

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 Bangladeshi citizens jailed over protests

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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

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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

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-

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

The growing number of paediatric patients has also

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."



A festival of greens

Thakurgaon celebrates 'Shak Pitari' festival

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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, Dheki, Dulfai, 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 Sarkarpura 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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নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির পদসংখ্যা সংশোধন প্রসঙ্গে

এ সচিবালয়ের বিগত ০১ জানুয়ারি, ২০২৬ তারিখের বিজ্ঞতি নম্বরঃ ০৮/২০২৬ এর মাধ্যমে প্রকাশিত নিম্নোক্ত ২টি কাটিগরিতে শৃঙ্খল পদের সংখ্যা পুনর্নির্ধারণ করা হোলো

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২	এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (আইটি) / সিলিন্ডার অফিসার (এসিস্ট্যান্ট হার্ডওয়ার ইঞ্জিনিয়ার) /এসিস্ট্যান্ট মেইনটেনেন্স ইঞ্জিনিয়ার ইঞ্জি/ সহকারী রক্ষাবেদ্ধণ প্রক্রোলী (প্রেস্ট-৯)	টার্ক ২২,০০০- ৫৩,০৬০ এবং তৎসম নিয়মানুযায়ী প্রদেয় অন্যান্য সুবিধা।	৩৪টি	সোনালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি- ০৩টি কল্পনা ব্যাংক পিএলসি- ১৫টি বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক-০৬টি আর্থনৈতিক প্রতিপি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংক-০৫টি প্রবালী কল্যাণ ব্যাংক-০৪টি	25107

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