Syria car bomb kills two people including child

AFP, *Damascus*

A car bomb killed two people including a child in a suburb of the Syrian capital on Saturday, state media reported, as authorities struggle to restore full security to the country.

The SANA news agency said the explosion in the city of Jaramana also wounded one person.

Authorities had "established a security perimeter at the scene and opened an investigation", it cited security forces as saying.

Syria has frequently been hit by explosions or attacks against civilians or security forces since the fall of former president Bashar al-Assad in December 2024.

In August another blast struck Jaramana, with the attack on a bus wounding 14 people, according to SANA.

In the capital Damascus, two devices exploded near a hotel where French President Emmanuel Macron was staying during a landmark visit in July.

That blast left one person dead and 36 wounded.

AL supporters go on the rampage

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deployed to help maintain law and order in Gopalganj, the home district of ousted prime minister and AL chief Sheikh Hasina.

The government also replaced the district's top civil and police officials.

Gopalganj Deputy Commissioner Md Arif-Uz-Zaman was withdrawn and replaced by Habiganj Deputy Commissioner GM Sharfaraz, while Gopalganj Superintendent of Police Md Habibullah was transferred and replaced by Feni SP Pratyush Kumar Majumdar.

Witnesses said hundreds of AL leaders and activists began arriving in the town from surrounding areas around 11:00am by motorcycles, vans, buses and trucks.

Around noon, they brought out a procession from the BSCIC Bridge area after breaking through a police barricade. The march moved through Launch Ghat, Women's College and the Shilpakala Academy area before spreading across different roads in the town. Participants chanted slogans in support of Hasina.

Many carried wooden poles and oars, locally known as "logi-boitha". Witnesses said activists spray-painted "Joy Bangla" on a police APC and hurled brick chunks at a police box and broke a window near Launch Ghat.

They later removed the nameplate from the main entrance of Gopalganj Government College and replaced it with a banner reading "Government Bangabandhu College". A signboard at Hadi Square on the campus of Gopalganj Science and Technology University was also removed and replaced with one reading "Muktijuddho Chattar".

Witnesses said the protesters also reopened the AL office in the town's Bank Para area.

At several points, activists set fire to tyres and other materials on roads near the old Launch Ghat, Government College and the Press Club, disrupting traffic. Police later extinguished the fires and restored traffic movement. Traffic near Launch Ghat remained suspended for about 40 minutes.

In the evening, at least seven houses belonging to BNP leaders and activists were attacked, according to party leaders.

Among them was the house of Emdad Hossain Mollah, president of the Tungipara municipal BNP, which was looted and set on fire, said Gopalganj district BNP President Sharif Rafiquzzaman.

Tungipara Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Ayub Ali said police had received information about the incidents and were investigating.

Additional security personnel were deployed across key locations, while intelligence surveillance was stepped up, security officials said.

At a briefing at the Gopalganj Circuit House, Dhaka Range DIG Mostafizur Rahman said 1,350 police personnel had been deployed across the district.

He said patrol teams and strike forces were on standby along the district's 67km stretch of national highway, while additional personnel had been deployed across all four upazilas and Gopalganj Sadar to protect government installations and maintain public security.

Brig Gen Mahmudul Hasan, commander of the BGB's Jashore Region, said around 150 BGB members in six platoons had been deployed to help maintain law and order and prevent any untoward incidents.

He said the deployment was made under directives from the home ministry.

Besides BGB, members of the police, SRB, APBn, and Ansar were also on the ground, while plans were in place to deploy additional personnel if required, he said.

The unrest followed attacks on BNP and Jubo Dal offices in Tungipara on Saturday night.

According to media reports, the BNP office in Kushli union and several nearby shops at Nilfa Bazar were vandalised and set on fire around 8:00pm. The upazila Jubo Dal office at the Patgati bus stand was also ransacked.

On November 10, AL supporters allegedly set fire to a police vehicle, clashed with law enforcers and blocked roads at several locations in Gopalganj.

In this connection, Moslem Ali, sub-inspector of Tungipara Police Station, filed a case under the Anti-Terrorism Act accusing 224 named people and around 2,000 unnamed people.

During yesterday's unrest, Moslem was on duty at the bus station area. At one point, he came under attack and had to be taken to Tungipara Upazila Health Complex, said Tungipara police OC Mohammad Ayub Ali.

Moslem suffered injuries in his head and was released after treatment, said Tungipara Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer Tanvir Ahmed.

The district also witnessed deadly violence on July 16 last year when clashes between law enforcers and AL supporters surrounding an NCP rally in the town left at least four people dead and dozens injured.

25,000 bodycams gather dust

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"We are trying to increase the use of these cameras," he said, adding that they were being used occasionally outside metropolitan areas, particularly during major religious festivals and other important events.

Police officials and field officers cited accountability concerns, budget constraints, technical difficulties and operational challenges as reasons for the force's reluctance to use them.

"Our force does not want to be accountable -- we have issued instructions repeatedly, but they do not use the cameras," said Additional Inspector General (AIG) Khandaker Rafiqul Islam, who transferred from the Crime and Operations wing to the Human Resource Management wing in September.

Some officers were reluctant to use the devices because recordings could expose them to scrutiny over allegations of bribery, misconduct and mistreatment of members of the public, said another senior PHQ official.

An inspector in Rajshahi Range echoed that assessment while also pointing to financial constraints.

"Body-worn cameras are good for ensuring accountability, but who will pay for the internet?"

According to PHQ, half of the newly procured devices are online cameras, which allow live monitoring through the central system. The remaining 10,000 are offline devices that store footage for later upload.

After the procurement, the PHQ introduced a standard operating procedure outlining when officers must wear them.

The guidelines require their use during patrols, traffic management, responses to crimes and accidents, raids, searches, arrests, investigations, crime scene examinations and public order operations.

They are also intended to record police activities during election campaigns, at polling centres where applicable, and during major national and international events.

The force had initially planned to procure the cameras through the UNDP, but the organisation could not supply them within the required timeframe, said former IGP Baharul Alam.

The PHQ subsequently allocated funds to district police chiefs and metropolitan commissioners to purchase the devices.

"I cannot recall the exact amount, but these are expensive cameras. The expenditure would certainly be more than Tk 100 crore," he said.

Asked why camera use remained limited, AIG (Media) Kamarum Munira cited funding shortages.

"Each camera requires an internet connection costing around Tk 1,000 a month -- we have a budget shortfall for this. Cameras are used at events through special allocations, which is why their use remains limited," she said.

Politics, weak oversight fuel health sector graft

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crore annually, although the figure requires independent verification.

On medical negligence, the report said the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council received 172 complaints between 2010 and May 2025. Of these, 79 remained pending, while 29 resulted in disciplinary action.

Political influence and paper-based record-keeping also affected recruitment, transfers and promotions, it said.

The report cited the cancellation of recruitment of 2,839 health workers in 2021.

Absenteeism was another concern. A study cited in the report found around 40 percent of physicians absent during unannounced visits, while subsequent studies recorded rates exceeding 70 percent at some remote facilities.

Citing media investigations, the report said procurement irregularities caused losses of Tk 459 crore at the Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), with supplies sold at up to 18 times their fair value. Medical equipment worth Tk 283 crore was also found lying unused.

It said the number of medical colleges rose from 62 in 2010 to 118 in 2022-23 without corresponding improvements in regulation and quality assurance.

The report also identified what it called "intellectual corruption", citing a delay of around 31 months in publishing the Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey 2017-18.

It pointed to a discrepancy between Bangladesh's official Covid-19 death toll of around 29,000 and the World Health Organization's estimate of approximately 1.6 lakh excess deaths.

Questioning regulatory independence, the report said around 70 of the BMDC's roughly 90 members were linked to the government.

It also noted that the government hears appeals against the council's decisions, while patients have almost no representation in any of the six regulatory councils reviewed.

Speaking at the launch, State Minister for Health MA Muhit said the report could serve as an important reference for health sector reforms. "Meaningful corruption control requires preemptive action and systematic change, with checks and balances and transparency in our medical education system," he said.

Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Nicolas Weeks stressed the importance of strong institutions in strengthening relations between citizens and the state.

Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, BHW convener and another editor of the report, and Shireen Parvin Huq, former chief of the Women Affairs Reform Commission, also spoke.

BHW Advisory Group member Halida Hanum Akhter chaired the event.

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02.	e-GP/Rev-23/OTM/SherD/26-27 1372531	Repair of damaged pavement by seal coat work at 1st (p) & 2nd (p) km of Nakla Bypass (Z-4610) Road under Sherpur Road Division during the year 2026-2027.	15-Nov-2026 12:00 29-Nov-2026 16:00

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1367028	27.21.0000.000.767.51.00001.26.964; Date: 11.11.2026	Repair & Maintenance of Ansar Barac and Indoor Store at Madaripur 132/33 kV Grid Substation under GMD, Power Grid, Faridpur.
1366983	27.21.0000.000.767.51.00001.26.966; Date: 11.11.2026	Construction of Security Watch Tower, Walkway and Pond Excavation works at Gopalganj 132/33 kV Grid Substation Under GMD, Power Grid, Faridpur.
1366941	27.21.0000.000.767.51.00001.26.967; Date: 11.11.2026	Repair & Maintenance of 132kV Control Room Roof and Water line in Garden area at Faridpur 230/132/33kV Grid Substation and Repair & Maintenance of Bachelor Barac & tea room in GMD building and Walkway under GMD, Power Grid, Faridpur.
1366915	27.21.0000.000.767.51.00001.26.968; Date: 11.11.2026	Repair, Maintenance and upward extension of Boundary wall (South-west side) and Repair & Maintenance of work of Officers Residential Building at Gopalganj 132/33 kV Grid Sub-Station under GMD, Power Grid, Faridpur.

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is to notify for information of all concerned that the 206th, 207th & 208th Board of Directors Meeting of Best Holdings PLC. (BHPLC) held on November 15th, 2026 at the Corporate Office: 49, Kazi Benzir Sarani, Nikunja 2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229 has approved the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Querter unaudited financial statements for the year 2025-2026 of the Company and disclosed the following information and decision:

1) 1st Quarter ended 30st September, 2025

PARTICULARS	Standalone		Consolidated	
	30 Sep 2025	30 Sep 2024	30 Sep 2025	30 Sep 2024
Net Assets Value (NAV) BDT in Crore	5,675.93	5,698.04	5,675.06	5,697.43
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share in BDT	53.59	53.79	53.58	53.79
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) in BDT	0.30	0.22	0.30	0.22
Earnings Per Share (EPS) in BDT	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01

2) 2nd Quarter ended 31st December, 2025

PARTICULARS	Standalone		Consolidated	
	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2025	31 Dec 2024
Net Assets Value (NAV) BDT in Crore	5,684.85	5,653.06	5,683.93	5,652.36
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share in BDT	53.67	53.37	53.66	53.36
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) in BDT	0.67	0.56	0.67	0.55
Earnings Per Share (EPS) in BDT	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.11

3) 3rd Quarter ended 31st March, 2026

PARTICULARS	Standalone		Consolidated	
	31 Mar 2026	31 Mar 2025	31 Mar 2026	31 Mar 2025
Net Assets Value (NAV) BDT in Crore	5,688.07	5,668.56	5,687.08	5,667.77
Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share in BDT	53.70	53.52	53.69	53.51
Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS) in BDT	0.93	1.12	0.93	1.12
Earnings Per Share (EPS) in BDT	0.13	0.25	0.13	0.25

Reasons for Significant Deviations: Arising from geopolitical instability and adverse impact of the Iran-US conflict on the Company's business performance.

Attributable to the temporary scaling down of agro and fisheries operations resulting from the strategic allocation of land towards the ongoing development of The Muslin Luxury Resort in Bhaluka.

The details of the Financial Statements of the Company (BHPLC) are also available in the website of the Company at www.bhlbd.com

Dated, Dhaka
15 November, 2026

By order of the Board-
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Md. Abul Kalam Azad
Company Secretary

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With a view to reframing the Company's business trajectory to a new dimension and fastening the quality services, the Board of Directors of Asia Insurance PLC., one of the leading Non-Life Insurance Company in Bangladesh is looking for the following position with qualifications and requirements are as shown below :

POSITION : CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO)

Requirements :

- Master's and Bachelor Degrees from any recognized University with at least Second Class or equivalent CGPA. or 04 (four) years Bachelor (Honors) Degree from any recognized University with at least Second Class or equivalent CGPA.
  Candidates holding degrees from Foreign Universities must submit an equivalence certificate issued by University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh.
- Must have sound knowledge of Insurance Laws, IDRA rules and regulations, Underwriting, Reinsurance, Claims, Finance and Risk Management.
- Strong capacity of leadership, strategic planning, decision making and inter personal communications skills.
- In-depth knowledge of Corporate Governance and General Management best practices. An entrepreneurial mindset with outstanding organizational and leadership skills.
- Contribute to Policy Formulation, Business Growth and Profitability.
- Provide Marketing plan and the vision of the Company's future Development.
- Proven experience as CEO in any reputed non-life insurance company will get preference.
- He/ She must fulfill the eligibility criteria mentioned in the IDRA SRO No. 375-Law/2012 Dated 04.11.2012, IDRA SRO No. 338-Law/2023 Dated 24.12.2023 and IDRA SRO No. 474-Law/2025 dated 22.12.2025.

Age Limit : 50 – 64 years.

Salary : Negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Other Benefits : As per Company Policy, permissible under IDRA Rules and Regulations.

Experience : At least twelve years of working experience in the Non-life Insurance Company, which must include at least one year of experience as a Chief Executive Officer or Additional Managing Director or as a General Manager in the Sadharan Bima Corporation, or at least three years of experience as a Deputy Managing Director—with one of those years spent at the Head Office in an Administrative or other capacity other than development-related roles. Individual having proven experience of International Reinsurance Markets and strong relationship with Regulators, Reinsurers and other stakeholders will get preference.

Interested candidates are requested to send application with full CV and recent passport size photograph along with relevant documents addressing to the **Chairman, Asia Insurance PLC, Corporate Head Quarters, Rupayan Trade Centre (14th Floor), 114-115 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Bangla Motor, Dhaka – 1000 within 30 November, 2026.** The Name of the Post shall be mentioned at the top of the envelope.

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