

Three killed as microbus catches fire in Bogura

2 killed in Rajshahi road crash
STAR REPORT

Three people were killed and at least nine others injured after a microbus caught fire due to a gas leakage in Bogura's Sherpur upazila yesterday morning.

The accident occurred around 7:30am on the Dhaka-Bogura Highway near Chhonka in Bhabanipur union.

Eyewitnesses said the microbus, travelling from Dhaka, suddenly burst into flames, making it difficult for passengers to evacuate immediately due to the intensity of the fire.

The deceased were identified as Shiuli Begum, 48, Tayeba Khatun, 35, and the driver, Rintu, 47.

Bakhtiar Uddin, warehouse inspector of Sherpur Fire Service, said one person died at the scene.

The others were taken to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, where two more victims succumbed to their injuries, said Rokon Uddin, in-charge of Sherpur Highway Police Camp.

"The vehicle has been taken into custody. After completing legal procedures, the bodies will be handed over to their families," he added.

In a separate incident in Rajshahi, a man and his son were killed when their motorcycle was hit by an oncoming sand-laden truck on Dhaka-Rajshahi Highway in Puthia upazila around 12:00pm yesterday.

The victims - Kawsar Imam, 26, and his son Md Redowan, 6, of Maugachhi village in Charghat upazila - died on the spot, said Mozammel Haque, officer-in-charge of Paba Highway Police Station.

Police recovered the bodies and will hand them over to the family after legal procedures, he said.

Following the incident, locals set the truck on fire, leading to traffic congestion. Later, police removed the truck and cleared the highway for vehicular movement, the OC added.



PHOTO: STAR

Firefighters extinguish a blaze on a truck set on fire by angry locals after the sand-laden vehicle ran over a motorbike, killing a father and his son on the Dhaka-Rajshahi highway in Puthia upazila of Rajshahi yesterday.

2 patients die during fire evacuation in SBMCH

Probe body formed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Two patients died while being evacuated after a fire broke out inside Barishal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) on Tuesday night.

The deceased are Kazi Ataur Rahman, 80, of Patuakhali Sadar, and Abul Hossain Hawlader, 65, of Barishal city.

Hospital authorities initially denied any deaths related to the incident, but later acknowledged that two patients had died at that time.

"During the fire, relatives hurriedly brought the critically ill patients down from the fourth floor of the medicine ward without oxygen support. They were stroke patients who had been on oxygen. The deaths occurred during that

process," said Brig Gen AKM Mashiul Munir, director of SBMCH.

Following the incident, the hospital formed a six-member investigation committee headed by Dr AJM Emrul Kayes, associate professor of the medicine department.



However, the committee was later reconstituted.

Confirming the change, the SBMCH director said a new committee was formed as Dr Kayes' wife is currently ill.

Associate Professor Dr Fazle Rahman Khan has been appointed as the head of the newly formed committee, which has been asked to submit its report within 48 hours.

Other members of the committee include representatives from the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Fire Service and Civil Defence, Barishal Metropolitan Police, Public Works Department, and Dr Ikhtiar Hossain, resident surgeon of the surgery department.

The fire broke out around 11:00pm in a storage room in the medicine unit and was brought under control within about 20 minutes with minimal damage, said Abul Bashar, acting deputy director of Barishal Fire Service.

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Tarique to exchange

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He will later meet cabinet members, members of parliament, distinguished citizens, academics, religious scholars, artists, writers and senior government and private officials, along with people from different sections of society.

After the programme, Tarique, along with his family, will visit Zia Uddin to pay tributes to his late parents Ziaur Rahman and Khaleida Zia.

This will be his first Eid in the country in more than one and a half decades, after spending the last 17 years in London.

He returned home on December 25 last year and took office following the 13th national election on February 12.

Meanwhile, Tarique Rahman continued his official duties from his Gulshan residence yesterday, keeping a close watch on government activities across the country amid the Eid holidays.

"The prime minister is staying at his Gulshan Avenue residence and carrying out urgent official work from there. He is also keeping track of the situation across the country," said Atikur Rahman Rumon.

He said the prime minister is regularly seeking updates on the

ongoing canal restoration programme, including whether the work is progressing as planned, and is speaking with the relevant ministers to ensure proper supervision.

Rumon said the prime minister has also contacted mayors and administrators of city corporations, urging them to maintain cleanliness during the Eid holidays.

"He has also taken updates on Eid travel from concerned ministers and state ministers," he added.

Bangladesh

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new barriers, particularly for women in rural and vulnerable communities.

To address these challenges, Bangladesh proposed strengthening justice systems through women's leadership and enhancing regional and international cooperation to combat trafficking, according to the Bangladesh Mission in New York.

The CSW70 is being held from March 9 to 19 in New York, focusing on strengthening access to justice, eliminating discriminatory laws, and addressing structural barriers for all women and girls.

Dhaka all set for Eid

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emergency medical services, and mobile toilets will also be available on-site.

Law enforcement agencies will maintain strict surveillance with archway screening at entrances, while four entry and seven exit gates have been designated to manage crowd movement. Fire service units will remain on standby.

Worshippers have been requested not to carry any sharp or flammable objects.

Meanwhile, DNCC will hold its main Eid congregation at the old trade fair ground in Argagaan at 8:00am.

DNCC Administrator Shafiqul Islam Khan said measures have been taken

to ensure a hassle-free Eid congregation.

A steel-structured shed has been installed to prevent disruption in case of rainfall. Arrangements have been made for around 10,000 worshippers, with provisions to expand capacity if needed. Separate prayer areas and entry routes have been designated for women.

Security arrangements include archway screening at entry points and deployment of a large number of law enforcement personnel.

Officials said coordinated preparations by the two city corporations are aimed at ensuring that residents can offer Eid prayers in a safe, orderly, and comfortable setting.

Act now to protect

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Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, said sexual violence against children within madrasas is rarely reported unless the injury is severe or fatal due to a culture of fear and secrecy.

"These offenders hide behind institutions, which protect them, as children are not allowed to speak out. The child survivor in Kushtia's Bheramara upazila is now fighting for her life," she said, expressing

condolences and solidarity with the child's family.

Three people, including the head teacher of the madrasa where the child was a residential student, have reportedly been arrested.

However, arresting offenders alone will not prevent the ongoing atrocities children are experiencing at present.

MJF said strict implementation of laws, impartial investigation, and timely action are needed, along with greater awareness amongst parents and guardians about the vulnerability of children and the dangers they may encounter inside their homes, schools, madrasas, or public spaces.

The protection and safety of children is the responsibility of both the state and society, and both seem to be failing at present.

Civil society, women's rights, and human rights organisations are ready to cooperate and join hands with the government to address this issue and bring about meaningful change so that children can grow up in an environment of safety, security, and freedom, MJF said in the statement.

STATUTORY NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH, HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
Company Matter No. 231 of 2026
An Application under Section-81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF:
Nasir Uddin Hirji -VS- Petitioner.
The Dacca Refractories Limited and nothery. Respondents.
Take Notice that an application under Section-81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the above named Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meetings of The Dacca Refractories Limited for the years 1984 to 2025 and relieving the Directors and officers of the Company from the liability of fine or penalty.
Upon hearing of the application on 08/03/2026 Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque has been pleased to admit the said application and directed to publish this notice within 3 (three) week from date and file affidavit-in-compliance on or before 23/04/2026.
If any body is interested to oppose the said application he may appear before the Hon'ble High Court Division either in person or through an Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.
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Invitation for Tender (Works)
e-Tender Notice No.03

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division
2	Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering(DPHE)
3	Project/Programme Name	Rural Sanitation Project.
4	e-Tender ID	1220096
5	Description of Work:	Construction of 36 Nos Community Toilet (CT) at Different Upazilla (09 Upazilla and 04 Nos in each upazilla) in Kurigram District, Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), Under Rural Sanitation Project (RSP), FY-2025-2026.
6	Name, Designation & Address of Procuring Entity (PE).	Md. Harunur Rashid, Executive Engineer, Department of Public Health Engineering Kurigram.
7	This is online Tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website; www.eprocure.gov.bd	

Signed
(Md. Harunur Rashid)
Executive Engineer, DPHE
Kurigram.

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RPGL Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGL) (A Company of Petrobangla)

Invitation for Enlistment

1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy and Mineral Resources Division
2	Agency	Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGL)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla)
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	The application for enlistment as a potential LNG supplier to supply LNG on spot basis.
6	Invitation Ref. No	28.19.0000.701.40.11.26/589
7	Date:	19 March 2026

KEY INFORMATION		
6	Procurement Method	International RFQ
FUNDING INFORMATION		
7	Source of Fund	Government of Bangladesh - GoB (Own Source)

PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
8	Application Closing Date, Time	9 April 2026, 12:30pm,
9	Name & Address of the Office	
	-Application form Availability	Place: LNG Division (2nd floor), RPGL Bhaban, Plot # 27, New Airport Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh. or from the website: www.rpgcl.org.bd .
	-Submission Place	Applicants have to submit their application physically or by courier. The applicant may submit their application through email (md.lng@rpgcl.org.bd , gmlng@rpgcl.org.bd , mukitche@rpgcl.org.bd) also but in that case the applicant have to submit the hard copy of the application through courier or physically. Submission Address (for physical or courier): Place: LNG Division (2nd floor), RPGL Bhaban, Plot # 27, New Airport Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
10	Brief Description of the Project/ Assignment.	Supply of Lean LNG as per specification (e.g., methane molecular composition not less than 91% etc.) mentioned in Master LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement (MSPA) on Delivery Ex-Ship basis to LNG Receiving Terminals of Petrobangla in Bangladesh.
11	Eligibility for LNG Supplier	Must comply with the minimum criteria mentioned on the Standard Application form for Enlistment for procurement of LNG.
12	Other Details (if Applicable)	This is the Enlargement of Enlisted LNG suppliers. Those are Enlisted with Petrobangla for LNG Supply on Spot Basis, is not required to apply. By agreeing with Petrobangla's existing Master LNG Sale and Purchase Agreement the Applicant must apply. Successful Enlisted LNG Suppliers will be notified by email.
13	LNG Supplier's Composition	The interested LNG Suppliers may either be a single or Joint Venture (JV) of more than one firm or as a consortium.
14	Application Fees	500.00 USD or 60,000.00 BDT
15	Enlistment Fees	42.00 USD or 5,000.00 BDT
16	Bank Details	A/C Name: Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited A/C No.: 4716-01-0000120 Bank Name & Branch: Basic Bank Limited, Banani Branch Routing No.: 055260437 Swift: BKSIBDDH022

PROCURING AGENCY DETAILS		
17	Name of Official Inviting Application	Engr. Md Anwarul Islam
18	Designation of Official Inviting Application	Managing Director
19	Address of Official Inviting the Application	Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGL), RPGL Bhaban, Plot # 27, New Airport Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.
20	Contact details of Official Inviting the Application	Tel: +8802-41040229 Fax: 41040420 E-mail: md.lng@rpgcl.org.bd ;
21	Other Contacts	gmlng@rpgcl.org.bd ; mukitche@rpgcl.org.bd ,
22	The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason.	

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Engr. Md Anwarul Islam
Managing Director