HADI KILLING

Islami Andolon to stage rally in Dhaka on January 9

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Islami Andolon Bangladesh (IAB) will hold a mass rally in Dhaka on January 9 demanding the arrest of those responsible for the killing of Shaheed Sharif Osman Hadi and to build public opinion in favour of the July Charter.

The party announced the decision in a release yesterday, following its regular meeting on Thursday at the central office in Purana Paltan, chaired by IAB Ameer Syed Muhammad Rezaul Karim.

Earlier, Jamaat-e-Islami said it would organise a rally in Dhaka on January 3 with the same demand.

According to IAB, the January 9 rally will also press for improvement of the law and order situation, recovery of illegal arms, creation of a level playing field, and promotion of the July Charter through a referendum.

At the meeting, the IAB ameer expressed concern over deteriorating law and order and criticised the failure to bring Osman Hadi's killers to justice. The meeting was attended by IAB Secretary General Yunus Ahmed, Assistant Secretary General Gazi Ataur Rahman, Ashraful Alam, Sheikh Fazle Bari Masud, Assistant Secretary General KM Atikur Rahman, Organising Secretary Shah Iftekhar Tariq, and other central leaders.

EDUCATION GROWER ASSOCIATION

A beacon of hope for students in Jamuna shoals

SAHIDUL ISLAM NIRAB, *Jamalpur*

The prospect of higher education is often a distant dream for many students hailing from rural areas, especially those residing in the remote shoals.

To turn that dream into reality for students living in shoals of Jamuna river under Sadar and Kazipur upazilas of Sirajganj, a platform -- Education Grower Association -- has been working tirelessly since its inception on May 3, 2022.

What began as an initiative of a small group of 100 public university students from the two upazilas has now become a beacon of hope for hundreds of students from the marginalised rural communities.

The organisation is dedicated to its mission to make higher education opportunities accessible to rural students and promote a culture of pursuing knowledge, raising awareness, and foster empowerment.

Every year, EGA organises various events

including scholarship examinations for school and college students, workshops on higher education, and different religious and cultural competitions, including Quran recitation, Islamic songs, and extempore speeches, creating opportunities for rural students to develop both academically and socially.

On June 9 this year, the organisation hosted its fourth annual grand event, bringing together around 1,000 students from 24 schools and marking yet another milestone in its ongoing journey of educational transformation along the Jamuna river basin.

At the event, more than 150 winners received awards in recognition of their academic excellence and dedication, while 24 newly admitted public university students were accorded reception for their success and perseverance.

To enhance educational standards, EGA conducts model tests for SSC candidates, offers merit-based coaching for university admission seekers, and promote environmental awareness through its "Greening Schools" initiative, where quiz winners receive tree saplings as prizes.

Beyond academics, the organisation also works to build a drug-free, corruption-free, and socially responsible generation and inspire them to emerge as changemakers in future.

Faridul Islam, senior adviser of EGA and an engineering graduate from Buet, said, "EGA is a unique initiative to promote education among underprivileged students in the riverine shoal areas, enhance their self-confidence, and pave way for raising social awareness and transformation."

Mehedi Hasan Swapno, the platform's general secretary and a student of Chittagong University, said, "Our commitment is to bring the light of education to every home in the remote shoal areas."

EGA president Muddachsir Rahman, a student of Dhaka University, added, "Education is the key for a person to overcome limitations and achieve success. From the Jamuna shoals, we are proving that when youth rise with purpose, even the smallest spark can ignite a revolution."

Md Faridul Islam, a guardian and social activist, said, "I see hope in EGA's vision of nurturing a generation of confident and conscious youth. When education and empathy walk together, true progress begins."

Fire at Gazipur jhut warehouse

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Gazipur*

A fire broke out at a jhut warehouse in the Konabari area of Gazipur early yesterday.

The fire started at the godown of Yasin Enterprise at around 4:00am.

Five units of the fire service were working on the site to extinguish the blaze.

Confirming the matter, Saiful Islam, in-charge of the Konabari Fire Service and Civil Defence Station, told The Daily Star, "Our units were immediately sent to the spot. Currently, the fire is largely under control..."

Fire service sources said the fire spread quickly due to the huge amount of jhut (garment waste) and flammable materials stored in the godown. However, it was initially learnt that the fire did not spread to any nearby homes or factories. No casualties have been reported so far.

Farmer killed in elephant attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

A farmer was killed in an elephant attack at Banshkhali Eco Park in Chattogram yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Kamal Uddin, 45, a resident of Chambal union under the upazila.

Anisuzzaman Sheikh, deputy ranger of the Chattogram Wildlife Management Division, told The Daily Star that the forest department received information around 10:00am, and a team later recovered the body from the park area.

He said some portions of land inside the eco park are privately owned, and Kamal used to cultivate crops on one such plot. The attack occurred when he went to his farmland in the morning.

"The victim sustained severe injuries to his head and chest after being attacked by an elephant," said Anisuzzaman, adding that the body was handed over to the family after recovery.

Venezuela releases 99 post-polls prisoners on Christmas

AFP, *Caracas*

Venezuela released 99 prisoners on Christmas, with the government calling it a goodwill gesture as it assesses arrests made after President Nicolas Maduro's reelection.

"The national government and the justice system have decided to evaluate each case individually and, in accordance with the law," released 99 citizens "as a concrete expression of the State's commitment to peace, dialogue and justice," the Ministry of Penitentiary Services said.

"They were deprived of liberty for their participation in acts of violence and incitement to hatred following the electoral day of July 28, 2024," government officials added.

Tumultuous post-election demonstrations followed Maduro's widely disputed claim to reelection in 2024, with the opposition claiming victory for the now-exiled former ambassador Edmundo Gonzalez Urrutia.

Around 2,400 people were arrested but nearly 2,000 have since been released.

The release conditions for those freed on Thursday were unclear. AFP requested details from the Prosecutor's Office but there was no immediate response.

In Venezuela, there are at least 902 political prisoners, according to the most recent count available from Foro Penal, a local NGO.

The ministry's statement confirmed an earlier report about the Christmas Day releases from the Committee for the Freedom of Political Prisoners, an advocacy group made up of rights activists and relatives of political prisoners.

"We celebrate the release of more than 60 Venezuelans, who should never have been arbitrarily detained," committee head Andreina Baduel told AFP, citing an earlier release count.

"Although they are not entirely free, we will continue working for their full freedom and that of all political prisoners."

According to relatives, the detainees has been held at the Tocoron maximum-security prison in Aragua state, about 134 kilometers (83 miles) from the capital Caracas.

Among those released was Marggie Orozco, a 65-year-old physician held for "treason, incitement to hatred and conspiracy" after criticizing Maduro in a voice message, the NGO Justice, Encounter and Pardon told AFP.

Maduro has said his goal this Christmas season was to defend his people's "right to happiness."

Ten dead, 32 hurt in Mexico bus crash

AFP, *Mexico City*

A bus accident in eastern Mexico has left at least 10 people dead and another 32 injured, authorities in the state of Veracruz said Thursday.

The crash occurred on Christmas Eve in the town of Zontecomatlan, while the vehicle traveled from Mexico City to the village of Chicontepec.

"At this stage we have confirmed nine adults and one child dead," the Zontecomatlan mayor's office said in a statement.

The municipality also released a list of 32 people injured, and the hospitals to which they were admitted.

Fatal road accidents, often involving buses or trucks, are common in Mexico. They are often caused by speeding or mechanical failure.

In late November, 10 people were killed and 20 other injured in a similar accident in the western state of Michoacan.

Green crops replace

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Raw peanuts sell for Tk 2,000–2,500 per maund, while dried peanuts fetch Tk 4,500–5,000 per maund. In contrast, tobacco prices fluctuate sharply and unsold leaves often go to waste, said farmer Kaising Ong.

Environmental activist Lelung Khumi said promoting green crops instead of tobacco in hilly areas such as Thanchi could significantly reduce deforestation while ensuring sustainable livelihoods.

He added that government support through training, quality seeds and improved market access could further accelerate the transition away from tobacco cultivation.

According to the upazila agriculture office, Thanchi has 12,973 hectares of cultivable land, around 90 percent of which lies along the Sangu river and adjoining areas.

Official data show a steady decline in tobacco cultivation over the past five years. In 2020–21, tobacco covered 85 percent of the net cultivable land. This fell to around 30 percent in 2025–26.

"We work year-round with marginal farmers to discourage tobacco cultivation and promote green crops like peanuts, mustard and watermelon. Farmers are responding positively, and production is improving," said Md Wali Hossain Suman, upazila agriculture officer of Thanchi.

18 held so far

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Speaking to The Daily Star, ASP Mamun said after the remand period, six of the 12 accused were produced before the court yesterday, and four gave confessional statements under Section 164.

"They admitted their involvement and provided important information. As the incident is very sensitive, we are closely reviewing the statements," he said.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 523 OF 2025

1.Saad Textile Processing Ltd. (Transferee-Petitioner)
2.Isa Washing Ltd. (Transferor-Petitioner)
-VERSUS –
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (Respondent)

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under Section 228 read with Section 229 of the Companies Act, 1994, being Company Matter No. 2161 of 2025, for sanctioning the Scheme of Amalgamation for the amalgamation of Saad Textile Processing Ltd. (the "Transferee - Petitioner") with Isa Washing Ltd. (the "Transferor- Petitioner"), whereby the entire undertaking of the Transferor-Petitioner as a going concern is proposed to be transferred and vested in the Transferee-Petitioner, with the Transferee-Petitioner being the surviving entity, was filed and moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. After preliminary hearing, Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel, the Hon'ble Justice of the High Court Division, vide Order dated 3rd December 2025, was pleased to admit the application and directed the Petitioners to convene separate meetings of all shareholders and creditors of the Petitioners for the purpose of placing the Scheme of Amalgamation before them and obtaining their approval. The Hon'ble Court further directed the Petitioners to file an Affidavit-in-Compliance on or before 3rd February 2026. Pursuant to the said Order, all members and creditors of the Petitioner companies are hereby requested to attend the meetings at Gawsia Kashem Center (1st Floor), 10/2 Arambag, Motijheel, Dhaka, Bangladesh, on the following dates and times for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, approving the Scheme of Amalgamation proposed to be made between the Transferee-Petitioner and Transferor-Petitioner: Shareholders meeting of Saad Textile Processing Ltd. will be held on date 21/01/2026 at 11.00 A.M and creditors meeting on date 22/01/2026 at 11.30 A.M Shareholders meeting of Isa Washing Ltd. will be held on date 21/01/2026 at 3.00 P.M and creditors meeting on date 22/01/2026 at 3.30 P.M. All members and creditors are requested to attend the said meetings either in person or through a duly appointed proxy or authorized representative by completing the prescribed proxy form or authorization letter. Any person interested in contesting the application may appear before the Hon'ble High Court Division in person or through an Advocate on the date of hearing. A copy of the application and the Scheme of Amalgamation may be collected from the registered offices of the Petitioner companies.

Yours faithfully, Md. Shamim Darji, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Mobile No.01975488451, Address: Ain Pal, Suite # 11B, Meherba Plaza, 33 Topkhana Road, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000

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তফসিল "ক" (গাড়ীর প্রকৃতি, নম্বর ও অবস্থান ইত্যাদি)

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তফসিল "গ" (দরপ্রস্তাব গ্রহণ, দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও স্থান)

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