

## 136 charged in murder case linked to July uprising

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police have pressed charges against 136 people in a murder case in Pabna linked to the July uprising.

Sanjay Kumar Saha, inspector of Pabna Sadar Police Station and the investigating officer, said 35 persons have been arrested in the case, while the remaining are currently absconding.

On August 4, 2024, a student of Pabna Polytechnic Institute, Jahidul Islam, 18, and a ninth-grader at Siddik Memorial School, Mahbub Hossain Niloy, 16, died after being shot during a protest at Traffic Mor in Pabna town.

Pabna Sadar Awami League was organising secretary, former Sadar UP chairman Abu Sayeed, and other AL members attacked the protesters and opened fire on them, as per the case statement.

## Celebrating

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A documentary on the legendary multi-instrumentalist was also screened.

The event featured performances by Pandit Asit Dey, who performed Kheyal (a lyrical composition), and teachers and students of Bengal Parampara Sangeetalya, who presented a musical concert featuring traditional Bangalee instruments such as the tabla, sarangi, sitar, and sarod.

Descendants of Ustad Alauddin Khan -- Afsana Khan (sitar) and Rukhsana Khan (sarod) -- also performed. The concluding performance featured Ustad Alauddin Khan's great-grandson Siraz Ali Khan.



## FOUR NORTHERN DISTRICTS

# Teesta erosion endangers homes and roads

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Residents living along the Teesta shoal areas in Lalmonirhat, Rangpur, Kurigram, and Nilphamari have been gripped by fear as riverbank erosion has taken a serious turn despite a drop in the river's water level.

Erosion has been reported on the western protection embankment of the Second Teesta Road Bridge over the river at Mahipur point in Rangpur's Gangachara upazila. As a result, the bridge, the Kakina-Mahipur road, and around a dozen nearby villages with more than 1,000 families are now under threat.

Kader Ali, a resident of Kalmati area in Lalmonirhat, said, "The floodwaters damaged our village culvert, cutting off communication. We can now see the full extent of the damage as the water recedes."



In Gatiashyam area of Kurigram's Rajarhat upazila, villager Abed Hossain said, "Our road has completely collapsed. Even walking to the market has become difficult now."

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