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## Port city traffic control yet to go digital

CCC, CMP coordination gap blamed as signals remain out of order

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Even after 48 years of its establishment, Chattogram Metropolitan Police has yet to bring the entire city under a full-fledged digital signal-controlled traffic system.

As a result, vehicular movement at major intersections such as GEC Intersection, Tigerpass, Gate-2, Bahaddarhat and Agrabad is still managed manually by traffic police using hand signals and whistles.

Chattogram City Corporation is the parent authority for installing and maintaining the digital traffic control system, while CMP operates it on the ground.

Police officials said a lack of coordination between CCC and CMP, alongside the absence of a permanent maintenance system, has kept the digital system from becoming functional.

CMP said projects to implement

a digital traffic signal system were taken up at least twice, but both attempts failed.

CCC sources said between 2010 and 2015, around Tk 2 crore was spent to improve the traffic system. Although signal lights were repaired, most became non-functional shortly afterwards.

In 2019, under a pilot project, the police introduced manually operated signal lights at several points, but these also did not yield the desired results.

During construction of the elevated expressway from Lalkhan Bazar to Patenga, several damaged signal lights and poles were removed.

A senior traffic police officer said the police or traffic department are not involved when road development or infrastructure projects are planned. As a result, new traffic management issues emerge once projects are completed, requiring more time

and public money to fix them.

A visit to several major roads showed traffic police struggling to control vehicular movement manually during rush hours. In some places, ropes are used to mark lanes. Most of the 10 traffic police personnel this correspondent spoke to said many drivers do not follow hand signals, making the future enforcement of signal lights even more challenging.

Commuter Omar Faruk Emon said, "There have long been no traffic signal lights in Chattogram city. Even if those are installed now, the main challenge is whether people will comply, and it may require awareness campaigns."

CMP Additional Commissioner (Traffic) Asfikuzzaman Aktar said, "Earlier, we had traffic signal lights, but those are no longer functioning. CMP currently controls traffic through four zones, but a coordinated signal system has

not been implemented anywhere."

He said installation and maintenance fall under CCC, while CMP is the user. "We have conducted some research to reduce traffic congestion more efficiently. We must work together and take collective action for a better system in our city," he added.

CCC Mayor Shahadat Hossain said a smart traffic management system is essential, calling for automatic traffic signals, CCTV surveillance, facial recognition cameras, lane markings, modern zebra crossings and push-button systems at important intersections. "We plan to work on these issues in coordination with CMP," he said.

Civil rights activist and senior civil engineer Subhash Barua warned that "project after project will be conducted in vain, wasting public money" if coordination remains absent.

## CU turns 60

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University, one of the country's leading institutions for higher education, marks its 60th founding anniversary today.

The day will be celebrated with a series of programmes, including discussions, reminiscence sessions and cultural events.

Nestled amid hills and greenery across 2,300 acres, CU was established in 1966 with only a few faculties, classrooms and modest infrastructure.

Today, the university ranks among the country's leading institutions, with around 27,550 students and 907

teachers, nine faculties, six institutes and more than 54 departments. It also has 21 affiliated institutions and is recognised as a wildlife sanctuary due to its rich biodiversity.

Over the past three decades, rapid development has transformed CU into a modern university with new departments, faculties, IT infrastructure, roads, laboratories and smart classrooms.

The central library is one of the country's largest, hosting thousands of books, journals, digital archives and online resources that continue to support advanced research and higher studies.

Over the past six decades, CU has produced eminent teachers and researchers, including National Award and Ekushey Padak recipients. Nobel Peace Prize recipient Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus was also a former CU faculty member.

## Russian navy ship arrives in Ctg on goodwill visit



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Russian Navy ship Gremyashchy yesterday arrived at Chattogram Port on a five-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh.

The Chief Staff Officer, on behalf of the Chattogram Naval Area Commander, officially welcomed the visiting ship's officers and crew.

High-ranking local naval officers and the Russian military attaché to Bangladesh were also present, says a press release from the Bangladesh Navy.

The visiting delegation is scheduled to pay courtesy calls on several senior officials, including: Commander, Chattogram Naval Area; Commander, BN Fleet; Area Superintendent, Dockyard; and Chairman of Chattogram Port Authority.

The ship is scheduled to depart Bangladesh on November 21.

## Mother, son killed over 'land dispute'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

A mother and her son were stabbed to death in Cumilla's Adarsha Sadar upazila yesterday.

The incident took place around 6:30am in Basantapur village of Pachthubi union under the upazila.

The deceased are Rahela Begum, 62, and her son Kamal Hossain, 40.

Quoting relatives of the deceased, Sharif Ibne Alam, investigation officer of Kotwali Model Police Station, said Bilal Hossain, the elder son of Rahela, allegedly stabbed his mother and brother following a land dispute.

A police team has been sent to the scene, Sharif said, adding that the bodies will be sent for autopsy.

No case has been filed yet, and no arrests have been made, he added.

## ASHUGANJ FERTILISER COMPANY Workers demand resumption of urea production

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B'baria

Workers and employees of the Ashuganj Fertiliser and Chemical Company Limited in Brahmanbaria yesterday held a demonstration to press home their demand for an uninterrupted gas supply to resume urea production at the plant.

Urea production at the plant has been suspended since March 1.

The demonstration began around 8:30am at the factory's main gate.

Union leaders and workers said the suspension of gas has halted daily production of roughly 1,150 tonnes of urea, pushing the country towards expensive fertiliser imports



## Tourists flock to Sajek as winter sets in Hotels, resorts nearly full

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

With the onset of winter, advance room bookings in resorts and cottages have increased in the Sajek tourist centre of Rangamati's Baghaichari upazila.

According to the Sajek Resort Cottage Owners' Association, the area currently has more than 100 resorts and cottages. About 80 percent of the rooms have already been booked in advance for this week, while bookings for the weekend stand at 100 percent.

Suparna Deb Barman, president of the association, said tourists have already started to arrive. "On an average, about 700 to 1,000 tourists are arriving daily. Besides, all the resorts and cottages got booked in advance for Friday, while about 80 percent bookings are for other days this week."

Meanwhile, hotels and motels in Rangamati town have also been booked in advance.

## Consultancy Opportunities

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka is inviting applications from interested consultants to carry out capacity building and legal support to promote productive employment and decent work in the shrimp supply chains in Khulna region, Bangladesh (ILO-CO Dhaka). The Terms of Reference (ToR) can be reviewed from the [United Nations Global Market Place \(UNMP\) at](http://www.unmp.org/Public/Notice/284415) <https://www.unmp.org/Public/Notice/284415> Jaggaer ref: RFX\_3199

The deadline for submission of proposal is Monday, November 24, 2025, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

## উইল্স লিটল ফ্লাওয়ার স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ

৮৫ কার্যালয়, রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০। মোবাইল: ০১৭১৫-০২৮২৭, ০১৬১-১৮০৩০৮, ০১৬২-১৮৭৬২ (আফিস চাকানী সহ্য)

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## ভর্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

উইল্স লিটল ফ্লাওয়ার স্কুল এন্ড কলেজে ২০২৬ শিক্ষাবর্ষে নিম্নে বর্ণিত শ্রেণিতে শুরূ আসনে ছাত্রাচারী ভর্তি করা হবে :

মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তরের নির্দেশনা মোতাবেক নিম্নোক্ত শ্রেণিতে ভর্তি প্রক্রিয়া সম্পন্ন করা হবে :

ক্লাস	বাংলা মাধ্যম	ইংরেজি ভাষার (যানবান কারিগুরাম)	বরম পুরুষ ও প্রেরণশৈলী এবং প্রযোজন করার তারিখ	শিক্ষা প্রযোজনে স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ
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২.	২য় শ্রেণি থেকে ৪য় শ্রেণি (প্রতিষ্ঠান শাখা- ছাত্রী- নিবারণ শাখা- ছাত্র)	২য় শ্রেণি থেকে ৪য় শ্রেণি (প্রতিষ্ঠান শাখা- ছাত্রী- নিবারণ শাখা- ছাত্র)	০১/১/২০২৫ পুরুষ সকল ১১,০০ টাকা	শিক্ষা প্রযোজনে কর্তৃপক্ষ দ্বারা প্রযোজন করার অনুমতি

<http://gsa.teletalk.com.bd> এবং মাধ্যমে আবেদন করে ভর্তির ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের পূর্বে ১০টাকা Pre-paid Mobile নম্বর

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