

Three-day event begins to commemorate Ayub Bachchu

Yesterday, marked the seventh death anniversary of rock icon Ayub Bachchu, who passed away on this day in 2018, leaving millions of fans in tears. His songs and memories continue to live on vividly in the hearts of listeners.

To commemorate the day, a memorial event, milad, and doa mahfil have been organised this evening at Celebration Community Point in Moghbazar, Dhaka. The programme is being jointly arranged by Chattogram Musicians Club, Dhaka; the Ayub Bachchu Foundation and Bandhumahal.

According to Abdullah Al Masud, General Secretary of the Ayub Bachchu Foundation, prayer gatherings took place in various mosques since October 17, and the series of programmes will conclude tomorrow in Chattogram, where local musicians are expected to participate in remembrance of the late legend.



PHOTOS: THABIT AL BASHAR

Jalali Set, Young Stunners and Hasan Raheem headline memorable evening

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On Friday, Dhaka witnessed an unforgettable night as Dhaka hosted a border-blurring musical spectacle that fused R&B, hip-hop, and indie energy in front of a roaring crowd hungry for something new. Jalali Set, Hasan Raheem, and Young Stunners lit up the stage, delivering one of the city's most explosive live performances in recent memory.

Organised by Rishka Connects and Dhaka Broadcast, Carpe Diem: The Takeover opened its gates at 3:30pm to an already teeming venue. Fans queued eagerly in the humid air, buzzing with anticipation for what promised to be a night of cross-border rhythm and rebellion. Though the show didn't begin until six, no one seemed to mind — every minute built more anticipation.

Jalali Set, one of Dhaka's finest hip-hop crews, kicked off the evening with a thunderous start. Very few opening acts manage to energise a crowd the way they did. By the time they exited, the atmosphere had transformed — the air thick with energy, the crowd ready to erupt.

Then, as lights dimmed, came the

magnetic Hasan Raheem. For the next ninety minutes, the crowd danced to his rhythm. His electrifying stage presence and charisma turned the venue into a sea of voices singing along to *Wishes, Joona, Memories, Maand, Radha, Zalima, Roop*, and more. At one point, Raheem paused



mid-set, smiled, and said, "My god, what beautiful voice you have, Dhaka!" — sending the audience into a frenzy.

The storm arrived — Young Stunners. The Pakistani rap duo Talha Anjum and Talha Yunus, credited with bringing Urdu rap into the mainstream, have turned personal narratives, social commentary,

heartbreak, and defiance into anthem-worthy lines.

Young Stunners headlined the night with an unrelenting surge of energy. Their setlist was a meticulously curated high-voltage ride. Hits like *Heartbreak Kid, Haseen, Departure Lane, Kaun Talha, Downers at Dusk*, and *4AM in Karachi* sent waves through the packed crowd. Every beat drop was met with roars, every lyric echoed back in unison. The synergy between the duo and their fanbase felt electric.

The concert was not about nostalgia or tribute. This was fresh — it spoke to the youth and their shared rebellious feelings. It was expressive and forward-looking — even some older attendees could see the newness of it all. Not only did the concert represent the passion of today's generation, it also erased the borders proving once again that music will always be universal.

The lighting, stage design, and visuals turned Carpe Diem into a sensory spectacle, capturing the spirit of a generation that lives and breathes the rhythm of rebellion. By the end, the crowd was delirious. Sweat, adrenaline, unified pulses — Dhaka had been taken.

WHAT'S THE HAPS?

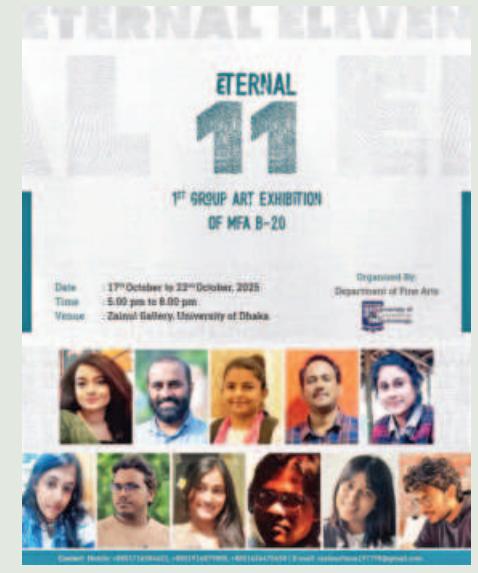
'Eternal Eleven'

An exhibition titled *Eternal Eleven*, featuring the works of eleven emerging artists from the MFA Batch-20 at Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology, is now open. The showcase brings together a range of creative expressions that explore personal visions, emotions, and dreams, highlighting the artists' evolving mastery and passion for visual storytelling.

DATE: OCT 17- OCT 22, 2025

TIME: 5 PM-8 PM

VENUE: ZAINUL GALLERY, UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA



'ALI' heading for Japan

Bangladeshi filmmaker Adnan Al Rajeev's acclaimed short film *Ali* is set for a two-week limited theatrical release across cinemas in Japan. Part of the Mirrorlari Films season 8 anthology, *Ali* follows a teenage boy (played by Al Amin), from a coastal town where women are forbidden to sing, challenging deep-rooted traditions.

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Govt drafts 2 laws

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contained several inconsistencies.

The commission wrote to the government, advising it not to proceed with the previous draft and instead to enact a new law that properly addresses all necessary issues, he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Following the expert recommendations, the interim health administration decided to prepare two separate laws, a health ministry official said.

The ministry has called a stakeholders' meeting today to review the drafts. Representatives from relevant government agencies and professional bodies will join the discussion, the official, preferring anonymity, said.

HEALTH WORKERS PROTECTION ORDINANCE

In the preamble, the draft cites the rising number of attacks, threats, and vandalism targeting doctors, nurses, other healthcare workers, and healthcare institutions.

All such incidents are disrupting healthcare delivery, endangering public health, and violating healthcare workers' right to a safe workplace. Therefore, the ordinance aims to safeguard healthcare services by ensuring protection for medical professionals, it reads.

Under its graded penalties, anyone who assaults, injures, or attempts to cause physical or mental harm to a healthcare worker faces five years in jail, or a Tk 5 lakh fine, or both.

US cities brace

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little sign they are ready to break the impasse.

"This president is a disgrace and I hope there will be millions in the street today," Stephanie, a 36-year-old hospital worker who did not give her last name, told AFP in the Queens borough of New York, where hundreds had already gathered in the morning.

Demonstrators carried colourful signs that read "Queens Say No Kings," and "We protest because we love America and want it back!"

Some chanted, "We love our country, we can't stand Trump!"

In Los Angeles, organizers plan to float a giant balloon of Trump in a diaper. They said they expect 100,000 people to attend.

So far, the Republican billionaire president's response to the event has

If the attack causes serious injury, the punishment increases to seven years in jail or a Tk 10 lakh fine, or both.

Intentional or malicious damage to healthcare institutions or property, including equipment, machinery, or furniture, may invite up to seven years in jail or a Tk 10 lakh fine.

Obstructing emergency or routine medical services will be punishable by three years in jail or a Tk 3 lakh fine. Filing false complaints or harassing healthcare workers may result in two years in jail or a Tk 2 lakh fine.

All offences under this ordinance must be investigated within a fixed timeframe, and charge sheets submitted to the Speedy Trial Tribunal, the draft adds.

PATIENT PROTECTION ORDINANCE

The draft's preamble states that the ordinance is necessary to prevent avoidable harm in healthcare, protect patients' rights, and establish a fair and timely redress mechanism for those harmed due to medical negligence.

It requires every healthcare institution to promptly review and document any "serious adverse event" or unexpected death related to treatment.

Serious adverse events include surgery on the wrong patient or organ, retention of "foreign material" in the body after surgery, and serious medication errors resulting in death or permanent harm, the draft explains.

However, these reviews shall not automatically trigger legal proceedings in cases of alleged misconduct or

negligence.

Before approaching court, parties may voluntarily resolve disputes through Alternative Dispute Resolution, which may include compensation, corrective measures, or apology.

Criminal liability for medical negligence will apply only when the conduct of a healthcare worker amounts to intentional harm, fraud, or criminal negligence under the Penal Code.

If any person without proper authorisation provides healthcare services or performs duties beyond their remit, it shall be treated as willful negligence punishable by up to 10 years' imprisonment, or a fine of Tk 10 lakh, or both.

To ensure prompt case disposal, the government will establish Medical Negligence and Patient Rights Tribunals. Each tribunal will be chaired by a district and sessions judge or additional district and sessions judge, and will include two impartial medical experts and one patient rights representative as members.

A complainant may file a case within one year of discovering injury or harm, and each tribunal must dispose of cases within a specified timeframe.

However, this ordinance shall in no way prevent the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council from taking punitive action for professional misconduct within its jurisdiction, the draft added.

Rishad stars in big win over WI

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while skipper Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Tanvir Islam took one each.

The much-debated Mirpur surface once again played a defining role. Its unusually dark and abrasive appearance produced a low, slow pitch with sharp turns. It was unforgiving for the batters, and the home side also struggled to score after being put in, with Najmul Hossain Shanto making 32 off 63, Towhid Hridoy a sluggish 51 off 90, and debutant Mahidul Islam Ankon 46 off 76 before Rishad's late cameo.

Fast bowler Jayden Seals to three wickets, while Justin Greaves and spinner Roston Chase scalped two apiece.

been muted.

"They're saying they're referring to me as a king. I'm not a king," he told Fox News show "Sunday Morning Futures."

But his top surrogates were in more fighting form, with House Speaker Mike Johnson calling the day of protest the "Hate America rally."

"You're going to bring together the Marxists, the Socialists, the Antifa advocates, the anarchists and the pro-Hamas wing of the far-left Democrat Party," he told reporters.

Republican lawmaker Tom Emmer also used the "Hate America" phrase and referred to participants as the "terrorist wing" of the Democratic Party.

Beyond New York and San Francisco, protests are scheduled in major cities such as Washington, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta and New Orleans, but also in small towns across all 50 states.

Commission, and public administration.

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The parties reached a consensus on at least 84 issues, culminating in the July charter — half of which pertain directly to constitutional reform.

At its heart, the charter proposes sweeping changes: constitutional amendments, rebalancing executive authority between the president and the prime minister, reinstatement of the caretaker government, guarantee of electoral neutrality, judicial independence, and decentralisation, among others.

These are ambitious goals, signalling a bold attempt to reshape the foundations of governance.

But therein lies the danger.

Without a clear implementation timeline, the charter risks becoming yet another addition to the archive of forgotten reports and unfulfilled promises.

Bangladesh has seen this pattern before — commissions formed, plans drafted — only to be shelved, invoked in speeches, and ultimately ignored.

In fact, history offers sobering reminders of missed opportunities.

On November 21, 1990, at the final stage of the anti HM Ershad movement, three major alliances — the Awami

Transport owners' indefinite strike

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Covered Van Owners' Association enforced the strike since 6:00am yesterday, with the Chattogram Port Truck Owners' Association joining in later.

Only a handful of vehicles entered the port to take imports, said CPA Secretary Md Omar Faruk.

Earlier on Wednesday noon, Chattogram Prime Mover Owners Association stopped transporting containers to and from the port in protest of the entry fee hike.

At least seven vessels are scheduled to leave the port this morning.

If the ships leave on schedule, a good number of export containers would face shutdown if they cannot be sent from the inland container depots overnight.

Colombo bound vessel Sol Resilience will mandatorily leave tomorrow since it is beaten at the jetty for two and a half days.

Muntasir Rubayat, head of operations of the ship's local agent GBX Logistics, said that they had a booking for a total of 650 twenty-foot equivalent

units (TEUs) export containers but they were still waiting for 266TEUs as of yesterday evening.

AKM Abdul Hadi, operation manager of ICD named Nemson Container located at Kumira upazila in Sitakunda, said they were supposed to transfer 160 containers to the port for shipment through these seven ships.

Informing that fourteen of their trailers that left the depot yesterday morning with 14 export containers were sent back by the protesters from the Port Toll Road area, Hadi feared that all these 160 export containers would miss the shipment if the ships leave on time.

CPA Secretary Faruk said the CPA called a meeting with the striking transport owners this noon to discuss the issue.

Meanwhile, business leaders from a number of associations opposed the port tariff hike yesterday at a protest meeting organised by Chattogram Port User Forum.

On October 14, the Forum sent a letter to the Chief Adviser urging for postponement of the tariff hike and to

sit with the stakeholders for a review.

"We understand that the government was busy with the July Charter signing. Now, we are giving seven days for dialogue and review," said Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury, president of the Chattogram Port User Forum.

If the government does not take any step, the Forum would announce programmes like paralysing port operations, he said.

Asian Group Chairman MA Salam, former BGMEA leader Nasir Uddin Chowdhury, LPG Operators Association of Bangladesh Mohammed Amirul Haque, Chattogram Customs Clearing and Forwarding (C&F) Agents Association President Saiful Alam and General secretary Showkat Ali, Bangladesh Shipping Agents Association leader Shahed Sarwar, Prime Mover Owners Association General Secretary Mohammad Hossain, Port Truck Owners Association Humayun Kabir Sohel addressed the rally and expressed solidarity to the protest.

break that cycle. It established the Regulatory Reforms Commission (RRC) to modernise the country's outdated governance, administrative, and economic frameworks. Chaired by Akbar Ali Khan, the commission submitted 153 recommendations.

But by October 2009, Khan had resigned, citing the Awami League government's non-cooperation and withdrawal of staff. Only about a third of the proposals were ever implemented. At the time, the ruling party acted on just two.

The RRC's 131-page report, published in 2009, still stands as testament to unrealised reform — a carefully drafted roadmap that went largely unused.

This time, following a mass uprising, hard-won agreements emerged against the backdrop of Bangladesh's long and troubled history of failed political dialogue.

What makes the July charter different from earlier documents is that it emerged after extensive consultations with political parties across the spectrum. Through these discussions, the parties agreed on some of the most contentious reform issues that have plagued Bangladesh for decades.

Bangladesh now stands at a critical crossroads. Will the July charter become a living document, backed by deadlines and deliverables? Or will it be shelved only to gather dust like so many of its predecessors?

Will this one stick?

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