

IN MEMORY OF JULY UPRISING

‘One martyr, one tree’

STAR REPORT

A tree plantation campaign titled “One Martyr, One Tree” was held across the country yesterday, in memory of those who sacrificed their lives during the last year’s July uprising, according to reports from our correspondents and a news agency.

In Kurigram, the programme was inaugurated on the premises of the Deputy Commissioner’s office, led by DC Nusrat Sultana.

The event concluded with prayers seeking eternal peace for the martyrs.

In Noakhali, DC Khandaker Istia Kh Ahmed started the programme by planting a tree on the Sonapur Degree College campus.

Six trees were planted in the names of martyrs Raihan, Abdul Jabbar, Furuk, Noor Hossain Piyas, Mamun Hossain, and Nasima Akhter.

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PHOTO: STAR

One killed, twenty injured in Rangpur LPG station blast



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

An explosion at an LPG station in Rangpur city’s CO Bazar area yesterday has left one dead and at least 20 others injured, including four technicians who were working on the gas tank at the time.

The explosion occurred around 12:00pm at LPG Auto Gas and Conversion Centre, one of the busiest gas stations in the area.

The blast also destroyed at least 20 vehicles and caused extensive damage to nearby homes and shops, confirmed Deputy Director of Rangpur Fire Service Badsha Masud Alam.

The injured were rushed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

The deceased was identified as Selim Reza Shohag, an engineer who was

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ONE YEAR OF NARSINGDI JAILBREAK

177 inmates still at large

JAHIDUL ISLAM, Narsingdi

A year after the attack on Narsingdi District Jail, authorities have yet to recapture 177 of the 826 inmates who escaped during the incident on 19 July 2024.

Among the fugitives are nine convicted militants.

In addition, 28 looted firearms and over 5,000 rounds of ammunition remain unaccounted for.

Locals have expressed concern that these weapons may now be in the hands of criminals and could be used in ongoing criminal activities across the region.

On July 19, around 4:30pm, an organised group stormed the prison by hurling bricks and petrol bombs, eventually breaching the main gate.

They ransacked the prison’s armoury, looting 85 firearms and over 8,000 rounds of ammunition. The attackers also set fire to multiple buildings inside the prison complex, including administrative offices, barracks, the condemned cell, officers’ quarters, and



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- Attackers looted 85 weapons, set fire to key prison buildings
- Legal proceedings disrupted by loss of records
- Three probe bodies formed, but findings not made public

garage, destroying at least 29,000 legal documents.

Following appeals from the district administration, 649 inmates voluntarily surrendered through legal channels, including courts and local police stations.

Another 57 weapons and approximately 3,000 rounds of ammunition were recovered through joint operations by law enforcement.

Still, 177 escapees remain at large, along with 28 weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition and explosives.

The then jailer, Kamrul Islam, filed two cases after the incident.

The Ministry of Home Affairs’ Security Services Division later suspended Kamrul and Jail Superintendent Abul Kalam Azad.

Three investigation committees were formed by the inspector general of prisons, the Security Services Division, and the district administration.

However, the findings of these investigations have not been made public.

On the day of the attack, the violence spilled beyond the prison.

Simultaneous arson attacks targeted the Itakhola Highway Police Outpost, Meherpara Union Parishad Office, Narsingdi District Council building, and the Madhabdi Municipality office.

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PHOTO: COLLECTED

A Rohingya refugee camp in Cox’s Bazar.

MONSOON PERILS

Funding cuts heighten risks for Rohingyas Says UNHCR

UNB, Dhaka

Reductions in funding for a community maintenance programme in the Rohingya camps of Cox’s Bazar have not only affected their incomes but also compromised safety during the monsoon season, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has warned.

In the world’s largest and most congested refugee camp, home to over one million Rohingyas, life is always difficult. But monsoon rains make conditions even worse – turning narrow paths treacherous and threatening essential sanitation infrastructure such as latrines and water points with landslides, it said.

Since 2020, UNHCR has supported a programme where refugees were paid small amounts to carry out essential work like path repairs and slope stabilisation.

However, due to the global aid funding shortfall, this initiative has faced severe cuts. While each project previously engaged 30 to 40 refugees current funding only allows for seven or eight workers in a few remaining projects.

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Dengue claims another life

UNB, Dhaka

One more death was reported from dengue in 24 hours till yesterday morning, raising the number of fatalities from the mosquito-borne disease in Bangladesh to 62 this year.

The death has been reported in the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC), according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). During the period, 394 more patients were hospitalised with viral fever, raising the number of confirmed cases to 16,789 this year.

Bodies will be exhumed for autopsy, if needed

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journalism and thanked media professionals who risked their lives to livestream the events.

“I express my gratitude to the journalists. Those who watched the live coverage won’t have such questions. But those who weren’t there or didn’t cover it live often raise many doubts,” he said.

Asked whether the intelligence agencies had failed to prevent the violence, the adviser said, “A high-powered committee

has already been formed. It will determine who is responsible.”

“You, the media, are already reporting on this. You know the facts. But some are just waiting for me to say something specific. When the committee submits its report, you will see the recommendations. Actions will be taken accordingly,” he added.

Meanwhile, Chief Adviser’s Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam yesterday said the government is doing everything lawfully

in Gopalganj.

“I will urge all journalists to visit Gopalganj and see we are doing everything lawfully,” he said while speaking to journalists after attending an event of the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development, hosted by Cumilla University, reports UNB.

Shafiqul said those who took the law into their own hands and were involved in the violence in Gopalganj will be brought to justice.

He also said there is no uncertainty regarding the

upcoming national polls.

“The election will be held in time as announced by the chief adviser. A congenial environment will be ensured for it, alongside creating a level playing field for all. The polls will be better than any elections held in the past.”

About the national consensus on reforms, Alam said parties are sitting regularly and all are joining talks. He said no party had boycotted the talks.

So far, he said, consensus had been reached on eight issues, discussions were

ongoing on seven others, and three issues had yet to be discussed.

Responding to a question regarding the deterioration in the law-and-order situation, he said the government is trying sincerely to improve the situation.

“We are also getting some results. In sensational cases, arrests are being made quickly and relevant laws have also been amended. Efforts are on to hold trials in rape cases fast,” he added.

Skills alone not enough

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ceremony of the “3rd International Conference on Mechanical Engineering and Applied Science (ICMEAS 2025)” held at the Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST).

According to a press release from ISPR, researchers and professionals from Bangladesh, the US, the UK, Brunei, Egypt, Canada, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Australia, India, Singapore, and China took part in the conference.

In his speech, Waker congratulated the organisers for successfully hosting a platform that promoted the exchange of ideas and collaboration across disciplines. He also handed over awards to the best paper presenters.

Highlighting the army’s long-standing involvement in engineering, he said army engineers have carried out many significant projects across the country – from roads to bridges and major infrastructure – earning recognition both at home and abroad.

Referring to the growing interest among students about studying at MIST, he said, “A total of 869 students are currently

studying in 12 departments. I am very happy that so many students these days want to study at MIST.”

However, he emphasised that technical excellence alone is not enough.

“It is not enough to produce great engineers – we have to produce great human beings. Only then can the country and the nation prosper,” he said.

Encouraging students to remain disciplined and ethical, Waker said, “We are producing great scholars, great engineers, great doctors, great civil servants, and great military officers. But without ethics, the country will not benefit.”

Addressing the delegates, researchers, and contributors, he said, “Your presence has added immense value. Your dedication to advancing knowledge and engaging in meaningful dialogue is deeply appreciated,” he said.



PRAYER TIMING
JULY 20

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-15	12-45	5-00	6-54	8-15
JAMAAT	4-50	1-15	5-15	6-58	8-45

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