



Scraps from broken-down vehicles remain scattered across this street in the Dholaikhal 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, Joshna 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  
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APRIL 19

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4:35 12:45 4:45 6:24 7:45

JAMAAT 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

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 Chattogram 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.

# 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,

additional director of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Sylhet division.

Moinul Islam, 69, a resident of the Natunbazar area, said the wholesale trading of lemon in the "Lebu Bazar" has been going on for generations.

Chandu Mia, who has been buying lemons at this market for the past 21 years, said, "The price is a bit high this time. I bought lemons at Tk 2.5-7 apiece. It costs Tk 120 to send a sack of 500-800 lemons to Sylhet and Sunamganj. The retailers there sell at different prices."

Elison Sungoh, a farmer from Patrakhola Punjee in Kamalganj upazila, said, "I sold 6,000 lemons for Tk 14,000. The warehouse keeps five percent as a fee. Apart from that, there is only the transport cost."

"The cost of cultivation has been rising due to the need for artificial irrigation during the dry season and the increased use of pesticides, fertilisers, etc," said Sumon Debbarma, a grower from Dolubari.

Nilufar Yasmin Munalisa Sweetey, additional deputy director of the DAE in Moulvibazar, said, "Different varieties of lemon, including Seedless, Colombo, Zara, Cardamom and Ada, have been cultivated on around 2,069 hectares of land in Moulvibazar district this season, including 1,300 hectares in Sreemangal upazila alone."



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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.

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**PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

This is for the information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Finance PLC. in its 82nd meeting held on 17 April 2025 at 03.00 p.m. adopted the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The following issues were resolved in the meeting:

1. Dividend Recommendation	No Dividend for the year 2024			
2. Record Date for 26 <sup>th</sup> AGM	08 May 2025			
3. Date & Time of 26 <sup>th</sup> AGM	29 May 2025 at 11:30 A.M.			
4. Venue of the 26 <sup>th</sup> AGM	Hybrid System (Physically at BICC Auditorium, BICC Vhaban, 26-31 Dilkusha, Dhaka-1000 and online)			
5. The comparative financial highlights of Bangladesh Finance PLC. for the year ended December 31, 2024, in respect of the previous year:				
<b>Particulars</b>	<b>January to December 2024</b>	<b>January to December 2023</b>		
	<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>Solo</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>	<b>Solo</b>
Net Asset Value Per Share (NAVPS)	(30.05)	(28.82)	11.53	10.16
Earnings Per Share (EPS)	(41.61)	(39.02)	(5.60)	(5.63)
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)	(0.61)	(0.33)	1.35	2.87

**Reason for No Dividend for the year 2024:**	The Board of Directors of Bangladesh Finance has not recommended any dividend for the year ended December 31, 2024, in view of the net loss after tax and resulting negative equity on a consolidated basis.			
The loss primarily stems from significant provisions made against stressed loans, leases, and advances, in line with Bangladesh Bank's directives. Additional provisions were also provided for negative equity from margin loans, equity investments, and private placements—reflecting the company's prudent risk management approach.				
These measures, though affecting short-term profitability, were essential to reinforce the company's balance sheet and build resilience. Accordingly, the Board has prioritized capital preservation and financial stability over dividend distribution, with a continued focus on recovery and long-term shareholder value.				
\*The link of the virtual AGM will be informed accordingly with the notice of the AGM.				
By order of the Board, Munshi Abu Naim FCS Group Company Secretary				
Dated: 17 April 2025 www.bdfinance				

**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
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**প্রকাশ্য নিলাম দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি-০১/২০২৪-২০২৫**

এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, নিম্নবর্ণিত তফসিল মোতাবেক ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া সদর মডেল থানা কম্পাউন্ডে ১তলা বিশিষ্ট একটি এবং সেমি-পাকা দুইটি ভবন (অফিসার ইনচার্জ এর বাসভবন) নিলামে বিক্রি/অপসারণের লক্ষ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট ভবন/অবকাঠামো আগামী ৩০-০৪-২০২৫খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়ায় প্রকাশ্য নিলাম ডাকের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয় করা হবে। অগ্রাহ্য নিলাম ডাককারীকে যথাসময়ে যথাস্থানে উপস্থিত হয়ে প্রকাশ্য নিলাম ডাকে অংশগ্রহণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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১.	ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া সদর মডেল থানা কম্পাউন্ডে ১তলা বিশিষ্ট একটি এবং সেমি-পাকা দুইটি ভবন (অফিসার ইনচার্জ এর বাসভবন) নিলামে বিক্রি।	২০,০০০/- (বিশ হাজার টাকা)	কার্যদেপ্ত প্রদানের তারিখ হতে ০৭ (সাত) দিন

**নিলাম ডাকের শর্তাবলীঃ**

০১। অগ্রাহ্য নিলাম ডাককারীকে নিলাম ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য যে কোন তফসিলভুক্ত ব্যাংক হতে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে পুলিশ সুপার, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া এর অফিসে উপস্থিত হতে উল্লেখিত হারে জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য) নিলাম ডাকের দিন বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।

০২। সর্বোচ্চ নিলাম ডাককারীকে ডাকমূল্য, ডাকমূল্যের উপর ১০% আয়কর ও ১৫% মূল্য সংযোজন করসহ সমুদয় অর্থ ০৩ (তিন) কর্মদিবসের মধ্যে একসাথে পরিশোধ করে ০৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে অবশ্যই নিলামকৃত স্থাপনা/ভবন অপসারণ কাজ সমাপ্ত করতে হবে এবং ভান্ডা মালামাল ও উৎপন্ন আবর্জনা সাইট হতে যথাযথভাবে সরিয়ে নিয়ে সাইট পরিষ্কার করতে হবে।

অন্যথায় তার ডাক বাতিলপূর্বক ২য় সর্বোচ্চ ডাককারীকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে এবং ১ম সর্বোচ্চ ডাককারীর প্রদত্ত জামানতের টাকা বাজেয়াপ্ত করা হবে।

০৩। প্রথম সর্বোচ্চ ডাককারী আসোচ্য পুরাতন ভবন/অবকাঠামো অপসারণ ব্যর্থ হলে দ্বিতীয় সর্বোচ্চ ডাককারী আসোচ্য পুরাতন ভবন/অবকাঠামো অপসারণ করতে বাধ্য থাকবেন।

০৪। নিলামকৃত স্থাপনা/ভবন নিজ ব্যয়ে অপসারণ করতে হবে।

০৫। নিলামে অংশগ্রহণে অগ্রাহ্য প্রকিষ্ঠানের প্রতিনিধি অফিসার ইনচার্জ, সদর মডেল থানা, ব্রাহ্মণবাড়িয়া এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করে আসোচ্য স্থাপনাসমূহ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সরেজমিনে দেখতে পারবেন।

০৬। কর্তৃক্ষ সর্বোচ্চ ডাক গ্রহণে বাধ্য নন। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই কর্তৃক্ষ যে কোন নিলাম ডাক গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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