

All five victims of Gazipur gas cylinder blast die

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

All five people, who suffered critical burns in a gas cylinder explosion in Mughalchhal in Gazipur's Joydebpur area on April 27, have died.

The last survivor, 10-year-old Tanjila, passed away on Sunday night while undergoing treatment at National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in Dhaka, Md Shahin Khan, officer-in-charge of Basan Police Station, told The Daily Star yesterday.

On the same day, Parveen Akhter, 35, who suffered 32 percent burns, died at the hospital, the OC added.

The other victims -- Sima Akhter, 30, her one-year-old son Ayan, and Tanjila's mother, Taslima Begum, 30, -- died on different dates.

Sima, who had sustained 90 percent burns, died on April 28. On the next day, Taslima Begum, who was five months pregnant and suffered 95 percent burns, also passed away. One-year-old Ayan succumbed to his injuries on May 3.

The incident unfolded around 7:00pm on April 27 when a gas cylinder exploded at their home. Firefighters and locals rescued the five burn victims and admitted them to the burn institute around 10:15pm.



A man arranges plastic drums for sale in Sonadanga upazila of Khulna. Buyers from various areas come to purchase these drums for storing water, rooftop gardening, and use in fish enclosures. Each drum is being sold at Tk 1,300-1,500. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

ROHINGYA, HOST COMMUNITY BRAC, EU launch Tk 62cr project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BRAC and the European Union have signed an agreement to launch a new project worth 4.5 million Euro (Tk 62 crore) to strengthen integrated humanitarian support in Cox's Bazar.

EU Ambassador Michael Miller and BRAC Executive Director Asif Saleh signed the agreement at the BRAC Centre in Dhaka yesterday, which marks the beginning of the project "Humanitarian Development Coexistence Nexus to Address the Rohingya Crisis in Cox's Bazar."

The project is grounded in the principles of cost-effectiveness, efficiency, Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP), coexistence, and community empowerment, according to a statement.

The initiative is expected to benefit more than 125,000 Rohingya individuals and nearly 2,500 members of the host community, with a strong focus on the inclusion of women, youth, and persons with disabilities.



CHILMARI-ROUMARI ROUTE

Locals suffer as ferry service halted for 132 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Ferry services on the Chilmari-Roumari route of the Brahmaputra River in Kurigram have been suspended for 132 days due to navigability crisis, causing immense suffering to locals.

The services were suspended on December 23 last year. The service was inaugurated on September 20, 2023. According to Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, the suspension was due to a drop in water levels in certain stretches of the river, making ferry movement impossible.

Two ferries were operating on the route, each with a capacity to carry over 300 tonnes, including 600 passengers, 10 goods-laden trucks, and at least 50 light vehicles such as motorcycles.

Chilmari River Port Manager Profulla Chouhan said preparations had been made to resume the ferry service on Saturday after a rise

in the Brahmaputra's water level due to rain. However, the level dropped again on Sunday.

He said the river needs a depth of 7.8 feet for ferry movement, but an 800-metre stretch at two points on the 30-kilometre route lacks adequate depth.

A letter has been sent to BIWTA's Dredging Department requesting urgent dredging, he added.

Mujibur Rahman, 55, a passenger from Roumari, said, "We benefited from the opening of the ferry service, but we are facing extreme hardship as it remains suspended."

Samir Pal, executive engineer of the Kurigram BIWTA Dredging Department, said the Brahmaputra is heavily silt-laden, with large amounts of sediment coming from upstream.

"The problem section of the channel will be marked from Tuesday. We will try to normalise ferry service by dredging this section within the next one week," he said.

ACC sues Papon, ex-Beximco director

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ACC has filed three separate cases against Nazmul Hassan Papon, former youth and sports minister and president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board, his wife Roksana Hasan, and former Beximco Pharmaceuticals director and executive director Ismail Haider Mollick.

They have been made accused of illegally amassing wealth worth Tk 35.77 crore, ACC Director General Akhtar Hossain told media yesterday at the commission's headquarters in Segunbagicha.

Papon has been named as an accused in all three cases.

NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO: 635 OF 2025

Osman Gani VERSUS -- Petitioner
Bangladesh Digital Printing & Packaging Ltd. and another -- Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that we on behalf of Osman Gani the chairman of Bangladesh Digital Printing & Packaging Limited, as petitioner filed an application under section 81(2), 183, 85,83 read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting in the Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division on 24th April, 2025; AND Upon hearing the learned Advocate for the petitioner, the Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel was pleased to admit the application and issue notices upon the Respondents. Any person interested in taking part in this matter may do so either personally or by appointing an Advocate. A copy of the application may be obtained from our office.

Mr. Md. Ismail Hossain Bar-at-Law
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO: 636 OF 2025

Mohammed Sajjad Hossain Mozammel VERSUS -- Petitioner
Pharmacon Limited and another -- Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that we on behalf of Mohammed Sajjad Hossain Mozammel the Managing Director of Pharmacon Limited, as petitioner filed an application under section 81, 183,83, 85 read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting in the Company Bench of the Hon'ble High Court Division on 24th April, 2025; AND Upon hearing the learned Advocate for the petitioner, the Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel was pleased to admit the application and issue notices upon the Respondents. Any person interested in taking part in this matter may do so either personally or by appointing an Advocate. A copy of the application may be obtained from our office.

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Kuet teachers continue strike for 2nd day

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

No academic activities were held at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (Kuet) yesterday as teachers continued their strike for the second day to press home their demands.

Earlier, the university reopened on Sunday after a 74-day closure.

Kuet Teachers' Association yesterday held a press briefing where they presented four demands, including proper investigation into the incidents of February 18 and 19 and subsequent harassment of teachers, strict action against those responsible for creating unrest and disrupting the university's academic environment, and stringent punishment against those engaged in cyberbullying, spreading rumors, or making defamatory remarks against faculty members.

They also expressed solidarity with the five-point demands raised by students and urged their immediate implementation, and condemned what they termed a biased behaviour by the education adviser and UGC representatives.

The association announced that they will not return to classrooms and normal academic activities at the university cannot continue unless their demands are met within the next seven working days.

65 rare turtles hatched in Sundarban's Karamjal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

incubated on a sandy riverbank site under constant supervision. The remaining eggs failed to hatch," said Azad Kabir, in-charge of the breeding centre.

"The hatchlings are now being cared for in our turtle rearing pen. Once matured, they will be released into the Sundarbans," he added.

The Batagur Baska, also known as the northern river terrapin, is one of the world's most endangered turtle species. It is one of the 26 turtle species native to this region.



INVITATION TO BID (ITB)



International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka is inviting interested & Bonafide catering service providers to submit proposals for a long-term agreement under LAWC cluster for 2 years.

The ITB documents along with detail specification and all annexes can be downloaded from the United Nations Global Market Place (UNGM) at <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/265842>

The deadline for submission of proposal is Thursday, May 29, 2025, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Procurement of Physical Service through Outsourcing

1. Ministry Division/Somity	BANGLADESH DIABETIC SOMITY
2. Agency	BIRDEM General Hospital
3. Procuring Entity Name	Director Hospital, Dhaka-1000.
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
5. Invitation for	Procurement of Non-Consulting Services through Outsourcing (233 Nos.)
6. Invitation Ref No	BIRDEM/PURCHASE/OTM/ NON-CONSULTING/2025/ 03
7. Date	DATED: 5 May 2025
8. Key Information	
9. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
10. Funding Information	
11. Budget and Source of Fund	Own Source of BIRDEM
12. Particular Information	
13. Project / Programmed Code	Not Applicable.
14. Project	Not Applicable.
15. Tender Package No	Not Applicable.
16. Tender Package Name	Manpower Outsourcing
17. Tender Publication Date	6 May 2025
18. Tender Last Selling Date & Time	27 May 2025 (Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM)
19. Tender Closing Date & Time	29 May 2025 (Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM)
20. Tender Opening Date & Time	29 May 2025 (Time: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM)
21. Name and Address of the Office	
22. Selling Tender Document	Procurement Section, Room: 230, 1 st floor of OPD Building, BIRDEM General Hospital, Shabbag, Dhaka-1000.
23. Receiving Tender Document	Procurement Section, Room: 230, 1 st floor of OPD Building, BIRDEM General Hospital, Shabbag, Dhaka-1000.
24. Pre-Tender Meeting	Not Applicable.
25. Information of Tenderer	
26. Eligibility of Tenderer	As per Tender Document.
27. Brief Description of Goods or Works and Related Services	Selection of outsourcing manpower supply firm for BIRDEM General Hospital, Shabbag, Dhaka-1000.
28. The Duration of this Work	2 (two) Years
29. Any other Information	See Tender Document.
30. Price of Tender Document	Tk 5000.00 (Five Thousand) Taka Only in each (Non-Refundable)
31. Tender Security	Tk 15,00,000/- (Fifteen Lac) Taka (Refundable)
32. Procuring Entity Details	
33. Name and Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director Hospital
34. Address of Official Inviting Tender	BIRDEM General Hospital, Shabbag, Dhaka-1000.
35. Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	■: 41060501-24, Ex: 2299, Fax: 41060476
36. The Procuring Entity Reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the Tender without assigning any reason.	

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Please note that this is not an Invitation To Tender. Rates/prices are not required at this stage, and this invitation does not bind the World Food Programme to issue any tenders or contracts to the companies expressing their interest.