



## 4 of family killed as covered van overturns onto car in Cumilla

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

Four members of a family were killed yesterday afternoon when a container-laden lorry overturned onto their private car on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Cumilla's Paduar Bazar Bishwa Road area.

The deceased were identified as Mohammad Omar Ali, 80; his wife Nurjahan Begum, 70; and their sons Abul Hashem, 52, and Abul Kashem, 47. They hailed from Hossainpur in Barura upazila of Cumilla.

Two firefighting units rushed to the spot and carried out a rescue operation, which ended around 1:50pm, said Mir Mohammad Maruf, station officer of Cumilla Sadar South Fire Station.

The accident occurred around 12:30pm when the lorry lost control, overturned, and crushed the private car before hitting a CNG-run auto-rickshaw, said Anisur Rahman, sub-inspector of Mainamati Crossing Highway Police Station.

He added that the accident took place when the private car was taking

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Hazera Khatun, 78, mother of BNP leader Sajedul Islam Sumon, who has been missing since 2013, grabs the hand of BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, *not in frame*, and burst into tears. Fakhrul was about to get on stage at an event of Mayer Daak, a platform of the families of the forcibly disappeared, in front of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Sohan, Saif return as Bangladesh name Asia Cup squad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Wicketkeeper-batter Nurul Hasan Sohan and top-order batter Saif Hassan on Friday were included in Bangladesh's squad for the upcoming Asia Cup, set to be played in the UAE from September 9-28.

The 16-member squad, announced by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), will also represent the Tigers in the three-match T20I home series against the Netherlands, to be played in Sylhet as a tune-up to the Asia Cup, from August 30 to September 3.

Sohan is currently leading the Bangladesh 'A' side, also involving Saif, in the Top End T20 Series in Australia. They will join the Tigers, who are currently in Sylhet for an ongoing practice camp, after their last game in Australia against Adelaide Strikers Academy today.

Sohan earned a place in the squad after almost three years, his last appearance for Bangladesh coming during the 2022 T20 World Cup in Australia.

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Liton Das (Captain), Tanzid Hasan, Parvez Hossain Emon, Saif Hassan, Tawhid Hridoy, Jaker Ali, Shamim Hossain, Nurul Hasan Sohan, Mahedi Hasan, Rishad Hossain, Nasum Ahmed, Mustafizur Rahman, Tanzim Sakib, Taskin Ahmed, Shoriful Islam, Mohammad Saifuddin

## Nasa finds a new moon around Uranus

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Nasa's Webb telescope has found a new moon around Uranus.

The tiny object is only about 10 kilometres wide and is the 29th addition to the family of moons around the planet.

Scientists think it was able to hide for so long not only because of its small size but also its relative faintness. That meant it could lay undiscovered during other observations, such as Voyager 2, which flew past the planet around 40 years ago.

There could many other of the objects lying in wait around the planet, still undiscovered, researchers suggest.

"No other planet has as many small inner moons as Uranus, and their complex inter-relationships with the rings hint at a chaotic history that blurs the boundary between a ring system and a system of moons," said Matthew Tiscareno of the SETI Institute, a member of the research team, in a statement.

"Moreover, the new moon is smaller and much fainter than the smallest of the previously known inner moons, making it likely that even more complexity remains to be discovered."

All of the moons around Uranus are named after characters from Shakespeare and Alexandra Pope. The new one is part of a system that orbits inside the largest moons Miranda, Ariel, Umbriel, Titania, and Oberon, for instance.

## Crimes against Rohingyas continue with impunity

Volker Türk says Myanmar's military, Arakan Army to blame

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk has said both the military and the Arakan Army have committed and continue to commit serious atrocities against the Rohingyas with impunity.

This is "flagrant violation of international law, including the provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice," he said in a statement in Geneva yesterday.

The statement comes ahead of eighth anniversary of the Rohingya influx when about 750,000 Rohingyas fled a brutal military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

Since 2023 when the military and Arakan Army conflicts flared up in Rakhine, about two lakh more fled to Bangladesh.

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## Onion and veggie prices dip, fish stay costly

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Prices of locally grown onions have started to fall in Dhaka, as Bangladesh has resumed importing the kitchen staple from India after a long break.

Meanwhile, vegetable prices have slightly eased after a sharp rise over the past two to three weeks. However, the high prices of fish, meat, and eggs remain unchanged.

Visits to several markets in the capital over the past two days, including Karwan Bazar, Shewrapara, Ibrahimpur, and Mirpur-11, along with traders' accounts, reflect this trend.



have started releasing their stock of local onions, which mainly led to a drop of Tk 6-7 per kilogramme in the wholesale price of local onions.

Yesterday, the wholesale price of local onions stood at Tk 64-72 per kg, down from Tk 70-77 per kg last week. Indian onions are being sold wholesale at Tk 68-69 per kg, while the retail price of Indian onions was Tk 75-80 per kg.

Marjina Begum, a resident of Banani who shops for onions, garlic, potatoes, and other essentials at Karwan Bazar every Friday, said compared to last week, prices seemed a bit lower

**Last week, the price of local onions in Dhaka's markets ranged between Tk 80 and Tk 90 per kilogramme. As of yesterday, the price had fallen to Tk 70-80 per kilo, depending on the market.**

this week. "But there is no reason to feel relieved, because prices can go up anytime," she said. "I don't understand the market. Many times, you see prices go down by Tk 5, and the following week they shoot up by Tk 10," she added.

Homemaker Pinky Begum, a resident of Green Road, said she found onions, potatoes, and garlic were selling at Tk 80, 25, and 170 per kilo, respectively, in her area yesterday. She then went to Karwan Bazar and bought the same products at Tk 70, 18, and 140 per kilo.

"When I come to Karwan Bazar, I usually buy

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## 'MISUSE OF STATE FUNDS' Sri Lanka's former president arrested

REUTERS, Colombo

Former Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who led the country during a devastating 2019-2024 economic crisis, was arrested and appeared in court yesterday over allegations he misused state funds while in office, police said.

Wickremesinghe, 76, who lost power in a 2024 election, had been investigated over a visit he made to London to attend his wife's graduation ceremony, local media reported.

Police confirmed his arrest for alleged misuse of public funds.

"Former President Ranil Wickremesinghe has been arrested and produced in court. We are awaiting the court directive to decide what further steps need to be taken," a police spokesperson said.

Wickremesinghe's office did not respond to a request for comment from Reuters.

An ally from his United National Party (UNP) proclaimed his innocence and suggested the case



Ranil Wickremesinghe

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Sacks full of plastic materials await recycling at a yard in Showari Ghat in Old Dhaka. While recycling helps get rid of some plastic from the environment, the yard being in the middle of a residential area causes many locals to suffer. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Gendaria fire claims son's life; parents critically hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A house fire in Dhaka's Gendaria early yesterday killed a 28-year-old man, while his parents remain in critical condition with severe burn injuries.

The deceased, Mezbah Uddin, succumbed to his injuries around 1:00pm while undergoing treatment at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, said Dr Sultan Mahmud of the institute.

He had suffered burns to 100 percent of his body, the physician said.

Mezbah's father, Moslem Uddin, 65, and mother, Salma Begum, 50, are battling for their lives with burns on 90 percent and 55 percent of their bodies, respectively.

The fire broke out around 2:00am in an apartment on the second floor of the building.

According to Hasan Ali, station officer of Sutrapur Fire Station, neighbours rushed the three victims to the hospital before firefighters

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