



Scrap from broken-down vehicles remain scattered across this street in the Dholaikhali area of the capital. Sometimes, these items lay dumped in the same spot for months at a end, hampering vehicle and pedestrian movement. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Six killed, 4 hurt

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The injured -- Sumon Kumar Das, Manik's brother and also a passenger of the microbus -- was undergoing treatment there, the OC added.

Police seized both the vehicles from the spot but the driver of the truck managed to flee, he said, adding that a case was filed.

In Mymensingh, two passengers of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw were killed and three others injured as the auto-rickshaw collided head-on with a microbus

on Bhaluka-Gafargaon road at Goari in Bhaluka upazila.

The deceased -- Md Lala Mia, 32, and Rokeya Akter, 48 -- were from Bhaluka upazila.

Bhaluka police said Lal Mia was declared dead at Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex.

The injured -- Rokeya, Taslima Akter, Joshua Ara and auto-rickshaw driver Roman Mia -- were referred to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where Rokeya died, said the OC.

2 throat-slit

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mother of the deceased children, the relatives found the bloodied bodies of the two children at the scene and informed police yesterday afternoon.

Later, police arrived at the scene and recovered the bodies. However, it could not be confirmed why the two children were murdered.

Tongi East Police Station Officer in Charge Faridul Islam said police are investigating the incident at the scene. Legal action is underway.

One held over

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The incident took place near East West International School and College when the woman and her cousin arrived there by rickshaw.

A video of the mugging has gone viral on social media, showing the three men brandishing machetes as they stopped the woman and snatched her handbag, gold chain, and other valuables.

PRAYER TIMING

APRIL 19



Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 4-35 12-45 4-45 6-24 7-45
JAMAT 5-10 1-15 5-00 6-28 8-15
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Harvesting the field

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takes place in haor areas like Hakaluki. "Here, agriculture is more than a profession; it is part of the culture. Farmers harvest paddy in groups with the help of relatives and neighbours," he said.

With assistance from the agriculture department and local administration, the harvesting process is being accelerated in some areas through the use of modern machinery. If completed successfully, the haor harvest is expected to positively impact food security and the local economy, he added.

Md Jalal Uddin, deputy director of the

Moulvibazar District Agricultural Extension Department, said boro has been cultivated on 62,140 hectares of land in and around the haors this year, against a target of 62,100 hectares.

The expected output is 2,48,400 tonnes of rice.

He said the BRRI-92 variety has yielded particularly well in the haor areas, having adapted to the local soil and climate. To support farmers during the harvesting season, 171 modern rice harvesting machines are currently operating in the district, significantly reducing the need for manual labour and saving time.

Teacher forced

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Mahiuddin Ahmed was appointed chairman," he said.

"I had no role in the final selection," he added.

"On April 16, when Mahiuddin arrived at the school to assume the role of chairman, hundreds of BNP supporters showed up and created havoc. They forced me to resign. I signed the letter under duress to save my life."

He further alleged, "At first, they asked me to sign a statement saying I was resigning due to corruption. When I refused, they harassed me and then forced me to sign another letter citing personal reasons for my resignation. Both Nurul Anwar and Mahiuddin Ahmed were present at the time."

When contacted, Nurul Anwar said Kanti Lal had served as acting headteacher since 2019 and during this time misappropriated funds meant for a Shaheed Minar and collected extra money during admissions.

He claimed guardians and students had long been demanding his removal.

He denied any BNP involvement in the incident, claiming Jamaat activists were trying to shift the blame. He said he visited the school that day at the request of local guardians and

former students, though he admitted he had no documentary proof of the corruption allegations.

Mahiuddin Ahmed, chairman of the ad hoc committee, said if there were corruption allegations against the acting headteacher, they should have been addressed through legal channels.

He claimed the incident was the result of misinformation spread among senior BNP leaders by local opportunists.

"I am a supporter of Jamaat. My name was recommended by Jamaat, while BNP also proposed another candidate. The education board selected me from the three names submitted, though I am unaware of the basis for that decision," he said.

Sitakunda Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Fakhrul Islam said, following a written complaint from the acting headteacher, the Chittagong Education Board had asked him to submit an investigation report within four days.

"We are currently reaching out to all involved. No further comments can be made until the probe is complete," he said.

He also confirmed that no formal corruption complaint against the teacher had been received.

Four held

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enforcers then rushed to the scene and took them into custody.

Humayun Kabir, additional deputy police commissioner (south) of Khulna Metropolitan Police, said, "After storming into the house, they (the detainees) held the residents hostage and snatched gold ornaments. Later, they demanded Tk 2 lakh from Suman and physically assaulted him

when he refused to pay."

When their identities were questioned, the suspects identified themselves as DB members several times and at other times as coordinators of student organisations. After confirming their real identities, they were brought to the police station, said police official Humayun.

Legal action will be taken once the victim files a formal complaint, he added.

NEWS

Sreemangal's 'Lebu Bazar' thrives during peak season

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

With the warm days of summer already here, the wholesale lemon market at Natunbazar in Sreemangal upazila of Moulvibazar is abuzz with farmers and traders.

Sreemangal is known as the largest hub of lemon cultivation and trading in the entire Sylhet division.

Different crops worth around Tk 30-35 crore, grown in nearby hilly areas, are sold daily at the Natunbazar wholesale market. However, lemon remains the most popular item traded at the market.

Lemon yield usually peaks during the summer months of May and June, with warmer temperatures also driving up demand for the fruit.

Traders from across the country, including Dhaka, Narsingdi, Sylhet, Brahmanbaria, Sunamganj, Cumilla and Faridpur, flock to the market to purchase lemons wholesale directly from local farmers and agro-entrepreneurs.

Trading continues throughout the day, and during the peak season, lemons worth around Tk 30 crore are sold monthly.

"Lemon is always in demand. Hence, even if there is no shortage of supply, its price goes up every year. This time too it was no exception, with prices almost doubling in Sreemangal during Ramadan," said Bimol Chandra Some,



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PHOTO: STAR

Govt delaying polls so BNP

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you will or won't do in Bangladesh. Announce a clear roadmap to establish an elected government. Specify when the election will be held -- mention the month and the year."

"First, it's December, then it's June -- this kind of inconsistency must

stop. We are not prepared to accept such antics," he added.

The rally was held to demand the immediate whereabouts of BNP leaders and activists who have gone missing, including M Ilias Ali and Chowdhury Alam.

The BNP leader further

alleged that the current situation in the country has been orchestrated to protect those who, he claimed, have destroyed democracy over the past 15 to 16 years.

"They are being allowed to continue their conspiracies in various ways," he said.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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তারিখ: ১৭/০৪/২০২৫

প্রকাশ্য নিলাম দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি-০১/২০২৪-২০২৫

অত্যন্ত সর্বাধারণের অগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, নিম্নবর্তিত তত্ত্বাবেক্ষণ সরকারের মডেল থানা কম্পাউন্ড ১তলা বিশিষ্ট একটি এবং সেমি-গ্রাম দুপুরি ভবন (অফিসার ইন্টার্জ এবং বাসভবন) নিলামে বিভিন্ন প্রস্তাবের অক্ষে সংশ্রিত ভবন/অবকাঠামো আগামী ৩০-০৪-২০২৫ তারিখ দেলা ১২:৩০ ঘটিকার পুরিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, ব্রাক্ষণবাড়ির প্রকাশ্য নিলাম ডাকে অঞ্চলিক কর্তৃপক্ষ করা হচ্ছে। আগামী নিলাম ডাককারীকে থানাবাজারে যথাস্থানে উপস্থিত প্রক্রিয়া করা হচ্ছে।

প্রকাশ্য নিলাম ডাকের শর্তাবলীটি অনুমতি প্রাপ্ত করার পর স্বাক্ষর করার পর নিলাম ডাকের দিন বেগে ১২:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে জামা প্রদান করতে হবে।

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)



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The deadline for submission of proposal is Monday, May 12, 2025, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

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