Swechchhasebak Dal leader held over extortion allegations

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Liton Mahmud Babu, vice-president of the Dhaka North city unit of Swechchhasebak Dal, was arrested in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday over allegations of extortion, according to the Detective Branch.

Shafiqul Islam, additional commissioner (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said Liton was on a list of alleged extortionists and was arrested following specific allegations against him.

However, the DB produced Liton, 48, and his two associates, Kamrul Hasan Almas, 50, and Mohammad Momin, 27, before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court of Dhaka in a case that carries no extortion charge.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Ashraful Haque sent the three to jail, said a police officer.

On November 7, Rimon Mia, 22, a driver of AJR Parcel and Courier Service in Hazaribagh, filed the case with Mohammadpur Police Station against 24 to 26 unidentified people under Sections 143, 341, 323 and 427 of the Penal Code and Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Explosive Substances Act. None of these sections concern extortion, criminal lawyers said.

According to a forwarding report submitted to the court, a gang led by individuals named Saifur and Jewel had long been involved in criminal activities at AJR Parcel and Courier Service. On November 5, a vehicle carrying parcels and postal documents left AJR's Motijheel branch for delivery.

Around 1:30am, 24 to 26 unidentified attackers on 12 to 13 motorcycles intercepted it near Krishi Market in Rayer Bazar and smashed its windows with bricks, iron rods and stones.

"Rimon got out of the vehicle, but the attackers grabbed him by the collar and struck him below the knee with a rod, injuring his leg. He somehow managed to escape," DB Inspector Bahalul Khan, the investigation officer, said in the forwarding report.

The attackers allegedly hurled crude bombs and petrol bombs into the vehicle's cabin and set it ablaze, destroying goods inside, before fleeing.

Case documents showed that Liton, Almas and Momin were arrested in Mohammadpur around 5:45am yesterday.

DB officials said the government recently prepared a list of 545 alleged extortionists operating in Dhaka and handed it to the DMP with instructions to arrest them.

Liton's name was on the list, they added.

4 more die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least four dengue patients died, and 1,900 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

All four deaths were reported from the Dhaka division.

With the latest fatalities, the death toll from dengue this year has risen to 478, while the cumulative number of cases has reached 1,55,668. Currently, 6,067 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at hospitals across the country.

'Can't afford another loss'

Low prices push Pirojpur farmers to cut Boro cultivation

HABIBUR RAHMAN, *Pirojpur*

"Even after selling the paddy, I could not recover my production costs last year because of the low market price," said Abinash Mondal, a farmer from Dakkhin Jhanjhania village in Pirojpur's Nazirpur upazila.

He spent around Tk 36,000 cultivating Boro paddy on one bigha (52 decimals) last year and harvested 40 maunds, but still suffered losses.

"I cannot afford another loss by taking the same risk again this time," he said.

Like Abinash, many farmers across Pirojpur's wetlands are planning to reduce Boro cultivation this season, discouraged by low paddy prices and rising production costs.

Pradip Mondal of the same village has decided to cut his Boro acreage from eight bighas last year to five this season.

Abdus Salam, who cultivated 4.5 bighas last year, plans to reduce his acreage by 1.5 bighas.

Farmers said they previously sold paddy for more than Tk 1,100 per maund. They now need Tk 1,200-1,300 to make a profit, but received a maximum of Tk 850 last year.

"Last year, I got around Tk 800 for a maund (40kg) of paddy, which caused losses. Rising fuel and pesticide prices will increase production costs further this year," Salam said, adding that timely access to fertiliser remained uncertain.

Farmers also questioned why wholesale buyers were reluctant to purchase paddy despite high rice prices.



Farmers prepare paddy seedbeds ahead of Boro season in Nazirpur upazila of Pirojpur. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Harvesting costs have added to their difficulties, with labourers charging around Tk 1,200 each.

The situation is particularly concerning in Nazirpur and other wetland areas, where Boro is the only annual crop and accounts for the largest share of the district's paddy production.

Farmers have begun preparing seedbeds, with transplantation expected to start in December.

Esratunnesa Easha, agriculture officer of Nazirpur upazila, acknowledged that farmers had not received expected prices last year, which could affect cultivation this season.

She said the department provided technical support but was not responsible for determining market prices.

Boro was cultivated on 12,600 hectares in Nazirpur last year, while this season's target is 12,500 hectares, she said.

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Pirojpur, Boro cultivation covered 34,005 hectares across the district last year, against a target of 34,020 hectares this season.

CU admission tests begin January 29

Online applications from Dec 10 to Jan 10

CU CORRESPONDENT

The first-year admission tests of Chittagong University (CU) for the 2026-27 academic session will be held from January 29 to February 8 under the revised schedule.

CU Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Dr Mohammad Al-Amin confirmed the decision yesterday.

Students who will pass the Higher Secondary Certificate supplementary examinations will be eligible to apply, provided they meet the required GPA criteria.

The application schedule has been revised to allow supplementary candidates to apply. Online applications will be accepted from December 10 to January 10, while the fees can be paid until January 12. The previous application timeline was November 15 to December 10.

PRAYER TIMING
NOVEMBER 12

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-00	12-45	3-45	5-22	7-00
JAMAAT	5-35	1-15	4-00	5-25	7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

DU suspends two staff over role in campus blasts

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) administration has suspended two officials over preliminary evidence of their involvement in the crude bomb blasts and attempts to create instability on the campus.

The suspended officials are Nipu Islam Tanni, a section officer at the Education-1 branch of the university's Registrar Office, and Mohammad Aman Ullah, a sanitary supervisor at its Estate Office.

The university has also filed a case with Shahbagh Police Station over the crude bomb blast on the premises of the Faculty of Business Studies on Tuesday, said a press release of DU Public Relations Office yesterday.

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Last date of selling Tender Document: Nov. 23, 2026 up to 3-00 PM
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Dead Line of Submission Tender: Nov. 30, 2026 (Monday) at 2-00 pm and Tender will be opened at 02-30 pm on the same day (Nov. 30, 2026)

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), with financial support from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), is implementing the National Tuberculosis Programme (NTP), National AIDS/STD Control (NASC) Programme, National Malaria Elimination Programme (NMEP), and Resilient and Sustainable Systems for Health (RSSH) interventions in Bangladesh.

To enhance coordination, operational efficiency, and standardized governance, an integrated Program Management Unit (PMU) has been established for all Global Fund-supported grants. Recruitment is underway for the following positions, with assignments scheduled to commence in January 2027.

E-Zone HRM Limited has a formal agreement with one of the UN Agencies to provide outsourcing support to accomplish this recruitment. E-Zone HRM Limited is now accepting applications from the Bangladeshi nationals. See the link for detailed ToR and other relevant information.

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- **Title 4. Internal Audit and Compliance Manager** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un334.html
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- **Title 6. Procurement, Supply Chain, and Logistics Manager** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un337.html
- **Title 7. Lab Management Expert** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un338.html
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- **Title 11. Monitoring, Evaluation, Research, and Learning (MERL) Expert** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un342.html
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- **Title 15. HIV Specialist - Treatment and Care** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un345.html
- **Title 16.HIV Specialist - Prevention** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un346.html
- **Title 17. Malaria Specialist - Entomologist** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un347.html
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- **Title 19. Community Intervention Specialist** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un349.html
- **Title 20. Public-Private Mix (PPM) Specialist** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un350.html
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- **Title 22. Human Rights and Ethics Specialist** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un351.html
- **Title 23. Data Management and Software Specialist** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un352.html
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- **Title 26. Finance Officer (Planning and Reporting)** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un357.html
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- **Title 34. Internal Audit and Compliance Officer** — Number of Position(s): 01 — Duty Station: Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Dhaka — https://hotjobs1.bdjobs.com/e-zone-hrm-limited/un363.html
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Duration and Starting Date: The assignment is scheduled to begin on 1 January 2027 for an initial duration of one (1) year. Continuation or renewal is subject to a formal satisfactory performance evaluation, operational requirements, and the continued availability of funding from the donor.

All these positions are open for Bangladeshi Nationals only. All candidates, irrespective of gender, religious and ethnic backgrounds can apply for the vacancies. Female candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

Only short-listed candidates shall be invited for written test/interview. All selected candidates will undergo rigorous reference and background checks.

Last Date of Application: 20 November 2026 (23:59 PM)