

KUAKATA HOSPITAL

A health centre with no doctors

SHOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The 20-bed hospital in Kuakata has once again been left without doctors, virtually suspending healthcare services for both tourists and residents.

The only physician posted there, Dr Supriya Das, was transferred on September 17. With her departure, the hospital has become completely doctorless, prompting locals to describe it as a "hospital in name only".

According to hospital sources, there are sanctioned posts for six doctors, including four junior consultants, one residential medical officer, and also one medical officer.

All the posts are vacant.

Although five senior staff nurses remain on duty, many other support positions are either vacant or filled through deputations elsewhere.



Out of 17 total posts, 12 are currently vacant.

At present, healthcare services are being run in a makeshift manner.

Kalapara Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Dr Shankar Prasad Adhikari said a sub-assistant community medical officer has been assigned to keep the emergency and outdoor sections running.

Meanwhile, more than one lakh residents of Kuakata municipality and Mahipur and Latachapl unions, as well as tourists, are being deprived of medical care.

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RUCSU POLLS ON THURSDAY

Candidates make last-minute push as campaigning ends

SHOHANUR RAHMAN RAFI and NUR AHSAN MRIDUL

Campaigns for the Rajshahi University Central Students' Union (Rucusu), hall union, and Senate elections ended at midnight today across the Rajshahi University campus.

Candidates from different panels were seen making a last-minute push to reach as many voters as possible on the final day of electioneering yesterday.

Mir Kadir, an independent candidate for the Rucusu media and publication secretary post, said he printed 4,000 leaflets yesterday to reach students on the last day.

"There has been a long gap due to

earlier postponement, and people might have forgotten everything. So, I am trying to make sure they remember my ballot number," he said.

Salauddin Ammar, a general secretary candidate from the "Adhipottya Birodhi Oikko" panel, was seen campaigning around the Paribahan Chattara area.

The panel's executive member candidate Habib Himel addressed a press conference at the same venue, refuting rumours that some members of his panel were connected to the National Citizen

Party (NCP) and Bangladesh Ganotantrik Chhatra Sangsad (BGCS).

At another press conference, Zahin Biswas Esha, assistant general secretary candidate from the "Oikyoboddho Notun Projonmo" panel, received open support from independent AGS candidate Fazle Rabbi.

Meanwhile, Mehedi Maruf, vice-presidential candidate from the "Rucusu Radical Change" panel, criticised the election commission's actions to confiscate food intended for a

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ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES

Try accused military personnel under military law

Urges Ex-Forces Association

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ex-Forces Association, a platform of former military and paramilitary personnel, yesterday urged the government to try accused army officers under military law in coordination with the International Crimes Tribunal.

The association also suggested amending the law to include provisions on enforced disappearances while upholding constitutional and human rights.

At a press briefing at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity, the association expressed concern over what it called "malicious attempts by vested quarters at home and abroad to create confusion between the armed forces and the people and to undermine national unity".

The briefing came days after 15 serving army

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'THREAT ALERT'

Security tightened around US embassy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Security has been tightened around the US Embassy in Dhaka's Baridhara diplomatic zone following intelligence information about a potential attack.

Since 12:00am on Monday, members of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and intelligence units have been deployed in and around the embassy compound.

A senior official of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), requesting anonymity, told The Daily Star that deployment will remain in place until Wednesday, with further measures to be decided after an assessment.

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MPO teachers threaten to block Shahbagh

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during their "Road to Secretariat" programme, they threatened to go on a hunger strike.

"We will stay here today [yesterday]. If our demands are not met by 11:00am tomorrow [Wednesday], we will move to Shahbagh. If still ignored, we will march to the Jamuna. And if nothing changes, we will begin a hunger strike unto death," said Azizi during the rally.

Azizi made the remarks after teachers were

reportedly prevented from marching towards the Secretariat.

He said the movement had reached its "final stage" and that there was no scope for retreat. "The government must fulfil our demands now. We will continue to surround the Secretariat as long as necessary," he added.

The teachers have been demonstrating at the Central Shaheed Minar since Sunday, demanding a 20 percent house rent allowance and other benefits. A section of teachers has been staying at the Shaheed Minar overnight as part of their sit-in, while others have been joining in the mornings.

Teachers from schools,

colleges, and madrasas across the country joined the protest after police dispersed their rally in front of Jatiya Press Club on Sunday using water cannons, baton charges, and sound grenades.

Later, they took position at the Shaheed Minar, where they protested the police action and announced a countrywide work abstention from the next day.

Their key demands include raising the house rent allowance to 20 percent of the basic salary, increasing the medical allowance to Tk 1,500, and setting the festival allowance for non-teaching staff at 75 percent of their basic pay.

On August 13, the

teachers had issued an ultimatum to fulfil their demands by September 14 but postponed their strike following assurances from the education ministry.

At entry level, MPO-listed teachers receive a monthly salary of Tk 12,500, including Tk 1,000 as house rent, Tk 500 as medical allowance, and 50 percent of their basic pay as festival allowance. Recently, the finance ministry approved a Tk 500 rise in the house rent allowance, which the teachers rejected, calling it "insufficient".

Currently, there are over 26,000 MPO listed non-government institutions in the country, employing around 3.8 lakh teachers and 1.7 lakh staffers.

Court summons Hasina, 261 others

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charges brought against them in the case.

Earlier in the day, Investigation Officer Md Enamul Haque, an assistant superintendent of police of the Criminal Investigation Department, submitted a probe report before the court accusing Hasina and others of conspiring to overthrow the interim government through a civil war.

On March 27, the CID filed the case with the court against Hasina and 72 others for their alleged involvement in the conspiracy.

After a hearing that day, a Dhaka metropolitan magistrate directed the

CID to submit a report after investigating the case.

According to the case statement, the CID received information about an online meeting held on December 19, 2024, where participants formed a platform called the "Joy Bangla Brigade" and discussed plans to bring Hasina back to power by waging a civil war.

A total of 577 individuals from home and abroad attended the meeting and expressed support for Hasina's directives.

Rabbi Alam, vice-president of Awami League's US chapter who convened the virtual meeting, has been named as the second accused in the case.

Political violence

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September 2024 and September 2025 in political violence.

Political violence in 2021 and 2022 was largely driven by internal feuds and dominance disputes within Awami League, while in 2023 it mainly stemmed from clashes between AL and BNP supporters during opposition marches and counter "peace rallies".

The report noted that most of the violence resulted from power struggles, factional disputes over committee formation, and efforts to assert territorial control across different parts of the country.

Despite the change in government, the overall human rights and law-and-order situation has not improved, HRSS said, with new forms of political and

mob violence emerging over the past year.

It also recorded attacks near courts and police stations, growing tensions among student groups, and continued assaults on journalists and minorities.

HRSS urged political parties to promote internal democracy and accountability and called on the interim government to uphold citizens' constitutional rights and the rule of law.

"To establish the rule of law and democracy and improve the human rights situation, every political party must play a more responsible role," the HRSS report said.

"Unless these issues are addressed, the overall human rights situation of the country will further deteriorate," it warned.

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Interested eligible bidders are requested to submit their technical offers as per Instruction to Bidder (ITB) outlined in the bidding process.

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EC to allot

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Asked if there were any legal barriers to including the shapla in the list of symbols, the EC secretary said, "There are no legal barriers... but the EC believes there is no need to include it as an election symbol."

On NCP's statement that it would not accept registration without the shapla symbol, Akhtar said, "That's their matter."

He said the EC has invited all law enforcement and security agencies involved in election-related activities to a meeting at the EC Secretariat on October 20.

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Last date of application is 28 October 2025. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview.

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TENDER INVITATION

Sealed Tender both Technical & Financial are hereby invited from the Manufacturer or their local agent for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of:

- (1) THREE PHASE DRY TYPE 800 KVA TRANSFORMER & THREE PHASE 400 KVA & 160 KVA GENERATOR at 22/A, Kunipara, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka. (Re-Tender)
- (2) 250 TR VRF A/C SYSTEM for 9-STORIED BUILDING WITH (2) TWO BASEMENTS at 22/A, Kunipara, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka. (Re-Tender)
- (3) 1600 Kgs (20 Persons), 2 Nos. Passenger Lift (UK/US/EU/Japan origin and manufacturer) for a 9-Storied building with 2 basements at 22/A, Kunipara, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka. (Re-Tender)

The tender documents will be available for purchase from the office of the Treasurer, Ahsanullah University of Engineering and Technology during office hour 10am to 5pm at a cost of Tk. 5,000.00 (Five thousand) (non-refundable) only in Pay Order in favour of "AHSANULLAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY".

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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh is seeking bids from interested firms for the following requirement:

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