

## Man beaten to death on theft suspicion

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

A man was beaten to death and another seriously injured in a mob attack on suspicion of robbery in Gazipur's Sadar upazila early yesterday.

Touhid Ahmed, officer-in charge of Joydebpur Police Station, said the incident took place around 4:00am in Nayapara area, where locals detained Haydar Islam, 51, and Alamin, 25, and beat them.

Acting on a tip off, Joydebpur police rescued the two and took them to Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared Haydar dead on arrival. Abul Fazal, emergency duty officer at the hospital, said Alamin's condition is critical.

Witnesses said the area had recently seen several robberies, prompting residents to organise night patrols.

At dawn, they detained one suspect while his companions fled. Another was later caught in the Bhoragata area and beaten by the crowd, they added.

The OC said Haydar had six criminal cases against him, including robbery, filed with different police stations.



Abandoned vehicles seized in various cases lie rusting in the open on the Chattogram court premises, blocking movement and creating piles of junk that hold no resale value. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

## Tea seller dies after clash in Agargaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A tea seller died after a clash over setting up stalls on a footpath in Dhaka's Agargaon on Tuesday night.

The victim, 40-year-old Bablu Mia, hailed from Kishoreganj and lived in Agargaon's Janata Housing. He ran a small tea stall near the housing entrance, said his brother-in-law Abdur Rouf.

According to police, around 8:00pm Bablu got into an argument with Ruhul Amin, who operated a nearby stall, over the alleged forceful occupation of the footpath. The quarrel escalated into a fight, during which Bablu was struck on the head with an iron pipe.

He was rushed to the National Institute of Neurosciences and Hospital along with several others injured in the clash. As his condition deteriorated, he was transferred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where he died around 2:00am, said Inspector Md Faruk of the DMCH police camp.

Bablu's body has been kept at the DMCH morgue for autopsy. Police said they are investigating the incident.

## Waste burning chokes Savar

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH

On August 17, the Department of Environment declared Savar a degraded airshed, citing the growing threat of air pollution from open burning of solid waste and brick kilns.

Experts said a degraded airshed is a geographical area where air quality consistently falls below national or international safe standards due to high pollutant concentrations, prompting strict environmental regulations.

From September 1, brick burning and production have been banned in all kilns except Tunnel Kilns and Hybrid Hoffman Kilns, while the open burning of solid waste has also been prohibited.

Although brick kiln operations are currently halted due to the rainy season, solid waste burning continues across Savar.

During a recent visit, this correspondent observed tyres, wood, batteries and tannery waste being burnt in open spaces.

In Madhumoti Model Town and Salehpur areas alone, at least 12 factories were found burning tyres to produce furnace oil.

Other sites were using thousands of

tonnes of wood to make coal, burning chromium containing tannery waste for animal feed, and even burning batteries to produce shisha.

Mohammad Sohag, a farmer, said his soil's fertility has been destroyed, drastically reducing papaya yield.

Sumon Mia, a resident, said smoke and stench from tyre factories have made living conditions unbearable.



Salauddin Khan Naeem, general secretary of the Savar Nagorik Committee, called for strict enforcement and closure of all polluting establishments.

Savar UNO Abu Bakar Sarkar said mobile court drives are being conducted against establishments that pollute the air, including illegal brick kilns and factories

burning tyres, batteries and tannery waste.

"If these factories start operating again, they will be completely closed down," he said.

Md Nazmul Hasan, assistant director of the DoE, said an action plan has been prepared to shut down establishments involved in open waste burning, with legal action to be taken against owners and employees if necessary.

Anisur Rahman, who runs a factory producing animal feed raw materials by burning raw hide, refused to speak to The Daily Star.

Solaiman Hossain, Jashim Uddin and Selim Mia, owners of three separate tyre-burning factories, said their factories have remained closed for now due to financial losses. He also declined to comment on the environmental impact of their operations.

Prof Md Mustafizur Rahman of Jahangirnagar University's Environmental Science Department said Savar's development is largely unplanned, with poor waste management and widespread open dumping. He stressed the need for stronger monitoring of factories emitting toxic fumes.

## Onion farmers demonstrate over fertiliser price hike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Onion farmers in Pabna Sadar upazila yesterday staged a demonstration over rising prices of fertilisers.

Around 100 farmers at Chartarapur village in the upazila sat in their fields, leaving their agricultural equipment untouched for two hours, from 10:00am.

They said dealers are exploiting the high demand for non-urea fertilisers such as DAP, TSP, and MOP, which are essential for planting onion.

They said fertiliser prices have surged by Tk 400 to Tk 500 per bag, putting strain on farmers as they prepare for early onion cultivation.

One of the farmers, Md Bappi, said in previous years, he cultivated onion on three bighas of land, but this time he is unable due to fertiliser cost.

Farmers said they would stage tougher agitations if the government fails to address the issue.

However, agriculture officials said the demand for non-urea fertiliser typically increases in September and October every year when the "Kondo" variety of onion cultivation begins in the district.

When asked about the price hike, Deputy Director of Pabna's Department of Agricultural Extension, Md Jahangir Alam Pramanik, said, "There is no scope to hike fertiliser prices at any level. When we get information about a price hike, we conduct drives against it."

## Square Group launches mobile hospital for the poor

STAR REPORT

Square Group yesterday launched a mobile hospital initiative aimed at delivering basic healthcare services to underserved communities, particularly in industrial areas, ahead of the birth centenary of its late founder, Samson H Chowdhury on September 25.

At a press briefing held at the Samson Centre in Gulshan yesterday, Tapan Chowdhury, managing director of Square Pharmaceuticals, said the initiative, titled "Chhappanno Hazar Square Mile Jure" (Across 56,000 Square Miles), symbolises Square's aim to reach people across Bangladesh.

The mobile hospitals will initially operate in Dhaka and its surrounding areas. It will later expand to rural and industrial zones across the country. The project particularly targets



low-income communities and female garment workers, many of whom suffer from preventable health conditions but cannot afford treatment.

The initiative will be operated through the Square Foundation and coordinated via the company's "Jotno" app, which allows patients to register, locate services, and track medical history for follow-up care, Tapan said.

Zahangir Alam, chief financial officer of Square Pharmaceuticals PLC, said the service will be provided free of cost for primary treatment to around 300 patients daily. The official launch of the initiative will take place today at St Mary's Cathedral in Kakrail, Dhaka.

## Officials of RU suspend shutdown Nationalist Teachers' Forum continues boycott

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Officers' Association of Rajshahi University has postponed its "complete shutdown" for seven working days after issuing an ultimatum to the administration, announced association president Moktar Hossain yesterday.

"University administrators sat with us yesterday and sought time to address our demands. If the administration fails to do so within seven working days, tougher programmes will follow," said Moktar. The officers' three demands include reviving institutional facilities, permanent expulsion of those accused of assaulting teachers, and justice for the assaulted colleague.

Meanwhile, the pro-BNP Nationalist Teachers' Forum has vowed to continue boycotting academic activities.

Its General Secretary Prof Amirul Islam said, "We will continue until our demands are met."

Their key demand is justice for the teachers who were attacked during the students' protest against the reinstatement of the "ward quota."

## PROTECTION OF JOURNOS Feedback on ordinance by Oct 4 Mahfuj tells stakeholders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Information Adviser Mahfuj Alam yesterday asked stakeholders to provide their opinions on the proposed "Journalists' Rights Protection Ordinance", recommended by the Media Reform Commission, by October 4.

At a discussion at the Information Bhaban in Dhaka, he also sought opinions regarding the formation of a Newspaper Wage Board, without specifying any deadline. The adviser expressed hope that the ordinance would be enacted during the tenure of the interim government.

The adviser said the ministry is working to resolve the obstacles in implementing the wage board. He also emphasised the need to address inconsistencies in newspaper circulation figures.

### COX'S BAZAR SEA BEACH

## Fund crunch threatens lifeguard operations

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

Rip currents and shifting sand channels have made three of Cox's Bazar's most popular beach zones — Kolatoli, Sughandha and Laboni — increasingly treacherous for tourists.

In the past eight months alone, 11 people have drowned while bathing in these waters, with another 11 narrowly rescued from being swept out to sea.

To address such tragedies, private group Sea-Safe Lifeguard has been providing rescue services for over a decade. But the initiative is now on the brink of collapse due to a funding crisis.

Supervisor Sifat Saifullah said, "If the service shuts down, the risk for tourists will rise even further."

According to sources, Sea-Safe Lifeguard will end its operations on September 30. From the following day, there will be no trained rescue personnel on Cox's Bazar beach.

The tourism ministry has instructed the Cox's Bazar district administration to sustain lifeguard operations through contributions from local hotels, motels and guesthouses.

On September 17, Joint Secretary AKM Moniruzzaman issued a letter directing the deputy commissioner to

arrange lifeguards under this model.

Deputy Director of Cox's Bazar Local Government Nazim Uddin Ahmed said, "After informing the ministry about the possible shutdown, we were told to continue operations through alternative means. We have already begun taking steps."

Under the plan, larger hotels



PHOTO: COLLECTED

would finance the salaries of three lifeguards each, while smaller establishments would cover one each. Existing trained lifeguards are expected to be prioritised.

But the hotel sector has voiced concern.

Cox's Bazar Hotel and Resort Owners Association General Secretary

Mukim Khan said, "Although the ministry wants us to finance 27 lifeguards, covering Tk 14-15 lakh per month is unrealistic. Very few owners have agreed, and even if they do, it will take time. Without a clear policy, such funding is unsustainable."

Sea-Safe Lifeguard's regional manager Imtiaz Ahmed said the

service began in 2012, supported by the UK-based Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

He said the RNLI officially ended the project in December last year but extended it twice at the request of the district administration. With no further support, operations will cease after September.

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An application under section 81(3) and 85(2) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
Maynal Hossain Chowdhury ..... Petitioner  
-VERSUS-  
The Registrar,  
Joint Stock Companies & Firms and another ..... Respondent  
Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994, and Rules 8 and 263 of the Companies Rule, 2009 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division on behalf of the above named Petitioner for condonation of Delay in holding the 27th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Rashundhara L.P. Gas Ltd. for the calendar years ended 30.06.2024 and relieving the Directors and officers of the Company from the liability of payment of fine or penalty.  
Upon hearing of the application on 18.09.2025, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel has been pleased to admit the said application and directed to file an affidavit -in-compliance on or before 29th October, 2025.  
Any one desirous of opposing the said application, you may appear before the Hon'ble High Court either in person or through Advocate.  
Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of nominal fees.  
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-VERSUS-  
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Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) is inviting sealed bids from bona fide/reputed organizations/ distributors/ business partners/agents for:

#### 1. Procurement of Student Back Pack for ASW Office

The bidders must submit earnest money @ 2.5% of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of "Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology" along with their offer. Interested bidders may collect the schedule of tender from the Procurement Officer or AUST website ([www.aust.edu/notice](http://www.aust.edu/notice)) on all working days till Oct. 09, 2025 by 4pm. Bidders may visit to AUST security room to see the sample Back Pack during holiday. The sealed offer must be submitted on Oct. 13, 2025 (Monday) by 11.00am at the Treasurer office and the tenders will be opened at 11:30am on the same day (Oct. 13, 2025). Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the tenders.

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