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## Admin reshuffle, fresh arrest follow Rajbari violence

### UNO, OC transferred; 24 held in 2 cases so far

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Administrative reshuffles and arrests continue in the wake of the attack on the darbar sharif of Nurul Haque, also known as “Nural Pagla”, in Goaland, Rajbari on September 5.

Ten days after the incident, the public administration ministry Goaland Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Md Nahidur Rahman to the Export Promotion Bureau under the commerce ministry as a deputy director yesterday.

Commenting on his transfer, Nahidur told reporters, “This is a routine administrative reshuffle in government service. There is nothing else involved. I will perform my duties diligently at my new posting.”

Earlier, on September 12, Abdullah Al Mamun, inspector (investigation) of Baliakandi Police Station, replaced Md Rakibul Islam as Goaland Ghat Police Station’s officer-in-charge (OC). Rakibul was reassigned to the Crime Branch at the office of the district’s superintendent of police.

Meanwhile, a team of Detective Branch officers arrested Nazrul Islam, 33, from Nagar Kanda, Faridpur on Sunday in

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Police fire water cannons at members of the Bangladesh Non-Government Primary School General Teachers’ Unity Council near the High Court’s Kadam Fountain yesterday, as they try to break through barricades during a protest demanding nationalisation of non-government primary schools.

PHOTO: STAR

## Murder suspect dies in custody

### Rab says he hanged himself

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A suspect in a murder case died in the custody of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Sylhet yesterday morning, around 12 hours after his arrest.

The deceased, Tanvir Chowdhury, 26, a resident of Sadar upazila in Gazipur, was the prime accused in his wife’s murder in Naogaon on September 11.

Rab-9 Commanding Officer Wing Commander Tajminur Rahman Chowdhury said that Tanvir died by suicide around 8:30am at the battalion headquarters in Sylhet city. “He tied a blanket to the ventilator grille of the cell and hanged himself,” he said.

Tanvir was arrested on Saturday night in a joint operation by Rab-9 Sylhet and Rab-5 Rajshahi in Jaintapur upazila’s Chailakhel area in Sylhet. He was brought to the Sylhet Rab headquarters around 8:45pm, according to the commanding officer.

The Rab CO said the suspect was given breakfast in the morning, and he appeared normal before the incident.

“After his arrest, we were busy handing over another accused in the Sada Pathor looting case to the police. Since we had 24 hours to produce Tanvir before court, he was kept in the cell to commence the

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## ‘Foreign power backed Hasina’s fascist regime’

### Mahmudur Rahman tells ICT-1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amar Desh Editor Mahmudur Rahman yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal-1 that deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina, with foreign backing, established a “fascist regime” in Bangladesh by weakening the army, undermining the judiciary and suppressing political opposition.

Testifying as a prosecution witness in the crimes against humanity case against Hasina and two others, Mahmudur introduced himself as a journalist, writer and researcher. He said he had observed the rise and fall of “one of the worst rulers in Bangladesh’s history”, culminating in last year’s uprising.

He argued that Hasina’s regime was sustained by collaborators in the army, DGFI, judiciary, police, Election Commission and media. “The fascist rule was established through meticulous planning, with direct involvement of certain Bangladeshi politicians and a foreign power.”



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## Protests in Nepal against interim govt

Key group protests appointment of ministers, demands govt must reflect Gen Z demographic

AGENCIES

Nepal’s new interim prime minister unveiled her first ministers yesterday, as the Himalayan nation seeks to restore order after deadly youth-led anti-corruption protests that ousted the previous government.

However, the selection of ministers sparked the first protest against the three-day-old interim government by Gen Z protesters who played a key role in ousting the previous government.

Ahead of the swearing-in ceremony, Hami Nepal (We are Nepal) group, which led the movement, staged a protest outside the Nepal Prime Minister’s residence in Baluwater late Sunday night, demanding the resignation of Interim Prime Minister Sushila Karki, the 73-year-old former chief justice, according to several Indian media outlets.

According to Indian media, the protest follows public dissatisfaction after Karki appointed three key ministers without reportedly consulting Hami Nepal.

However, the ceremony went ahead yesterday.

Om Prakash Aryal, an advocate known for his cases tackling



- Fallen Gen Z protesters declared martyrs
- Major parties signal readiness for polls if ‘fair conditions’ ensured

corruption, governance and human rights, takes the critical home minister post, as well as law, justice and parliamentary affairs.

Kulman Ghising, the former director of the Nepal Electricity Authority – who is widely credited with ending the country’s long-standing load-shedding problem – has the energy, infrastructure, transport and urban development portfolios.

Rameshwor Khanal, a former

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## Man hacked to death in Madaripur

Trader killed in Narsingdi

STAR REPORT

A man was hacked to death in Shibchar Bazar in Madaripur’s Shibchar upazila around 9:00pm on Sunday.

The victim, Rakib Madbor, 25, from Charshyemail village under Shiruail union, had recently been released on bail in a murder case, said Md Rakibul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Shibchar Police Station.

Critically injured, Rakib was rushed to Shibchar Upazila Health Complex and later referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He died on the way.

A 19-second video clip of the incident went viral on social media, showing two attackers hacking him with sharp weapons as onlookers stood by. Police said the assailants have been identified through the video and CCTV footage.

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## US vows ‘unwavering support’ for Israel

Says Hamas must be ‘eliminated’; Muslim leaders gather at Doha for emergency summit

AFP, Jerusalem

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio yesterday said that Washington was steadfast in its support for its ally Israel’s pursuit of the Gaza war and called for the eradication of Hamas.

“The people of Gaza deserve a better future, but that better future cannot begin until Hamas is eliminated,” Rubio told reporters at a joint press conference with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem.

“You can count on our unwavering support,” he said.

Netanyahu said Rubio’s visit was a “clear message” the United States stood with Israel and praised President Donald Trump for his backing, calling him the “greatest friend that Israel has ever had”.

Rubio criticised plans by Western nations to recognise a Palestinian state, saying they “emboldened” Hamas. “They’re largely symbolic... the only impact they actually have is it makes Hamas feel more emboldened,” he said.

Rubio had said he would discuss with Netanyahu Israeli plans to seize Gaza City, the territory’s largest urban centre, as well as the government’s talk of annexing parts of the occupied West Bank in hopes of precluding a Palestinian state.

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- Rubio criticises Western nations’ move to recognise Palestinian state
- Netanyahu says Trump ‘greatest friend’ Israel has ever had
- Qatar emir says Israel attack aimed to derail Gaza talks

## Two die of anthrax-like symptoms in Rangpur

Over 100 infected; IEDCR collects samples

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Two people have died in Pargacha upazila of Rangpur in the past month with symptoms resembling anthrax, while over a hundred others have received treatment for similar infections.

A team from the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control, and Research (IEDCR) began fieldwork on September 13. Blood samples are being collected from affected individuals, with results expected in the coming days.

Pargacha Upazila Health Officer Muhammad Tanvir Hasnat Robin said the deaths and infections show signs consistent with anthrax, but it can be confirmed after lab tests.

The deceased are Abdur Razzak, 60, a farmer from Maita village, and Komola

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Debris and smoke spread from Al-Ghefari tower as Israeli air strikes hit the high-rise building in Gaza City yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Arakan Army involved in yaba trade: BGB

80% of yaba enter via sea routes; Rohingyas key traffickers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox’s Bazar

The Arakan Army is involved in the trade of contraband yaba pills, the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) said yesterday in a statement.

“Rohingyas are the main traffickers of yaba. They move the drugs very fast, which makes it difficult to catch them. Some unscrupulous people in our country, driven by their own interests, are bringing yaba from Myanmar’s Arakan Army into Bangladesh,” Ramu Sector Commander Col Mohiduddin Ahmed told journalists at a press conference at a Cox’s Bazar hotel.

The briefing highlighted BGB’s recent successes in drug and arms recovery and outlined new measures to strengthen border security.

In a written statement, Col Mohiduddin said drug smuggling through coastal areas has now become the biggest challenge.

“Because of strict surveillance along the Ukhiya-Teknaf border, traffickers are becoming active on sea routes. It’s estimated that nearly 80 percent of drugs enter Bangladesh through the coasts of Maheshkhali, Banshkhali, Kutubdia, Anwara, and Kuakata. From these routes, drugs are not only spreading inside Bangladesh but also being smuggled to other countries, which is a grave threat to our youth and economy.”

He also displayed photographs of radar images

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