



Farmers till their arable land with ploughs and cattle in Rajshahi's Paba upazila yesterday, preparing for Aman paddy cultivation. Despite persistent rain, they continue working to ready the muddy fields for sowing.

Over 4,000 cases pending

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Additionally, 1,079 new cases were filed, and five traffickers have received life sentences under the existing law, he said.

Bernd Spanier, chargé d'affaires of the EU Delegation to Bangladesh, expressed concern that despite numerous trafficking cases being filed in the country, only a few have led to convictions.

"Behind every person who has returned home lies a long line of others still trapped in the shadows of traffickers," he said. "Trafficking thrives when governments are weak, migration is unsafe, and opportunities are scarce. Traffickers exploit that despair."

According to IOM data presented at the event, over 9,000 Bangladeshi crossed the Mediterranean to Italy in the first half of 2025, bringing the total since

2009 to over 90,000.

Many of these migrants, aged between 14 and 35, were lured by false promises of employment.

A significant number ended up in Libyan camps, where they were subjected to extortion and torture. As a result, Bangladesh is now one of the top countries for irregular migration to Europe.

DIG of Police Ashiq Saeed said law enforcement agencies remain active in counter-trafficking efforts, with many traffickers already arrested and others being pursued internationally through Interpol.

Ikramul Habib of the Criminal Investigation Department identified Khulna as a trafficking hotspot due to its economic vulnerability and proximity to border districts like Jhenaidah, Meherpur, and Chuadanga.

Abul Hasnat, deputy

secretary of the law ministry, said in many cases, victims are deceived by people close to them.

Lance Bono, chief of mission of IOM Bangladesh, pointed out the disproportionate impact of trafficking on women and children.

Sujin Kong, deputy country director of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), described trafficking as one of the most serious forms of crime.

He said Bangladesh remains one of the major source countries for human trafficking.

The event began with a welcome speech by Jasim Uddin Khan, joint secretary of the home ministry.

Md Asad Ullah Chowdhury from the Special Branch's Immigration Unit also attended the programme.

Touhid calls for ceasefire in Gaza

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Touhid urged the international community to begin implementing the two-state solution without delay, emphasising the urgency to uphold international laws, humanitarian principles, and the UN Charter.

He warned that peace in the Middle East cannot be achieved without justice for the Palestinian people and reiterated Bangladesh's firm position in support of the two-state solution.

More than 58,000 Palestinians have lost their lives and many more have been injured, most of them women and children," he said. "Schools, hospitals, and aid camps are under attack with countless bodies lying beneath rubble in Gaza."

The adviser also warned against Israel's continued expansion of illegal settlements and erosion of

Tajuddin Ahmad was a statesman

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On August 27 last year, Supreme Court lawyer Muhammad Mujahidul Islam filed the case with Shahbagh Police Station under sections 219 and 466 of the Penal Code, accusing Khairul.

On July 24, a team of the Detective Branch of police arrested Khairul from a house in Dhaka's Dhanmondi.

On the same day, he was sent to jail in connection with a case filed over the killing of Jubo Dal activist Abdul Kaiyum Ahad, 16, in Jatrabari on July 18 last year.

On July 29, he was shown arrested virtually in a case filed with Fatullah Police Station in Narayanganj for issuing an illegal verdict and fabricating a judgement that abolished the caretaker government system.

The case filed by Abdul Bari Bhuiyan, former president of Narayanganj Bar Association, also includes sedition charges.

structures left behind by the colonial system to become more mature and effective," Azam said.

He also said Tajuddin sought financial transparency and proper responsibility in state affairs.

Tajuddin could be seen as modern and liberal in the Western sense, but not in a purely Western ideological way, said Azam. "Instead of copying Western models, he believed in learning from our own lived experiences. That's why we cannot call him a Western-style liberal humanist."

"Tajuddin's diary is a rare and honest account of Bangladesh's political journey. It encourages people to rethink older, rigid views of history," he added.

Mohammad Azam, director general of Bangla Academy, delivered the memorial lecture titled "Tajuddin Ahmad: A Diary: Oithashikota O Rajonitikota".

He described Tajuddin as a realist and practical thinker whose political views were shaped more by real-life experiences than by ideology or theory.

He did not believe in imposing abstract ideas. He worked with what existed and tried to improve it. He wanted the institutions and

and Dr Sazzad Siddiqui, acting chairman and associate professor of the Peace and Conflict Studies Department, also spoke at the event.

A total of seven DU students received awards at the event.

Govt to hike

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duty in the capital said he has been in the force for nine years.

"Currently, I receive a risk allowance of Tk 1,800. Once the initiative is implemented, I will get Tk 2,160 – just Tk 360 more," he said.

However, officials who have served five years will benefit more.

Talking with this newspaper, an SI working in the Dhaka Metropolitan Police said he is now receiving a Tk 2,700 risk allowance.

"Once the new allowance rates take effect, I will receive Tk 3,840, which is an immediate increase of Tk 1,340," said the SI.

An ASI who has been in service for 19 years said, "I currently get Tk 3,200. With the new system, it will rise to Tk 3,840."

"But after four more months, when I complete 20 years, it will increase further to Tk 4,560," he added.

5 lands in jail

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teenager was arrested on Saturday night in a case filed under the Cyber Security Act. He was later produced before a court and subsequently sent to a juvenile correctional centre on Sunday.

Meanwhile, a team of Bangladesh Hindu Buddha Christian Oikya Parishad visited the spot on Tuesday, spoke to the victims, and demanded punishment for the attackers.

Decision on

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the charges pressed by the prosecution, which include murder, attempted murder, abetment, complicity, and command responsibility under crimes against humanity.

Sayed was shot dead on July 16 last year in Rangpur during a student-led protest against the quota system in government jobs. The defiance he showed against oppression before his death turned the protests into a mass uprising that eventually toppled Sheikh Hasina's regime on August 5 last year.

The accused in jail are former university proctor Shariful Islam, assistant registrar Rafiul Hasan Rasel, staff member Anwar Parvez, assistant sub-inspector Amir Hossain, constable Sujan Chandra Roy, and Bangladesh Chhatra League leader Imran Chowdhury Akash. At least 24 accused are absconding.

JP's income

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In 2021, the party reported a total income of Tk 2,09,85,154 (including bank deposits) and expenditures of Tk 84,68,134, ending the year with a surplus of Tk 1,25,17,020.

In 2020, Jatiya Party's expenditure stood at Tk 76,04,120, with a surplus of Tk 51,68,757.

Since the introduction of the registration system in 2008, political parties have been required to submit their income and expenditure reports – audited by a recognised chartered accounting firm – to the EC by July 31 each year.

Currently, the EC has 50 registered political parties, including BNP, Jamaat, and Morelgonj Upazilas of Bagerhat District, which are affected by the impact of climate change (MRMWSP) Project, FY-2024-25.

PRAYER TIMING
JULY 31

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-20 12-45 5-00 6-50 8-15

JAMAAT 4-55 1-15 5-15 6-55 8-45

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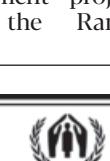
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1	Ministry/ Division	Local Government Division
2	Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
3	Project/Program Name	Development of Water Supply and Sanitation Systems in Mongla, Rampal and Morelgonj Upazilas of Bagerhat District, which are Affected by the Impact of Climate Change (MRMWSP).
4	e-Tender IDs	1131522
5	Description of Works	Installation of 01 nos 100 mm *50 mm dia PVC submersible Tubewell (Depth 268 m) at Morelgonj Upazila in Bagerhat District Under Development of water supply and sanitation system in Mongla, Rampal and Morelgonj Upazilas of Bagerhat District, which are affected by the impact of climate change (MRMWSP) Project, FY-2024-25.

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