

Schoolgirl found unconscious in classroom

Doctors suspect sexual assault

UNB, Kushtia

An 11-year-old girl was rescued in an unconscious state from a school classroom in Mirpur upazila of Kushtia on Thursday night, with doctors suspecting sexual assault.

The girl, a sixth grader, had gone to her school earlier in the day to attend a farewell programme for the Secondary School Certificate 2026 batch, according to police and local sources.

As she did not return home after the programme, her family members began searching for her.

They said that around 8:00pm, they contacted the school peon, who initially claimed no one was inside the school and refused to hand over the keys.

Growing suspicious, locals took the keys and entered the building, where they found the girl unconscious in a room on the second floor.

The victim was first taken to a health complex and later shifted to a Kushtia hospital for better treatment.

The hospital sources said necessary samples were collected. "Preliminary examination suggests signs of sexual assault," said a doctor, adding that further tests are underway.

After regaining consciousness, the girl told journalists that she had been sitting near the stairs but could not remember anything beyond that.

Officer-in-Charge Shahidul Islam of Mirpur Police Station said police detained the peon and another school employee yesterday for interrogation.



Make-shift vendors continue operating beside the Dhaka Elevated Expressway in the Banani area despite ongoing eviction drives. These illegal structures resume engulfing roads, even overtaking City Corporation facilities. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Confce on 'nation and its imaginations' concludes at IUB



CITY DESK

A two-day international conference "The Nation & Its Imaginations", organised by the Department of Media and Communication under the School of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences (SLASS) at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), concluded on the university's Dhaka campus yesterday, said a press release.

The inaugural session on April 9 was attended by Prof M Tamim, vice-chancellor of IUB; Prof Daniel W Lund, pro-VC; and Prof Bokhtiar Ahmed, dean of SLASS, among others.

The opening day keynote was delivered by Prof Craig Batty, pro-VC of the College of Creative Arts, Design and Humanities at the University of Adelaide, Australia, focusing on creative practice and research innovation. The second day began with a keynote by Prof Lund, who addressed the relationship between media, audience perception and cognitive dissonance.

LURING WITH 'FAMILY CARD' Faridpur man arrested over rape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Rapid Action Battalion yesterday arrested the lone accused in a rape case filed in Faridpur over luring a widow with the promise of a "family card."

The arrestee, Suján Sheikh, 35, of West Alipur in Faridpur town, was picked up from Rani Cottage area in Hazaribagh around 4:00pm, said a Rab press release signed by Rab-10 Assistant Director (Media) Senior ASP Tapas Karmakar.

Acting on a tip-off and using information technology, a Rab-10 team, assisted by its Lalbagh camp, conducted the drive and detained Suján.

According to the case statement, on April 2 Suján allegedly took the 43-year-old widow to a residential hotel near the old bus stand in Goalchamat area of Faridpur town, promising to arrange a family card, and raped her.

The victim filed the case with Faridpur Kotwali Police Station on April 8 under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, naming Suján as the sole accused.

Bengal Foundation hosts

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Distinguished classical musician and educator Pandit Anil Kumar Saha attended the event as a guest. He is a faculty member at Shanto-Mariam University and has received 18 years of training in classical music under Ustad A Daud Khan in India. He holds a Master of Music degree with a gold medal from Banga Sangeet Parishad, affiliated with Rabindra Bharati University.

As an artist, he has been awarded the Citycell-Channel i Music Award twice. He is also the author of two books on music, "Sangeet Proshok" and "Sur Nirjhor", and served as a member of the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) music curriculum development committee.

Historically, regions such as Raipur, Lucknow, Gaya and Varanasi were important centres of thumri in the northern Indian subcontinent, where folk influences shaped forms like thumri, kajri, chaiti and hori. In Bengal, the spread of thumri in the 19th century is closely associated with Nawab Wajid Ali Shah of Lucknow, who was exiled by the British to Metiabruz in Kolkata in 1857. A patron of the arts, he composed numerous bandishes under the pen name 'Kadar Piya.'

Other notable figures include Bhaiyasaheb Ganpat Rao of the Gwalior royal family,

who composed under the name 'Sughar Piya,' and celebrated vocalist Muizuddin Khan of Punjab. Their presence in Kolkata, along with Wajid Ali Shah's court of musicians, marked a significant chapter in the development of thumri in the region.

Bengal Foundation has also published selected thumri, kajri and chaiti performances by artists including Shubhra Guha, Girija Devi, Ajoy Chakrabarty, Priyanka Gope, Rashid Khan, Kaushiki Chakrabarty and Suchishree Ray, which are available on its YouTube channel.

BNP begins sale

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Rizvi, who also serves as an adviser to Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, handed over the first nomination form to Zareen Delwar.

He later distributed forms to several other aspirants, including Nipun Roy Chowdhury, Arifa Sultana Ruma, Sabina Khan, Shawkat Ara Akhter, Rokeya Chowdhury Baby, Mina Begum, Farida Yasmin, Meherunnesa Haque and Peyara Mostofa.

On the first day, over 500 nomination forms were collected by aspirants, said BNP Media Cell member Shayrul Kabir Khan.

Aspirants expressed confidence that the party would properly evaluate their contributions with due consideration, adding that they would accept the party's decision.

Several hundred women leaders of BNP gathered at the Nayapaltan office to collect forms. Many stood in queues and paid Tk 2,000 each to obtain the receipt required for the form.

Earlier, the Election Commission on Wednesday

announced the schedule for the election to the women's reserved seats.

As per the schedule, nomination papers may be submitted until April 21, while scrutiny will take place on April 22-23. Appeals against the scrutiny decision may be filed on April 26, and those appeals will be disposed of on April 27-28. Symbols will be allotted to the final candidates on April 30.

The EC said all necessary preparations to hold the election in a peaceful and orderly manner have been completed.

According to the seat distribution, the BNP-led alliance will receive 36 reserved seats, the Jamaat-e-Islami-led 11-party alliance will receive 13, while independents will get one.

| PRAYER TIMING | |
|---------------|---------|
| APRIL 11 | |
| Fazr | Zohr |
| 4:35 | 12:45 |
| Asr | Maghrib |
| 4:45 | 6:24 |
| Esha | JAMAAT |
| 7:45 | 5:10 |
| 1:15 | 5:00 |
| 6:28 | 8:15 |

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Idol, furniture vandalised at temples

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Unidentified individuals have allegedly vandalised an idol and stolen gold ornaments from a Hindu temple in Rangunia upazila in Chattogram, while another nearby temple has also been reportedly attacked.

The incident occurred between 7:00pm on Thursday and 6:00am yesterday in the Burir Dokan area, according to police.

Manik Kanti Das, general secretary of the Rangunia upazila Janmashtami Uddjan Parishad, said miscreants entered the Ma Magadheshwari Temple, vandalised the deity and took gold ornaments.

He also alleged that a nearby Shiva temple was attacked, with furniture and images damaged.

Police inspected both temples, and a case was filed with Rangunia Model Police Station, said OC Md Arman Hossain, adding that an investigation is underway.

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Malaysia considers

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scholarships and improving integration of Bangladeshi students in Malaysian society.

Mahdi stressed the need for professional exposure and development opportunities for Bangladeshi students and graduates.

Minister Zambry acknowledged the proposal, expressing willingness to explore supportive frameworks aligned with Malaysia's international education policies. Mahdi emphasised university-to-university partnerships, expanding academic exchange programmes, and developing joint educational schemes supported by Malaysian

institutions, with a focus on transparent selection processes and long-term sustainability.

He urged for stronger institutional mechanisms to support student inclusion, community engagement, and access to support services, ensuring that Bangladeshi students can thrive within Malaysian society.

Malaysia currently hosts over 11,000 Bangladeshi students, mostly in private institutions. Both sides discussed expanding mutually recognised qualifications, joint degree programmes, distance education, and flexible learning pathways, while aligning academic programmes with labour market needs.

IN LOVING MEMORY
Of
BEGUM SHAMSUNNAHER KHAWAJA AHSANULLAH
Ex-Member of Parliament (BNP)
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF NAWAB SIR SALIMULLAH BAHAUDR
ON HER 1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
11TH APRIL 2025

One year has passed since she returned to her Creator, but her love, care, and memories remain forever in our hearts. We pray to Almighty Allah (SWT) to forgive her, grant her Jannatul Ferdous, fill her grave with noor, and bless her soul with eternal peace. Ameen. Kindly remember her in your duas and recite Surah Al-Fatiha for her Maghfirah.

Remembered with love.
From
Her son **Khawaja Zaki Ahsanullah**, Daughters **Fawzia Hossain**, **Ayesha Alam** and grandchildren

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

| ক্রমিক সংখ্যা | বিবরণ | তারিখ |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|
| ১ | প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম | ২৯ ই বেংগল (সাত ব্যাটা), শহীদ সাল্লাহউদ্দিন সেনানিবাস। |
| ২ | কাজের বিবরণ | ২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থ বছরের বাজেট কোড নং ১১৯০৬০১/১২০০০৭৮০১/৩২৫৭৩০৩ অপারেশন কমিনজেনী খাত হতে আভিমানিক ও নিরাপত্তা সক্ষমতা বৃদ্ধিকরণ কাজে বিভিন্ন দ্রব্যসামগ্রী ক্রয়, রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ এবং এতদসংক্রান্ত বিবিধ ব্যয় নির্বাহ। |
| ৩ | দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ | ১২ এপ্রিল ২০২৬। |
| ৪ | দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ | ০৩ মে ২০২৬ তারিখ ১০০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |
| ৫ | দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ | ০৩ মে ২০২৬ তারিখ ১৩০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। |

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অধিদায়ক
২৯ ই বেংগল (সাত ব্যাটা)

AHQ, E IN C'S BRANCH, WORKS DIRECTORATE, DHAKA CANTONMENT
INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Notice no. 300/Ad/68/E-3/36 Dated: 02 April 2026

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

| Sl. No. | Particulars | Remarks | | | |
|---------|--|--|---|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Ministry/Division | Ministry of Defence | | | |
| 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 | GOB | | | |
| 7. | Development Partners (if applicable) | None | | | |
| 8. | Project / Programme Name (if applicable) | Establishment of Airmen Training Institute at BAF Base Zahurul Haque in Chattogram. | | | |
| 9. | Selling of tender will commence from | 12 April 2026 (During Office hour). | | | |
| 10. | Selling of tender will Close on | 22 April 2026 (During Office hour). | | | |
| 11. | Last date & time of submission of Tender | 23 April 2026 at 1200 hours. | | | |
| 12. | Date & time of opening of Tender | 23 April 2026 at 1230 hours. | | | |
| 13. | Name & Address of the Office(s) | - Selling Tender Document 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. On receipt of security clearance, MES approved cement manufacturer organization may apply for tender. b. Having experience of similar work mentioned in Lot No 15(a) amounting Tk. 67,40,000.00 in a single 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. Supply of 818.00 Metric tons cement in Bag (OPC) including loading, unloading, carrying & stacking at construction site (ATT) and SDO F/S store yard under GE (Air) Chattogram. | GE (Air) Chattogram | 2,000.00 | 2,85,000.00 | 04 (Four) 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 : www.army.mil.bd | | | |
| 19. | Contact details of Official Inviting Tender | Tel No. 9832870 Fax No. 9832882 e-mail- wkdsde@army.mil.bd | | | |
| 20. | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders | | | | |

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