

## Two more buses

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Additionally, a human-haulier was set on fire in Chattogram's New Market area in the evening.

The government, in May, banned all political activities of the AL and its associated and affiliated organisations over allegations of killings, genocide, crimes against humanity, and other grave offences during the July uprising. The BCL was also banned under the same allegations.

Yesterday, some group of people also brought out flash processions in parts of the country, chanting slogans in favour of the Awami League.

In Shariatpur, a group of people set fire to trees and other flammable materials on a road in the Noshason Majhirhat area on Saturday night.

The incident occurred around 11:45pm. They shouted slogans in favour of the AL, said police, quoting locals and witnesses.

Police went to the spot and cleared the highway. No one was arrested, said OC Aslam Uddin Mollah of Naria Police Station.

In Narayanganj, some people brought out two flash processions in the Bhuijhar and Kashipur areas early yesterday and chanted slogans in support of the banned AL, according to police and locals.

In a separate incident, police arrested two individuals early yesterday in the Masdair area of Narayanganj city for allegedly planning acts of sabotage, said OC Shariful Islam of Fatullah Model Police Station.

**ARSON IN DHAKA**  
Meanwhile, in Dhaka's Baridhara, a college bus was set on fire around 1:15am. A fire engine

rushed to the spot and doused the blaze, said OC Hiron Mia of Fire Service Control Room.

In Keraniganj, a bus of Taranga Paribahan was torched by unknown persons around 3:40am.

Both buses were parked, no casualties were reported, the fire official said.

Earlier on Saturday night, two buses were set on fire on Ceramic Road in Dhaka's Mirpur 12 area and Faridpur Sadar upazila.

In Shyampur, police detained a 22-year-old BCL activist, Siam Sarker, from Khondokar Road area near Dhaka Mawa highway, said a press release of DMP media wing. A case was filed with Shyampur Police Station.

In Azimpur, police foiled an attempted arson attack on a VIP Paribahan bus after two youths on a motorcycle arrived and poured petrol on a seat, said Saifuzzaman, inspector (investigation) of Lalbagh Police Station.

Police are trying to identify and arrest the suspects, he said.

In Chattogram, a human-haulier was set on fire in the New Market area around 6:45pm, said Alamgir Hossain, deputy commissioner of Chattogram Metropolitan Police.

He said police primarily suspect that a youth torched the vehicle by pouring petrol after the passengers had disembarked at the last stop.

The incident occurred while a rally of the National Citizen Party was underway at the port city's Biplob Udyan.

Police detained the vehicle's driver and helper for questioning, he added.

## Stop wholesale case

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The group said the primary responsibility of the interim government is to restore normalcy in the area and warned that a prolonged abnormal situation in Gopalganj could negatively affect other parts of the country.

Even days after the incident, innocent people in Gopalganj have been living in fear of being arrested by government forces, which the UTN described as deeply concerning.

Referring to media reports, the statement said ordinary citizens were being harassed wholesale in the name of "arrest-trade" and "litigation-trade". So far, 277 people have been arrested in four cases filed over the incident, out of a total of 3,008 accused. Among those arrested are nine children under the age of 18, which, the UTN said, calls the rule of law into question.

The teachers' platform also criticised the failure of law enforcement agencies to prevent the violence, despite the government, as later admitted by the home adviser, having intelligence reports about possible unrest centring the NCP rally in Gopalganj, a known AL stronghold.

Despite the warnings, no effective preventive measures were taken by the law enforcement agencies or joint forces on the ground.

The UTN said the state had failed in its primary responsibility of protecting citizens' lives and called the Gopalganj incident a clear example of such failure.

"We are shocked by the horror of the events of that day and the human rights violations. We are concerned that such irresponsible behaviour by the government could jeopardise the future path of democracy," the statement read.

It said any investigation must examine whether

there had been excessive use of force by law enforcement agencies to suppress the violence. In addition to identifying those responsible for the attack, the government must ensure accountability for any negligence by the authorities responsible for security.

It also called upon political parties, including NCP and the AL, whose political activities have been banned recently, to behave responsibly instead of creating unnecessary tension. Besides, it called for providing all levels of administration and law enforcement agencies with training on human rights and democratic behaviour.

The UTN said those who killed civilians using deadly weapons must be identified and brought to justice. The government must also ensure the constitutional right to medical treatment for the injured, provide compensation for the families of the dead and injured, and guarantee legal support and access to justice.

It is necessary to ensure that no innocent people are subjected to harassment or violence in such violent situations in the future and that no new examples of human rights violations are created, it added.

### Teen discharged

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Since completing the full investigation will take time, the report was submitted under Section 173(A) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

According to the case statement, a violent incident took place at Rayerbag in Jatrabari on July 19 last year where a police constable, Gias Uddin, was killed during a clash between police and demonstrators during the quota reform movement.

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## Hospitals to set up

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"So, we have given the fresh directives for efficient hospital management to treat the patients hospitalised with the diseases," he told The Daily Star.

### DENGUE CASES

At least 17,218 dengue cases have been reported since January, and around 40 percent of them were recorded in the first 20 days of this month, according to DGHS data.

Around 40 percent of the total cases were reported in Barishal division, with Barguna emerging as a hotspot with 4,130 hospital admissions since January.

Out of the 62 deaths from dengue this year, 20 occurred in July.

The number of daily hospital admissions rose to 429 on July 20 from 124 on June 1. A total of 1,262 patients were receiving treatment at hospitals yesterday.

In this context, DGHS issued 16 directives to all government and private hospitals.

All hospitals must set up a flu/fever corner at their outpatient departments, reads the directive.

Confirmed dengue cases must be categorised into A, B, and C groups based on disease severity, and treatment must be provided according to the national guidelines, it said.

Government hospitals must ensure laboratory facilities for dengue testing along with an adequate stock of dengue diagnostic kits. Depending on disease severity, dengue patients should be admitted to hospital or referred to higher-level facilities as necessary.

Each hospital must have a trained and designated medical team for the treatment of dengue patients.

Hospitals must ensure the availability of necessary intravenous (IV) fluids for dengue treatment and, if needed, arrange procurement as per

## Only offenders

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question after the meetings of the "Core Committee on Law and Order" and the "Special Law and Order Meeting on Dhaka and Its Adjacent Areas", held at the Secretariat.

Replying to another query that army was seen firing, the adviser said, "In certain situations, they had to respond accordingly. They [army] acted in line with the prevailing circumstances."

The adviser explained that the first meeting yesterday was the regular weekly coordination meeting where inter-ministerial cooperation is discussed to resolve minor but urgent issues.

The second meeting focused on law and order in Dhaka and involved DCs, Rab officials, and military personnel.

On the Gopalganj violence, he acknowledged the gravity of the situation but said political activities often come with such events.

"We've also faced similar incidents before. The important thing is whether actions are being taken afterward, and we are taking action," he said.

Responding to concerns about attacks during yesterday's hartal, Jahangir said, "Yes, two vehicles were set on fire. But compared to previous hartals, this time there has been a noticeable reduction in sabotage..."

Regarding the absence of a case over the Gopalganj deaths, he said, "A probe committee has been formed. The matter is under investigation. You have seen the situation; the actions taken are also visible."

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**Saidul, a vendor from Bogura, walks across Dhaka every day selling baskets and handicrafts made from palm fibre. Crafted by village artisans, these eco-friendly items are quite popular among city dwellers. The photo was taken near the Dhaka University campus yesterday.**

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## কুমালী ব্যাংক সিএলসি

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### ১০ম বিশেষ সাধারণ সভার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

তৎক্ষন্তর সাম্মিলিত শেয়ারহোল্ডারদেরকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, কুমালী ব্যাংক সিএলসি এর ১০ম বিশেষ সাধারণ সভা আগামী ২৭.০৮.২০২৫ বৃহদৰার, সকাল ১০.৩০ থাইকায় "Hybrid System" এ কুমালী ব্যাংক সিএলসি মিলনায়তন (৪৪ তলা), কুমালী ভবন, ৩৪, দিল্লুশা বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। সভায় নিম্নলিখিত কার্যবালি সম্পর্ক করা হবে।

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