

## Five killed in road accidents in 3 dists

STAR REPORT

Five people, including two siblings, were killed and several others injured in separate road accidents in three districts over the last two days.

In Nilphamari, Shihab Hossain, 19, and his younger brother Sowad, 6, were killed and another was injured after a truck ran them over around midnight on the Saidpur-Nilphamari road on Tuesday. The victims were sons of Tariqul Islam of Pachhim Kuchiar Moor Dolapara village.

Dewan Shaheen Zaman, inspector of Nilphamari Sadar Police Station, said the Nilphamari-bound truck hit the siblings while they were walking along the roadside, killing them on the spot. The injured - Md Hossain, 10 - is undergoing treatment at Nilphamari Sadar Hospital.

In Patuakhali's Dumki upazila, Harun-or-Rashid Khan, 70, a former official of Rupali Bank, was killed as a vehicle hit him while he was crossing the Dumki-Bauphal road around 8:00am yesterday.

Police and family sources said he had gone out for his routine morning walk when the accident occurred. The vehicle later crashed into a roadside tree, leaving the driver, Riaz Howlader, 24, injured.

In Barguna's Amtali upazila, two people were killed and three others injured when a truck collided with a battery-run autorickshaw on the Patuakhali-Kuakata highway on Tuesday night.

Mirajul Islam Shawon, 20, and Bellal Musullli, 35, succumbed to their injuries on the way to Barishal, said Amtali Police Station OC Md Saidul Islam.

## SYLHET-AKHAURA

# Mounting delays, risks plague rail route

MINTU DESHWARA

The century-old Sylhet-Akhaura railway line has become increasingly unreliable and hazardous, raising growing concerns among passengers.

Originally constructed for transporting goods, the route gradually gained popularity among passengers for its safety and comfort. In recent months, however, the situation has deteriorated sharply.

Railway sources say that in the past month alone, at least 50 trains on this route arrived late due to various issues, including frequent engine failures.

The situation worsened further with a series of accidents. Recently, several train mishaps were reported. The latest occurred on April 2 in the Mantala area in Habiganj, where five wagons of a Sylhet-bound oil train derailed, disrupting communication for nearly 18 hours.

On March 31, operations were disrupted after the Upaban Express suffered an engine failure between Bhanugachh and Shamshearnagar in Moulvibazar. Earlier, on March 26, communication was suspended after a Dhaka to Chittagong train coach derailed at Bhairab Bazar Junction.

Currently, six intercity trains operate daily on the Sylhet route - four between Sylhet and Dhaka, and two between Sylhet and Chattogram - carrying around 30,000 to 35,000 passengers each

day, including tourists visiting Sylhet and Moulvibazar. Annual passenger numbers on this route are estimated at around 10 million.

Railway authorities say the deployment of ageing locomotives, including engines number 2610 and 2902, has worsened the situation. These engines often break down while crossing the hilly sections of the Lawachhara forest area.

Infrastructure issues are also mounting. At least 10 bridges have been marked vulnerable, forcing



trains to slow down. Frequent theft of nuts, bolts, and clips from tracks has increased safety risks, while extreme heat threatens to bend rails. Although patchwork repairs continue, passengers say there is no visible progress in major renovations or new railway construction.

Passengers and tourists are now demanding urgent upgrades, including a double railway line and replacement of old locomotives.

Husna Begum, a resident of Sylhet, said, "I travel to Dhaka regularly for work, and this train line has become

completely unpredictable. Earlier, I could at least plan my meetings and arrive on time, but now I am constantly stuck at stations for hours. Last week my train was delayed almost three hours due to an engine failure near Moulvibazar."

"There is no proper announcement, no clear explanation - just hours of waiting under the sun or inside crowded compartments. It feels like passengers are being ignored even though we pay for tickets like everyone else..."

Sahed Mia said, "My livelihood depends on travelling between Sylhet and Chattogram. These delays and accidents are destroying my schedule and increasing costs..."

Saju Ahmed added, "The journey feels unsafe and stressful... this discourages students and tourists."

However, Sylhet Public Works Engineer (Rail) Saifullah Riyad said maintenance is ongoing and a renovation tender is in process.

Bangladesh Railway (Rolling Stock) Additional Director General Ahmed Mahbub Chowdhury said an investigation is underway following recent disruptions.

Bangladesh Railway Additional Director General (Infrastructure) Al Fatah Md Masudur Rahman said, "We currently have only about 60 of the required 85 engines nationwide," adding that a new ADP project aims to resolve the crisis within two to three years.

## FARAAZ'S BIRTH ANNIV 350 receive free treatment at medical camp in Tangail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A free daylong medical camp was held at Bhani Katra Jharka Bazar in Ghatail upazila of Tangail on the occasion of the 30th birth anniversary of Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain yesterday.

According to the Faraaz Hossain Foundation, the organiser of the camp, around 350 patients received free treatment and medicines through their initiative.

Specialist doctors provided free treatment in medicine, surgery, gynaecology and obstetrics, ENT, dentistry, heart disease, diabetes, chest



diseases, and children's diseases and distributed medicines, the organiser added.

Sheikh Md Rabiul Islam, senior regional sales manager of Eskayef Pharmaceuticals, and other officials were present at the medical camp.

Twenty-year-old Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain sacrificed his life for his friends Abinta Kabir and Tarishi Jain during the Holy Artisan Bakery attack on July 1, 2016, in which 22 people, mostly foreigners, were killed.

He was the grandson of Transcom Group Founder Chairman Latifur Rahman and Shahnaz Rahman, and son of Transcom Group CEO Simeen Rahman and Muhammad Waqar.

**STATUTORY NOTICE**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 276/2026

IN THE MATTER OF:  
An Application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) 183 section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND  
IN THE MATTER OF: ..... Petitioner

Md. Ansar Uddin ..... Respondent  
-VERSUS-  
The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 81(2) read with section 85(3) 183 section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 and Rules 8 and 26.3 of the company Rule was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division on behalf of the above named Petitioner for condonation of Delay in holding the Annual General Meeting (AGMs) from 2022-2026(2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026) of Barisal Gold Agro Limited and relieving Directors and Officers of the company from the liabilities of payment of fine or penalty. Upon hearing of the application on 12.03.2026 the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque has been pleased to admit the said application and directed to file an affidavit in Compliance on or before 3 weeks from date. Any one desists of opposing the said application he may appear before the Hon'ble High Court either in person or through an Advocate. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of nominal fees.

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Supreme Court of Bangladesh  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 244 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF:  
An application under section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
Shamim Hasnain, having its Riversland Industries Limited and another  
-VERSUS-  
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, Address: TCB Bhaban (6th Floor) I, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka - 1215. .... Respondent

Take notice that an application under section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh for condonation of the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of Riversland Industries Limited, for the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 2025 & 2026. Upon hearing the application on 09.03.2026, the Hon'ble Company Judge Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit the application. Anyone interested in the application may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an advocate on or before the date fixed for the hearing of the matter. Copy of the application may be obtained on payment of necessary cost.

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
ফায়ার সার্ভিস ও সিভিল ডিফেন্স অধিদপ্তর  
কাজী আশাউদ্দিন রোড, ঢাকা

তারিখ: ০২.০১.২০২৬  
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**নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তির সংশোধনী**

ফায়ার সার্ভিস ও সিভিল ডিফেন্স অধিদপ্তরে ০৬.০৪.২০২৬ তারিখের ৫৮.০৩.০০০০.০০২.১১.০০৫.২৬-০৯৮১ নং স্মারকসূচী জারিকৃত নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রেক্ষিতে ০৭.০৪.২০২৬ তারিখে "দৈনিক ইত্তেফাক", "দৈনিক যুগান্তর" ও "The Daily Star" পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লিখিত ক্রমিক নং-১ ও ৫ এর পদ যথাক্রমে সিটি-সিভিল ডিফেন্স অধিদপ্তর ও অফিস সহকারী কাম কম্পিউটার মুদ্রাক্ষরিক-এ বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে বয়সসীমা ৪০ (চল্লিশ) পর্বত্ব শিথিলযোগ্য হবে। তবে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমোদনক্রমে আবেদন করতে হবে।

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**Local Government Engineering Department**  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
District: Rangamati  
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Memo No.- 46.02.8400.000.000.14.0025.25.364 Date: 15-04-2026

**Invitation for Tenders (IFT for Works)**  
**e-Tender Notice No-15/2025-26**

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of works as stated as below:

SL No.	Tender ID	Procurement Method	Name of Works	Documents Selling Last Date and Time	Last Date & Time of Tender Security Submission	Tender Opening & Closing Date and Time
1.	1229088	OSTETM	CIB2-Ran-W-65 Construction of 195.20m Long Bridge over the Kachalong River on Upazila HQ-Kerengatoli GC Via Masterpara Baribindu Ghat & Rupakari UPC Road at ch. 3750m Road ID 484072007 (Package No: CIB2-Ran-W-65) under Baghaichari Upazila, Dist: Rangamati.	18-May-2026 16:00	18-May-2026 16:30	18-May-2026 17:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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## A disaster

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some knowledge of the matter. India initiated the dam following a request from the then Awami League foreign minister, Abdus Samad Azad, and in that sense, we brought this catastrophe upon ourselves," the speaker said while drawing the lawmaker's attention after the minister concluded his reply.

India started the construction of Tipaimukh Dam in 2003 to generate electricity. The construction was halted due to national and international uproar and resistance against probable environmental degradation in and outside India.

The construction resumed in late 2008. In joint declarations made after summits between the premiers of Bangladesh and India, then Indian PM Manmohan Singh assured his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina that New Delhi would not take any step regarding their planned Tipaimukh Dam that may harm Bangladesh.

The Tipaimukh Dam is located near the confluence of the Barak and the Tuivai rivers in the Tipaimukh sub-division of the Churachandpur district of Manipur. This area is close to the Manipur-Mizoram-Assam border, and therefore the project involves the three states in Northeast India. The Barak river, which flows downstream to meet the Surma river system in Bangladesh, is considered to be the lifeline of the Sylhet region in Bangladesh.

## From political

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Urban planner Adil Mohammed Khan, former president of Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said, "Muktangan was once used for small political gatherings, but now it's being exploited commercially. The authorities must investigate who controls the spaces and hold them accountable. Previous governments had allowed this encroachment, but the current one should act decisively to restore and preserve such historic sites."

Mohammad Mobasher Hasan, chief property officer of DSCC, said, "We have already undertaken a development project under Zone-2 of DSCC to evict all the illegal structures and make Muktangan usable as a public place again."

## 15,000 to be regularised

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According to foreign ministry officials, an estimated 75,000 Bangladeshis, including 15,000 undocumented, live in the South European country that now has a liberal government led by Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez.

Under the amnesty programme, those who meet certain conditions will be able to seek a one-year residency and work permit, reports Al Jazeera.

Migration Minister Elma Saiz said migrants can apply online from April 16 and in person starting April 20. The application window will close on June 30.

The applicants applying for the amnesty must have

arrived in Spain before January 1 and must prove that they have been living in the country for at least five months and have no criminal record.

After a year, those granted the temporary measure will be eligible to apply for other work or residency permits.

PM Sánchez, who is seeking to leverage immigration to help avert the problems of Spain's ageing society on the horizon, labelled the move "an act of justice and a necessity".

The government estimates that half a million people living in the shadows of Spanish society could be eligible. Analysts suggest that the figure is likely to be higher.

Sánchez deemed the move a "necessity", warning that "without new people working and contributing... prosperity slows".

"It is thanks to the dynamism of migrants that the Spanish economy is currently the fastest growing in Europe," he insisted.

Spain's population has risen sharply to around 50 million in recent years, and today, around 10 million of its residents were born outside the country, or one in every five people.

Bangladeshi migrants have expressed gratitude to the Spanish Prime Minister, saying this is a humane and brave decision.



## NOTICE concerning a Gulshan Plot

This is for general information that the owners of Plot No. 34 (old), Block No. CWN(B), Gulshan-2, Mouza: Gulshan Residential Area, Police Station: Gulshan, District: Dhaka, otherwise known as City Corporation Holding No. 113 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka have entered into an agreement on 15th day of April 2026 with the real estate developer South Breeze Housing (Pvt.) Limited, Plot No. 05, Road No. 11, Block-G, 12th Floor, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh for the development of the aforesaid Plot No. 34 (old), 113 (new) into a commercial building by it. Prior to the execution of the deed of agreement the plot owners, South Breeze Housing (Pvt.) Limited and Eastern Housing Limited executed a tripartite deed of agreement 15th April 2026 between them, under the terms of which Eastern Housing Limited gave up its contractual right to develop the said plot under a previous contractual arrangement with the plot owners. immediately after the execution of the tripartite deed of agreement Eastern Housing Limited surrendered the possession of the above plot to the plot owners. On obtaining the possession of the plot, the plot owners executed the aforesaid deed of agreement with the developer South Breeze Housing (Pvt.) Ltd. and the possession of Plot No.113 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka has also been delivered to the newly engaged developer immediately after the execution of the said bilateral deed of agreement.

**South Breeze Housing (Pvt.) Limited**