

Two arrested, firearms recovered

BSS, Lakshmipur

Army arrested two people and recovered five firearms and ammunition during a raid in Lakshmipur Sadar upazila early yesterday.

A foreign-made revolver, four locally made LG firearms, 16 rounds of LG ammunition and three mobile phones were recovered from the spot.

The arrestees were identified as Alauddin alias Alauddin Barkat, 40, and Parvez Hossain, 35.

Army sources said the operation was conducted at a rented house in Birahimpur village under Bashikpur union, led by Lt Imtiaz Hossain of the Lakshmipur Sadar Army Camp. During the raid, three other suspects managed to flee after opening fire.

Law enforcers said several cases are pending against them, and efforts are underway to arrest the fugitives identified as Jobair Hossain Shanto, Iqbal and Choto Yusuf.

Capt Md Rahat Khan of the Lakshmipur Army Camp said the raid was part of regular operations aimed at curbing criminal activities.

Woman killed in Lakshmipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

An elderly woman was murdered in Lakshmipur after intruders entered her room early yesterday and struck her on the head with a hammer.

The incident occurred at the house of Yasin Mijhi in South Majupur village, ward 10 of the municipality.

The deceased was identified as Sakina Begum, 60.

Inspector (Investigation) Jholok Mohanta of Lakshmipur Sadar Model Police Station told The Daily Star that four people, including two relatives of the victim, have been taken to the police station for questioning.

Sakina, wife of late Safi Ullah, lived with her elder daughter-in-law, Ruby, while her two sons reside abroad.

According to family members, miscreants broke in through the roof staircase and attacked her as she slept. She was taken to Lakshmipur Sadar Hospital and died while being transferred to Dhaka. Police said her gold ornaments were untouched, suggesting possible prior enmity amid ongoing family disputes. Preparations are underway to file a case.



Fishermen prepare for their next voyage aboard two moored vessels at the New Fishery Ghat on the Karnaphuli River in Chattogram. After spending 15 to 25 days fishing in the deep sea, they return briefly to shore to repair boats and nets and stock food and fuel before setting out again. The photo was taken recently.

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Open garbage bins a nuisance on Ctg's busy roads



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ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Open garbage sheds and bins along busy thoroughfares in Chattogram city have remained a persistent public nuisance for years, despite the Chattogram City Corporation's door-to-door waste collection initiative launched nearly eight years ago.

Overflowing waste from these bins often spills onto the roads, obstructing vehicular movement and posing hazards for pedestrians. This issue is especially noticeable in areas such as Katalganj, Sholashahar Gate No 2, Chittagong College Road (Parade Corner), Nabab Sirajuddaula Road (Machhua Jharna area), and Dampara MM Ali Road.

"I have to hold my breath while passing by the wastebin placed in the middle of the main road just beside the entrance of our lane," said Rupa Dutta, a resident of Machhua Jharna.

An open garbage shed along the Chawkbazar-Muradpur Road, set up three years ago for "effective waste management", has instead become a major source of public discomfort for residents of Katalganj and Panchlaish, as well as for daily commuters.

In particular, patients visiting the many private hospitals and diagnostic centres along the road, as well as students from nearby schools, face

severe inconvenience due to the stench and traffic congestion.

"Can a dustbin be placed on a busy road in a civilised country?" questioned Zahirul Islam, a resident of Katalganj.

The CCC had previously announced plans to remove all open bins and garbage sheds by March 2017. At that time, the city had around 1,350 open bins. The corporation later distributed approximately 9,00,000 bins across 41 wards to promote door-to-door waste collection.

However, eight years on, many open bins and sheds remain in place.

Pranab Kumar Sharma, CCC's deputy chief conservancy officer, said, "These dumpsters allow our conservancy workers to temporarily store household waste before it is transported to landfills."

Regarding the placement of bins along busy roads, Sharma blamed public resistance to allocating land for waste disposal.

"Local people do not want to leave any land for setting up a dumpster. As such, we are compelled to set up the bins on roadsides without finding any alternative," he said.

The CCC is currently searching for land to establish secondary transfer stations, which are intended to temporarily hold garbage before it is taken to landfills, Sharma added.

Expelled BNP leader Akhtaruzzaman joins Jamaat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Major (ret'd) Akhtaruzzaman, a former lawmaker and a freedom fighter who was expelled from the BNP multiple times on charges of breaking party discipline, has joined Jamaat-e-Islami.

The joining ceremony was held yesterday morning at Jamaat-e-Islami's central office in Moghbazar, Dhaka, in the presence of Jamaat Ameer Shaheer Rahman.

According to a press release issued from Jamaat's central office, the former BNP leader Akhtaruzzaman expressed deep confidence and satisfaction in Jamaat-e-Islami's principles and ideology, its patriotism, and its steadfast stance on safeguarding the country's independence and sovereignty.

He formally joined Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami by filling out the form for primary associate membership, the release said.

The press release also noted that Akhtaruzzaman pledged to remain loyal to Jamaat's rules, ideology, party discipline and organisational allegiance at all times.

Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Parwar and Assistant Secretary General Maulana Abdul Halim, among others, were present at the event.

Akhtaruzzaman hails from Katiadi upazila in Kishoreganj. He was elected to parliament twice in 1991 and 1996 from the Kishoreganj-2 constituency on BNP ticket. At the time, the constituency comprised only Katiadi upazila. Pakundia upazila has since been added to the constituency.

In the 11th national parliamentary election, he contested the seat on a BNP ticket again but lost to former inspector general of police Noor Mohammad, who contested as an Awami League candidate. Akhtaruzzaman also served as president of the district BNP. He was most recently expelled from the BNP for the fifth time on February 20, 2022.

New cath lab installed at CMCH

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

A new cath lab has been installed at the cardiology department of Chattogram Medical College Hospital in a significant boost to the overburdened facility.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum officially inaugurated the unit on Friday.

Physicians, however, indicated that it will take some time before the cath lab becomes fully operational.

The CMCH Cardiology Department currently treats up to 300 patients daily against a 160-bed capacity.

CMCH originally had two cath labs, but one has been non-functional since 2022. The remaining lone operational cath lab used to be left severely strained as it performed an average of eight angiograms and two to three stent procedures daily. It also performed one to two pacemaker implant surgeries weekly.

The functioning lab, which currently has a warranty valid till 2027, experienced a five-day

technical fault earlier in September due to excessive use, and doctors feel it has already completed its optimal service lifespan.

Repairing the non-operational cath lab would cost approximately Tk 3 crore, primarily because the supplier's warranty period has expired, said CMCH sources. As such, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in May decided that one of two unused cath labs from Manikganj Medical College Hospital will be transferred to CMCH as a cost-effective alternative.

Dr Nur Uddin Tarek, associate professor and head of the CMCH Cardiology Department, said, "The addition of another cath lab will enhance our services. However, considering the current volume of patients we receive, at least one more machine is necessary."

CMCH Director Brig Gen Mohammad Taslim Uddin said, "The new angiogram machine will benefit cardiac patients in Chattogram by significantly enhancing services and reducing long waiting times."



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Memo No. 25.36.3900.164.07.001.24/949

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