

Three-year-old killed 'by uncle' in Ramu

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A three-year-old girl was hacked to death allegedly by her uncle in Cox's Bazar's Ramu upazila on Wednesday evening.

The victim was identified as Fatema Begum. Police detained the suspect, her 25-year-old uncle Nurul Hakim, later that night.

Quoting locals, Ramu Police Inspector (investigation) Sheikh Farid said Hakim, a drug addict, frequently fought with family members over money for drugs. On Wednesday evening, he demanded money from Fatema's mother and attempted to attack her with a machete. When she fled, Hakim struck Fatema on the head with a sharp weapon.

"Neighbours rescued the child and took her to Ramu Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared her dead. The body was later sent to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy," he added. Police said preparations for filing a case were underway.

Dr Najma Jasmine Choudhury's death anniv today

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Today is the 36th death anniversary of Dr Najma Jasmine Choudhury, eminent writer, researcher, playwright and former teacher of Dhaka University's Institute of Modern Languages (IML).

On this day in 1989, she died of cancer, said a press release.

Dr Najma Jasmine Chowdhury left behind her husband Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury and two daughters to mourn her death.



Eviction fear grips Harijans in Barishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Residents of the Harijan community living in the sweeper colony of Ward 9 under Barishal City Corporation are gripped by fear of eviction.

To protest, the affected families submitted a memorandum to the city corporation administrator yesterday afternoon.

Supriya Rani, 72, a colony resident, yesterday told The Daily Star that the authorities asked them on Saturday to leave after the upcoming Durga Puja. "We have lived here all our lives. Where will we go now?" she asked.

Munu Lal, one of the signatories of the memorandum, said, "We requested the administrator to allow us to live in the colony. His personal assistant received the memorandum, and we hope he will consider our appeal."

Members of the Harijan community, who have served the city's sanitation needs for over a century, said they never

faced such a threat before. About a week ago, they were suddenly asked to vacate the colony, leaving them in constant fear.

Bina Rani, 65, said, "I was born and married here. Our family has lived here for seven generations. Suddenly the city corporation wants us out - we cannot understand why."

Locals alleged that influential groups want to build a market on the land. "If we are evicted, a multi-storey market will be built here, and the shops will be sold for profit," said a resident.

Munna Lal, 75, said, "We have served the city all our lives, and now we have to lose our homes."

Jharnaal, another sweeper, said while the colony officially houses nine families of city corporation employees, nearly 30 families now live there. "Our meagre salaries cannot cover house rent elsewhere. These colonies were built by the municipality for us. Now that land prices have gone up, vested groups want to grab them."

Residents noted that similar colonies exist in Amir Kutir, Kaunia Bhakta Colony, and other areas, but as Kathpotti is a commercial zone, its sweepers face the strongest eviction pressure.

Uttam Kumar Bhakta, president of Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM), said, "Harijans are among the most marginalised. They work for the city but are paid very little. That is why colonies were set up for them. Evicting them now is unacceptable. We demand that the authorities stop this process."

"There will be no joy in Durga Puja this year - only fear," said Benu Rani, 70. "At any moment, we may be thrown out of the homes we've had for generations."

When contacted, Barishal City Corporation CEO Md Rejaul Bari said, "We have only sought information on who are living in the colony. No decision has been taken yet regarding eviction."

He, however, did not clarify why the information was sought.



PHOTO: SHEIKH MEHEDI MORSHED

Lumin's musical film 'Firey Esho' premieres in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lumin, lead vocalist of rock band Feedback, premiered his musical film "Firey Esho" in Dhaka yesterday, with Universal Medical College Hospital hosting the event at the Empyrean Hotel.

Produced by Studio Aram Kedar, the film stars Lumin alongside Nilanjana Nil. It will soon stream on Prothom Alo's Chorki platform.

Hospital MD Dr Ashis Kumar Chakraborty said the programme was designed to inspire young audiences toward healthy entertainment.

Lumin expressed heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, adding that Fuad Naser Babu, Manam Ahmed, Bappa Mazumder, and BAMBAs president Hamin Ahmed "came without a moment's hesitation" to join the event. "I am so thankful to all of you for being here," he said.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Foundation Bangladesh celebrated DEA Night 2025 on September 9 at RAOVA Complex, Dhaka, with Sarah Cooke, British high commissioner to Bangladesh, as chief guest. Board of Trustees members Rizwan Bin Farouq (chairman), Talita Choudhury (treasurer), and Runa Khan joined the programme, where Brac University VC Prof Syed Ferhat Anwar received the 'Empowerment' trophy from world-renowned artist Lorenzo Quinn.

PHOTO: COURTESY

Women remain largely under-represented

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lack electricity. "Due to the absence of renewable energy in women's work, a lot of time is wasted. It is high time to adopt renewable energy," she said.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF and chair of the opening session, said, "The Women and Energy Carnival reflects our commitment to amplifying women's voices and ensuring they are central to Bangladesh's sustainable and green transition."

She warned that conventional fossil fuel-

based sources would eventually run out, adding that there is no alternative to renewable energy.

She also stressed the importance of recognising women's unpaid care work.

Nayoka Martínez-Bäckström, first secretary (environment & climate change) and deputy head of development cooperation at the Embassy of Sweden in Bangladesh, highlighted the need for women's equal participation in policy and decision-making on climate and energy.

"With technological advancement, now is the

time to think sincerely about renewable energy," she said.

Md Mahbubur Rahman, deputy secretary of the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA), said women play an important role in climate issues, particularly in green finance, where their involvement is often greater than men's.

He called for women to be recognised as stakeholders.

Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director at the Centre for

Policy Dialogue, said while electricity is currently produced in centralised locations, future systems will generate power in multiple places.

"Women's role in maintenance will be undeniable," he said, urging gender perspectives to be integrated into renewable energy policies to ensure a just transition.

Jamil, member secretary of Dhoritri Rokhaya Amra and coordinator of Waterkeepers Bangladesh, warned against treating social movements merely as projects.

"We often do not even consider women as stakeholders. Work must be inclusive - public representatives should not be the only stakeholders,"

he said.

Tanzina Dilshad, programme manager (environment & energy) at the European Union Delegation to Bangladesh, noted that women's participation in leadership positions remains low, despite the fact that their involvement in renewable energy is comparatively higher.

She reaffirmed the EU's support for initiatives to ensure women are not left behind in the energy transition.

The day-long programme featured exhibitions, cultural performances, storytelling sessions, and policy dialogues on making Bangladesh's renewable energy transition more inclusive, sustainable, and gender responsive.

EU parliament team

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and civil society to discuss the human rights dimension of EU-Bangladesh relations and will visit the Rohingya refugee camps.

They will also hold meetings with the representatives of NGOs, labour representatives and representatives of multilateral organisations operating on the ground.

Since the violent crackdown on the mass protest movement of 2024 and the subsequent downfall of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh is undergoing a period of political transition under an interim government led by Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad

Yunus.

The interim authorities launched a reform process including the country's electoral system, judiciary and other key institutions. EU and Bangladesh have furthermore resumed negotiations on a new Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA), said the statement issued yesterday.

The delegation, against this backdrop, will aim at learning more about the work of the interim government in promoting good governance and advancing human rights, including international labour standards, and to discuss the EU-Bangladesh partnership in these areas.

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Barishal office was posted at police's Barishal range.

Additional DIG Asma Siddiqua Mill, currently an officer on special duty (OSD) at the home ministry, has been transferred to police's Traffic and Driving School. According to the circular DMP's deputy commissioner Goutam Kumar Biswas was made SP of Chuadanga, SP of Chuadanga Khandkar Golam Mowla was transferred to Police Headquarters as an assistant inspector general, railway police's SP Shakila Soltana to police's Dhaka range, PBI SP Momtajul Ehsan Ahammad Humaiun to Highways Police, PBI SP Abu Torab Md Shamsur Rahman to Highways Police, Special Branch (SB) SP Md Amir Khasrul to DMP as DC.

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INVITATION FOR RE-TENDER

Sl. No.	Invitation Reference, Re-Tender ID No., and Date	Ref. No. Pro- (Log.) 300/2025, Tender ID: 51/2025, Date: 25/08/2025
1.	Procuring Entity Name	Secretary General, BDRCS
2.	Name of Requisition Department	Disaster and Climate Risk Management (DCRM) Department
3.	Project Name	Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Project, Narayanganj
4.	Procurement for	Sumilpara, Char Sumilpara Community of Narayanganj City Corporation
5.	Implementation by	BDRCS, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
6.	Source of Funds	British Red Cross (BRC)
7.	Invitation for	Installation of 06 (Six) Production Borehole with Construction of Over Head Water Reservoirs, Installation of subsurface pumps, Tap Stands and associate water distribution networks.
8.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)/One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM)
9.	Description/Quantity	Mention in Tender document
10.	Purchase of Tender document	Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdracs.org. Tender Schedule Download Link: https://bdracs.org/tender/ Important Details: • Interested bidders are requested to collect the tender documents within the stipulated timeframe from the above link or BDRCS website. • A tender schedule purchase fee of BDT 2,050.00 (Two thousand and fifty taka only) is applicable. This fee is non-refundable. • The purchase fee must be paid via bKash to 01894806393 (BDRCS Merchant Account). • Please clearly mention the bKash transaction reference number at the top of the tender schedule. • Failure to include the bKash transaction reference number may result in disqualification of the bid.
11.	Tender Schedule available from website/link	14-09-2025
12.	Tender Closing Date and Time	25-09-2025 at 3:00 PM
13.	Tender Opening Date and Time	25-09-2025 at 3:15 PM
14.	Pre-bid Meeting Schedule	18-09-2025 at 11:00 AM at Logistics Dept. Meeting Room, NHQ, BDRCS
15.	Tender Security Money	2.5 % of the Total quoted value.
16.	Eligibility of Tenderer	Construction Firm or Similar Experience is preferable.
17.	Address of Tender Submission & Opening	Logistics Department Room, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
18.	Completion Time in days	60 (Sixty) Calendar days
19.	The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender or split the order without assigning any reason whatsoever and will not be bound to accept the lowest bid.	

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