

## Two held over rape of woman in Shariatpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Shariatpur

Police arrested two men yesterday in Shariatpur Sadar upazila on charges of raping the wife of an expatriate living in Italy.

The arrestees were identified as Iqbal Sikder, 35, and Alfar Bepari, 40, said Palang Model Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Helal Uddin.

Following the arrests, the accused were sent to a court, said the OC.

The victim filed a case with the police station, alleging that she was raped early Wednesday when she stepped outside her home.

The accused denied the allegations, claiming the case was fabricated due to a financial dispute, said police.

OC Helal said the medical examination of the woman has been completed.

Police said the investigation is going on, and further action will be taken based on the medical report.

The medical officer concerned said they are yet to receive the medical report.



A man harvests water chestnuts from a waterbody in Rajshahi yesterday. The fruit, locally known as "panifal", can be eaten raw or boiled. The photo was taken in the Deloa Bari area of Naogaon.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

## BSCIC estate struggles to thrive in Rajbari

SUZIT KUMAR DAS, Faridpur

The industrial estate under the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) in Rajbari has been struggling for years, with investors losing interest in setting up new projects due to a host of unresolved problems.

The estate faces poor drainage and waste management, inadequate roads, lack of security, frequent load-shedding and insufficient firefighting measures.

Entrepreneurs say that without proper planning and government support, reviving the estate is nearly impossible.

BSCIC estates are set up across the country to support cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises by providing a secure, service-ready space for operations.

But the Rajbari estate, established in 1964 on 15.28 acres in the Ramkantapur area, lacks even a boundary fence to prevent break-ins. Its already dilapidated roads become submerged after rainfall because of poor drainage. Although it began with 77 plots, only 35 now have operational factories. Of the 53 industries that once ran there, most have shut down.

"The road is so bad that vehicles can hardly enter. Even walking is difficult. We've managed to fix parts of it with bricks on our own,"

said Tariqul Islam, owner of Farms Organic Fertilizer.

Md Ibrahim, manager of Best Agro Solution, said there are no street lights.

"There's no water supply here, and no sanitation facilities for women workers. After rains, the roads become waterlogged and impassable due to overflowing drains," said

Maksud Organic Fertilizer Factory.

Imam-ul Karim Jaki, president of Rajbari Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said, "The BSCIC entrepreneurs receive no government benefits. Many had to shut down their operations due to rising land taxes."

Contacted, Chayan Biswas, assistant general manager of the



worker Happy Akhter.

"Frequent power cuts disrupt production and we face huge losses," said worker Zubayer Hossain.

"There's no security here. Theft is common. Yet, despite repeated complaints, no steps are taken," said Harun ur-Rashid, manager of Khan

Rajbari BSCIC Industrial Estate, said, "We have already discussed these issues with the deputy commissioner, municipality and superintendent of police. Hopefully, with allocation in the next fiscal year, the problems will be resolved gradually."

## CRUDE BOMB ATTACKS

### Arrest those responsible

Says Dhaka's archbishop

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka's Archbishop Bejoy ND Cruze has said the recent series of cocktail bomb explosions at two church premises and a renowned school have raised serious questions about religious freedom in the country.

"Christians in Bangladesh are deeply shocked and alarmed by the unprecedented incidents," he said in a statement yesterday, urging the government to take immediate legal action against those responsible.

He called on the government to ensure that Christians, as well as followers of all other religions, can live safely and practice their faith without fear.

St Mary's Cathedral Church, which also houses the Archbishop's residence, came under crude bomb attack on the night of November 7. Within hours, similar bombs exploded at 2:00am on November 8 at St Joseph's Higher Secondary School in Mohammadpur.

On October 8, crude bombs went off at the centuries-old Holy Rosary Church in Tejgaon.

"An explosion of this nature in such an important and prominent location is extremely tragic and utterly unacceptable," the archbishop said.

## FIRING 177 BANGLADESHIS Ansell cuts ties with Malaysian firm

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Australian buying company, Ansell Limited, has suspended its relationship with Malaysian company Mediceram, which has recently terminated 177 Bangladeshi workers and deported some of them under coercion, said Ansell in a statement on its website on November 12.

Mediceram, supplier of ceramic formers, on October 31, terminated the workers for staging protests against non-renewal of about 90 migrants. These workers had migrated to Malaysia in 2023 but got irregular or no pay, while their work permits were not renewed on time.

In last August, Mediceram entered into a remediation agreement with its workers following concerns raised by its customers including Ansell.

Ansell said progress has been made in implementing this agreement, with more than \$1 million in recruitment fees reimbursed to current workers ahead of originally agreed timelines, supported by favourable trading terms provided by Ansell.

"Ansell was therefore surprised to be informed on October 31 that Mediceram had terminated 177 foreign workers on the grounds of their refusal to work," it said.

"In the absence of any willingness by Mediceram to reconsider, Ansell informed Mediceram on November 4, 2025 that Ansell is suspending its supplier relationship with the company."

## Three more die of dengue, 833 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least three dengue patients died, while 833 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

Of the deaths, one each was reported in areas under Dhaka South City Corporation, Dhaka North City Corporation, and Rajshahi, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

With the new deaths and cases, dengue fatalities this year have risen to 326, while total cases stand at 82,606.

Currently, 3,332 dengue patients are receiving treatment in different hospitals across the country. Contacted, HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, said most deaths occur among patients who arrive at hospitals in extremely critical condition – often too late to be saved.

Many also suffer from complications such as severe bleeding, multi organ failure, pregnancy, or chronic diseases like diabetes and kidney or heart problems, which raise the risk of death, he said.

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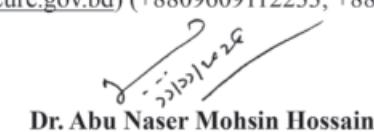
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Sl.	e-Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of goods/works	Date & time of publication on e-GP	Last date & time for selling/ downloading tender document	Tender closing date & time
01	1160495	TFD/Sal Forest/2025-26/W-03	Establishment of Deer Breeding Center and Wild Boar Breeding Center at Lahoria Bit, Jatio Uddan Sador, under Tangail Forest Division	11 November 2025 at 20:16pm	25 November 2025 at 12:00pm	25 November 2025 at 15:00pm
02	1160775	TFD/Sal Forest/2025-26/W-04	Fire lines created to prevent forest fires at Jatio Uddan Sador, Dokhola, Modhupur and Aronkhola Range under Tangail Forest Division	11 November 2025 at 20:38pm	25 November 2025 at 12:00pm	25 November 2025 at 15:00pm
03	1160777	TFD/Sal Forest/2025-26/W-05	Expenditure and renovating Gargaria Lake at Jatio Uddan Sador, under Tangail Forest Division.	11 November 2025 at 20:37pm	25 November 2025 at 12:00pm	25 November 2025 at 15:00pm
04	1160778	TFD/Sal Forest/2025-26/W-06	Re-excavation/renovation of 10 ponds under Modhupur National Park, under Tangail Forest Division.	11 November 2025 at 21:44pm	25 November 2025 at 12:00pm	25 November 2025 at 15:00pm
05	1160779	TFD/Sal Forest/2025-26/W-07	Installing ropeways at the designated locations at Modhupur, under Tangail Forest Division.	11 November 2025 at 22:52pm	25 November 2025 at 12:00pm	25 November 2025 at 15:00pm

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 (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)) (+8809609112233, +880176225528, +880176265529).



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## জাতীয় পরিবেশ পদক-২০২৫

পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণ ও উন্নয়নে অসামান্য অবদানের শীর্ষক প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে জাতীয় পরিবেশ পদক মানিমালা, ২০২২ অনুযায়ী যোগ্য ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান থেকে জাতীয় পরিবেশ পদক ২০২৫ এর আবেদন আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। মানিমালা অনুযায়ী নিম্নোক্ত ক্ষাটোগরিসমূহে

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