby districts or upazilas. So far, there have been no fatalities due to diarrhoea," he said.

Applications are invited from physicians (MBBS or equivalent with BMDC registration) for admission into the 40th batch of Certificate Course on Diabetology (CCD), session July to December-2025. The course was designed by a joint committee of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (BADAS) and Distance Learning Programmers of Open University of UK for providing standard diabetes care. Students can join the course in Online mode or Offline mode according to their preference. Doctors willing to get admitted into 40th batch are requested to do online registration for both online and offline modes through the DLP website ([www.dlpbadas-bd.org](http://www.dlpbadas-bd.org)). Selected candidates will subsequently get instruction to complete admission procedure. Students are requested to register early as seats are limited. Offline centers will be conducted in Chattogram, Rajshahi and Sylhet together with existing offline centers in Dhaka if sufficient number of students are available. For any query please call DLP office (+8801999797779).

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Diabetic Association of Bangladesh

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- A Pre-bid Meeting with the intended bidders will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at 11:30 AM at the Office of the Dy. Director and Head, P&D.
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- IUB Authority reserves the right to accept only the technically responsive tenders without any consideration of the lowest bid and shall have the right to reject any or all tender without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

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## INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH

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