

## Man sued over rape of girl in Netrakona

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Netrakona

A case has been filed against a 60-year-old man for allegedly raping a college student in Durgapur upazila of Netrakona.

Yesterday afternoon, the Garo girl filed the case with Durgapur Police Station, accusing Mohammad Ali, a local quack, said Officer-in-Charge Md Mahmudul Hasan.

According to the case statement, the accused, who practices herbal medicine at Guchhogram in Durgapur upazila, had been treating the victim's elderly father for several months.

On October 7, Ali allegedly took her to an orchard and raped her. Before fleeing the scene, he threatened to kill her if she disclosed the incident. The victim later informed her family.

OC Mahmudul said, "The accused has been on the run since the incident. Efforts are underway to arrest him."

## Man held over rape of 11-year-old in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Bandarban

Police have arrested a man accused of raping an 11-year-old girl in Naikongchhari upazila of Bandarban.

Russel Barua, a trucker, was arrested from Rashidnagar in Cox's Bazar's Ramu upazila on Sunday night.

The arrest was made after a case was filed under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act with Naikongchhari Police Station yesterday, said Masrurul Haq, officer-in-charge of the police station.

He will be produced before a court, he said.

The girl is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital in Cox's Bazar.

Locals in Rashidnagar identified Russel after seeing his photo circulated with the rape allegation on social media. They tracked him down, held him, and handed him over to the police.

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COMPANY MATTER NO 1507 OF 2025  
IN THE MATTER OF : An application under section 81(2) 85(3) read with section 396 of  
the Company Act, 1994.  
AND IN THE MATTER OF : MD. LUTFOR RAHMAN (Managing Director) of Lazz  
Pharma Limited, having its Office at Address: 63/1, Lake Circus, Kafabagan, Dhaka  
VERSUS  
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, I, Kawran Bazar, 6th Floor, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka  
High Court Division, Dhaka-1000, Respondent.  
Take notice that an application under 81(2) 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies  
Act, 1994, was filed before the Honorable High Court Division of the Supreme Court of  
Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioner for condonation of delay in holding Annual General  
Meeting of the Lazz Pharma Limited, for the calendar year 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.  
Upon hearing the application on 24-08-2025 the Honorable Company Judge Mr. Justice  
Ahmed Sohel was pleased to admit the application. Interested person may appear before the  
Honorable Court on or before the date 22-10-2025 fixed for hearing of the matter. Copy of  
the application may be obtained from the petitioner.  
Ripon Chandra Biswas, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh.  
Membership No. 6059, Supreme Court Bar Association Bhaban, Shahbagh, Dhaka-1000

**গণবিজ্ঞপ্তি**  
বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের আমদানি ও অভিযন্ত্রীয় বাণিজ্য অনুবিভাগের বিভিন্ন  
শাখার কর্মকর্তাদের স্বাক্ষর জাল করে উদ্দেশ্য প্রয়োদিত তথ্য সম্পর্ক পত্র  
বিভিন্ন স্থানে প্রেরণ করা হচ্ছে মর্মে লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে। বিভিন্ন মাধ্যমে প্রাপ্ত  
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বিষয়ে সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলকে সর্ত্ত হতে প্রারম্ভ দেয়া হলো।  
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Sandhya Mondal prepares beti reeds collected from wetlands to weave traditional mats. After drying the reeds in the sun, she crafts various kinds of mats for daily use and home décor, including prayer mats. Despite the growing use of plastic and synthetic alternatives, eco-friendly beti mats remain in high demand. She produces two mats a day, selling each for Tk 450 to Tk 800. The photo was taken at Boyra Akmaner Mor in Khulna yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Amid ban, Manta fishers struggle for survival

Boat-dwelling community left out of government rice aid

SUSHANTA GHOSH, Barishal

Members of the Manta community, who live on boats along rivers in the southern regions of the country, are struggling to survive after being excluded from the government's rice allocation during the ongoing 22-day fishing ban.

Without access to fishing or state assistance, many are now facing acute poverty and food insecurity.

Officials at the Department of Fisheries said they had no previous record of the number of Manta families and have now instructed all upazilas to begin collecting their data.

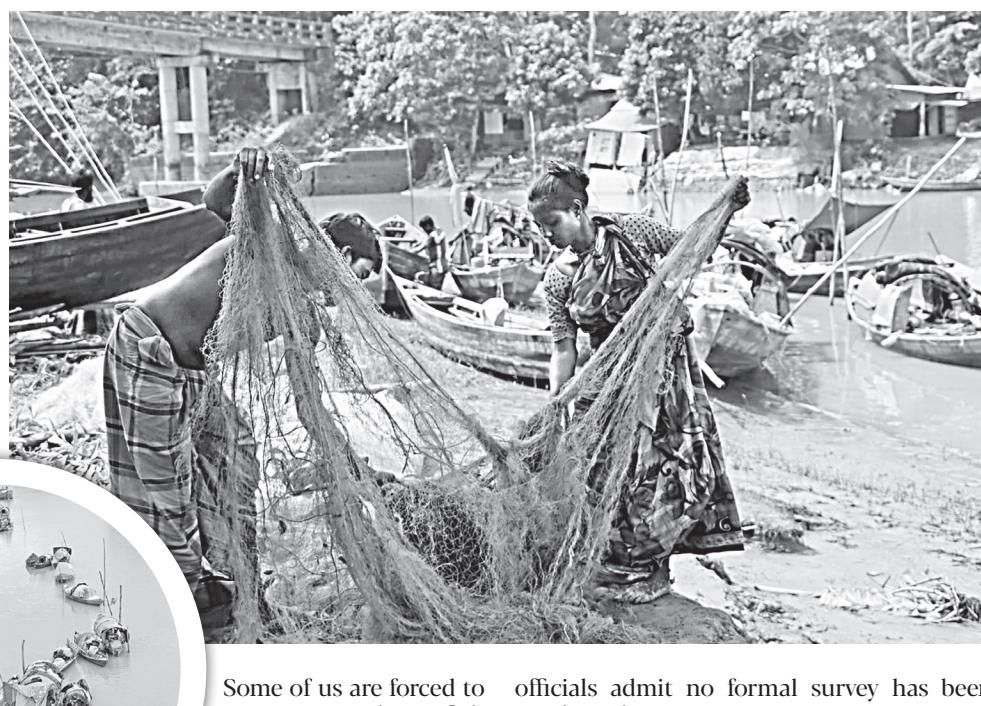
More than 100 Manta men and women from three areas of Barishal's Muladi upazila protested in front of the local fisheries office on October 7, demanding aid during the fishing ban.

Around 150 Manta families live on boats in the Jorkhal area of Jhalakathi's Rajapur upazila. On October 11, several families left the area in protest but later returned after assurances from local officials.

Along the banks of the Kalabodor river in Bakainagar area of Barishal Sadar upazila, about 200 Manta families live permanently on 44 boats, catching fish with rods and nets.

"We are born on the river, and we also die on the river. Fishing is our only livelihood. Without government help, how can we survive when fishing is prohibited?" said Ayub Ali Sardar, head of the Manta fleet in Bakainagar.

"Amid the ongoing ban, we can't go fishing -- but no one cares how we'll survive."



Some of us are forced to go out at night to fish secretly just to survive, which sometimes leads to clashes with fisheries officials," he said.

Akhtaruzzaman Talukder, deputy director of the Department of Social Services in Barishal, said

178 Manta people have been identified in Lahirhat of Barishal Sadar upazila. "We are working to provide them with 10kg rice and lentils each as emergency relief," he said.

According to the departments of social services and fisheries, around 2,000 Manta people live across Sadar, Hizla, Baguganj, and Mehendiganj upazilas of Barishal district. The total population across the division is estimated at around 7,000-8,000, though

officials admit no formal survey has been conducted yet.

During the 22-day fishing ban, the government allocated 3,585.95 tonnes of rice for 1,43,438 registered fisher families in Charfasson upazila -- 25 kg for each family.

Md Anisuzzaman, assistant director of the divisional fisheries office in Barishal, said,

"Not all fishermen receive rice aid. Around 80 percent of registered cardholders get it. Most Manta community members previously didn't apply for fisher ID cards, so only a few have them."

"Low literacy and lack of awareness have made it difficult for them to access aid. Moreover, since they constantly move from place to place, local representatives are reluctant to include them in official lists," he added.

He also said he plans to form a committee to maintain harmony between students and the local community. "The committee will include representatives from both sides and will work together to resolve any dispute."

"CU lags behind in many aspects. The only way to overcome this is to keep Cucusu active. If it functions regularly, many issues will be resolved. If elected, I'll ensure its regular operations," Shafayat said.

Claiming his panel as inclusive, Shafayat said, "We have women, indigenous students, visually impaired students, and gold-medalist athletes. We've chosen candidates based on merit and capability."

Regarding the elections, he hopes that the administration will conduct a fair and impartial election.

"Students will choose their deserving representative," he concluded.

## CCC struggles to clean city canals amid funding row

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

The Chattogram City Corporation is struggling to clean its 1,600 kilometre drainage network and 57 canals due to a lack of modern machinery.

The government has finally approved a four-year-old project for CCC to procure essential equipment, but with a new condition that 60 percent of the project funds will be given as a loan and the remaining 40 percent as a grant.

The CCC, which usually operates on government grants and its own funds, now finds itself in a debt trap under the new condition.

According to CCC officials, the project includes plans to purchase a range of vehicles and equipment, including five pickup trucks, 65 dump trucks of various sizes, four backhoe loaders, nine wheel loaders, one skid-steer loader, one amphibious excavator, eight excavators of different sizes, 21 mini garbage trippers, one road sweeping machine, five garbage compactors, and 200 mobile waste containers.

With a huge burden of loans already in place, the CCC is unwilling to take on more loans for equipment purchases, said its Chief Executive Officer Sheikh Muhammad Touhidul Islam.

The CCC currently owes Tk 400 crore to contractors and an additional Tk 100 crore to the government. This existing liability is the main reason Mayor Shahadat Hossain is reluctant to agree to further loan conditions, said the CEO.

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Shahadat said, "This loan condition is not a massive move by the finance ministry. CCC is a service-providing organisation, not a commercial entity, and hence it is not suited to operate under commercial loan terms paying interest."

"The ministry fails to understand the project's importance. If implemented, it would alleviate waterlogging and keep the city clean. To this end, we badly need new equipment," he added.

Earlier, at an event on September 22, he said, "Our Tk 400 crore project to procure new equipment got only Tk 298 crore approval from the finance ministry, and then they told me that Tk 160 crore of it would be given as a loan with 5 percent interest. They will only give us a Tk 60 crore grant; the rest the CCC has to bear."

In response, Foyez Ahmed Tayeb, special assistant to the chief adviser, while speaking at the same event, urged the CCC to accept the loan and advised it to become more self-reliant.

Moreover, the LGRD Ministry provided an expensive weed harvester worth about Tk 6 crore -- designed to clean floating waste and hyacinth from waterbodies -- to the CCC even though it was not requested.

The machine is unfit for Chattogram's shallow and narrow canals, said CCC Chief Sanitation Officer Commander Iktiyan Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury.

## Campaigning ends

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Shikhharti Jote panel alleged that the administration failed to act against misleading information online and maintain a fair election environment.

At a media briefing, the panel's general secretary candidate Sayed Bin Habib said,

"Their [authorities] inaction is harming the competitive atmosphere and putting candidates under mental pressure."

Meanwhile, Sakib Rume, GS candidate of the Sarbojonin Shikhharti Sangsad panel, accused the election commission of bias.

"Student wings of BNP and Jamaat repeatedly violated the code, campaigning inside classrooms and handing out leaflets, but no action was taken," he alleged.

Cucusu Chief Election Commissioner Prof Monir Uddin said the commission is currently receiving complaints about electoral code violations and monitoring them.

"On election day, we will observe any rule-breaking and take action if needed," he said.

### VOTING AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

According to university authorities, transparent ballot boxes will be used for the election, and counting will be done with OMR machines.

To mark the occasion, a special talk show was broadcast on Duronto TV on October 11, jointly organised by MJF and Duronto TV. The discussants included Barrister Nihad Kabir, while Prohor, Tayeba, and Prithiya took part as child representatives.

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Surveillance has been increased to prevent outsiders from entering, he also said.

"All preparations have been completed. We remain vigilant to prevent any irregularities. Security operations are ongoing, and sufficient law enforcement personnel will be on duty on election day," he added.

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