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Worker beaten to death inside Gazipur factory

STAFF REPORT

A worker was tied up and beaten to death at a garment factory in Konabari, Gazipur city, early Saturday, police said yesterday.

The deceased, Hridoy, 19, of Tangail's Ghatal upazila, used to work as a mechanic at the factory.

Police arrested Hasan Mahmud Mithun, 28, a security guard of the same factory, on Sunday after Hridoy's elder brother, Liton Miah, filed a murder case with Konabari Police Station against unidentified individuals.

The incident took place at a factory named Greenland Limited, which was declared closed for indefinite period after a video of the beating went viral on social media.

This video showed a shirtless Hridoy tied to the window of a room inside the factory. He was writhing in pain. Blood was seen dripping from Hridoy's mouth and nose. His jeans were also stained with blood. At one point, some people around him could be heard saying, "He's been beaten so much, [still] nothing happened, he's not dead."

In another part of the video, some people could be seen dragging Hridoy out of a room with his hands and feet tied. One of the men had a wooden stick in his hand. Some

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The Adi (old) channel of the Buriganga river has once again been rendered unnavigable thanks to a lack of upkeep by authorities and mindless dumping of garbage by locals. There was an attempt to revive the waterway through partial excavation and eviction of illegal structures along its bank a couple of years ago. This photo was taken yesterday in Kamrangirchar area.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Govt indecision stalls DC transfer in 30 districts Officials warn delay may hamper polls preparation

BAHARAM KHAN

Despite the next election being planned for February 2026, the government is yet to appoint new deputy commissioners (DCs) in around half of all districts due to the public administration ministry's indecision.

The DCs serve as returning officers during polls, and their timely appointment is essential for mobilising field administration and ensuring a conducive atmosphere.

Generally, deputy secretaries serve as DCs.

According to the Cabinet Division, 26 of the currently appointed 63 DCs are from the 24th batch of the civil service, 25 from the 25th batch, and 12 from the 27th batch.

However, the government promoted 21 DCs -- all from the 24th batch -- to joint secretaries on March 23. Officers at this level are typically not allowed to continue serving as DCs. The remaining five are awaiting transfers for various reasons. As a result, all 26 DCs from the batch must be replaced, according to officials.

Additionally, several current DCs face various allegations, and their replacements too have not been finalised.

Officials warned that election preparations could be delayed if the DCs are not appointed in time, raising concerns over the government's commitment to ensuring a free and fair election.

A senior official, who has served as both a divisional commissioner and a DC, said deputy commissioners should ideally be appointed at least nine to 10 months before a parliamentary election to ensure effective administration.

"Early appointment gives them [the DCs] sufficient time to prepare for the enormous challenges ahead,"

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EC regains power to pick polling stations

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

Election Commission officials got back their authority to select polling centres for the next parliamentary election.

Prior to the last general polls in January 2024, this responsibility was delegated to field level administration and police officials by the then EC.

However, before that election, it was the EC officials who were traditionally responsible for choosing the polling stations.

The guidelines, which were issued in June 2023, for selecting polling centres for the national elections, had a provision of forming a seven-member committee at the district level with the deputy commissioner as its convener to prepare the draft list of polling centres. And a five-member committee at the upazila level with the upazila nirbahi officer as its convener carried out the same responsibility.

The committees were comprised of police officials, local administration officials, and field-level election officials.

The commission finalised the polling stations and issued a gazette notification at least 25 days ahead of the election day.

The current EC on Thursday issued new guidelines for picking polling centres for the upcoming national election, removing the previous system of using committees to make the selection.

Election Commission Secretary Akhtar Ahmed told The Daily Star yesterday that the commission adopted the guidelines.

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said without any elaboration.

In the last general election, held on January 7, 2024, there were 42,000 polling centres and over 2,60,000 polling booths.

The EC is yet to say anything officially about when the next general polls will be held. But Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus on June 13 said the next general election could be held in the week before the start of Ramadan in 2026 if all preparations are completed.

Yunus made the remarks when BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman, during a meeting with the chief adviser in London, suggested that the election take place before Ramadan.

According to the new guidelines, a polling centre will be for about 3,000 voters. The distance between two polling centres should not be more than 3km, and those should be set up considering the voters' convenience.

However, the conditions may be

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11 more banks to face asset quality review

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eleven more banks that were hit by irregularities and scams during the Awami League government's tenure are set to undergo an asset quality review (AQR) by global audit firms.

Bangladesh Bank Executive Director and spokesperson Arif

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Faraaz's message of embracing humanity

AASHA MEHREEN AMIN



If his life had not been so cruelly cut short, Faraaz Ayaz Hossain would have been a young man just waiting to enter his 30s. Would he, like his brother Zaraif, be working in his grandfather's business alongside his mother Simeen Rahman, the current CEO of Transcom Group, who has had to live these nine years with the worst burden any parent could carry? Would he have pursued his passion for athletics and volleyball? Would he have still been a diehard fan of Man Utd and continue to play pranks on

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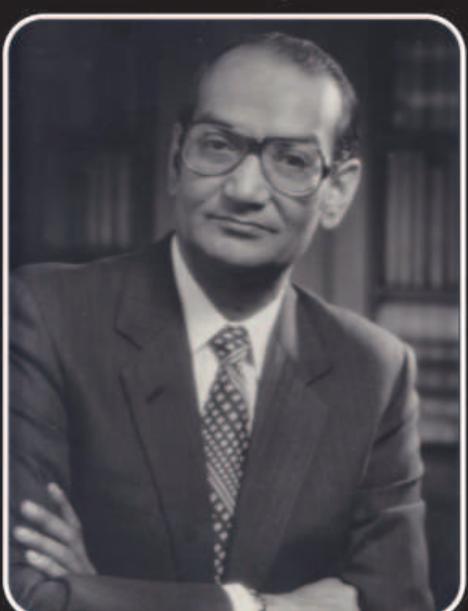
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সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড-এর এস.আর.ও. নং-১৫৭-আইন/আয়কর-১২/২০২৫, তারিখ: ২৬ মে ২০২৫ খ্রি. অনুযায়ী গ্যাস বিতরণে নিযুক্ত তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন পিএলসি এর গ্রাহক পর্যায়ে, আগামী ১ জুলাই ২০২৫ খ্রি. হতে যে কোন পরিমাণ গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধকালে বিলের বিপরীতে উৎসে আয়কর কর্তৃনের হার ২% এর পরিবর্তে ০.৬% হারে নির্ধারণ করা হয়েছে।

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App to help detect arsenic in tubewells 'iArsenic' launches today



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a country where millions depend on tubewells for their daily drinking water, a silent killer continues to flow through the pipes – arsenic.

But now there is hope, as a simple web-based app called iArsenic is empowering users to instantly assess whether their water is safe or potentially toxic.

Short for "instant arsenic", the tool provides rapid screening based on observable well features without requiring lab testing.

The initiative supported by the Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), iArsenic.com, is accessible via smartphones and computers, allowing anyone to check arsenic contamination risks of local tubewells by inputting basic details such as location, depth, and signs of staining on the well platform.

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বিষয়: রাজনৈতিক দল ও প্রার্থীর আচরণ বিধিমালা, ২০২৫ এর খসড়া চূড়ান্তকরণের লক্ষ্যে নাগরিকগণের সুচিহিত মতামত প্রসংগে।

সর্ব সাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, গণপ্রতিনিধিত্ব আদেশ, ১৯৭২ এর সংশ্লিষ্ট অনুচ্ছেদ, যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক সংশোধন সাপেক্ষে, Representation of the People Order, 1972 (P.O. No.155 of 1972) এর Article 91B এর আলোকে 'রাজনৈতিক দল ও প্রার্থীর আচরণ বিধিমালা, ২০২৫'- এর খসড়া নির্বাচন কমিশনের ওয়েবসাইট (www.ecs.gov.bd) এ প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। রাজনৈতিক দল ও প্রার্থীর আচরণ বিধিমালা, ২০২৫ এর বিষয়ে যৌক্তিকাসহ মতামত আগামী ১০ জুলাই ২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে সিনিয়র সচিব, নির্বাচন কমিশন সচিবালয় এর ই-মেইল (opinion@ecs.gov.bd) ঠিকানায় প্রেরণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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