

Couple burnt to death in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A couple were burnt to death early yesterday after a fire broke out at their house in the Suihari Ashrampara area of Dinajpur municipality.

The deceased were identified as Tapan Kumar Sarcar, 45, and his wife Lata Sarcar, 37.

Mohammad Nurnabi, officer-in-charge of Dinajpur Kotwali Police Station, told The Daily Star over the phone that the fire broke out on the first floor of the house around 1:00am.

The couple, who were inside at the time, could not escape and were burnt to death.

The victims' son, Tibra Sarcar, said he had gone to a petrol pump in the town around midnight to collect fuel. About an hour later, a neighbour called and informed him about the fire.

He rushed home but could not go upstairs due to the blaze.

Obaidul Islam, senior station officer of Dinajpur Fire Service and Civil Defence, said the fire might have originated from a gas cylinder leak. Police said an unnatural death case was filed with the police station in this connection.

PRAYER TIMING
APRIL 21

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:25	12:45	4:45	6:27	8:00
JAMAAT 5:00	1:15	5:00	6:31	8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



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The Dahir-Sohani-Suraiya Foundation awards scholarships to meritorious and financially challenged students of the Faculty of Business Studies at Dhaka University on April 19 at the Professor Dr Abdullah Farouk Multipurpose Hall. Prof Mahmood Osman Imam, dean of the Faculty of Business Studies, DU; and Chowdhury Mohammed Hanif Shoeb, president of the foundation and managing director of Salma Group, handed over the scholarships. Foundation vice presidents Salma Chowdhury and Md Arfan Ali were, among others, present.

Power outages cripple daily life in three dists

STAR REPORT

People across Sylhet division are enduring worsening power cuts as load-shedding has intensified over the past week.

Bangladesh Power Development Board and Rural Electrification Board officials say supply remains far below demand, forcing offices and businesses to close early.

In Sylhet, BPDB recorded a peak demand of 210 megawatts at 5:00pm yesterday, against a supply of 180MW. "We are scheduling around 30MW of load-shedding based on the allocation from Power Grid Bangladesh," said Mohammed Imam Hossain, BPDB's chief engineer in Sylhet.

The situation is more acute in rural areas, where only about two-thirds of demand is being met,

resulting in prolonged outages.

Paresh Chandra Mondal, superintending engineer of REB's Sylhet zone -- covering all four districts of the division and Brahmanbaria -- said peak demand on Sunday stood at 576MW, against a supply of 361MW, leaving a 215MW deficit.

Residents say the outages are disrupting livelihoods and studies.

Abir Hasan, who runs a mobile repair shop in Tahirpur of Sunamganj, said, "We are asked to close by 7:00pm but get only two to three hours of electricity during the day. Running a business like this is impossible."

Tanim Ahmed, a student of Murari Chand College, said frequent outages are hampering exam preparation.

Meanwhile, in Noakhali,

residents across nine upazilas are facing severe load shedding. Around 1.29 lakh BPDB consumers and 8.2 lakh users under the Noakhali Palli Bidyut Samity are affected.

Palli Bidyut sources said a demand of about 200MW is being met with only two-thirds of supply. BPDB officials reported receiving just 15-17MW against a demand of 36MW in Noakhali municipality and surrounding areas.

"In 24 hours, we get no more than five to six hours of electricity, and that too in short intervals," said Poli Akhter of Chakhal upazila.

The crisis is also hitting healthcare services hard. Shipon Saha of Prime Hospital Ltd said the 150-bed facility faces 4-5 daily

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Man dies five days after being hacked over land

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

A man, who was hacked during a clash over a land dispute in Patiya upazila of Chattogram, died at Chattogram Medical College Hospital early yesterday.

Abul Kashem, 55, a resident of Dakkhin Gobindarkhil of Patiya municipality, succumbed to his injuries around 6:00am, hospital sources said.

Police said Kashem had a long-standing dispute with a neighbour over a piece of land. The conflict escalated when Kashem tried to stop the neighbour from constructing a road through the disputed property.

During the ensuing altercation, Kashem and his two brothers, Abul Kalam, 50, and Abu Musa, 47, were indiscriminately hacked with sharp weapons on Wednesday, said police.

Locals rescued them and rushed them to CMCH. While Kashem succumbed to his injuries yesterday, the condition of Abul Kalam is reported to be critical.

Patiya Police Station Officer-in-Charge Jiaul Huq said a case was filed on Sunday naming three individuals along with several unidentified others.

"The initial case will now be converted into a murder case following the victim's death. We are conducting drives to apprehend the accused," the OC added.

SECRETARIAT FOR SC HC defers hearing on writ petition challenging repeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday deferred hearing on a writ petition challenging the legality of repealing the ordinance issued by the interim government to establish a separate secretariat for the Supreme Court.

The bench of Justice Ahmed Sohel and Justice Fatema Anwar said the petition will remain on its cause list until the Appellate Division decides on an appeal the state plans to file against the HC verdict that directed the government to establish the SC Secretariat.

The bench also expressed its expectation that the government will not alter existing structures of the SC Secretariat in the meantime, petitioners' SEE PAGE 9 COL 5

ROAD CRASH, DROWNING Four killed in two districts

STAR REPORT

At least four people were killed in separate incidents in Tangail and Gazipur over the past two days, report our correspondents.

In Tangail, a bus supervisor and a helper (driver's assistance) were killed in a head-on collision between a passenger bus and a sand-laden truck in Ghatail upazila around 6:00am yesterday.

The deceased were Atiqul Islam, 40, and Majon Mia, 43, both from Gopalpur upazila.

Police said the bus, heading from Gopalpur, collided with an oncoming truck on the Tangail-Mymensingh road, leaving the two crushed under the vehicle. A local youth, Bidyut, was injured during rescue efforts when a rope snapped.

Ghatail Police Station OC Md Moksedur Rahman said police and fire service members responded and recovered the bodies. Traffic was briefly disrupted before returning to normal. Legal steps are underway. SEE PAGE 9 COL 3

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 348/2026

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

AND
IN THE MATTER OF: Dr. A M Shammim, son of Late Ali Ahmed Bhuiyan, Shareholder and Director THE MULTIMEDIA LTD. of House-01, Road-04, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. ---Petitioner

---VERSUS---
THE MULTIMEDIA LTD. Office address: House-1, Road-4, Dhanmondi, R/A, Dhaka-1209 and The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies & Firms, TCB Bhaban (6th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. ---Respondents

Take notice that an application under section 81(2), read with section 85(3) 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 the delay in holding the Annual General Meetings of THE MULTIMEDIA LTD. for the calendar years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 and to give necessary direction for holding the said meeting within a reasonable time. Upon hearing of the application on 07/04/2026 the Hon'ble Justice Mr. Sikder Mahmudur Razi has been pleased to admit the said application.

If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an advocate on or before the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.

Md. Asrafur Hasan Siddique (Barrister-at-Law)
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Room No.336, Supreme Court Bar Main Building, Shahbagh, Dhaka-1000

Jamaat-led alliance A daily

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Ibrahim, has also been nominated.

Nomination papers are scheduled to be submitted tomorrow to the Election Commission office in Agargaon. Voting is set for May 12, according to the EC schedule.

The 50 reserved seats for women in parliament are allocated to parties in proportion to their representation in general seats, with one reserved seat for every six general seats. The BNP-led alliance

is expected to get 36 seats, the Jamaat-led alliance 13, and independents one seat.

Speaking at the press conference, Hamidur Rahman Azad said candidates were selected based on academic qualifications, integrity, and political experience.

On nominating a member of a July martyr's family, he said the move was intended to honour the sacrifices that made the current political environment possible.

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Another resident, Jiken Chakma, echoed the concern.

"We couldn't install a deep tube well due to rocks underground, and digging a well is unlikely to yield water. We will always struggle to get water," he said.

The crisis is not limited to one area. Remote upazilas such as Baghaichari, Barkal, Jurachari, Belaichari and Kaptai are also facing shortages.

In Devtachari village of Wagga union in Kaptai, home to about 70 families, a stream that once held water year-round has nearly dried up.

"We used to bathe in the stream and use it for household chores, but now it stays dry most of the year except during the monsoon," said resident Liton Tanchangya.

"Those who can afford it install tube wells and use motor pumps, while others collect water from distant wells. In some areas, even well water is unavailable," he added.

Rekhin Chakma of Chelachhara village in Kawkhali said, "During Falgun-Chaitra, we can sometimes get water by digging 8-10 feet, if we are lucky."

Sadhana Devi Chakma from the same village said, "Sometimes we have to fight for water. After waiting in long lines for hours, we often manage only a pitcher."

Sabuj Chakma, founder of the Biodiversity Conservation Society of CHT, said the main cause of the crisis is the destruction of natural forests.

"Deforestation and monoculture plantations, including teak, are drying up mountain streams and waterfalls. Climate change is worsening the situation with droughts and erratic rainfall. Planting native species along waterways could help," he said.

Parag Barua, executive engineer of the Public Health Engineering Department in Rangamati, said, "Water demand rises during the dry season. We are identifying the worst-affected areas and prioritising them in our work."

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

Sl.	Invitation for Tender Reference Number	Nomenclature of Tender
1	ICHRI/SC/OTM/April-01/2026 Dated. 21.04.2026	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 01 No's OT Light With Camera System.
2	ICHRI/SC/OTM/April-02/2026 Dated. 21.04.2026	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 01 No's Floor Mounted 800-1000 mA X-ray Machine with Flat panel Detector at Radiology & Imaging Department.

Other Information :

05	Procurement Method	: Open Tendering Method (OTM)
06	Source of Fund	: Own Fund of Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (ICHRI)
07	Name and Address of the Office & Place of Selling Tender Documents	: Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (ICHRI), 122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000 Will be available at Cash Counter (3 rd Floor)
08	Price of Tender Documents	: Tender Documents Price is BDT. 3,000.00 (Three Thousand) only for OT Light & BDT. 5,000.00 (Five Thousand) only for X-Ray Machine (Non-refundable) Per set.
09	Date & Time of Selling Tender Documents	: Tender Documents are available from 21 April, 2026 to 19 May, 2026 on all working days (9.00am to 3.30pm)
10	Pre-Bid Meeting (Optional) Date & Time	: 02.05.2026 at 10.30am at Blood Bank Conference Room 6 th Floor
11	Tender Closing Date & Time	: 19 May, 2026 within 11.00pm
12	Tender Opening Date & Time	: 19 May, 2026 within 12.00pm (In presence of Bidder(s) or their Representative, if there be any.)
13	Tender Dropping Place	: Tender Box kept in Corporate Office (5 th Floor), Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute
14	Tender Opening Place	: Blood Bank Conference Room (5 th Floor) Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (ICHRI), 122, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000
15	Name, Designation & Address of Official Inviting Tender	: Prof. Dr. Sahela Nasrin CEO, Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute (ICHRI)
16	Eligibility of Tender	: I. The Bidder(s) should be manufacturer or their authorized Agent/Distributor or Dealer of the offered equipment. II. Bidder(s) should have valid up-to-date legal documents like Trade license, TIN / BIN, VAT, Incomer Tax & Bank Solvency Certificate etc. III. All required eligibility and conditions of the Bidder(s) are stipulated in Tender Documents.
17	Tender Security	: 3% (Three) of quoted amount in favor of Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital & Research Institute in the form of Payment Order / Demand Draft from any Schedule Bank to be submitted along with Tender.
18	Validity of offer for placement of order / NOA	: 90 (Ninety) Days from the date of opening of Tender.
19	Time for Completion of the Supply / work	: 90 (Ninety) Days from the date of Contract Agreement / Notification of Award.
20	Special Conditions	: I. If the Tender is not possible to receive and open on the scheduled date for unavoidable event, then the same will be received and opened on the next working days at the same date and places. II. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in fully or partially without assigning any reason thereof and to extend the tender receiving and opening date. III. All terms & conditions to be applied as mentioned in Tender Documents.

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY

Applications are invited for the post of Secretary, Board of Trustees

Details can be obtained from the website (www.aust.edu)

Candidates are requested to fill up the online form, download the online generated CV and send it to regr@aust.edu with cc to vc@aust.edu. Send the hard copy of the online generated CV to the Registrar along with a full resume, two recent passport-size colored photographs, and attested copies of all certificates, mark sheets/ transcripts, testimonials, etc. on or before 30 April 2026.

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

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

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender Closing Date & Time
01.	1261540	G-13/Sadar/Ramgonj	Supply of bedding for Sadar Upazilla and Ramgonj Upazilla Model Mosque in Lakshmipur District under the project 'Establishing 560 Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Centre in Zilla & Upazilla (2nd Revised)'	30-Apr-2026 17:00

This is an online Tender. Where only e-Tenders 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. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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