



Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, along with journalists and employees of the newspaper, celebrated Staff Day with much enthusiasm yesterday. On the occasion, many were recognised for their outstanding performance in 2025.

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## Star celebrates Staff Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Daily Star yesterday celebrated its Staff Day, marking the newspaper's 35th founding anniversary.

The event, held on the rooftop of The Daily Star Centre in the capital, began with a Pitha Utsab and cultural performances.

The programme also honoured journalists and staff for their dedication, courage, and excellence.

At the event, Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star, said the newspaper's 35-year journey is closely intertwined with Bangladesh's democratic history.

"Bangladesh's democratic journey is the journey of The Daily Star," he said, adding that the daily always strives to hold every government accountable.

Matiur Rahman, editor and publisher of Prothom Alo, called The Daily Star "not just a newspaper, but a moral benchmark and a courageous voice for Bangladesh".

Referring to recent attacks on The Daily Star and Prothom Alo, he said, "You can burn newsrooms, you can break buildings, but you cannot destroy the truth."

He described the attacks as "an attack  
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## Protests, blockades paralyse the capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka experienced severe traffic congestion for at least five hours yesterday due to protests and blockades at key points, causing immense suffering for commuters throughout the day.

Students of Tejgaon College blocked the Farmgate area, demanding justice for their fellow student, while students of seven colleges blocked Science Lab, Technical Intersection and Tanti Bazar in Old Dhaka, demanding the issuance of an ordinance for Dhaka Central University.

**Tejgaon College students blocked the Farmgate area, demanding justice for their fellow student, while students of seven colleges blocked Science Lab, Technical Intersection, and Tanti Bazar, demanding the issuance of an ordinance for Dhaka Central University.**

The seven college students threatened to continue their blockade for an indefinite period until the government issued the ordinance. The protests brought several parts of the capital to a standstill, forcing many to walk for kilometres.

Police attempted to divert vehicles to alternative routes, but the move had little impact, leaving vehicles and passengers stranded on the roads for several hours.

An ordinary workday turned into an ordeal for thousands of commuters. Buses stood motionless while passengers, tired and  
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