

RU professor killed, another injured in road accident

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A Rajshahi University teacher was killed and another injured in a road accident in Rajshahi's Paba area yesterday morning.

The deceased was Prof Shib Shankar Roy, 58, of the Marketing Department, while the injured, Prof Asaduzzaman, teaches in the Department of Philosophy. Paba Police Station OC Monirul Islam said an unidentified vehicle hit the motorbike they were on in front of Nowhata Jute Mill, near the Ansar Camp on the Naogaon-Rajshahi Highway, around 7:00am and fled the scene.

Locals rushed the two professors to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH), where doctors declared Prof Shib Shankar Roy dead on arrival, confirmed RMCH spokesperson Shankar K Biswas.

Prof Asaduzzaman, who suffered injuries to his hands and legs, was admitted to the hospital's ICU.

RU Proctor Prof Mahbubur Rahman said, "The duo shared a passion for fishing and they set out to fish in the morning but unfortunately met with the accident."



Charred interior covers the floor in an apartment in a building that was set ablaze during Russian drone and missile strikes on the capital, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Kyiv, Ukraine October 10, 2025. PHOTO: REUTERS

Processions, rallies near Ctg port banned for 30 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

The Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) has imposed a 30-day ban on all types of processions, meetings, rallies, human chains, and street gatherings in the Chattogram port area, starting today.

According to a public notice signed by CMP Commissioner Hasib Aziz on Thursday, the decision aims to ensure smooth and uninterrupted flow of import and export activities at the port.

The ban covers areas including Barak Building intersection, Nimtala intersection, Tin Number Jetty Gate, Customs intersection, and Saltgola crossing.

The notice described Chattogram Port as the "economic heart of Bangladesh", handling the majority of the country's import and export operations.

It said around 5,000 to 6,000 cargo vehicles move through the port area daily to transport essential goods, industrial raw materials, and other products.

Parts of Kyiv plunged into darkness after Russian attack

REUTERS, Kyiv

Large parts of Kyiv were plunged into darkness in the early hours of Friday after Russian drones and missiles struck Ukrainian energy facilities, cutting power and water to homes and halting a key metro link across the Dnipro river.

In the latest mass attack targeting the energy system as winter approaches, electricity was interrupted in nine regions and over a million households and businesses were temporarily without power across the country. Ukraine's prime minister called it one of the heaviest such strikes to date.

In southeastern Ukraine, a seven-year-old was killed when his home was hit and at least 20 people were injured. In Kyiv, an apartment block in the city centre was damaged by a projectile, while on the left bank of the Dnipro that divides the capital, crowds waited at bus stops with the metro out of action and people filled water bottles at distribution points.

"We didn't sleep at all," said Liuba, a pensioner, as she collected water. "From 2:30 a.m. there was so much noise. By 3:30 we had no electricity, no gas, no water. Nothing."

According to Ukraine's energy ministry, over 800,000 customers lost power in

Kyiv because of the attack, with 380,000 still disconnected on Friday afternoon.

Ukrainians are bracing for a tough winter, as the full-scale war nears its fourth anniversary. Russia has intensified attacks on the energy system in recent

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weeks, striking power plants and gas production facilities, and local authorities are struggling with the scale of repairs required.

"It is precisely the civilian and energy infrastructure that is the main target of Russia's strikes ahead of the heating season," President Volodymyr Zelenskiy said on X.

Calling for more support from Kyiv's allies, he said, "What's needed is not window dressing but decisive action – from the United States, Europe, and the G7 – in delivering air defence systems and enforcing sanctions."

In Kyiv, Energy Minister Svitlana Hrynychuk met G7 ambassadors and representatives from some of Ukraine's biggest energy companies to discuss how allies could help protect the country against further attacks and repair the damage.

Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski, who was visiting Ukraine on Friday, said his country was looking at ways to support its neighbour.

Ukraine's air force said it had downed 405 of 465 drones and 15 of 32 missiles in this attack. Ukraine's stretched air defences are no match for regular barrages on such a scale.

Russia said its overnight strikes were in response to Ukraine's attacks on Russian civilian facilities.

Ukraine regularly launches drone strikes against Russia, focusing on oil installations, although they are generally on a far smaller scale. Kyiv says it wants to force Moscow, which started the war, to negotiate a peace deal in good faith.

For many Kyiv residents, the day started

PHQ gets ICT warrants

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disappearance, deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and her former defence and security adviser Maj Gen (ret) Tarique Ahmed Siddique are among the accused.

Former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, nine former and 13 serving army officers who served in the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) and the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) are also accused. It could not be confirmed whether another brigadier general accused in one of the cases is currently in service or retired.

Two other army officers who had served in Border Guard Bangladesh, and two police officers were formally charged in the third case over the killings of 28 people in Rampura during the July uprising.

The ICT issued the arrest warrants on October 8 after taking cognisance of the formal charges against the accused.

On Thursday, the ICT registrar's office forwarded the tribunal's order regarding the arrest warrants to the inspector general of police and other respective authorities for immediate action.

The tribunal also ordered that copies of the order be transmitted for information to the chief of army staff, chief of general staff, adjutant general (Army Headquarters), director general of DGFI, DG of National Security Intelligence, principal staff officer (Armed Forces Division), secretary of the Chief Adviser's Office, director of Military Intelligence Directorate, Personnel

Services Directorate, commandant of Army Security Unit, provost marshal, and commanding officer of the Army's MP Unit.

The ICT registrar's office also sent these copies on Thursday.

The tribunal fixed October 22 for the submission of a compliance report on the execution of the arrest warrants, the order added.

In a Facebook post on Thursday, Nahid Islam, convener of the National Citizen Party, demanded that the army officers against whom the ICT had issued arrest warrants in connection with crimes against humanity be arrested soon and brought to justice.

"To free the army from disgrace, those officers involved in crimes against humanity must be brought to justice. We hope the military leadership will fully cooperate with the government and the tribunal in this regard. This is not a matter of institutional ego or prestige. It is a question of the state, democracy, and justice," he added.

He further said that under the Awami League regime, almost all state institutions were used for party interests, which had its impact on the army. Some army officers, particularly those who were in charge of Rab or DGFI, had committed crimes against humanity, he said. "Even some officers fired on unarmed people during the July uprising," he alleged.

BNP starts screening

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who do not receive the nomination will be offered positions such as district council or upazila chairman to prevent division," said Joint Secretary General Emran.

Local leaders echoed the reassurance. "Even if we don't get nominated as MP candidates, we will be given priority in local government elections and party posts," said one aspirant.

Another aspirant from Kushtia said, "The party told us that if we don't get the nomination, we will be helped in future local polls. They want us to stay active in our areas."

A leader from Bagerhat said, "The BNP high command made it clear that nobody will be left behind."

Meanwhile, some aspirants expressed frustration over a delay in nominating candidates. While Jamaat-e-Islami nominees have begun door-to-door campaigning, BNP hopefuls are awaiting signals.

"Jamaat candidates are already meeting people quietly. But we still don't know who will get the ticket," said a hopeful from Rajbari.

Another from Bogura said, "We are waiting every day for instructions. People keep asking questions, but we have no answer."

A senior BNP leader from Mymensingh added, "The rival party is already far ahead in preparations, while our nomination process is still ongoing."

Trump says

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Such a step could revive a destabilising tit-for-tat trade war that Washington and Beijing paused amid painstaking diplomacy earlier this year. Beijing has long called for Washington to abandon unilateral trade restrictions it says undermine global commerce.

MARKETS TUMBLE ON TARIFF THREATS

The unexpected broadside shook global financial markets, sending the benchmark S&P 500 Index .SPX sliding by 2%, its biggest one-day drop since April when a steady barrage of tariff announcements by Trump was a central feature of market volatility. Investors fled into the safe haven of gold and US Treasury securities, and the US dollar weakened against a basket of foreign currencies.

"Trump's post could mark the beginning of the end of the tariff truce," said Craig Singleton, a China expert at the Foundation for Defence of Democracies, who said Washington viewed the export control steps as a betrayal. "Beijing appears to have overplayed its hand."

In his post, Trump said China has been sending letters to countries worldwide saying it planned to impose export controls on every element of production related to rare earths.

He said he had been contacted by unnamed countries incensed over Beijing's steps and said he was surprised because of the "very good" recent relationship with China.

TRUMP CONDEMNS BEIJING'S 'HOSTILE ORDER'

He added: "I was to meet President Xi in two weeks, at APEC, in South Korea, but now there seems to be no reason to do so." Trump had earlier said he would meet Xi on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum being held in Gyeongju, South Korea, starting October 31.

The White House and the Chinese embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Include proposal of PR system



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During talks with the consensus commission, political parties have agreed in principle to hold a referendum on implementing the July Charter. However, they remain divided over its timing. The BNP supports holding it alongside the parliamentary election in February, a proposal Jamaat opposes.

Jamaat, National Citizen Party, and several other parties have been demanding the PR system in the national polls, while the BNP and a few others strongly oppose it, insisting on maintaining the current first-past-the-post voting system, where the candidate with the most votes wins.

PR is an electoral system where seats are allocated based on the proportion of votes each party receives.

Speaking at yesterday's rally, Jamaat leader Porwar criticised those opposing the PR system and said, "Some parties are mocking the legitimate demand of the majority by saying people don't understand PR or sarcastically asking whether PR is something to eat or wear. But the people are now uniting in favour of it."

"Any politician or intellectual has the right to hold a differing opinion on any issue or process, but no one has the right to ignore such an important issue raised by a major political party."

The Jamaat leader also alleged that a level playing field is absent in the upcoming election.

"Many police officers, DCs, UNOs, Secretariat officials, and even some advisers of the interim government have made their roles questionable. By favouring certain parties and making partisan appointments, they are trying to influence the election."

"This practice must stop to ensure a level playing field. Every party, big or small, must be able to enjoy equal political, constitutional, and Election Commission guaranteed opportunities freely and equally."

Meanwhile, activists of Islami Andolan Bangladesh, another party in the simultaneous movement, took out a procession from Suhrwardy Udyan after a brief rally following Asr prayers. The event was led by the party's Ameer, Charmonai Pir Mufti Syed Muhammad Rezaul Karim.

In a press release, the party said similar programmes were held in other divisional cities, adding, "We are proposing the PR system to ensure that autocracy never returns to the country. The government's indifference on this issue is unacceptable."

At another rally near the Baitul Mukarram Mosque's North Gate after Juma prayers, Maulana Mamunul Haque, ameer of Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis, said, "Let me make it clear that the national election in February must be held based on a legal framework that ensures the implementation of July Charter. There is no alternative to this."

In the afternoon, Jatiya Gonotantrik Party (Jagpa) brought out a procession from Bijoynagar to the Jatiya Press Club and held a brief rally there.

Spokesperson Rashed Pradhan reiterated their demand for the PR system and called for holding the referendum by December.

Around the same time, Nezame Islam Party took out a procession near the Jatiya Press Club, the party's executive member BM Amir Jihadi told The Daily Star.

Gunfire heard from across Myanmar border

No injuries reported on Bangladesh side, says BGB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Gunfire was heard early yesterday from across the Myanmar border, near Ukhiya in Cox's Bazar and Ghumdhum in Bandarban, according to locals.

The sounds, coming from Myanmar, caused panic among people living in several border villages.

Residents of at least seven villages – including Rahmater Beel, Dhamankhali, Thaingkhali, and Balukhali in Ukhiya's Palongkhali union, alongside West Tumbri in Naikhyangchhari's Ghumdhum union – reported hearing heavy gunfire from around 11:00pm on Thursday. Many stayed awake in fear throughout the night.

Locals said the firing continued intermittently until around 2:30am yesterday, with the heaviest bursts between 11:00pm and 1:00am.

"It sounded like a full-scale war was going on," said Sifat Al Noor, a local NGO worker.

Rohingya camp leaders said the fighting was taking place in the Dekubuniya area of Maungdaw district in Myanmar between Rohingya armed groups and the rebel Arakan Army.

Several Facebook posts claimed that stray bullets from the clashes landed inside Bangladesh, injuring a Rohingya in Camp 12 of Palongkhali.



Palongkhali Union Parishad Chairman Gafur Uddin Chowdhury wrote on his Facebook page, "Bullets from Myanmar's internal conflict are landing in the camps where the displaced are sheltering. Are we safe anymore?"

BGB officials dismissed reports that any bullets had entered Bangladesh.

Lt Col Mohammad Jashim Uddin, commanding officer of BGB Battalion 46 in Ukhiya, said, "The firing occurred inside Myanmar. We are on alert and closely monitoring the situation. Our patrols have been reinforced."

Regarding reports of an injury inside the camp, he said, "There is no evidence that bullets crossed into Bangladesh. The camp is located far from the border."

In December 2024, the Arakan Army claimed to have gained control over large parts of the Rakhine State, including 271 kilometres along the Bangladesh border, after another year-long fierce battle with Myanmar Junta troops. Recently, Myanmar's military junta reportedly launched new offensives to reclaim those areas.

Locals said the ongoing fighting between the Arakan Army and Rohingya armed groups appears to have reached a new level, raising fresh concerns over security in the border regions of Ukhiya and Naikhyangchhari.