

Civil society, commoners laud PM's UNGA speech

Staff correspondent

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's maiden address at the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has drew applause from civil society members and common people. Tarique Rahman in his speech has presented a broad roadmap for rebuilding Bangladesh, reviving its economy and strengthening its role in promoting global peace and cooperation. National Professor Prof Dr Mahbub Ullah said Tarique Rahman's speech came against the backdrop of the country that had been battered by more than one and a half decades of political and economic exploitation, leaving the country's economy deeply weakened. Mahbub Ullah, also an economist and political analyst, said, the premier presented the government's 3-R strategy- Recovery, Restoration and Reconstruction- before the international community as a framework for repairing and rebuilding the country. He said implementation of the strategy would require extensive economic and institutional work. The tax-to-GDP ratio



would need to rise by three percentage points to strengthen Bangladesh's capacity to finance development amidst major challenges of inflation and global energy crisis. "Bangladesh is also facing the burden of accumulated domestic and foreign debt. Interest payments and loan installments could become a major constraint on development in the coming years, although borrowing itself need not be problematic if borrowed resources are used productively and generate returns for the economy," he said. The premier also identified banking-sector reform as an important requirement for revitalising the national economy, he said. At the same time, Mahbub Ullah

noted that the prime minister did not seek foreign assistance from wealthy countries as the principal means of overcoming Bangladesh's economic crisis, instead giving emphasis on country's own commitment and responsibility- a position he described as reflecting a "Bangladesh First" approach. Noting that the Rohingya crisis was another major focus of the speech, Mahbub Ullah described the prolonged presence of the Rohingyas in Bangladesh as a "big burden" and said the continued failure to secure their return to Myanmar had also created security vulnerabilities. Prof Dr Md Nurul Amin Bepari, an eminent political scientist, said Rohingya crisis was not created by Bangladesh. Myanmar should play the leading role in the repatriation process. He noted that the involvement of China, India, the United States and the United Nations has transformed the Rohingya issue into a broader international concern. By raising the issue at the UNGA, Bangladesh has clearly presented its position to the international community, Bepari said, ♦ see page 2

PM calls for tech-driven sustainable tourism development

Staff correspondent

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman today called for transforming Bangladesh's tourism industry into a modern, technology-driven, environmentally sustainable and world-class sector, saying tourism can play a vital role in generating employment, earning foreign exchange and promoting local economic development. "Tourism also provides an important platform to showcase Bangladesh's history, heritage, culture and natural beauty to the world," the Prime Minister said in a message marking World Tourism Day 2026. Greeting the people and institutions involved in the tourism sector, he said this year's theme, "Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism," provides clear direction for reshaping the future of the industry. "Artificial intelligence, big data and smart technologies can make tourism services more accessible, safe, extensive and people-centred" ♦ see page 2



Bangladesh garment exports to UK rebound in August

Staff correspondent

Bangladesh's garment exports to the United Kingdom (UK) rebounded in August after a marginal decline in July, rising 10.53 percent year-on-year, according to data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB). The strong August performance helped Bangladesh's garment export earnings from the UK market grow by 3.74 percent during the first two months of the current 2026-27 fiscal year. Today, the EPB data showed that Bangladesh exported apparel worth US\$915.63 million to the UK during July-August of FY27, compared with \$882.62 million in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. Thus, garment export earnings from the UK increased by US\$33.01 million

during the first two months of the current fiscal year. In July, garment exports to the UK had declined by 2.44 percent year-on-year. The 10.53 percent growth in August, however, helped offset the weakness recorded in the first month of the fiscal year. Bangladesh's average monthly garment export earnings from the UK stood at \$457.82 million during July-August of FY27, significantly higher than the monthly average of \$365.71 million recorded in FY26. Bangladesh earned a total of \$4.39 billion from garment exports to the UK during FY26. The monthly average export earnings during the first two months of FY27 were therefore around 25 percent higher than the average monthly earnings recorded in the previous fiscal ♦ see page 2

Amtali's traditional Town Hall stands silently, having lost its heritage over time due to a prolonged lack of renovation



Amtali (Barguna) Correspondent

The Town Hall in Amtali municipal town is a place of tradition, yet the building is now in a dilapidated state due to a lack of renovation over a long period. No significant repairs have been undertaken since November 15,

2007, when the devastating Cyclone Sidr blew off the structure's tin roof. Yet, there is no modern auditorium in the Amtali Upazila town for holding meetings, rallies, cultural programs, plays, or other social and civic events. Consequently, local residents, cultural activists, and people from various walks of life have demanded the immediate renovation of this traditional Town Hall to make it suitable for public use. To the locals, the Town Hall is not merely an old building; it is deeply intertwined with the long history ♦ see page 2



Healthcare for Half a Million People Overshadowed by Gloom Desperate Need for a Modern Blood Bank in Mathbaria

Akash Mathbaria (Pirojpur) Correspondent.

A lack of blood has become a source of immense suffering and uncertainty for the healthcare of approximately half a million people in Mathbaria Upazila, located in the southern coastal district of Pirojpur. Due ♦ see page 2

Students' Shutdown at CUET Enters Third Day

Jahangir Alam, Staff Reporter

Students at Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) continued their complete shutdown for the third consecutive day on Thursday, protesting the removal of the recently appointed Vice-Chancellor and demanding his reinstatement. As part of the demonstration, protesters locked the university's main gate in the morning, entirely disrupting administrative activities and office services. The demonstrating students organized a human ♦ see page 2



SI Milton Transferred in Sitakunda, Where Is the Investigation Into the Allegations

Questions Raised Over Alleged Financial Transactions: Is Transfer an Adequate Administrative Step, or Is an Independent Investigation Needed

Md. Omar Faruk, Special Correspondent

Questions have been raised among local residents and some alleged victims over whether a full and visible investigation has been conducted into allegations against Sub-Inspector (SI) Milton of Bar Aulia Highway Police Station, following his transfer after an investigative report raised allegations of alleged financial collection from various transport-related sectors, harassment and abuse of authority. A recent investigative report published by The Daily Bangla Sky alleged that SI Milton had collected money from individuals and organizations associated with the transport sector. The report also referred to an alleged calculation showing a total collection of Tk 836,500 in August, along with allegations involving mobile financial service transactions and questions regarding a purported fixed deposit (FDR) in the name of a family member. However, the allegations have not been independently verified, and no conclusion regarding their truth can be drawn solely from the



published report. Verification would require examination of relevant financial records, transaction information, official duty records and other supporting documents. Transferred About a Week After the Report—What Comes Next According ♦ see page 7



Rangpur Range DIG Receives BPM-Service Medal

Mohinul Islam Sujon

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to professional duties, honesty, dedication and service-oriented activities, Rangpur Range DIG Mohammad ♦ see page 2



Orientation Class-2026' for the 11th grade students of the 2026-27 academic year in Mirsarai

Oli Ullah Nizami, District Correspondent, Chattogram

At Professor Kamal Uddin Chowdhury College, Mirsarai Member of Parliament Nurul Amin MP was present as the chief guest at the program organized on the occasion of the 'Orientation Class-2026' for the 11th grade students of the 2026-27 academic year. ♦ see page 2

Emerging footballer MD Uzair Hossain Sajib

Desk report

An emerging footballer aged 17/18, playing in the center-back (CB) position.



Hailing from the remote village of Ajar Para, he has received the highest votes in the online football voting for Bagerhat district, being selected as the best. His performance on various fields across Bagerhat district, as well as in Khulna, Chattogram, Sylhet, Rangpur, and Dhaka divisions, has delighted spectators. However, it is extremely unfortunate that due to financial constraints and lack of advanced training, this promising talent is struggling to emerge as an internationally recognized star in the future.

MD Uzair Hossain Sajib, Date of birth - 01.12.2008 . Height--5'11". Father: MD Neyamul Hossain Mother: Jesmin Khatun . Rayenda, Rajair, Shoronkhola, Bagerhat Mobile no.--01989577939.



Electricity to be Generated from Plastic Waste: LGRD State Minister Inspects Eco-Friendly Mega Project in Ukhiya

Jahangir Alam, Staff Reporter.

In an innovative eco-friendly initiative aimed at protecting the environment of Rohingya camps and turning plastic waste into resources, electricity is set to be generated from plastic waste in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar. State Minister for Local Government, Rural ♦ see page 7



NESCO Office Besieged in Rangpur Demanding Removal of Prepaid Meters

Mohinul Islam Sujon, Crime Reporter

Electricity consumers in Rangpur have besieged the Northern Electricity Supply Company (NESCO) office, demanding the removal of prepaid meters, the reinstatement of the previous digital postpaid meters, and the provision of digital postpaid meters to new connection applicants. On Wednesday (September 23) afternoon, a memorandum containing petitions from hundreds of consumers was submitted to NESCO's Chief Engineer at the office on College Road. Prior to this, two processions originating from the city's Shapla Chattar and Labagh areas converged on the NESCO office to participate in the siege. Professor Md. Delwar Hossain, President of the Rangpur Electricity Consumer Forum, presided over ♦ see page 7

No one will be spared if attempts are made to destabilize country: Yasser

Staff correspondent

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury, MP, has warned that no one will be spared if attempts are made to destabilize the country. "Anarchist Sheikh Hasina is again plotting to come in December to destabilize the country it. We want to say, come now instead of December. Be aware, don't try to destabilize the country. No one will be spared," he said. He made the remark at a pre-rally gathering organized by Nandail Upazila and Pourashava units of BNP at Nandail Chowrasta on the ♦ see page 7

We must break the cyber-scam networks

Cyber-scam gangs have been luring Bangladeshi victims to countries in Southeast Asia with promises of lucrative jobs, only to hold them hostage and force them to take part in these crimes. Threatened, tortured, and with their passports confiscated, victims of cyber-crime networks spend months in nightmarish captivity. Now the tentacles of these networks have reached Bangladesh. To combat these two sides of this criminal business, Bangladesh needs to devise an effective strategy using technology and by collaborating with local and international organisations and governments of countries where these networks have originated.The ordeal of Mohammad Monnan Soyol, demonstrates the terrifying consequences of being trafficked by these syndicates. Promised a restaurant job in Cambodia, Monnan ended up being sold to a Chinese-run syndicate, tortured with electric shocks and forced to participate in online fraud. Although there is no official record of how many citizens have been trafficked to overseas cyber scam centres BRAC Migration Programme's data finds around 730 Bangladeshis being rescued, with around 1,800 reportedly awaiting repatriation. But now the menace has reached our shores. Two recent police raids in Chattogram and Cox's Bazar exposed such cyber scam networks, with dozens of foreign nationals being arrested for their alleged involvement. The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) has warned that these syndicates are moving to new territories following crackdowns in Cambodia, Laos, and other Southeast Asian countries. Starting with the trafficked victims, the government must investigate these crimes, digging into recruitment methods, involvement of local brokers, if any, and gaps in proper screening at the airport. Immigration officials should scrutinise individuals with work visas to countries that are not usual destinations for migrant workers such as Cambodia and Laos. Since these measures may not always prevent trafficking to these countries, our high commission there should be on high alert regarding such networks and provide support to Bangladeshi victims. Our foreign and expatriate welfare ministries must talk to their counterparts in these countries to urge them to continue clamping down on these criminal networks and also ensure that they do not infiltrate into Bangladesh.While the police operations have been commendable, arresting foreign nationals allegedly involved in all kinds of cybercrime—online marketing fraud, advance payment scams and honey traps—many more such criminal gangs might still be out there. The UNODC has highlighted the need for specialised investigative capacity in digital forensics, financial investigations, and data navigation to examine the contents of the hundreds of mobile phones and computers seized in the raids. The government's new cyber police unit will be useful.

Civil society, commoners

adding that previous assurances on repatriation had not produced a sustainable solution. Political analyst Dr Kazi Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman also said the Rohingya issue was articulated with particular clarity in the address. “Prime Ministers from our country had attended UNGA sessions before, but this address stands out for several reasons. For the first time, our position on the Rohingya issue was articulated with utmost clarity,” he said. Dr Kazi Mahbubur also highlighted the PM’s emphasis on people’s empowerment. United Nations actively advocates people’s empowerment worldwide and the prime minister’s commitment to empowering Bangladesh’s people gave an international dimension to a key domestic priority.”PM’s 3-R strategy and Bangladesh’s opposition to warfare further reinforced the country’s commitment to peace and reconstruction,” he said, adding that the speech placed strong emphasis on peaceful resolution of international conflicts through dialogue, diplomacy and mutual cooperation rather than military confrontation.Maruf Kamal Khan, editor of Bangla daily Protidiner Bangladesh, described the address as a strong expression of Bangladesh’s aspirations for global peace at a time of wars, conflicts, violence and bloodshed around the world.He quoted PM’s statement “the world will change through humanity, not deadly weapons,” saying the speech projected a message of peace and recalled the legacy of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. The prime minister also reaffirmed Bangladesh’s support to an independent Palestinian state and called for a resolution of the longstanding Palestinian issue, he mentioned. The premier maintained that lasting peace in the Middle East and security across the world would remain difficult to achieve without resolving the issue, he said. Tarique Rahman also upheld Bangladesh’s position in favour of nuclear disarmament, Maruf Kamal said, adding that climate change, women’s education and empowerment, child health and safety and the responsible use of artificial intelligence were also highlighted in PM’s speech.Prime Minister’s focus on climate change received particular attention because of Bangladesh’s vulnerability as a densely populated country, he added. The prime minister called for international cooperation to address the growing risks posed by climate change. Women’s education and employment were presented as important instruments of empowerment, he said. Principal Information Officer Syed Abdal Ahmed said the 17-minute speech in Bangla highlighted the need for world peace, peaceful resolution of international conflicts and stronger multilateral cooperation. The premier also drew international attention to Bangladesh’s key concerns, including the Rohingya crisis, economic development, environmental issues and democratic state reforms, he said. Abdel Ahmed said the prime minister referred to the July movement and the restoration of democracy and rule of law through the February 12 election. He presented the government’s 3-R strategy as a long-term roadmap for rebuilding the state. Ahmed said the Prime Minister emphasized on diplomatic dialogue and cooperation over military force and called for redirecting military spending toward development. It also marked the third UNGA speech in Bangla by a member of the Zia family, following Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman in 1980 and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in 1993, highlighting the family’s association with Bangladesh’s political history and global representation, he said.Public reactions reported by BSS reflected particular appreciation for the prime minister’s decision to speak in Bangla at the global forum.

PM calls for tech-driven

while creating new employment opportunities,” the Head of Government said. Referring to the BNP election manifesto, Tarique Rahman said the government has pledged to develop tourism as a modern and land-efficient service sector. As part of the commitment, work is underway on a National Tourism Master Plan, modernisation of relevant laws and policies, and structural reforms in tourism management, he said. Noting that more than 30 tourism clusters are being developed across the country, highlighting Bangladesh’s history, culture and heritage, the Prime Minister said community, eco, rural, culinary, river and coastal tourism are also being promoted to ensure greater participation of local communities in the tourism economy.The government is also facilitating the development of modern hotels, recreational facilities and tourist attractions through public-private partnerships, while expanding policy support and easier financing for small and medium-sized tourism enterprises and start-ups, he said.For expanding international tourism, the Prime Minister said a target has been set to develop an extensive national air connectiv-

The system is failing our children

Md. Neyamul Hossain

inal act. Why children lose their innocence prematurely is another difficult question. The other day, I found myself stuck at a traffic signal, where a young boy served as the conductor of a human haulier in front of me. He was sitting on the back pedestal. His large, expressive eyes scouted the surrounding area. He had an appearance of premature seriousness or wisdom born of hardship. For a split second, I saw the reflection of Oprotim in him. They were roughly of the same age. The boy in front of me clearly did not have the luxury of having parental pampering. Under the international labour standards, he would not be allowed to be in such a dangerous profession under 18. Yet, here we are, ignoring the reality that a school-going child is allowed to swirl through busy Dhaka streets to bring in passengers, confront grown-ups for fares, or negotiate with both uniformed and un-uniformed extortionists at every intersection. If he dies in one of these encounters, will we have the same outburst of emotions Our system operates on a deficit of trust. Oprotim trusted his friends. He was last seen walking together with his presumed murderer. Images help us solve many missing pieces of a mystery. But sometimes they add to further misery. We have seen a number of incidents of leaked photos and video clips of both boys and girls being abused by their teachers in schools, coaching centres, madrasas, and on the streets. It seems children are unsafe everywhere (grown-ups aren’t safe either). But what worries me the most is that, instead of thinking of it as a national calamity, we have grown accustomed to habitual apathy. We create excuses to elevate ourselves to a moral plateau from which every act of violence is rationalised or justified. We are constantly failing in our sacred duty of protecting our children. The situation gets worse when we realise that protections are available only for those who have powerful backings. The alleged murderers of

ity network by 2034, with the aim of establishing Bangladesh as an important aviation hub in South and Southeast Asia.Improved connectivity would facilitate international tourism, while high-value-added hotels, restaurants and entertainment centres would help ensure optimum use of the country’s limited land resources, he said. Tarique Rahman expressed hope that successful implementation of these initiatives would enable the tourism sector to contribute significantly to the national goal of building a US\$1 trillion economy by 2034. He also said digital connectivity would open up new opportunities for women, young people and small entrepreneurs.Emphasising environmental protection, the Prime Minister said tourism development must ensure biodiversity conservation, proper waste management and reduced carbon emissions, particularly in coastal and nature-based tourism.He called for collective efforts by the government, private sector, local communities and young people to transform Bangladesh into a safe, sustainable, technology-driven and world-class tourism destination.

Bangladesh garment

year.The July-August earnings also accounted for 20.86 percent of Bangladesh's total garment export earnings from the UK during the whole of FY26.The UK is one of Bangladesh's major export destinations for readymade garments. The double-digit growth in August contributed to maintaining overall export momentum in the UK market at the beginning of the current fiscal year.Continued growth in garment exports to the UK could also contribute to Bangladesh's overall apparel export performance in the coming months.

Amtali’s traditional Town Hall

of Amtali’s political, social, and cultural activities. At one time, this building and its premises were the hub of various social activities, including meetings, rallies, play rehearsals, and cultural events. With the passage of time, that vibrancy has faded, and the building now stands as a silent witness. According to available information, the government of the time decided in May 1973 to construct an auditorium in every Thana (police station area) of the country. Under that program, the then Member of Parliament and Freedom Fighter, Mohammad Nizam Uddin Ahmed Talukdar, included Amtali in the initial phase. Construction began in November–December of that year following the selection of the site and the allocation of funds. The auditorium was named ‘Amtali Town Hall’. Nurul Islam Pasha Talukdar a Freedom Fighter and the first non-government Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Amtali Thana after independence—was involved in the construction work. Freedom Fighters Amir Hossain Gazi and Mohammad Atahar Uddin Akon prepared the design for the Town Hall, acting on the advice of Freedom Fighter Mohammad Nizam Uddin Ahmed Talukdar. However, construction work came to a halt after August 15, 1975. After remaining abandoned for a long period, a gymnasium was established there around 1977 through the initiative of Freedom Fighter Mohammad Shah Alam Talukdar, funded by local contributions. However, operations ceased after a short time. Hopes were rekindled among local political and cultural activists when the Upazila Parishad undertook a renovation project for the town hall in 1986. Yet, a decision was subsequently made to convert it into a cinema hall. To this end, the Upazila Parishad signed an agreement with Zulfikar Shahin, the owner of Barguna’s Shyamali Cinema Hall. Local cultural activists launched a movement in protest against this decision. Later, during the tenure of the then Upazila Chairman Shamsul Alam Talukdar, the 'Surabhi Cinema Hall' was opened at the site. Although the cinema hall operated for a long time, it eventually closed down due to a lack of commercial success, resulting in outstanding rent owed to the Upazila Parishad. Subsequently, acting on the advice of Mohammad Mahbub-ul-Alam Jhuntu Talukdar a former Chairman of Haldia Union Parishad and a Freedom Fighter local youths, including journalist Bahadur Khan, renovated parts of the town hall, including the stage, with funding from the Upazila Parishad. Following this, regular drama rehearsals and performances began there under the auspices of Amtali Udichi, Muktojoddha Sangsad, and Ekata Club. In the mid-1990s, the building reopened as 'Lovlu Cinema Hall' under the ownership of Abdul Alim from Galachipa. The cinema hall was shut down in 2004 on the orders of the then Member of Parliament, Matiar Rahman Talukdar. Three years later, the building’s tin roof was blown away by Cyclone Sidr in 2007. Since then, no significant renovations have been carried out, and the structure has gradually fallen

into a dilapidated and abandoned state. Ashok Majumdar, President of the Amtali branch of the Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, said, “This town hall was once the heart of Amtali’s cultural scene. Various national and cultural events—such as Pahela Baishakh, International Mother Language Day, Victory Day, and Independence Day—used to be organized here. Large crowds would gather for the rehearsal and performance of patriotic songs, plays, and poetry recitations.” “It is essential to renovate the town hall to facilitate the practice of Bengali heritage and culture, as well as to host social and cultural activities.” Human rights activist Abdur Rahman Saleh said, “Amtali’s traditional town hall has long been in a dilapidated state. If renovated and repaired through government initiatives, the building could once again become a hub for social and cultural activities, benefiting the town’s residents.” Hafizur Rahman, the Amtali Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) and Municipal Administrator, stated, “Plans are being formulated to make the town hall attractive, aesthetically pleasing, and suitable for public use. Prompt measures will be taken to restore the facility, ensuring amenities for citizens while preserving its heritage and aesthetic appeal.” Locals hope that through necessary renovation and modernization, Amtali’s traditional town hall will once again become a vibrant center for meetings, cultural pursuits, and social activities.

Healthcare for Half a Million

to the absence of any permanent blood bank or modern blood storage facility—whether in the public or private sector—relatives are often left frantic and helpless, scrambling to secure blood during critical moments for patients in life-threatening conditions. Often, the inability to procure blood in time creates a critical situation where the lives of critically ill patients hang in the balance. According to local residents and hospital sources, the Mathbaria Upazila Health Complex is the sole healthcare lifeline for a large coastal population. Furthermore, there is a constant, massive demand for blood for various road accident cases, emergency surgeries, childbirth, and patients suffering from thalassemia. However, due to the absence of any modern government-run blood storage facility or blood bank in the upazila, hundreds of patients seeking care and their families are facing immense difficulties. To meet blood requirements during emergencies, patients primarily rely on various local voluntary social organizations, Facebook-based blood donor groups, and personal acquaintances who donate blood. Although voluntary organizations formed by coastal youths work tirelessly to save lives, this reliance on personal networks often proves ineffective in the face of sudden, massive demand or challenges posed by inaccessible locations. Local blood donor Sajib Mitra points out that, due to the area's remote geographical location, it is often impossible to find a blood donor during emergencies. Even when a donor is found, there are no institutional facilities for blood collection and transport, making the process an exhausting ordeal for the donor in their effort to save a patient's life. Establishing a modern, fully equipped blood bank here has become an urgent necessity to safeguard the lives of the half-million people living in this coastal region. Md. Belal Nazim, an advisor to the Mathbaria Betmore Bondhumohol Blood Donors Organization, stated that the organization—formed by local friends—operates through voluntary blood donations. We have around two hundred blood donors; however, at times of urgent need, it becomes difficult to find blood of the negative blood groups. It would be beneficial to have a blood bank here. Acknowledging the blood shortage, Dr. Soumitra Sinha Roy, Resident Medical Officer (RMO) of Mathbaria Upazila Health Complex, stated that there is no designated government blood bank or facility with blood storage capabilities in Mathbaria. Patients and their relatives face immense suffering during emergencies, particularly when blood of 'negative' groups or rare categories is required. To enhance the overall quality of medical services in Mathbaria and save the lives of critically ill patients, it is imperative to urgently establish an institutional blood bank through a government or private initiative. Ordinary citizens and prominent figures of this coastal upazila have demanded that the higher authorities of the Health Department immediately establish a modern blood bank at the Mathbaria Upazila Health Complex.

President calls for effective use

beauty of six distinct seasons together with the warmth and hospitality of our people and our rich culture and heritage turned Bangladesh into a unique destination for travelers,” he said.He noted that tourism sector serves as a powerful area for

Oprotim are reportedly receiving protection from their political allies who engaged them in the mobocracy.This patronage brings us to the recent video footage of a speeding car slamming a lamp post on a somewhat deserted road in Dhaka’s diplomatic zone. A 24-year-old man named Mehedi Hasan, who came to the city in search of work, was resting on the pavement when a car ran into him. Mehedi died instantly. We don’t understand why the teenager detained at the scene—whom the footage shows emerging from the driver’s seat of the car after the crash—was excluded from the accusation. The police case named the family driver as the accused instead of the 17-year-old. A private settlement of Tk 9 lakh has been reported. What message does that give to the child and his peers if money can erase death charges How powerful do you have to be to hush up an accident and replace the perpetrator with another Justice loses its meaning when our insistence on it stops at the edge of our social circle. The reported out-of-court settlement may help the victim’s family with immediate needs, but it will do long-term damage to our institutional trust. If a family with means appears able to redirect blame, every young observer receives a lesson about power. For Oprotim, the son of a university teacher, the source of power might have come from his alleged association with a youth gang. For a schoolboy, the notion of power can stem from his connection with a political leader. There is no way we can look at these acts of violence without referring to hidden arrangements that tend to normalise them. We should ask why a worker’s safety is so fragile, why an unequal negotiation can look like closure, and whether a child from a less influential family would receive the same care in the justice process. A society teaches through its procedures as surely as a school teaches through its lessons. We must learn from our teenagers and help them navigate their challenges in the post-July political climate of rebellion and violence. Only by learning about their needs can we offer them the protection they require.

the country’s economic and infrastructural development, employment generation and poverty alleviation. “The tourism sector is undergoing continuous transformation as the world continues to advance through new innovations and technological developments,” he said. “Digital technologies and Artificial Intelligence are reshaping the structure, management and delivery of tourism services globally, influencing everything from travel planning and access to information to transportation and accommodation,” he added.Against this backdrop, I consider this year’s theme, ‘Digital Agenda and Artificial Intelligence to Redesign Tourism,’ as timely and significant, the President remarked. He also expressed satisfaction over the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism’s observance of the ‘World Tourism Day 2026’ in Bangladesh, as elsewhere across the globe. He noted that the government is committed to advancing the tourism sector in a long-term, sustainable and well-planned manner. “To this end, work is underway to formulate an integrated ‘National Tourism Master Plan’, encompassing 1,498 tourist attractions across the country,” he said. “Initiatives have also been taken to develop tourism facilities in each district based on its tourism potential, local heritage and culture,” he added. Mirza Fakhru'l Islam further noted that alongside updating the National Tourism Policy and establishing a modern tourism training institute, plans are underway to promote eco-tourism and community-based tourism. “The Government’s ongoing initiatives for the advancement of the information technology sector will further accelerate the digital transformation of tourism,” he said. He urged all stakeholders in the public and private sectors to work together to modernise the tourism industry and establish Bangladesh as one of the world’s most attractive tourist destinations. “Online booking, digital payment systems and Artificial Intelligence-based information services will make Bangladesh’s tourist destinations more accessible, secure and attractive,” he said. The President wished every success of the programmes of the day.

Rangpur Range DIG

Abdul Mabud has received the Bangladesh Police Medal (BPM)-Service. On Saturday (September 26), at an event held at Rajarbagh Police Lines in the capital, he received the prestigious ‘Bangladesh Police Medal (BPM)-Service’ from the Hon’ble Home Minister of the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Salahuddin Ahmed. DIG Mohammad Abdul Mabud was awarded this medal in recognition of his special contribution to the performance of professional duties and service-oriented activities of the police. Meanwhile, the achievement of the BPM-Service Medal by the DIG of Rangpur Range has created joy and enthusiasm among police officers and members of the eight districts under Rangpur Range. Rangpur Range Police has congratulated and extended best wishes to him. The members of Rangpur Range Police expressed hope that under the professionalism, efficiency and leadership of DIG Mohammad Abdul Mabud, people-friendly, efficient and technology-based policing activities in Rangpur Range will become more dynamic.

Students' Shutdown a

chain in front of the central Shaheed Minar on campus, announcing a one-point demand and vowing to continue the shutdown until their requirement is met. A torch procession is also scheduled for Thursday evening. According to sources, Prof. Dr. Abu Sadat Muhammad Sayem was removed from the post of CUET Vice-Chancellor on Monday, just 56 days after his appointment. The Ministry of Education subsequently appointed Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shariful Alam from Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET) as the new VC. Terming the ministry’s decision “unjustified,” students launched the movement the following day to demand the reinstatement of the removed VC. Meanwhile, the newly appointed VC, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shariful Alam, is currently staying in Chattogram to assume his office. However, he has been unable to enter the campus due to the ongoing student protests and the locked gate. The university administration has yet to issue an official statement regarding the situation.

Orientation Class-2026' for the

Teachers, students, parents and concerned persons of the college were present at the event organized to welcome the new students and mark the auspicious beginning of a new chapter in their academic life.

Remittance, forex reserves, BoP strengthen Bangladesh's external stability

Staff correspondent

Bangladesh's external sector has strengthened significantly on the back of three key developments -- a sharp rise in workers' remittances, higher foreign exchange reserves and a substantial improvement in the country's overall balance of payments. The latest Bangladesh Bank (BB) data show that the country's overall balance of payments (BoP) moved into a US\$6.61 billion surplus in FY2025-26, almost doubling from the \$3.39 billion surplus recorded in FY2024-25. The improvement has continued into the current fiscal year, with remittance inflows maintaining strong growth and foreign exchange reserves remaining above \$37 billion in August. Workers' remittances reached around \$2.97 billion in August 2026, up around 22.5 percent from \$2.42 billion in the same month of 2025. The August inflow was also about 3.8 percent higher than the \$2.86 billion received in July. As a result, Bangladesh received around \$5.83 billion in remittances during July-August of FY2026-27, nearly 19 percent higher than the corresponding



period of the previous fiscal year. The strong inflow follows a record performance in FY2025-26, when migrant Bangladeshis sent home around \$35.59 billion, compared with \$30.33 billion in FY2024-25. Bangladesh Bank Executive Director and spokesperson Arif Hossain Khan told BSS that the sustained growth in remittances is a positive sign for the country's external sector and reflects growing confidence among expatriate Bangladeshis in sending their earnings through formal banking channels. He said the government and the central bank have been working to make formal remittance channels more convenient and attractive while discouraging illegal

hundi transactions. The six-month March-August period also recorded strong growth, with remittance inflows reaching \$18.94 billion, up 13.1 percent from \$16.74 billion in the corresponding period of 2025. The improvement in remittance and the overall external position has helped Bangladesh Bank rebuild foreign exchange reserves stood at \$37.35 billion at the end of August 2026, compared with \$36.42 billion at the end of July and \$31.17 billion at the end of August 2025. Under the IMF's BPM6 methodology, reserves stood at \$32.44 billion at the end of August, compared with \$31.58 billion in July and \$26.17 billion a year earlier. Thus, gross reserves increased by around \$6.19 billion, or nearly 20 percent, in one year. Bangladesh Bank said the foreign exchange reserve position had followed a rising trend, with the sustained flow of inward remittances contributing to the accumulation of reserves. The foreign exchange market has also remained relatively stable.

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4 years' delay, negligence in measles vaccination behind children's deaths: Health Minister

Staff correspondent

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain blamed a four-year delay and negligence in the measles vaccination programme during the tenure of ousted Awami League government and the interim government for the recent deaths of children. "The death of every child is deeply painful and a matter of shame for the government," he said after inaugurating the second phase of the measles vaccination campaign at Korail TNT playground in Banani on Saturday. The Health Minister said the nation had to pay the price for the previous government's prolonged delay and negligence in importing vaccines from abroad, citing the suspension of the vaccination programme and excuses over the open tender system. Expressing deep sympathy, he said around 1,000 children died of

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National Committee demands mobile Courts on roads to curb fare anarchy

Staff correspondent

The National Committee to Protect Shipping, Roads and Railways has demanded the immediate operation of mobile courts on the roads to stop fare anarchy and harassment of passengers on public transport.

In a joint statement issued today, Saturday (September 25), the organization's president Mohammad Shahid Mia and general secretary Ashis Kumar Dey made the demand to the government. The statement said that although the government has increased fares for buses and other



public transport services following the rise in fuel prices, transport owners have not displayed fare charts on any of the buses operating in Dhaka city. However, displaying fare charts

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Sylhet-Dhaka six-lane highway to be fully ready by mid-2029: Commerce Minister

Staff correspondent

The Sylhet-Dhaka highway will be fully ready for traffic after being upgraded to six lanes by mid-2029, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Mukhtar said on Saturday. He also announced plans to establish an artificial intelligence (AI) training centre in Sylhet to help young people develop skills for the information technology sector. The minister made the remarks as the chief guest at the inaugura

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BEZA of Mirsarai Economic Zone recovered within 3 hours of theft, thieves absconding by The Jorarganj Police

Oli Ullah Nizami, District Correspondent Chattogram.



25.09.2026, Jorarganj Police Station, Chattogram. In a sweeping operation by Jorarganj Police Station, 25 meters of giant electric cable stolen from BEZA of Mirsarai Economic Zone recovered within 3 hours of theft, thieves absconding. On 24/09/2026 at around 10:30 PM, unknown thieves stole 25 meters of five-phase 120

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Indian Drugs Seized in BGB Operation at Rajshahi Border

Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Correspondent

Following the "Zero Tolerance" policy against drugs as per the direction of the Director General, Border Guard Bangladesh, the smart members of Rajshahi Battalion (1 BGB) are conducting special anti-drug

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Death of Uncle Due to Nephew's Stick Blow in Madhukhali Faridpur

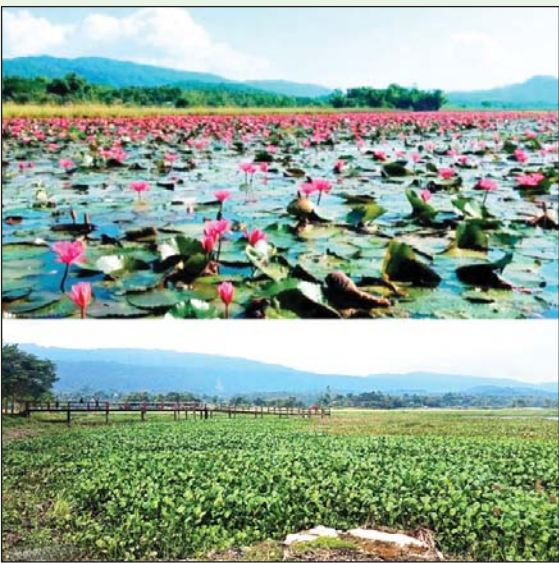
Biplab Kumar Das, Staff Reporter

A person named Mohammad Zahidul Biswas (47) has been killed in a clash between uncle and nephew over the construction of stairs at his home in Bishwaspara, Dumain village of Dumain Union in Madhukhali Upazila, Faridpur. The incident occurred on Friday (25 September) around 11 am in Bishwaspara, Dumain village. The deceased Zahidul Biswas was the son of the late Badiul Alam Biswas of that village. The two nephews involved in the incident are Shakil Biswas (25) and Saimun Biswas (19). Their father is Amod Ali Biswas.

According to local sources, a dispute arose between the uncle and nephews over the construction of stairs at the house. The deceased Zahidul Biswas claimed that the stairs were being built on his land, which would cause him inconvenience in moving

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Water Hyacinth Takes Over Red Water Lily Wetland, Natural Beauty Fading Away



Naem Ahmed, Jaintapur-Gowainghat Sylhet.

Dibir Haor, located in Jaintapur upazila of Sylhet along the border area, was once widely known across the country for its breathtaking beauty of red water lilies. During winter mornings, the sight of countless red water lilies blooming across the vast waters of the wetland attracted nature lovers and tourists from different parts of the country.

However, the familiar landscape of Dibir Haor is gradually changing. Due to prolonged neglect, lack of regular maintenance and inadequate management, a large portion of the wetland is increasingly being covered

by water hyacinth. The green spread of water hyacinth is now visible from a distance in areas where red water lilies once dominated the water surface.

According to local residents, a large number of tourists visit Dibir Haor every winter to enjoy the beauty of its red water lilies. However, the increasing spread of water hyacinth across different parts of the wetland has significantly reduced its former attraction. This is not only threatening the natural beauty and biodiversity of the wetland but may also have a negative impact on the local tourism-dependent economy.

A number of people, including boatmen, small traders, tea and snack shop owners and others from different professions, depend on tourism around Dibir Haor for their livelihoods. They fear that a decline in the number of tourists could also reduce their income. Local residents said that water hyacinth should be removed quickly and regular maintenance should be ensured to restore the wetland's natural aquatic environment. At the same time, long-term plans, awareness campaigns and coordinated initiatives by relevant government and private organizations are essential to protect the environment and

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Three Arrested with 42 Bottles of Foreign Liquor in Companiganj

Naem Ahmed, Jaintapur-Gowainghat Sylhet

Three people have been arrested with 42 bottles of foreign liquor in an operation

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Bicycle Rally in Nilphamari to Bring School Dropouts Back to School

Mohinul Islam Sujan

The Association for Alternative Development (AFD) has conducted an awareness campaign in Nilphamari aimed at reducing child labor and encouraging

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Eight robbers arrested with weapons while preparing for robbery in Bhanga, Faridpur

Biplab Kumar Das, Staff Reporter

Eight robbers, including the leader of the gang, have been arrested by the Bhanga police with local weapons and equipment while preparing for a robbery in Bhanga, Faridpur. They were arrested on Thursday night during an operation in the Madhupara Hasamdia area of Ward No. 5 of Bhanga

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Relief materials and cash assistance provided to the affected helpless families due to river erosion in Faridpur

Biplab Kumar Das, Staff Reporter

In the North Channel Union of Faridpur Sadar Upazila, relief materials and financial assistance have been provided to the helpless families who lost everything due to the severe erosion of the Padma River. Under the Prime Minister's relief fund, rice and cash were distributed to these affected families by the Member of Parliament for Faridpur-3, Chowdhury Nayab Yusuf. On Saturday (26 September) afternoon, he participated in a humanitarian programme organised by the North Channel Union BNP and handed over this assistance to several hundred affected families. During a brief

gathering held during the distribution of relief, Member of Parliament Chowdhury Nayab Yusuf said, "My late father, Chowdhury Kamal Ibn Yusuf, had a deep spiritual connection with the people of the char area of Faridpur. Before his death, he entrusted me with the responsibility of serving and protecting the people of the chars. Whenever the people of this char area have faced any danger, our family has always stood by them."

At this time, expressing anger over the permanent solution to river erosion, the MP further stated, "If sustainable river management and effective measures had been taken in these vulnerable and

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Jubo Dal, Swechchhasebak Dal and Chhatra Dal Rally and Protest Procession in Rajshahi City

Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Correspondent

Jubo Dal, Swechchhasebak Dal and Chhatra Dal held a joint rally and protest march in Rajshahi in protest against destabilizing the country through planned terrorism. As part of the central program, this rally and protest march was held in protest against destabilizing the country through planned terrorism. The rally was held at Rajshahi Sadar Hospital intersection on Friday afternoon. Later, the protest march started from there and ended at Alupatti intersection via Rajshahi Sadar Hospital intersection. The rally was presided over by Rajshahi Metropolitan Jubo Dal Convener Shariful Islam Johnny and conducted by Rajshahi Metropolitan Swechchhasebak Dal Member Secretary Asaduzzaman Johnny. Present at the rally and protest march were Rajshahi Metropolitan Jubo Dal Member Secretary Rafiqul Islam Robi, Rajshahi Metropolitan Swechchhasebak Dal Convener Mir Tareque, Rajshahi Metropolitan Chhatra Dal Convener Rakin Raihan Robin and Member Secretary Imdadul Haque Limon. Also present were Rajshahi Metropolitan Jubo Dal Joint Conveners Rakibul Haque Toffee, Mainul Islam Mintu, Salauddin Biplab, Masudul Haque Mridha Momin (Joint Convener, attached to office), Akhtarul Hasan Apu, Sohel Rana, Engineer Arifuzzaman Sohel, Mojibul Haque Milan, Sarwar Parvez Rocky and Nafiz Imtiaz Danny. Rajshahi Metropolitan Swechchhasebak Dal Joint Conveners Ariful Islam Shiplu, Saeed Ali, Tuhin Sarkar, Abhi Ahmed and Office Secretary Saikat Parvez were present. Rajshahi Metropolitan Chhatra Dal Senior Joint Convener Md. Khaled Bin Walid Abir, Joint Conveners Abul Kalam Azad Tapan and Md. Safayat Hossain Mannat and leaders of various levels also participated in the program. At this time, members of Rajshahi Metropolitan Jubo Dal, conveners, member secretaries and joint conveners of 41 organizational ward Jubo Dals of the metropolis and leaders, conveners, member secretaries, joint conveners and members of 8 thanas of Rajshahi Metropolitan Swechchhasebak Dal, and conveners, member secretaries and leaders and activists of all levels of various educational institutions of Rajshahi Metropolitan Chhatra Dal were present.

Aruail UP Chairman Mosharraf Hossain Arrested

M. Badal Khandaker (District Representative)



Police have arrested Md. Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Chairman of Aruail Union Parishad in Sarail Upazila of Brahmanbaria. He was arrested yesterday, Thursday (September 24), in the evening during a special operation. Immediately after the arrest, he was brought to Sarail Police Station custody under heavy security.

According to a responsible police source, UP Chairman Md. Mosharraf Hossain was a named accused in a regular case listed by the police. He was arrested following legal process in connection with that specific case. Confirming the arrest, Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Sarail Police Station Md. Monzur Kader Bhuiyan told the media, "Aruail Union Parishad Chairman Md. Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan has been arrested by police in a regular case. Further action is being taken against him as per law." However, police declined to immediately disclose details regarding the specific number of the case filed against him, the description of the complaint, or under which sections he has been accused, in the interest of investigation. According to local political and social sources, the arrested Md. Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan is a resident of Bade Aruail village of Aruail Union and his father's name is Aminul Haque. In terms of political background, he was known as an active leader of Jatiya Party in the past. Later, changing his political party, he was serving as the treasurer of the Aruail Union branch committee of Bangladesh Awami League, as confirmed by multiple party sources. The arrest of a public representative in a regular police case has created widespread sensation and mixed reactions throughout Sarail upazila. The local conscious circle has demanded a fair and impartial investigation of the whole incident to uncover the real truth.



Awami League Leader Arrested in Explosives Case in Nazirpur

Pirojpur District Correspondent

Police have arrested Nilu Dariya(58) an Awami League leader, in a case filed under the Explosives Act in Nazirpur upazila of Pirojpur.He was arrested from his residence in Sonapur village of the upazila at around 2:45 am on Thursday (September 24).Nilu, son of late Sekel Uddin Dariya of the same village, is the publicity secretary of the Deulbari Dobura Union Awami League. The activities of the Awami League are currently banned. According to police sources, acting on a tip-off, a team of police led by Sub-Inspector (SI) Naim Hossain, along with SI Milon Biswas and other police personnel, conducted an operation at Nilu's residence in Sonapur village on Thursday night and arrested him. Nazirpur Police Station Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md. Tariqul Islam said Nilu was arrested from Sonapur village in connection with an explosives case. After completing the legal procedures, he was sent to court.

Remittance, forex reserves

Bangladesh Bank's transaction-based reference rate stood at Tk123.17 per US dollar at the close of September 23, while the end-August reference rate was around Tk123.21.The relatively stable exchange market is significant because a narrower gap between formal and informal exchange rates can encourage migrant workers to use formal banking channels for sending money home.The third major indicator is the overall balance of payments.

4 years' delay, negligence

measles out of nearly 18.5 million children.“The nation has had to pay the price for the prolonged delay and negligence. Many mothers have lost their children,”he added.The current government after taking charge took swift measures and successfully implemented a large-scale nationwide vaccination campaign, he the minister.The nationwide measles vaccination campaign targeting 34 lakh children aged six months to 59 months began on Saturday and will continue until October 31

National Committee demands

specifying fares according to distance is mandatory for all types of city and intercity buses.The national committee alleged that taking advantage of the absence of fare charts, bus conductors are charging passengers arbitrary fares.This has led to arguments and even physical altercations between transport workers and passengers.The National Committee also alleged that although such disorder has been continuing for the past four to five days on city buses in the capital as well as on bus services operating between Dhaka and neighboring districts, the regulatory body, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), has remained silent, the statement alleged.The signatories of the statement urged the government to immediately conduct mobile court operations by the BRTA and district administrations in Dhaka and across the country to curb the fare-related exploitation and disorder in public transport.

Sylhet-Dhaka six-lane

tion ceremony of the Metropolitan Business Association at a convention hall in Sylhet city.He said work on upgrading the Sylhet-Dhaka highway to six lanes is progressing as part of ongoing initiatives to improve the country's communication network. Once implemented, the project will improve connectivity between Sylhet and other parts of the country and help expand investment and trade, he said.The minister said he had discussed establishing an AI training centre in Sylhet with the ICT minister and that a final decision would be taken after bringing the minister to Sylhet next week or the following week.e said the initiative was aimed at equipping young people with skills in the information technology sector. “Many young people in the country are earning through freelancing. If opportunities are created for young people in Sylhet to join this sector through training, they will be able to work with different organisations at home and abroad,” he said.Muktadir said improving connectivity, information technology and law and order was essential to increasing investment in Sylhet.There is no alternative to infrastructure development and creating skilled human resources for the overall development of a region, he said.On law and order, the minister said the presence of drugs or juvenile gangs in an area negatively affects investment.He said importance was being given to strengthening technology-based surveillance to ensure security.The minister also announced an initiative to bring Sylhet city under advanced CCTV surveillance.He said the cameras would be capable of facial recognition and effective surveillance at night. Leaders and businessmen of the Metropolitan Business Association attended the programme.

Three Arrested with 42

conducted by the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB-9) in Companiganj, Sylhet. The operation was carried out by setting up a checkpoint on the main road in front of M/s Dhalai Filling Station in the IslamPur area under Companiganj Police Station. According to RAB-9 sources, acting on a tip-off, an operation team learned that several individuals were travelling by an auto-rickshaw from the border area of Sada Pathor towards Companiganj Bazar. Later, a checkpoint was set up in the Islampur area, and the auto-rickshaw was signalled to stop. Sensing the presence of RAB personnel, three individuals attempted to flee but were subsequently detained.During interrogation, they admitted that they were carrying foreign liquor. RAB personnel then searched three school bags and two travel bags in their possession and recovered 42 bottles of foreign liquor.The arrested individuals have been identified as Farhan Ahmed, 21, of Kewa Purba Khanda area under Sreepur Police Station in Gazipur; Imran Sheikh, 24, of Uttar Dighaldi area in Bhola; and Khadija Hossain, 18, of Chandrapratap area under Sreepur Police Station in Magura.

BEZA of Mirsarai Economic Zone RM electric cable installed in a hydraulic static pile driver machine from the under-construction "Investor Club" under BEZA of Mirsarai Economic Zone under Joraganj Police Station. As soon as the news of the incident was received, a smart team of Joraganj Thana Police led by Officer-in-Charge of Joraganj Thana Mr. Mohammad Abdul Halim, with the help of Charsarat Camp Police, conducted an operation in the surrounding area of the incident site. During the operation of Joraganj Thana Police, while the unknown thieves were carrying the stolen cable through the jungle-covered path of the Economic Zone, it was recovered at around 01:30 AM on 25/09/2026. The thieves fled sensing the presence of the police. The estimated value of the stolen cable is 4 lakh taka. Efforts to identify and arrest the thieves are ongoing. A case is being filed in this incident.

Indian Drugs Seized in

operations in the border area. In continuation of this, today on 26 September 2026 at approximately 00:40 AM, the regular patrol team of Bidirpur BOP under Rajshahi Battalion (1 BGB) learned on the basis of secret information that a consignment of drugs would enter Bangladesh through the area named Shekerpara under Godagari Thana. Based on the said information, the BGB patrol team immediately reached the spot and ambushed inside a mango orchard. After lying in ambush for a long time, the patrol team saw a person coming towards the mango orchard. Immediately when chased to catch him, the drug dealer threw away the sack he was carrying and fled. Later, the BGB patrol team searched the sack and was able to seize 54 bottles of Indian Captain liquor (ownerless) from inside it. The process of depositing the seized drugs at Godagari Police Station is underway. BGB intelligence operations are continuing to identify the drug dealer involved in this matter and to take appropriate legal action against him.

Death of Uncle Due

around. During an argument, it is reported that Zahidul Biswas struck his nephew Shakil Biswas on the head with a hoe. Later, Shakil and Saimun, angered, struck Zahidul Biswas on the head, causing him to collapse on the spot. Locals rescued him and took him to the Madhukhali Upazila Health Complex, where the on-duty doctor declared him dead. Regarding this, the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Madhukhali Police Station, Shukdeb Roy, stated, “The deceased's body has been sent for autopsy to the morgue of Faridpur Medical College Hospital. Legal action is underway in this regard.”

Water Hyacinth Takes Over

biodiversity of Dibir Haor.

According to visitors and nature lovers, the red water lilies of Dibir Haor are not merely part of Jaintapur's natural beauty; they are also a unique natural attraction of the border region of Sylhet. Therefore, alongside temporary removal of water hyacinth, permanent management measures should be developed to protect the wetland's biodiversity and ecological balance.Local residents hope that the concerned authorities will soon inspect the current condition of Dibir Haor and take initiatives to remove the water hyacinth and begin conservation activities. Otherwise, the breathtaking kingdom of red water lilies may gradually disappear. One day, the beauty of Dibir Haor may remain only as memories in photographs and stories for future generations, rather than a natural sight they can experience themselves.For the sake of nature and tourism, effective and long-term initiatives to conserve Dibir Haor are urgently needed.

Bicycle Rally in Nilphamari

school dropouts to return to education. As part of the campaign, a bicycle rally was launched on Thursday morning (September 24) from the premises of the Deputy Commissioner's office. The rally traversed the town's main roads and concluded at the Shaheed Minar premises. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Nayiruzzaman inaugurated the bicycle rally by releasing balloons. Additional Superintendent of Police (Nilphamari Circle) Faruk Ahmed attended as a special guest.AFD Executive Head Saida Yasmin delivered the welcome address at the inaugural ceremony. Saida Yasmin stated that Nilphamari faces a significant risk regarding child marriage and child labor. She noted that children are being married off or engaged in labor to earn money at an age when they should be studying and holding books and notebooks. Through this bicycle rally, they aim to convey the message that no child should face early marriage or be drawn into labor, and that school dropouts should return to the classroom.In his speech as the chief guest, Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Nayiruzzaman described the event as a special initiative. He remarked that the bicycle rally would raise public awareness and effectively disseminate the message regarding these objectives. He added, “We also want to prevent child marriage and ensure children do not get involved in labor.” Kajol Roy, Coordinator of the project aimed at enhancing the institutional capacity of women-led organizations in the fight for women's rights (an AFD initiative), stated that work is underway to reduce child marriage and child labor in Nilphamari and Kurigram districts with financial support from Save the Children and the Government of the Netherlands. He said that, in addition to 50 students from five educational institutions, various representatives participated in this campaign.

Eight robbers arrested wit

Municipality. The arrested robbers are Sujan Matubbar (30), Delwar Khandakar alias Delu (40), Md. Mannan alias Mandar Kha (50), Md. Mirajul Sheikh alias Miraj (38), Md. Sohag Kazi (27), Md. Rokib Khan alias Raju (34), Alamgir Molla (35), and Hriday Khan (25). Their homes are in various areas of Faridpur, Madaripur, Gopalganj, and Pirojpur districts. Regarding this, the officer-in-charge of Bhanga police station, Md. Mizanur Rahman, said that a special operation was conducted under the leadership of Sub-Inspector Md. Mamun Howlader with accompanying forces. Based on secret information, an operation was carried out in the Bhanga municipal area, and they were arrested from a garden north of Abdul Majid Talukdar's residence in the Madhupura Hasamdia area while preparing for robbery. During this time, various local weapons and equipment used for robbery were recovered from them. In this incident, the police have filed a case against them and sent them to court after completing the legal process. They have multiple cases against them for robbery and other crimes in various police stations across the country. Among them, there are previously 07 cases against Sujan Matubbar, 08 against Delwar Khandakar alias Delu, 14 against Md. Mannan alias Mandar Kha, 01 against Md. Sohag Kazi, 02 against Md. Rokib Khan alias Raju, and 01 robbery case against Md. Mirajul Sheikh alias Miraj, as reported by the police. They have admitted to preparing for organized robbery during preliminary questioning.

Relief materials and cash assis

erosion-prone areas over the past decade, the people of the char area would not have to face such a horrific situation today. We are making every effort to take long-term and effective measures to prevent the erosion of the Padma River in the near future."Among others present at the event were Nazmul Hasan Chowdhury Ranjan, General Secretary of Kotwali Thana BNP, Tanvir Chowdhury Rubel, Joint Convener of Metropolitan BNP, and former Chairman of North Channel Union, Md. Mostakur Rahman, along with local dignitaries and leaders of the party's affiliated organisations. After the gathering, the Member of Parliament personally handed over rice as food assistance and cash for rehabilitation to the members of families who lost their homes due to river erosion.

Electricity to be Generated from

Development and Co-operatives (LGRD), Mir Shahe Alam, inspected the under-construction waste management and power generation project at the Extension Camp-4 in Kutupalong on Saturday (26 September) at 11:30 AM. During the visit, the State Minister inspected the entire operational process of the project and interacted with the officials and technical experts on site. He inquired about the details of collecting organic and inorganic waste generated in the camps, scientific segregation methods, and the technical mechanisms of converting processed plastic waste into electricity. Project officials stated that the daily activities of millions of Rohingya refugees generate a vast amount of waste, a major portion of which consists of harmful plastics. If unmanaged, this waste poses a severe threat to the soil and nearby water bodies. Through this new facility, waste will be systematically processed and converted into electrical energy, serving the dual purpose of environmental protection and meeting local power demands.Speaking to journalists after the inspection, State Minister Mir Shahe Alam said, “Generating electricity from waste instead of discarding it is a groundbreaking step toward environmental conservation. The primary goal of our elected government is to ensure sustainable development while maintaining ecological balance. Overcoming all conspiracies, this government will elevate the overall development of Cox's Bazar to new heights.”He instructed all relevant agencies to work in a coordinated manner to ensure the swift and successful implementation of the project.Local Members of Parliament Lutfor Rahman Kajal and Jasim Uddin, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government Dr. Md. Monirul Islam, Executive Engineer Mohammad Nasrullah, Project Director Abdul Kayum, and Ukhiya Upazila BNP President Sarwar Jahan Chowdhury, along with high-ranking ministry officials, were also present during the visit.

Govt. directs all educational

Division to ensure greater use of solar power in government offices, the Power Division has set a target for on-grid solar power generation. To implement that target, all educational institutions across the country must install rooftop solar power systems at their own suitable installations under the 'OpEx' model with private investment or from the institution's own funds.The education ministry said instructions have already been issued for extensive use of solar power at key government offices, including Bangabhaban, the Cabinet Division, the Prime Minister's Office, the Planning Commission and the Finance Division.In continuation of that, other government offices and educational institutions must ensure maximum use of solar power in phases.

NESCO Office Besieged in

the rally held during the siege. Speakers included the organization's advisors Anwar Hossain Bablu and Mirza Babar Babul; Member Secretary Ahsanul Arefin Titu; members Md. Sohel and Shahidul Islam Sumon; and affected consumers Naznin Begum, Shahanara Khatun, Shafiqul Islam, and Raja Miyan, among others. At the rally, consumer Shafiqul Islam recounted how NESCO staff visited his home while he was away and spoke to his wife about installing a prepaid meter. He alleged that they told his wife she could face a fine of Tk 20,000 and a lawsuit if the meter was not installed; frightened by this, his wife did not raise any objection. The staff subsequently installed the prepaid meter and left.Shafiqul Islam further stated that since the installation of the prepaid meter, his monthly electricity expenses have increased compared to before.Professor Md. Delwar Hossain, Convener of the Electricity Consumer Forum, stated that NESCO installed the prepaid meters while ignoring consumer opinion. He demanded the immediate cancellation of the prepaid meter project and the reinstatement of the previous digital postpaid meters. Speakers at the rally emphasized that consumer opinions must be valued rather than forcibly imposing prepaid meters upon them. They also demanded that digital postpaid meters be provided for new electricity connections.

No one will be spared if

Mymensingh-Kishoreganj highway this afternoon.The State Minister said the previous government had deprived people of their voting rights for 17 years, while the people settled BNP in power through the 13th Jatiya Sangsad election. Development activities are continuing under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, he said adding development cannot be obstructed through AI-generated videos or threats.He also alleged that the Sheikh Hasina-led government faced allegations of oppression, torture, killings, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings during its 17-year rule, saying those responsible would face justice. Later, Yasser led a protest procession through the main roads of the municipal town.

SI Milton Transferred in

to relevant sources, SI Milton was transferred approximately one week after the report was published. A transfer, however, is an administrative measure and does not by itself establish the truth of any allegation or constitute a disciplinary finding.This has led to a central question among local residents: if the allegations warranted preliminary scrutiny, has a comprehensive investigation been initiated or completed alongside the transferIf the allegations are found to be true, will appropriate departmental and legal action be taken in accordance with applicable rules Conversely, if the allegations are found to be unsubstantiated, will that also be formally established through an investigation Will the Alleged Financial Transactions Be VerifiedTo determine the authenticity of the alleged financial figures, investigators could lawfully examine statements from the concerned individuals, mobile financial service records, bank transactions and other relevant documents. If any financial transactions are found to have occurred, key issues would include the sender and recipient, date, stated purpose of the transaction, and whether any connection existed between such transactions and the officer's official duties.Without examining such evidence, it would be difficult to establish the actual nature of the allegations.Official Duty Records Could Also Be RelevantRecords relating to vehicle inspections, traffic cases, fines, vehicle detention or release, and other official activities conducted while performing high-way duties could also be reviewed.Such records may help determine whether any alleged financial transactions or other allegations had a connection with the officer's official responsibilities. New Allegations and Public QuestionsAccording to an unnamed source, additional serious allegations have also surfaced against SI Milton. The source claimed that, on several occasions, multiple women were allegedly brought to the police station late at night and that allegations involving overnight stays and drug use had also been raised. These allegations have not been independently verified. No conclusion can therefore be drawn regarding their authenticity without an appropriate investigation and supporting evidence. If such allegations are substantiated, questions of accountability and appropriate departmental action would naturally arise. At the same time, the allegations should be investigated fairly so that the facts can be established rather than assumed. The development has also prompted questions among some members of the public as to whether the transfer alone is sufficient to address the allegations. SI Milton's Response SI Milton has previously denied the allegations, describing them as false, baseless and motivated. He has also denied allegations of collecting money, stating that he has no involvement in such activities and that the allegations were made with the intention of targeting him. Local Residents Ask: What Is the Status of the Investigation A section of local residents and alleged victims say that a transfer alone does not resolve allegations.They argue that if evidence of financial transactions, abuse of authority or other misconduct is found, appropriate departmental and legal procedures should follow.They also question whether the authorities will ensure transparent investigation and accountability so that similar allegations do not arise at his new place of posting.Transfer Alone Is Not the End of the MatterWhen serious allegations are raised against a police officer, two issues are important: an impartial examination of the allegations and a fair opportunity for the accused officer to respond.If the allegations are proven, appropriate action should be taken under the law and departmental regulations. At the same time, if the allegations are not substantiated, that should also be clearly established through a proper investigation.The central question now remains:Will there be a full and impartial investigation into the allegations of financial irregularities and abuse of authority raised against SI Milton—or will the matter end with his transferLocal residents and those who have raised the allegations are now awaiting clarification from the relevant authorities.

Indian Tapentadol Tablets Seized by BGB at Rajshahi Border

Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Correspondent

As per the instructions of the Director General, Border Guard Bangladesh, to prevent illegal smuggling of goods, narcotics or illegal trespass through the border, the BGB members in the border area of Rajshahi Battalion (1 BGB) are performing their duties with professionalism by increasing strict intelligence surveillance and patrol activities. In continuation of this, today on 25 September 2026 at approximately 03:30 AM, the operational team of Mirganj BOP under Rajshahi Battalion (1 BGB) learned through its own intelligence source that some narcotics were hidden in Mahadipur mango orchard under Bagha police station for the purpose of selling. Based on the information, the BGB operational team quickly reached the spot and, seeing no one, conducted a search operation inside the mango orchard. At one stage of the search, the operational team saw a small bag hidden in the grass at the base of a mango tree. Later, when the bag was opened by the operational team, they were able to seize 500 pieces of Indian Tapentadol tablets (ownerless) from inside it. The process of depositing the seized narcotics at Bagha Police Station is underway. BGB intelligence operations are continuing to identify the smuggler involved in this matter and to take appropriate legal action against him.



Heavy rain and flooding in Bangkok disrupts traffic and prompts evacuations

International Desk

Persistent rain has flooded several parts of Thailand’s capital since Thursday afternoon, disrupting traffic and forcing some residents to leave their homes. Officials said Saturday that rainfall of more than 20 centimeters (7.8 inches) had accumulated in major canals across Bangkok. Floodwaters spread through several parts of the city, particularly central and eastern areas, leaving roads submerged and bringing traffic to a standstill. Thailand’s Meteorological Department forecast more heavy rain

across most parts of the country through Sunday, attributing the conditions to a strong low-pressure system over the central region and increasingly active southwest monsoon winds. As of Saturday, flooding had affected more than 84,000 people in 21 provinces across Thailand, with the central region among the hardest-hit areas. The government said authorities had issued emergency alerts through the cell-broadcast system to residents in affected locations. Bangkok experienced heavy downpours throughout much of Friday, with intense rain continuing into Saturday. Images

and videos showed major roads under water, while some vehicles were left stranded after drivers were unable to navigate the rising floodwaters. Bangkok Governor Chadchart Sittipunt said heavy rain was likely to continue through Saturday but expressed hope that floodwaters would gradually recede once the rain stopped. He said city authorities were working to drain the accumulated water as quickly as possible. Authorities established several shelters for residents who had to evacuate their homes. Some government facilities were also opened to provide parking areas for vehicles, officials said.

Trump took Xi on ballroom tour: White House

International Desk

US President Donald Trump took Chinese President Xi Jinping and other state dinner guests on a tour of the construction site of his new ballroom, the White House said Friday. Trump suddenly announced that he was “going off” during Thursday’s banquet and wanted to show off the \$400 million project being built next door. “As a special treat in honor of President Xi and Madam Peng, I’d like to invite everyone in the room to visit through that beautiful curtain in the back,” Trump told guests. “It’s one year away from completion of the new ballroom that you’ve heard about, and you will see something that I think you will really love.”

Why Nepal PM Balen Shah addressed UN with sunglasses on

International Desk

Nepal Prime Minister Balendra Shah is known for his trademark dark sunglasses, which have become closely associated with his public image and political persona. Shah, 36, wore his signature full-frame rectangular sunglasses while delivering his maiden address to the UN General Assembly on Thursday. In his speech, he warned world leaders that climate change is threatening the fragile ecology of the Himalayas. Along with the sunglasses, Shah appeared in his familiar attire—a traditional black Nepali hat and a black blazer. According to The Kathmandu Post, Shah follows a specific practice regarding when he wears his sunglasses. He is often seen wearing them during parliamentary sessions, official ceremonies, military parades and photo sessions with foreign ambassadors. However, he reportedly takes them off during cabinet meetings, private discussions and joint meetings. The former rapper-turned-politician has



carried his signature look from his music career into politics. His dark sunglasses have become a defining feature of his public persona, while he largely communicates with the public through social media and rarely gives interviews or holds press conferences. His distinctive eyewear has even become a commercial trend in Nepal. On the country’s leading online shopping platform Daraz, searches for “Balen Shah glasses” bring up a range of sunglasses inspired by his trademark style. Shah first attracted national attention when he won the Kathmandu mayoral election as an independent candidate in 2022, defeating established political forces.

Zelenskyy urges Trump to seek China's help to end Russia-Ukraine war



International Desk

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Friday that he asked U.S. President Donald Trump to urge Chinese President Xi Jinping to use Beijing’s influence over Moscow to help end Russia’s 4½-year invasion of Ukraine. Zelenskyy said he had not yet received details from the White House about Trump’s talks with Xi but expected to learn what was discussed. Zelenskyy visited the United States this week during the U.N. General Assembly and met with Trump on Tuesday as he sought greater international support for Ukraine. NATO countries have described China as a “decisive enabler” of Russian President Vladimir Putin’s war in Ukraine. Zelenskyy shared further details of his U.S. visit in voice messages sent to journalists. US seeks initial technical talks Zelenskyy said Washington wants the

United States, Ukraine and Russia to begin technical-level talks before any meeting between their leaders. According to him, Ukraine is waiting for Washington to suggest a date for the talks, with U.S. officials proposing the United Arab Emirates as the venue. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Friday that Putin and Trump had discussed holding such a meeting during their phone call earlier this month. “I can’t give you any specifics” at this point, Peskov said. Representatives from the three countries held three rounds of talks earlier this year — two in Abu Dhabi and one in Geneva — but failed to make significant progress. Putin, speaking to reporters in St. Petersburg on Friday night, criticized recent Ukrainian attacks deep inside Russia and on Russian-controlled parts of Ukraine. He said proposals to restart negotiations remained on the table, but

negotiations and urged Trump to enforce them. “The sanctions are indeed strong,” Zelenskyy said, adding that the measures were now in the hands of the U.S. president. Zelenskyy also said Trump had confirmed a final decision to allow Ukraine to obtain licenses to produce Patriot air defense systems. Ukraine has been seeking more U.S.-made Patriot systems to defend against Russian ballistic missiles, but supplies have been limited since the war in Iran began on Feb. 28. Trump said in July that he would allow Ukraine to produce the systems itself, but later appeared to reconsider the decision. Ukraine and Russia are major global suppliers of wheat, barley, sunflower oil and other food products. However, attacks on cargo vessels during the war have disrupted shipping through the Black Sea and raised concerns about food shortages.

19 killed by suspected spurious liquor in Nagaland

International Desk

At least 19 people have died across two separate locations in India’s northeastern state of Nagaland over the past two days after consuming a suspected spurious alcoholic drink, police confirmed on Saturday. The fatalities were reported from two areas, with 11 deaths in the Tuensang area and eight in Mokochchung. Nagaland has been a dry state for over three and a half decades, with the sale and consumption of all alcoholic beverages completely banned under state law. Following the tragedy, the Nagaland state government constituted a special task force to trace the origin and distribution source of the toxic liquor. Local police said several individuals have already been arrested in connection with the case.

Putin warns Kiev against escalation, ‘provocative acts’

International Desk

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned Friday that any escalation of tensions or “provocative acts” by Kiev would fail to achieve Ukraine’s desired outcomes and would only worsen the situation for them. “They must understand that no provocative acts or escalation of tensions will deliver the outcome they seek. Such moves will only make the situation worse for them,” Putin said during a press briefing. The Russian president stated that Moscow’s military responses had compelled Kiev to seek ceasefire arrangements across several areas, including halts to attacks on energy facilities and airstrikes. Putin said Russia has begun responding to actions taken by Ukraine, citing an alleged attempt to impose a naval blockade as well as strikes on storage facilities and civilian infrastructure. He added that, according to Russian assessments, Ukraine has damaged more than 100 vessels in the Black Sea.

Indonesia fires threatens critically-endangered orangutan: IUCN

International Desk

Wildfires that tore through Indonesian Borneo’s vast tropical forests have piled pressure on critically endangered Bornean orangutans, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) said Saturday. Indonesia has been battling fires for weeks in parts of Borneo and Sumatra, sending suffocating haze across the islands and neighbouring Malaysia and Singapore. Fires are currently burning within habitats containing 52 percent of Borneo’s orangutan population, including 13 of the 20 largest remaining populations, it said. “Fire and smoke exposure impose measurable physiological, behavioural and ecological costs on orangutans in peat forest habitats,” the conservation network said. During haze, orangutans show signs of fat breakdown despite eating more and resting more, suggesting elevated energy demands likely from an immune system forced to work harder, it said. Wildfires have also been reported in the habitats of five gibbon species across Sumatra and Borneo, the conservation network said. “Gibbons breathe the same smoke-laden air as the people living alongside them, and there is every reason to expect they suffer similar respiratory harm, on top of habitat loss and disruption to the behaviours that keep wild populations viable.” As of Tuesday, Indonesia had rescued 100 animals, including 53 orangutans, that were threatened by the blazes, a forestry ministry spokesman said.

Iran offers seven-day plan to reopen Strait of Hormuz

International Desk

Iran has proposed reopening the Strait of Hormuz within seven days and restarting negotiations with the United States over its nuclear program, provided Washington agrees to several conditions. Tehran wants the U.S. to end its naval blockade of Iranian ports, remove restrictions on Iranian oil exports, and maintain a ceasefire that also covers Lebanon. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi outlined the proposal Friday outside the U.N. Security Council. He said the seven-day period would begin immediately after the United States accepts the plan. According to Araghchi, the initial measures would take roughly four to five days, with the

would support compromises advocated by President Masoud Pezeshkian and Foreign Minister Araghchi. Trita Parsi, executive vice president of the Quincy Institute, said Trump could become more flexible if he believes the proposal could provide political advantages before the midterm elections while also helping lower fuel prices. At the same time, Parsi pointed to significant mistrust, particularly concerns that Iran could use an agreement mainly to gain time to export more oil and reduce economic pressure. There have been additional indications that diplomatic efforts may be gaining momentum. Iranian President Pezeshkian met Qatar’s prime minister early Friday. Qatar has played



Strait of Hormuz reopening on the sixth day. Talks between Iran and the U.S. would then resume on the seventh day to negotiate a broader nuclear agreement. The Strait of Hormuz has become Iran’s most important source of leverage. Before the war, roughly one-fifth of the world’s traded oil and gas passed through the waterway. Disruptions there have affected international energy markets and created political difficulties for President Donald Trump and Republicans ahead of the November midterm elections. The White House has said that American officials are engaged in constructive discussions with mediators regarding the conflict. It also said the United States is helping maintain significant oil exports through the Strait of Hormuz.

There was no immediate response from Gulf Arab governments. However, a person familiar with the discussions told The Associated Press that Saudi Arabia remained doubtful about Iran’s latest proposal. The new plan, which Qatar presented to Washington, closely resembles an agreement reached in June, although the proposed timeline is much shorter. That earlier arrangement included a 60-day interim period but soon broke down after Iran resumed attacks on shipping in the strait. President Trump has indicated that he is not under pressure to reach an agreement, despite high oil prices contributing to inflation. In Iran, meanwhile, questions remain over whether powerful hard-line security officials

a central role in mediating between Iran and the United States, including during indirect discussions at the United Nations this week. U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Wednesday that Washington would be willing to exchange ideas and messages if an opportunity arose. Nevertheless, repeated failures to reach an agreement have left both sides deeply suspicious of each other. The United States and Israel have attacked Iran twice while nuclear negotiations were underway, while Washington and Tehran have each accused the other of violating the June arrangement. Iran analyst Hamidreza Azizi of the International Crisis Group said Tehran may already believe Trump is unlikely to accept the proposal. He argued that Iran could be attempting to demonstrate that it was willing to pursue diplomacy, while portraying the United States as the side that disrupted negotiations through military action. Araghchi also said Friday that more than 5,000 people in Iran had been killed during the nearly seven-month U.S.-Israeli war. The proposed ceasefire would cover Lebanon, where Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah have largely maintained a truce. It remains uncertain whether the arrangement would also address the renewed fighting involving Yemen’s Iran-backed Houthi rebels and Saudi Arabia. Iran may believe that the Houthis’ increased ability to threaten the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, another major global shipping route, could increase pressure on Trump to accept an agreement.



Far-right settlers divert West Bank spring water as Israel backs heritage site takeovers

International Desk

Natural springs and centuries-old pools across the occupied West Bank have traditionally offered relief from the region’s intense summer heat and served as an important source of water for Palestinian communities, supporting both tourism and agriculture. But access to many of these water sources is becoming increasingly restricted for the 2.8 million Palestinians living in the territory, as Israeli settlers, backed by a hard-line government, intensify efforts to take control of springs and archaeological and heritage sites. In one case this summer, water from a natural spring serving the Palestinian village of Fasayil was diverted to a nearby ancient pool. The people who redirected the water used it to fill the pool and promoted it as a new tourist attraction named after Herod, the Roman-appointed king of Judea. Under agreements reached in the 1990s, the pool is located in Area C, which remains under full Israeli military control. Research by Dror Etkes, head of settlement watchdog Kerem Navot, found that the land was privately owned. Palestinian farmer Saad Nemer of Fasayil said the diversion had severely affected his farmland. He said his family possesses documents showing ownership of the land.

COGAT, the Israeli military body responsible for civilian affairs in the West Bank, acknowledged that the water had been diverted “without authorization” and said the matter would be investigated. Other swimming spots have also become flashpoints. An Israeli father of six was shot and killed last week by a Palestinian at a spring in the northern West Bank while he was swimming with his eldest son ahead of the Yom Kippur holiday. Israel has controlled the West Bank since capturing the territory, along with east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, from Jordan and Egypt during the 1967 war. Since then, Israel has established settlements housing more than half a million Israelis on land Palestinians seek for a future independent state. Most of the international community considers the settlements illegal. Earlier this month, amid increased settler violence and actions that have displaced Palestinians, the British government accused Israel of turning “a blind eye” to what it described as “ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in areas of the West Bank — perpetrated by settler terrorists.” Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has condemned settler violence but attributed it to a “handful of rioters” whom he said were harming the reputation of the “law-abiding settler public.”



‘I am not engaged’, Shertaj Jebin responds to rumours

Entertainment Desk

For a few days, rumours have been circulating in the theater community that small screen actress Shertaj Jahan Jebin is engaged.

The news was also published in some media outlets in the country. However, the actress has not commented on the matter so far. Now, in a post on social media, she has directly denied the engagement news. In a post on his social media on Friday, Jebin said that he has not been engaged recently. She claimed that this news about her was published without any kind of communication or verification of information.

Jebin wrote, “I want to make it clear that I have not had any engagements recently. The news is completely false and was published without any contact with me or verification of the information.” The actress is currently abroad, where she said she went for her father’s treatment. She also mentioned that she was

embarrassed to publish news about her personal life without verification in such a situation. Jebin said that her full focus is currently on her father’s treatment and family. Therefore, she considers it undesirable to publish such news about her personal life during a sensitive time like her father’s treatment.

Jebin also highlighted the responsibility of the media in her post. She said that before publishing news about an artiste’s personal life, it is necessary to take the statement of the person concerned and verify the authenticity of the information. She expects such responsibility, especially from the established media.

The actress also requested that the incorrect information published be verified and corrected.

She also urged the concerned person to confirm her statement before publishing any personal or sensitive information about her in the future. Jebin has urged not only the media but also fans to be careful.



I’ve stopped aging a little: Keya Payel

Entertainment Desk

Along with the acting of stars, there is no shortage of interest from fans about their personal lives and beauty. Therefore, various discussions and discussions are regularly held around their favourite stars. Small screen actress Keya Payel, who is on that list, has also recently created curiosity with a comment she made about her age.

It seems like Keya Payel doesn’t want to age! Keya Payel recently appeared at an opening ceremony.

Not only did her presence at the event catch the eye, but her comments about her age also sparked quite a discussion. Regarding her age, Keya Payel said, “I’ve actually stopped talking about my age a little. It’s not like I’m too old.” Her comment has sparked a lot of discussion among netizens.

The actress is not too concerned about her age. Rather, she is comfortable looking at the issue in her own way. Both her presence and speech at the event have created a special interest among the fans.



Keerthy Suresh reunites with ‘Dasara’ team for Nani's ‘The Paradise’

Entertainment Desk

Actress Keerthy Suresh has reunited with her Dasara co-stars for a special dance number in Nani’s upcoming film The Paradise.

Keerthy, who shares a close friendship with Nani, posted several behind-the-scenes photos from the song ahead of the film’s release.

Sharing a glimpse of her chemistry with Nani, she wrote, “Just a few hours to get into the world of The Paradise!”

She also congratulated Nani and director Srikanth Odela for their work on the film. “Wishing only the best to my buddies @nameisnani and @srikanthodela_ for

all the hard work you guys have put in to bring Jadal’s world to the audience,” she wrote. Keerthy said she was happy to work with the Dasara team again.

“Super glad to have had the chance to reunite with my Dasara family for this special one,” she added.

Keerthy and Nani have previously worked together in the 2017 Telugu film Nenu Local and the 2023 film Dasara.

Dasara is a Telugu action drama directed by Odela and produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri.

The film features Nani, Dheekshith Shetty, Keerthy Suresh, Shine Tom Chacko, Samuthirakani, P. Sai Kumar and Shanna Kasim in key roles.

Artistes who have ‘no value’ to Bhabna

Entertainment Desk

Questions have been raised many times about the double standard of artistes who live a life of public morality but live an uncontrolled life including drugs in their private lives.

This time, actress Ashna Habib Bhabna has spoken about some of the unpleasant truths hidden behind the glamour of the showbiz arena.

This time, the actress has brought to the fore the realisations she has gained from what she has seen and experienced in her many years of career.

Bhabna started her journey in the acting world from a young age. She is not unfamiliar with the various behind-the-scenes stories of the entertainment world for the convenience of her work.

After a long experience, Bhabna said that there are many so-called big-name artistes whose personalities and personal lives do not match the hype in any way. In Bhabna’s words, “I won’t lie. I entered the industry at a very young age. Many times I



have heard, ‘Oh, you don’t drink?’ These things are actually inappropriate to say. However, many people are seen talking about big principles in interviews, but in their personal lives they are not at all nice people. We all see that.”

sonality like Syed Jamil Ahmed, he doesn’t have to do any drugs! He works so much that his work becomes his identity.

So, I have to say with great sadness, I don’t consider those who start eating junk food as soon as the evening falls to be real artistes.”

I want my audience to see me in diverse roles: Labonno Chowdhury

Entertainment Desk

Labonno Chowdhury began her acting career as a child artiste, and more than a decade has passed since she embarked on her journey in the entertainment industry. She first garnered attention for her role as Ruby in the film “Bonolota Express”. More recently, she appeared in a lead role in the web film “Mission DDLJ”, which has received a positive response from audiences. In a conversation with the Daily Sun, Labonno spoke about her latest project, her journey from child artiste to adult actress, and her aspirations for the future.

The web film Mission DDLJ



has been released. What kind of response are you receiving? My character in the film is named Diya. She is a very lively girl but is deeply fascinated by 90s-style romance. She dreams of having a love story reminiscent of that era and actively pursues it. Director Asif Jahangir Orko has brought the story to life beautifully. The response has been good, and I have been receiving the kind of reactions I had hoped for.



Radhika confined to her house for 4 days out of fear

Entertainment Desk

Bollywood’s talented actress Radhika Apte, known for her boldness and unconventional roles in the acting world, recently shared a memory of a very scary and painful experience in her life. The star, who is currently in the news for her work in ‘Last Stories 3’, has recently shared a memory of a very scary and painful experience in her life. The actress was confined to her home for four days after an intimate scene from her movie was leaked illegally, fearing for her safety.

The situation got so bad that she had to confront her driver and spot boy for safety reasons.

Talking about her experience of shooting intimate scenes on the shooting floor, Radhika said that the fear of artists does not end once the cameras are turned off. She highlighted from her own experience how life comes to a standstill when the scenes are immorally spread on the internet. Radhika said, “After the scene was leaked, I couldn’t step outside my house for four days out of fear. I always felt like someone was ringing the doorbell and coming to attack me.

My stylist told me that his driver was watching the video over and over again and saying, ‘Are you going to her house?’ Even the watchman in my building had seen the video.” At that time, Radhika was living all alone in her Mumbai flat.

The Paradise nears Rs 100cr worldwide after Day 2

Entertainment Desk

Nani-starrer The Paradise has continued its theatrical run strongly, earning a worldwide gross of Rs 98.50 crore after two days, according to reported box-office figures.

Directed by Srikanth Odela, the action thriller has collected Rs 61.15 crore net in India from 17,681 shows.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the film earned Rs 17.60 crore gross in India, while its net collection stood at Rs 14.90 crore. It recorded 7,049 shows on its second day with an overall theatre occupancy of 32.8%. With the Day 2 earnings, The Paradise has reached Rs 72.50 crore in gross collections in India. Its worldwide gross currently stands at Rs 98.50 crore.

Nani reacts to audience response Nani has also responded to the reactions to the film, acknowledging both praise and criticism from viewers and reviewers. In a post on X, the actor said he had seen the audience’s responses and appreciated both their



support and criticism.

“I have seen all your reactions and responses. I’ve received all your love and equally enjoyed your hilarious trolls. I’m heartwarmed by the way the audience have owned the film, and also learnt from the flaws that critics and reviewers have pointed out,” Nani wrote.

The Paradise stars Nani alongside Mohan Babu, Sonali Kulkarni, Kayadu Lohar, Raghav Juyal, Sampoorani Babu and Easwari Rao. Keerthy Suresh makes a cameo appearance in the film.

AI now acts like potatoes: Oscar winner Marion

Entertainment Desk

From the silver screen to the colorful world of entertainment, the triumph of artificial intelligence, or AI, is now the focus of attention around the world.

The way technology is taking hold has left many actors worried. However, Oscar-winning French actress Marion Cotillard is not so worried about the acting skills of AI stars right now. According to her, the current performance of artificial intelligence is a lot like ‘potatoes’. However, the 50-year-old talented star thinks so with extreme fear that what is just a laugh today may become a reality tomorrow. Cotillard expressed her opinion on AI while recently appearing at the prestigious ‘San Sebastian International Film Festival’ in Spain.

There, she faced the media on the occasion of the premiere of her new movie ‘7h40 se ju-la’.



Salah Uddin Ahmed Talukdar, The End of an Enlightened Life

Amtali (Barguna) Correspondent

To the people of the Amtali-Taltali region in Barguna, Salah Uddin Ahmed Talukdar was a familiar face, a humanitarian, and a true friend of the working class. His passing has cast a shadow of deep grief over the social, political, and professional spheres of the southern region. His departure represents an irreparable loss not just for his family, but for countless others. He held a deep sense of compassion, particularly for the helpless and the impoverished. Thousands of people from Amtali and surrounding areas received medical care and assistance from him. Standing by the sick, the poor, and those in distress was a defining characteristic of his life; extending a helping hand to the best of his ability whenever he heard of someone's suffering was simply part of his nature. The greatest strengths of his personality were his simple lifestyle, courageous spirit, and close bonds with the people. Rising above titles or political affiliations, he mingled freely with the common people. Thus, his identity was not limited to that of a former Upazila Chairman; he had become a beloved leader to the working class and the general public.

Following the news of his death, countless people from Amtali, Taltali, and other parts of Barguna have been expressing their condolences both on social media and in person. Messages of grief from people of all walks of life reflect the love, respect, and gratitude they held for him. For those who benefited from his kindness in any way, memories of his compassionate nature are flooding back today. A person is truly judged by how they are remembered after their death. By that measure, Salah Uddin Ahmed Talukdar was undoubtedly an enlightened soul. His courageous leadership, humanity, willingness to stand by the helpless, and commitment to his family's political ideals will ensure he lives on in people's memories for a long time to come. May Allah the Almighty accept all the good deeds of his life, forgive him, and grant him a place in Jannatul Firdaus (the highest level of Paradise). May the Almighty grant his bereaved family, relatives, colleagues, and countless well-wishers the strength to bear this irreparable loss. People depart, but the good deeds they performed for others endure. Salah Uddin Ahmed Talukdar may you live on in the hearts of the people.

Human Chain by Shikor Organization Against Drugs in Mirsarai

Call to Establish a Drug-Free Society by Building Social Awareness

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A human chain was held today at 11:50 AM at Abu Torab Bazar in Mirsarai Upazila at the initiative of Shikor organization with the aim of preventing the terrible spread of drugs and building a drug-free society. Speakers at the human chain said that drugs not only destroy the life of an individual, but also have a negative impact on a family, society and future generations. Due to drugs, various types of crimes, family unrest and social degradation are being created in society. Therefore, everyone must work together to build social resistance against drugs as well as make the young generation aware. Speakers at the human chain called for building a strong social stance against drug dealing and drug abuse. At the same time, they emphasized on increasing anti-drug awareness, involving youths in sports and creative activities, and making common people aware of the harmful aspects of drugs. The human chain held under the presidency of Imam Hossain, president of Shikor organization, was attended by the organization's secretary Muslim Uddin along with leaders of the organization and local conscious persons. Among others present were Mohammad Nasirullah, Shawkat Jamil, Shahidul Islam and many more. Speakers said that to eradicate drugs, not only relying on law enforcement agencies, but families, educational institutions, social organizations and people of all levels must come forward collectively. It is possible to save society from the terrible effects of drugs through social awareness and collective resistance. From the human chain, a call was made to further strengthen the anti-drug social movement and to work together to build a drug-free, safe and beautiful society.



Release fish in open and institutional water bodies in Bhanga, Faridpur

Biplab Kumar Das, Staff Reporter

In Bhanga, Faridpur, fish fry have been released in various water bodies under the revenue budget for the financial year 2026-27. On Thursday (24 September) afternoon, under the arrangement of the upazila administration and the upazila fisheries department, these fish were released in 2 institutional water bodies and 3 open water bodies of the upazila. In this, 285 kg of Rui species fish fry were released in the council's pond, the Munsef Court's pond, and 3 open water bodies including Atadi. Under the overall supervision of Upazila Fisheries Officer Israt Jahan, present were Upazila Executive Officer Mahmudul Hasan, District Fisheries Officer Nasrin Jahan, Upazila Agriculture Officer Molla Al-Mamun, Social Services Officer Mominur Rahman, along with relevant officials and staff. Upazila Executive Officer Mahmudul Hasan said, keeping in mind the proverb "Fish and rice are the staple of Bengalis," fish farming needs to be increased to meet the demand for protein.



1,500 People Take Oath Month-Long Program by BNP Leader in Mathbaria to Prevent Dengue

Mathbaria (Pirojpur) Correspondent

A month-long public awareness program to prevent dengue has started in Mathbaria, Pirojpur. Municipal BNP General Secretary Mizanur Rahman Mizan has undertaken this program involving residents of nine wards of the municipality for mosquito control, cleanliness drives, and destruction of Aedes mosquito breeding grounds. The program was inaugurated on Saturday (26 September) at 11 am at the Upazila Parishad premises by Ruhul Amin Dulal, Member of Parliament for Pirojpur-3 constituency. About 1,500 people took an oath to remain aware to prevent dengue at the meeting. The program, on the personal initiative of Municipal BNP General Secretary Mizanur Rahman, was attended by Upazila BNP Member Secretary Advocate Rafiqul Islam Babul, Municipal BNP President Jasim Uddin Farazi and leaders and activists of various levels of the party. The organizers said that mosquito nets, mosquito coils and bleaching powder were distributed among the people participating in the program. Alongside, awareness was raised about keeping the yard and surrounding environment clean, removing stagnant water, and destroying potential breeding grounds of Aedes mosquitoes. Later, awareness leaflets on dengue prevention were distributed in various areas of the municipality. The organizers said that dengue cannot be controlled only through mosquito extermination activities. To reduce the risk of dengue, conscious participation of common people is needed in addition to keeping houses and surrounding environment clean. Municipal BNP General Secretary Mizanur Rahman said that this program has been taken to prevent dengue under the direction of BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman. Necessary materials are being distributed along with creating public awareness in nine wards of the municipality. He said that BNP leaders of each ward have been instructed to work locally to prevent dengue. Considering the outbreak of dengue in the district, he called upon everyone to be careful and aware to avoid deaths of patients.

Send XI Wins Opening Match of Arafat Rahman Koko Memorial Football Tournament



M. Badal Khandaker (District Representative) Brahmanbaria

The Arafat Rahman Koko Memorial Football Tournament-2026 (Season-2) has started with a grand arrangement in Brahmanbaria. The tournament was inaugurated on Friday (September 25) at 3 pm at Bholachang football field. In the opening match, Send XI and United Academy XI faced each other. As the result of the match was not decided in the scheduled time, the game went to a tiebreaker. In the end, Send XI won in the tiebreaker. Present as the chief guest at the ceremony was Engineer Khaled Hossain Mahbub Shyamal, MP (Brahmanbaria-3), President, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Commerce and President, Brahmanbaria District BNP. Present as special guests were Alhaj Sirajul Islam Siraj, Administrator, Zila Parishad, Brahmanbaria and General Secretary, Brahmanbaria District BNP; Mahmuda Jahan, Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Brahmanbaria Sadar; Hanif Ali, President, Ramrail UP BNP; Zahirul Haque Khokon (VP Zahir), Senior Vice President, Brahmanbaria District BNP; Hafizur Rahman Molla Kachi, Member No. 1 and former President, Brahmanbaria District BNP; Advocate Tariqul Islam Khan Ruma, Vice President, Brahmanbaria District BNP

The overall management of the tournament was conducted by Mohammad Mafizul Kabir Mahfuz, Mohammad Manik Member and Mozammel Haque Khokon, President, Joshah Football Tournament Management Committee and concerned organizers of Bholachang Football Tournament Management Committee. In his speech as the chief guest, Engineer Khaled Hossain Mahbub Shyamal said, those who organize sports do not just organize games; through such arrangements, it is possible to keep the youth away from drugs. Mentioning that drugs can easily enter this area as it is a border region, he emphasized on increasing public awareness against drugs. He said, there is no alternative to sports to keep the youth away from drugs. Social awareness must be built against drug dealers. At the same time, he also highlighted the need to expand the activities of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishtan (BKSP) in all divisions of the country. The organizers said that this tournament has been organized as part of regular sports events to encourage the youth in sports and keep them away from drugs and various social crimes. Great enthusiasm was seen among local sports lovers surrounding the opening match. A large number of spectators were present on the field and enjoyed the game of the two teams.



Advocate Shahabuddin Panna, a popular figure from Amtali, on his way to Sweden



Amtali (Barguna) Correspondent

Advocate Shahabuddin Panna, a popular figure in the social, cultural and media arena of Amtali, a popular figure from all walks of life and the executive director of the non-governmental development organization Nazrul Smriti Sangsad (NSS), has left Dhaka for Sweden on a week-long official and professional visit. He left for Sweden from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka at around 4 am on Saturday (September 26). During the visit, he will participate in various important programs to be held in Malmö, Sweden. Representatives of partner organizations and relevant individuals from different countries will participate in this visit, organized at the invitation of Barnfonden Insamlingsstiftelse in collaboration with donor organization SIDA. As part of the program, partners' meetings, meetings with senior officials and representatives of donor organizations, project-related dialogues, and experience exchange and exchange of views will be held. During the visit, Advocate Shahabuddin Panna will highlight various aspects of the country's development reality, including the reality of climate change in Bangladesh, its adverse effects on coastal areas, and local-level initiatives and strategies to address climate-related risks. At the same time, he will discuss with representatives of different countries about the exchange of experience in development activities, successful initiatives, future action plans, and the possibility of mutual cooperation. Advocate Shahabuddin Panna has been actively involved in the social and cultural activities of Amtali for a long time. He is the former president of the Amtali Press Club, the admin of the People's Voice of Amtali (PVA), the organizer of Amtali Udichi, and a well-known face involved in various social and developmental activities. His active role in media, human values, culture, and local development is discussed in various circles of Amtali. He is especially involved in various

local-level initiatives on the livelihoods of people in coastal villages, the effects of climate change, child protection, women and social development, and citizen awareness. As the Executive Director of NSS, he has been implementing development activities and working with the local community. The people concerned see the Sweden visit not only as an international visit locally, but also as an opportunity to highlight the reality of the coastal region, including Amtali, on an international scale. The people concerned believe that it will create an opportunity to highlight the multidimensional impact that climate change is having on the lives and livelihoods of the people of the southern region, especially in front of international development partners and representatives of different countries. Advocate Shahabuddin Panna's international experience will play a positive role in local development activities, climate adaptation, social security and community-based development initiatives in the future this is the expectation of people from different classes and professions of Amtali. After the visit, the experience and knowledge gained will be used at the local level to further expand the scope of new initiatives and mutual cooperation for the welfare of the people of the coast - this is the expectation expressed by his colleagues, well-wishers and people from different classes and professions of the southern region.

Attempt to Grab Homestead and Threats in Tanore, Victim Family Living in Insecurity

Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Correspondent.

A serious allegation has been raised in Tanore, Rajshahi, of obstruction, verbal abuse in foul language, attempted assault, and threats of forcible occupation of land while trying to renovate an old homestead on one's own purchased land. In this incident, the victim housewife Srimati Malati Rani (35) has filed a written complaint at Tanore Police Station mentioning three persons by name. According to the complaint, Srimati Malati Rani, wife of Shri Khokon Haldar of Masinda Haldarpara village under Tanore Upazila, has been living permanently with her family by building a house for a long time on 0.0750 acres of land obtained under registered deed No. 1541 dated 27/04/2006 of Tanore Sub-Registry Office. Recently, due to long-term use, their old raw mud house became dilapidated and damaged, so they took initiative to renovate it. But on 17 September 2026 at around 9:00 AM in the morning, when the house renovation work started, three sons of late Suren Haldar of the same area, 1. Shri Probhat Haldar (Katun) (36), 2. Shri Bhadu Haldar (46) and 3. Shri



Mithun Haldar (30) illegally obstructed the work. The victim alleges that when she was forbidden from renovation work, the accused started abusing her in foul language and at one point became aggressive to beat her. They also threatened saying, "This place will be forcibly occupied by any means; and if anyone comes to obstruct this work, the consequences will be dire." After the incident, the victim and her family are spending days in extreme fear and insecurity. Although an attempt was made to settle the matter locally, it failed due to the adamant position of the accused, which caused some delay in filing a written complaint at the police station, the victim said. In this regard, Srimati Malati Rani said, "We have been living on our own purchased land for a long time. But when we tried to renovate it seeing the dilapidated condition of the house, they attempted to grab our land and threatened to kill us. We are now suffering from serious insecurity with our family." When asked about this, Tanore Thana Police said that a written complaint has been received. The process of taking legal action on the matter is ongoing.

In Faridpur, the manager was arrested in the second phase of the SRB's raid on a counterfeit drug factory

Biplab Kumar Das, Staff Reporter

In a counterfeit drug factory in the Goalchamat area of Faridpur city, a large quantity of illegal sexual stimulants and baby gel has been seized by RAB/SRB-19 during a renewed raid. In connection with this incident, the recently expelled senior joint convener of the National Citizen Party (NCP) and owner of the factory, Baijid Hossain Shahed, has been sentenced to imprisonment, and subsequently, his manager Zillur Rahman was arrested. On Thursday (24 September) night, the second phase of this raid was conducted at the establishment named 'Jonota Laboratories Ayurvedic' on Road No. 1 of Goalchamat in the city. The operation was led by Major Farhan, the company commander of SRB-19. According to SRB sources, based on secret information, the first phase of the raid was conducted last Tuesday, during which NCP leader Baijid Hossain Shahed was arrested. Subsequently, based on the information provided by him, a second raid was conducted on Thursday night at 'Jonota Laboratories Ayurvedic'. During the search, the establishment could not show any valid documents or certificates for drug manufacturing. The raid resulted in the seizure of severely harmful counterfeit sexual stimulants and harmful jelly for children from the factory. After the operation, the manager of the estab-



lishment, Zillur Rahman, was sentenced to 20 days of rigorous imprisonment through a mobile court. The seized harmful liquid medicines were destroyed by being thrown into a fire. Due to involvement in unethical and illegal activities, Baijid Hossain Shahed was expelled from the position of senior joint convener of the National Citizen Party (NCP) Faridpur district committee through a press release on Thursday. Confirming the matter, Assistant Commissioner of the District Administration Office, Sakib Rahman Akash, stated that the second raid on this Ayurvedic factory was conducted based on the information provided by the arrested Shahed. Counterfeit drugs that are severely harmful to human health were being produced there without any valid approval.



History of Naming of Brahmanbaria District Brahmanbaria from the House of Brahmins



M. Badal Khandaker (District Representative) Brahmanbaria

Hearing the name Brahmanbaria, a question arises in mind - how was this district named? Behind this name, there are two popular opinions that are hundreds of years old. According to historians, there are multiple opinions about the naming of Brahmanbaria district. From the book "Namkaraner Itikatha" written by S M Shahnoor, it is known that, First opinion: During the reign of the Sen dynasty, there was a great shortage of noble Brahmin families in this region. As a

result, there was disruption in worship in this region. To solve this problem, Lakshman Sen, the last king of the Sen dynasty, brought some Brahmin families to this region from Adisur Kanyakubja. Among them, some Brahmin families built houses in Moulviparha of the town and started living. Many believe that the district was named Brahmanbaria because of the location of those Brahmins' houses. Second opinion: According to another opinion, Shah Sufi Hazrat Kazi Mahmud Shah, an Islamic preacher who came from Delhi, ordered the mentioned Brahmin families to leave this city, from which the name Brahmanbaria is believed to have originated. The regional pronunciation of Brahmanbaria is 'Baunbaira'. Although the short name 'B-Baria' is widely used, in 2011 the Brahmanbaria district administration issued a notification to write 'Brahmanbaria' instead of B-Baria in all cases. It is to be noted that before 1984, Brahmanbaria was a sub-division of Comilla district. In 1984, it emerged as a full-fledged district.

5 Drug Dealers Sentenced to One and a Half Years in Rajapur Rajapur Correspondent

In a mobile court drive in Rajapur upazila of Jhalakathi district, five persons were detained with 123 pieces of Yaba and about 400 grams of Ganja. The drive was conducted on Friday around 7:30 PM in the Gainbari area of Leubunia Bazar in Sathuria Union of the upazila. Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Rifat Ara Moury led the drive. In the drive, these narcotics were recovered from an abandoned house of Raju Gain in the Gainbari area of Leubunia Bazar. There is an allegation that a regular drug den was set up in that house. The five detained in the drive are Yasin (25), son of Nuru Howlader of Hazirhat village of the upazila, Rakib (23), son of Modacher Khan of Narikelbaria village, Emdul (40), son of Sultan of Naikathi village, Miraj Hossain (26), son of Anwar



Hossain of Leubunia village, and Hasibur Rahman (23), son of Habibur Rahman.

Sources related to the drive said that based on secret information, a drive was conducted on Friday evening at the abandoned house of Raju Gain in the Gainbari area of Leubunia Bazar. At that time, five persons staying there were detained. Later, 123 pieces of Yaba and about 400 grams of Ganja were recovered from them.

According to mobile court sources, one of the detained persons has been sentenced to one and a half years imprisonment and fined 20,000 Taka. In default of payment of the fine, he will have to serve one more month in jail.

UNO Rifat Ara Moury said that this drive was conducted as part of the anti-drug drive. She also said that the upazila administration's drive against narcotics will continue. The Yaba and Ganja recovered in the drive have been seized. The process of taking legal action against the other detained persons is underway, concerned sources said.

Locals allege that drug dens have been set up for a long time in several abandoned structures and secluded places around Leubunia Bazar. Locals hope that as a result of this drive by the administration, anti-drug activities in that area will be further intensified.



Thousands of people suffer alone in muddy water due to the formation of small and large potholes on the road of Amtali Fish and Vegetable Market

Amtali (Barguna)Correspondent

Thousands of people who come to the market and travel to the district town are suffering every day due to the formation of small and large potholes on the 500-meter road in front of the Amtali Notun Bazar Fish and Vegetable Market. Since the road falls under the Amtali-Patuakhali Regional Highway, other organizations are not repairing it.

According to the Barguna Road and Public Roads Office, the Amtali Notun Bazar-Barguna Regional Highway was renovated in 2020. Although the Patuakhali-Kuakata road was renovated this year, the 800-meter road from Amtali Notun Bazar to the Amtali Ferry Ghat connected to Barguna has not been renovated. Due to the long-standing lack of renovation of the road, numerous small and large potholes have been created along the 500-meter road in front of the Vegetable and Fish Market next to the Amtali Notun Bazar intersection. During the rainy season, people cannot walk on foot due to the accumulation of water in the potholes.

The vegetable and fish market of Amtoli Municipality is located next to this road. Every day, hundreds of people come to this market to buy and sell fish and vegetables. Various vehicles, including pickups, come to this market for wholesale sale with fish and vegetables from different parts. Moreover, thousands of people travel to the district town every day through this road. Thousands of people are suffering immensely due to the lack of repair on a

road that is important for daily movement. On Thursday morning, it was seen that a large pothole had formed on the 500-meter road from Amtoli Notun Bazar intersection to Fish Market. As the depth of the pothole was large, the mud at the bottom rose and the soil rose above, causing the entire road to be covered in muddy water. Many people who came to the market stumbled and fell on the road and returned home alone in muddy water. Battery-powered auto-rickshaws often get stuck in potholes on this road, causing traffic jams for hours. Hasanul Banna, a buyer who comes to the fish and vegetable market, said that since the road is in bad condition, all his clothes and choppers get ruined in the muddy water on the road while going to the market. So he has to go home and take a bath. Wholesale fish seller Md. Barek Pyada said that no wholesaler wants to come to this market with his car because the road is broken.

Abdur Rahim, a grocer and a charming businessman next to the fish market, said that no one wants to come to this market because the road is in bad condition. Sales have decreased a lot because people do not come. Md. Billal Hossain, deputy assistant engineer of Barguna Sewage Works, said that the potholes will be repaired within a week. He also said that since there is a fish and vegetable market next to the road, the pitch has risen due to excess load and constant water. For a permanent solution to this, funds have been sought to repair the road by pouring RCC in the next financial year.



Police arrested 2 drug dealers with 175 pitch yabas at night in Mohipur of Kalapara

Kalapara (Patuakhali) Correspondent

Police arrested two drug dealers along with 175 pitch yaba in Mohipur of Kalapara of Patuakhali. Meanwhile, 14 thousand 400 taka of drug sales were seized.

The arrested are: Md. Shamsul Haque Biswas (35), Md. Chiddik Howlader alias Chiddik Majhi (40). According to police sources, they were arrested from Sugandha Market area of Mahipur police station on Friday night.

Mohipur Police Station Officer-in-Charge OC Md. Shamim Howlader said that a case has been registered under the Narcotics Control Act. The arrested accused have been sent to the Kalapara court on Saturday. However, this anti-drug campaign continues.

Mother, daughter killed in Manikganj bike accident

Staff correspondent

A mother and her infant daughter were killed in a head-on collision with motorcycle and a passenger bus of Golden Paribahan near at Tepra bus stand area in Dhaka -Aricha Highway under Shibabalaya Upazila in the district this noon.The deceased were identified as Sonia, 26 , daughter of Arfan Ali Sheikh of village Poyla of Jafarganj area and her 10 months girl baby Jannat. Officer-in- Charge (OC) of Barangail Highway Police Harunor Rashid said the accident occurred at around 11.45 am when a motorcycle collided head on with a passenger bus of Golden Paribahan .

There are kheer boats at Kalapara, but the way to reach the ghat is submerged during high tide

Kalapara (Patuakhali) Correspondent

In Kalapara of Patuakhali, the people using the middle ditch have a ghat, there are boats, but there is no way to reach the ghat. At high tide the path is submerged in water, and at low tide it is knee-deep in mud. Hundreds of people of some villages have to step on those tears by force. Sometimes you have to walk over other people's houses in the Ghat. This is how the people who use the canals are suffering for about seven/eight months of the year.

On going to the ground on Thursday, the locals said that the same situation has been going on for a long time but no permanent solution has been found. This ghat is an important communication route for the people of Mithaganj village of Mithaganj union and some surrounding villages.

People of various professions including teachers-students, patients, children, elderly people and farmers travel on this road every day. But lack of connectivity increases their suffering during monsoon season and high tide. When the tidal water rises, the connection path of the ghat is submerged in water. As a result, there is no opportunity to walk. Another irony is created when the water goes down. Situation like getting stuck in tears. Due to this, many are forced to reach the Ghat by taking an alternative route or over other people's houses. This is a picture of Ghat in Tiakhali Union. On the other side, Mithaganj Union part is relatively good, but during the rains, traveling there becomes risky. Especially during low tide, it becomes difficult for the wading passengers. Abdur Rahman Sikder, a local shopkeeper of Kheyaghat area of Tiakhali Union, said that people cannot travel through this road during high tide. I have been seeing this condition of the road since childhood. But teachers, students also use this way. Elevating the road will solve the problem.

Imam and Khatib Maulana of Mithaganj Bara Jame Mosque. Neshar Uddin said, to cross the ditch during the tide, the clothes have to be lifted very high. This is embarrassing for women. Again, you have to cross the knee-high ridge in the valley to climb to the ghat. Kheya Yatri Md. Alamin Mia saidThere are



problems on both sides. But the situation in the north bank is worse. If the road from Beribandh to Kheyaghat is built higher, the long-standing problem will be solved.

The sailor of Kheyaghat said. According to Jahangir Alam, the path to the ghat is filled with water at high tide, and there are knee-deep wats in the low tide. People cannot move properly. Many times we have to sit all day as there are no passengers.

Mithaganj Government Primary School assistant teacher Deepa Sikder said, I have been working here for three years. It has become difficult to come to school every day from Kalapara city. Teachers, students, especially children, elderly and patients suffer more.

The head teacher of the school. Asaduzzaman said, the teachers of our school come from Kalapara city. Apart from this, there are two Madrasahs and a High School in the area. Many teachers of these institutes also have to use this kheya. A permanent solution to the problem is not possible without raising the link road. I have applied to Kalapara upazila executive officer to resolve the matter.

Kalapara LGED Engineer Md. Moniruzzaman said, when the water rises in the tide, it sinks in this Khyaghat, and fills up with tears in the low tide. In fact, the link road needs to be elevated with soil. I will raise it in the next monthly meeting of Upazila Parishad for funding.

Naimul Haque Bhuiyan Holds Opinion Exchange Meeting in Chandina's Ward 6

Pledges to Make Chandina Drug-Free, Curb Crime, Extortion and Tender Manipulation

M. A. Khayer Emon, Cumilla Correspondent

Mayoral candidate Md. Naimul Haque Bhuiyan held an opinion exchange meeting with local voters and residents

Mayor candidate Md. Naimul Haque Bhuiyan held an opinion exchange meeting with local voters and residents of Ward No. 6 of Chandina Municipality as part of his election campaign. The meeting was held from 3:00pm to 6:00pm on Friday at the field of Rarichar Government Primary School in Ward No. 6. Local residents, voters, businessmen and people from different professions attended the programme.

The meeting was presided over by Md. Abul Khaleque, while mayoral candidate Md. Naimul Haque Bhuiyan attended as the chief guest. Panel mayor and councillors Md. Abdur Rob, Md. Farukul Alam, Md. Jahangir Hossain Liton and Md. Jasim Uddin Sarker were present as special guests.

Md. Billal Hossain of Chandiana moderated the meeting, while Md. Shahin Bhuiyan of Rarichar delivered the welcome address. Several local residents also spoke at the meeting, highlighting various issues concerning the municipality and their respective communities.

During the discussion, speakers raised concerns over roads, drainage, water-logging, cleanliness, civic services, local development and social security. They also expressed their expectations for a planned, modern and citizen-friendly municipality. Addressing the gathering, mayoral candidate Naimul Haque Bhuiyan said that, if elected, he would give priority to the overall development of Chandina Municipality and improving civic services. He said, "If I am elected, I will take effective measures to prevent drugs, terrorism, extortion and tender manipulation. I want to work with the residents to build a beautiful, safe and modern municipality." He further said that he had plans to transform Chandina

Municipality into a modern, developed, clean and citizen-friendly model municipality, seeking cooperation from people irrespective of political affiliation and profession.



Local residents, meanwhile, called for effective measures to improve roads and drainage, address waterlogging, maintain cleanliness and strengthen efforts against drugs and juvenile crime.

During the meeting, Naimul Haque Bhuiyan listened to questions and opinions from the residents and assured them that, if elected, he would take steps to address their problems gradually.

A large number of local residents, community representatives, social and political figures and people from different professions attended the meeting.

Illegal establishments evicted in Amtoli

Amtoli (Barguna) Correspondent

Six illegal establishments within the boundaries of the District Council's Dak Bungalow were evicted in Amtoli, Barguna on Wednesday morning. Enamul Haque, Senior Assistant to the Barguna District Council, said that six business establishments within the boundaries of the Amtoli Old Market Dak Bungalow were evicted on Wednesday.

The mentioned businessmen have been doing business illegally within the boundaries of the Dak Bungalow for years. Due to which it was not possible to build a boundary wall for the Dak Bungalow. The Dak Bungalow was unsafe. The businessmen have been



asked to remove their illegal establishments several times, but they did not take this into account. The latest notice to remove their illegal establishments was given. Even after giving the notice, they were continuing their business activities.

On Wednesday morning, Barguna District Council Chief Executive Officer (Deputy Secretary) Aurobindo Bishwas, Amtali Upazila Executive Officer Hasan Hafizur Rahman, Amtali Upazila Assistant Commissioner Bhumi Ranjit Chandra Das, and members of the law enforcement agencies and officials of Barguna District Council were present during the eviction drive.