

## 4 including three of a family killed in road accident

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Four people, including three of a family, were killed as a covered van hit a CNG-run autorickshaw in Kaliakoir upazila in Gazipur yesterday.

The deceased are Jahidul Islam, 35, his wife Nasrin Nahar, 30, and their 12-year-old son Huraira of Ishwar Ghat in Dhunat upazila of Bogura. The other deceased is Shaliquil Islam, 55, of Keura area of Maona in Gazipur.

The incident occurred on the Mauna-Kaliakoir regional road at Barachala around noon, said Abdul Mannan, officer-in-charge of Kaliakoir Police Station.

The autorickshaw carrying five passengers was heading towards Kaliakoir from Mauna. On the way, when it reached Barachala, the oncoming covered van crashed into it, leaving Jahid and his son dead on the spot.

Locals rescued Nasrin and another injured passenger and took them first to Kaliakair Upazila Health Complex and later to another hospital at Mauna. The doctor on duty declared them dead when they arrived. OC Abdul Mannan said the covered van was seized and necessary legal action is being taken.

## Five arrested over murder of Jashore Krishak Dal leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Detective Branch (DB) of Jashore arrested five individuals on Thursday night in connection with the killing of Tariqul Islam, president of the Krishak Dal's Noapara municipality unit in Abhaynagar upazila.

The team also recovered a foreign-made pistol and one round of bullets allegedly used in the killing, police said.

The arrestees are Minto Gazi, 30, Hasanur Rahman, 32, Billal Hossain, 38, Mehedi Hasan Hridoy, 36, and Abu Huraira, 34.

Tariqul, 50, was shot and hacked to death on the night of May 22 in Dahar Masiahati village of Abhaynagar upazila.

"With assistance from the cyber crime investigation cell, law enforcers conducted operations last night (Thursday) across Keshabpur, Monirampur, and Abhoyanagar, of Jashore district arresting the five individuals," confirmed Inspector Monjurul Haque Bhuiyan of Jashore DB.

Based on information from the arrestees, police recovered the pistol and bullets from Hridoy's house, he added.



Children jump off this boat into the water, cooling off amid the strange mix of drizzling rain and summer heat that has gripped the country over the past week. The photo was taken from the Buriganga River in the capital's Mill Gate area yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Teesta chars remain dry despite peak monsoon

Farmers fear crop loss without water, silt

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

It is monsoon season in Bangladesh, but the Teesta River paints an unusually dry picture. Instead of swelling channels and submerged sandbars, vast stretches of the riverbed remain exposed, a rare and worrying sight for locals who have lived along its banks for decades.

Known for its fierce current during monsoon, the Teesta flows through five districts — Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Kurigram, and Gaibandha.

"I've never seen the Teesta like this in the heart of the monsoon," said 70-year-old Sekendar Ali, a farmer from

Rangpur's Mahipur. "This time of year, the river used to flood and submerge all the sandbars, bringing along



nutrient-rich silt that blessed our farmlands. Now, the water is scarce."

Farmer Jahir Uddin, 65, shared similar concerns.

Farmers in Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, and Kurigram are also reporting similar conditions. In the

every monsoon and become fertile after the water recedes. But this year, the flood never came. Without water and silt, cultivation in winter will be difficult," he said.

Touhidul Islam, sub-assistant engineer and water record keeper at the Teesta barrage, said from June 15 to July 12 this year, the average daily water flow recorded at the barrage ranged between 55,000 and 60,000 cusecs. During the same period last year, the recorded flow ranged from 90,000 to 120,000 cusecs.

Subal Chandra Roy, in charge of the Agricultural Weather Observation Centre

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## Prof Yunus calls for inclusive

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supporting the effective launch of Starlink in the country. "We operate in 150 countries and territories. We have never seen such efficiency and decisiveness. On behalf of all my colleagues at SpaceX, I extend our appreciation to you. We look forward to working closely with your team," she said.

The chief adviser thanked Dreyer for visiting Bangladesh. "It's a lovely

time of year here, the monsoon season. Greenery and water everywhere. At the same time, we face challenges of flooding and waterlogging, which highlight the need for dependable technology to maintain connectivity," he said.

"There is also a pressing need for improved connectivity in the remote areas of our hill tracts. These regions lack proper schools, teachers, and doctors. We have set a target to introduce online education in 100 schools, which will benefit students in isolated areas," he added.

Prof Yunus also said Bangladeshi expatriates

will also benefit from digital health services.

"Many hesitate to consult doctors abroad due to language barriers. With this system, they will be able to consult Bangladeshi doctors from overseas. We are implementing small initiatives here, but you can take these projects global," he said.

Dreyer expressed her appreciation for Prof Yunus' insights. "The example you are setting here can be shared with other leaders. If Professor Yunus can do it in his country, then others can as well," she said.

She also commended Professor Yunus' efforts in combating corruption.

"Your initiatives to ensure that public services reach the people are highly commendable. A significant part of my work involves traveling around the world. I understand how serious an issue corruption can be. Using technology to decentralise services and improve governance is a meaningful vision," Dreyer added.

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৯. দরপত্র দাতার যোগ্যতা	৯. ক) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজে দরপত্রের দাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের কমপক্ষে ০৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। খ) দরপত্র দাতার জাতীয় পরিচয় পত্র সহ জিআইএন নম্বর, হালনাগাদ আরকের পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন ও ট্রেড লাইসেন্স থাকতে হবে।
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১২. দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ	১২. ৩১ জুলাই ২০২৫ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৩. দরপত্র বিক্রয়, জমা এবং খোলার স্থান	১৩. সহকারী পরিচালক (বাজেট ও হিসাব) এর দপ্তর, বিআইআইএসএস, ১/৪৬, পুরাতন এলিফ্যান্ট রোড, রমনা, ঢাকা-১০০০।
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১৭. দরপত্রের জামানত	১৭. দরদাতাকে পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ (২০০৬ সনের ২৪ নং আইন) ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ (২০০৮ সনের ২১ নং এস.আর.ও) এর তৃতীয় অধ্যায় ক্রয় সরঞ্জাম নীতিমালাসমূহ অংশ-১ সাধারণ ২২ অনুচ্ছেদ মোতাবেক নিরাপত্তা জামানত হিসেবে মোট মূল্যের ৩% হারে (ফেরতযোগ্য) তফসিলভুক্ত ব্যাংক কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে বিআইআইএসএস এর অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে।
১৮. বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী	১৮. ক) অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়, জামানত এবং খোলা তারিখ বিদ্যুত হলে তা পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লিখিত সময়ে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। খ) বিল দাখিলের সময় NBR কর্তৃক প্রযোজ্য ভ্যাট (VAT) এবং এআইটি (AIT) কর্তন করা হবে। গ) বিআইআইএসএস কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/খতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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A fisherman prepares bamboo fish traps, locally known as Kuka, in the Naogaon area of Sylhet Sadar yesterday. Widely used in rural areas, these eco-friendly traps are placed underwater to catch small fish and are also sold in local markets for Tk 35–50 each.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

## Training centres without trainers

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and dressmaking — are currently being offered. Recently, it also invited applications for a regular BMET course on electrical installation and maintenance.

According to its website, Ramu TTC has a principal, one computer instructor, and nine guest trainers under the ASSET project.

A teacher at the centre said they are yet to start full-scale training due to staff shortages. "We are approved to run courses in six trades, but have received equipment for only three. Two more sets of equipment are expected soon," the teacher said recently.

The TTC began its academic activities in January 2023 with a three-day pre-departure orientation (PDO) training for outbound workers, added the trainer.

A senior BMET official, requesting anonymity, said trainer recruitment for the centres under the revenue budget has not yet started. "Workforce shortage has been hampering training at the new TTCs. At least two instructors and one skilled worker are required per course," the official noted.

Regarding equipment, Project Director Saiful Haque Chowdhury, also an additional secretary at the expatriates' welfare ministry, admitted that not all equipment has been delivered. However, he claimed that over 90 percent of it has been delivered.

The 40 TTCs are designed to offer training in up to seven trades, with flexibility to run multiple courses under each, he said.

According to a training calendar, Dinaajpur TTC spans 1.5 acres, featuring

six workshops, two computer labs, and six classrooms in a four-storey academic building. It has a yearly training capacity of around 1,000 students.

A teacher at the centre said 555 trainees completed courses last year. However, they are still waiting for equipment to run some of the courses.

The TTC started short courses in January 2024 and ASSET courses from May of that year.

With the 40 new TTCs, BMET now operates 110 training institutes across the country, including six IMTs. Most of the older TTCs are located in district towns.

The project began in January 2016 and was initially set to be completed by June 2020 at a cost of Tk 1,331.29 crore. However, it has been extended twice, with the cost rising to

Tk 1,587.32 crore and the latest deadline set for June this year.

## Documentary

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Market area of Chattogram, Varendra University in Rajshahi, and Northern University of Technology in Khulna also actively took part in the movement.

Despite attempts by the then government to suppress the movement through shooting, block raids, arrests and crackdowns, the students remained undeterred.

The documentary pays deep tribute and expresses heartfelt gratitude to the students who were martyred or injured.

It is being recognised as a historic effort to remember and honour the contributions of students from private universities.

## 27km stretch of Dhaka-Barishal highway in ruins

Thousands suffer amid delay in 4-lane project



SUZID DAS, Faridpur

Around a 27-kilometre stretch of the Dhaka-Barishal Highway — from Munshibazar in Faridpur Sadar to the Bhanga Interchange in Faridpur — lies in a dilapidated condition, causing suffering to thousands of passengers between Dhaka and 21 southern districts.

Transport workers said with the onset of the monsoon, the situation has worsened further. Numerous small and large potholes and trenches have formed on this part of the highway.

Rainwater has filled the potholes, turning the road into a muddy and slippery trap.

Assuch, buses, cars, ambulances, and other vehicles are plying the highway amid the risk of accidents.

According to sources at the Roads and Highways Department in Faridpur, the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council in February 2020 approved a project to upgrade a 235km section of the highway between Faridpur and Kuakata via Barishal from two lanes to four lanes.

However, two years have passed since then, but the work to upgrade the road has not started yet.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw that most of the 27km highway is in particularly bad shape. Key areas like Bakhunda, Joarer Mor, Keshabnagar, Talma, Bashagari, Mashaijan, Nowapara, and Hamirdi are riddled with large, deep potholes that have worsened due to persistent rain in recent days.

The road's bitumen surface has worn out, and

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