

Infant abandoned on launch

Man identifying himself as her father disappears

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

An eight-month-old infant was abandoned on a Dhaka-bound launch in Patuakhali's Bauphal upazila on Wednesday night after a man identifying himself as the child's father disappeared.

Passengers said the launch had left Kalaiya launch ghat in Bauphal for Dhaka around 4:00pm.

At Dholia, a man boarded with a baby girl, spoke briefly with passengers and sat on the deck.

He later told nearby passengers he would bring the child's mother aboard and asked them to look after the baby before getting off. When the launch resumed its journey, he did not return.

Passengers grew concerned when the baby began crying and no guardian was found. They informed the launch authorities, who placed the child under the care of several female passengers as the vessel continued towards Dhaka.

Md Sohel, a passenger, said, "The man boarded the launch at Dholia ghat and sat beside us for a while. Just before the launch departed, he left the baby with us, saying he would bring the child's mother. But he never came back."

Supervisor of MV Bandhan-5, Md Sajal, said the reason behind the man's disappearance remains unknown. "The

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Farmers sort through spoilt potato stocks to salvage good produce for sale at lower prices. Despite good yields in Rajshahi, high cold storage costs (Tk 6-7 per kg) have forced many to store potatoes in the open, where a significant portion has rotted, leaving them to sell the rest below the current market price of Tk 10-11 per kg. The photo was taken at Molandi village in Mohanpur upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

31,800 litres of stockpiled diesel seized in 2 districts

STAR REPORT

Mobile courts have seized a total of 31,800 litres of illegally stockpiled diesel during drives in Netrakona and Pabna over the last two days, report our correspondents.

On Wednesday night, the Santhia upazila administration in Pabna seized 800 litres of diesel and later sold it to local farmers under its supervision, depositing the proceeds into the government treasury.

According to Assistant Commissioner (Land) Asif Raihan of Santhia, the mobile court acted on a tip-off and raided the Kashinathpur area.

The team intercepted a van carrying diesel for a hoarder's warehouse and seized the fuel, storing it at Santhia Police Station for safekeeping.

Yesterday, the diesel was sold in the open market at the government-fixed price. The AC confirmed that the entire sale amount has been deposited into the government fund.

In Netrakona Sadar upazila, a mobile court seized 31,000 litres of diesel during a drive at Thakurakona Bazar yesterday, fining two traders a total of Tk 40,000.

Illegal diesel storage was found at two

Thakurakona Bazar firms, prompting immediate action by the mobile court.

Assistant Commissioner (Land) Md Shamsuzzaman Asif led the drive in Netrokona Sadar upazila, and the district administration said the seized diesel was confiscated in favour of the government.



At the same time, in two separate cases, the traders were fined Tk 20,000 each, totalling Tk 40,000. The market value of the seized diesel is estimated at around Tk 2,95,000.

Additional District Magistrate Wahiduzzaman stated that such drives against illegal hoarders will continue to ensure a stable fuel supply in the district.

MRDI journalism conference in May

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Media Resources Development Initiative (MRDI) will organise a two-day journalism conference in Dhaka next month, bringing together journalists, editors, researchers, civil society members, teachers, students and international experts to discuss challenges facing the profession and how to plan for its future.

The event, titled Bangladesh Journalism Conference 2026, will be held on May 8 and 9 at Hotel Radisson, MRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman said at a press conference at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

"We want to create an opportunity for our journalists to learn from and connect with international experts," said Hasibur.

The conference will feature 12 sessions and over 20 discussants, with more than 500 participants expected. Journalists and experts from more than 10 countries, including the US, the UK, India, Pakistan, and Canada, are also expected to join, he said.

The organisation aims to continue supporting objective, investigative and public-interest journalism. The conference will include plenary and thematic sessions, parallel tracks and masterclasses, offering opportunities for journalists to exchange experiences and learn from one another.

Registration will open on a dedicated microsite at 12:01am tomorrow. It will be first-come, first-served, but final selection will be made by the organisers.

Journalists working at local, national and international media outlets, including those based outside Bangladesh, will be eligible to register.

Teachers, researchers, fact-checkers, development partners, civil society members and MRDI alumni will also be able to apply. Students will need to complete MRDI's online basic journalism course to participate. Those who score highest, within the limited number of seats, will be selected.

Two killed in lightning strikes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Two people were killed in lightning strikes in Chuadanga yesterday.

In Jibannagar, Russell Hossain, 25, of Ghoshnagar village, was working in a nearby field, when a sudden lightning strike hit the area with a loud thunderclap, said locals.

He collapsed on the spot after being struck by lightning. He was rushed to the upazila Health Complex, where he was declared dead, said police.

In Darshana, Azim Uddin, 15, of Damurhuda upazila, was struck by lightning while delivering food to his father. Azim, a ninth-grade student, died on the spot, confirmed Darshana Police Station OC Md Mehedi Hasan.

Bar council suspends Masder Hossain's licence

He denies allegation of Tk 1.25cr misappropriation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Bar Council has suspended the licence of Md Masder Hossain, barring him from practising as a lawyer, over allegations of misappropriating Tk 1.25 crore from a client.

Masder Hossain, a former district and sessions judge and also a member of the Judiciary Reform Commission formed during the interim government, has been directed to explain within 15 days why his licence should not be permanently revoked.

In a press release, the bar council said the decision was taken unanimously at a meeting on Wednesday.

The council acted after taking note of a report published in a daily newspaper on April 12, which alleged that Masder Hossain had misappropriated the funds.

According to the report, he admitted to the allegation. Considering the prima facie truth of the claim and issues of professional ethics, the bar council found sufficient grounds to initiate proceedings against him.

His licence will remain suspended during the 15-day period, the press release said.

Masder Hossain, however, yesterday refuted the news report, saying it contains misleading, exaggerated, and baseless allegations.

"In reality, I have filed an appeal in accordance with the law in the relevant case. At different stages, the amount determined has changed, and I have already deposited a portion of it into the government treasury in accordance with proper procedures. Currently, approximately Tk 17,35,000 remains outstanding. Upon payment of this remaining

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Girl found dead in Jhenaidah pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenaidah

A teenage girl was found dead in a pond near a brick kiln in the Municipal College area of Kotchandpur upazila in Jhenaidah yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Nasima Khatun, 14, daughter of late Nazmul Meer from Sabdarpur. Since last Ramadan, her family had been living at Solemanpur in Kotchandpur, said police.

Kotchandpur Police Station OC Md Asaduzzaman said locals spotted the body in the pond near Eco Bricks, beside the Kotchandpur-Kaliganj highway. The body was sent for autopsy.

Family members said Nasima left home on Wednesday morning, telling them she was going out with friends, but did not return.

Additional Superintendent of Police Sayem Yusuf said police started investigation.

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e-Tender Notice No. 54.01.1500.107.05.144.25-907 Date: 16-04-2026

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Category	Number of Fellowship
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Energy Governance	01
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To submit proposal and further information: <https://ti-bangladesh.org/ijf>

Last Date for Submission: 15 June 2026

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Memo No. 37.01.4703.057.34.027.26.441 Date: 15/04/2026

e-Tender Notice (Re-Tender)

e-Tender has been invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of:

Sl. No.	Re-Tender ID No.	Ref./Package No.	Description	Online tender notice publication date	Online tender closing date
01	1231554	37.01.4703.057.34.027.26.419; Date: 09/04/26	Procurement and Installation of Laboratory equipment	16-Apr-2026	26-Apr-2026

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Tender No. 123/2026 Date: 15/04/2026

Tenders are hereby invited through Electronic Media (e-Tenders) from bona fide, government-approved higher educational/training institutes/firms for following package:

Sl	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of work	Tender closing date & time
1	122/2026	BSCS/2025/01	Selection of Institution/Firm for conducting recruitment examination for the post of Senior Officer (G) (9th Grade, Job Id: 25101) for State Owned 09 Banks and 02 Financial Institutions	29/04/2026 02:00pm

The interested parties may visit the website www.bb.org.bd/en/index.php/about/tenders & tender.bb.org.bd to get the details of the tender.

DCP: 48/2026-982
Date: 16-04-2026

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1	Tender ID: 1258174 Ref. No. 27.11.0000.716.77.26.454 Dt: 15.04.2026	Supply Installation and Commissioning of 02 Nos. Rack Mounted Server for Dhaka Computer Center of BPDB with Necessary Support Service for 3 years.	15.04.2026	04.05.2026 6 Time: 12:00

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