

Turning waste into opportunity

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The scale of Bangladesh’s tannery waste problem is troubling, but there is certainly an economic opportunity hidden within it that we would be remiss to overlook.

Experts estimate that properly processing tannery waste and turning it into value-added products could generate an additional Tk2,000-3,000 crore in annual revenue.

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tilizer, and leather board, while chrome shavings and other by-products can have applications ranging from capsule shells to other industrial materials.

Even treatment-plant sludge has reportedly been used to produce tiles and bricks.

What is needed now is a serious transition towards a circular economy -- which will require investment in waste-processing facilities, green financing, appropriate incentives, research and development, and stronger links between waste processors and markets.

The government must also address the industry’s environmental compliance problems. Environmental protection and economic growth should not be presented as opposing objectives; in this case, they can reinforce one another.

The opportunity before us is clear: Instead of allowing tannery waste to become another burden on our rivers and communities, Bangladesh should turn it into a valuable resource. Doing so would be good environmental policy - and smart economics.

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submerged long after the rain stops? Are drainage systems inadequate? Is unmanaged waste preventing water from flowing properly?

Such questions encourage us to investigate root causes rather



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than visible symptoms. Once the causes are identified, practical solutions become easier to design, whether through improved waste management, better urban planning, or community awareness campaigns.

Similarly, traffic congestion is not simply a transportation problem; it is also a thinking problem.

Every day, thousands of people lose valuable time on the roads. But what if students, engineers, and policy-makers worked together to rethink public transportation? What if technology could be used to monitor traffic flow more efficiently? What if flexible working hours reduced rush-hour

pressure?

Progress begins when people challenge the assumption that existing conditions are unavoidable.

The same principle applies to education. Many students in remote areas still face barriers to quality learning. Rather than accepting this reality, innovators ask how digital technologies, community-based learning initiatives, or low-cost educational resources can bridge the gap.

Every educational advancement begins with someone identifying a problem and refusing to believe that it cannot be solved.

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The moment we stop accepting problems as permanent and start questioning them, we take the first step toward meaningful change.

After all, every great solution begins with a simple question: “What if there is a better way?”

PM’s four directives

villages, towns and cities clean, using the party’s extensive grassroots network.

Fourth, Tarique Rahman urged every BNP leader and activist to remain vigilant against misuse of the party’s name, calling on them to ensure that no one carries out activities in the name of BNP that embarrass the party or cause suffering to ordinary people.

The Prime Minister said the BNP’s role in Bangladesh’s independence and democratic politics could not be erased.

“However hard anyone may try, even through the law and the courts, it cannot be erased,” he said.

Tarique Rahman said Ziaur Rahman had declared Bangladesh’s independence and later restored multiparty democracy after the country gained independence.

He also highlighted Ziaur Rahman’s initiatives on multiparty democracy, a free-market economy and creating overseas employment opportunities, as well as former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia’s contributions to parliamentary democracy, sustainable democratic practices, women’s education, economic development and the system of transferring power through elections under a neutral, non-party government.

“In every crisis—whether it concerns the country’s independence, democracy or economic emancipation—Ziaur Rahman, Khaleda Zia and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party have taken the country forward and brought it out of crisis,” the Prime Minister said.

Tarique Rahman said the BNP had remained on the streets during the movement against the previous authoritarian regime despite facing widespread repression.

“For the past 17 years, the BNP was on the streets. The BNP did not take any other role; it did not do anything secretly or underground. Whatever it did for people’s rights, it did openly on the streets, standing firm and fighting for people’s demands,” he said. The Prime Minister said the people were the “masterminds” behind the success of the 2024 mass movement. “We have always said that the mastermind behind the success of the 2024 movement was the people of this country. The BNP, together with the people, made that movement successful,” he said. Tarique Rahman said the people had subsequently seen that the BNP was the political party that protected their interests and democratic rights.

He acknowledged that the BNP government had limitations and could not fulfil all its aspirations for various reasons.

“Despite that, after assessing everything, the people of Bangladesh have seen that if there is a political party that protects the interests of the people, that party is the BNP,” he said. Tarique said the BNP had received public support and formed governments in elections that were considered credible both by the people of Bangladesh and internationally.

The discussion was chaired by BNP Acting Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi and moderated by the party’s Publicity Secretary Sultan Salahuddin Tuku.

Economist Mahbub Ullah, BNP Standing Committee members Mirza Abbas, Amanullah Aman, Farhad Halim and Ismail Zabiullah, Jubo Dal General Secretary M Moinam Munna, Krishak Dal General Secretary Shahidul Islam Babul, Swechhasebak Dal General Secretary Rajib Ahsan, Dhaka South BNP Member Secretary Tanvir Ahmed Robin, Dhaka North BNP Member Secretary Mostafa Zaman and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal President Rakibul Islam Rakib also spoke at the programme. BNP Standing Committee members Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, Abdul Moyeen Khan, Amir Khosro Mahmud Chowdhury, Salahuddin Ahmed, Selima Rahman and AZM Zahid Hossain, among other senior leaders, were present. The discussion was organised as part of a five-day programme marking the BNP’s 48th founding anniversary.

The party was founded by President Ziaur Rahman on September 1, 1978.

Thakurgaon ready

work has continued at night to complete the preparations on time. Azmat Rana, a resident of Road Kazipara, said the President’s visit was a matter of pride for the people of Thakurgaon.

“President Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir is a son of our district. He is coming here for the first time as President, and that is a matter of great joy and pride for us. The city is being decorated to welcome him and a festive atmosphere has been created among the people,” he said.

For businessman Zahir Islam, the visit has also highlighted the need for further development.

“The face of the city is changing a lot on the occasion of the President’s arrival. Roads are being cleaned, while dividers and various structures are being painted. We want his visit to be more than a celebration. We hope it will also bring attention to the development of Thakurgaon,” he said.

Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir was elected President by members of parliament on August 20. As a son of Thakurgaon, his election was celebrated across the district, and his first visit as President has added to the excitement.

Locals say they hope the visit will lead to fresh initiatives to address some of the district’s long-standing problems.

They are particularly looking for greater attention to education, healthcare, roads and communications, infrastructure and employment opportunities for young people.

Student Ayesha Akhter said, “We are proud that the President is from our district. We also have high expectations from him. We hope he will help expand educational opportunities, create opportunities for higher education and generate employment for young people.”

Locals also recalled Mirza Fakhru’s role as Local Government Minister, saying several major development initiatives were taken during his tenure, including the establishment of Thakurgaon University, Thakurgaon Medical College and Hospital and the airport.

They said work on some of these projects is still continuing, while further development of healthcare and communication facilities remains necessary.

“Many problems have remained unresolved for a long time. We hope the President will pay attention to these issues and take steps to address them,” said a local resident.

To make the President’s first visit memorable, a civic reception has been organised at the initiative of local civil society members. The organisers said people from different sections of society, regardless of political affiliation, are expected to join the reception.

Dr Abu Md Khairul Kabir, convener of the Civic Reception Committee, said preparations were progressing rapidly.

“There is great joy and excitement among the people of Thakurgaon over the President’s first visit. We have arranged the reception through the initiative of civil society. We hope lakhs of people will join, regardless of their political affiliation,” he said. For many residents, the President’s election is being seen as a source of pride for the district.

Obaidullah Masud, a local resident, said the visit was a historic moment for Thakurgaon as well as the wider region.

“Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir becoming President and coming to his own district for the first time as President is a historic moment for us. People in Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Dinajpur are also excited about his visit,” he said.

He said many people felt that the President’s election represented the recognition of an individual who had come through a long political journey.

“People feel that Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir has not only become President, but that ordinary people have found representation through him. He has emerged from a long political struggle and has led various movements for the rights of the people,” Masud said.

Some political parties

to address the energy crisis and prepare the country to withstand possible future global disruptions.

“An action plan requires time to formulate, and implementing it also requires some time,” Tarique Rahman said, adding that the government is taking its measures keeping possible future global crises in mind.

He alleged that a political group operated in disguise during the previous authoritarian regime and that some of its members subsequently admitted their involvement.

The Prime Minister also accused some political parties of attempting to spread confusion and said such activities could create an opportunity for forces associated with the ousted authoritarian regime to return to the political scene.

“Could it be that those who remained hidden under the authoritarian regime are now, from within that hidden network, trying to incite this anarchy?” he asked.

“If that is the case, then those who are hiding are actually working to bring that authoritarian regime back to the forefront,” Tarique Rahman said.

Calling on all nationalist forces and BNP leaders and activists, he said: “Let us make the people more aware. Let us expose to the people who is taking responsibility for whom and who is trying to protect whom.”

The Prime Minister alleged that certain political forces had protected or sheltered one another at different points in Bangladesh’s history.

“This politics must be exposed before the people. We have to make it clear to the people..Because we have seen these forces, operating covertly, shielding and sheltering one another at different times over the years and decades—whether in 1971, 1986, 1996, over the past one and a half decades, or even yesterday,” he said. “So yesterday, we have to expose their politics before the people. We have to make it clear to the people,” Tarique Rahman said.

He said the BNP had consistently sought to establish a democratic system and uphold the democratic rights of the people since the party’s inception. “We still firmly believe in this,” the Prime Minister said, adding that hundreds of thousands of BNP leaders and activists had sacrificed their lives for democracy. At the same time, he said, the BNP wants to build a humane state and a democracy where no one would face obstacles in exercising their rights.

Gold worth Tk 20 crore

is underway to identify the person or gang involved in the gold smuggling. They said that legal proceedings are being followed regarding the recovered gold. At the same time, the process of identifying those involved and taking legal action against them is also ongoing.

53 dengue patients

facilities. From January 1 to September 5 of this year, a total of 1,984 dengue patients have been recorded in government hospitals and 357 in private hospitals and clinics.

The cumulative number of infected individuals stands at 2,341. During this timeframe, 202 patients have been hospitalized. A total of 2,139 individuals have successfully recovered following treatment. There have been no new fatalities attributed to dengue patients in the last 24 hours; however, the total number of deaths this year due to dengue has reached 6 in Ctg.

Traditional Boat Race Held

for the last 17 years, and this year, on the occasion of Vishwakarma Puja, efforts will be made to bring back the lost tradition of Bhanga. He assured that whatever needs to be done, they will do it, Inshallah. He invited the thousands of attendees and boat owners to participate in the upcoming boat race on the Kumar River in Bhanga.

There was widespread enthusiasm and excitement among the locals surrounding the boat race.

Two official stand released

Directorate and Rangpur District Food Controller Saleh Aziz came to the Dimla food warehouse for investigation. He talked to the dealers of the food-friendly program and the concerned media personnel. At that time, various information and complaints about the warehouse’s activities were presented to the investigation committee along with evidence.

In continuation of this, on September 2, Assistant Director of the Food Department, Moniruzzaman Dimla, came to the food warehouse for a surprise audit. His day-long audit found discrepancies and irregularities in various matters including the food warehouse’s sacks, rice and paddy accounts. Later, based on that information, several officers of the department led by Fazle Rabbi Haider, Deputy Director (Case and Investigation Branch) of the Food Department’s Administration Division, arrived at the warehouse that same night and investigated. It is known from multiple confidential sources that they also found various discrepancies and irregularities. Due to which, the supply of rice to the dealers of the food-friendly program was immediately temporarily stopped. The next day, the two accused officers were released on bail.

Journalist Attacked by

mobile phone and cash before fleeing the scene. Local people later rescued Kamrul and took him to a hospital for treatment. He sustained injuries to his head and chest.

Speaking about the incident, Kamrul Islam alleged that the attack was carried out under the leadership of Murad Hossain, a former member secretary of the Jubo Dal’s union unit. He claimed that he had been targeted for reporting on drug-related activities in the area.

Kamrul further said that the attackers took away a smartphone and cash that he was carrying at the time of the incident.

Abdul Halim, officer-in-charge of Jorarganj Police Station, said a police team was sent to the scene following the attack. “The matter is being investigated, and legal action will be taken based on the findings,” he said.

Govt plans multistoried

judges of different ranks are currently working in civil and criminal courts and various special tribunals in each district. However, except in a few districts, there are no adequate or integrated government residential facilities for judges in most districts. As a result, most judges have to live in rented houses, which, according to the letter, poses security risks to the judges and their families because of the sensitive nature of the cases they handle. The Law and Justice Division said adequate land is available in many places under district judgships for construction of residential buildings.

It said constructing modern 10- to 15-storey residential complexes in each district and metropolitan city would not only help resolve the existing housing crisis but also meet increased demand in the future through optimum use of available land. The letter also said it would be easier to ensure CCTV surveillance, designated entry points and round-the-clock armed police security at such centralised residential complexes.



Fuel shortage triggers long queues at Dhaka CNG stations

Staff correspondent

A severe gas crisis has gripped Dhaka, leaving vehicles lined up for hours at CNG filling stations as drivers struggle to secure enough fuel to continue operating. The prolonged waits are costing drivers valuable working hours, cutting their earnings and increasing operating expenses. Many drivers said they are still required to pay fixed daily deposits to vehicle owners despite the sharp drop in income. With gas supplies declining, some filling stations across the capital have suspended sales, while low pressure at others has resulted in lengthy

queues and extended waiting times.

Such scenes were witnessed on Saturday in Uttara, Abdullahpur, Airport, Khilkhet, Badda, Rampura, Mirpur, Gabtoli, Demra and surrounding areas, disrupting passenger transport across the capital. Badda: Gas supply was unavailable at Jaman Filling Station in Merul Badda during the day. Although gas was available at stations in nearby Hajipara, long queues of CNG-run vehicles and private cars were seen, causing traffic congestion in surrounding areas.

Mirpur: Long queues of private cars, minibuses and auto-rickshaws were seen at CNG filling stations in Gabtoli,

Kalyanpur, Kalshi, Kazipara and Sheorapara, where low gas pressure forced drivers to wait for hours.

Khalil, a private car driver waiting at Mohona Filling Station in Gabtoli, said the crisis had worsened. "Gas is available in small quantities late at night, but not during the day. After waiting for about an hour and a half, I got enough gas for only two trips. Now I am back in the queue. No one seems to care about our suffering," he said.

Demra: Long queues were also seen at filling stations in Demra, where drivers said they had to wait more than four hours for gas.

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Govt steps up efforts to reform, rehabilitate prison inmates

Staff correspondent

The government has taken a series of initiatives to reform and rehabilitate prison inmates while making the country's prison system more modern, humane, transparent and technology-driven.

As part of the initiatives, sports, cultural programmes, religious education, counselling and other activities aimed at improving inmates' mental well-being have been introduced in different prisons. To facilitate communication between inmates and their families, video-call facilities have also been introduced. Narayanganj District Jail has already launched video calls allowing inmates to communicate with their relatives.

Md Masud Hasan Jewel, jailer (Logistics and Media) at the Department of Prisons, Dhaka, told BSS that inmates are being provided with vocational training and opportunities to engage in productive activities so they can develop skills useful for their lives after release.

Soap production is currently underway at Kashimpur Central Jail-2, with the products being supplied for use by inmates and prison staff.

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Jafalong Crowded with Tourists, but Civic Facilities Still Inadequate

Naeem Ahmed, Jaintapur-Gowainghat Sylhet

Jafalong, one of the most popular tourist destinations in Sylhet, is witnessing a growing influx of visitors. The scenic hills, crystal-clear Piyain River, waterfalls, stone beds and Meghalaya hills along the Bangladesh-India border continue to attract tourists from across the country. However, despite the increasing number of tourists, the necessary tourism infrastructure and civic facilities have not improved at the same pace. A recent visit to the area found inadequate parking facilities, a

shortage of dustbins, scattered waste, insufficient seating arrangements and a lack of adequate standard toilets and drinking water facilities. During holidays and weekends, the heavy influx of tourists also causes traffic congestion and creates additional challenges for maintaining security and discipline.

Garbage was seen piled up at several places, particularly around Zero Point and areas near the BGB camp. Waste along the riverbank and surrounding tourist spots has raised concerns about environmental pollution and the

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11-Party Alliance Long March to Chattogram Draws Huge Crowds in Sitakunda

Md. Omar Faruk, Special Correspondent

A large number of leaders, activists and supporters gathered at various points along the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway in Sitakunda to welcome the Chattogram-bound long march organized by an 11-party alliance, including Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami. Since Saturday morning (September 5), Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir leaders and activists gathered at around 30 spots across Sitakunda to welcome the long march convoy. With a large turnout of party activists and supporters along different sections of the highway, the area turned into a sea of people. As the long march convoy passed through Sitakunda, activists and supporters standing beside the highway

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IGP urges students to become honest, humane

Staff correspondent

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Md Ali Hossain Fakir on Saturday urged students to build themselves as individuals with honesty, morality and human values. "Merit helps a person move forward, but honesty, humanity and moral values make a person truly great," he said while speaking as the chief guest at a scholarship distribution ceremony for children of police personnel who secured GPA-5 in the SSC, HSC and equivalent examinations in 2024 and 2025.

Police Headquarters organised the programme at the Bangladesh Police Auditorium at Rajarbagh Police Lines in the capital. The scholarships were funded by the Bangladesh Police Welfare Trust. Additional

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Torture and hostage-taking in scam compound 38 Bangladeshis return home from Cambodia

Staff Reporter

38 Bangladeshis who were trapped in various fraudulent cyber scam compounds in Cambodia have returned home. They arrived in Dhaka on Thai Airways flight 'TG-321' at around 12:30 pm on Thursday (September 3).

Five of the returning victims have expressed their intention to take legal action and file a case against the human traffickers. They allege that a group of active Bangladeshi traffickers residing in Cambodia have intimidated them in various ways on their way back home, applied pressure and tried to prevent the process of returning home. The victims said that they were forcibly detained in various cyber scam compounds in Cambodia. Later, they were forced to engage in immoral and fraudulent cyber activities. They also alleged that they were subjected to physical and

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BNP always played crucial role in protecting national interests

Staff correspondent

Water Resources Minister Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee has said BNP has always played a crucial role in protecting the rights of the people and national interests of the country.

He said BNP is working to establish the democratic rights of the people, promote multiparty democracy and protect the country's independence and sovereignty. The minister said this while inaugurating a rally organised in Lakshmipur yesterday marking the 48th founding anniversary of BNP. The minister said during its long political journey, BNP has stood beside the people while facing various adversi

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Will stay on streets until people's demands are met: Jamaat Ameer

Staff correspondent

Leader of the Opposition and Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Dr Shafiqur Rahman on Saturday said they would remain on the streets until the people's demands are fulfilled, accusing the government of deceiving people and breaking its promises. "We have taken to the streets to realise the people's demands. We will return home only after those demands are fulfilled," he said while addressing a rally at Paduar Bazar Biswaroad in Cumilla as part of Dhaka-Chattogram long march led by the Jamaat-led 11-party alliance. He said people shed blood on the streets in the struggle against authoritarianism but their demands have not yet been fulfilled. The Jamaat chief said the alliance has taken to the streets to press for implementation of the public mandate in the referendum and the



spirit of the July mass uprising. "We have come to the streets to restore gas supplies to your homes and ensure electricity." He also questioned whether people are receiving uninterrupted electricity and gas and whether extortion is taking place. He said the country is

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Tough Crackdown on Illegal Sand Extraction in Jaintapur, 12 Barki Boats Destroyed



Naeem Ahmed, Jaintapur-Gowainghat, Sylhet

The Jaintapur Upazila Administration has conducted separate drives against illegal sand extraction in Jaintapur, Sylhet. During the operations, one illegal "bomb machine" used for sand extraction and 12 Barki boats were seized and destroyed.

The drives were conducted in the Sari-2 River late Wednesday night (September 2) and in the Rangpani River on Thursday morning (September 3).

According to sources, following complaints, an operation was conducted in the Sari-2 River from 12:00 midnight to 3:30 am on Wednesday. During the drive, an illegal bomb machine used for extracting sand was seized. The machine was later disabled and sunk in the river. Later, a task force conducted

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Jorarganj Police Station, Chattogram 30 bottles of foreign liquor recovered from the house

Jwel Nag, Mirsarai Chattogram

Drug dealer Mostafizur Rahman Sohel in Jorarganj Police operation, accused absconding.

Under the leadership of Jorarganj Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mr. Abdul Halim, SI (Unarmed) Motiur Rahman along with accompanying officers and force conducted a raid based on secret information at the residence of drug dealer Mostafizur Rahman Sohel, located at 5 No. Ward, West Hinguli Gach Market, Khurshid Alam's house, Baraiyharat Municipality under Jorarganj Police Station.

On 05/09/2026 at 16:30 hours, 30 bottles of foreign liquor were recovered, 12 bottles Officer's Choice Blue 750 ml, 10 bottles McDowell's 750 ml, 8 bottles Signature 750 ml.

Upon receiving news of the police raid, the drug dealers. 1. Mostafizur Rahman Sohel, (43), Father Late Khurshid Alam, Village West Hinguli, Municipality, 5 No. Ward, Gach Market, Khurshid Alam's house, PS, Jorarganj, District, Chattogram. 2. Nur Alam Masud alias Kala Masud (35), Father: Late Keru Mia, Village: Jamalpur, 4 No. Ward, Khamari Bari, 2 No. Hinguli UP, PS, Jorarganj, District, Chattogram and Mostafizur Rahman Sohel's wife along with 2/3 unidentified drug dealers fled.

Legal action regarding the matter is underway.

Inclusive progress to ensure dignity, fairness for working people

Staff correspondent

Adviser to the Prime Minister for Labour and Employment and Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Mahdi Amin yesterday stressed ensuring sustainable security, dignity and fair opportunities for working people while enhancing their skills to strengthen the national economy. He said this while addressing at the conference and general meeting of the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh in the city's Kakrail area.

The meeting was held under the theme, "Commitment to move forward to ensure dignity, rights and fair share".

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Massive Rally by Locals in Gunara, Sarail Against Drugs

M Badal Khandaker, District Correspondent (Brahmanbaria)

An anti-drug rally and gathering was held in Gunara, Sarail, Brahmanbaria, with the pledge to curb the menace of drugs and build a drug-free society.

On Friday (September 4), at 3 PM, the anti-drug gathering was organized by the residents of Gunara village in Sarail Sadar Union of Sarail Upazila.

The gathering was presided over by the Pir Sahib of Gunara Mannania Darbar Sharif. Sarail Sadar Union Parishad Chairman Abdul Jabbar attended as the chief guest and delivered a speech.

Special guests who spoke at the event included SI Yunus, Beat Officer of Sarail Sadar Police Station; Parvez Alam, President of Sarail Upazila Press Club; Suruj Member; Jubo Dal leader Mannar Ali; Kamal Pathan; Mon Miya Sardar; Elem Miya Sardar; Soheli Master; Maulana Kaosar; Musa Miya; Motahar Miya; Ali Miya Sardar; and other local dignitaries. The speakers said that drugs are a terrible curse for a family, society, and the state. To prevent the spread of drugs, families, society, public representatives, law enforcement agencies, and the youth must come forward together. They also called for building social resistance against drug dealers and drug users. After the gathering, a colorful anti-drug rally was brought out with banners and festoons carrying various slogans against drugs. The rally marched through different streets of Gunara village. People from various classes and professions in the area participated spontaneously.

The organizers said that such awareness programs will continue in the future to build a drug-free and safe society.

Fuel shortage triggers

The prolonged delays have prevented many from transporting passengers, reducing their daily earnings.

Filling station owners also said they were incurring losses due to declining gas sales.

Md Bashir Hawlader, a rental car driver waiting at Russell Filling and CNG Station, said inadequate gas supply had made it difficult to operate long-distance services.

“We cannot take long-distance passengers because we have to wait in line for three to five hours for gas. If this continues, our families will face severe hardship,” he said.

Sabujbagh: Gas pressure remained low in Mugda, Maniknagar, Sabujbagh, Khilgaon, Banasree and Hajipara, while many filling stations displayed signs reading “No Gas.” Kabir Hossain, a driver waiting at Shanto Filling Station, said he had joined the queue at 9am but had yet to receive gas by 2pm. “The crisis is worsening by the day. Even when we cannot earn due to the gas shortage, we still have to pay Tk1,200 daily to the vehicle owner,” he said.

Uttara: The gas crisis was also acute in Uttara, where most CNG filling stations had suspended supply. Long queues formed at the few stations that remained operational as low pressure slowed refueling.

Kamal Ahmed, manager of Khandaker Filling Station, said a significant portion of the transport sector depended on gas.

“Low gas pressure is causing long queues. There is little we can do to resolve the problem,” he said.

CNG driver Jasim said he had been waiting in line since the previous night without receiving gas.

“How will I support my family if this continues? How will I pay my children’s school fees? The mental pressure is becoming unbearable,” he said.

Govt steps up efforts

The authorities plan to expand such training and income-generating activities in the future.

The government has also taken steps to improve healthcare facilities for inmates. A central prison hospital is planned in Keraniganj to provide better medical services, while a pathology laboratory is also planned at the Prison Headquarters for medical tests of prison officials and employees.

The Department of Prisons has received recommendations for the appointment of 55 diploma nurses, whose deployment is expected to further strengthen healthcare services in prisons.

Efforts are also underway to improve access to safe drinking water. A mineral drinking water plant has been installed at Kashimpur Central Jail-2, and water is already being supplied to inmates and staff.

Food preparation and distribution systems are also being modernised. At Dhaka Central Jail, a modern bread-making machine imported from China has been installed, enabling the authorities to produce hygienic bread of uniform quality for a large number of inmates within a shorter time.

Senior Jail Superintendent of Dhaka Central Jail Faruk Ahmed told BSS that the modern system has reduced reliance on traditional methods and improved efficiency in food preparation. Special allocations are also kept for serving improved meals to inmates on special occasions.

Alongside these measures, inmates are being trained in making clothing, shoes and sandals, as well as bakery products. They are also being encouraged to participate in sports, religious education and cultural programmes organised on different national and special occasions.

The government has also taken initiatives for the welfare of prison officials and employees. Responding to a longstanding demand, it has given in-principle approval for providing lifetime ration facilities to retired prison guards.

The implementation process is underway.

The authorities are also strengthening mechanisms to recognise officials and employees who make outstanding contributions to prison security, prevention of inmate escapes, prevention of irregularities, disaster response and humanitarian services. Measures are being taken to make awards, certificates of appreciation and institutional recognition more effective.

A zero-tolerance policy has been adopted to prevent drugs from entering prisons and to curb drug-related activities. A drug-testing machine has been procured for the Prison Headquarters, which is expected to strengthen anti-drug measures across the prison system.

Environmental initiatives have also been taken to make prisons healthier and more eco-friendly. Around 18,000 trees have already been planted at Sylhet-1, Kishoreganj-1 and Khulna New Jail under a major greening programme.

The Department of Prisons said it is working to build a modern correctional service through merit-based promotion, professional training, technology-based security, inmate rehabilitation, staff welfare, recognition of good performance and environmentally friendly prison management.

The authorities expect these initiatives to bring about a positive change in the public perception of prisons. The goal is to make prisons safer and more humane, ensure that prison personnel are skilled, honest and professional, and provide

inmates with genuine opportunities for correction and rehabilitation. The government has also taken steps to construct new prisons to reduce overcrowding and enhance management capacity. The Department of Prisons said its efforts would continue to transform Bangladesh’s prison system into a safer, modern, humane, transparent, technology-driven and accountable correctional service.

Jaflong Crowded with

long-term sustainability of the tourism destination.

Unplanned shops and various temporary structures have also emerged in different areas, affecting both the natural beauty and the overall environment of Jaflong. Questions have also been raised about the proper maintenance of some tourist facilities, including the Jaflong Stone Museum.

Although various development plans and a tourism master plan have been proposed to enhance Jaflong’s tourism potential, many of the planned facilities are yet to be fully implemented. Local residents and traders say thousands of people depend directly and indirectly on tourism-related businesses in Jaflong. They believe that proper planning and improved facilities could boost tourism, create more employment opportunities and strengthen the local economy.

Tourists and local stakeholders have urged the authorities to take immediate steps to improve sanitation, waste management, parking, security and other civic facilities while protecting Jaflong’s natural environment. Jaflong has no shortage of natural beauty; what it needs most is better management, proper planning and sustainable tourism development.

Tough Crackdown

another operation in the Rangpani River under Jaintapur Union No. 2 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Members of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and police assisted in the operation. During the drive, 12 Barki boats used for illegal sand extraction were seized. The boats were later destroyed with the assistance of local residents.

The two operations were led by Jaintapur Upazila Assistant Commissioner (Land) Md. Monirul Islam.

Assistant Commissioner (Land) Md. Monirul Islam said, “Illegal sand extraction is causing damage to the natural environment of the river and nearby areas. The administration remains firm in preventing anyone from extracting sand in violation of government directives.” He further said that drives against illegal sand extraction will continue regularly and legal action will be taken against those involved.

IGP urges students

IGP (Administration) A K M Awlad Hossain presided over the programme, while Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Mosleh Uddin Ahmed and AIG Md Ismail Hossain, who delivered the welcome address, also spoke.

Senior police officials, guardians and scholarship recipients attended the event.

The IGP said the recognition was not merely an award but a recognition of the students’ merit and hard work, the authorities’ confidence in their future and trust in their potential.

Fakir also warned them against drugs, saying they must remain alert against temporary curiosity or provocation that could lead them into addiction. “Drugs are a deadly trap,” he said, adding that excessive addiction to mobile phones, social media and internet games could be as harmful as addiction to other intoxicating substances. “Use technology, but remain alert so that technology cannot use you,” he said urging them to obey the law and encourage others to do the same.

Scholarship recipients Kazi Md Tanan Hossain, Syeda Sabiha Musharrat Mumu, Md Adnan Zawad and Mustaina Manzur shared their feelings at the event.

Among the guardians, Additional DIG Shampa Yasmin and Police Inspector Sheikh Farukuzzaman also spoke.

Congratulating the students, DMP Commissioner Mosleh Uddin Ahmed urged them to work tirelessly to maintain their success and reduce screen time to focus on studies.

Additional IGP Awlad Hossain urged the students to demonstrate their merit in every sphere of life, refrain from wrongdoing and work for the welfare of the country and its people. A total of 801 students who secured GPA-5 in the 2024 SSC examinations and 272 in the HSC examinations received scholarships. In 2025, 845 SSC and 195 HSC GPA-5 achievers received the scholarships. 2,113 students received Bangladesh Police scholarships in the two years.

Of them, 360 Dhaka-based students were formally awarded scholarships at Saturday’s ceremony. The remaining scholarships will be distributed through the respective district police superintendent’s offices.

Torture and hostage-taking

mental torture if they did not agree to these activities.

After returning to the country, the relevant authorities said that the rescued citizens will be provided with security, mental rehabilitation and necessary legal assistance. At the same time, legal action will be taken by verifying the complaints of the victims and identifying those involved in human trafficking and cyber fraud.

11-Party Alliance Long

welcomed Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Dr. Shafiqur Rahman with slogans and applause. A festive atmosphere prevailed in different parts of Sitakunda during the event.

At a roadside rally, speakers on behalf of the 11-party alliance presented their six-point demands and addressed the gathering. Later, at around 6:30 pm, following the speeches and roadside rally, the long march convoy left Sitakunda for Chattogram. The long march drew a large crowd at various points along the Dhaka–Chattogram Highway in Sitakunda.

Bir Shreshtha Noor

Quran-khani, doa mahfil, essay and drawing competitions, and a discussion on his life and heroic contribution were also held at the auditorium of the Noor Mohammad Sheikh Memorial Museum and Library. In Jashore, members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) paid homage to the martyred freedom fighter at his grave near Kashipur Border Outpost (BOP) in Sharsha upazila at 10:00am.

Jashore Battalion (BGB-49) accorded a guard of honour and laid wreaths at his grave. A Fateha and special munajat were offered seeking eternal peace for his departed soul, followed by distribution of tabarruk among those present. Members of Noor Mohammad’s family, local representatives, journalists and prominent local residents attended the programme.

Commander of Jashore Battalion Lieutenant Colonel Golam Mohammad Saiful Alam Khan said the anniversary was observed with due respect, as in previous years, to commemorate the heroic contribution of Noor Mohammad, who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great Liberation War.

Noor Mohammad Sheikh was born on February 26, 1936, in Mahishkhola village under Chandibarpur. The village was renamed Noor Mohammad Nagar on March 18, 2008, in his honour. He joined the then East Pakistan Rifles (EPR) on March 14, 1959, and served for years along the Dinajpur border before being transferred to the Jashore sector on July 10, 1970. He was later promoted to Lance Naik.

During the Liberation War, he fought under Sector No. 8 in the Jashore region. Under the leadership of Captain Nazmul Huda, he took part in battles against Pakistani forces in the Boyra area near the Kashipur border. On September 5, 1971, during a fierce battle at Goalhati and Chutipur in Jashore, fellow fighter Nannu Mia was critically wounded.

Noor Mohammad advanced towards the enemy carrying a light machine gun and his injured comrade on his shoulder while continuing to fire. Even after sustaining severe injuries from a mortar shell, he continued fighting with exceptional

courage. He ultimately embraced martyrdom while resisting the occupying forces and protecting the lives and weapons of his fellow fighters. He was buried at Kashipur in Sharsha upazila. In recognition of his extraordinary bravery and supreme sacrifice, he was posthumously awarded Bangladesh’s highest gallantry award, Bir Shreshtha.

Inclusive progress to

"Workers do not merely provide labour, they keep the wheels of the country's economy moving," Mahdi said, stressing that fair wages are workers' rightful due and a safe workplace is their fundamental right. He said workers' welfare also means ensuring the security and better future of their families.

As technological changes reshape industries, workers' professional skills must be upgraded in line with technology and global demand, he said.

The Prime Minister's Office spokesperson called for greater investment in modern training and technological capabilities to raise productivity and prepare the next generation for emerging industries and quality employment.

He also stressed stronger cooperation between employers and workers to maintain industrial stability and development. The government plans to advance the industrial sector through its "Tripartite Consultation" mechanism.

"Justice in the workplace creates trust, and trust increases productivity," he said, adding that ensuring safety and equal opportunities for women workers is vital for inclusive economic growth. Mahdi emphasised that the quality of employment is as important as the number of jobs, calling for decent work, fair wages, social inclusion and respect for workers' labour. He said ensuring better education and opportunities for workers' children should also be considered part of workers' welfare. Recalling workers' historic role in Bangladesh's political and social achievements, including the July Mass Uprising, he said working people had repeatedly taken to the streets in support of democracy, justice and people's rights.

He said Bangladesh has immense potential to supply skilled manpower to international markets and called for harmonising the country's labour market with the global economic structure. Mahdi also stressed protecting the dignity, security and rights of women and ensuring workers' fundamental rights alongside industrial development.

He praised BILS for its three-decade contribution to protecting labour rights and said the government, development partners, civil society and relevant ministries are working together for sustainable development of the labour sector.

He said the government's flagship "Family Card" project has already begun reaching working women to promote social dignity and economic prosperity.

Prime Minister's Political and Agriculture Affairs Adviser and BILS Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan, Social Welfare Minister Abu Zafar Md Zahid Hossain, Central coordinator of the Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal Advocate Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas and International Labour Organization (ILO) Country Director Max Tu n also spoke, among others, at the conference and general meeting of BILS.

Will stay on streets until

overwhelmed by drugs and called for effective measures to control the problem. Jamaat Naib-e-Ameer and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Dr Abdullah Muhammad Taher also addressed the rally, calling for implementation of the alliance's six-point demand and the referendum mandate.

National Citizen Party (NCP) Convener and Opposition Chief Whip Nahid Islam said uninterrupted supplies of oil, gas and electricity must be ensured. He warned that the government would not be able to remain in office if it fails to meet the people's basic demands.

Liberal Democratic Party Chairman Colonel (ret'd) Oli Ahmed said the mandate given by 70 percent of people must be implemented, warning that the government would have to be made to fail if the mandate was not automatically implemented.

Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis Ameer Mamunul Haque said people must remain prepared to face tougher challenges ahead to change their fortunes and take the country in the right direction. He said the long march marked the beginning of the second phase of the ongoing movement.

The Dhaka-Chattogram long march began in the capital on Saturday morning with the alliance's six-point demands.

After holding roadside rallies at different locations, including Shimrail in Narayanganj, the procession reached Cumilla and held the rally at Paduar Bazar Bishwaroad before heading towards Chattogram.

Leaders of the 11-party alliance and local Jamaat leaders also attended the programme. Their six-point demands are the implementation of people's verdict in the February 12 referendum, trial of the July 2024 mass killings, resolution of the multi-dimensional energy crisis, measures to control soaring prices of essential commodities, an end to extortion and corruption and improvement of the law and order situation and an end to narrow partisanship.

BNP always played

ties. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, the government has been working for public welfare from the first day of forming the government, he added. Regarding the development of Lakshmipur, the minister said the government is working sincerely to fulfill the long-standing expectations of the people of the district.

Besides resolving river erosion, water logging and water management problems, necessary initiatives are also being taken for the economic and infrastructural development of Lakshmipur, he said.

Organised by Lakshmipur district unit of BNP, the rally paraded through various roads of the town.

Zila Parishad Administrator Shahab Uddin Sabu, district BNP Joint Convener Advocate Hasibur Rahman and Bangladesh Football Federation Vice-President Wahid Uddin Chowdhury Happy, were present, among others, on the occasion.

Leaders, activists and supporters of district BNP and its affiliated organisations joined the rally.

Millat orders strict measures to eradicate drugs from Dewanganj

Staff correspondent

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister M Rashiduzzaman Millat yesterday directed the administration to take stringent measures to completely eradicate drugs from Dewanganj upazila of Jamalpur, saying there would be no compromise on the issue.

“Drugs must be completely eradicated from Dewanganj upazila. There will be no compromise whatsoever when it comes to drugs,” he said. The minister made the remarks while addressing a view-exchange meeting on the overall law and order situation and development activities of the upazila at the Dewanganj Upazila Parishad conference room, said a ministry’s press release here. He instructed the local administration to take all necessary and effective measures to curb drug abuse and eliminate the menace from the upazila. Millat said building a healthy and harmonious society would not be possible unless drugs were eradicated, while a prosperous country could not be built without a healthy society.

He called upon the administration, public representatives, political leaders and activists, and people from all walks of life to work together to make anti-drug efforts successful.

Referring to the prevailing electricity and gas shortages, the minister said the problems were the result of what he described as the deposed Awami League government’s unplanned activi-



Colorful Janmashtami Procession in Malaish, Sarail

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The major Hindu religious festival, the holy Janmashtami of Lord Krishna, was celebrated with religious solemnity and a festive atmosphere in the traditional village of Malaish in No. 9 Shahzadapur Union of Sarail Upazila, Brahmanbaria.

On Friday, September 4, at 10 AM, a colorful procession was organized in Malaish village on the occasion of Janmashtami. Thousands of people, including devotees of Lord Krishna, men, women, children and teenagers, took part in the procession. The procession became lively and attractive with various decorations, religious symbols and depictions of different forms of Lord Krishna.

The participation of children and teenagers was especially noticeable in the procession. Many children were dressed up as Lord Krishna and Radha. The streets of Malaish village resonated with the devotees' religious slogans and expressions of joy and enthusiasm.

Members of law enforcement agencies were seen in front of and around the procession. The procession was completed peacefully with the overall cooperation and security arrangements of the administration.

The organizers said that, as every year, various religious programs have been organized in Malaish village this year too on the occasion of Lord Krishna's birth anniversary. They added that such religious events play an important role in spreading the message of harmony, peace and human welfare.

Devotees who participated in the procession said they joined the Janmashtami event with great joy and enthusiasm. They expressed gratitude to the administration and all concerned for the event being held in a beautiful and peaceful environment.

ties. He, however, said the incumbent government was working effectively to address the shortages.

Millat expressed optimism that the country would be able to overcome the electricity and gas crises under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. He also urged party leaders and activists to remain vigilant against any conspiracy targeting the incumbent government. Officials of the upazila administration and leaders and activists of Dewanganj Upazila BNP, among others, attended the meeting.

Customs House seizes 13.92kg of gold at Dhaka airport

Staff correspondent

The Customs House, Dhaka has seized 120 gold bars weighing 13.92 kilograms from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. The estimated market value of the seized gold is TK 25 crore.

According to an NBR press release issued yesterday, the Customs House received information about gold smuggling on a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight operating on the Dubai-Chattogram-Dhaka route at around 11:30am yesterday.

Following the information, customs officials and members of the preventive team conducted a special search inside Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight BG-148.

At one stage of the search, customs officials, with the assistance of the airport security guards, searched members of the mechanical and cleaning teams as they were leaving the aircraft after completing cleaning operations.

During the search, some objects wrapped in black scotch tape were found inside the belt worn by Biman Bangladesh Airlines Assistant Technical Helper Md Soaib Gazi.

The recovered items were taken to the customs hall and inventoried in the presence of representatives of different intelligence agencies. The inventory revealed 120 gold bars weighing a total of 13.92kg. The NBR said the gold bars were apparently concealed in a sophisticated manner to smuggle them into the country by evading applicable customs duties and taxes. The smugglers apparently intended to take the gold outside the airport area later. A joint operation by Customs House, Dhaka and various intelligence agencies prevented the attempted gold smuggling, the press release said.

As the seized gold bars are highly valuable, the authorities immediately stored them in the airport customs valuable goods warehouse. The process to deposit the gold bars with Bangladesh Bank is underway in accordance with the standing order on the disposal of uncleared goods and goods detained and confiscated on charges of smuggling.

Hili Land Port resumes import-export activities after 6-day halt

Staff correspondent

Import-export activities between Bangladesh and India through Hili Land Port in Dinajpur resumed yesterday after remaining suspended for six days due to an indefinite strike by Indian traders. Deputy Director of the Customs Preventive Department at Hili Land Port Md Anwar Hossain confirmed the resumption of the activities to BSS around 4.30pm yesterday. The activities resumed after Indian traders withdrew their indefinite strike at noon yesterday following assurances from the Indian government and administration.

With the reopening of the port, business activities have returned to normal, bringing renewed bustle among traders, customs officials, transport workers and other people associated with the port. Hili Customs C&F Agents Association General Secretary Md Shahinur Islam Mondal said many traders at Hili in India had been suffering financial losses as the port was lagging behind other land ports in West Bengal in terms of commercial competition.

He said a section of the traders had decided to suspend import-export activities indefinitely over the issue, resulting in a complete halt to the movement of goods between the two countries through Hili Land Port for the past six days.

By 4.30pm, five trucks carrying imported Indian goods had entered Bangladesh through the port.

After the resumption of trade, Bangladeshi cargo trucks also started entering India, while trucks carrying various goods from India began entering Bangladesh. Arrangements were made for immediate unloading of the imported goods, and the cleared consignments were transported to different parts of Bangladesh by local trucks, port authorities said.

Meanwhile, Officer-in-Charge of Hili Immigration Checkpost SI Md Zakaria said the movement of passport-holding passengers between the two countries had remained normal despite the suspension of import-export activities.

He said passenger movement through the immigration check post was continuing smoothly yesterday.



Russian drone hits Ukraine’s security service headquarters as US peace efforts continue

International Desk

A Russian drone struck the headquarters of Ukraine’s Security Service in central Kyiv on Friday, according to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The attack came just before U.S. officials were expected to hold discussions aimed at finding a way to end the war. The fighting between Russia and Ukraine has intensified as the conflict approaches its fifth year following Russia’s invasion. In recent months, Russia has increasingly deployed high-speed, jet-powered drones, while air-raid alarms have become a regular feature of life in Kyiv. The Security Service of Ukraine, or SBU, is located near the historic St. Sophia Cathedral and several international hotels. The agency is also involved in long-range operations against targets inside Russia. Local officials said Friday’s attack injured 12 people. Zelenskyy said the drone had intentionally been directed at the SBU headquarters. He added in a Telegram message that acting security chief Oleksandr Poklad had presented him with possible plans for Ukraine’s response, including potential targets. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha described the attack as a serious escalation, particularly because it occurred while diplomatic efforts appeared to be gaining momentum. He argued that the timing showed Moscow was not genuinely committed to negotiations. U.S. Representatives Expected in Moscow and Kyiv U.S. President Donald Trump said Friday that his envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner would travel to Moscow before heading to Kyiv over the weekend and early next week. Washington has not announced the exact schedule for their visits. Trump said the two officials would carry a proposal aimed at bringing the war to an end. The planned trip would mark their first visit to Kyiv. Previous U.S. attempts to broker a settlement have not yet resulted in a clear route toward peace. Zelenskyy said he expected Witkoff and Kushner to arrive in Kyiv on Sunday following their planned visit to Moscow. He said Ukraine would suspend airstrikes during the negotiations and urged Russia to do the same so that the discussions could take place safely. Zelenskyy also said Ukraine would ensure that Russian airspace remained safe for the American negotiators traveling to the talks, stressing that Ukraine was concerned about the safety of the visitors rather than Russia itself. Russian presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined to confirm reports that Witkoff and Kushner would meet Russian officials in Moscow. He said the media would be notified if such a meeting actually occurred. The two American envoys last traveled to Moscow in January, when they met President Vladimir Putin. Following that meeting, Russian presidential aide Yuri Ushakov characterized the



Two rescued alive in Nepal 10 days after devastating floods

International Desk

Rescue teams in Nepal on Saturday recovered a Chinese national and a woman alive, 10 days after devastating floods swept through parts of the country, officials said. The Chinese man was found inside a tunnel at the Trishuli hydropower project, according to a post by the Prime Minister’s Office on social media. His rescue brings to three the number of workers found alive at the project. Two Nepali workers were rescued from a tunnel at the Trishuli 3A hydropower plant on Friday. Nepal’s army said a joint team of Nepali military personnel and South Korean disaster-response specialists rescued the man from a 225-metre (738-foot) tunnel. He was being medically assessed after being brought out and was later evacuated by helicopter, with an army medic monitoring him during the flight.

Footage released by Chinese state broadcaster CCTV showed two rescuers carrying the survivor out of the tunnel. Authorities said around 900 workers remain missing from 12 hydropower projects across Nepal, with about 500 believed to be trapped inside tunnels. Elsewhere, a woman was rescued alive from a house in flood-hit Nuwakot town on Saturday, according to a spokesperson for Nepal’s army. She was being airlifted to Kathmandu for treatment. Photos released by the army showed rescuers finding the woman covered in mud. They provided her with bottled water before taking her to safety wrapped in a gray blanket. At least 1,300 people were killed in the floods that struck Nepal on Aug 26, while more than 5,000 remain missing, according to the country’s disaster management agency. The flooding was likely triggered by a glacier collapse.



UN endorses world map that more accurately depicts Africa’s size

International Desk

The UN General Assembly on Friday endorsed a world map designed to portray Africa and other continents in proportions closer to their actual size, backing a campaign led by African countries and advocacy groups. A resolution sponsored by Togo and supported by members of the African Union received 164 votes in favour. The United States voted against it, while Serbia, Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova and Ukraine abstained. The resolution encourages governments and institutions to consider replacing the centuries-old Mercator projection with the Equal Earth projection, which geographers say provides a more accurate representation of the relative sizes of continents. The move does not prohibit the use of the Mercator map or make Equal Earth mandatory. Instead, it calls for wider adoption of the newer projection, according to the UN. Under the Mercator projection, Greenland can appear roughly comparable in size to Africa. The Equal Earth map, by contrast, depicts Africa as about 14 times larger than Greenland. “Maps shape our understanding of the world,” Togo’s Foreign Minister Robert Dussey said before the vote, stressing their influence on education and people’s perceptions. Africa No Filter, a leading group behind the campaign, welcomed the resolution and called for accurate maps to be used in schools, textbooks, newsrooms, businesses and digital plat-



forms. French Foreign Minister Jean-Noël Barrot also welcomed the decision, saying that correcting a distorted representation of the world was an important step toward greater accuracy. The Mercator projection was developed in the 16th century by Flemish cartographer Gerardus Mercator primarily to assist European sailors with navigation. However, critics say it significantly enlarges areas near the poles while making Africa and South America appear smaller than they actually are. The Equal Earth projection, developed in 2018, takes the Earth’s curvature into account and depicts continents in proportions closer to their true areas. Geographers say the Mercator projection remains useful for navigation but has limited value for other purposes. “Outside of that very narrow navigation application, there is no point in using it,” said Mark Monmonier, a geography professor at Syracuse University.

Trump calls Iran conflict ‘small potatoes,’ backs Vance’s ‘not a war’ stance

International Desk

US President Donald Trump on Friday described the six-month-old US conflict with Iran as “small potatoes” and defended Vice President JD Vance’s decision not to call the fighting a war. Speaking to reporters at the Oval Office, Trump said US strikes on Iran have become “intermittent” and that many people do not consider the conflict a war. “I can understand what he’s saying,” Trump said of Vance, adding that he preferred to describe it as a “military conflict.” The conflict has cost US taxpayers more than \$37.5 billion and killed 18 US service members. The US and Israel have conducted airstrikes against Iran but have not sent ground troops into the country. Vance, during a White House briefing Thursday, said he would not describe the fighting as a war and declined to predict whether it would end before the Nov. 3 midterm elections, when Republicans are seeking to retain their narrow congressional majorities. “Right now, there is no active shooting,” Vance said. His remarks came despite Iran launching an attack against US ally Kuwait on Thursday in retaliation for US strikes on Iran earlier in the week. Trump said the US military death toll in the Iran conflict remained relatively low compared with previous US wars. He cited the 18 US deaths against much higher losses in Vietnam and other conflicts. According to the US National Archives, 58,220 US service members died during the Vietnam War. When asked how he could call the conflict “small potatoes” despite the deaths of 18 US troops, Trump repeated his claim that the US campaign has severely weakened Iran’s nuclear capabilities. “Iran will not have a nuclear weapon because if they did you probably wouldn’t be standing here,” Trump said. Trump also compared the Iran conflict with the US military operation in Venezuela in January, which resulted in the capture of former Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and his transfer to New York to face federal drug trafficking charges. The president had initially said the Iran conflict would last only a matter of weeks, but the fighting has now continued for about six months.



Nearly 2,000 students, teachers fall ill after free school meals in Indonesia

International Desk

Nearly 2,000 people, mostly students, fell ill in suspected food poisoning incidents linked to President Prabowo Subianto’s Free Nutritious Meals program this week, raising fresh concerns over food safety as the multibillion-dollar initiative expands nationwide. Between Tuesday and Thursday, about 1,950 students, teachers and Islamic boarding school pupils in East Java, Central Java, West Sumatra, Aceh and South Sulawesi became sick after eating meals distributed under the program, known locally as MBG. The largest outbreak occurred in Rembang, Central Java, where 752 students and 25 teachers at State Senior High School 1 Lasem suffered diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and stomach pain. In Sidoarjo, East Java, 730 people, mostly students at Manbaul Hikam Islamic boarding school, were affected. Authorities said 706 had been discharged and were recovering at home. Other suspected cases were reported in Agam, Bener Meriah and Tana Toraja. No deaths have been reported, and investigations are underway. Since the program began in January 2025, MBG-linked food poisoning incidents have affected 50,059 people in 560 cases across 245 districts and cities in 36 provinces, according to Health Ministry data. Officials said most previous cases were linked to violations of food safety procedures. Authorities are now reviewing about 27,000 meal distribution centers, while at least 833 kitchens have been closed over hygiene and sanitation failures.

Argentina court clears return of Nazi-looted portrait to Jewish heir

International Desk

An Argentine court on Friday approved an agreement clearing the way for the return of an 18th-century portrait looted from a prominent Jewish art dealer during World War II to his surviving heir. The agreement allows Patricia Kadgien, daughter of a former senior Nazi official, and her husband, Juan Carlos Cortegoso, to give up their claim to the painting in exchange for avoiding a criminal trial and remaining under court supervision for two years. The work, known as “Portrait of a Lady,” will be returned to Marei von Saher, the sole surviving heir of Dutch-Jewish art dealer Jacques Goudstikker. Goudstikker’s extensive art collection was forcibly sold to Nazi officials after Germany invaded the Netherlands in 1940. The couple had been charged with aggravated cover-up last year after authorities alleged they concealed the painting despite knowing that investigators were searching for it. Under the court-approved deal, the couple must remain under judicial supervision for two years, make payments to a hospital in Mar del Plata, where they live, and regularly report their whereabouts to authorities. The painting was rediscovered after Dutch journalists investigating Friedrich Kadgien, a former Nazi financial official who fled to Argentina after the war, spotted it in an online property listing for his daughter’s home in Mar del Plata in August 2025. The listing was removed shortly after a Dutch newspaper published the discovery. Argentine police searched the property several times without finding the artwork before Kadgien’s lawyer eventually handed it over to authorities. The portrait had long been attributed to Italian Baroque painter



Giuseppe Vittore Ghislandi. However, an examination ordered by the court and conducted by Argentina’s National Academy of Fine Arts attributed it to Italian painter Giacomo Antonio Melchiorre Ceruti. Experts confirmed that the painting had belonged to Goudstikker’s collection and estimated its value at about 250,000 euros (\$290,000). Goudstikker was among Europe’s leading art dealers before World War II and owned works by renowned painters including Rembrandt and Vermeer. He died in a shipwreck while fleeing the Netherlands with his family as German forces invaded in May 1940. About 1,100 works in his collection were illegally sold to Hermann Göring, one of Adolf Hitler’s most powerful associates and a major collector of looted art. It remains unclear how the portrait later came into the possession of Friedrich Kadgien, who served as Göring’s financial adviser and was involved in handling foreign currency, precious metals and confiscated property for the Nazi regime. Kadgien escaped Europe after the war, eventually settling in Argentina, where he died in 1978 without being arrested or prosecuted for war crimes. Von Saher, who lives in Greenwich, Connecticut, has spent decades seeking the return of artworks stolen from her family. Her lawyers said she has agreed to have the portrait exhibited in Argentina before it is returned to her. Argentine authorities also recovered two 19th-century paintings, along with prints and engravings, during searches last year of properties belonging to Kadgien and her sister in Mar del Plata. Investigators are examining whether any of those works were also looted during World War II.





Police detain car, driver over hit-and-run involving actress Meghla Mukta

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Police have detained a car and its driver allegedly involved in an accident that left model and actress Meghla Mukta seriously injured in the capital's Banani area on July 28. Banani police informed Meghla's family about the detention on Thursday night. The accident occurred on July 28 when Meghla was crossing a road in Banani and a speeding car hit her before fleeing the scene. Passersby and locals rescued her in a bloodied condition and took her to a hospital. That night, actor Intiaz Barshan, a friend and co-artist of Meghla, filed a complaint with Banani Police Station. Meghla suffered serious injuries to her face and head in the accident. She subsequently spent nearly a month receiving treatment in an intensive care unit and a cabin. She underwent multiple facial surgeries under the supervision of expert physicians. She recently returned home after making some recovery but has yet to fully recover. Her doctors have told her that she will need more time to recuperate. Following the accident, Meghla's colleagues submitted a written complaint to Banani Police Station against the car and its driver. However, alleging a lack of police action, Meghla's father filed a case with the police station on September 1. Police later informed the family that the car and its driver had been detained. The car was identified after analysing CCTV footage under the direction of Gulshan Division Deputy Commissioner Tanvir Ahmed, according to sources. However, Meghla has expressed dissatisfaction with the police's role and overall handling of the case, alleging she did not receive the expected cooperation from Banani police following the accident.



Pattinson, Oasis bring star power to Venice Film Festival

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Hollywood star Robert Pattinson and Oasis brothers Noel and Liam Gallagher are bringing their own brand of celebrity power to the Venice Film Festival, where both will attend world premieres on Saturday. Pattinson is promoting "Primetime," a drama based on the controversial NBC reality series "To Catch a Predator" and its host Chris Hansen. The Gallagher brothers are attending for a documentary chronicling Oasis' 2025 reunion tour. Both films are scheduled for release in US theaters this month. The arrival of Pattinson and Oasis comes after several high-profile moments at the festival, including a lifetime achievement award for George Clooney and a strong reception for John Malkovich's performance in "Wild Horse Nine." Pattinson portrays Chris Hansen "Primetime," directed by Lance Oppenheim and written by Ajon Singh, examines a 2006 sting operation involving Texas assistant district attorney Bill Conradt, who died by suicide as police raided his home while television cameras were present. The film draws on journalist Luke Dittrich's Esquire article "Tonight on Dateline This Man Will Die," which explicated the controversial operation. Oppenheim said he wanted to examine the competing ambitions of a journalist, a television producer and a young

Hollywood hopeful whose paths eventually converged in a crisis. Hansen was not involved in the film and has publicly questioned the filmmakers' motives. He has also said he once thought actor Denis Leary would have been a better choice to portray him. Hansen was invited to watch the film ahead of its Venice premiere but objected to being asked to sign a nondisclosure agreement. For Pattinson, "Primetime," which opens Sept. 25, adds to an already busy year that has included appearances in "The Drama" and "The Odyssey." He is also set to appear in "Dune: Part Three." Oasis reunion gets documentary treatment "Oasis: Don't Look Back in Anger" combines concert footage with a look at the complicated relationship between Noel and Liam Gallagher, whose long-running feud led to the band's breakup in 2009. The documentary features previously unseen rehearsal footage and the brothers' first joint interview in 25 years. Directors Dylan Southern and Will Lovelace said they wanted to tell the story of two brothers overcoming a turbulent relationship while also exploring the enduring influence of Oasis' music. The film will receive an IMAX theatrical release in the United States on Sept. 11 through Disney and is expected to stream later this year on Disney+. Oasis reunited for its 2025 tour after remaining inactive for about 15 years.

Bulbul Ahmed's used materials, awards handed over to Film Archive

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Bulbul Ahmed's used equipment and awards were handed over to the Film Archive by his wife Daisy Ahmed (3rd from right), and daughter Tilottoma (2nd from right). Bulbul Ahmed is a shining star of the Bangladeshi film industry. He was an actor, producer and director. September 4 was the birthday of this late artiste. On this occasion, various awards and materials used by Bulbul Ahmed during his artistic career were donated to the Bangladesh Film Archive for preservation. This initiative has been taken by the family to preserve these awards earned by Bulbul Ahmed for his outstanding contribution to the country's film and culture as a national treasure for future generations. Bulbul Ahmed's wife Daisy Ahmed and daughter Tilottoma handed over these awards and materials to Film Archive Director General M Javed Iqbal on Thursday. Every year, on September 4, Bulbul Ahmed's birthday is celebrated with various celebrations by his family and fans. This year, as a special initiative, his family commemorated the day by donating the actor's long career achievements to the Bangladesh Film Archive Museum for preservation. They hope that by preserving his awards in the Bangladesh Film Archive, his works and achievements will live on as part of the country's cultural heritage for future generations. Bulbul Ahmed started her acting career with stage plays in 1958. He made his television debut in 1968 with Abdullah Al-Mamun's drama 'Purbabhash'. He entered the film industry in 1973 with Abdullah Yusuf Imam's (Yusuf Zahir) film 'Yea Kore Biye'. He won the Zahir Raihan Award for Best Actor for his performance in the film 'Suryakonya' directed by Alamgir Kabir in 1976. He has received the National Award four times. He passed away on July 15, 2010.



Sabina Yasmin: A voice with history

Entertainment Desk

When a little girl of seven years old sang on stage for the first time, or sang her heart out on the radio's 'Khelaghor' programme, perhaps the world of Bengali music found its future empress. That little girl, who grew up with the initiation of music since childhood, is yesterday's legendary vocalist Sabina Yasmin. September 4 was the birthday of Sabina Yasmin. She was born on this day in 1954. Even though she has crossed the age of 70, her melody still shines brightly in the world of Bengali music. Generation after generation has been captivated by the magic of her voice, whether it be in love, separation, or patriotism. Although she made her debut as a child artiste in the film 'Notun Sur' composed by Robin Ghosh in 1962, her journey as a full-fledged playback singer in adult films began with the film 'Agun Niye Khela' in 1967. After that, there was no looking back. In 1972, she first gained immense popularity across the country by singing the song 'Shudhu Gaan Geye Porichoy' in film 'Abujh Mon'. Then began a unique chapter of awards and recognition. She was recognised as the best female vocalist for the song 'Sob Sokhire Par Korite' from the movie 'Sujon Sokhi' at the 1st National Film Awards held in 1976. She then secured her supremacy by winning four consecutive National Film Awards by singing songs in the movies 'Golapi Ekhon Trainee' in 1978, 'Sundori' in 1979 and 'Kosai' in 1980. In the eighties, all the timeless songs came out of her voice - 'Jonmo Theke Jwolchhi Maa Go', 'Ami Rojonigondha Fuler Moto', or 'Chithi Dio Protidin'. In this decade too, she won four consecutive



National Film Awards for the films 'Chandranath' (1984), 'Premik' (1985), 'Rajalakshmi Srikanth' (1987) and 'Dui Jibon' (1988). Later, this magician of tunes won a total of 14 National Film Awards for the films 'Danga', 'Radha Krishna', 'Dui Duari', 'Dui Noyoner Alo', 'Devdas' and most recently 'Putro' in 2018. She has also won 6 BACHSAS Awards. But not only film songs; Sabina has proven herself to be the best in every genre of music, from classical, to folk songs to modern songs. Especially in her voice, songs like 'Jonmo Amar Dhonyo Holo Maa Go', 'Shob Kota Janala Khule Dao Na', 'O Amar Bangla Maa', 'Majhi Nao Chhaira De', 'Sundor Suborno' and 'Ekti Bangladesh Tumi Jagroto Jonotar' have lit the immortal flame of patriotism in the hearts of every Bengali. In recognition of Sabina's unparalleled contribution to music, the Bangladesh government awarded her the 'Ekushey Padak' in 1984 and the country's highest civilian honour, the 'Independence Award' in 1996. Sabina Yasmin, a talented artiste who has embraced music in every aspect of her life, is well-respected in international arena for her magical melodies that transcend national borders. She has travelled to different parts of the world thanks to her singing. She has also lent her voice to songs in different languages to win hearts of the audience. Not only in singing, but also in field of acting, she presented herself in front of the camera by acting in a film titled 'Ulka' by renowned lyricist and filmmaker Gazi Mazharul Anwar. From a little playground girl to yesterday's empress of music, Sabina Yasmin's journey is not just the story of an artiste, but an epic poem in golden history of Bengali music.

Preity Zinta works 18hrs a day to get with her children

Entertainment Desk

Amidst the ongoing debate about working long hours and balancing personal life in Bollywood, actress Preity Zinta has shared her experience and views. At the trailer launch of Kunal Kemmu's upcoming film 'Vibe', she said that shooting for long hours is difficult but one has to adjust the working hours according to the situation. Sharing her experience, Preity said that she once worked up to 18 hours a day. But there was a special reason behind it.

Mamitha Baiju, Nivin Pauly's Malayalam hit 'Bethlehem Kudumba Unit' to release in Tamil, Telugu

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The film, which has reportedly grossed over Rs 117 crore in India, is also expected to make its OTT debut on JioHotstar after its theatrical run. Malayalam film Bethlehem Kudumba Unit, starring Nivin Pauly and Mamitha Baiju, is set to reach a wider audience with its Tamil and Telugu dubbed versions releasing in theatres from September 4. Directed by Gireesh AD and produced by Bhavana Studios, the film was released in Malayalam cinemas on August 21. It received a positive response from audiences and has performed strongly at the box office. According to industry tracker Sacnilk, the film has so far grossed around Rs 117.75 crore in India, while its net collection stands at approximately Rs 100.85 crore. The final box office figures are yet to be announced as the film continues its theatrical run. The feel-good romantic drama follows a young woman who moves to a new



neighbourhood in the city. After settling in, she develops an interest in an older man living nearby. Besides Nivin Pauly and Mamitha Baiju, the film also features Sangeeth Prathap, Suresh Krishna, Vinay Forrt, Roshan Shanavas and Shyam Mohan in key roles. The music has been composed by Vishnu Vijay, with Ajmal Sabu handling cinematography and Akash Joseph Varghese serving as editor. After completing its theatrical run, Bethlehem Kudumba Unit is reportedly expected to premiere on JioHotstar. However, an official streaming date has not yet been announced.

Kareena's regrets despite being successful in acting

Entertainment Desk

Kareena Kapoor Khan is one of the most successful actresses in Bollywood. Along with her success in acting, she has also gone through various experiences in her personal life. However, the actress still regrets a decision in her life. And because of that regret, Kareena is very careful about the education of her two sons Taimur and Zaheer. Kareena, known as the daughter of the Kapoor family and the daughter-in-law of the Pataudi family, started her acting career at a very young age. She chose acting as her profession after class 11. She did not complete her studies after that. Although she has made a strong position in Bollywood with time, the actress still remembers the fact that she left her education incomplete. Kareena recently expressed her regret in an interview. She also clarified her position on her children's education. Kareena said, "I didn't want to stop my studies midway. I always wanted to continue my studies. That's why I still regret it. I know many people can joke about it or say whatever they want. But with the opportunity that came at that time, I couldn't study after



class 11." Meanwhile, the experience of being a mother of two children is also very different for Kareena. She grew up with her sister Karisma Kapoor. As a result, seeing two boys grow up together is a new feeling for her, as she did not have any brothers in her childhood. In this regard, Kareena says, "Karisma and I are sisters. So having two sons is a completely different experience. It's almost like a miraculous experience because, I never grew up with a brother. So meeting Taimur and Jeh is an extraordinary feeling for me. I am learning something new every day."



Williams sisters fall in thrilling return to US Open doubles



Sports Desk

Serena and Venus Williams electrified Arthur Ashe Stadium but fell to Chan Hao-ching and Maya Joint in three thrilling sets in their return to the US Open women's doubles on Friday. The superstar sisters, whose 14 Grand Slam doubles titles include two US Opens, rallied from a break down in the third set and led the deciding 10-point tiebreaker 5-0 but fell 6-3, 6-7 (6/8), 7-6 (10/7). Venus, 46, and Serena, 44, hadn't played Grand Slam doubles since the 2022 US Open and last won a title together at Roland Garros in 2018. They showed flashes of their brilliant best, Serena proving particularly dangerous patrolling the net but struggling with her serve. After recovering from losing the first set to level the match in

the second-set tiebreaker. They belted no fewer than 20 winners in the set, holding serve throughout and leveled the match when Joint smacked an overhead long to roars from the crowd. Chan and Joint regrouped to seize a 4-2 lead in the third. The sisters rallied, but get to the finish line as Taiwan's Chan and Joint fought back superbly to clinch the victory. For Serena Williams, the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion considered by many to be tennis's greatest women's player, it was her first return to the courts of Flushing Meadows since then. The 44-year-old had returned to major singles play as a Wimbledon wild card four years after "evolving away" from the game. At the All-England club she lost to Joint in a Centre Court clash that captured the imagination of both diehard and casual tennis fans. Even that experience didn't prepare Joint for the atmosphere on the cavernous Ashe Stadium. The sisters received a thunderous ovation when they took court, all business in understated white outfits. Every blistering volley and overhead smash from the Americans received raucous cheers, and when they sprinted to the lead in the decisive 10-point tiebreaker the noise was deafening. "The atmosphere was surreal," Joint said. "Being able to play against such legends of the game is super special."

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BGB wins 2nd Nat'l Judo Kata Championship

Sports Desk

The paramilitary force Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) Judo team won the championship title in the 2nd National Judo Kata Championship-2026 with an impressive performance. The Bangladesh Judo Federation organised the competition at the Handball Stadium here yesterday, according to a BGB press release issued this evening. Five teams - BGB, Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Ansar and VDP, Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishtan (BKSP) and Uttara College, Dhaka - participated in the championship. Four BGB judokas competed in the event,

winning one gold and one bronze medal to secure the team championship. BKSP finished runners-up with one silver and one bronze medal, the release said. Bangladesh Police Additional Inspector General (Crime and Operations) and Bangladesh Judo Federation President Khondkar Rafiqul Islam attended the closing ceremony as the chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners. BGB regularly provides its members with sports training and opportunities to participate in competitions to promote discipline, leadership, physical fitness and mental resilience, while contributing to the country's sports arena at national and international levels.

Newcastle rally from two goals down to earn Bournemouth draw

Sports Desk

Newcastle surged back from a two-goal deficit against Bournemouth on Saturday to draw 2-2 and extend their unbeaten start to the season after a period of intense upheaval at the club. Matthias Jaissle's team found themselves 2-0 down in the 35th minute after Marcus Tavernier's close-range effort and an own goal from Malick Thiaw, both helped by deflections. Newcastle winger Harvey Barnes changed the complexion of the match with a stunning curling effort less than two minutes later. The home team struggled to find momentum in the second half but substitute Jacob Ramsey steered home in the 88th minute to ensure the points were shared. Newcastle, who remain unbeaten in all competitions this season, drew 2-2 against Liverpool in their Premier League opener before brushing Tottenham aside 2-0. The club appointed German boss Jaissle last month after the departure of the long-serving Eddie Howe, who also previously managed Bournemouth. Bruno Guimaraes, Sandro Tonali and Anthony Gordon have all left but the club have made eight new signings in what they described as a "transformational" summer transfer window. Bournemouth, also under a new head coach, Marco Rose, following the departure of Andoni Iraola to Liverpool, started brightly



at St James' Park, taking a deserved early lead. Alex Scott's shot took a significant deflection and fell kindly for Tavernier, who showed impressive anticipation to poke the ball home past Lukas Hornicek. Bournemouth doubled their lead when Justin Kluivert's shot from distance smashed against the post and came back off the back of Hornicek before Scott's cross hit Thiaw and looped over the line. But the home side gave themselves renewed hope when Barnes surged down the left before cutting inside and curling a wonderful effort past the outstretched hands of Djordje Petrovic. New signing Matias Fernandez-Pardo came on in the 63rd minute to warm applause and Jaissle made further substitutions as he searched for an equaliser. The visitors, who have developed an unwellcome habit of conceding late goals, failed to clear and Ramsey stayed cool to earn a point.

Hesson targets Pakistan turnaround in Birmingham

Sports Desk

Pakistan coach for the third Test against England, Mike Hesson, has acknowledged the challenges of taking charge of the Test side at short notice but believes the focus must now be on building a balanced attack capable of restoring some of the team's traditional strengths. Hesson, who has been working with Pakistan's white-ball setup, has taken charge as interim head coach for the third and final Test against England, with the New Zealander confirming that the appointment is on a temporary basis. "Up until now, I haven't been involved in red-ball cricket (in Pakistan) at all, so I'm not part of the selection panel. I'm part of the white-ball selection panel. When this side was selected for this tour, I had no involvement at all," Hesson told reporters. "From my perspective, it's about putting a balanced squad together, not only for this Test, so we actually have some variety in our attack. "Pakistan is known for the pace, unusual actions, mystery spin, we haven't really been able to present any of that." England have already secured an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 series, with the final Test beginning at Edgbaston in Birmingham on 9 September.

Bangladesh U23 crush U19 by 9 wickets in GD trophy

Sports Desk

The Bangladesh Under-23 team bounced back strongly in their third match of the Game Development (GD) Trophy, crushing the Bangladesh Under-19 side by nine wickets at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. After losing the opening match of the series against the same team, the U23 side had to squander a point against Under-17 team in a rain-hit game. However, the U23 side produced a dominant all-round performance when it mattered most as they chased down a target of 190 in just 31.3 overs while losing only one wicket. Opting to bat first, Bangladesh U19 were bowled out for 189 in 49.5 overs. Opener SK Jarif Siam continued his rich vein of form, hitting a team-best 56 off 71, an innings laced with five fours and a six. Ahsan Al Mumin contributed 35 off 45 balls, while Mehrab Hasan Sijan scored 33 off 36. For the U23 side, Swadhin Islam claimed three wickets, while Mohiuddin Tarek took two. The U23 team made light work of the chase. Openers Azizul Hakim Tamim and Adil put together a commanding 130-run partnership before Adil was dismissed for 63 off 74 balls.

Alonso urges Chelsea to 'move forward' after Fernandez's exit



Sports Desk

Chelsea manager Xabi Alonso hopes everyone at Stamford Bridge can now "move forward" following the protracted sale of Enzo Fernandez to Manchester City. The Argentina midfielder left Stamford Bridge to join City in a British record-equalling £125 million (\$169 million) deal ahead of the window closing on Tuesday. Chelsea had hoped to offset Fernandez's exit by bringing in midfielder Lamine Camara from Monaco, but that move collapsed when the Ligue 1 side backed out having not signed a deal sheet before the window closed. Alonso, though, insists his focus is on the future, starting with Sunday's trip across London to Premier League champions Arsenal, when Chelsea will be bidding to maintain their 100 percent start to the new campaign. "We take all the decisions together," Alonso told a pre-match press conference on Friday. "We are responsible for them with our work together, the big ones, small ones. "We knew ultimately the last goal is to have

are thankful, but now it is time to move forward. We have a lot of big personalities, players with a lot of quality in all the different positions and now we are ready to go." Alonso also refused to go into fresh detail about the collapse of the deal for Camara. "I think that we are prepared and happy with the squad, the depth, with the healthy competition we have in different positions," he said. "It is a good balance between players of different stages (of their career). "We need to build that energy during the week to perform well at the weekends. So far, it is just two games, but it has been a good start and now we know who is in the building and that is good to have that certainty." Chelsea's squad has undergone major change over the summer. "We can be very happy with the whole transfer window," said Alonso, who will make a late check over midfielder Moises Caicedo, who went off during the closing stages against Brighton. "What we started talking about in late May-early June, many things we have accomplished."

Man Utd in 'good place' despite imperfect squad, says Carrick

Sports Desk

Manchester United manager Michael Carrick said he is delighted with the additions to his squad despite being outspent by Premier League rivals in the transfer window and short on depth in some areas. United put their efforts into rebuilding Carrick's midfield, with Casemiro's exit and a serious injury to Manuel Ugarte offset by the acquisitions of Andrey Santos, Youri Tielemans and Carlos Baleba for a combined £155 million (\$210 million). The Red Devils' fiercest rivals spent almost that budget on a single player as Manchester City broke the British transfer record for Enzo Fernandez, while Liverpool splashed up to £123 million on French winger Bradley Barcola. Despite a return to the Champions League for the first time in three seasons, Carrick hinted at having to work within financial restrictions. "We went into the window wanting to come out stronger from the group that we had last season. We've definitely added to that," Carrick told a pre-match press conference ahead of Sunday's trip to Everton. "I think we've done a lot of good work in that respect and the situation is what it is in terms of finances and what we can work with and what we're trying to get the most of. "Certainly, the players that we've brought into

the group I'm absolutely delighted with and I think we've done some really good business there."

United look particularly short in defence with the injury-prone Luke Shaw their only senior option at left-back.



"What squad ever is the perfect squad? You've always got to find ways of adapting," Carrick added. "When you're building and trying to push to go through a period where we're trying to get to the top - that's the ultimate goal - you've got to make steps." Joshua Zirkzee was among those expected to leave Old Trafford to boost the funds available to Carrick. Despite interest from Fiorentina and Juventus and a deadline-day approach from Everton, the Netherlands international remains at United despite limited gametime over the past two seasons. "He wants to play more than he has done and that's the good competition and healthy competition for places," said Carrick. "Josh can do some really, really top things. I've seen it myself, and I know he can do that and looking forward to him doing that a little bit more often for us." After a dreadful 2-0 defeat at newly-promoted Hull on the opening weekend of the season, United bounced back to thrash Ipswich 5-2 thanks to Bruno Fernandes's hat-trick last time out.

Tevez's farewell match to bring together Messi and Ronaldo?

Sports Desk

Carlos Tevez retired from professional football in June 2022, but the former Argentina star is yet to have his official farewell match. That could finally happen in December at La Bombonera, the home of his beloved Boca Juniors. And the grand occasion could bring Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo together on the same pitch. The two superstars have dominated world football for almost two decades, and seeing them play together towards the end of their careers would undoubtedly be a remarkable sight for football fans. Messi, who recently announced his retirement from international football, and Portugal captain Ronaldo were last seen on the same pitch in January 2023, when they faced each other in an exhibition friendly. Messi represented Paris Saint-Germain, while Ronaldo played for the Riyadh All-Star XI. PSG won the thrilling encounter 5-4 at the King Fahd International Stadium in Saudi Arabia. Messi scored once, while Ronaldo netted twice for the Riyadh side. Argentine outlet TyC Sports reported on Saturday that Tevez had spoken to Boca president and former teammate Juan Roman Riquelme about staging his farewell match at La Bombonera and had received the green light. A final date has yet to be confirmed, although the match could take place on a Friday or Saturday during the second or third week of December. Tevez played for Boca on three separate occasions before hanging up his boots. Across those spells, he made 279 appearances, scored 94 goals and won 11 trophies, making La Bombonera the natural setting for his official farewell. According to TyC Sports, Tevez, 42, will line up alongside childhood friends and close friends from his football career. The opposition will feature stars with whom he shared dressing rooms at different stages of his career. Tevez played for major European clubs including West Ham United, Manchester United, Manchester City and Juventus, while his Argentina career lasted more than a decade. Between 2004 and 2015, he won 76 caps and scored 13 goals for the Albiceleste. Around 60 former and current stars could attend the occasion.



China Ambassador Cup Wushu begins in capital

Sports Desk

The eighth China Ambassador Cup Wushu Championship began at the Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium in Mirpur yesterday (Saturday) with the participation of 279 athletes from 19 clubs. Former Air Vice-Marshall and Member of Parliament Altaf Hossain Choudhury formally inaugurated the meet as the chief guest. Speaking as the chief guest, he said sports can play an important role in keeping young people healthy and helping them build a better society. Bangladesh Wushu Federation (BWF) General Secretary Didar Hasan Dipu, who was present in the opening ceremony, said the federation is moving forward with a long-term plan to win medals in Wushu at the Asian level. As part of this initiative, the federation is going to organise the South Asian Junior Wushu Championship to develop young athletes and prepare them for international competition. BWF President Saiful Islam Bhuiyan, Tournament Committee Chairman SM Shahidul Islam Bhuiyan were present, among others, in the opening ceremony.



Thousands of people from four villages suffer after bridge collapses in Taltoli



Amtoli (Barguna),Correspondent

The iron bridge over the Bagirdona canal in Taltoli upazila of Barguna suddenly collapsed late on Wednesday night and fell into the canal. The collapse of the bridge cut off direct communication between Talukderpara and Baraitoli areas, causing suffering to thousands of people from four villages. More than two hundred students of Talukderpara Secondary and Talukderpara Government Primary Schools have been affected by the collapse of the bridge. They are now helpless and taking risks and crossing the river by boat. Therefore, local residents including students have demanded the construction of a new bridge.

According to sources from the Taltali Upazila LGED office, in 2002, a 60-foot-long and 8-foot-wide iron bridge was built over the Bagirdona Canal under the (then) Engineering Department of Amtali Upazila to connect Talukdarpara of Barabaghi ??Union of Taltali Upazila and Baraitali villages of Nishanbaria Union. The bridge was in a dilapidated and risky condition due to lack of renovation for a long time. On Wednesday, September 2, the bridge suddenly collapsed and

fell into the canal. The collapse of the bridge caused the normal movement of thousands of people in four villages including Mourvi, Pawapara, Talukdarpara, and Baraitali to be disrupted. The collapse of the bridge has put ordinary pedestrians, including more than two hundred students of Talukdarpara Secondary and Primary School, in extreme danger. Since there is no alternative road, students are forced to cross in dinghies, risking their lives. This is severely disrupting their normal education. Jannati, Rehena Akhter, students of Talukdarpara

Secondary School, said, "The bridge has been risky for a long time. Despite repeated requests, no repairs have been made. Now, our movement has been stopped due to the collapse of the bridge. Since there is no alternative, we are crossing by boat, risking our lives." Jahangir Hossain, a resident of Mauravipara, said, "We are afraid to send children to school alone, as the boat can sink at any time and cause a major accident. Therefore, we are demanding the construction of a bridge here immediately." Talukdarpara Secondary School Headmaster Md. Abu Tahar said, "The bridge has collapsed, and students are unable to reach school on time. They have to cross the canal by boat every day, taking risks. As a result, the attendance rate has decreased, and their normal studies are also being severely disrupted. It is urgent to quickly build a permanent bridge here." Taltali Upazila Nirbahi Officer Atish Sarkar said, the Upazila Engineering Department has been asked to take necessary measures to remove the collapsed bridge and construct a new bridge. An emergency wooden bridge has been urgently constructed to alleviate the suffering of students and the public.

Five killed in separate road accidents in 3 districts

Bagura Correspondent

Five people were killed and three others injured in separate road accidents in Gazipur, Cumilla and Bogura districts yesterday. In Gazipur, two passengers of a CNG-run auto-rickshaw were killed and three others injured in a head-on collision between the auto-rickshaw and a covered van in Chairmarman Bari area under Kaliakair upazila of the district yesterday. The identities of the deceased could not be known immediately. The accident occurred around 11.30 am on the Kaliakair-Phulbaria-Mawna when a CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided head-on with a covered van, leaving four passengers and CNG driver injured.

Locals rescued the injured and took them to Kaliakair Upazila Health Complex, where the on-duty doctors declared two injured dead. Kaliakair Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Shahidul Islam confirmed the incident. Legal proceedings in connection with the accident are underway, the OC said. In Cumilla, two people were killed in separate road accidents on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in Chauddagam upazila of the district this morning. The deceased were identified as Abdur Rahman, 22, son of Abdur Rahim of Baiderkhal village under Chauddagam municipality and Abul Hashem, 70, a resident of Chaitola area of the municipality. According to police and local sources, the first accident occurred around 11.00 am in Batisa Gobinda Manikya Dighi area when a speeding motorcycle lost control and rammed into the rear of a trolley travelling ahead.



Anti-Drug Rally and Beat Policing Meeting Held at Baurbhag Haor East Bank in Gowainghat

Naeem Ahmed, Jaintapur-Gowainghat Sylhet

An anti-drug rally and beat policing meeting was held in Gowainghat, Sylhet, with the aim of protecting the young generation from the devastating impact of drugs. The meeting was held on Friday evening (September 4) at Baurbhag Haor East Bank area under Ward No. 11 Madhya Jafllong Union. It was organized by local residents in cooperation with Gowainghat Police Station. At the meeting, local victims, public representatives, community leaders and residents highlighted various social problems caused by drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. They emphasized the need for building a strong social resistance alongside law enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of drugs in the area. The meeting was presided over by respected community elder Akkas Ali and moderated by Salman Shah, General Secretary of the Television Journalists' Union of Greater Jaintapur. Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Gowainghat Police Station, Omar Faruk Murul, attended the meeting as the chief guest. Among the special guests were freedom fighter Idris Ali Khan, Cooperative Affairs Secretary of Gowainghat Upazila BNP Riaz Uddin Talukdar, President of the Television Journalists' Union of Greater Jaintapur Humayun Ahmed, and community elders Khan Bahadur and Badsha Mia, among others.

The speakers said that drugs do not destroy only an individual's life; their harmful effects extend to families, society and future generations. Therefore, they stressed that social resistance must be built alongside legal measures to eliminate drugs. They also urged residents to provide police with information about drug dealers and users and to work together to prevent crime and maintain peace in the area. Speaking as the chief guest, OC Omar Faruk Murul said that Gowainghat police are taking a strict stance against drugs. He emphasized that cooperation from local residents is crucial alongside police efforts to eradicate drugs. He urged residents to immediately inform the police if they receive any information related to drugs. The meeting also emphasized taking legal action against drug dealers and users, as well as conducting regular social awareness programs to prevent drug abuse. At the meeting, participants expressed their commitment to strengthening coordination between police and local residents to make the Baurbhag Haor East Bank area drug-free and to continue the social movement against drugs. Local residents attending the meeting said there is no longer any opportunity to remain silent against drugs. Everyone must work together from their respective positions to build a drug-free society.



Discussion Meeting and Procession on the Occasion of Sri Krishna Janmashtami in Rajapur.

Rajapur (Jhalokathi) Correspondent

A discussion meeting and a colorful procession were held in Rajapur, Jhalokathi to celebrate the holy Janmashtami of Mahavatar Lord Sri Krishna for the Bengali year 1433. On Friday (September 4), at 10:00 AM, the discussion meeting was held with grand arrangements at the premises of Rajapur Sri Sri Kendriya Harisabha Temple. After the discussion meeting, a colorful procession with the participation of devotees of the Sanatan Dharma came out. The procession circled various roads of Rajapur. Chief Guest, Rifat Ara Mouri, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Rajapur, delivered the main speech. Special Guests, Babu Suján Biswas, Officer-in-Charge of Rajapur Police Station, and renowned social worker and politician Wasim Ahmed also spoke. Others who spoke were Nityananda Saha, General Secretary of Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad, and Partho Mitra, Convener of Hindu Bouddha Christian Kollan Front. Presided over by Babu Ratan Debnath, President of Upazila Puja Udjapon Parishad. Conducted by Babu Gopal Karmakar, General Secretary of Puja Udjapon Committee. The guests said that Lord Sri Krishna's Janmashtami is not just a religious festival. It is an important day to spread the message of equality, harmony, love and humanity among people. Following the ideals of Sri Krishna, everyone must work together to establish peace, harmony and brotherhood in society. They called on everyone to move forward while upholding communal harmony. Need this formatted for a newspaper or social media post too?

Sarail's Auspicious Janmashtami Festival: Colorful Joyous Procession for World Peace

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On the occasion of the auspicious birth anniversary of the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna, the Sarail Upazila of Brahmanbaria will host the grand Janmashtami Mahotsav 2026 in Malais in a highly festive atmosphere. Organized by Sri Sri Nitai Gour Namahatta and with the overall cooperation of devotees from all sections of Malais village, this two-day spiritual and cultural festival will be held on September 3 and 4, 2026 (Thursday and Friday). On the second day of the festival, Friday, September 4, at 10:00 AM, a colorful and joyous auspicious procession (Mahotsav rally) will be brought out praying for world peace. The organizing committee has made a special request to all devotees of the Sanatan Dharma, regardless of religion and caste, to attend this auspicious procession on time and make the festival a success. The schedule for the two-day festival includes various deep spiritual and devotional programs: September 3 (Thursday) Starting from the evening: Tulsi Arati, Gour Arati, Nrsingha Arati, recitation of Srimad Bhagavad, Adhibas Kirtan, and distribution of Mahaprasad at 10:00 PM. September 4 (Friday) Colorful rally at 10:00 AM, Sri Krishna's Balya Bhog at 12:00 PM, Kirtan Mela at 2:00 PM, Srimad Bhagavad Gita competition at 4:00 PM, weekly Namahatta session at 6:30 PM, and the main Abhishek ceremony of Sri Krishna at 10:00 PM. According to the organizing body, this Mahotsav has been arranged with the aim of strengthening spiritual consciousness, world peace, and communal harmony



Colorful procession and discussion meeting held in Kaukhali on the occasion of Shri Krishna's Punya Janmashtami 2026

Pirojpur Correspondent

A colorful procession and discussion meeting was held in Kaukhali, Pirojpur on the occasion of Shri Krishna's Punya Janmashtami 2026. On Friday (September 4), at 11 am, a joyous procession started from the Akharabari premises under the initiative of Madan Mohan Jiur Akharabari. The procession ended at the same place after circumambulating various important roads of the upazila. Religious people of all classes and professions from different areas of the upazila spontaneously participated in it. After the procession, a discussion meeting was held at Madan Mohan Jiur Akharabari premises. Kaukhali Upazila BNP President and former Upazila Chairman S. M. Ahsan Kabir said, "Bangladesh is a shining example of communal harmony. People of all religions have been living here shoulder to shoulder for ages. We have to work unitedly for the overall

development of the country by keeping religious harmony and brotherhood intact." Other speakers at the event recalled the ideals and main message of Sri Krishna's life and said that Sri



Krishna came to earth with the message of establishing truth and justice by eliminating injustice, injustice and sin in the society. The main message of all religions is the establishment of human welfare and peace. Former member secretary of Upazila BNP Shafiul Azam Dulal, member secretary of Swachhasebak Dal Rakib Talukder, president of Madan Mohan Jiur Akharabari Committee Shankar Lal Basu, general secretary Badal Halder, organizing secretary Liton Krishna Kar, treasurer Palash Saha, president of Puja Front Kiran Chandra Halder and Hindu Buddhist Christians were present at the discussion meeting and procession. Leaders of various local social and political organizations, including Kalyan Front convener Dulal Shil Dhalu.

Robbery complaint at the house of a fish farmer in Fakirhat, creating panic with bomb blasts

S A Kalam, Fakirhat, Bagerhat

A robbery complaint has been raised at the house of fish farmer Mahabub Mallik in the Satshaiya village of Fakirhat upazila, Bagerhat. It has been reported that the robbers created panic by blasting bombs during the incident. Three people, including a woman, have been injured in this incident. The police have visited the scene. The affected family and locals stated that on Saturday (5 September) at around 3:45 AM, a group of 5/6 robbers broke the lock of the iron gate of Mahabub Mallik's house and entered, holding the entire family at gunpoint. They then beat and threatened them, tearing a piece of a gold chain from Mahabub Mallik's wife's neck. Additionally, they snatched a mobile phone from his sister. When family members screamed for help, locals rushed to the scene, prompting the robbers to throw two bombs on the road and at a house, creating panic before fleeing. In the attack by the robbers, the house owner Mahabub Mallik (39), his cancer-stricken sick

mother Rizia Begum (70), and his sister Rehana Mallik (43) were injured. They have received primary treatment at the upazila



health complex. Upon receiving the news, Assistant Police Superintendent (Circle) Rashedul Islam Rana, Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md. Rajiullah Khan, and various officials of the law enforcement agencies, including the president of the upazila BNP Sheikh Kamrul Islam Gora, visited the scene. Fakirhat Model Police Station's Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md. Rajiullah Khan stated that the scene has been visited upon receiving the news. If the affected family files a written complaint, legal action will be taken after investigation.

Two held with 2,000kg of illegal polythene in Bagerhat

Bagerhat Correspondent

Police have seized around 2,000kg of illegal polythene in Mollahat upazila of Bagerhat and arrested two people in connection with its transportation. The seizure was made this morning during a police drive at a check post in front of the Mollahat Power Generation Station on the Dhaka-Khulna highway. Acting on a tip-off, police searched a Royal Paribahan bus travelling from Khulna and recovered 25 sacks of polythene weighing an estimated 2,000kg. The arrested persons are Salauddin Sardar Muna, 31, son of Abu Hossain Sardar of Gadaipur village in Paikgachha upazila of Khulna and Md Shipon Hossain, 18, son of the late Nur Mohammad of Shelabunia village in Mongla upazila. Police said their preliminary investigation found that the two had been supplying illegal polythene to different parts of the country for a long time. During interrogation, they also obtained the names of several others allegedly involved in the operation.

College Student Killed as Fish-Laden Pickup Hits Motorcycle in Mirsarai

Jewel Nag, Mirsarai, Chattogram

A college student was killed and his father injured after a fish-laden pickup van hit their motorcycle in Mirsarai upazila of Chattogram on Wednesday night. The deceased was identified as Debraj Banik, 21, son of Ashish Banik of Banikpara village in Dewanpur, under Jorarganj Union. He was a first-year honours student at Feni Government College. The accident occurred around 8:00pm on Wednesday (September 2) in front of the Chowdhuryhat Police Outpost in Jorarganj. According to relatives, Debraj was returning home on a motorcycle with his father after closing their shop. When they reached the Chowdhuryhat area, a speeding fish-laden pickup van hit their motorcycle. The impact threw Debraj and his father, Ashish Banik, onto the road. Local people

rescued them and took them to Mirsarai Upazila Health Complex, where the attending physician declared Debraj dead after examination.



Ashish Banik received primary treatment and is out of danger, according to his relatives. Dr Tanmoy Jamshed, the physician on duty at the emergency department of Mirsarai Upazila Health Complex, said two people injured in a road accident were brought to the hospital that night. "After examination, one of them, Debraj Banik, was declared dead. His father was given primary treatment," he said. Abdul Halim, officer-in-charge of Jorarganj Police Station, said a police team went to the hospital shortly after the accident. He added that further legal action would be taken based on a complaint from the victim's family.