Indian medical student found dead in pond

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Cumilla*

The body of an Indian Kashmiri medical student who went missing two days ago was recovered from a pond in Cumilla's Burichang upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased, Adnan Altaf, 26, was a student of the 14th batch (2017-18 session) at Eastern Medical College in Burichang. He was scheduled to sit for his second professional MBBS Microbiology examination under the old curriculum from yesterday.

Adnan went missing after leaving the college premises around 11:00pm on Monday. His classmates and others searched for him but failed to find him. A general diary was filed with Burichang Police Station on Tuesday, said Surezit, in-charge of Debpur Police Outpost.

Locals spotted his body floating in a pond in Monipur village around 7:00am and informed police.

Eastern Medical College authorities said they were present at the scene and that police are investigating the incident.

Burichang Police Station OC Lutfur Rahman said the body was sent to Cumilla Medical College Hospital for an autopsy.

Bakkhali's revival hinges on political, administrative will

Say speakers at Cox's Bazar discussion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

Political and administrative commitment is essential to free the Bakkhali river from illegal occupation and pollution and restore it, speakers said at a discussion in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

They also called for effective implementation of a High Court directive to protect the river.

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA) organised the discussion at a hotel to highlight the challenges facing the 69-kilometre river.

Presenting the keynote paper, BELA Legal Coordinator and Supreme Court lawyer S Hasanul Banna said the High Court, in a verdict on August 24, 2025, directed authorities to declare the river an Ecologically Critical Area (ECA) and evict illegal occupants following a public interest litigation filed by BELA in 2014.

He identified the lack of demarcation, illegal occupation and pollution as the river's major problems, stressing the need for political and administrative commitment to carry out eviction drives.



An aerial view of Bakkhali river calmly flowing through the riverbanks of Chattogram. PHOTO: STAR

Speakers said mangroves along the riverbanks had been destroyed to make way for plots, while illegal structures had been built on occupied land. Municipal and hotel waste are also dumped into the river while hill cutting and illegal sand extraction are further worsening the situation.

They warned that fish stocks and aquatic biodiversity were declining.

District Fisheries Officer Md Nazmul Huda said the river was home to 35 fish species and 10 other aquatic species. Continued pollution could drive them to extinction, he warned, adding that liquid waste entering the river was affecting the food chain.

Cox's Bazar Municipality Executive Engineer Parakram Chakma said the municipality's waste dumping ground at Kostura Ghat would be relocated by 2028.

Speakers also expressed concern over the lack of visible progress on a Tk 47.50 crore project to revitalise the Bakkhali river, evict illegal occupants and control pollution. The project is scheduled to run from January 2026 to June 2028.

Water Development Board Sub-Assistant Engineer Atikur Rahman said the project included dredging four kilometres of the river and protecting 1.2 kilometres of its banks.

Dredging would begin in the upcoming dry season, while tendering for bank protection work had been completed, he said.

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levels of irregular migration and held meetings with deputy commissioners there to strengthen awareness campaigns and identify criminal networks.

The government had also held discussions with Italian and Libyan diplomats and representatives of IOM to address dangerous migration routes through Libya and the Mediterranean Sea, she added.

Deputy Speaker Kayser Kamal called for a review of Bangladesh's 2015 agreement with Saudi Arabia on domestic workers, saying there was a perception that around 13 of its 21 conditions had not been implemented.

He also expressed concern over the execution of two Bangladeshis in Saudi Arabia on October 14.

State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare Nurul Haque said the government had taken significant steps over the last seven months to promote safe migration, although reforming long-established recruitment practices would take time.

ILO Bangladesh Country Director Max Tuñón said Bangladeshi migrant workers paid some of the highest recruitment costs in the world, often spending between Tk 4 lakh and Tk 6 lakh to secure jobs abroad.

He urged diplomatic missions to monitor detained Bangladeshis and ensure they received legal representation.

Dipta Rakshit of Winrock International said 60 percent of the 5,000 trafficking survivors covered under her project had become victims after migrating through what were considered safe channels.

Italian Ambassador Antonio Alessandro reaffirmed Italy's commitment to keeping legal migration channels open while combating criminal networks involved in irregular migration.

IOM Bangladesh Chief of Mission Laura Tomm Bonde said the success of the caucus should be measured by improvements in migrant protection rather than the number of meetings or discussions it held.

WARBE Development Foundation Chairman Syed Saiful Haque delivered the welcome address.

The 22-member parliamentary caucus is chaired by BNP lawmaker ABM Mosharraf Hossain, with Mahmuda Habiba serving as secretary general.

Its vice-chairpersons include Jamaat-e-Islami MP Moshiur Rahman Khan and BNP lawmakers Hasan Rajib Prodhan, Fahima Nasrin and Bilkis Islam. The caucus also includes lawmakers from NCP and Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis.

Dengue risk

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in high-risk areas based on the findings.

DSCC has also launched an initiative to clean courtyards and toilets at all primary schools during its regular Saturday "Cleaning Day" programme to protect children from dengue, he added.

"Through public awareness and coordinated efforts, we can build a dengue-free, safe and healthy Dhaka," he said.

The survey findings were analysed using the Breteau Index, House Index, Container Index and Pupal Index to identify dengue hotspots.

DSCC has divided the wards into three categories based on the density of mosquito larvae:

High-risk (29 wards): 1, 2, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 65 and 71.

Moderate-risk (28 wards): 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 18, 23, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 43, 46, 51, 52, 57, 64, 67, 68, 69, 73 and 75.

Low-risk (18 wards): 3, 7, 17, 28, 34, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 63, 66, 70, 72 and 74.

Tidal surges batter coastal people amid warning gaps

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roughly 6,000km of embankments, many weak or damaged, make tidal surges more destructive.

Zahid Amin Shashoto, head of programme at Uttaran, said Cyclone Amphan breached embankments in Satkhira in May 2020. When high tides came that August, forecasts warned of a surge of only 1–2 feet. But water entered through the broken embankments, flooding 22 villages in Sreeula union of Assasuni.

"When a cyclone hits us, nobody asks for the wind to be slowed. Everyone asks for the embankment to be fixed," he said.

Momenul Islam, director of Bangladesh Meteorological Department, welcomed the localised forecasting model developed under SURF-IT and pledged BMD's technical cooperation to validate and use it for community-level warnings.

BMD Meteorologist Dr Muhammad Abul Kalam Mallik stressed the need for a unified digital platform that connects relevant stakeholders to deliver timely, location-specific, actionable warnings to vulnerable communities.

He said an early warning system's success depends not just on issuing alerts but also on ensuring that people at risk receive, understand, trust and act on them in time.

Sanzida Yesmin, deputy secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, acknowledged the policy gap, saying, "I was completely unaware that these recurring tidal surges occurred without any warning." She stressed the need to integrate impact-based forecasting into national frameworks and early action protocols.

Nitai Chandra Dey Sarker, director at Department of Disaster Management, said the government lacks an institutional mechanism to monitor such non-cyclone events.

He suggested revising the national disaster damage assessment tool, known as the D-Form, to capture cumulative livelihood losses from recurring surges.

Homaun Kabir Sumon, programme manager at ACF, said women bear the brunt of these disasters as many men migrate for work during vulnerable seasons.

He called for women-centred early action protocols and recommended that local disaster management committees have at least 50 percent female representation to address women's specific needs and vulnerabilities.

Tapan Kumar Chakraborty, deputy country director for Bangladesh and Nepal at ACF; BMD meteorologist SM Quamrul Hassan; Syeda Sabrina Sultana, meteorologist at the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System; Damodar Kanel, coordinator at WFP; Dr Sazzad Hossain, chief engineer of BWDB; Shah Jahan Saju, national coordinator for Early Warnings for All at WFP; Shekh Mohi Uddin, coordinator at ACF; and Dr Md Jakariya, professor at North South University, also spoke.

Zunaed Rabbani, an independent consultant, moderated the roundtable.

Prothom Alo

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primary strength. Readers' trust is our capital. We must move forward into the future with this strength."

Following the national anthem and a documentary screening, Managing Editor Anisul Hoque said, "Prothom Alo has never compromised with any evil forces in the past, could not please militants, and could not agree with everyone. For that reason, on its 28th anniversary, Prothom Alo says 'sorry'. This uncompromising stance will continue; Prothom Alo will remain steadfast."

Executive Editor Sajjad Sharif said, "We have no scope to step back. We must move towards the future along new paths with dreams of doing something new."

Head of Online Shawkat Hossain, Head of Digital Business Javed Sultan, and Head of Research Strategy and Business Development Momenur Rashid Siddiquee also spoke.

Guests included Independent University, Bangladesh Vice-Chancellor M Tamim, ACI Ltd MD Arif Dowla, Mohammadi Group Chairperson Rubana Huq and actor Mosharraf Karim.

M Tamim said, "Facing the wrath of both the government and opposition proves Prothom Alo is on the right path. It turned around even after the attack last December and continued objective journalism, which is very encouraging."

The event concluded with prize distribution for staff writing and quiz competitions, followed by musical performances by the Bengal Symphony.

PRAYER TIMING
NOVEMBER 05

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-00	12-45	3-45	5-25	7-00
JAMAAT	5-35	1-15	4-00	5-30	7-30

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The Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh is looking for a suitable candidate for the function of **"Accounts Clerk"**.

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The deadline for receiving applications is **Monday, 30 November 2026 at 16:00 Hours.**

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E-Tender for the office of the Superintending Engineer (P&S) invites in the National e-GP system Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following Goods:

Sl	Tender ID	Name of Tender
1	1360227	Supply and Delivery of 33 kV CT (30 nos) and PT (10 Nos) at the central store of WZPDCL Khulna.

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(Engr. Md. Shafiqul Islam)
Superintending Engineer (P&S), WZPDCL
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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

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Tender ID	Description of Goods	Tender opening date & time
1360853	Supply of Raw Materials & Spare Parts (Code: 3256105))	17/11/2026 Time: 16.00

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Md. Mizanur Rahman, Principal in Charge
Amtali Govt. Technical School & College, Amtali, Borguna. Phone - 01711464883

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Ref. No: AUST/OTM/CNT, CoE, CE, CSE, UE & MPE/Tender-05/2026-27

TENDER INVITATION

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) is inviting sealed bids from bona fide/ reputed organizations/ distributors/ business partners/agents for:

	Description	Office/ Dept
1.	Procurement of High-Performance PC for CNT office	CNT office
2.	Procurement of original certificate paper (Qty-7000 pcs.) for CoE	CoE office
3.	Procurement of Universal Testing Machine (UTM) for CE dept	CE dept
4.	Procurement of Hydraulic bench & Bernoulli's apparatus for CE dept	
5.	Procurement of BOD Measurement System for CE dept	
6.	Procurement of High-config. PC (Qty- 27 nos.) for CSE dept	CSE dept
7.	Procurement of IP based PABX system, indent from UE Office	UE Office
8.	Procurement of Expansion of perfect Gas Apparatus (Qty-01 no.) for MPE dept	MPE dept
9.	Procurement of Strain Gauge Trainer (Qty-01 no.) for MPE dept	
10.	Procurement of Whirling of Shaft & Critical Speed Apparatus (Qty-01 no.) for MPE dept	

The bidders must submit earnest money @ 2.5% of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of **"Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology"** along with their offer. Interested bidders may collect schedule of tender from the Procurement Office of AUST on all working days till Nov. 17, 2026 by 4 p.m. The sealed offer must be submitted on **Nov. 22, 2026 (Sunday)** by 2.00 p.m. at the Treasurer Office and the tenders will be opened (for SL No: 1 to 6) at 02:30 p.m. & 03:00 p.m. (for SL No: 7 to 10) on the same day (Nov. 22, 2026). Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the tenders.
N.B.: Prebid Meeting (only for SL No: 3 & 7) on Nov. 18, 2026 (Wednesday) at 2-00 PM at AUST premises. The AUST authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason what-so-ever and is not bound to award the work order to the lowest bidder.

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TENDER NOTICE

Tender No. NSU/26-27-T08

North South University is inviting sealed offers from bona fide/reputed organizations/producers/manufacturers/suppliers for making and supplying convocation souvenir items, in various lots as mentioned below and described in the tender schedule.

Details of the items:

Lot 1: Executive bag
Lot 2: Thermal vacuum coffee mug
Lot 3: Crest

Interested bidders may collect a schedule of tender within banking hours from Southeast Bank Ltd., Bashundhara Branch, on all working days till **November 16, 2026** by paying non-refundable amount of Taka 1,000.00 (One Thousand) in cash for each schedule.

The bidders must submit **earnest money @ 2.5%** of the quoted price in the form of Pay Order issued from any scheduled bank drawn in favor of North South University along with their offer. The sealed offer must be submitted on **November 17, 2026** by **2:15 p.m.** at the office of the undersigned. The offers will be opened at **2:30 p.m.** on the same day. Representatives of the participating bidders may remain present at the time of opening the bids. NSU authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without showing any reason.

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