

## No fuel crisis, price hike ahead of Eid

### Says road transport and bridges minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam yesterday said fuel supply for public transport will be ensured from March 15 and that fuel prices will not increase ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.



"Sufficient fuel will be available from March 15. The energy minister has assured me. So there is no possibility of fare hikes or disruption to Eid travel due to fuel shortages," he told reporters after visiting Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka.

Regarding arrangements for private transport, the minister said the issue was under consideration and that the rationing system currently in place may be reviewed after March 15. "Some limitations remain. We are still facing a major crisis and have not fully overcome it. Everyone will need to make some sacrifices," he said.

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PHOTO: MEHEDI HASAN

Workers construct and prepare the National Eidgah ground for the main Holy Eid-ul-Fitr congregation, in front of the High Court in the capital's Ramna area, under the supervision of Dhaka South City Corporation. With Eid being a week away, preparation for the joyous occasion is in full swing everywhere. The photo was taken recently.

## 5-year-old killed as pillar falls on him

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A five-year-old boy was killed after a piling pillar fell on him at a construction site in Narayanganj's Fatullah yesterday, police said.

The incident occurred in the Dokkhin Sastapur area, said Fatullah Model Police Station OC Abdul Mannan.

Muntasir Islam Hamza, son of Rubel of Burir Dokan area, was injured when a piling pillar left at the site after work collapsed on him while he was passing by, he said.

Family members rushed him to Narayanganj 300 bed Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Rubel alleged he was offered Tk 3 lakh to settle the matter. He said Siddiqur Rahman Uzzal, organising secretary of the district unit of Jatiyatabadi Tati Dal and a neighbour, sat with the building owner and contractor to discuss compensation.

"They offered me Tk 3 lakh. What will I do with the money? My son is no more," Rubel told The Daily Star.

Contacted, Uzzal said he attended the discussion at the family's request. "The contractor proposed to give some money," he said.

Police said piling work at the site was carried out without proper safety measures. "There was negligence on the part of both the contractor and the building owner," the OC said. "If the family files a case, we will take action accordingly," he added.

## 4 years on, hospital not fully operational

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Even after four years since its inauguration, the 50-bed Islamic Mission Hospital, Sirta in Mymensingh Sadar upazila has yet to become fully operational due to acute staff shortage.

As such, over a million residents of the remote Char Sirta are deprived of essential healthcare.

At present, the hospital only runs its outpatient services, while the beds and other logistics are lying idle.

The four-storey hospital, built on three acres of land, was intended to provide healthcare for rural people in the remote riverine shoal including maternity care and normal child deliveries. The facility was also designed with quarters for doctors and staff to provide round-the-clock services. However,

none of these services are currently available.

Fuad Hasan Sifat, administrative officer of the hospital, said the inpatient services could not be started since the hospital's inauguration in 2022 due to manpower crisis.



As such, patients now have to travel a distance of some 20 kilometres to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) for treatment, said Selim Mahmud, a school teacher.

Only a few doctors visit the hospital for outdoor consultations, often requiring hundreds of patients waiting for hours for their turn, he added.

According to hospital sources, there are 61 staff posts but appointments have been made to only five posts including that of a superintendent, while 20 fourth-class employees have been outsourced. While there are 15 doctor posts including consultants and surgeons, only three doctors work in the hospital including an eye specialist who visits occasionally.

Diagnostic services such as ECG, ultra-sonogram and pathology tests are done but X-ray service has been suspended due to staff shortage, said hospital superintendent Dr AKM Badrul Ahsan.

Similarly, surgeries are not being

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## 45 injured in clash over VGF cards

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

At least 45 people were injured in a clash between two groups over the distribution of VGF cards ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr in Shaikhpura upazila of Jhenaidah.

"The incident occurred in several phases on Thursday night in Chargoloknagar village under Mirzapur union. Several people have been taken into custody for questioning," Shaikhpura Police Station Officer in Charge Humayun Kabir Molla said.

He said the injured were admitted to Shaikhpura Upazila Health Complex, Jhenaidah 250-bed General Hospital and other hospitals.

Locals said the union parishad issued VGF cards to distribute rice among the underprivileged people of Mirzapur union on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

On Thursday morning, an argument broke out between the two villagers over the VGF cards.

Later in the evening, local community leaders sat for a village arbitration to resolve the matter. At one stage, a clash broke out between the two opposing sides. They attacked using locally made weapons. The clashes continued intermittently from around 8:30pm to 11:30pm.

On receiving the news, police and army personnel rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control by charging batons.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Mahfuzur Rahman told The Daily Star that VGF rice was distributed at Mirzapur Union Parishad and no trouble occurred during the distribution. "What happened later will be dealt with by the law enforcement agencies."

## 1 killed, 10 hurt in bus-van collision

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

One person was killed and at least 10 others were injured in a head-on collision between a bus and a covered van in the Surjanarayanpur Notun Bazar area in Kapasia upazila of Gazipur yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Tarikul Islam, the driver of the covered van.

Citing witnesses, police said a bus collided with the van coming from the opposite direction, leaving 11 people, including Tarikul, injured.

Tarikul was declared dead at Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital.

The injured were taken to different hospitals in Kapasia and Gazipur, Salna Highway Police said.

Salna Highway Police confirmed that both vehicles involved in the accident were seized and taken to the police station.

Sub-Inspector Zakir Hossain of Kapasia Police Station told The Daily Star that Tarikul's body has been sent to the morgue of Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmad Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

## It's completely unacceptable

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In a joint statement, the citizens said the first session of Bangladesh's parliament after independence was held with a pledge to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War.

"Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman led the parliament, and many freedom fighters had the honour of serving as representatives," the statement said.

"Sadly, that tradition is not reflected in today's parliament. Instead, individuals accused of crimes against humanity have misrepresented the Liberation War and created a narrative that dishonours the nation. This is deeply shameful for history-conscious citizens."

The signatories strongly criticised the recent parliamentary session under the newly sworn-in BNP government.

"The condolence motion for convicted war criminals in parliament is completely unacceptable. We express our strongest protest against this insult to the Liberation War," the statement said.

Honouring those who opposed the Liberation War and committed atrocities is an extreme insult to the sacrifice of three million martyrs and 200,000 women who suffered unimaginable loss during the war, it added.

"This is a deliberate attempt to question the spirit of the Liberation War and the foundation of a secular Bangladesh. We also fear attempts are underway to erase the memory of 1971 under political agendas."

The citizens demanded the immediate removal of the controversial section from the parliamentary record.

"We urge that parliament and other state institutions never allow such moves again. The spirit of the Liberation War must remain invincible," the statement added.

Among the signatories were poets Nirmalendu Goon, Henry Swapon, Shahed Kaves, Manik Bairagi, Sanjib Purohit and Rais Mukul; researcher and journalist Enayet Kabir; academic Prof Abu Yusuf; writer and filmmaker Shahadat Raseel; and writer Piyush Kanti Barua.

The Gonotantrik Jukta Front, an alliance of nine left-leaning political parties including the Communist Party of Bangladesh, also condemned the motion, calling it a betrayal of the spirit of the Liberation War.

The alliance said the motion included the names of individuals convicted by the International Crimes Tribunal for their involvement with the Al-Badr and Razakar forces.

"The inclusion of the names

of convicted war criminals in the parliamentary condolence motion is extremely shameful and unacceptable," the statement said.

The Front also criticised the BNP chief whip for proposing the names, calling the act "deeply embarrassing".

It further alleged that some MPs hesitated to stand during the national anthem in parliament, describing this as a sign of disrespect to the country and its dignity.

The alliance also criticised the appointment of ATM Azharul Islam, convicted of crimes against humanity, to the panel of the parliamentary presiding body.

"Appointing a person convicted of crimes against humanity to such a respected parliamentary position is not only an insult to parliament but also to the martyrs of the Liberation War," it said.

Bangladesh Udichi

Shilpigoshthi also strongly condemned the motion.

Acting President Mahmud Selim and General Secretary Amit Ranjan Dey said including the names of notorious war criminals in a parliamentary condolence motion was a stain on history and a grave insult to the martyrs.

"Disrespecting the national anthem is unacceptable. It is not just a song but a symbol of our Liberation War, sacrifice and national identity. Respecting the national anthem is also a constitutional obligation," they said.

Udichi emphasised that no compromise can be made in protecting the spirit of the Liberation War and the country's cultural heritage.

"We call on all progressive cultural and democratic forces in the country to unite against any attempt to glorify war criminals or disrespect national symbols," the statement said.

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1	1233503	CPA/COMPUTER/EGP/10/25-26	Supply of HP Original Toner Cartridge for Chittagong Port Authority.	31-Mar-2026 12:00pm
2	1217224	CPA/COMPUTER/EGP/06/25-26	Supply of Computer, Laptop, Color Printer & UPS for Chittagong Port Authority.	01-Apr-2026 12:00pm
3	1223138	CPA/COMPUTER/EGP/04/25-26	Supply of Computer and Peripherals for Chittagong Port Authority.	01-Apr-2026 12:00pm

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**NOTICE**  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
**COMPANY MATTER NO. 264 OF 2026**  
IN THE MATTER OF  
Pulok Podder, Managing Director of Bond Packaging & Accessories Ltd. --- **Petitioner**  
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms & another --- **Respondents**

Please take notice that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 of Bond Packaging & Accessories Ltd. has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon his Lordship Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit the application on 13.03.2026. Any person interested in the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court on the date of hearing either personally or through duly appointed Advocate.

(Md. Ashf Ekbal)  
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**NOTICE**  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
**COMPANY MATTER NO. 225 OF 2026**  
IN THE MATTER OF: Md. Masud Rana, Shareholder & Managing Director  
Motor Guard Technologies Limited, 33, Shah Ali Tower (10th Floor), Karwan-bazar, Dhaka-1230. --- **Petitioner.**

--- **Versus** ---  
The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies & Firms, Dhaka. ... Respondent.  
Please take notice that an application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay for holding the Annual General Meeting for the year 2022, 2023 and 2024, 2025 of the petitioner's company has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon hearing his Lordship Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit the application on 08.03.2026 being item No.32(Bench Mian-26). Any person interested in the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court on the date of hearing either personally or through duly appointed Advocate.

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**E IN C'S BRANCH, WORKS DIRECTORATE, DHAKA CANTONMENT**

**INVITATION FOR TENDERS**

Notice no. 400/Ad/62/E-4/11 Dated: 08 March 2026

**MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES**

1.	Sponsoring Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs				
2.	Agency	Military Engineer Services				
3.	Procuring Entity Name	E in C				
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
5.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)				
6.	Budget and source of Funds	Foreign Finance				
7.	Development Partners (if applicable)	None				
8.	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	Construction of 1x 50 Bed Hospital (04 storey with 06 Storied foundation) including ancillary works at BMA Bhatary, Chattogram.				
9.	Selling of tender will commence from	15 March 2026 (During Office hour).				
10.	Selling of tender will Close on	30 March 2026 (During Office hour).				
11.	Last date & time of submission of Tender	31 March 2026 at 1200 hours.				
12.	Date & time of opening of Tender	31 March 2026 at 1230 hours.				
13.	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka & AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment				
	Receiving Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka				
	Opening Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka				
14.	Eligibility of Tenderer	a. MES enlisted contractors Class 'C'/'D' for lot no. 15(a). b. On receipt of DGFI clearance with others Govt. Department (equivalent classes) contractors may also apply for tender. c. Contractors having experience in similar works with enlistment in other Govt., Semi Government & Autonomous Organization may also apply. d. Having experience of similar work mentioned in lot no. 15(a) amounting Tk. 1,12,00,000.00 for each lot in one/two tender during last 05 (Five) years.				
15.	Brief Description of Works					
Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Price of Tender Document (Non-Refundable)	Tender Security in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay order in favour of AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt. (Taka)	Completion Time in weeks/ Months	
1	a.	2	3	4	5	6
	Supply & installation of Medical Equipment including ancillary works for Construction of 1x 50 Bed Hospital at BMA Bhatary, Chattogram.	AGE (Army) Bhatary	3,000.00	3,75,000.00	06 (Six) Months	
16.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Director of Works				
17.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director of Works				
18.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment. Web address : <a href="http://www.army.mil.bd">www.army.mil.bd</a>				
19.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel No. 9832870	Fax No. 9832882	e-mail- wksdte@army.mil.bd		
20.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders					

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