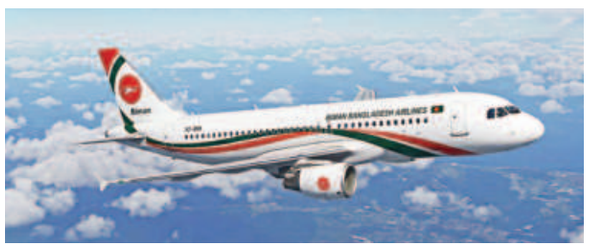




Biman-Airbus deal likely today

Biman wants deliveries before 2030: Millat



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STAR REPORT

Bangladesh wants deliveries of the 10 Airbus aircraft it plans to purchase for Biman to begin before 2030, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister M Rashiduzzaman Millat said yesterday.

The government is working to sign a purchase agreement, the minister said at a meeting with a Lufthansa delegation led by German Ambassador to Bangladesh Rüdiger Lotz.

Millat said there was scope for Lufthansa to invest in establishing a maintenance, repair and overhaul facility in Bangladesh as part of the country's efforts to develop an aviation hub, according to a ministry press release.

Meanwhile, UNB reports that the deal will be inked at a ceremony, titled "Spreading Our Wings Together," at Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden at 6:30pm today.

Millat, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir, Executive Chairman of Invest Bangladesh Authority Ashik Chowdhury, and President and Managing Director of Airbus (India & South Asia) Jürgen Westermeier are scheduled to

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A large pipe discharges dredged sand into a makeshift reservoir on the banks of the Buriganga in the capital's Shyampur area, while an excavator sits nearby amid massive piles of sand and stone. This active sand and stone trade is operating right next to the river boundary demarcation pillar, which has been installed by the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority to prevent encroachment and pollution. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: MEHEDI HASAN

Flees from court, gets arrested, then does it again

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A murder case accused, Shariful Islam, has escaped from police custody at a Dhaka court twice in 16 months, with the second time being while appearing in the case filed over his first escape.

His first escape took place on June 19 last year while being escorted to the lockup of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court after Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court-3 of Dhaka held a hearing in the case filed over the 2018 abduction and murder of 14-year-old Jisan Hossain of Khilgaon.

He allegedly struck a police constable before using a metallic object to loosen and remove his handcuffs, according to police. A case was subsequently filed against him with Kotwali Police Station for resisting lawful apprehension.

He was arrested on October 1 last year in connection with the escape, according to court records.

Yesterday, Shariful escaped from the dock of a packed courtroom after the police constable escorting him stepped outside. When the constable returned, he found that the 30-year-old accused had fled, while his handcuffs were still attached to the dock's railing, police said.

Several hours later, police filed another case against Shariful, a resident of Horipur in Dinajpur's Nawabganj upazila, on the

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RU keeps failing to stop campus violence

Students, teachers point to lack of accountability, political influence

ARAFAT RAHAMAN *and* **SHOHANUR RAHMAN RAFI**

- Latest attack leaves at least 10 injured, including four journalists
- Proctor admits failure to control latest attack, says police fled
- RU removes Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall provost after protest
- Four earlier attacks took place in the presence of officials

Rajshahi University authorities have repeatedly failed to protect students and journalists from violence on campus since August 2024, even with proctorial officials or teachers present.

The latest incident occurred on Sunday night, when at least 10 people, including four campus journalists, were injured in an attack by leaders and activists of the university unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal near Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall.

The injured journalists were Nur Ahsan Mridul of The Daily Star, Zahidul Islam of Agamir Shomoy, Arifuzzaman Korban of bdnews24.com and Mainul Islam Raju of Samakal.

Proctor Prof Mahbubur Rahman had reached the scene before the journalists were attacked. "We failed. We could not control the situation. We called the police, but the police fled in fear," he said.

Around 1:00am yesterday, following an hour-long protest by students and journalists, the university removed Prof Md Mahbubar Rahman as provost of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Hall.

It also ordered its five-member probe committee to submit its report within three days. The matter is expected to go before the Syndicate on Thursday.

Video footage reviewed by The Daily Star identified Ahsan Habib, Shariful Islam, Takbir Ahmed Emon, Hasibul Islam Hasib, Shahriar Alam Othi, Syed Sajharul Islam and Bishal Chakraborty among those involved in the attack, although none was named in the case filed by the university.

Meanwhile, central Chhatra Dal on Monday night expelled three RU unit members and issued show-cause notices to six others.

Meanwhile, journalists at Chittagong University, Khulna University, Jashore University of Science and Technology, University of Barishal, Jamalpur Science and Technology University and Begum Rokeya University formed separate human chains yesterday to protest the attack on RU journalists and demand punishment for those responsible.

A Daily Star review found four other incidents since August 2024 in which students or journalists were attacked despite university officials being present or attempting to intervene.

Students and teachers interviewed by this newspaper blamed the recurring violence on a lack of accountability, the failure to punish those responsible for earlier incidents and political influence over the university administration.

Contacted, Prof Mahbubur said the "wave" of the 2024 uprising was still influencing young people. He said police were available when needed but were less proactive.

"They arrive at the scene and simply stand there. These challenges are mainly why the problems keep recurring."

EARLIER ATTACKS AT RU

On July 27, Rucsu General Secretary Salahuddin Ammar and Assistant General Secretary SM Salman Sabbir allegedly assaulted student Md Anas in the proctor's office after accusing him of being a Chhatra League activist.

Prof Mahbubur intervened and later escorted Anas, Md Mahmudul Hasan Mahin and another student to the Central Library. Rucsu leaders and Chhatra Shibir activists

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DCs ordered to enforce fixed LPG prices

Says Adviser Zahed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has instructed all the deputy commissioners (DCs) to take necessary measures to ensure a steady supply of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in the open market and enforce the prices fixed for LPG and autogas by the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission.

Prime Minister's Information and Broadcasting Adviser Zahed Ur Rahman disclosed the matter at a weekly press briefing at the Secretariat yesterday.

Acknowledging that LPG is not being sold at the fixed price in some places, he said regular monitoring is being conducted in different districts through mobile courts operated by the Directorate of National Consumers' Right Protection and the local administration.

Noting that the energy minister had held several meetings with business leaders involved in the LPG sector, the adviser said they have assured the minister of all-out cooperation to keep the market stable.

"The government hopes the current crisis in the LPG market will ease through these initiatives."

In response to a question, Zahed said political reconciliation would be a good thing, but it would be difficult without acknowledgement of wrongdoing and repentance by Awami League, whose activities are banned.



A pedestrian poses for a photo next to a newly painted mural of iconic mystic, philosopher, and folk songwriting legend Fakir Lalon Shah near Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital's Segunbagicha. The Dhaka South City Corporation waste management department has initiated a beautification project in the area after clearing hawkers and illegal roadside shops to create a clean, unobstructed pavement. PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

ASI withdrawn after 'remarks on taking bribes'

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An assistant sub-inspector of Chunarughat Police Station in Habiganj, who is seen in a video purportedly saying he bought his police uniform with bribe money to take bribes, has been withdrawn and attached to the Habiganj Police Lines.

Habiganj Superintendent of Police Md Tarek Mahmud yesterday said the assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of the circle had been tasked with investigating the incident.

He said ASI Mohammad Ilias Hossain reportedly made the remarks while probing a case filed by Noman Miah at Ranigaon Bazar of the upazila.

A local recorded the incident on a mobile phone, and the video clip was later

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