

JCD leader arrested over extortion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A local leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and his associate have been arrested by joint forces for allegedly extorting Tk 90,000 from a man in Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj.

Jamil Chowdhury, member secretary of Madhabpur upazila unit of JCD, along with his associate, identified as Monayem Khan, a Chhatra Dal activist, were handed over to Madhabpur police early yesterday.

According to police, the two allegedly held up a man named Arup Chowdhury in Kalikapur village under Baghasura union and demanded Tk 1.5 lakh.

Acting on a tip-off, a joint forces team raided the area around midnight and caught the suspects with Tk 90,000 in cash, believed to be part of the extortion money.

Three other individuals – Panel Mia, Md Rokon, and Nirjon Mia – reportedly

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An artist paints pots ahead of the upcoming Manasa Puja, to be observed tomorrow. The pots are sold wholesale for Tk 80-100, depending on their size. The photo was taken at Himanandakathi village in Jhalakathi yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Show cause notice sent to former BNP MP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Cumilla division unit of the BNP issued a show cause notice to former MP and member of the district south unit, Abdul Gafur Bhuiyan, yesterday.

The notice, signed by Md Selim Bhuiyan, organising secretary of Cumilla division unit of the BNP, said, “Recently, a statement you made regarding the Cumilla Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education and the deputy commissioner has gone viral on social media. Furthermore, on August 11 and 12, according to reports published in national media, several union-level conferences of BNP’s Nangolkot upazila unit were held in different educational institutions while keeping those institutions closed. In this regard, you are hereby instructed to submit your written explanation to the issuer of this notice within the next three working days.”

Rainfall causes Tk 133.43cr loss in Jashore fisheries

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Continuous rainfall this year has caused losses of Tk 133.43 crore in Jashore’s fisheries sector, according to the district fisheries office.

Officials said downpours inundated fish enclosures, ponds, and wetlands, resulting in unprecedented damage.

Fish farmers said the scale of losses has broken records over the past four decades, raising fears of a production shortfall in the district compared with demand. They urged the government to provide assistance to recover from the massive financial blow.

The district fisheries office reported that 6,219 fish farms across eight upazilas have been affected. Of them, 3,127 are in Sadar upazila, 340 in Abhaynagar, 360 in Jhikargachha, 540 in Monirampur, 260 in Keshabpur, 1,032 in Sharsha, and 560 in Chowgachha and Bagharpara.

A total of 5,408 farmers has been affected – 2,893 in Sadar, 315 in Abhaynagar, 360 in Jhikargachha, 510 in Monirampur, 190 in Keshabpur, 760 in Sharsha, 160 in Chowgachha, and 220 in Bagharpara. The total affected area amounts to 4,781 hectares.

Officials said the downpours washed away 5,341 tonnes of fish and 83 million fingerlings, causing losses of Tk 104.48 crore in fish and Tk 28.95 crore in fingerlings.

Firoz Khan, owner of Firoz Fish Hatchery, said such damage has not been seen in the district’s fisheries sector in the last four decades.

“This is the first time we have faced such

heavy rainfall. The extent of damage has gone beyond our expectations. If this continues for a few more years, farmers will stop fish farming altogether,” he said.

Jashore District Fish Farmers’ Association President Zahidur Goldar said, “On one hand, we are facing soaring feed prices, and on the other, extreme weather events – heavy rains



and severe droughts – are taking a heavy toll on farmers. At one time, the electricity rate for agriculture was 2.45 taka per unit, but now we have to pay 15 to 20 taka per unit.”

He stressed that government assistance is essential to help farmers recover from this year’s losses.

District Fisheries Officer Sarker

Muhammad Rafiqul Alam said this year’s Tk 133.43 crore loss is the highest in recent years.

“We have applied to higher authorities for incentives for farmers, but we are yet to receive any response. A decision to reduce the electricity rate [for hatchery] has, however, been made,” he said.

He added that in the 2023-24 fiscal year,

Jashore produced a total of 2.45 lakh tonnes of fish against a local demand of around 65,000 tonnes.

“As a result, the district had a surplus of more than 1.80 lakh tonnes, which was supplied to different parts of the country. But this year, that will no longer be possible,” he said.



NANDAIL UPAZILA IN M’SINGH

Poor drainage leaves health centre isolated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A sub-health centre in Mymensingh’s Nandail upazila has been struggling to operate for years due to chronic waterlogging.

There are several ponds surrounding the Moazzempur Union Sub-Health Centre, including a silted and abandoned one belonging to the facility, which remains filled with stagnant water. In the ongoing rains, the pond has overflowed, flooding the entrance and making access nearly impossible for both patients and staffers.

Covered with hyacinth and weeds, the pond has also become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other harmful insects, alleged locals.

Other nearby ponds, dug by individuals for fish farming, have blocked the natural drainage of rainwater from the centre’s premises. Established in 1992, the centre serves thousands of people in the area.

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Abbas seeks justice over Khaleda’s ‘mistreatment’

BSS, Dhaka

BNP standing committee member Mirza Abbas has demanded justice for those responsible for the mistreatment of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia during her imprisonment.



Speaking at a prayer ceremony held in her honour on the occasion of her 81st birthday, Abbas criticised the conditions Khaleda Zia faced while in jail, including what he described as “inhumane treatment” and the denial of proper medical care.

The special prayer ceremony was organised by the BNP at its Nayapaltan office in the city. The event was attended by several BNP leaders, activists and supporters, and offered prayers for her well-being and for the prosperity of the country.

Abbas said the former prime minister’s health had seriously deteriorated while she was held in custody, citing the appalling conditions in the Old Dhaka Central Jail. “Khaleda Zia was taken to a hospital from a dilapidated building in the jail, but even there, she was not given proper treatment,” Abbas said.

“The building was infested with rats, cockroaches and lizards. There are suspicions that she was subjected to slow poisoning during that time,” he added.

“Despite the numerous obstacles and conspiracies, Khaleda Zia has emerged as the most

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Nayna Rahman Jourder —Petitioner
-VERSUS-
Gtech Infrastructure Ltd. and another —Respondents
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that we on behalf of Nayna Rahman Jourder the of Gtech Infrastructure Ltd, as petitioner filed an application under section 81(2) and 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting in the Company Bench of the Hon’ble High Court Division of 22nd July, 2025; AND Upon hearing the learned Advocate for the petitioner, the Hon’ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Soheli was pleased to admit the application and issue notices upon the Respondents. Any person interested in taking part in this matter may do so either personally or by appointing an Advocate. A copy of the application may be obtained from our office.
Mr. Md. Ismail Hossain Bar-at-Law, Advocate.
Supreme Court of Bangladesh
SCBA Building Room No 5038 (H.S.S.B), Cell: 01721-465738.

STATUTORY NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION) Company Matter No. 1120 of 2025
An Application under Section-81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF: Shaonti Haider and another —Petitioners.
-VERSUS-
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms —Respondent.
Take Notice that an application under Section-81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon’ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the above named Petitioners for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meetings of Vigarunisa Alumni Association for the years 2016-2024 and relieving the Directors and officers of the Company from the liability of fine or penalty. Upon hearing of the application on 23/07/2025 Hon’ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Soheli has been pleased to admit the said application and directed publication of this notice and file affidavit-in-compliance on or before 27/08/2025. If any body is interested to oppose the said application he may appear before the Hon’ble High Court Division either in person or through an Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.
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Barrister-at-Law
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
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Dengue cases rise sharply outside Dhaka

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Aedes albopictus – commonly known as the Asian tiger mosquito – is a small, dark insect with a white dorsal stripe and banded legs. It can transmit the dengue virus and breeds in both man-made and natural containers, such as water tanks, discarded tyres, tree holes, and bamboo stumps. Unlike Aedes aegypti, albopictus thrives in vegetated and forested areas as well as in urban settings.

According to DGHS, total dengue cases this year have reached 25,710, with 104 deaths so far. Barishal Division has recorded

the highest number of hospitalisations (8,997), followed by Chattogram (3,700) and Khulna (1,365).

The survey covered areas in Khulna, Chattogram, Barishal, Faridpur, and Barguna.

According to the report, among Aedes mosquitoes, albopictus accounted for 55.04% in Khulna, 76.4% in Chattogram city corporation areas, 8.2% in Barishal city corporation areas, 93.9% in Jashore municipality areas, 83.8% in Faridpur municipality areas, and 4.5% in Barguna municipality areas.

In Dhaka, pre-monsoon surveys over the last six years

found Aedes albopictus rates of 3.25% in 2025, 1.35% in 2024, 3.98% in 2023, 0.2% in 2022, 0.01% in 2021, and 1.81% in 2020.

EPIDEMIC VECTOR CONCERNS

An official from DGHS said albopictus prevalence is higher in rural areas. “We need to identify these hotspots and apply insecticide to kill both adult mosquitoes and larvae,” he said.

Prof Kabirul Bashar, an entomologist at Jahangirnagar University, warned that if albopictus has become a dengue vector in rural areas, containment will be more challenging, as different control strategies are needed.

He urged local administrations, led by deputy commissioners, to take proactive measures and provide targeted training.

A government entomologist, speaking anonymously, said high-incidence areas require at least a month-long intensive campaign to eliminate adult mosquitoes and breeding sites, with strong community participation.

He also recommended using Bti (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis), a naturally occurring bacterium that kills

mosquito larvae, blackflies, and fungus gnats.

SHIFTING MOSQUITO DYNAMICS

Albopictus, once considered a “village mosquito,” is now being found in cities. In Barishal and Khulna, where Aedes aegypti once dominated, albopictus is now more common.

Its ability to breed in a wide range of natural and man-made containers – from tree holes to discarded plastics – makes control harder, said the government entomologist.

Towhid Uddin Ahmed, principal scientific officer (retired) at the Department of Entomology, IEDCR, said rural cases may also be linked to infected patients travelling from Dhaka. In Dinajpur last year, 49 out of 50 dengue patients he surveyed were infected in Dhaka.

He added that while immunity from last year’s dengue strain is reducing infections in Dhaka, many outside the capital remain vulnerable.

Towhid warned that controlling albopictus in rural areas with abundant trees and bushes will be difficult. “Given the current surge, authorities should prioritise adulticide spraying to kill adult mosquitoes,” he said.

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Awami League activist, got into an altercation with the police.

“Bangabandhu was killed on this day, and this is his house. I will lay flowers here. I am asking for your help,” she told officers.

The on-duty police officials said the site was closed for security reasons.

A rickshaw puller, Azizur Rahman, was assaulted while visiting Dhanmondi 32 to pay tribute.

“I am an ordinary person of the country, not linked to any political party. I came here to pay tribute because I love Bangabandhu,” he said, shouting, while he was surrounded by the people who had taken over the area.

One of them snatched the bouquet from his hands and tore it apart. The bouquet carried a sticker inscribed with “National Mourning Day, August 15”, along with details of the rickshaw puller.

Some in the crowd also punched him before police arrived and took him away in a car.

In another incident, when a 43-year-old man, along with a woman, arrived at Dhanmondi 32 to visit the museum, the group shouted, “Beat them! Beat them!”

They exchanged heated words with the visitors and asked them to leave the place immediately. The two visitors later went away on a rickshaw when many were calling them aides of Sheikh

Hasina.

Rezaul Karim, who came from the Gausia area in Narayanganj, said he came to Dhanmondi to see the condition of Bangabandhu’s house.

“Witnessing the situation, I thought it was better to stay silent,” he said while talking to this correspondent yards away.

Zisanul Haque, additional deputy commissioner of Dhanmondi Zone, said they are not allowing anyone inside the site on security grounds, as the building is vulnerable.

Kya Sweet Nue Marma, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi Police Station, said the protesters handed over three individuals on Thursday night, who were later released on bond.

Yesterday, police rescued several people from the unrest caused by the group and later let them go, he said.

No one was beaten in front of the police members, he added.

On Thursday evening, members of BNP and Chhatra Dal occupied the area and held processions, chanting slogans against the Awami League and the banned Chhatra League.

On that night, BNP men assaulted a leader of Chhatra Shibir’s Dhaka College unit, creating a tense situation. Shibir leaders later intervened, and both sides reached an understanding, referring to the earlier incident as a “misunderstanding”.