Nine rescued from traffickers in Teknaf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Cox's Bazar*

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel rescued nine people while they were being trafficked to Malaysia by sea in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar.

The incident took place in the South Lombori Ghat area on Saturday evening, Lt Col Mohammad Tajul Islam Chowdhury, commanding officer (CO) of Teknaf Battalion (2 BGB), said yesterday.

On information, a special BGB patrol team took position in the area around 6:30pm and spotted a group of 20-25 people at the ghat.

Sensing the presence of BGB members, some 10-15 suspected traffickers quickly boarded a boat and fled towards the sea.

BGB members later rescued the nine people left stranded at the ghat, who later said they were being trafficked to Malaysia.

Among them are two teenage boys and a teenage girl.

Some of them are residents of Rohingya camps, while the others are from Cox's Bazar Sadar, Chakaria, Maheshkhali and Ukhiya upazilas.

The process of handing them over to police was underway.

40 lakh fake cigarette tax stamps, cosmetics seized at Ctg port

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Ctg*

A container imported under the declaration of printing machines was found to contain cosmetics and more than 40 lakh fake cigarette tax stamps at Chattogram Port.

The consignment, imported by China Mart, at Jamuna Future Park in Dhaka, arrived at the port on August 9 this year.

A joint team of the National Board of Revenue's Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) and the Audit, Investigation and Research (AIR) branch of Chattogram Customs House inspected the container on Thursday, according to a press release issued by NBR yesterday.

The officials found a large quantity of undeclared cosmetics and fake cigarette tax stamps instead of any of the declared printing machines.

According to the release, a 20-stick packet of low-segment cigarettes has a retail price of Tk 130, of which the government is entitled to Tk 106.60 in revenue. As such, the use of the fake stamps for illegal cigarette production and marketing could have caused an estimated revenue loss of Tk 43.50 crore to the government, while the undeclared cosmetics could involve another Tk 2.50 crore in revenue evasion.

Legal proceedings against those involved were underway, it added.

29 held in Noakhali anti-gang drives

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Noakhali*

Police detained 29 people during special anti-gang operations across Noakhali district. They were later released into the custody of their families upon signing bonds.

Confirming the information yesterday, Abu Tayeb Md Arif Hossain, additional superintendent of police (Administration and Finance) in Noakhali, said the drives were conducted in different areas of the district between 8:00am on Saturday and 8:00am yesterday.

Among the detainees, four were held in Companiganj and Kabirhat each, one in Begumganj, two in Senbagh, Sonaimuri and Chatkhil each, three in Char Jabbar, and 11 in Hatiya.

According to district police sources, regular drives are being conducted under the overall guidance of Noakhali Superintendent of Police NM Nasiruddin to prevent the activities of juvenile gangs, curb teenagers' involvement in crimes, and ensure public safety.



Despite being constructed in 2022, the new 10-storey, 250-bed facility at Bandarban Sadar Hospital remains non-operational due to lack of administrative approval and necessary manpower. PHOTO: STAR

BANDARBAN SADAR HOSPITAL

New building lies unused for four years

MONG SING HAI MARMA, *Bandarban*

A newly constructed 10-storey building at Bandarban Sadar Hospital, equipped with 250 beds and modern medical facilities, has remained unused since its completion in 2022 due to a lack of administrative approval and required manpower.

Meanwhile, the hospital's existing 100-bed building is struggling to accommodate the growing number of patients, forcing many to receive treatment on the floor.

The new building has an intensive care unit (ICU), coronary care unit (CCU), isolation wards, a surgery unit and a gynaecology ward, among other facilities.

However, patients still cannot access these facilities, and many must travel elsewhere for advanced treatment.

Established with 50 beds in 1989, Bandarban Sadar Hospital serves thousands of residents across the district's seven upazilas.

On average, 400-500 patients visit its outpatient department daily, while another 90-100 are admitted.

The existing building lacks ICU and CCU facilities, forcing critically ill patients to seek treatment elsewhere at higher costs, particularly burdening low-income families from remote hill communities.

To address the shortage, the government undertook a Tk 36.48 crore project in 2019 to upgrade the hospital from 100 to 250 beds.

Although construction was completed in 2022, the new building has yet to become operational.

Patients and local residents have urged the authorities to open the facility without further delay.

Mohammad Alamgir, a patient, said he had been receiving treatment on the hospital floor for several days because no bed was available.

"If the new building were operational, perhaps I could have been provided a bed and better treatment facilities," he said.

Shaimaching Marma, a resident of remote Thanchi upazila, said patients had to undergo many diagnostic tests at private facilities at much higher costs.

"Besides, critical patients have to be taken to Chattogram since ICU and CCU facilities are also unavailable. It is difficult for poor people from remote areas to travel there and afford treatment. The new hospital building could solve these issues if it were operational," she said.

Contacted, Bandarban Civil Surgeon Dr Mohammad Shaheen Hossain Chowdhury said all infrastructure-related work on the new building had been completed.

"We have sent a letter to the higher authorities regarding administrative approval for opening the facility and recruitment of required manpower," he said.

Jubo Dal leader found dead in Bandarban

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Bandarban*

Police recovered the body of a local leader of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth wing of ruling BNP, from a hilly stream in the Kasai Para area of Bandarban town yesterday morning.

The deceased, Md Sharif, 33, was joint convener of the Talukdar Para block under Ward-9 of the Bandarban municipality unit of Jubo Dal.

The body was recovered around 10:00am from the stream located beside the Bandarban-Chattogram road, near the Bandarban bus terminal.

Locals said some women spotted the body floating in the stream when they were collecting water from it in the morning. On information, police and fire service personnel went to the spot and recovered the body.

Mohammad Arif, president of Bandarban municipality Jubo Dal unit, said they identified Sharif after the body was recovered.

Masud Parvez, officer-in-charge of Bandarban Sadar Police Station, said there were injury marks on Sharif's hands, legs and head, alongside bleeding from nose and mouth.

Whether Sharif fell on his own or was pushed down the hill would be known after investigation, he added.

PRAYER TIMING
NOVEMBER 09

	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

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Notice for Extension of Tender Document Collection & Submission Deadline

Tender Reference: Appointment of a Consultancy Firm for End-to-End Procurement of a Core Banking System (CBS) and Middleware Solution

With reference to the Tender Notice published on November 2, 2026, in Daily Prothom Alo and November 3, 2026, in Daily Star and Financial Express regarding the above-mentioned tender, the deadline for submission of tenders has been extended up to November 26, 2026, at 2:30 PM instead of November 11, 2026. BID Schedule will be available up to November 16, 2026, and Pre-bid meeting will be held on November 19, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

All other terms and conditions of the original Tender Notice shall remain unchanged.

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পাওয়ার গ্রিড বাংলাদেশ পিএলসি (পাওয়ার গ্রিড) এর পরিচালক পর্ষদ ০৮ নভেম্বর ২০২৬, রবিবার অনুষ্ঠিত ৬৪৪/২০২৬ নং বোর্ড সভায় নিম্নোক্ত সিদ্ধান্তসমূহ গ্রহণ করেছেঃ

১) পরিচালক পর্ষদ কর্তৃক বিগত ৩০ জুন ২০২৬ তারিখ সমাপ্ত হওয়া অর্থবছরের জন্য প্রতিটি টাকা ১০/- মূল্যের শেয়ারের বিপরীতে ০৫ (পাঁচ) % নগদ ডিভিডেন্ড প্রদানের সুপারিশ করেছে যা আসন্ন ৩০তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় শেয়ারহোল্ডারগণের অনুমোদনের ভিত্তিতে নিশ্চিত করা হবে।

২) বিএসইসি'র নোটিফিকেশন নং- BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/08 Dated: March 10, 2021 অনুযায়ী ৩০তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা আগামী ০৬ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২৭, শনিবার, সকাল ১০:০০টায় পাওয়ার গ্রিডের প্রধান কার্যালয় প্রাঙ্গনে, এভিনিউ-৩, জহুরুল ইসলাম সিটি, আফতাবনগর, বাড্ডা, ঢাকা-১২১২; হাইব্রিড মডেলে (ফিজিক্যাল ও ভার্চুয়াল প্ল্যাটফর্মের সমন্বয়ে) অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

৩) উক্ত সভার জন্য রেকর্ড ডেট নির্ধারণ করা হয়েছে ১০ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৬ তারিখ, বৃহস্পতিবার। রেকর্ড ডেট-এ সিডিবিএল সহ শেয়ারহোল্ডার রেজিস্টারে যেসব শেয়ারহোল্ডারগণের নাম থাকবে তাঁরাই ৩০তম বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন এবং যদি অনুমোদিত হয়, লভ্যাংশ পাবেন।

৪) বিগত ২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থবছর এবং ২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থবছরের শেয়ার প্রতি নিট সম্পদ মূল্য (NAVPS), শেয়ার প্রতি নিট অপারেটিং ক্যাশ ফ্লো (NOCFPS) এবং শেয়ার প্রতি আয় (EPS) এর তুলনামূলক বিবরণী নীচের সারণীতে দেখানো হলোঃ

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Locals block rail, road links over proposed upazila

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Brahmanbaria*

Local residents blocked rail and road links for around four hours yesterday morning, demanding the restoration of six villages to Basudeb union in Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila and the scrapping of a proposal to divide the upazila to create a new one.

The protesters blocked the rail track at the Kodda rail-cabin area in Basudeb around 7:30am, halting train services on the Dhaka-Sylhet and Dhaka-Chattogram routes. They also blocked the Akhaura-Agartala road, disrupting the movement of passenger and goods-carrying vehicles.

The blockade was withdrawn around 11:30am and it was postponed for three days upon assurance from Brahmanbaria Deputy Commissioner Md Abu Sayeed, said Khairul Alam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Brahmanbaria Sadar Model Police Station.

The blockade left four trains -- the Cox's Bazar-bound Parjatak Express, the Sylhet-bound Parabat Express, the Chattogram-bound Sonar Bangla Express, and the Dhaka-bound Upakul Express -- stranded at different stations, said Md Rafiqul Islam, station master on duty at Brahmanbaria Railway Station.

Local sources said six villages -- Kodda, Baishnabpur, Shyamnagar, Korabari, Chandi and Barishol -- were separated from Basudeb union in May this year to form a new union named Barishol under Akhaura upazila. A gazette notification formalising the decision was published on June 4.

Residents of Basudeb union have been protesting against the move since it was announced.

The latest controversy centres on a proposal to form a new upazila, also named Barishol, by merging Basudeb, Sultanpur and Ramrail unions of Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila with the newly formed Barishol union under Akhaura upazila.

KARNAPHULI RIVERBANKS

HC gives authorities two more weeks for survey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday gave the authorities concerned two more weeks to survey the southern and eastern banks of the Karnaphuli river in Chattogram and submit a report identifying illegal encroachers.

The bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Aziz Ahmed Bhuiyan passed the order during a hearing on a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) seeking necessary directives.

Following the same petition, the HC on November 14, 2023, issued a rule, directing the authorities to survey the riverbanks, identify illegal occupants and submit a report in three months. It also issued several directives for protecting the river based on the survey findings.

However, the authorities have yet to submit the report, prompting HRPB to seek further court intervention.

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e-Tender Notice

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1367421	Procurement of Dietary Articles of Catagory-3, Schedule-K, Package-01 for the period of 01 January'2027 to 31 June'2027	08 November'2026 22:00	26 November'2026 12:00
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1367423	Procurement of Dietary Articles of Catagory-3, Schedule-K, Package-3 for the period of 01 January'2027 to 31 June'2027	08 November'2026 22:00	26 November'2026 12:00
1367424	Procurement of Dietary Articles of Catagory-3, Schedule-K, Package-4 for the period of 01 January'2027 to 31 June'2027	08 November'2026 22:00	26 November'2026 12:00
1367427	Procurement of Dietary Articles of Catagory-3, Schedule-Kha, Package-1 for the period of 01 January'2027 to 31 June'2027	08 November'2026 22:00	26 November'2026 12:00
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1	**1248806,** CU/PIN13220/ NCS-1/2025-26	Selection of Service Provider for Whole-Exome Sequencing of Human Blood gDNA and Sanger Sequencing of PCR Amplicons.	NCT, OTM	05-Nov-2026 11:00	23-Nov-2026 11:00
2	**1249257,** CU/PIN13220/ NCS-2/2025-26	Selection of Service Provider for Gut Microbiome Analysis using 16S rRNA Gene Sequencing and Shotgun Metagenomics.	NCT, OTM	08-Nov-2026 11:00	24-Nov-2026 11:00

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