

## HSC, equivalent exams to begin July 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) and equivalent examinations will begin on July 2, Dhaka Education Board Chairman Khandokar Ehsanul Kabir said yesterday.

The decision was finalised at a meeting of the Secondary and Higher Education Division, chaired by Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon, with participation from education board heads, teachers, and guardians.

Authorities have been instructed to complete the examinations within five weeks. "The routine is now being prepared keeping that in mind," he added.

The exams were originally scheduled to start on June 7, but the date was revised following stakeholder consultations at the meeting.

## MANIKGANJ TRIPLE MURDER Teen held, no case filed over mob killing of 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Police have arrested a 15-year-old boy in connection with a case filed over the killing of a seven-year-old girl in Manikganj Sadar upazila.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested the teenager from Dhaka's Nawabganj area on Friday night, said Manikganj superintendent of police Sarwar Alam yesterday.

"He is currently in police custody. After interrogation, he will be produced before the juvenile court," the SP said, adding that drives were underway to arrest another accused named Roni.

Meanwhile, the mother of the child, Atika Akter, filed a murder case against five people, including the teenager, with Sadar Police Station yesterday, SP Sarwar also said.

However, no case has yet been filed over the killing of the arrested teenager's father and uncle in a mob attack on Thursday night, following allegations that the girl had been murdered.

The SP said no written complaint has so far been submitted by the relatives regarding the mob killing. "If they file any complaint, it will be registered as a case," he added.

According to police and locals, Atika Akter, daughter of Dudal Mia of Bonparil village, went missing from near her home on Thursday afternoon. Around 10:00pm that night, locals found Atika's body in a maize field near her home.

The girl was found with her hands and legs tied. Police suspect that she was killed either during an attempted rape or robbery of her jewellery. Atika's family alleged that a teenage boy was involved. Later, agitated people beat up the teenage boy's elder brother Nazmul, 20; their father Pannu Miah, 45; and Pannu's brother Fazlu, 28.

On information, police went to the spot and rescued Nazmul alive but in a critically injured condition. Pannu and Fazlu were found dead, said Aminul Islam, inspector (investigation) of Manikganj Sadar Police Station.

"We have found evidence of rape attempt on the girl. However, details will be known after getting the autopsy report," Aminul added.

## BERA UPAZILA IN PABNA

# Lone river ambulance lies non-operational for years

### Shoal residents struggle with emergency medical access

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU,  
Pabna

For the residents of Char Pechakola, a shoal within the Jamuna river under Pabna's Bera upazila, a medical emergency is more than just a health crisis; it is often a life-and-death struggle.

Though the distance to the nearest health complex is only around seven to eight kilometres, the journey usually takes around three hours through the shoal's shifting sands and Jamuna's waterways, making it an arduous task to take a critical patient to hospital in time.

To make matters worse, the lone river ambulance for medical emergencies in the region has long been lying non-operational.



As such, local residents always keep the phone numbers of local boatmen on speed dial. These boatmen remain awake throughout the night, ready to navigate the dark waters if an emergency arises.

"When someone falls ill, it brings a desperate time for the entire family," said Md Ibrahim from Char Pechakola village.

"We have to transport the patient across the sands via horse carts to the riverbank first, before finding a boat to cross the river to the mainland and finally reach the upazila health complex," he added.

The stakes are highest for pregnant women.

"Pregnant women suffer the most. No doctor ever visits this village. In critical moments, we are forced to



hire trained nurses from outside to perform deliveries here because we simply cannot take the patient to hospital in time under the present circumstances," Ibrahim explained.

While Ibrahim noted that there have been no recent fatalities in his specific village, the risk remains high in the absence of even the most basic facilities.

A similar scenario prevails in neighbouring Char Nagdah, Hatail Aralia, Char Pailanda, Char Aghashoha, Char Saffulla, Dewnai, Pukurpur, Sharifpur, Char Pagla, and other shoal villages under the upazila.

In 2013, the government, through the Directorate of Central Medical Store Depots (CMSD), allotted a specialised river ambulance to the Bera Upazila Health Complex under a project to serve over 1,00,000 residents of 22 shoal villages.

That ambulance, however, has long been lying abandoned and rotting on the mainland due to a lack of maintenance.

Confirming the matter, Dr Tahmina Yasmin, upazila health officer in Bera, said the project was hampered from the start.

"There was never a budget for fuel, maintenance, or a driver. Later, the

engine got stolen, and the vessel is now nothing but a hollow shell," she added.

Internal records regarding the project's cost or the disappearance of its machinery are also non-existent.

Dr Tahmina also said that despite routinely reporting the issue to the Directorate General of Health Services, no action has been taken.

Md Monzed Ali, executive director of an NGO named Jamuna Somaj Kollan Shangshtha, termed it a part of a broader pattern of deprivation for the people of the region.

"While there is a mobile NGO hospital boat, it is not enough. Many patients died during the long journey to the mainland while being taken to hospitals," he added.

"An ambulance meant for the poor is left to decay because of a lack of maintenance. If functional, it would have eased a lot of suffering, especially for pregnant women and critical patients," said Md Abul Kalam, a local college teacher.

Contacted, Nuren Mayesha Khan, assistant commissioner (land) in Bera upazila, said an initiative is underway to resume the river ambulance service.

"Necessary steps will be taken to this end," the official added.

## Lightning strikes kill 13 across country

STAR REPORT

At least 13 people were killed yesterday in lightning strikes across the country.

Of them, five died in Sunamganj; two each in Rangpur and Mymensingh; and one each in Habiganj, Netrokona, Lalmonirhat, and Kishoreganj.

In Sunamganj, five people were killed in separate lightning strikes in four upazilas of Sunamganj while harvesting and drying Boro paddy.

In Dharmapasha upazila, Habibur Rahman died after being struck by lightning while harvesting paddy in Togar Haor. In the same upazila, Rahmat Ullah was killed while drying paddy beside his house, said Dharmapasha Police Station Officer-in-Charge Shahid Ullah.

In Jamalganj, Nuruzzaman was killed while harvesting paddy in Pagnar Haor, confirmed Jamalganj Police Station OC Md Bande Ali.

In Tahirpur, Abul Kalam died while working in Matian Haor, said Tahirpur Police Station OC Aminul Islam.

Meanwhile, Liton Miah was killed while harvesting paddy in Kaliagota Haor, said Dr Prashanta Das Talukdar, resident medical officer of Tahirpur Upazila Health Complex.

In Mymensingh, Rahmat Ali Ujjal, 30, of Gouripur died after being hit by lightning while harvesting paddy, said Gouripur Police Station OC Md Kamrul Hasan. Meanwhile, Momtaz Ali Khan, 58, of Gafargaon died while returning home after Zohr prayers, said Pagla Police Station OC Md Aminul Islam.

In Rangpur, two people were killed during a storm in Mithapukur upazila.

The deceased are farmer Taleb Uddin, 60, and fisherman Milon Islam, 42 — both from Boro Hazratpur Sakhipur area in the upazila.

Locals rescued and took them to Mithapukur Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared Taleb and Milon dead, confirmed Mithapukur Police Station OC Nuruzzaman Ahmed.

In Habiganj, Sunam Uddin, 60, of Rampur village, was killed while harvesting paddy in Momina Haor, said Nabiganj Police Station OC Md Monayem Mia.

In Netrokona, a farmer, Altu Mia, 65, died in Atpara upazila. Atpara Police Station OC Zubaedul Alam said Altu died on the spot when he went to the Meshir Haor to cut grass for his cattle.

In Kishoreganj, Haldut Mia, 37, of Kolabag village in Joyka union, died while harvesting paddy in a large haor in Karimganj, said UNO Umme Muslima.

In Lalmonirhat, Abdur Hossain, 55, was struck by lightning while working in a paddy field in Aditmari upazila, said OC Nazmul Haque of Aditmari Police Station.

## A testament to Khulna's heritage

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two temples has a Shivalingam of a similar shape.

Md Mosharrif Hossain of DoA conducted an archaeological survey of the Greater Khulna district, where he cited the twin temples' terracotta motifs on the front. The structures were constructed with small masonry bricks and cemented with lime-mixed brick powder.

The then members of the Marwari community of Khulna's Barobazar area were patrons of this temple. The fair held on the Jora Shivmandir premises during Shivratri used to be one of the major fairs in South Bengal.

In his book "Khulnar Purakirti", Dr Mizanur Rahman wrote, "In 1343 Bangla year, Baldev Agarwal built a garden near the temple. In the eastern part of the temple premises, a school was established by

locals. This school survived till the Liberation War in 1971."

While constructing the Khulna Railway Station in 1880, a significant part of the pond adjacent to the temple was filled up. Gradually the garden also disappeared.

During the 1964 riots, the temples were damaged, and the identical Shivalingams were robbed by miscreants. At that time, the priest of Satya Narayan temple in Barobazar used to perform puja at the twin temples.

In the 1980s, the temple was grabbed by notorious criminal Ershad Shikder. During that time, people hardly ventured into the Jora Shivmandir premises.

Gopi Kishan Mudra, an adviser of the temples' committee, said they finally entered the Jora Shivmandir again after years in 1999 with the help of district administration.

With financial support

from Shivakrishna Mundhara and the Khulna City Corporation, the damaged portions of the temples were repaired. New stone Shivalingams were installed, and a boundary wall was erected to secure the site. There is a priest who performs puja daily at the temples.

"The archaeology department should conserve this site for its rich architectural history and cultural significance."

Lovely Yasmin, DoA regional director in Khulna, said the archaeological features of the twin temples have been damaged due to the use of modern construction materials.

"If the temple authorities commit to removing these materials and restoring the temple to its original state, we will take it under our responsibility. Otherwise, this situation does not fall within the scope of the Archaeology Act."

## Reviving Saarc

FROM PAGE 3  
has immense possibilities for cooperation and that dialogue and diplomacy are the only ways to overcome barriers to cooperation among countries in the region.

At another event on "Global Refugee Protection System in the Face of Displacement Crisis", Khalilur said the sustainable and effective solution to the Rohingya crisis lies within Rakhine State.

He emphasised that the international community should not restrict itself to humanitarian aid alone but must play a more active and productive role in creating a favourable environment for the safe, dignified, and voluntary repatriation of the Rohingyas.

Khalilur expressed deep concern over the decline in international donor assistance for the Rohingyas and called for urgent measures to increase funding, ensure stability and security in Rakhine, and protect human rights.

He maintained that the Rohingya crisis is a solvable problem, but it requires coordinated global initiatives and consistent international cooperation.

**Addendum-01 to Expression of Interest (EOI) for Sponsorship Rights**  
BCB Official Drinking and Official Beverage Partner

Ref: BCB/Official Drinking and Official Beverage Partner/ 2026/339 Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**ADDENDUM-01**

This Addendum is issued by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) in connection with the Expression of Interest (EOI) dated 04<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 (Ref: BCB/Official Drinks and Official Beverage Partner/2026/167).

To align the EOI process with the revised Series itinerary and operational requirements, BCB hereby introduces the following amendments:

- The revised sponsorship tenure for Official Drinking & Beverage Partner shall be for a period of two (2) years starting from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2026 to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2028.
- The revised deadline for submission of EOI is Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026. BCB reserves the right to further extend or modify the timeline if required.
- All EOI submitted pursuant to the original EOI shall remain on record. However, all applicants shall be entitled, but not obligated, to revise, supplement or resubmit their EOIs within the revised timeline. Any applicant who does not submit a revised or supplemented EOI shall be deemed to rely upon its original submission, which shall be evaluated in accordance with the amended terms.
- All applicants, including new applicants, shall be afforded equal opportunity to participate in the process. No applicant shall be disadvantaged by reason of having submitted an EOI prior to this Addendum and no rights or legitimate expectations shall accrue solely on that basis.
- Save as expressly amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the EOI shall remain unchanged and shall continue to be valid and binding. This Addendum shall form an integral part of the EOI.

BCB reserves its rights as set out in the EOI, including the right to amend, modify, suspend or cancel the process at any stage without incurring any liability to any party.

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
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**বাংলাদেশ ওয়াকফ প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়ের প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

বাংলাদেশ সুপ্রীম কোর্টের হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ ও আপীল বিভাগসহ জেলা পর্যায়ের বিভিন্ন আদালতে বাংলাদেশ ওয়াকফ প্রশাসনের স্বার্থ-সংশ্লিষ্ট গুরুত্বপূর্ণ মামলা পরিচালনা, প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা ও রাস্ত্রপক্ষের আইন কর্মকর্তাকে সহায়তা করার জন্য মহামান্য সুপ্রীম কোর্টের আপীল বিভাগের জন্য ২(দুই) জন, হাইকোর্ট বিভাগের জন্য ৩ (তিন) জন এবং ঢাকা, ফরিদপুর, টাংগাইল, নরায়ণগঞ্জ, ময়মনসিংহ, সিলেট, চট্টগ্রাম, কক্সবাজার, কুমিল্লা, নোয়াখালী, বরিশাল, পটুয়াখালী, বরগুনা, খুলনা, রাজশাহী, নওগাঁ, বগুড়া, রংপুর, দিনাজপুর ও ঠাকুরগাঁও জেলা জজ আদালতের জন্য ১ জন করে ২০ (বিশ) জনসহ মোট ২৫ (পঁচিশ) জন দক্ষ ও অভিজ্ঞ প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্তির লক্ষ্যে আগ্রহী আইনজীবীগণের নিকট হতে নিম্নোক্ত শর্তে ওয়াকফ প্রশাসক বাংলাদেশ বরাবর আবেদন আহবান করা যাচ্ছেঃ

**শর্তাবলীঃ**

০১	মহামান্য সুপ্রীম কোর্টের আপীল বিভাগ, হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ এর প্যানেল আইনজীবী পদে আবেদনকারীদের ঢাকায় নিয়মিতভাবে বসবাসরত হতে হবে এবং জেলা জজ আদালতের জন্য আবেদনকারীকে স্ব-স্ব জেলায় নিয়মিতভাবে বসবাসরত হতে হবে;
০২	মহামান্য সুপ্রীম কোর্টের আপীল বিভাগের প্যানেল আইনজীবীর ক্ষেত্রে আবেদনকারীর বাংলাদেশ সুপ্রীম কোর্টের আপীল বিভাগে তালিকাভুক্ত হতে হবে। হাইকোর্ট বিভাগের প্যানেল আইনজীবীর ক্ষেত্রে আবেদনকারীকে আইনজীবী হিসেবে হাইকোর্ট বিভাগে মামলা পরিচালনায় কমপক্ষে ১০ (দশ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। জেলা জজ আদালতের জন্য আবেদনকারীর ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট জজ আদালতে মামলা পরিচালনায় কমপক্ষে ১০ (দশ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। বিজ্ঞ প্যানেল আইনজীবীগণকে মুসলিম শরিয়া, ওয়াকফ ও ভূমি আইনে পারদর্শি হতে হবে।
০৩	নির্বাচিত আইনজীবীগণকে ওয়াকফ প্রশাসনের সাথে ৩ (তিন) বছরের জন্য চুক্তি করতে হবে।
০৪	কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ আবেদনকারীর আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন। প্যানেল আইনজীবী নিয়োগের বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।
০৫	আবেদনের সাথে নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্রাদি দাখিল করতে হবেঃ
০৫.১	আবেদনকারীর নাম, মাতা ও পিতার নাম প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে স্বামীর নাম, স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, কর্মস্থল/চেষ্টারের ঠিকানা, জন্ম তারিখ, শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, ফোন নম্বর, মোবাইল নম্বর ই-মেইল আইডিসহ পূর্ণাঙ্গ জীবন বৃত্তান্ত। আবেদনপত্রে ও খামের উপরে যে আদালতের জন্য নিয়োগ পেতে চান তা উল্লেখ করতে হবে।
০৫.২	(ক) সদ্য তোলা ২(দুই) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি, (খ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, (গ) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সকল সনদ, (ঘ) বার কাইঙ্গিল কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত পেশাগত সনদ, (ঙ) আপীল বিভাগ/হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ/ জেলা জজ আদালতে মামলা পরিচালনার অনুমতির সনদ, (চ) অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ এবং (ছ) অন্য কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে প্যানেল আইনজীবী হিসেবে নিয়োগপত্র (যদি থাকে) এর সত্যায়িত কপি।
০৬	উক্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদি ওয়াকফ প্রশাসক, বাংলাদেশ এর ওয়েবসাইট <a href="http://www.waqf.gov.bd">www.waqf.gov.bd</a> এ পাওয়া যাবে।
০৭	আগামী ১৯ মে ২০২৬ বিকাল ০৩.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে সরাসরি/ডাকযোগে নিম্ন ঠিকানায় আবেদন পৌছানো নিশ্চিত করতে হবে। ঠিকানাঃ ওয়াকফ প্রশাসক, বাংলাদেশ বাংলাদেশ ওয়াকফ প্রশাসকের কার্যালয় ৪ নং নিউ ইন্সটান রোড, ঢাকা <a href="http://www.waqf.gov.bd">www.waqf.gov.bd</a>

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