

## Cowshed, straw set on fire in Jhenaidah

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Jhenaidah

A heap of straw beside a house was set on fire in Natabaria-Raghunathpur village under Kaliganj upazila of Jhenaidah around midnight on Saturday.

The house belongs to Nirmol Kumar Haldar, 75, of the village.

"Someone set fire to the heap of straw close to the house around midnight. We were asleep when the fire spread to the cowshed. Seeing the fire, our neighbour Farzel Hossain informed us at 1:30am. Another neighbour, Abdus Salam, informed the Kaliganj Fire Service Station. Firefighters soon arrived and doused the blaze," said Nirmol.

Nirmol's son, Proshanto Kumar Haldar, a writer and dramatist, said they were unable to say who might be behind the incident, adding that they are on good terms with all neighbours.

The damage caused by the fire could be worth around Tk 75,000, said Shahidul Islam, acting chief of the fire service station.

"I visited the spot after receiving the information. Steps will be taken if any culprit is identified," said Kaliganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Dedarul Islam.

## Travel ban on Nizam Hazari

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A Dhaka court yesterday issued a travel ban on former lawmaker Nizam Uddin Hazari and nine others in connection with corruption allegations.

The nine others include Unique Eastern (Pvt) Limited managing director Mohd Noor Ali and its partner Nasir Uddin Ahmed and Khondaker Showkat Hossain, and BM Travels Limited chairman Shafiqul Islam.

The court passed the order after Anti-Corruption Commission Assistant Director Abul Kalam Azad filed an application in this regard, said ACC public relations officer Aktarul Islam.



The Salutikar boat market has become bustling with activity following the rise in water levels during the monsoon. Held every Saturday and Tuesday since the British era, the market is located at Salutikar Bazar in Gowainghat upazila, the meeting point of Sylhet Sadar, Companiganj, and Gowainghat upazilas. Sellers, mainly residents of Gowainghat, offer both new and old boats priced between Tk 4,000 and Tk 15,000. The photo was taken on Saturday.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## BARGUNA GENERAL HOSPITAL

# Acute manpower shortage disrupts services

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Even though 12 years have passed since the Barguna General Hospital was upgraded to a 250-bed facility in 2013, its services continued to be disrupted for years due to an acute shortage of manpower.

At present, at least 110 out of 233 sanctioned posts of the hospital remain vacant — including those of doctors, consultants, and nurses.

The hospital currently has only 16 doctors against 55 sanctioned posts, with nine of the 10 posts for senior consultants remaining vacant. As such, it fails to serve around 1.2 million people of Barguna adequately, prompting patients to seek treatment to hospitals in Barishal or Dhaka, often spending extra cost.

Hospital sources said only the anaesthesia department has a senior consultant in place, while key departments such as cardiology, orthopaedics, gynaecology, medicine, paediatrics, pathology,

surgery, ENT, and ophthalmology have no senior consultants at all. Among 12 posts for junior consultants, seven are vacant, including in surgery, cardiology, pathology, and radiology. Of the three sanctioned posts for resident surgeons, one is vacant. Moreover, 22 of the 29 posts for medical

officers and equivalent positions are also vacant, so are 22 of the 101 posts of nurses.

Even vital administrative and support positions — including chief assistant, accounts officer, storekeeper, computer operator, and mortuary staff — are also vacant, disrupting daily operations.

"It has been six days I'm admitted here. During this time, I saw a doctor only once. They just hand out tablets and refer serious patients to Barishal or Dhaka," said Nasir Uddin, a patient from Hazarabigia village under Barguna Sadar upazila.

Rubia Akhter, a patient from Dhalua union, said while the patients are provided meal three times a day, the food quality is poor.

Hospital sources also said that despite being a 250-bed facility, government allocations are still based on the original 100-bed set-up even after 12 years, while daily patient occupancy ranges from 400-500.

Currently, the hospital receives an annual allocation of Tk 11 crore for 100 beds, including Tk 65 lakh for meals. However, the actual cost of feeding all patients is around Tk 1.6 crore annually, which compels the hospital to divert funds from other sectors, such as medicines and medical supplies.

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## Garbage piles up along highway

### Bhaluka municipality without landfill for 27 years

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Garbage has been dumped beside the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway for years, creating a serious nuisance for commuters and locals.

In Bhaluka municipality of Mymensingh, waste has long been dumped in various open spaces without proper management, alleged residents. Despite repeated complaints, no effective steps have been taken yet, they said.

Thousands of vehicles of different modes from Mymensingh, Sherpur, Netrakona, Jamalpur and Kishoreganj travel through the highway every day, with passengers facing the unbearable stench and unsightly piles of garbage.

Established in 1998, Bhaluka municipality spans 24.68 square kilometres and is home to around



1,60,000 people. Yet, in 27 years, the municipality has failed to establish a designated dumping ground.

"There are no dustbins in the municipality, and garbage management is almost non-existent," said Md Shahab Uddin, a former councillor of the municipality. "Around six tonnes of garbage are generated daily, which is left in different areas."

He said the municipality employs only about 60 cleaning staff, which is far too few to manage the waste properly. Garbage is being dumped at multiple locations, including at least four spots alongside the highway.

During heavy rainfall, a significant portion of this waste is washed into local water bodies, further polluting the environment, alleged locals.

Sheikh Azmol Huda Madani, a local journalist, said the municipal authorities have been dumping waste in open places since its inception, ignoring the

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## Jamaat submitted proposals for fair elections

Says Ameer Shafiqur Rahman

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Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Shafiqur Rahman said his party has submitted proposals to the interim government to ensure a free, fair, and inclusive national election.

Speaking at a meeting with tea workers in Moulvibazar's Kulaura upazila yesterday, he said the proposals were presented during a meeting with Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Saturday.

According to Shafiqur, the chief adviser assured them that the upcoming election would be historic — with every citizen voting freely and fairly.

The Jamaat chief also clarified the party's stance against allowing any humanitarian corridor or foreign use of Bangladeshi ports under the interim government, saying such decisions should be left to an elected government.

If the interim authority wishes to move forward, it must consult all political parties first, he added.

Addressing the plight of tea workers, Shafiqur highlighted their deprivation of basic rights and pledged to improve their lives if elected.

He promised education, modern training, and equal opportunities.

"We want a harmonious society where no one is judged by religion. All citizens are equal stakeholders," he said. "Your call may take time to reach us, but our response won't be delayed."



## Hold local elections before nat'l polls

### Demands Khilafat Andolan

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Bangladesh Khilafat Andolan yesterday called for holding local government elections before the next national parliamentary polls, arguing that such a move would enable honest and capable leadership to emerge from the grassroots.

The party's Ameer Abu Jafar Qasemi made the remarks while talking to reporters following a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin and other election commissioners at the EC Secretariat in Agargaon, Dhaka.

"We have seen that whichever party is in power, they try to ensure the victory of their own people in local government elections. That's why we propose holding local polls first. If that happens, honest and capable individuals from the grassroots will be able to rise as public representatives," Qasemi said.

He expressed confidence in the current Election Commission.

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## Missing boy found dead

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Munshiganj

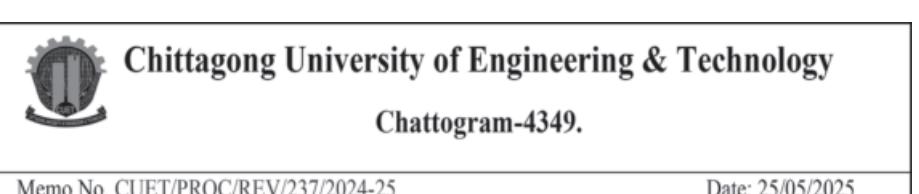
Police recovered the body of a boy from a bush in Tongibari, Munshiganj yesterday, two days after he went missing.

The hands and feet of Hossain, 7, a second-grade student, were tied, and he was suffocated to death, said police.

Hossain had last been seen riding a bicycle with his neighbour Aryan alias Mahim, 20, who has been arrested.

During interrogation, Aryan confessed to the murder and dumping the body, said Tongibari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohidul Islam.

The victim was the son of Jewel Mia from Dulihatia village.



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