

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

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 three-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.

Rent dispute turns fatal in Khulna

Landlord detained after striking tenant on head with stick

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

A tenant died yesterday after his landlord allegedly struck him on the head with a stick following a dispute over rent in the Basupara area of Khulna city.

The victim, Rakibul Islam, 24, died while undergoing treatment at Khulna Medical College Hospital in the morning.

Sonadanga Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Rafiqul Islam said Rakibul was allegedly attacked by his landlord, Majlis Khan, 82, during an argument at a house near Shatarupa intersection in the Bakultala area on Saturday evening.

Ensure legal protection for those facing trials abroad

Demands migrant rights platform

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A migrant rights platform yesterday demanded stronger legal protection for Bangladeshis facing trial abroad and greater accountability from diplomatic missions following Saudi Arabia's execution of two Bangladeshis without prior notification to Dhaka.

At a human chain outside Jatiya Press Club, Probashi Bangladeshi Odhikar Sangstha (Probash) demanded urgent measures to protect migrant workers. It later submitted a memorandum to the foreign ministry.

Nazrul Islam Abdul Basir and Sweety Akhtar were executed in Makkah on October 14.

A list of around 2,500 Bangladeshi prisoners and detainees, shared by Saudi authorities with the Bangladesh Consulate in Jeddah in September and disclosed on October 24, included 22 Bangladeshis marked as convicted. It did not specify their verdicts or sentences.

The consulate sought details on October 20.

পাত্র চাই

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1.	1359656 GR-02	Computer Consumables (Framework Agreement)	25-October-2026 16:00	11-November-2026 14:00
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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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Four new textbooks for classes 4 and 6

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Curriculum Coordination Committee (NCCC) yesterday approved four new textbooks for Classes 4 and 6 for the 2027 academic year, subject to necessary revisions.

The approved Class 4 books are Culture of Bangladesh and Sports, while the Class 6 books are Learning with Happiness and My Technical Education.

NCTB Chairman Prof Mohammad Fakhrul Mawla said the new subjects were designed not to increase students' academic burden and would not be assessed through conventional grading.

Three held over rape of 19-year-old

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Netrokona*

Police arrested three people early yesterday in connection with the alleged gang rape of a 19-year-old woman in Netrokona's Kendua upazila on Saturday night.

They are Billal, 22; Harun, 27; and Rubel, 25. All are residents of Kashipur village in Kendua and are van pullers by profession, said Kendua Police Station OC Tarikul Islam.

The victim is from Ishwarganj upazila of Mymensingh.

The OC said the victim was acquainted with Billal. She arrived in Kendua from Ishwarganj on Saturday night to meet him. Billal took her to the Kashipur village Eidgah ground, called over his two friends, Harun and Rubel, and the three raped the woman.

Police said the accused fled the scene after the rape. Later that night, the woman went to Kendua Police Station and lodged a written complaint against the three. Acting on the complaint, police conducted raids early yesterday and detained them.

The OC said a rape case was registered over the incident and the three detainees were arrested. The process of producing them before a court is underway.

Imam gets life term over rape of girl

UNB, *Jamalpur*

A tribunal in Jamalpur yesterday sentenced an imam of a mosque to life imprisonment for raping a 15-year-old student.

The convict is Musa Mia, hailing from Harichandi village of Gaibandha. He worked as an imam at a mosque and taught at a maktab at Mondolpara village in Jamalpur.

Muhammad Abdur Rahim, judge of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-1 in Jamalpur, pronounced the judgement, said Public Prosecutor Fazlul Haque. It also fined him Tk 5 lakh.

According to the prosecution, Musa used to send the other students home every morning and keep the girl at the mosque to do cleaning work.

Taking advantage of the situation, he raped her on November 28, December 1 and December 2, 2020, after luring her with the promise of marriage, the prosecution said.

After the girl's family learned about the incident, her mother filed a case with Dewanganj Police Station on December 8.

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Time Extension-I

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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	
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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.

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