

BNP leader injured in clash dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A BNP leader injured in a clash over the lease of a local market in Lohalia of Patuakhali, died Monday at Dhaka's Bangladesh Medical University.

Mofizul Haque Mridha, succumbed to his injuries at 1:30am, said family.

Earlier, on October 8, two groups clashed over the lease of Palpara Bazar under Lohalia union. Police were also attacked while trying to bring the situation under control, leaving five policemen and six others injured.

Police arrested Ramzan Ali, Aminul Haque Chowdhury, and Palash Hawlader on the night of October 8.

Separate cases were filed – one by the police and another by the then injured BNP leader Mofizul, said Patuakhali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Imtiaz Ahmed.

Inu seeks

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lacked an evidentiary basis.

Referring to a recorded phone conversation between Inu and former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the defence said, "Inu advised Hasina to impose curfew to prevent chaos and violence, and Hasina said there would be a curfew but no shooting."

In the conversation, Inu said those who violated the curfew would be briefly detained and shown on television as having been arrested, but they would later be released, the lawyer added.

Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam told the tribunal that as a policymaker of the 14-party alliance, Inu attended a meeting where a "shoot-on-sight" decision was taken and supported Hasina's plans to deploy paratroopers and bombing to suppress the movement.

JCD man shot dead

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men abducted Jasim. They opened fire when our men went to rescue him."

In response, Siraj said, "Borhan and Sohel are not my followers. I am currently in Patiya for the upcoming election. After learning about their misdeeds, I cut all contact with them."

Sajjad's mother, Farida Begum, who rushed to the hospital after the shooting, said, "Why did they shoot my son? I want justice for those who killed him."



Under the scorching sun, an elderly worker breaks bricks into smaller pieces. Many like him come to towns from nearby villages in search of livelihood. They earn Tk 700-800 a day by breaking around 1,500-2,000 bricks from morning till evening. The photo was taken at the Gopalganj Police Line intersection yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

GALACHIPA HEALTH COMPLEX

Doctor shortage hampers treatment

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Healthcare services at the Galachipa Upazila Health Complex in Patuakhali have long been hindered by an acute shortage of doctors.

Overcrowding of patients in the 50-bed facility further exacerbates the crisis.

According to hospital sources, 31 of the 38 sanctioned posts for doctors currently remain vacant. The seven doctors now working include one upazila health and family planning officer, one junior consultant, two residential medical officers, and three doctors temporarily assigned from union-level health and family welfare centres in Galachipa and Rangabali.

Due to the lack of consultants, major departments like surgery, medicine, gynecology, pediatrics, and anaesthesia cannot serve patients.

Every day, more than 100 patients are admitted to the hospital, while around 400 more receive treatment at the outpatient department.

Built in 1992 in a two-storey building,

the hospital was upgraded in 2005 with another two-storey addition, increasing the capacity to 50 beds.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw many patients being treated while lying on floors, verandas, and even outside



the wards due to the lack of beds. The corridors were crowded with anxious attendants of patients.

In the women's ward, Nipa Begum, 19, from Char Montaz of Rangabali, was receiving treatment after suffering

heavy bleeding following childbirth. "We have to come here by boat, as there is no proper hospital in our area. Village doctors handle most deliveries, and only when complications arise, we rush to Galachipa," she said.

Dr Lokman Parvez, the on-duty physician, said, "With limited manpower, we are handling immense pressure of workload while trying to provide the best possible care. Sometimes we have to work extra shifts because there is no replacement."

Md Mezbah Uddin, the upazila health and family planning officer, said, "Our outpatient section treats around 400 patients daily, while the inpatient department remains full beyond capacity. We are doing our best with the limited manpower and facilities."

Contacted, Dr Mohammad Khaledur Rahman Mia, civil surgeon of Patuakhali, said, "A proposal to upgrade the hospital to a 100-bed facility and construct a new building has been sent to the health ministry. We have also requested prompt recruitment for the vacant consultant positions."

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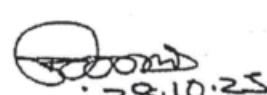
Amendment No. 1

Sub: Time Extension Notice for the Request for Bids - "Electrification at Bhasanchar of Noakhali District Project (Solar power plant with Battery Back-up and associated distribution system) on Turn-key Basis" (Package Number: GD-1).

With reference to the RFB No. 27.11.0000.101.14.079.25-2337, Date: 14/09/2025

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All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged.


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A vision too big

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country's image abroad," said aviation expert Kazi Wahidul Alam.

This correspondent spoke to officials from at least 10 airlines, including four local carriers. All of them said the government did not consult them, and they are not interested in operating flights from Cox's Bazar due to a lack of interest from foreign carriers.

Biman General Manager (Public Relations) Boshra Islam recently told The Daily Star that the ministry and CAAB had not informed them about the upgrade of Cox's Bazar airport.

Wahidul said, "Why would any airline operate from Cox's Bazar with massive losses? In fact, spending thousands of crores on the upgrade without consulting the stakeholders was a suicidal decision."

"The government talked about attracting foreign tourists, but are there any facilities where tourists can enjoy their evenings and nights?" he asked.

Wahidul also refuted the idea that Cox's Bazar might be used as a refuelling hub for overflying foreign aircraft.

"Why will foreign aircraft take fuel from here when the price of jet fuel is comparatively higher in Bangladesh? Besides, landing charges and other fees are also high here," he said.

Wahidul said the key consideration should be whether there are enough passengers and trade activities to sustain international routes.

"The government has always shown ambition about the tourism industry surrounding Cox's Bazar. But the facilities required to draw foreign tourists are lacking," he added.

ATM Nazrul Islam,

another expert, said it appears the international status was granted without considering whether there were sufficient passengers to use the airport.

He said there are still many deficiencies in infrastructure, manpower, security systems, and cargo facilities.

"Amid such shortcomings, how would airlines be interested in operating international flights?" he questioned.

Nazrul said even after many years, Chattogram and Sylhet airports have not been able to become proper international airports due to lack of interest from foreign carriers.

Only two foreign airlines – Air Arabia and Salam Air – operate flights from Chattogram, while no foreign airlines currently operate from Sylhet.

Wahidul said, "It seems clear that no feasibility study was done before undertaking the Cox's Bazar airport project. Those involved in wasting public funds in such a manner must be held accountable."

Meanwhile, sources at Cox's Bazar airport said operating international flights is not possible yet, as the airport lacks international standard passenger services, luggage handling, security equipment, and immigration management.

Additionally, issues remain regarding the airport's fire safety system, navigation system, and trained manpower.

Contacted, Air Commodore Noor-e-Alam, member of air traffic management at CAAB, said, "The government asked us to turn the airport into an international one. We completed all activities and got approval from the necessary international organisations in this regard."



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Notice for Time Extension

Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 230/132/33 kV AIS Substation at Madhabpur and Monohardi including two nos. 132kV bay extension at Bajipur 132/33kV grid substation and associated 230kV and 132kV Transmission Lines on turnkey basis (Package-2)

[OCB No. POWERGRID/ADB/PTSIREP/230kV Monohardi & Madhabpur SS/Package-2]

Ref: IFB No.: 27.21.0000.101.07.429.25.4270, September 16, 2025.

The deadline for submission of bids for the above Works has been extended from November 02, 2025, 11:00 AM Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) to November 23, 2025, 11:00 AM BST.

All other terms and conditions for the above Bidding Document shall remain unaltered.
(Md. Jahangir Azad)
Company Secretary

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