

Woman's body found in sack in Jashore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police recovered the body of a 55-year-old woman from a roadside in Jashore early yesterday.

The deceased, Sakina Begum, wife of Lal Chand Khalifa of Bejpara Main Road, was found stuffed inside a sack near her home in the Bejpara area. The body was sent to Jashore General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Her son, Shahidul Islam, said after returning home from outside around 11:00pm, he could not find her and later informed police.

Around 2:30am, Shahidul spotted a sack by the roadside beside their house. On opening it, he found his mother's body. He and his sister, Shahida Begum, identified the body.

Shahida alleged that her mother was murdered in a premeditated manner and dumped in the sack.

Officer-in-Charge of Jashore Kotwali Police Station Masud Khan said the cause of death would be known after investigation and the autopsy report.

'My income stops, but expenses don't'

Patuakhali fishers seek govt cash support amid 58-day ban on fishing

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

The familiar roar of fishing trawlers has fallen silent along Patuakhali's coast as a 58-day government ban on fishing in the Bay of Bengal takes effect - an essential step for conserving marine resources, but one that is simultaneously straining the livelihoods of fishing communities and intensifying their financial hardship.

At the Mahipur-Alipur fisheries hubs and Kuakata beach channel, rows of idle trawlers now line the shore. Fishermen, instead of heading to sea, pass time mending nets or repairing boats, tasks that bring no income.

The restriction, aimed at ensuring the safe breeding of hilsa and other marine species, came into force on April 14 and will remain in effect until June 11.

For many, the timing has compounded hardship, coming just as fishers were beginning to recover from a prolonged fuel crisis.

"I have been fishing since childhood. I don't know any other work. Income has stopped, but expenses haven't," said Rafique Majhi, 52, the sole earner of a six-member family.

Struggling to meet daily needs and his children's education costs, Rafique has taken loans of nearly Tk 2 lakh from local lenders, while continuing to repay NGO instalments. "Government support should come at the very beginning of the ban. Without suspending loan repayments, it will be difficult

for us to survive," he added.

Faruk Majhi, 40, said assistance in the form of rice is inadequate. "We are supposed to receive 80kg of rice, but in reality, we get less. And rice alone is not enough, there are costs for oil, lentils, and medicine," he said, suggesting at least Tk 5,000 in cash support is

needed.

"Debts are rising and fish stocks are declining. I am thinking of leaving this profession and learning to drive a rickshaw," Faruk added.



Trawlers remain anchored in Mohipur-Alipur fish landing station area in Patuakhali. PHOTO: STAR

The impact extends beyond fishermen. Workers at landing centres and traders who depend on the sector are also struggling. "We are forced to rely on borrowing to run our households," said Kabir Hossain, an employee at Mahipur

According to the District Fisheries Office, 63,155 registered fishermen in Patuakhali are affected, with 53,750 covered under the Vulnerable Group Feeding programme. Each is set to receive 77kg of rice in phases during the ban.

District Fisheries Officer Bijon Kumar Nandi said a proposal has been sent to the higher authorities to provide fishers with cash assistance alongside rice.

Gunmen open fire on river police in Kushtia, six injured

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Six people, including five members of River Police, were injured when gunmen opened fire on a patrol team during a raid on the Padma in Kushtia early Wednesday, police said.

Pabna Superintendent of Police Md Anwar Zahid said a team from Lakshmikunda River Police Camp in Ishwardi, led by Inspector Shafikul Islam, was conducting routine patrol in the Haripur area.

"As the team reached Haripur point, a group of criminals suddenly opened fire," the SP said, adding that five officers and the boatman were injured.

The injured were identified as Inspector Shafikul Islam and police personnel Inamul Haque, Shahinur Haque, Nazmul Hasan and Manik Miah.

Shahinur Haque, who suffered a critical gunshot injury to his eye, was taken to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

The SP said Pabna, Kushtia and the River Police personnel will conduct drives to arrest those responsible.

PILOT PROJECT Govt to give free jute bags, uniforms to primary students

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will distribute bags made of jute and uniforms to primary school students in every upazila across the country.

The decision came at a meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, at the Secretariat yesterday, said Atiqur Rahman Ruman, the PM's additional press secretary.

Ruman said representatives from three ministries - primary and mass education, textiles and jute, and local government - attended the meeting.

It was decided that students of two primary schools in each upazila will receive bags made of jute under a pilot programme.

He said the initiative has been taken to protect the jute industry and reduce environmental pollution.

After the meeting, Prime Minister's Office Spokesperson Mahdi Amin told journalists that the programme will begin in July in two schools in each upazila, with local administration selecting the institutions for the pilot phase.

He said one lakh students will receive the bags and uniforms free of cost in the first month.

The programme will be expanded gradually to include all primary schools.

He said the initiative follows the prime minister's directive to promote "Made in Bangladesh" products and aims to reduce inequality among students.

LGRD State Minister Mir Shahe Alam said the programme will be implemented jointly by the three ministries.

State Minister for Textiles and Jute Shariful Alam said the government aims to revive the jute industry and curb plastic pollution by promoting eco-friendly products among students.

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Biman eyes fleet

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The move primarily aimed at reducing Bangladesh's trade deficit with the US and to seek relief from the tariff burden.

Through negotiations, the tariff rate was reduced to 20 percent, effective August 1, 2025. Subsequently, the interim government signed a "trade agreement" with the US on February 9, 2026, which lowered the tariff further to 19 percent.

Earlier, during the interim government's tenure, Biman said it will buy 14 aircraft from Boeing. The first Boeing aircraft is scheduled for delivery in November 2031, while the rest are expected to arrive by October 2035, said Biman sources.

Regarding the purchase of Boeing aircraft, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam said the formulation of a comprehensive action plan was needed based on route-specific revenue analysis before adding any aircraft.

She also said timely and realistic steps could turn Biman a more profitable and passenger-friendly institution.

State Minister for Aviation and Tourism M Rashiduzzaman Millat said the activities to expedite Boeing aircraft acquisition process must be kept ongoing.

He stressed for timeliness of the supply chain and called for coordinated efforts among all concerned.

In the meeting, Biman presented its plan to operate flights on Yangon, Male and New York routes by 2026, Kunming and Bahrain route by 2028 and Sydney, Uhan, Jakarta and Seoul route by 2029.

The meeting also provided directives for necessary preparations to resume Biman's Dhaka-Narita flight operations, which remained suspended since July 1, 2025 due to "Haj flights, aircraft shortages, and business realities", according to Biman.

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e-Tender Notice

Reference No. 54.01.1500.109.07.005.26-1069 Dated: 22.04.2026

The following e-Tenders have been invited in the National e-GP Portal System (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of below works:

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1.	e-Tender /trep/ 2025-26/ WD-3	1226591	Works: Maintenance & Rehabilitation of Railway Track in JYR-SPU sections under AEN-1/DA jurisdiction of Bangladesh Railway Eastern Zone.	OTM NCT (One Stage Two Envelope)	24-May-2026 at 16:00 Hrs.	25-May-2026 at 12:00 Hrs.
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ADDENDUM NOTICE

Ref: 28/2026 Dated: 23/04/2026

Amendment of Local Tender no. 28/2026 for Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning (SITC) of HVAC System for Extended Bank Note Printing Hall at SPCBL, Gazipur

This is for information to all concerned that the above-mentioned tender, originally published on 02/04/2026, has been amended with the approval of the competent authority following the Pre-Tender Meeting held on 16/04/2026.

The amendments include changes in the following sections of the Tender Document:

1	Civil Works (Foundation/Plinth) of Chiller	2	Page No. 31, ITT Sub-Clause 14.1 (b)	3	BoQ Item No. 3, Page No. 98
4	BoQ Item No. 4, Page No. 99	5	BoQ Item No. 2, Page No. 97	6	BoQ Items No. 4, Page Nos. 98-102
7	BoQ Items No. 10.1 to 10.9, Page No. 113	8	Page No. 36, ITT Sub-Clauses 42.3, 42.4 & 48.1		

The detailed Addendum Notice may be viewed/downloaded from the following link: <https://spcbl.org.bd/pages/tenders>

All other terms and conditions of the Tender Document shall remain unchanged.

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03	MRIDP/HAL/RD-48 Improvement of Joinati Mohila Bazar-Shaknight River Par Road by BC from Ch.00-2000m under Haluaghat Upazila District Mymensingh.[Road ID-361244169]	1256347	Date:- 10-May-2026 Time: 12:00	Date:- 10-May-2026 Time: 14:00	OTM

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