Police analysing

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at a motorcycle garage and a restaurant in Uttara.

At 10:17pm, they entered a bar in Uttara Sector 11, where the female friend joined them. The three left together at 11:52pm.

Footage shows they initially tried to put her on a rickshaw before Tahsif took her on his motorcycle.

Shortly after midnight, Dip and Tahsif entered Mazarbasti. Around 2:00am, Dip was seen leaving alone on his motorcycle. Investigators have yet to find footage showing anyone leaving with Tahsif's motorcycle.

Investigators said Dip had given conflicting accounts of what happened that night. He initially claimed he had dropped Tahsif near his residence before leaving.

In another account, he claimed he fled after being chased by men in uniform, while Tahsif ran towards the river and jumped into the water.

The female friend was arrested on Sunday and placed on remand. Investigators plan to cross-check her statements with Dip's and question them face-to-face today or tomorrow.

Meanwhile, police have yet to determine the cause of Tahsif's death.

The inquest report found no visible injury marks on his body. An iPhone and a packet of cigarettes were recovered from his pockets.

Investigators are awaiting the autopsy report and forensic test results.

PRAYER TIMING
NOVEMBER 03

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-55	12-45	4-00	5-30	7-15
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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Plan to split NBR back on the table

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adviser on public administration -- is tasked with reviewing the ordinance and its amendment.

The committee includes Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, adviser to the prime minister on finance and planning, as well as the cabinet secretary and secretaries of the finance, public administration and legislative divisions.

The NBR chairman is the member-secretary of the committee, which was tasked with reviewing the ordinance and recommending a new bill for revenue reform.

The reform is a key condition of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) $5.5 billion loan programme for Bangladesh.

Multilateral lenders, including the IMF, have long advocated reforms to the tax system and administration to boost revenue collection, as Bangladesh has one of the world's lowest tax-to-GDP ratios.

Introduced in May 2025, the ordinances sought to separate tax policy formulation from revenue collection and establish two divisions by dissolving the NBR. The move triggered massive protests by revenue officials in June.

The separation process was further delayed in the following months due to bureaucratic wrangling over the organogram and rules of business.

The interim administration subsequently left office without implementing the law, leaving the task to the next elected government.

At a meeting with the Economic Reporters' Forum on April 25, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury described the country's tax framework as historically "half-baked".

He said a new committee had been formed to separate tax policy from execution and ensure that future policies "genuinely reflect the will of the people".

Whom should I turn to for justice?

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criticised the task force for repeatedly seeking extensions. He, however, welcomed the High Court's decision to summon ICT Prosecutor Tanvir Hassan Zoha and the task force chief.

"Close coordination between the ICT prosecutor and the investigating agency is crucial. There should be accountability regarding how far the investigating agency has progressed based on the information he has obtained," he said.

Sagar, news editor of Maasranga TV, and Runi, a senior reporter at ATN Bangla, were murdered at their rented flat in Dhaka's West Rajabazar on February 11, 2012.

Their only child, Mahir Sarowar Megh, then five, was at home during the killings.

Eight suspects -- Kamrul Islam alias Arun, Abu Sayeed, Rafiqul Islam, Bakul Miah, Masum Mintu, Palash Rudra Paul, Anamul Haque alias Humayun Kabir and Tanveer Rahman Khan -- were arrested.

Of them, Tanveer and Mintu are out on bail, Palash is absconding, and the others are in jail.

On September 30, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Ariful Islam set November 5 as the deadline for submitting the investigation report, a police officer said.

The case was initially investigated by Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police before being transferred to the Detective Branch on February 16, 2012, and subsequently to the Rapid Action Battalion, now Special Response Battalion, in April that year.

The PBI took over on November 4, 2024, after a four-member task force was formed following a High Court order.

On October 19, the task force submitted a 27-page progress report to the Supreme Court registrar general.

Signed by the investigation officer and PBI Additional SP Azizul Haque, it said previous investigators had recorded statements from 167 witnesses. The task force questioned 90 witnesses and recorded statements from 24.

It also sought digital evidence and data preserved by the tribunal relating to former army officer Ziaul Ahsan and a cultural personality through a letter to ICT Chief Prosecutor Aminul Islam and Prosecutor Tanvir Hassan Zoha. However, no information had been received.

Contacted on Sunday, Azizul declined to disclose further details.

Govts change, but state repression persists

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Police Service Association defended the IGP, saying his remarks referred to firm enforcement of existing laws, not extrajudicial killings.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed told The Daily Star on October 27 that the remarks did not represent the government's position and that it opposed extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances and custodial deaths.

The following day, he said he had cautioned the IGP over his wording.

Prime Minister's Information Adviser Zahed Ur Rahman said the prime minister would consider the matter after returning from Japan. The prime minister returned on October 30.

Ain o Salish Kendra recorded 16 deaths in its extrajudicial killing and custodial death tally between January and September 2026, including one reported "crossfire" death and four shootout deaths.

At the seminar, Ahmad questioned why Rakkhi Bahini members accused of detention, torture and killings were not brought to justice even after the force was dissolved and its personnel absorbed into the army in 1975.

Writer and researcher Sohul Ahmed said the force emerged against the backdrop of revolutionary movements of the 1970s, when countries emerging from armed struggles often formed special militias.

He said Bangladesh's ruling party considered the revolution complete in 1971, while other groups believed it remained unfinished. Although legally constituted, the Rakkhi Bahini operated to protect the ruling party, he argued.

Sohul proposed a truth commission to document extrajudicial killings since 1972, hear victims' accounts and examine how they occurred.

Ehasan Mahamud, director general of the museum, questioned the need for the Rakkhi Bahini when the country already had the army, police and other security forces.

"When a ruler begins to fear the people, he feels the need to establish another force outside the state's conventional forces," he said.

Owners to reopen

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Narayanganj and other industrial areas, where more than 60 percent of garment factories are located.

On Sunday, the government formed a six-member wage board to fix the minimum monthly salary for more than four million garment workers.

Babul Akhter, the newly appointed workers' representative on the board, urged protesters at a press conference yesterday to return to work.

He later told The Daily Star that the board would meet today or tomorrow to discuss the wage structure.

"We will have to recommend the new pay structure for the workers soon," he said.

Under the amended Labour Act of 2026, the new wage structure must take effect from December 1.

Babul blamed "outsiders" for the unrest, saying there was no justification for further protests and violence following the board's formation.

A group of trade union leaders also met the home minister yesterday afternoon. He urged them to persuade workers to end their agitation and resume work.

"Any unrest or demonstration by the workers after the formation of the wage board is illogical as the board needs to do some home works for final recommendation of the salary," said Nazma Akter, president of Sommilito Garments Sramik Federation.

Towhidur Rahman, president of the Bangladesh Apparels Workers Federation, echoed her views but said the board should have been formed at least 15 days earlier to avert unrest and meet the December 1 deadline.

BGMEA Vice-President Rezwan Selim said the home minister had suggested reopening factories today.

He said manufacturers at a meeting on Sunday night expressed concern over production delays, shipment disruptions, costly air freight and cancellation of work orders.

The unrest, coupled with global supply chain volatility and a gas crisis, has further strained the sector, he said, adding that some buyers halve their orders when unrest breaks out.

BKMEA President Mohammad Hatem said factories would reopen today.

He alleged that the unrest was no longer about wages but was being fuelled by outsiders seeking to destabilise the industry.

Speaking at a briefing afterwards, the home minister alleged that opportunists and supporters of fascist forces had infiltrated the protests to incite violence.

He urged workers to return to work and warned that those responsible for disorder would be identified and brought to justice.

Salahuddin claimed an analysis of CCTV footage and videos from recent days showed masked outsiders infiltrating the demonstrations.

He said the government would consider the lawful release of innocent workers and labour leaders arrested over the incidents.

The minister added that the prime minister had instructed authorities to determine a minimum wage that would serve both workers and the industry, considering living standards and the overall economic situation.

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1.	EARN-LGED-INFRA-W-60	Repair & Maintenance of YTC Buildings at Barguna Sadar Upazila, Dist: Barguna (1st Retender)	1359852	OTM	18-Nov-2026 17:00	19-Nov-2026 11:00	19-Nov-2026 12:00

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Star pays tribute

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reserve was published alongside the news of his death.

He said the report reflected Sohrab's commitment to public-interest journalism, extending beyond daily events to issues such as climate change and environmental protection.

Mohammad Al-Amin, content editor at The Daily Star, praised Sohrab's sincerity, humility and dedication to journalism, saying he was highly respected in his community.

Pinaki Roy, chief reporter (national), described Sohrab as a rare combination of a good human being and an outstanding journalist.

He recalled Sohrab's diverse reporting on agriculture, climate change, terrorism and sports, including a report on a woman boat operator who later received The Daily Star's Unsung Women Award.

Mizanur Rahman, chief financial officer and head of operations at The Daily Star, remembered Sohrab as a cheerful and dependable colleague who was always willing to help. He also recalled their last meeting during the newspaper's 30th anniversary celebrations in Barishal.

Sushanta Ghosh, The Daily Star's Barishal correspondent, said he saw reflections of legendary journalist Monajatuddin in Sohrab, particularly in his commitment to grassroots reporting.

Sohrab's elder son, Atik, said the family now considered his father's colleagues at The Daily Star members of their extended family. He thanked the newspaper authorities for standing beside them following his father's sudden death.

Mahfuz Anam handed over a commemorative crest to the family of Sohrab Hossain.

The colleagues also prayed for Sohrab's departed soul and sought blessings for him.

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