

## Diarrhoea outbreak hits Natore

### 147 infected in 24 hours

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A sudden outbreak of diarrhoea has struck Natore Municipality, infecting around 147 people in the 24 hours till 2:00pm yesterday.

As of yesterday, 128 patients were receiving treatment at Natore General Hospital.

The district health authorities have deployed a five-member medical team to provide treatment in the affected areas, and the district administration has formed a probe committee to investigate the incident, said officials.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Natore Civil Surgeon Dr Md Muktadir Arefin said, "A few patients started coming from Tuesday night. Within hours, the number increased significantly. By this noon [yesterday], 147 patients had been admitted, of whom 128 are still undergoing treatment."

Of the admitted patients, 68 are women and children, the civil surgeon added.

To tackle the crisis, authorities have distributed 20,000 water purification tablets, along with oral saline and medicines, in the affected neighbourhoods.

"Primarily, we suspect that water contamination caused this outbreak. We have already informed the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research to conduct tests in the area," Dr Arefin said.

## Two die of dengue, 445 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two dengue patients died while 445 others were hospitalised in the last 24 hours till yesterday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Of the deaths, one each were recorded in Dhaka South City Corporation and Barishal division.

With the new deaths and cases, the death toll rose to 127 while the total number of cases rose to 32,946.

STATUTORY NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION, DHAKA, (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1494 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under section 12 read with section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND

Optique Smart Solution Pvt. Limited

Petitioner.

VERSUS

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) and another.

Respondents.

Notice is hereby given in the effect that an application under section 12 read with section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994, was moved before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the petitioner for alteration (addition of new sub clause) of the object clause of memorandum of association of the company namely "Optique Smart Solution Pvt. Limited" The Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has admitted the said application on 20.08.2025 and Hon'ble Court directed the petitioner to publish notices within 03 (Three) weeks and to submit affidavit in compliance within 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2025 from publishing the said notices. Any person interested in the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

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Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1479 of 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Section 12 read with Section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 for confirmation of the amendment of object clauses of Memorandum of Association.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Bit Body Bangladesh Ltd, represented by its Managing Director Mr. Miles Jacob Penn.

Petitioner

-VERSUS-

The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies & Firms, TCB Bhaban (6th Floor), 1 Karwan Bazar, Dhaka - 1215 and others.

Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 12, read with Section 13, of the Companies Act, 1994 has been filed and moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for confirmation of the amendment of object clauses of Memorandum of Association of Bit Body Bangladesh Ltd., and for direction upon the Registrar, Joint Stock Companies & Firms (RJSC) to record the amended copy of the Memorandum of Association of Bit Body Bangladesh Ltd.

The Hon'ble Justice Mr. Ahmed Sohel, presiding over the Company Court, was pleased to admit the said application on 25.08.2025 and directed the Petitioner to publish notices of the application and file affidavit in compliance on or before 22.10.2025.

Any person interested in the said application may appear on the date fixed for hearing, either in person or through their advocate.

Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

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Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1455 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 183 and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of Banker's Club of Bangladesh Ltd for the years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and to relieve the officers, directors, managers, auditors etc. from any liabilities arising out of default for not holding the Annual General Meeting of the Company for the Years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 within the time specified and Hon'ble High Court Division comprising His Lordships "Mr. Justice Ahmed Shohel" and his Lordship was pleased to admit the application on 21.08.2025.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Banker's Club of Bangladesh Ltd, represented by General Secretary Shafiqul Islam Faquir Pintu

Petitioner

Versus

Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms and another

Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 183 and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of Banker's Club of Bangladesh Ltd for the years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 and to relieve the officers, directors, managers, auditors etc. from any liabilities arising out of default for not holding the Annual General Meeting of the Company for the Years of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024 within the time specified and Hon'ble High Court Division comprising His Lordships "Mr. Justice Ahmed Shohel" and his Lordship was pleased to admit the application on 21.08.2025 and directed the petitioner to file an affidavit in compliance along with Audit Report.

Anyone who is interested regarding the matter may appear in the hearing either personally or through appointed Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned.

Advocate subject to make payment of the prescribed fees.

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## Dharla erosion renders hundreds homeless

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The Dharla River, flowing through Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, continues to swallow farmlands, homesteads and vital infrastructure every day, leaving hundreds of families destitute.

Severe erosion has now gripped around 11 kilometres of the river's right bank, with at least 10 points facing critical threat.

In Kurul and Shiberkuti areas, the river's erosion has reached dangerously close to the town protection dam. Locals fear that if the dam collapses, the entire Lalmonirhat town will face devastation.

To address the crisis, the Water Development Board has drafted a Tk 300-crore "Right Bank of Dharla River Erosion Protection Project" for Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

The Development Project

Proposal (DPP) is currently awaiting approval from the Ministry of Water Resources.

According to WDB estimates, the Dharla devours 500-600 bighas of farmland and over a hundred homesteads each year, causing



losses worth more than Tk 150 crore annually. Officials say constructing a permanent embankment along the 11-km stretch could significantly curb the damage.

"I have lost 12 bighas of farmland and my homestead to the Dharla," said Dinesh Chandra Sen, 70, a

farmer from Moghalhat area. "Now my family lives on someone else's land. The river has taken everything from us. Unless a permanent project is built, hundreds more families will lose everything."

Kasem Ali, 65, of Kurul area, said he lost 10 bighas of land over the past four years, with another two bighas disappearing recently. "Now I have only three bighas left, and even that is under threat," he said.

Contacted, Lalmonirhat WDB Executive Engineer Shunil Kumar said, "We have completed the field survey. The project is now with the Ministry of Water Resources and will go to the planning ministry next. Once approved and funded, work will begin immediately."

"If implemented, the project will significantly reduce the annual losses that riverside people face due to erosion," he said.

## Minority candidates scarce

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faction of Chhatra Union, Biplobi Chhatra Maitri, the Indigenous Students' Association, and several cultural groups. This panel has also fielded six Hindu, three Buddhist, and two Christian candidates. Eight panels have announced candidates for the polls.

Minority candidates and student leaders say the lack of participation is mainly due to cyberbullying, ethnic and religious hatred spread through social media, and family restrictions.

According to the Indigenous Students' Association, around 150 Chakma, Tripura, Garo, Santal, Tanchangya, Marma, and Hajong students study at JU.

The Sanatan Students' Association said over a thousand Hindu students are enrolled. There are also Buddhist and Christian students. However, their representation in the Jucu election remains low.

Sukanta Barman, contesting for the post of education and research secretary, said, "A major reason for low

indigenous participation is cyberbullying and the spread of ethnic hatred."

Igimi Chakma, candidate for drama secretary and president of the Indigenous Students' Association, said she faced cyberbullying during the attacks in the Hill Tracts last year.

"I had to delete my Facebook account, as fake pages regularly targeted and abused us," she said. "In such an environment, how can students from minority communities feel encouraged to contest the election?"

She urged Jucus to be a democratic and inclusive body and called for a cultural platform for indigenous students, promotion of their languages and traditions, and official holidays for major festivals.

Simanto Bardan, a candidate for transport and communication secretary, said minority students are often harassed online whenever they raise their demands. "They are immediately tagged and labelled whenever they speak up," he added.

Doli Rani Roy, a mass communication and journalism student and sports secretary candidate at Pritilata Hall Students' Council, stressed the need for an environment that is safe for women and minority students.

"Every student should be able to raise demands regardless of religion, ethnicity, or politics. Whoever gets elected needs to ensure this," she said.

Rezwana Karim Snigdha, associate professor of anthropology at the university, said, "Not only in Jucus elections, but also in leadership positions of cultural and social organisations on campus, we never see indigenous or minority students."

"The reason is that we have failed to build their political agency. The power structure excludes them, and that exclusion is clearly reflected in the Jucus election," she added.

## Ensure one-third

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reserved seats, each formed by combining two constituencies, with nominations replaced by direct elections.

She recommended this arrangement remain in effect for a maximum of two to three terms.

Dr Nilofar Chowdhury Moni, former BNP MP, criticised the continued uncertainty over nominations for women, noting that political parties have wasted time instead of implementing the 33 percent representation mandated by the RPO.

She emphasised that women can participate equally if patriarchal attitudes in politics are challenged.

Advocate SMA Sabur, acting president of Oikya NAP, demanded political parties take effective steps to increase women's representation.

Barrister Shamim Haider Patwary, secretary general of the Jatiya Party, noted that constitutional

guarantees of gender equality remain largely unimplemented.

Ruhin Hossain Prince, general secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, highlighted the importance of raising awareness among women voters.

Maleka Banu, general secretary of Mahila Parishad, said women's participation in politics, economics, and society remains marginal, and urged that women contest both general and reserved seats while building their own constituencies.

Moderator Dr Fauzia Moslem, president of Mahila Parishad, stressed that according to Article 7 of CEDAW, implementation of women's political participation is the government's responsibility.

Saiful Haque, general secretary of the Revolutionary Workers Party, and Bazlur Rashid, general secretary of BASAD, also spoke.

## 4,000 ASIs to join police force before polls: IGP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is working to recruit at least 4,000 assistant sub-inspectors (ASIs) before the upcoming national election.

Of them, 2,000 will be selected directly through competitive exams and 2,000 will be promoted from the ranks of constable, Inspector General of Police Baharul Alam told reporters after a meeting with Public Administration Senior Secretary Md Mokhles Ur Rahman yesterday.

Meanwhile, Mokhles at the briefing said civil service postings are not being made through a lottery, nor will they be. "While the issue of postings through a lottery has been discussed, it does not seem logical for implementation."

Responding to a question, he said all necessary steps have been directed to the field administration to hold the upcoming elections "as a role model".

Strict measures will be taken if anyone attempts to show bias.

## Two bodies recovered from Lohalia river

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Police recovered bodies of two men from the Lohalia river in Patuakhali yesterday.

The deceased are Tuhin Hawlader, 25, a resident of Patuakhali municipality, and Rezaul, 28, an auto-rickshaw driver in the area, said Patuakhali's Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Imtiaz Ahmed.

He also said, "Both bodies have been sent to Patuakhali Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. Investigation is underway to uncover the circumstances surrounding their deaths."

OC Imtiaz said that Rezaul left home with his vehicle Monday morning but did not return. That night, police recovered his vehicle from Kashipur road and his body was found in the river yesterday morning, he added.

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Memo No. Cronis-1547/2025/282/2/BA

Date: 01.09.2025

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This is an online Auction, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@procure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@procure.gov.bd)/Contact Number: 16575).

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