

## JULY UPRISING Teen discharged from case filed over killing cop

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has discharged a teenager from a case filed over killing a police constable during quota reform movement in Dhaka's Jatrabari on July 19 last year.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate GM Farhan Ishtiaque passed the order on July 15 after Mollah Md Khalid Hossain, inspector of Detective Branch of Police (Wari Division) and also the case's investigation officer, submitted a probe report under Section 173(A) of the recently amended Code of Criminal Procedure.

In his order, the magistrate said the teenager, who was 17 years old at the time of his detention last year, was discharged as the IO did not find his involvement in the murder.

The decision came just five days after the promulgation of the amended ordinance on July 10. This is the first time that anyone has been discharged from a pending investigation case under the new law, said a court staffer.

On July 13, Inspector Mollah submitted an interim investigation report to the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, seeking the teenager's discharge from the case filed with the Jatrabari Police Station.

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## CJ nominates 2 judges for SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed has nominated two judges of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court as its chamber judges for quick hearing and disposal of urgent cases.

Justice Md Rezaul Haque has been assigned as chamber judge-1 and Justice Farah Mahbub as chamber judge-2, said a notification issued by Registrar Muhammad Hasanuzzaman yesterday.

Both the chamber judges started functions from yesterday.

This is for the first time, two chamber benches of the Appellate Division have been constituted to quickly settle the urgent matters, said SC spokesman Md Muajjem Hussain.

## Crackdown on outdated vehicles starts

### 20 dumped on first day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A total of 20 outdated vehicles were dumped yesterday, marking the beginning of a countrywide drive against vehicles that have exceeded their economic lifespan.

Mobile courts filed 495 cases across the country and realised fines amounting to Tk 11.64 lakh for various traffic law violations, according to a press release issued by the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

The drive was carried out by mobile courts of the BRTA and different district administrations as over 80,000 commercial vehicles have already passed their economic life.

The move comes about a month after the government fixed the economic lifespan of buses and minibuses at 20 years, and that of goods-laden vehicles -- such as trucks and covered vans -- at 25 years.

As of May, a total of 299,643 commercial vehicles were registered with the BRTA, including 85,198 buses and minibuses and 214,445 trucks, covered vans, and tankers.



A child swims home through the village canal, clutching freshly plucked kadam flowers. His face lights up with the happiness of a successful little adventure. The photo was taken in Jhalakathi recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

## Battered Tangail road takes toll on locals

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

The Sakhipur-Sagardighi road in Tangail has become almost unusable due to the lack of necessary repairs, causing immense suffering to people.

Hundreds of vehicles, including heavy ones, travel along the road daily. However, large potholes have formed at various points, leading to frequent accidents, locals said.

Following media reports highlighting the road's condition, the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) made temporary repairs. But within a few days, the road returned to its previous state, they said.

During a recent visit, it was observed that continuous rainfall over several days had worsened the situation, creating large potholes from Soukhin Intersection to Sakhipur Government College, Kachua Bazar intersection, and

from Kachua Bazar to Araipara.

The Sakhipur-Sagardighi road is a crucial route. It connects Sakhipur, Mirzapur, Basail, Kalihati and Ghatail upazilas in Tangail with Fulbaria, Bhaluka, Gafargaon and Trishal upazilas in Mymensingh. It also facilitates the



import and export of goods to and from these areas.

Numerous students also commute on this road to attend coaching centres and educational institutions, including Government Mujib College, Women's

Honours College and BAF Shaheen College. The poor road conditions prevent many from reaching on time.

Md Moniruzzaman of Sakhipur said, "The ditches are filled with rainwater and cannot be seen from a distance, leading to accidents. We urge the authorities to repair the road quickly."

Former upazila parishad vice-chairman SM Sabur Reza echoed the sentiment.

According to sources at the Roads and Highways Department, although the road is designed to support vehicles weighing up to 15 tonnes, it is currently being used by trucks carrying more than 30 tonnes, loaded with bricks, stones, soil and rods. This is accelerating the road's deterioration.

Contacted, Sintia Azmiri Khan, executive engineer of the RHD in Tangail, said departmental repairs are already underway.

## Use forest resources in planned

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climate change and land grabbing at the capital's CIRDAP auditorium.

He said relying solely on forest resources for livelihood is not a sustainable option. "This is not right -- by this, they will remain under the poverty line," he said, adding that education and broader economic participation were key to improving the lives of forest dependent communities.

Wahiduddin also criticised the proliferation of resource grabbers in the country. "The varieties of dacoits in Bangladesh are very rare in the world -- river grabber, land grabber, forest grabber, hill grabber, and so many," he said.

Reflecting on past missteps, he said the country had undertaken several unplanned projects in forest areas based on foreign advice and funding.

He reaffirmed his commitment to preserving the cultural and linguistic diversity of ethnic communities. "After this, we have to provide them education and bring them to the mainstream of society for employment," he said.

He said arrangements have been made to approve several umbrella projects in the hill tracts to address

water scarcity and improve access to education in remote areas.

The productivity of ethnic communities and other forest dependent populations could be enhanced by introducing modern technology, providing credit support, improving marketing systems, and reducing the influence of middlemen, he said.

Speakers at the event included Michal Krejza, head of cooperation at the Delegation of the European Union and MISEREOR, aimed to share plans for research, investigations and other activities to be carried out under the initiative.

Prof Tanzimuddin Khan from the Department of International Relations at the University of Dhaka and a member of the University Grants Commission delivered the welcome address. SEHD Director Philip Gain presented the keynote.

particularly those from the armed forces, whose sacrifices he said the nation will remember with deep gratitude.

He also paid respects to all injured and martyred army personnel during their duties in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, as well as to the martyrs and injured of the July 2024 uprising.

Upon his arrival at the venue, the chief adviser was received by Chief of Army Staff General Waker Uz-Zaman.

At the end of the event, the chief adviser signed the visitors' book.

## PRAYER TIMING

JULY 21

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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Last date of Application 18.08.2025.

Director General

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## SHISHU HOSPITAL Appointment of 65 doctors cancelled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The management board of Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute has cancelled the appointment of 65 doctors who were recruited on an ad-hoc basis without any official circular.

Prof Md Mahbubul Hoque, director of the hospital, confirmed the development to The Daily Star yesterday.

The move came days after the health ministry launched an investigation into the appointments, following reports published in several newspapers.

According to media reports, the hospital authorities appointed 65 doctors on a six-month ad-hoc basis without issuing any recruitment circular. All of them had already been working at the hospital.

Mahbubul said the doctors were appointed on an ad-hoc basis due to a shortage of manpower. However, the management board on Saturday cancelled the appointments as it sparked controversy.

"The health ministry's probe committee also recommended cancelling the appointments," he said.

The board has also directed the authorities to initiate a recruitment process following due procedures as soon as possible, he added.

## SOHAG MURDER Prime accused gives confessional statement

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The main accused, Mahmudul Hasan Mohin, yesterday gave confessional statements in connection with the case filed over killing of scrap metal trader Lal Chand alias Sohag near Mitford Hospital in Old Dhaka.

With this, five accused gave confessional statements to magistrates in Dhaka.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mahbubur Rahman recorded his statement.

On July 9, Sohag, 39, was dragged from his shop in Old Dhaka in broad daylight and beaten to death near the gate of Mitford Hospital. His body was then crushed with large chunks of concrete and left on the street as onlookers watched in horror.

The next day, the victim's elder sister filed a murder case with Kotwali Police Station, accusing 19 persons and 15 to 20 unnamed individuals.

Police have so far arrested nine accused.

## MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

DIRECTOR OF WORKS & CHIEF ENGINEER (ARMY)

### INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Dated 13 July 2025

Ref No 03 of 2025-2026/E-6	Description of works			Location	Price of Tender Document (Non refundable)	Amount of Tender Security (Taka) (In the shape of Bank Draft/ Pay order/Bank Guarantee in favor of DW & CE (Army))	Time of Completion of Wks
1. Ministry/Division				Ministry of Defence			
2. Agency				Military Engineer Services			
3. Procuring Entity Name				DW & CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt			
4. Tender Name				Different B & R Works of Bangladesh Army for the financial year 2025-2026 (As per Ser No. 15)			
5. Invitation for Tender No				03 of 2025-2026/E-6 Dated 13 July 2025			
6. Procurement Method				Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
7. Source of Funds				GOB			
8. Tender Publication Date				22 July 2025			
9. Tender Last Selling Date				17 August 2025 upto 1430 hours.			
10. Tender Submission Date & Time				18 August 2025, 1200 hours.			
11. Tender Opening Date & Time				18 August 2025, 1230 hours.			
12. Name & Address of the office (s)				Selling Tender Documents			
				a. Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE (A) at GE (A) Central, Dhaka Cantt. b. DW & CE (Army), Dhaka Cantt			
				Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE(A) at GE (A) Central, Dhaka Cantt.			
				Opening Tender Document			
				Tender Selling & Information Centre of DW&CE (A) at GE (A) Central, Dhaka Cantt.			
13. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting				17 August 2025, 1000-1100 hours.			
14. Eligibility of Tenderer				For Serial No.15 (a to c): Contractors enlisted in MES Class 'A' & 'B' For Serial No.15 (d to f): Contractors enlisted in MES Class 'B' & 'C' For Serial No.15 (g & h): Contractors enlisted in MES Class 'C' in other Govt/Semi-Govt/autonomous organizations in similar capacity having necessary security clearance from DGFI.			
15.							
a	Construction of 1 x SM BK (6 storey with 6 storied fdn, store in ground floor) and CH/DH with Recreation room (2 storey with 2 storied fdn) including ancillary works for 10 NCO & 200 Nos Troops of Regiment Artillery at Jahangirabad Cantt, Bogura (Last Phase).			Jahangirabad Cantt, Bogura	Tk. 9,000.00	Tk. 15,10,000.00	12 (Twelve) Months
b	Construction of 1 x SM BK (6 storey with 6 storied fdn, store in ground floor) and CH/DH with Recreation room (2 storey with 2 storied fdn) including ancillary works for 10 NCO & 200 Nos Troops of 40 Field Regiment Artillery at Jahangirabad Cantt (Last Phase).			Jahangirabad Cantt, Bogura	Tk. 9,000.00	Tk. 16,40,000.00	12 (Twelve) Months
c	Construction of						