

SM Munna Miah no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

SM Munna Miah, senior sub-editor at Bangla daily Manabkantha and a former cultural correspondent for several newspapers, died early yesterday.

He was pronounced dead at a hospital in Dhanmondi around 3:00am.

Family members said Munna had been suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure and was recently hospitalised with pneumonia.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter.

His namaz-e-janaza was held after Zuhr prayers at Baitul Falah Jame Mosque in Meradia Bhuiyanpara, Banasree. He was later buried at Meradia Graveyard.

Before joining Manabkantha, Munna worked for years as a cultural correspondent at the dailies Samakal and Amar Desh.

He was also a former executive committee member of the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

DRU President Abu Saleh Akon and General Secretary Mainul Hasan Sohel expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family on behalf of the organisation.



A worker carries a plastic drum at a yard on Khulna's Mostafa Road. Traders collect used chemical and oil drums from factories, clean and sell them for household and commercial use, including storing water and rice and planting trees on rooftops. Each drum sells for Tk 1,800-2,000 wholesale. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Mayor Shahadat now CCC administrator

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Chattogram*

BNP leader Shahadat Hossain, who became mayor of Chattogram City Corporation following a court verdict, has been appointed its full-time administrator, according to a Local Government Division gazette.



The appointment comes amid legal and administrative questions over the tenure of the previously elected council and the duration of Shahadat's mandate.

According to LGD records, the first meeting of the CCC council elected in 2021 was held on February 23 that year, meaning its five-year tenure expired on February 22 this year.

Shahadat had earlier claimed his tenure would continue until November 2029 under the court order. However, government documents noted that the court declared him mayor without specifying the duration of his term.

Shahadat contested the mayoral election on January 27, 2021, in which Awami League candidate Rezaul Karim Chowdhury was declared the winner with 3,69,248 votes against Shahadat's 52,489.

Alleging widespread irregularities and vote rigging, Shahadat filed a case with the Election Tribunal on February 24, 2021.

Following the political changeover on August 5, 2024, Rezaul was removed from office, and the Chattogram divisional commissioner was appointed administrator on August 19.

On October 1, 2024, the Chattogram Election Tribunal declared Shahadat the elected mayor, directing authorities to issue a gazette notification within 10 days.

The Election Commission issued a revised gazette on October 8, and Shahadat was sworn in as mayor on November 3.

Sajek blockade enters fourth day

Local admin forms 3-member committee

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Rangamati*

The road blockade in Sajek continued for the fourth consecutive day yesterday, while the district administration formed a three-member committee to resolve the situation.

The blockade, called by the Sajek Gano Odhikar Rokkha Committee and Sajek Karbari Association, was enforced along the Sajek-Baghaihat road, protesting the alleged attacks, baton charges and vandalism during Thursday's blockade at Ujo Bazar in Rangamati.

Protesters set fires on the road to restrict vehicular movement from 6:00am.

Bijoy Kanti Chakma, member secretary of the Sajek Gano Odhikar Rokkha Committee, said the blockade would continue until their demands were met.

Tofazzal Hossain, officer-in-charge of Sajek Police Station, said the blockade remained peaceful, with no untoward incidents reported. Law enforcement patrols had been intensified, he added.



PHOTO: STAR

Protesters enforce the blockade by setting fire on the Sajek-Baghaihat road yesterday morning.

Meanwhile, the district administration formed the committee following a meeting with headmen and karbaris at the Rangamati Deputy Commissioner's Office at 10:00am.

The committee comprises Bhabatosh Dewan, vice president of CHT Headman Network; Shanti Bijoy Chakma, its general secretary; and Jyotirmoy Chakma (Kerol), general secretary of CHT Headman Association's Rangamati district unit.

Khagrachhari lawmaker Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, also chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the CHT affairs ministry, attended the meeting as chief guest, while Rangamati lawmaker Dipen Dewan was special guest.

"The newly-formed committee will hold talks tomorrow [Monday] with those protesting in Sajek," Abdul Wadud told journalists.

"Efforts are underway to remove the armed groups from the area," he added.

Dipen Dewan expressed hope that the issue would be resolved soon through discussions.

49 gold bangles seized at Ctg airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

Officials of the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) yesterday seized 49 gold bangles weighing 1.48kg from a passenger's handbag at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chattogram.

The seized gold is valued at Tk 2.8 crore, including applicable customs duties and taxes, according to a National Board of Revenue press release.

Acting on a tip-off, officials intercepted the passenger as he attempted to pass through the airport's green channel without declaring the ornaments.

Sharif had arrived from Jeddah on a Biman flight.

CU bans unauthorised drones on campus

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University (CU) authorities have banned the flying of drones anywhere on the campus without prior permission from the university's proctor's office, citing security concerns, discipline and the privacy of female students.

The directive was issued yesterday in an emergency notice signed by CU Proctor Professor Md Kamrul Hossain.

According to the notice, unidentified individuals have recently been flying drones at different locations on the campus, including near residential halls of female students, without permission, raising serious concerns.

In view of the situation, the university has prohibited all unauthorised drone flights within the campus to ensure security, discipline and personal privacy.

Anyone wishing to operate a drone on CU campus must obtain prior permission from the proctor's office and comply with the relevant government rules and regulations, the notice said.

It warned of legal action against anyone found violating the directive.

পাত্র চাই

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e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited through the National e-GP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following goods:

SL. No.	Tender ID	Description	Tender Publish Date	Tender Closing Date
1.	1359656 GR-02	Computer Consumables (Framework Agreement)	25-October-2026 16:00	11-November-2026 14:00
2.	1350274 GR-14	Computer and Equipments	25-October-2026 16:00	11- November -2026 16:10

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted through National e-GP Portal. No hard copy will be accepted. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited through any registered branch of enlisted banks. Further information and guidelines are available on the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Memo No.: 46.02.0000.560.07.090.26-6075 Date: 25/10/2026.

e-Tender Notice No. 11/2026-2027 (Corrigendum)

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			As original	As amended	As original	As amended
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	1340961 HELP	Construction of Mognama Ghat Jetty at Pekua Upazila under Cox's Bazar District. HELP-COX/LS-1	16.00 hrs 01-Nov-26	16.00 hrs 08-Nov-26	14.00 hrs 02-Nov-26	14.00 hrs 09-Nov-26

Other conditions will remain unchanged.

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St Martin's reopens to tourists Nov 1

Daily visitor limit set at 3,500; Tk 100 conservation fee per person



FILE PHOTO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

St Martin's Island will reopen to tourists on November 1 for a four-and-a-half-month season ending on March 15.

A maximum of 3,500 tourists will be allowed to visit the island daily, with each visitor required to pay Tk 100 as an environmental conservation fee.

The environment ministry yesterday issued instructions to relevant ministries and departments to implement the decisions.

According to the instructions, neither the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) nor the Department of Shipping can permit vessels to operate to St Martin's without approval from the environment ministry.

Authorised tourist vessels will operate from Nuniachhara Ghat. The Department of Environment has been asked to collect the conservation fee.

Meanwhile, cruise ship operators expressed concern over whether the necessary approvals could be secured before November 1.

Hossain Islam Bahadur, general secretary of the Sea Cruise Operators-Owners Association, said operators hoped to resume services within four days if they received administrative support.

"Three vessels -- Karnaphuli, Baro Awlia and MV Teknaf -- are currently ready to operate and can carry 2,300 tourists cumulatively," he said, adding that at least six more vessels might join the service.

However, Bahadur said obtaining clearances from the DoE, Department of Shipping, BIWTA and district council was complicated.

"We are communicating with the relevant departments in this regard," he said.

Meanwhile, businesspeople, politicians and residents brought out a celebratory procession on the island, welcoming the decision to resume tourism.

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ID	Reference	Title of Works	Closing Date and Time
1358608	27.21.0000.684.07 .001.26.791, Date:19/10/2026	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 170 kW On-Grid Solar Systems of different capacities with Net Metering at Grid Bhaban Chattogram and different grid substation under GMD Chattogram (Central) , Power Grid.	04 Nov 2026 at 14:00

আগ্রহী ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে www.eprocure.gov.bd সাইটের মাধ্যমে দরপত্রে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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File No. 18.11.0000.311.14.161.2026-797 Date: 25-10-2026

Time Extension-I

Ref.: Invitation Reference No.: 18.11.0000.311.14.161.2026.660; Dated: 07- Oct-2026

e-Tender has been invited in the national e-GP system portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the Procurement of 05 (five) Nos. 20-inch Cutter Suction Dredgers and Ancillary Vessels with Other Accessories (Tender ID: 1346529). In response to the request for time extension, times have been extended as follows:

Field Name	Old Value		New Value	
	Date	Time	Date	Time
Tender Document last selling date & time	22/11/2026	16:00	02/12/2026	16:00
Pre-Tender Meeting End Date & Time	25/10/2026	16:00	01/11/2026	16:00
Tender Closing/Opening Date & Time	23/11/2026	14:30	03/12/2026	14:30
Last date & time for Tender Security Submission	23/11/2026	13:30	03/12/2026	13:30

2. All other terms and condition of the tender shall remain unchanged.

25-10-2026
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