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9TH PAY SCALE Full raise in basic pay likely from next month

Gazette expected by mid-July after PM's approval

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The government may implement the Ninth Pay Scale in two phases, with the full increase in basic salaries likely to take effect from July and increased allowances to follow the next fiscal year, finance ministry officials have said.

A secretaries' committee, led by Cabinet Secretary Nasimul Ghani, is expected to submit its evaluation of the Ninth Pay Commission's recommendations, along with an implementation roadmap, to the finance ministry this week.

The committee has finalised its recommendations after reviewing three separate pay commission reports on the civil administration, the judiciary and the armed forces, officials involved in the process told The Daily Star.

The finance ministry is expected to issue a gazette notification by mid-July once the prime minister approves

AT A GLANCE

New pay scale may be implemented in 2 phases

Grades 11-20 may get an average 130% increase

Grades 1-10 may get around 100% salary hike

Tk 44,000cr earmarked for partial implementation in FY2026-27

the implementation plan.

Initially, the government weighed two options for rolling out the ninth pay scale -- over three years or over two years.

Under the three-year option, the increase in basic salary would be split over two fiscal years -- 50 percent in the first year and the remaining 50 percent in the second -- while revised allowances would come into effect in the third year.

For example, if an employee with a basic salary of Tk 10,000 gets a 100 percent raise under this option, the basic would rise to Tk 15,000 in the first year and Tk 20,000 in the second. The higher allowances would be paid from the third year.

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JULY UPRISING Ex-DMP chief, 2 others to die for Rampura killings

SHARIFUL ISLAM and SIRAJUL ISLAM RUBEL

International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday convicted five former police officers of crimes against humanity nearly two years after three separate shootings during the July uprising in Rampura.

The incidents in the Banasree area on July 19, 2024 left a child pierced with a bullet that killed his grandmother, a young man shot dead, and a teenager clinging to a building's ledge critically injured.

The three-member tribunal sentenced former Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner Habibur Rahman, former additional deputy commissioner (Khilgaon Zone) Md Rashedul Islam, and former Rampura Police Station officer-in-charge Md Mashiur Rahman to death.

Former Rampura sub-inspector Tarikul Islam Bhuiyan was sentenced to life imprisonment, while former assistant

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Clear your stance on '71

Fakhrul tells Jamaat an apology would make it easier for the party to do politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criticising Jamaat-e-Islami's role in the Liberation War, two top BNP leaders in parliament yesterday said Jamaat has yet to apologise for its anti-independence stance and there is still time for it to reconsider its position.

They also questioned whether Jamaat, which is in the opposition bench, can truly claim to be an Islamic party, saying that

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THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH



PHOTO: AFP

Having come off the bench in the 59th minute, Lionel Messi scored from a freekick during defending champions Argentina's commanding 3-1 win over Jordan in a Group J World Cup clash in Dallas yesterday. The strike made Messi the first player to score in seven consecutive World Cup matches as Argentina completed the group stage with a perfect record of three wins.

Off the bench, Messi still steals the show

NABID YEASIN

He came on for a cameo appearance, playing just 36 minutes. Yet that was all he needed to steal the spotlight.

Perhaps that should not come as a surprise once you learn the protagonist's name. It was Lionel Messi.

Even minutes after half-time in Argentina's dead-rubber Group J clash against Jordan at the World Cup yesterday, the stands

at Dallas Stadium in Texas echoed with one chant. Cries of "Messi, Messi" rang around the ground as the sea of white and blue eagerly awaited their captain's arrival.

The record eight-time Ballon d'Or winner entered the match on the hour mark as one of two substitutions. For a player who has redefined greatness over the past two

decades, it almost felt inevitable that even from the bench, he would

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Brazil to face toughest test yet

NABID YEASIN

Carlo Ancelotti's Brazil have grown into this World Cup with every passing game, but as the tournament enters its knockout phase, there is little room for error. The Selecao face arguably their toughest challenge yet when they take on an impressive Japan side in tonight's Round of 32 clash in Houston.



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As part of the national Vitamin A-plus campaign, children aged six months to five years across the country received Vitamin A capsules yesterday. The daylong nationwide drive aimed to prevent blindness and boost immunity among 24 million children. The photo was taken in Chattogram city's Kattoli area. PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

What went down in Turag on June 22?

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

Md Suman, 17, from Ranabholia under Turag Police Station, had been missing since he left home on June 22. Around 11:00pm on June 26, police recovered his body from the Turag River, about half a kilometre from the boat terminal near Ashulia Gorur Haat.

According to Suman's family, he had taken part in an Awami League procession on the day he went missing. They alleged that he jumped into the river from a boat while fleeing a police chase.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Suman's maternal uncle, Jewel Babu, said, "Suman worked at a wholesale vegetable market. We had no idea he was involved in Awami League politics. He left home around 11:00am on June 22 and had been missing since. Later, we learnt that he had travelled by boat to join an Awami League procession in Ashulia's Rustampur. From there, they all travelled in the same boat to the terminal near Ashulia Gorur Haat."

As soon as they arrived, police chased them and arrested seven people. The others fled in different directions -- some swam across while some fled through nearby bushes. "Suman jumped into the river and went missing," Babu said, citing some of those who escaped the police chase.

"We searched for him in the river but could not find him. Then on Friday night, police informed us that a body had been recovered from the river. We went to the scene and identified Suman from documents kept inside his wallet.

"The body was later taken to Ashulia Police Station. Police told us that an unnatural death case had to be filed before the body could be handed over. We did not want any trouble, so we filed the case. After the post-mortem, the body was handed over to us," he added.

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FACT-CHECK Old videos shared as 'Turag killings'

Pro-AL accounts circulate false claims

TAREK HOSEN and ABDULAH HEL BUBUN

Over the past few days, multiple accounts affiliated with the Awami League have circulated two videos on social media, presenting the footage as showing recovered bodies of Chhatra League leaders after they were murdered and dumped in the Turag river.

Tagged with labels such as "Turag Tragedy" and "Turag Massacre", the viral videos are graphic -- one shows rows of bodies in a roadside ditch, while the other depicts a body floating in a river.

But a fact check by The Daily Star found that neither video is linked to the Turag river. In fact, one was from a tragic road crash a month ago, while the other, though recent, was taken from the Surma river.



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