

Illegal markets

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Local resident Minhaj Uddin said vehicles, including CNG-powered auto-rickshaws, often stop in the middle of the highway to pick up passengers, increasing the danger for pedestrians. Mazharul Islam Rocky, leaseholder of Sherpur Bazar, said although authorities had previously tried to evict encroachers, the situation persists. Md Kaiser Hamid, executive engineer of the Roads and Highways Department in Moulvibazar, said, "We have conducted several drives to remove illegal encroachers from markets such as Sherpur and Sarkar Bazar. A survey has also been completed to reclaim public land in these areas, and we will be conducting another drive soon to clear the illegal shops and establishments."



Farmers taking guavas to markets by small boats amid heavy rain in Kuriana Bazar of Pirojpur on Sunday. PHOTO: TITU DAS

Ex-army chief

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staff reporter at NTV and the deceased's nephew, told The Daily Star that Harun had checked into the club on Sunday to stay the night. When his personal assistant could not reach him the following morning, he alerted the club authorities and contacted police. OC Karim said club staffers knocked on the door in the morning and, after receiving no response, looked through the window and saw him lying unconscious. Army personnel also visited the club and the room. Prof Nazibunnahar, a doctor at Marine City Medical College & Hospital and a cousin of Harun, said, "I came to see him after hearing the news. The initial condition suggests it may have been a stroke."

Govt slashes stent

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charges or commissions, and reasonable profit margins for companies, the proposal to revise the maximum retail prices (MRP) of coronary stents imported from Abbott, Boston Scientific, and Medtronic has been approved, the letter reads. Accordingly, the DGHS and DGDA have been instructed to widely publicise the approved price list, ensure that hospitals do not charge more than five percent as service fees for stents, and monitor that no cardiovascular or neuro-implant devices are sold above the approved MRP, it added. A DGDA director, seeking anonymity, said stents from both the US and EU are available in Bangladesh, but the expert

committee found that stents from US companies were priced significantly higher and subsequently recommended a price reduction. The health ministry, in a meeting held on March 19, decided to form an expert committee led by the DGDA director general to revise stent prices. The committee was tasked with analysing stent prices in four neighbouring countries -- India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Nepal -- as well as Bangladesh's existing tax structures, according to the meeting minutes. The meeting was held in response to a sharp rise in stent prices since 2022, following the Russia-Ukraine war. Earlier, in December 2023, the government had reduced stent prices by up to 46 percent.

If EC lacks backbone

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amended law. The current list, last updated on March 2, includes over 12.37 crore registered voters. Regarding the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies, Akhtar said the draft boundaries for all 300 constituencies have already been published. Claims and objections can be submitted until August 10, after which final boundaries will be decided by the end of the month. Applications for observer organisations have also been invited, and the process will be completed according to rules if submissions are received by August 10. The EC is also working on a Tk 48 crore, two-year project to enable expatriate Bangladeshis to vote by postal ballot. A platform for registering overseas voters is under development. Meanwhile, a seven-member EU delegation -- comprising three foreign and four local observers -- is expected to visit mid-September to assess the election atmosphere. The EC was informed of the visit by the foreign ministry on Sunday.

Political clashes left 15 dead, 661 hurt in July

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pushed in 367 people into Bangladesh during this time. Separately, one person was injured in a landmine explosion by the Arakan Army along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border in Bandarban. At least six people died in custody or during law enforcement operations. Five were shot dead by joint forces, and one woman, Firoza Ashrafi, allegedly died by suicide in police custody at Vatara Police Station. Eight prisoners died in July -- three convicts and

five under trial. Among them were AL leaders Sarowar Hossain Nannu and Yusuf Ali Mia. Seventeen labour unrest incidents left five workers dead and 23 injured. Twenty-one others died in workplace accidents. A 12-year-old domestic worker died under suspicious circumstances in Dhaka, it said. The report said at least 162 women and girls were victims of violence. Sixty-eight were raped, including 42 children under 18, while 14 were gang-raped. Two victims were murdered post-rape

and two others took their own lives. At least 25 were sexually harassed, and two women died in dowry-related violence. A total of 39 women died in domestic violence incidents, five were injured, and 17 others died by suicide. HRSS also documented that 233 children faced abuse in July -- 42 died, while 191 suffered physical and mental torture. Thirty political cases were filed in July, naming 1,652 people and implicating 17,837 unnamed. Among the arrested, 587 were

reportedly AL activists. Another 5,506 people -- mostly from AL, Jubo League, Swachchhasebak League, and BCL -- were arrested in special drives. In connection with the Gopalganj violence, 15 cases were filed under the Anti-Terrorism Act against 16,208 people, including 1,252 named AL activists, it added. HRSS urged the government to protect human rights and called on civil society, journalists, political leaders, and international groups to speak out against violations.

Reform must begin within, not just on paper

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kind of a country we have built... I have visited the US six times and lived there for two years. But still, when I apply for a visa, I have to wait for days. When I went to Hong Kong and Dubai, the questions at immigration felt like I just melted into the earth. "We always advise others to be good but don't improve ourselves. We still have the politics of tagging others with false claims, corruption, and we have no tolerance?" he asked. He said there were examples of flawed elections during the Ershad and BNP regimes, but Sheikh Hasina broke all previous records of vote manipulation in 2014. Asif Nazrul alleged that

Hasina had become more autocratic than HMErshad. "Even Ershad understood the voice of the streets and resigned. Hardly 40-50 people died in the streets during his entire nine-year rule." He said that under the Awami League government, border killings occurred on a massive scale. "But the prime minister and other ministers blamed our own people, calling them smugglers... we are the victims and also the ones held responsible! How can a foreign minister describe bilateral relations as a husband-wife relationship?" He said people could no longer tolerate such things and seized the opportunity to protest during the July

uprising. Foreign Adviser Md Touhid Hossain also spoke at the seminar and echoed concerns about the treatment of Bangladeshi passport holders. "I cannot blame anyone for that. Because none of our papers we submit for visas remain 'believable' to others. We have spoiled our self-respect," he said. He said while illegal immigrants found in the Mediterranean Sea are victims, they also broke the law. "We need to identify why such things happen and who is behind this situation." Touhid said there are many officers in the foreign cadre who genuinely want to serve the country. "But we have our limitations in

both estate and finance. Our government is trying to increase budget allocations to the foreign ministry." Meanwhile, speaking to journalists at the Foreign Service Academy, Touhid said the interim government is taking a "pragmatic approach" to its relations with Pakistan, reports UNB. He said everything will be on the table for discussion during Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Pakistan Ishaq Dar's scheduled visit later this month. "Each issue will be on the table," he told reporters when asked whether Bangladesh would raise the issues of a public apology from Pakistan and due compensation.

Technical staff crisis hampers

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due to the acute manpower shortage. "Our current staffing is still based on the 1987 organogram, which allocated 1,187 positions. Even now, about 30 percent of those posts are vacant," he said. He said in 2013, KCC submitted a proposal to the ministry for approval of a revised organogram, which included 691 new posts. But the proposal remains unapproved. "Most other city corporations, including

Dhaka, Chattogram, Narayanganj, Rangpur and Barishal, have received approval for their updated organograms. We are still waiting," he said. Currently, around Tk 1,450 crore worth of development work is ongoing in the city. Yet, just one or two engineers are being forced to manage workloads meant for five or more people, he said. He also pointed out that even if all vacancies under the outdated 1987 structure were filled, it

would still be insufficient to handle the volume of new projects. "The old projects are nearing completion, so we're barely managing for now, but any new initiatives will be impossible to implement with the existing manpower," he said. KCC Chief Executive Officer Sharif Asif Rahman confirmed that a letter has already been sent to the local government ministry requesting engineers on deputation from other departments. K u d r a t e - K h u d a ,

general secretary of SUJAN's Khulna chapter, said, "If we want service delivery to improve, we must increase manpower. Political perspective is the key to a city corporation's development. For a long time, the previous government and its loyal mayor had control over Khulna City Corporation. As a result, they couldn't negotiate effectively with the central government to expand the workforce. In truth, there was a lack of genuine intent."

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**Dhaka Central**  
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based at Kabi Nazrul Government College and Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College. The location for the university's permanent main campus has not been finalised, but officials said it will be situated at a location convenient for all students. This year's admission will take place under the existing system. The colleges will continue to run their Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) programmes while education cadre officials will remain in place. Once the university is fully established, teachers for the university level will be appointed according to university regulations. The seven colleges were previously under the National University. On February 17, 2017, they were brought under Dhaka University. Since then, students of these colleges have repeatedly protested over delays in exams and results, alongside other academic issues. In January this year, DU announced that it would no longer continue affiliation with these colleges. Following this, the government decided to form a new public university for the students.

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**গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি**  
বিষয়: খাদ্য অধিদপ্তরে নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত জরুরি সভাকর্মণ গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি  
এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, খাদ্য অধিদপ্তরের ২৫ (পঁচিশ) ক্যাটাগরি ১৭৯১টি শূন্যপদের মধ্যে ১ম ধাপে ১৪ ক্যাটাগরি ক্যাটাগরি পদের লিখিত পরীক্ষা আগামী ০২/০৮/২০২৫ খ্রি. তারিখ ঢাকা মহানগরে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। পরবর্তীতে অন্যান্য পদের পরীক্ষার সময়সূচী ও যেকোনো পরিবর্তন জানানো হবে যা ইতোমধ্যে বিজ্ঞপ্তি আকারে প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। সম্প্রতি লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে খাদ্য অধিদপ্তরের আসন্ন ১ম ধাপের পরীক্ষার বাকী সকল পদের পরীক্ষার সময়সূচী ও প্রশ্নপত্র বইয়ের বিষয়ে মিথ্যা ও অসংগত তথ্য দিয়ে বিভিন্ন সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যমে গুজব ছড়ানো হচ্ছে। ফলে প্রার্থী ও জনমনে বিভ্রান্তি সৃষ্টি হচ্ছে এবং এতে খাদ্য বিভাগ তথা সরকারের সুনাম ক্ষুণ্ণ হচ্ছে। উল্লেখ্য, প্রতি ধাপে পরীক্ষার জন্য নির্ধারিত সময়সূচী অনুযায়ী প্রশ্নপত্র সুলভনে স্থান হতে নির্ধারিত পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্রে পৌঁছানোর জন্য যৌক্তিক ন্যূনতম সময় বিবেচনা করে নিজেই ICT, BUET এর কাটাগরি সহযোগিতায় অতিউচ্চ প্রযুক্তির নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা নিশ্চিত করে প্রশ্নপত্র প্রদান ও সুলভন করা হবে। অনলাইনে বিভিন্ন সামাজিক যোগাযোগ মাধ্যমে প্রকাশক চক্র কর্তৃক ছড়িয়ে দেওয়া এসব মিথ্যা ও গুজব হতে পরিকাঠামি সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের সচেতন থাকার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। চাকুরিতে নিয়োগ লাভের জন্য অসং ও অসংগতভাবে ব্যক্তিগত যোগাযোগ/সংসর্কারি বা তৃতীয় পক্ষের মাধ্যমে আর্থিক লেনদেন বা অন্যকোন কর্মকাণ্ডের সাথে জড়িত প্রার্থীদের প্রার্থীতা বাতিল এবং খাদ্য অধিদপ্তরের ভবিষ্যতের সকল নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে অযোগ্য যোগাযোগ যথাযথ আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।  
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**OBITUARY**  
Selima Prodhon, former teacher and Adviser at Sunbeams School, Dhaka passed away peacefully at home in London on Thursday 31st July 2025. She was born in Calcutta (Kolkata), to Sofia and Dr Afsaruddin Prodhon, MRCS, LRCP, on 7th March 1934 and educated at Loreto House (1937-1949) and Lady Bradbourne College (1949-1950). At Presidency College (now Presidency University, Kolkata), she successfully completed a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master's degree in English and went on to obtain a First Class degree in Bachelor of Education at the University of Calcutta (1956). Arriving in London in August 1970 where her husband Badiuzzaman Prodhon was posted, Selima began her teaching career in the UK as an English teacher, having previously taught in Turkey and Islamabad. Selima retired after a very successful career spanning nearly twenty years, during which she became Acting Head of Ellen Wilkinson School Girls' School in Ealing. During these years she had been developing her interest in working in Bangladesh and had been advising Sunbeams on developing its curriculum. Following retirement in the UK, Selima returned to Dhaka to teach at Sunbeams and become Academic Adviser for the Senior Section. During the ten years that she worked there she made many close friends amongst the staff and parents and instilled a love of literature and language in numerous young people. Throughout her life Selima was inspired by the works of Bengali and English authors and poets which she notes in her autobiography "From Bengal to Barnet" written at the age of 85. Kazi Nazrul Islam, Rabindranath Tagore, Dickens, Bronte, Du Maurier, the Romantic poets, all shared her bookshelves. Her love of music, singing Bangla songs, reminiscing about the beauty of the landscape in Bengal and spending time with family and friends were of the utmost importance to her. Selima is survived by her daughter, Dame Yasmin Prodhon Bevan (DBE), her daughter-in-law Seema Karim Prodhon and two grandchildren, Shaida and Alisa.