

Child killed, 6 hurt as drug-addict goes on stabbing spree

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A drug-addicted man went on a stabbing spree in Dashmina upazila of Patuakhali on Thursday night, killing a child and injuring six others, said police.

The deceased, Safayet Hossain, 8, son of Jamal Hossain of Charhosnabad village, died on the way to Barishal hospital. Police arrested the attacker, Sabuj Mridha, 30, a known drug addict in the area.

Locals and police said Sabuj entered a house at Mridha Bari around 9:00pm and began stabbing people indiscriminately.

Safayet's parents, Jamal and Nasiam, along with five others, were injured – two of them were later transferred to Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

Dashmina OC Md Abdul Alim said Sabuj, now in custody, appeared mentally unstable due to drug abuse. After climbing a tree to evade capture, he was brought down safely following a four-hour joint operation by police and fire service personnel.



Farmers gather cucumbers from their fields and prepare them for local markets. During the monsoon, they cultivate and harvest various vegetables, including cucumbers, on raised embankments. Cucumbers are currently selling wholesale for Tk 20–32 per kg. The photo was taken from Arpara area in Narail yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

‘Sharot Utsav’ barred at DU

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Later, the group decided to move the event to the Kisholoy Kachi-Kachar fairground in Gendaria.

Manzar said around 9:00am, when they were about to start the programme at Gendaria, police arrived and stopped them.

Police claimed no permission had been taken for the event. As a result, the organisers were told not to hold the festival there.

Following the ban, the Shilpigoshthi members only sang the national anthem together and observed a minute of silence in protest before leaving the venue.

Contacted, Mohammad Harunor Rashid, deputy commissioner of DMP's Wari Division, said the Sharot Utsav had been

planned at the Kisholoy Kachi-Kachar fairground without permission from the venue authority or police. Therefore, the organisers were not allowed to hold it there.

Meanwhile, Prof Mohammad Azharul Islam Sheikh, dean of the Faculty of Fine Arts, issued a statement yesterday explaining why the event was stopped.

The statement said permission had been granted for the Sharot Utsav at Bakultala as usual. However, objections were later submitted to the faculty by a group of “anti-fascist writers, journalists, and artists”, claiming that one of the organisers was involved in “fascism”.

To avoid unrest, the faculty contacted the organisers and temporarily suspended the programme,

it added.

The statement also said a meeting would be held on Saturday (today) with faculty members and Satyen Sen Shilpigoshthi to scrutinise the issue before making a final decision.

Earlier, Azharul Islam said following many objections and warnings of possible unrest, the event had been “temporarily suspended”.

“We received phone calls from many people saying we were allowing fascist supporters to hold an event, and if we did, there could be unrest. That is why we had to take this decision,” he said.

He clarified that the programme was suspended, not cancelled, and would be held later after discussions to decide the next course of action.

Accommodation

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Outlining his plans, Dinar said, “A one-year term isn't long. We haven't included anything unrealistic in our manifesto. Some things can be done quickly, while others will take time – but we will at least start the process.”

He identified accommodation and transportation as the most pressing issues at CU. “Then comes food. Even after paying, we don't get quality food here. I will give special emphasis to improving food quality,” he said.

He also vowed to ensure campus safety so that students no longer feel insecure. “Alongside, I will work on improving the academic environment, research, and other fundamental issues.”

“Chittagong University occupies 2,300 acres of land. Yet even after 60 years of establishment, it hasn't ensured proper accommodation for all students – only about 20 to 22 percent have housing

facilities. We call CU a ‘half university’, as most teachers and students leave after noon. I will work to make it a lively, full-fledged, and fully residential university,” he said.

Regarding the Cucusu polls, Dinar said, “We want a positive change in student politics – one free from domination and based on democratic principles. The Cucusu election is being held after 35 years. Our first pledge is to include it in the university's academic calendar to ensure regular elections.”

He alleged that some groups are getting undue advantages while some candidates are violating the election code of conduct without facing action.

“We see one organisation always working under the administration's influence. They never stand up for students' rights. Students know this well and will surely elect the deserving representatives,” Dinar added.

Dengue patients

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Shishu Hospital in Noakhali on October 5, but doctors referred him here as his platelet count dropped to 4,000,” said Md Nayeem, Fahim's brother.

“He has been given three bags of blood, and his condition has improved – his platelet count has now reached 30,000,” he added.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services, 224 patients have died, while 53,193 others have been hospitalised across the country as of Thursday.

The number of dengue patients in Dhaka city has increased sharply in recent weeks. DGHS data show a significant rise in cases in the Dhaka division compared to other regions.

HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, said the patient flow has been extremely high for the past week. “Almost all the beds in the ward remain

full,” he said.

“The number of critical patients is high – among them are those in shock and suffering from expanded dengue syndrome.”

He said patients with expanded dengue syndrome often suffer from severe liver involvement, hepatitis, or multiple organ failure.

He recommended early hospital admission for high-risk groups such as the elderly, pregnant women, and people with comorbidities, and advised dengue patients under home care to drink plenty of fluids, including oral saline, green coconut water, rice starch, soups, and fresh fruit juices.

PRAYER TIMING

OCTOBER 11

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:45	12:45	4:15	5:45	7:15
JAMAAT 5:20	1:15	4:30	5:50	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

JANAZA/QULKHANI

Ziauddin Ahmed (Reaz) died on 29 September 2025 in a Hospital. He is Retd General Manager, Telephone & Telegraph Board, S/O- Late Al Haj Abdul Gafur Former Chairman BCJC of Thana Damrai, Village Kalia. His Namaz, a Janaza was held on 30 September 2025 in his village home. Family Members, Family Friend & Villagers attended. He was buried in his family grave yard. His Qulkhani was held on Friday 3 (rd) October 2025 in village Mosque Family Members Family Friend & Villagers attended the Dua Mahfil.

TENDER NOTICE

1. Name of the Institution	: Ordnance Centre and School, Rajendrapur Cantonment.
2. Description of Work	: Purchase of Laboratories Equipment.
3. Tender Selling Date	: 12 October 2025 (1400 hour).
4. Last Date of Selling Tender	: 25 October 2025 (1400 hour).
5. Tender Opening Date	: 26 October 2025 (1400 hour).

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A safe campus for everyone

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represent students more effectively as an elected leader.”

Safety is another priority, he said. “It has become a major concern for all. There have been repeated attacks by locals, incidents of stone-throwing at shuttle trains, and secret assaults after August 5. Yet the university administration has failed to identify a single attacker.”

Highlighting safety concerns for female students, he added, “During the July uprising, our female students played a leading role. But now many face harassment in various forms. We will ensure the anti-harassment cell becomes active and effective. Above all, our goal

is to build a campus where every student feels safe.”

Sajjad also promised to address accommodation, healthcare, and transportation issues. He plans to formulate a long-term roadmap for 100 percent residential facilities, expand dormitories in the short term, and provide free housing for underprivileged students.

On research, he said, “Bureaucratic hurdles in research budgeting must be reduced to make funding more accessible, and students should be appointed as research assistants.”

About his panel, Sajjad said, “We have a complete and inclusive team. Candidates were

selected based on merit and members' opinions. We even have a visually impaired candidate, reflecting our commitment to inclusion.”

Regarding his prospects, he said, “After the July uprising, one particular student organisation has been trying to politicise and control the university administration. We've seen what happened in the Ducusu and Jucusu elections – despite major support, there were allegations of irregularities.”

“But I'm not worried,” Sajjad added. “Students at CU are politically aware. They know who has stood by them and spoken up for their rights, even at the cost of attacks and false cases.”

One in three child brides

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Despite child marriage being illegal in Bangladesh, the report highlights that economic hardship and entrenched social norms continue to drive the practice.

Divorced girls often face social isolation and financial struggles, with little access to education or legal protection.

Globally, 13 percent of those surveyed experienced

violence, and 45 percent were married to men at least five years older, with some more than a decade older.

An estimated 12 million girls are still married each year before their 18th birthday.

“This study shines a stark light on the hidden realities of child marriage, giving voice to girls and young women who are too often silenced, their lives shaped by decisions made without

them,” said Reena Ghelani, chief executive officer of Plan International.

“Child marriage puts girls at risk of multiple harms and robs them of life opportunities. Progress is too slow, and laws are not doing enough to protect girls, meaning they are facing more risks and fewer choices, such as the right to decide if or when to marry or have children,” she added.

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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
INVITATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION FROM MILLER COMPANIES FOR PROVIDING SUPPORT IN MILLING LENTILS AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) invites applications from interested companies for enlistment as its vendor for the provision of Lentils Milling and Transportation services to supply Bangladesh.

Conditions for entry into the process and the documents required to be submitted are given below:

Pre-Qualification for Entry:

- Companies must submit valid ownership documents, especially trade licenses, with proof of eligibility to supply lentils for their primary business.
- Must have a miller license and a Food grain license from the respective Authority.
- A minimum of 2 years of operational experience is required for this business.
- Applications from the same address, telephone, and fax numbers for multiple business entities will not be accepted.
- Companies must have their email addresses, and knowledge of using email is essential.
- The presence of skilled and experienced personnel, especially in the field of milling, Lentils' quality control is mandatory.
- Audit reports for the past two years are required for limited companies.
- Companies must have their own warehouse or storage facility for food preservation with a minimum capacity of 150-200 MT.
- Companies must refrain from employing child labour.
- Companies that are members of the “Association of Milling of Lentils” will be given priority.

Documents to be Submitted:

- Company Profile
- A relevant and complete questionnaire for Lentils and transportation services can be found at this link: <https://cutt.ly/or0bnLci>
- Proof of experience in providing similar services (such as contract papers, purchase orders, or recommendation letters from different organizations).
- Copy of Trade License.
- Validation certificate for Milling industries association, if available.
- Tax Identification Number (TIN) or certificate.
- Bank solvency certificate with account number or copy of bank statements for the past two years.
- In the field of Milling Lentils and transportation, a copy of approval for work from existing clients in the past year.
- VAT registration and approval certificate/ Income Tax Certificate (if applicable).
- If a company is established on leased or rented land, a copy of the lease agreement or rental agreement with the owner of the relevant land must be submitted.

Those who are interested in registering with WFP are requested to submit the completed/filled-in and signed WFP's Questionnaire (original) along with copies of the above-listed documents in a sealed envelope marked “**Expression of Interest for Enlistment as Milling Lentils and Transportation Services**” or email at ban.logistics@wfp.org by 25 October 2025 (04:30 pm) to the following address:

Head of Supply Chian
World Food Programme, UN Office-House-01, Level-08
Road 86/88, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212
For any further information please contact the Logistics Unit, World Food Program, through email ban.logistics@wfp.org

Please note that this is not an Invitation To Tender. Rates/prices are not required at this stage, and this invitation does not bind the World Food Programme to issue any tenders or contracts to the companies expressing their interest.

LOCAL PURCHASE NOTICE FOR CHEMICALS
BASE SUPPLY DEPOT DHAKA
DHAKA CANTONMENT

1. It is hereby notified that open tenders are being invited from manufacturers/suppliers/contractors for the local procurement of chemical products for the Army by BSD Dhaka Cantonment. Interested parties may submit their tenders in accordance with the conditions stated below:

Serial no	Name of the product	A/U	Amount	Tender submission time and opening date	Specifications/Quality Standards
1.	Lambda Cyhalothrin 2.5 EC	Liter	20,000	The tender will be opened on 11th working day after the publication of notice at 11:00 AM. If the said working day falls on a government holiday, the tender will be opened on the next working day.	As per ASC specifications, which will be provided on the day of tender collection from BSD.
2.	Copper sulphate	Kg	4,500		

Conditions

- Tenders for each item can be collected from BSD Dhaka Cantonment from the date of publication of the notice until 0900-1400 hrs on the day before the tender opening.
- Each tender must be accompanied by a bank draft/pay order/bank guarantee of 10% of the total price submitted as earnest money (refundable) in favor of the Commanding Officer, BSD Dhaka Cantonment.
- After completing the overall work of accepting the tender, 10% of the total amount of the tender accepted as security deposit should be deposited/bank guarantee through bank draft/pay order to the Commanding Officer, BSD Dhaka. The said amount will be refunded after the completion of the procurement process. If any bidder, despite being selected, does not supply the goods mentioned in Article-1 within the stipulated time or refuses to do so, then the security deposit money (10% of the total amount of the tender) will be forfeited and deposited in the government treasury.
- Each tender must be accompanied by a sample of 03 (three) liters of Lambda Cyhalothrin 2.5 EC, to be supplied in 01 (one) liter each, and 03 (three) samples of Copper Sulphate, to be supplied in 01 (one) kg each, to be supplied in 03 (three) kg each, to be supplied in total.
- The supplier will be required to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) and other taxes at the prevailing rate.
- The specified items must be delivered within 01 (one) week after placing the supply order.
- The decision of the Board to accept or reject the tender shall be final without assigning any reason.

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