

Dozens injured as violence erupts during football match

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Dozens of people were injured after violence broke out during the final match of the Cox's Bazar Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup Football Tournament at Birshreshtha Ruhul Amin Stadium yesterday.

The match between Ramu and Teknaf upazilas was set for 3:00pm, but by early afternoon the gallery was overcrowded. Witnesses said spectators forced their way into the stadium, prompting police to take action.

Organisers suspended the match around 5:30pm. Soon after, thousands of spectators stormed the field, vandalising the press box, dressing rooms, and goalposts, and setting a fire that was later doused.

Among the injured was UNO Nilufa Yasmin Chowdhury. Cox's Bazar Sadar Police Station OC Elias Khan said several policemen were also hurt.

Around 30 people were treated at Sadar Hospital, said Dr Subaktigin.

Police said the unrest stemmed from excessive crowding, said Additional SP Nazmus Sakib Khan. "We tried to prevent serious injuries, but had to act against unruly behaviour."

Spectators, however, blamed ticket mismanagement, alleging inflated prices and restricted entry despite purchasing tickets.

"The stadium has suffered extensive damage," said district sports association member Mohammad Hossain.



ICU shut for 5 months in Patuakhali

Patients left without life-saving care as vandalised unit remains closed

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The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Patuakhali 250 bed General Hospital has remained closed for the last five months after it was vandalised on April 14, leaving critically ill patients without life-saving services.

Since then, patients in critical condition have been forced to travel to Barishal or Dhaka, often at great risk. In some cases, delays in treatment have led to deaths, relatives alleged.

Hospital authorities said the five-bed ICU was set up in February 2021 during the pandemic with support from the health ministry. It was the only ICU facility in the district and had treated more than 500 patients in the last five years.

The closure followed the death of Hossain Mohammad Ashiq, 21, a student of Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU). Ashiq drowned while bathing in a pond near Government Janata College after playing football with friends. He was first taken to Dumki Upazila Health Complex and later to Patuakhali Hospital, where he died during

treatment.

Accusing doctors of negligence, enraged students vandalised the ICU. Police and army personnel rushed to the spot to bring the situation under control.

Following the incident, then deputy commissioner Abu Hasnat Mohammad Arifin



formed an eight-member probe committee headed by Civil Surgeon Dr Khaledur Rahman Miah. The committee later submitted its report to the DC.

However, ICU services never resumed.

"I raised the issue at the district

coordination meeting. Critically ill patients used to get emergency services here. Now they must take the risk of going to Barishal or Dhaka. We demand immediate resumption of ICU services," said Zakir Hossain, president of Patuakhali Press Club.

Dr Dilruba Yasmin Liza, superintendent of the hospital, said most of the sensitive and expensive equipment inside the ICU was damaged during the vandalism.

"We used to provide emergency care for patients whose condition deteriorated suddenly. But due to the damage, specialised ICU services are no longer available. The unit is now being used as a general ward," she said.

Asked about the probe committee's findings, Civil Surgeon Dr Khaledur Rahman Miah said, "We submitted the report to the then deputy commissioner. It is up to the DC to disclose or act upon it."

Contacted, Jewel Rana, deputy director of the Local Government Department and acting DC of Patuakhali, said, "The report has been sent to the health ministry for further action. I cannot share the details."

Cybercrime cases pile She was more than

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 inadequate, under-resourced, and overburdened," she said.

"In 2025, the interim government promulgated the Cyber Protection Ordinance (CPO), 2025, addressing some gaps in earlier laws. It recognises internet access as a civil right, criminalises AI-driven cyberattacks and online harassment of women and children, makes speech-related offences bailable, establishes a Cyber Security Council with civil society representation, and empowers courts to

dismiss false or fabricated cyber cases at an early stage," Ishrat added.

Though disposal of cybercrime cases has increased slightly this year, more than 4,452 lawsuits were still pending with cyber tribunals as of June 30, the SC report said.

Between April 1 and June 30, a total of 367 new cases were filed and 1,324 cases were disposed of by the tribunals, which are set up in eight divisional cities.

As of July 14, a total of 116 accused in cyber cases were in jail, according to the Department of Prisons.

Her department chair, Mohammad Shamim Reza, said, "She was my direct student -- always responsible and dedicated until the very end. Moumita wanted to take a day's rest, but this sudden duty was imposed on her. It may have caused immense mental pressure on her."

Later in the evening, her husband, Sirajul Islam Masum, carried her body to her ancestral home in Jelapara village of Pabna.

Grief engulfed the family home, where her parents -- both retired teachers -- live. Her father, Mustafizur Rahman Rumi,

a former Bangla teacher at Chatmohar Degree College, was inconsolable.

"My daughter texted me in the morning, saying she was going to count votes. When I heard the news, I couldn't believe it," he said. "She had the dream to become a teacher, and her dream did come true. She was preparing to study abroad, but now she is gone..." he said, before breaking into tears.

Her mother, Lutfunnahar Poly, a retired political science teacher at Pabna College, was not in a condition to speak.

"We got married earlier this year. We didn't even get the chance to properly start our family life together," said Moumita's husband, Masum.

Moumita was laid to rest last night at Arifpur graveyard in Pabna Sadar upazila.

Tk 150 crore down

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the Kaptan Bazar site, shops continue roadside slaughtering, with goats tied up waiting to be killed.

Local shopkeeper Rofiqul Islam said, "Butchers slaughter animals in front of their shops and clean the blood and waste themselves. If the slaughterhouse opened, it would benefit everyone."

DSCC records show the first Hazaribagh tender in December 2022 set the lease fee at Tk 8.56 crore for three years, but no bidders came. Even after lowering the fee to Tk 6.16 crore in September 2023 and floating two more tenders, no interest was shown. A new tender is being prepared for Kaptan Bazar.

A property department official, seeking anonymity, said, "Doubts over anyone ever using these slaughterhouses remain. That is why no operator

has come forward despite lowering the lease fees."

DSCC chief property officer Hasiba Khan admitted their failure to find an operator. She added that the Kaptan Bazar slaughterhouse was still under the Engineering Department due to incomplete electrical work.

DSCC's health division claims the two units are fully equipped for hygienic slaughtering.

Chief health officer Dr Nishat Parveen told The Daily Star, "Our veterinary officers currently monitor

slaughtering in the city to the best of their capacity. But both slaughterhouses have arrangements for hygienic processing.

Once operational, more regional slaughterhouses will be built. We will also ensure that no animals are slaughtered outside once the facilities open."

SYLHET-AKHAURA ROUTE Suspended trains leave commuters in hardship

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Hundreds of low-income passers and small traders in Sylhet are suffering as three of four local train services on the Sylhet Akhaura route remain suspended, with the lone surviving service offering little relief.

For daily wage earners, vegetable vendors, and fish traders, the absence of reliable rail transport has forced many to turn to expensive and overcrowded road transport.

According to officials and local sources, the once-busy route is now served only by the Surma Mail, which itself runs irregularly with just three coaches, one of which is reserved for the postal department.

At one time, the Sylhet-Akhaura route was served by multiple local and intercity trains including the Jalalabad Express on the Sylhet-Chittagong line, the Kushiya Express, and a DEMU train -- all now inactive.



The Jalalabad Express was suspended during the pandemic, the DEMU was discontinued in 2019 due to mechanical issues, and the Kushiya Express has not run for nearly four years.

The three local trains remain suspended due to shortage of engines, coaches, and manpower, said Kulaura Junction Station Master Roman Ahmed.

Gias Uddin, a fish importer from Sylhet, said they used to bring Chandpuri hilsa and sea fish from Chittagong by train at a much lower cost.

"The closure of the Jalalabad Express has hit us hard. Road transport is expensive and less reliable," said Gias.

Regular commuters such as Sipon Khan of Langal said, "Earlier we could travel for Tk 30-40. Now it costs over Tk 100, not to mention the delays."

Contacted, Sylhet-Akhaura Railway Traffic Inspector Shahjahan Patwary said the delay in restarting local trains is due to shortage of engines, coaches, and drivers. "Several letters have been sent to higher authorities. We run the mail train when engines are available," he said.

18 AL activists held in Dhaka

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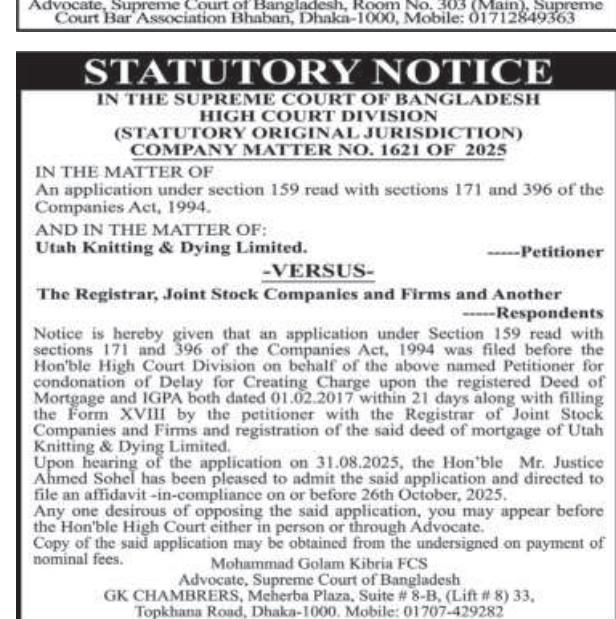
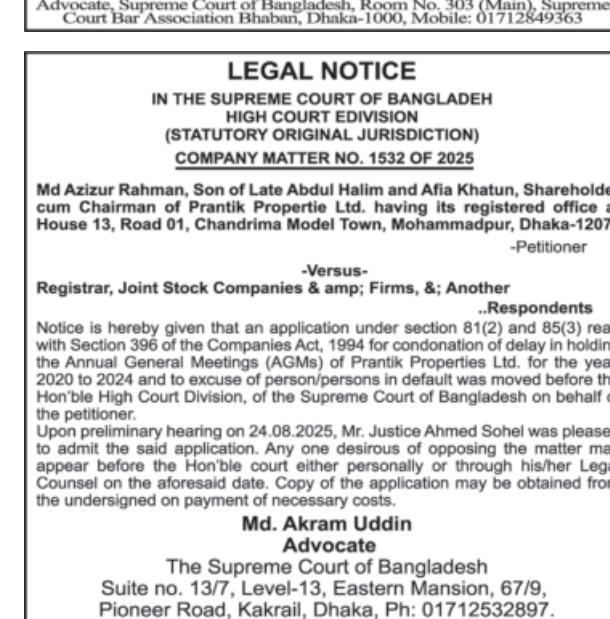
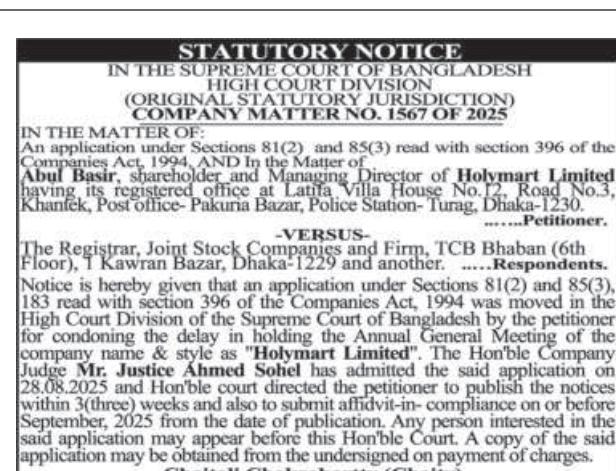
Police arrested 18 leaders and activists of the Awami League and its associate bodies, whose activities have been banned, in separate drives in Dhaka's Darussalam and Mirpur areas on Thursday.

Of them, 12 were arrested by Darussalam police while they were preparing to bring out a flash procession at Technical Intersection around 3:40pm, said police.

Acting on a tip off, a patrol team rushed to the spot and detained them with the help of locals, while several others managed to flee, said a press release.

In a separate drive, Mirpur Model Police arrested six others around 2:45pm near Paikpara Type Staff Quarters, following information that a group of Awami League and banned Chhatra League activists were holding a secret meeting and chanting anti-government slogans.

Legal actions against them were underway.



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INVITATION OF TENDER FOR FOOLPROOF ATTENDANCE SYSTEM (TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL)

Sealed tender both for Technical and Financial (two envelope system) are hereby invited from the Manufacturer or their local agent for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Operation & Maintenance of Foolproof Attendance System for Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST), 141 & 142, Love Road, Dhaka-1208. The tender documents will be available for purchase (non-refundable) from the office of the Treasurer, Ahsanullah University of Engineering and Technology during office hour 10 AM to 5 PM at a cost of Tk. 5,000.00 (Five thousand) only in Pay Order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of "AHSANULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY".

The tender will be received in the same office and will be opened the outer envelope containing technical and financial offer and the technical part only on the last date of submission of Tender at 3:30 pm in presence of the Bidders or their representative (if any). The tender must be accompanied by a Bank Draft / Pay order of Tk. 2,50,000.00 (Taka Two lac and fifty thousand) from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of "AHSANULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" along with Technical Offer as bid security money without which the tender shall be out right rejected.

The AUST authority reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders without assigning the reason what-so-ever and is not bound to award the work to the lowest bidder.

Last date of selling Tender Document: Oct. 05, 2025 up to 2-30 PM
Prebid Meeting: Oct. 09, 2025 at 2-00 PM at VC Seminar Room (Lift-3, Blk-D)
Dead Line of Submission Tender: Date: Oct. 13, 2025, Time: 3-00 PM and tenders will be opened at 03-30 pm on the same day (Oct. 13, 2025)

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