



'Oh, my son! Where have you gone?'

6-yr-old among 5 killed as lorry hits stranded bus passengers in Sitakunda

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"Oh, my son! Oh, Rakib, where are you? Where have you gone?" cried Azharul Islam.

With both legs bandaged, he lay on the floor outside the emergency department of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), crying inconsolably over the death of his six-year-old son.

Beside him sat his wife, Fatema Aktar, with visible injuries on her face and hands. She stared blankly ahead, too shocked and grief-stricken to speak.

The couple's journey home turned tragic early yesterday when a speeding lorry ploughed into a group of passengers standing beside their broken-down bus on the Dhaka–Chittagong highway in Sitakunda.

Three people died on the spot, while eight others, including Azharul and his family, were injured and taken to hospital, police said.

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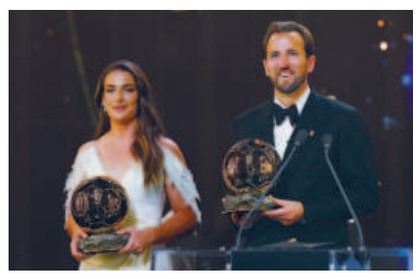
CAUGHT IN A DEATH TRAP

A kingfisher hangs dead after becoming entangled in a fine-mesh net stretched over a pond in Khulnabari village of Rajshahi's Godagari upazila yesterday. Such nets, used to protect fish from predatory birds, often trap and kill kingfishers and other birds that dive into the water in search of food. PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

Ballon d'Or glory for Kane, Putellas

REUTERS, *London*

Harry Kane completed his long quest for football's highest individual honour on Monday, the Bayern Munich and England striker winning the Ballon d'Or after a record-breaking season that cemented his status as one of the game's greatest goalscorers.



Kane was the first Englishman to win the prestigious award since Michael Owen in 2001.

"Wow, wow, wow!" Kane said after taking the stage. "I am almost speechless. Being here in London has made it extra special. Made it a good omen for me tonight. Thank you to everyone who voted for me. I can imagine it was tough this year.

"Some world-class players in the room tonight. Congratulations to all the winners and nominees tonight and impressive

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ISRAELI POLLS

Netanyahu faces tough test, turnout record high



REUTERS, *Jerusalem*

Israelis streamed to the polls yesterday in record numbers to pass wartime judgement on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in what some described as the most consequential election in the nation's history.

Long lines formed outside polling stations for the first election since the Hamas-led attacks on October 7, 2023, as voters grappled with the trauma of Israel's deadliest day and its ensuing wars in Gaza, Lebanon and Iran.

The Central Elections Committee reported the turnout at 6:00pm (1600 GMT) at 66.7%, a record at that point of the day. With four hours left to go, more people had voted than in the entire previous election.

The policies of Netanyahu's right-wing

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Migrants from 29 countries lured into Russia's war: UN

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshis were among nationals of several countries trafficked into the Russian armed forces through deception or coercion, a United Nations investigation has found.

Lured to Russia with promises of well-paid civilian jobs, men from at least 29 countries were instead made to sign military contracts in Russian, a language most did not understand, before being sent to the front lines in Ukraine.

Many of the recruits were reportedly killed or went missing, leaving their families struggling to find out what happened to them.

According to the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training's Overseas Employment Platform, 7,949 employment clearances were issued for Russia between January 1, 2025, and October 27, 2026.

The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine also obtained copies of business visas issued to Bangladeshi recruits, showing that a civilian company in Russia had invited them for civilian work.

The findings were presented to the UN General Assembly's Third Committee on Monday. The report, however, did not specify how many Bangladeshis had been trafficked, killed or reported missing.

According to the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training's Overseas Employment Platform, 7,949 employment clearances were issued for Russia between January 1, 2025, and October 27, 2026. The figure, however, does not establish how many people actually travelled to Russia or were trafficked.

A joint investigation by Fortify Rights and Truth Hounds, reported in March, identified at least 104 Bangladeshis recruited into the Russian military, of whom at least 34 were reportedly killed.

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Grid glitch disrupts power to parts of Dhaka, Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A technical fault in the national grid disrupted electricity supply in parts of Dhaka and Chattogram yesterday, leaving several areas without power.

The affected areas in Dhaka include Gulshan, Rampura, Ulan and Motijheel, as well as Bhulta, Haripur and Siddhirganj in Narayanganj, state-owned Power Grid Bangladesh PLC said in an emergency statement.

The Secretariat reportedly remained without electricity for nearly an hour, it said.

The outage began at 12:43pm after a fault developed in the Meghnaghat-Haripur national grid line, according to multiple officials at the Power Division.

Power Grid Bangladesh said efforts were underway to restore electricity supply to the affected areas.

"Power connections have already been restored in most affected areas. We hope to ensure electricity supply to the remaining areas within a short time," the statement said.

The company apologised to customers for the temporary inconvenience.

Dengue death toll now 400

11 die in deadliest day of the year; experts blame delayed diagnosis, hospitalisation

- More patients coming in with dengue shock
- Timely, appropriate use of intravenous fluids is of the essence
- Severe complications more common than in previous years



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At least 11 dengue patients died yesterday, taking this year's death toll to 400, as health experts warned of delayed diagnosis and hospitalisation, inadequate treatment and gaps in dengue management.

So far, 128,237 dengue patients have been hospitalised nationwide this year, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

Dengue admissions have started to decline compared with previous weeks, but a larger proportion of patients arriving at hospitals are critically ill, said HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital.

"We are seeing a significant number of patients arriving in shock, with undetectable blood pressure and falling oxygen saturation."

Patients suffering from dengue shock have a much better chance of recovery if they receive treatment early.

Delays, however, could cause irreversible damage to vital organs and significantly increase the risk of death.

Patients sometimes lose valuable time during transportation, emergency assessment and admission procedures, allowing their conditions to deteriorate before they receive appropriate care.

He also identified elderly people, patients with underlying health conditions and those who are obese as particularly vulnerable to severe dengue outcomes.

Ahsan stressed that timely, appropriate use of intravenous fluids, blood products and other treatments is crucial for critically

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Siblings Siyam and Samia bring home sprouted palmyra palm seeds they collected from an abandoned spot in their village to eat the tender shoots inside. The seeds can be eaten by cutting out the white inner portion. The photo was taken in Paschim Narayanpur village of Barishal's Uzirpur upazila yesterday. PHOTO: TITU DAS

