

## Two held, two sued

## Probe those responsible

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The victim is now undergoing treatment at the One-Stop Crisis Centre of Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

Her family members said the girl was returning home from school around 2:00pm on Wednesday when Jihad intercepted her, forcibly took her to a nearby field, and raped her.

As the girl fell sick after returning home, her family rushed her to hospital.

Later that night, the girl's mother filed a rape case with Faridpur Kotwali Police Station against Jihad, said Azmir Hossain, additional superintendent of police in Faridpur.

The accused went into hiding after the incident, the Addl SP said.

In Patuakhali, a man was accused of raping a 17-year-old HSC examinee at her home in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila on Friday.

The accused, Md Rabbi, 30, is from the same village as the victim, said police.

The victim's family filed a case with Kalapara Police Station on Saturday. Police are trying to apprehend the accused, said Md Nazrul Islam, OC of Kalapara Police Station.

(Our Correspondents from Munshiganj, Benapole, Faridpur and Patuakhali contributed to the report.)

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Referring to the blame game over the deaths, senior journalist Masud Kamal lamented that it seems the children themselves were responsible here, as they were born in a country where no one takes accountability for their misdeeds.

Shishir Moral, special correspondent of Prothom Alo, said the current government was blaming the interim and Awami League governments, but it could have saved lives had it acted sincerely.

Filmmaker and singer Meher Afroz Shaon said

it is unfortunate that people are still discussing measles in 2026. "As a mother, I beg forgiveness from the mothers of all 451 children who died of measles."

On behalf of the organisers, Ho Chi Minh Islamplaced a 10-point demand, including regular and transparent disclosure of measles outbreak information, stronger emergency vaccination drives for vulnerable children, and medical and social support for affected families.

Ho Chi Minh and Annando Kutum moderated the event.

## Movement

## Mizanur Rahman Sinha dies

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enjoying the benefits of that movement."

Shafiqur added that ignoring the verdict of the referendum would amount to insulting the people, "No one in the past has been able to escape after standing against the people, and you the government cannot escape either. The verdict of the referendum will also be implemented."

Criticising the ruling BNP, the Jamaat chief said political domination and extortion continued in the country. "Your [the BNP's] name used to be the [Bangladesh] Nationalist Party. Now people call it the extortionist party," he said, calling for social resistance against corruption and extortion.

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a party candidate and was elected to parliament.

Most recently, he was appointed convener of the district BNP committee.

The BNP had initially nominated him for the 13th parliamentary election. However, the party later changed the final nomination following his hospitalisation.

Apart from politics, Sinha also contributed to local social development and charitable activities.

Mizanur Rahman Sinha was the managing director of ACME Laboratories Ltd.

He began his career at Habib Bank Ltd in 1964, serving in various key roles

before joining ACME in 1976 to fulfil the vision of his father, late Hamidur Rahman Sinha, founder of the company.

In 1981, he became the managing director. His 49 years of experience, dedication, and visionary leadership established ACME as one of the leading pharmaceutical companies in Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and other BNP leaders have expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Mizanur Rahman Sinha.

In a condolence message, the premier said Sinha's contributions to the country's political and

health sectors would always be remembered.

He prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

The PM's Press Secretary AAM Saleh Shibly shared the message with BSS.

The parliament secretariat said in a release that the namaz-e-janaza of Mizanur Rahman Sinha will be held at the South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad at 11:00am today.

His funeral will be held on Monday at his ancestral village, Dohuri, in Lohajang upazila of Munshiganj, followed by burial in the family graveyard.

## An assault on religious diversity

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The attackers fled after facing resistance from the shrine's security guards and other devotees, the statement added.

The violence follows a pattern of attacks on shrines across the country.

According to a study by Maqam: Center for Sufi Heritage, at least 97 shrines were attacked between August 5, 2024, and December 31, 2025, leaving three people dead and 468 injured.

During a visit to the shrine on Friday, at least two devotees told this correspondent on condition of anonymity that Jamaat and Shibir activists were behind the assault. Police officials also

echoed the allegation.

However, local lawmaker and Jamaat leader Mir Ahmed Bin Quasem denied his party's involvement. He claimed the incident was part of an "anti-narcotics drive" by police, a claim the force has since rejected.

The attack drew condemnation from Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) and several political parties.

In a statement, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said the attack contradicted the spirit and objectives of Bangladesh's independence and the July movement and reflected growing threats to pluralism, religious diversity, and cultural coexistence.

He said the incident should not be viewed in isolation but rather as part of a broader effort to spread hatred and violence and undermine the country's liberal folk traditions and cultural diversity.

TIB urged the government to conduct a fair and impartial investigation and ensure exemplary punishment of those responsible.

TIB also called on Jamaat and other religion-based political parties to clarify their positions on Bangladesh's cultural diversity, folk heritage, and the coexistence of different beliefs and practices. "It is not enough for Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami merely

to deny allegations of involvement by its activists," Iftekharuzzaman said.

The Dhaka North city unit of the NCP also condemned the attack and called on the government to take effective measures to prevent such incidents.

A delegation of the NCP, led by its Joint Convener Sarwar Tushar, visited the shrine yesterday.

S e p a r a t e l y , Ganosamhati Andolan leaders Dewan Abdur Rashid Nilu and Abul Hasan Rubel expressed concern over police inaction, noting that although photos and videos of the attackers had surfaced in the media, there had been no visible effort to identify the perpetrators.

## Road accidents in Bangladesh

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transport systems for all, especially women, children, persons with disabilities and the elderly.

BRAC Road Safety Programme representative M Khalid Mahmood discussed the draft road safety law and its safe-system approach, including provisions on road network planning, right of way, adequate lighting, vehicle monitoring, speed control, passenger insurance, hospital cost coverage, crash investigation, research and data management.

Dr Muhammad Shariful Alam, country coordinator of GHAI, said countries

such as Sweden and Australia have reduced road fatalities through Vision Zero-type policies.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh continues to struggle because of weak institutional coordination and separate data systems among police, the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority and the Directorate General of Health Services, resulting in conflicting figures published on road deaths and injuries, he added.

Shariful urged journalists to pursue evidence-based and investigative reporting to push the government to modernise infrastructure,

remove unfit vehicles from roads and develop a unified road crash data system.

Dr Sharif Mahmud, programme manager of the Health and Welfare Programme, stressed public awareness and sustained media advocacy to move the draft law forward and ensure its effective implementation.

Journalists expressed concern over road safety risks during the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha holidays, especially due to makeshift cattle markets along highways and unrestricted motorcycle movement.

Speakers also said civil society and media networks

should provide policy support and practical recommendations to help prevent suffering and deaths during holiday travel.

Participants welcomed the draft law's provision for establishing an independent Road Safety Authority, saying its effective implementation could help reduce deaths on the country's roads.

The workshop ended with a consensus to form an informal cross-beat network of journalists covering communication, health, and crime to support data sharing and continuous media follow-up on road safety policies.

## A life's worth Tk 200?

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behind a four-year-old daughter.

"I witnessed the incident myself. The trolley man, Soheli, took Tk 200 from another patient's family and removed the oxygen line and moved the trolley away," he alleged.

Milon also said he had informed hospital staff and officials after the death, and later came to know that the trolley man had been suspended.

"Suspension alone is not enough. There must be justice," he added.

According to the death certificate, the cause of death was "irreversible cardio-respiratory failure due to cardiogenic shock and transfusion reaction".

The family formally submitted a written complaint to Dr Mahmudul Hasan, assistant director

of SBMCH, yesterday afternoon.

The matter also drew the attention of journalists during a visit to the hospital by Dr Ziauddin Hyder, personal assistant to the prime minister. Responding to reporters' questions, he assured that the issue would be looked into.

Dr Mahmudul Hasan confirmed receiving the complaint.

"Trolley man Soheli was suspended from duty even before we received the written complaint. A three-member investigation committee was also formed on Thursday, headed by SBMCH Deputy Director Dr AKM Nazmul Ahsan. Further action will be taken after the investigation report is submitted," he said.

## Students declare

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"If any student, teacher, or staff member commits an offence on campus, the proctorial body handles it. But when an outsider commits a crime, it becomes a criminal matter that falls primarily under police jurisdiction," said VC Kamrul.

The students, however, rejected the VC's statement.

After 5:00am, Proctor Prof Rashidul Alam reached the spot and addressed the protesters, saying he would resign if the VC asked him to.

As the students urged VC Kamrul to tell him to step down, he said, "A committee will investigate whether there was any negligence on the part of the proctor and proctorial body, and steps will be taken accordingly."

The students later moved and locked the Proctor's Office around 10:30am and declared him 'persona non grata' on campus, confirmed JU Deputy Registrar (Security) Gafrul Hasan Chowdhury Sajal.

Lamisha Zaman, a student of the history department, said, "Questions have emerged over the role of the proctorial body in light of several incidents over the past two and half years. That is why we have unanimously demanded their resignation."

Furthermore, JUCSU leaders yesterday warned of launching fresh protests against the university administration if the accused is not arrested soon.

At a press briefing, JUCSU General Secretary Mazharul Islam alleged that a lack of coordination,

procedural complications, obstacles in analysing CCTV footage, and conducting the investigation have slowed progress in the case.

Meanwhile, at an emergency meeting last night, JU authorities formed a seven-member committee to investigate the incident, which will be headed by Prof Soheli Rana of Pharmacy.

On Tuesday night, an outsider attempted to rape and murder a female student, allegedly by dragging her from a road near the old Fazilatunnesa Hall into a nearby wood.

The JU authorities filed an attempted rape and murder case with Ashulia Police Station on Wednesday against an unidentified individual.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Police yesterday shared a public awareness post on its verified Facebook page, requesting anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspect in the incident to assist law enforcers.

Police are also working to identify the man captured in CCTV surveillance footage linked to the incident.

The statement assured that the identities of informants would be kept strictly confidential. It also said credible information leading to the suspect's identification could be rewarded.

PRAYER  
TIMING  
MAY 17

Fazr

Zohr

Asr

Maghrib

Esha

AZAN 4-10

12-45

5-00

6-36

8-00

JAMAAT 4-45

1-15

5-15

6-40

8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

NOTICE OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH DIGITAL PLATFORM)

Bank Asia PLC.

Corporate Office (Registered Office)

Bank Asia Tower, 32 & 34 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue

Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215

Bank Asia

Notice is hereby given to all members of Bank Asia PLC. ("the Company") that the Twenty Seventh Annual General Meeting (27th AGM) of the members of the Company will be held on **11 June 2026 at 11:00 a.m.** virtually by using digital platform through the following web-link : **https://agmbd.live/Bankasia2026**, to transact the following business and to adopt necessary resolutions:

AGENDA

**A. ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

1. To receive, consider and adopt the Profit and Loss Account of the Company for the year ended on 31 December 2025, and the Balance Sheet as at that date together with the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.

2. To declare dividend out of the profits for the year ended on December 31, 2025.

3. To elect/re-elect Directors in accordance with the provisions of law and the Articles of Association of the Company.

4. To confirm the appointment of independent director.

5. To appoint Statutory Auditor of the Company for the term until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to fix their remuneration.

6. To appoint Compliance Auditor as per Corporate Governance Code for the year 2026 and to fix their remuneration.

7. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

**B. SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

To transact the following business and if deemed fit, to adopt the following resolution as **Special Resolution:**

**1. To Increase the Authorized Share Capital of the Company.**

**"RESOLVED** that the proposal for enhancement of the Authorized Share Capital of the Company from TK.1500,00,00,000.00 (Taka one thousand five hundred crore) only divided into 150,00,00,000 (one hundred fifty crore) ordinary shares of TK.10.00 each to TK.3000,00,00,000.00 (taka three thousand crore) only divided into 300,00,00,000 (three hundred crore) ordinary shares of TK.10.00 each as well as the amendment of Clause-V of the Memorandum of Association and Article No-6 of the Articles of Association of Bank Asia PLC. as proposed below be and is hereby approved as Special Resolution subject to approval from the regulatory authorities ;

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that a new printed Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company with all amendments made up to the date of 27<sup>th</sup> AGM in exclusion and in substitutions of the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company be and is hereby adopted as the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and to file the amended Memorandum and Articles of Association with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) Dhaka for record."

**i) AMENDMENT OF CLAUSE "V" OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION:**

Existing Clause "V"

The Authorized Share Capital of the Company is  
Tk. 1500,00,00,000.00 (Taka one thousand five hundred crore) only divided into 150,00,00,000 (one hundred fifty crore) ordinary shares of Tk. 10.00 (Taka ten) only each with rights, privileges and conditions attaching thereto as are provided by the regulations of the Company for the time being, with power to increase and reduce the capital of the Company and to divide the shares of the Company from time to time into several classes and to attach thereto respectively such preferential, deferred, qualified or special rights, privileges or conditions as may be determined by or in accordance with the regulations of the Company and to vary, modify or abrogate any such rights, privileges or conditions in such manner as may for the time being be provided by the regulations of the Company.

Proposed Clause "V"

The Authorized Share Capital of the Company is  
Tk. 3000,00,00,000.00 (Taka three thousand crore) only divided into 300,00,00,000 (three hundred crore) ordinary shares of Tk.10.00 (Taka ten) only each with rights, privileges and conditions attaching thereto as are provided by the regulations of the Company for the time being, with power to increase and reduce the capital of the Company and to divide the shares of the Company from time to time into several classes and to attach thereto respectively such preferential, deferred, qualified or special rights, privileges or conditions as may be determined by or in accordance with the regulations of the Company and to vary, modify or abrogate any such rights, privileges or conditions in such manner as may for the time being be provided by the regulations of the Company.

**ii) AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE "6" OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION:**

Existing Article "6"

The Authorized Share Capital of the Company is  
Tk. 1500,00,00,000.00 (Taka one thousand five hundred crore) only divided into 150,00,00,000 (one hundred fifty crore) ordinary shares of Tk. 10.00 (Taka ten) only each.

Proposed Article "6"

The Authorized Share Capital of the Company is  
Tk. 3000,00,00,000.00 (Taka three thousand crore) only divided into 300,00,00,000 (three hundred crore) ordinary shares of Tk. 10.00 (Taka ten) only each.

Dated: 17 May 2026

Dhaka

By order of the Board,

Zahid Hasan  
Company Secretary (Acting)

**Notes:**

a) The Record Date of the Company will be on **20 May 2026**. Trading of the Company's shares in the Stock Exchanges will be suspended on the Record Date.

b) The Board of Directors has recommended 17% Dividend in combination of 8.5% Cash and 8.5% Stock.

c) The shareholders whose names will appear in the Register of Members of the Company as at the close of business on the Record Date, i.e., 20 May 2026, will be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM and to the dividend declared in the AGM.

d) Pursuant to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's Directive No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/08 dated March 10, 2021 and Directive No. BSEC/ICAD/SRIC/2024/318/87 dated 27 March 2024, the ensuing 27<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company would be conducted virtually through digital platform or online platform. Therefore, the shareholders are requested to attend the 27<sup>th</sup> AGM through online live portal. The detailed procedures to attend the meeting will be communicated to the shareholders' email ID in due course and it will also be available on Bank's website at 'www.bankasia-bd.com'.

e) Shareholders may login to the system 48 (forty-eight) hours before and during the meeting. For any guidance and help during the meeting, the members may contact the cell no. +8801711198680.

f) Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his /her behalf. The proxy must be a member of the Company.

g) The instrument appointing a proxy duly stamped and signed by the member must be submitted at the Registered Office of the Company or through email to 'ba.share@bankasia-bd.com' at least 48 (forty eight) hours before the AGM.

h) Election/Re-election of Directors will be held in the vacant offices of Directors. Election schedule will be displayed in the notice board at the Registered Office in due course. Election rules will be available at the Registered Office of the Company and also on the Bank's website at 'www.bankasia-bd.com'.

i) Members are requested to update their 12 digit Taxpayer's Identification Number (e-TIN) through their respective Depository Participant (DP)/Brokerage House before the Record Date. Without having e-TIN, Income Tax will be deducted @15% instead of @10% from payable Cash Dividend.

j) Members are requested to update their respective Bank Account Information (Bank Name, Branch Name, 13-Digit A/C No., 9 Digit Routing No.) Address, Mobile Number, Email Number etc. through their respective Depository Participant (DP)/Brokerage House before the Record Date.

k) The concerned Brokerage Houses are requested to provide us with a statement having details of margin loan holders (i.e., 'Shareholders' name, BOID numbers, client-wise shareholding position, gross dividend receivable, applicable tax rate and net dividend receivable) as on the Record Date along with the name of the contact person of Brokerage House to the Company's Share Department or through email to 'ba.share@bankasia-bd.com' at Registered Office on or before 4 June 2026. The Brokerage Houses are also requested to provide us with their bank name, account number and routing number etc.

l) As per BSEC Notification dated June 20, 2018, Annual Report 2025 will be duly sent in soft form to the members' email addresses available in their Beneficial Owner (BO) accounts maintained with the Depository. The soft copy of the Annual Report 2025 will also be available on the Bank's website at 'www.bankasia-bd.com'. The members may also collect the Annual Report 2025 from the Company's Share Department at Registered Office in person.