

Woman hacked 'by stepson' dies

UNB, Cumilla

A woman, who was allegedly hacked by her stepson at Sabdalpur in Chandina upazila of Cumilla on Wednesday night, died in Dhaka yesterday.

The victim is Halima Khatun, 34, second wife of Emdadul Haque Munshi.

According to locals, Emdadul, 75, lost his first wife about three years ago.

He has four sons and three daughters -- all married, and the four sons work in Saudi Arabia. The youngest son, Shahin, returned eight months ago.

Meanwhile, Emdadul married Halima two months ago.

Emdadul said he had gone to the washroom when his wife was hacked.

Former Bataghasi Union Parishad chairman Shahjahan Siraj, said, "He fled after the incident."

Chandina Police OC Javedul Islam said Emdadul has filed a written complaint.



PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Rafiqul Islam bundles water lilies collected from a wetland in Khulna. For 3-4 months each year, low-income residents earn a living by collecting and selling them, with each bundle priced at Tk 10-20. The photo was taken in the Aaronghata area of Khulna recently.

Two children drown in river

UNB, Jhenaidah

Two children drowned in the Nabaganga River in Jhenaidah's Sadar upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased were identified as Arian, 4, son of Sohel Mia, and Tasnim, 4, daughter of Imdadul Islam Tara Mia, both residents of the Katlamari Kuthirpara village under the upazila.

Katlamari Police Camp Sub-Inspector Jahangir Al Mamun said three children went to bathe in the river when Arian and Tasnim accidentally slipped into water and drowned.

The third child ran home and informed their families who later recovered the bodies from the river, he added. Jhenaidah Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdullah Al Mamun said no complaint was lodged by the families and the bodies were handed over to the relatives for burial.

PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 31

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:50	12:30	4:00	5:32	7:15
JAMAAT 5:25	1:15	4:15	5:35	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Empowering rural

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On child marriage, she said the practice continues to rob girls of their adolescence and independence. "When girls are married off early, they lose the chance to study, work, and decide for themselves. Ending child marriage must be part of our national development."

Delivering the keynote, Tajwar Mahmud, project officer at MJF, said rural women work 14 to 16 hours a day in farming, livestock, and household management but are still labelled as "housewives".

"Women now make up 43 percent of the agricultural workforce, up from 36 percent in 2010, yet wage gaps persist. Where a man earns Tk 450 a day, a woman earns only Tk 300," he said.

In her welcome remarks, MJF Executive Director Shaheen Anam said, "Rural women are the backbone of agricultural resilience and community sustainability in Bangladesh. Their knowledge, labour, and leadership are central to combating the growing challenges of climate change."

"Women's unpaid work contributes over 16 percent to the country's GDP but remains invisible," she said. "It's time we recognise rural women as farmers

and ensure they have equal access to government benefits and agricultural support."

She added that in climate-vulnerable areas, social protection measures and resilience initiatives must focus on rural women, who are at the forefront of adaptation.

"Despite various policy initiatives, implementation gaps must be urgently addressed," she noted.

Md Hazrat Ali, director (in charge) of the Crops Wing at the Department of Agricultural Extension, said climate-resilient agriculture must include women farmers and landless workers.

"Agriculture began with women and continues to depend on them," he said. "We must ensure women have access to training, support, and low-interest loans so that no one is left behind."

Among others, Katharina König, deputy team leader of IPAS Bangladesh, said Bangladesh's public health investment is among the lowest in the world relative to GDP. Coastal regions face high vacancy rates, poor infrastructure, and weak service delivery, he said.

Maternal health at risk amid staff

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due to shortages of MCH drugs and contraceptives. About 60 percent of facilities have faced stock-outs, which could increase maternal and neonatal deaths if not addressed immediately, he added.

He also noted that around 30 percent of the health ministry's budget goes unused each year due to poor planning. "Most funds go to equipment procurement, while primary healthcare, which needs skilled staff and an uninterrupted medicine supply, remains underfunded," he said.

"Deploying qualified midwives and FWVs could ensure quality care closer to communities. To achieve SDG targets by 2030, especially reducing maternal and neonatal deaths, 25,000 midwives need to be recruited within the next two to three years," he added.

Dr Sayed Rubayet, country director of IPAS Bangladesh, said Bangladesh's public health investment is among the lowest in the world relative to GDP. Coastal regions face high vacancy rates, poor infrastructure, and weak service delivery, he said.

"Adolescents and sexual and reproductive health are most affected, leading to more gender-based violence, unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions, maternal and neonatal mortality, teenage pregnancies, and

child marriage," he said.

Dr Md Shafiqul Islam, health adviser at the British High Commission Dhaka, said climate challenges must be tackled through local initiative and resourcefulness, not just external aid. He suggested leveraging knowledge, technology, and expertise from developed countries to implement solutions domestically.

Prof Dr Iqbal Kabir, director of Health Services Division at the Ministry of Health, stressed recruiting more skilled professionals, ensuring contingency funds for local health managers, and planning supply chains for monsoon and emergency seasons.

Md Mahbul Alam, country director of Pathfinder International, said health workers lack training in trauma-informed care and disaster response.

Facilities and supply kits are not adapted for climate-vulnerable regions, necessitating urgent evidence-based adaptation, he noted.

Dr Sheikh Shahed Rahman, programme director of Concern Worldwide, urged increasing budgets for climate-vulnerable coastal districts, prioritising workforce retention, and resilient infrastructure.

Md Aktaruzzaman, managing director of Community Clinic Health Service Trust, highlighted the need for more clinics in remote areas and local

funding to address service gaps.

Manish Kumar Agarwal, country director of Concern Worldwide, said high out-of-pocket health costs burden families and called for higher government investment.

The event was moderated by Tanjim Ferdous, in charge of NGOs and foreign missions at The Daily Star.

Dr Dewan Md Emdadul Haque, health manager, Unicef; Rahima Sultana Kazal, executive director of AVAS; Dr Md Humayun Islam Sumon, Amtali UHC, Barguna; Dr ANM Mostafa Kamal Majumder, deputy director of DGFP; and Md Shahidul Islam, deputy director of Family Planning in Patuakhali, also spoke.

Those behind tainted 2018 polls must be brought to justice: DMP chief

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sheikh Md Sazzat Ali yesterday urged officers to perform their duties with 100 percent neutrality during the upcoming national election.

Speaking at a meeting at the Bangladesh Police Auditorium in Rajarbagh, he said, "For a long time, people were deprived of their voting rights. It is our duty to ensure that they can exercise their right to vote -- smoothly and without any obstacles."

"Those responsible for the tainted 2018 parliamentary election must be brought to justice," he added.

He said the DMP would cover the medical expenses of any member injured while on duty.

Around 850 police personnel of various ranks attended the event.

Child abducted with 'devil's breath' rescued after a week

UNB, Dhaka

Members of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) rescued a four-year-old girl who had been abducted using the "devil's breath" drug from Dhaka's Keraniganj on Wednesday.

Rab also arrested three people: Swapan Sardar, 41, and his two wives, Beauty Begum, 40, and Nargis Begum, 30.

"Tipped off, our team conducted a drive in the Charail area of Keraniganj and rescued the girl," said Rab-4 spokesperson Maj Abrar Foyzal Sadi.

The girl was handed over to her family on Wednesday.

Rab-4 sources said the victim's mother passed away three years ago. Since then, the child had been living with her father and grandparents in a house in Mirpur-11.

On October 23, she went missing from near her house, and the family filed a GD with Pallabi Police Station.

On October 29, Rab conducted a drive in Pallabi and arrested Swapan.

During interrogation, Rab members learned that the abducted child had been kept at a house in Charail.

All the arrestees are members of a kidnapping gang, according to Rab.

Upon interrogation, the arrestees said they had planned to sell the abducted girl to a childless couple in exchange for Tk 2.5 lakh.

NOTICE FOR EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Request for Quotation (RFQ) Live Sports TV Production
Bangladesh Premier League T20 - 12th Edition 2026
Ref: BCB/Sports TV Production /BPL T20/ 2025/783
Date: 30th October, 2025

EXTENSION OF RFQ SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Reference is made to the Request for Quotation (RFQ) notice published on 16 October 2025 by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) inviting reputed and qualified Sports TV Production Companies/Firms to submit quotations for providing comprehensive international-standard Live Sports TV Production services for the 12th Edition of BPL T20 - 2026.

This is to inform all concerned that the submission deadline has been extended from Thursday, 30 October 2025 to Wednesday, 5 November 2025.

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

Member Secretary
BPL Governing Council
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)
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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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Reference No: 24.05.0000.546.14.001.25-110
Date: 30.10.2025

e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works.

TID No	Name of the Tender
1146957	Construction of 3 Storied Display-Cum- Sales Centre, Buyers Refreshment & Office Building with 6 Storied Foundation, UGWR including Civil, Sanitary, Electrical works at Tarabo, Ruggonj, Narayanganj.

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To Submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd).

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DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM (DLP)
Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (BADAS)
Website: www.dlpbadas-bd.org

ADMISSION NOTICE
CERTIFICATE COURSE ON DIABETOLOGY (41st Batch)

Applications are invited from physicians (MBBS or equivalent with BMDC registration) for admission into the 41st batch of Certificate Course on Diabetology (CCD), Session January to June-2026. The course was designed by a joint committee of Diabetic Association of Bangladesh (BADAS) and Distance Learning Programmers of Open University of UK for providing standard diabetes care. Students can join the course in Online mode or Offline mode according to their preference. Doctors willing to get admitted into 41st batch are requested to do online registration for both online and offline modes through the DLP website (www.dlpbadas-bd.org). Selected candidates will subsequently get instruction to complete admission procedure. Students are requested to register early as seats are limited. Offline centers will be conducted in Chattogram, Rajshahi, Khulna, Rangpur, Sylhet and Faridpur together with existing offline centers in Dhaka if sufficient number of students are available. For any query please call DLP office (+8801718851777). The Course will start on 30th January 2026.

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