

Despite the rail gate being lowered, cyclists duck underneath to cross the tracks at Tejgaon level crossing in Dhaka, moments before a train passed. In their rush to save a few minutes, they put their lives at serious risk. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Eight held in murder case filed over Ctg Jubo Dal clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A murder case was filed on Tuesday night over a clash between two rival Jubo Dal factions in Chattogram's Bakalia area that left a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activist dead.

The victim, Md Sajjad, 22, was shot dead during an armed confrontation between supporters of Emdadul Haque Badsha and former city unit JCD president Gazi Siraj Ullah in the Bagar Bilmukh area on Bakalia Access Road early Tuesday. The violence reportedly erupted over the tearing of political banners.

Sajjad's father, Md Alam, filed the murder case with Bakalia Police Station, accusing 17 named individuals and around 40 unnamed others.

Confirming the development, Bakalia Police Station Inspector (Investigation) Mozammel Haque said police arrested eight people, including six named in the case.

"They were picked up from different parts of Bakalia. The arrestees were produced before the court yesterday," the police official said.

Community clinic in middle of a paddy field

No access road even after 12 years; patients forced to walk through croplands



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

In Kamrabad union of Jamalpur's Sarishabari upazila, visitors are met with an unusual sight -- a small community clinic standing alone amid a vast paddy field.

The Char Dharaborsha Community Clinic, built on eight decimals of land, donated by a local, was constructed in 2013 at a cost of Tk 20 lakh under the Directorate General of Health Services.

Although it has been operational since June 2015, even after 12 years no access road has been built leading to the clinic. Patients face severe inconvenience as they must walk about 300 metres along narrow ridges through cropland to reach it.

Nearly 10,000 people from nearby villages depend on the clinic for healthcare services.

Patients and health workers said landowners often verbally abuse them

for crossing their paddy fields.

While movement is somewhat possible during the dry season, during monsoon and floods people have to rely on banana rafts or small boats, or trudge through mud and water to reach the clinic, said Alauddin Sheikh, an elderly resident.

Anguri Begum, another local, said, "No one wants to give up their land for a road. So the access road could not be constructed even in 12 years."

Asmaul Husna, a healthcare provider at the clinic, said, "It's a struggle to come to work here daily. Patients have to walk along field ridges and then climb stairs to reach the clinic. Many don't return after visiting once."

Contacted, Dr Debashish Rajbangshi, upazila health and family planning officer in Sarishabari, said, "We've already informed the higher authorities in this regard. Steps will be taken to construct an access road to the clinic soon."

DIU, City univ file counter-cases over Savar clash

Over 1,200 sued for vandalism, arson

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The authorities of City University and Daffodil International University (DIU) have filed counter-cases over the violent clash between their students in Savar.

The cases were filed on Tuesday night with Savar Model Police Station, said Officer-in-Charge Md Jewel Mia.

City University Registrar Prof Mir Akhter Hossain filed a case, naming one individual, Fahad, and approximately 1,000 unidentified students from DIU, while also implicating certain DIU officials of aiding and abetting the students. The accused face charges of unlawfully assembling while armed, entering the City University campus, vandalising and setting fire to vehicles,

using petrol bombs and hand grenades, damaging various university offices, looting valuables, and stealing Tk 1.5 million.

On the other hand, DIU assistant administrative officer filed another case against 250 unidentified City University students.

The accused are alleged to have vandalised Bachelor Paradise, a rented dormitory for DIU students, injured over 150 students, taken 11 of them hostage, demanded ransom, detained them overnight, and forcibly extracted statements at gunpoint.

No arrests have been made so far in connection with either case, the OC added.

The clashes erupted on Sunday night following a dispute reportedly triggered by an incident involving spitting.



Two more die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least two dengue patients died while 964 others were hospitalised in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), one death was reported from the Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) area, while another from Dhaka North.

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of dengue-related deaths this year rose to 275, while total cases rose to 68,428. Currently, 2,841 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - National
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: Bangladesh
Project Name: Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project
Credit No.: 6874-BD
Assignment Title: Selection of consulting firm for independent verification of Enterprise Based Training (EBT)
Reference No.: S90

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include conducting Independent Verification of Enterprise Based Training (EBT).

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.asset-dte.gov.bd or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Accelerating and Strengthening Skills for Economic Transformation (ASSET) Project now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- General Experience of the Firm (core business and years in business, details of business registration certificates, corporate documents).
- Experience in similar assignments of compatible size, complexity and technical specialty in the required area.
- Working experience in the development partner-funded projects will be an added advantage
- Corporate Capacity of the Consultant's organization (manpower resources, financial strength, logistics).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Consultants are requested to submit, but not limited to, the following supporting documents in support of the above-mentioned criteria:

(i) Registration paper of the firm(s); (ii) Firm's brochures; and (iii) description of relevant assignments including nature, total cost, total input in terms of man month, employer, location of service etc.);

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.15, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 [Revised February 2025] ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

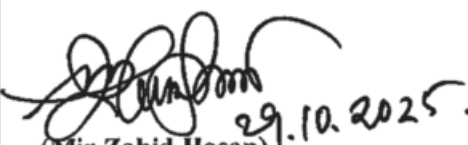
Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

The experience of sub-consultants will not be taken into consideration in the EOI stage. Please don't consider any sub-consultant at this stage. Each short-listed firm have to show the rationale of association with the sub-consultant at the time of proposal submission and have to be fully justified for due-diligence purpose.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Quality and Cost-based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours. 09:00 to 17:00 hours (GMT+06:00).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by November 17, 2025: 14:00 hours (GMT+ 06:00).


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European Bakery Ingredients Company Seeks Strategic Partner for Bangladesh Market Entry

Join a Multinational Network offering proven bakery solutions tailored for Bangladesh's consumer and industrial needs

A leading European bakery company is expanding into Bangladesh and is seeking a business partner or distributor. MTI Consulting - an international strategy consultancy with experience in over 680 projects across 51 countries (www.mtiworldwide.com) - is managing the selection process.

Why Bangladesh?

- Bangladesh's bread and bakery market recorded growth in sales value of 9.8%, reaching \$17.7 billion in 2024
- Annual growth rate: 8.08% (CAGR 2025–2030).
- Third highest per capita bakery consumption in South Asia.
- This is a prime opportunity for growth and partnership.

Partner Requirements

- Strong Financial Strength
- Proven track record working with global food brands
- Ability to serve Industrial and Craft Bakeries, Retail and HoReCa Channels
- Nationwide Distribution Network and coverage
- Food-safe logistics and warehousing infrastructure
- Sales Team: Decentralized, experienced, and nationwide

Benefits

- Represent Leading International Brands in the food and bakery sector.
- Leverage Marketing and Product Placement Expertise to strengthen brand presence and reach.
- Capture significant growth opportunities in Bangladesh's expanding food industry with premium high quality bakery ingredients.

How to Apply

If your organization meets these criteria and is ready to introduce high-quality European bakery products to Bangladesh, please submit a company profile highlighting your strengths in the relevant areas mentioned above.

Email Submission: saima@mtiworldwide.com Application Deadline: Wednesday, 12th November 2025