

ACC sues 93
over Tk 47cr
UCB loan scam

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The ACC has filed seven cases against 93 individuals over embezzling nearly Tk 47 crore in loans from various branches of United Commercial Bank using fake companies and nominal borrowers.

ACC officials filed the cases yesterday with the ACC Chattogram-1 Integrated District Office.

According to case statements, at least Tk 46.73 crore was siphoned off by opening current accounts in the names of farmers, day labourers and tailors from rural areas, falsely presenting them as business owners and securing loans under the names of non-existent firms.

ACC Deputy Director Subel Ahmed told The Daily Star that NID cards and other personal information of villagers were collected and misused to embezzle large sums through fake entities. The FIRs state that the loans were disbursed from the bank's Chawkbazar, Pahartali, Port and Bahaddarhat branches by opening accounts in the names of non-existent firms such as Hossan Trading, Karnaphuli Emporium, Cats Eye Corporation, Shah Trading, etc.

The commission said former top executives, branch managers and credit officials of the bank colluded to approve the loans using fake trade licences, forged documents and fabricated verification reports.

The FIRs also mentioned the alleged involvement of the bank's former directors Anisuzzaman Chowdhury Rony and Bashir Ahmed.

UAE pardons 25
Bangladeshis
jailed over protests

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has pardoned 25 Bangladeshi citizens who were previously convicted in the Emirate.

The pardon was granted following a request from Bangladesh, which sought clemency for the expatriates arrested in connection with the events surrounding the July 2024 uprising in Bangladesh and subsequently sentenced by UAE courts, according to a statement issued by the UAE embassy in Dhaka.

"All 25 individuals have been pardoned and returned to Bangladesh," the statement confirmed.

The embassy described the decision as a humanitarian gesture, saying, "This reflects the UAE leadership's commitment to compassion, tolerance, and justice, as well as the deep-rooted, brotherly relations between the United Arab Emirates and the People's Republic of Bangladesh."



On both sides of a key arterial road connecting Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj, contractor companies have occupied more than half of the carriageway to produce cement blocks, severely disrupting pedestrian and vehicular movement. The work has been ongoing for months due to a lack of proper supervision by the authorities, alleged locals. The photo was taken in the Court Dhalan area recently.

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JAMALPUR GENERAL HOSPITAL

Child patients surge
as cold bites

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The number of child patients suffering from cold-related illnesses has been rising steadily at Jamalpur General Hospital, with the paediatric ward becoming increasingly crowded as temperatures drop.

Hospital sources said most children currently admitted to the ward are suffering from pneumonia, cold and fever, or diarrhoea. With admissions continuing to climb, two to three children are often treated on a single bed.

Eight-month-old Khadija is among the patients receiving treatment. She was admitted with pneumonia last Thursday morning.

Khadija's mother, Happy Begum, said her daughter's condition has improved since admission. "After the cold intensified, my child fell sick. Medicines from the local pharmacy did not help. Now

she is better, but the ward is overcrowded," she said.

Doctors said the number of patients suffering from cold-related diseases has increased sharply with the fall in temperature, affecting children

were children suffering from pneumonia, cold and fever, or diarrhoea. Although the paediatric ward has only 24 beds, 111 children were admitted there, while 45 children were receiving treatment at the 24-

highlighted staffing shortages at the hospital. Of the 71 sanctioned posts for physicians, only 36 are currently filled. The paediatric department has three specialists – one junior consultant and two medical officers – while the post of senior consultant has remained vacant for a long time.

Nurse Sadia Akter said the patient load has been increasing every day. "Most children are suffering from cold and fever. Managing so many patients at once is extremely challenging," she said.

Assistant Director of the hospital, Dr Mahfuzur Rahman, said, "Every year, the number of patients rises during winter. This year is no exception, with a noticeable increase in cold-related illnesses. However, the number of admitted children is nearly three times higher than the available paediatric beds."



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and elderly people the most.

According to hospital records, a total of 553 patients were admitted to the hospital on Thursday. Of them, 142

bed paediatric special care unit. Another 31 children were admitted to the diarrhoea ward.

The growing number of paediatric patients has also

Don't join Gaza
Stabilization Force
Palestine Solidarity
Committee urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Palestine Solidarity Committee, Bangladesh yesterday strongly condemned and protested the interim government's interest in principle in joining the proposed international stabilisation force for Gaza, expressing deep concern and demanding an immediate withdrawal from the decision.

In a statement, Prof Dr Md Harun-or-Rashid, member secretary of the committee, said women and children in Gaza are living in inhumane conditions amid extreme winter, facing the threat of death due to a severe shortage of food, shelter and water, while no one is standing by them in this crisis.

He said the international community bears responsibility for addressing the situation. However, instead of protecting Palestinians, US President Donald Trump has adopted a plan to form an International Stabilization Force for Gaza, the statement alleged.

According to the statement, the main responsibility of the proposed force would be to disarm freedom fighters in Gaza under the pretext of ensuring the security of Israel, and thereby eliminate the Palestinian resistance movement.

The committee expressed concern that National Security Advisor Khalilur Rahman, who is visiting the United States, has conveyed Bangladesh's interest in participating in the stabilisation force for Gaza during a meeting in Washington with US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Alison Hooker and Assistant Secretary of State Paul Kapoor.

The Chief Advisor's Press Wing released the information.

The Palestine Solidarity Committee, Bangladesh strongly condemned and protested the initiative, reiterating its demand for the government to withdraw from the decision immediately.

The statement said the people of Bangladesh have always stood firmly in favour of the rights and freedom of the Palestinian people. "We strongly demand an immediate end to this heinous act of the government," it added.

In November last year, the UN Security Council passed a US-sponsored resolution backing US President Donald Trump's 20-point plan for ending Israel's war on Gaza. One of the clauses supported the creation and deployment of an international stabilisation force to provide security and oversight of the ceasefire agreement in Gaza.



A festival
of greens

Thakurgaon celebrates
'Shak Pitari' festival

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The Shak Pitari Festival, a community-led rural gathering featuring communal dining, art, songs and film screenings, was held yesterday at Sonapatila village in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila, aiming to transfer elderly women's knowledge of wild leafy greens to the younger generation.

The day-long celebration centred on showcasing dishes prepared from foraged wild greens and related artworks.

The event was initiated by Gidree Bawlee Foundation of Arts in association with the British Council, aiming to preserve inter-generational knowledge of edible plants.

Joba Rani, 28, of Sonapatila village took part in the event with six dishes prepared from leafy greens, including Ghima Tita, Bathua, Dhekia, Dulfu, Hengsha and Kolmi. She said she collected the leaves from around her house and nearby barren lands.



She said she has attended the event every year since the festival began in 2022.

Nosiman Begum, 50, and Rejina, 45, of the village also attended the event with several dishes, saying it gave them a chance to meet others and sample each other's cooking.

Chowdhury Fardin, a student from Sarkarpara in Thakurgaon municipality, who visited the event, said, "It is hard to imagine an event centred solely on leafy greens. I counted the dishes, and there were 80 different preparations of cooked greens, most of which I did not recognise. This was the first time I tried several greens, including Ghechu, Shushni, and Shulkas."

Speaking about the event, Salma Jamal Mousum, research and planning director of Gidree Bawlee Foundation of Arts, said, "The current generation does not know the names or benefits of many of these greens. Through various activities at the festival, that knowledge is being passed on and promoted."

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Memo No. JPS/PROKU/2025-2026/475 Date: 07/01/2026

e-Tender Notice No. 02/2025-26

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of below Schemes/Packages:

Sl. No.	Package No. & e-Tender ID No.	Name of work	Tender last selling date & time	Tender closing & opening date & time	Procurement method
01	e-GP/Vehicle-repair/25-26/01 Tender ID: 1207743	Repair work of Truck No. 05 damaged by fire under Joypurhat Pourashava, Joypurhat	21-01-2026 Time-16:00	22-01-2026 Time-14:00	OTM
02	e-GP/Vehicle-repair/25-26/02 Tender ID: 1207744	Repair work of unused Truck No. 10 under Joypurhat Pourashava, Joypurhat	21-01-2026 Time-16:00	22-01-2026 Time-14:00	OTM

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1210221 Ref: 56.03.0000.000.001.25.0001.22-475 Date: 11.01.2026	Information Security Training (Certified Ethical Hacker Version-13 with AI and Certified Information System Auditor (CISA)).	27 January 2026 at 11:00	27 January 2026 at 14:00

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