



Govt moving ahead to implement promises made to people: PM

Staff correspondent

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman today said the new government, having received a strong mandate from the people, is moving ahead with a clear action plan to fulfill its commitments over the next five years. "Our priorities are to protect national interests, maintain policy continuity, ensure economic stability and carry out institutional reforms. We are now moving directly from commitments to implementation," he said.

The prime minister was addressing the inaugural session of the three-day international conference 'Bay of Bengal Conversation (BOBC) 2026', organised by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel here this morning. This year's BOBC is being held under the theme "Fragments, Frontiers and Futures: Navigating Power, Technology and Trust in a World Rewritten". Around 200 speakers, more than 300 delegates and over 1,000 participants

from more than 100 countries are taking part in the conference, which is being held from October 3 to 5. Former Serbian President Boris Tadic, former Maldivian President Mohamed Nasheed and former Malian Prime Minister Moussa Mara, among others, are participating in the conference along with former and incumbent state officials, diplomats, policymakers, researchers, business leaders, technologists and experts from different countries.

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Millat makes surprise airport visit, reviews baggage services

Staff correspondent

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister M. Rashiduzzaman Millat tonight made a surprise visit to Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, reviewing baggage delivery services and directing officials to improve passenger comfort and increase baggage trolleys. The minister visited the airport at around 10:30 pm and inspected the baggage belt area, said a press release. He spoke with passengers waiting to collect their luggage and asked how long they had waited after disembarking. He also sought their views on the baggage delivery process. Passengers expressed satisfaction with baggage delivery management and said they had received their luggage within the stipulated time, according to the release. Millat stressed the need to further improve passenger services and directed officials to give the highest priority to passengers' comfort and satisfaction across airport operations. He also instructed the

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Prime Minister Tarique Rahman Inaugurates Tk 1,542-Crore Irrigation and Flood Control Project in Feni

Jahangir Alam, Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has unveiled the foundation plaque for Phase 1 of the 'Rehabilitation of Muhuri-Kahua Flood Control, Drainage, and Irrigation Project,' implemented at a cost of Tk 1,542.16 crore to modernize flood control, drainage, and irrigation systems in Feni. On Thursday afternoon, the Prime Minister officially inaugurated the mega project at a ceremony organized near the Khoaghat Muhuri Bridge on the outskirts of Parshuram. Following the inauguration, he planted a sapling at the venue and exchanged greetings with the local crowd. Project Scope and Objectives Approved at the National Economic Council (ECNEC) meeting on June 16 this year, the main components of the project include:

Rehabilitation of 67.92 km of embankments
Protection of 11.73 km of riverbanks
Re-excitation of 83.50 km of rivers and reservoirs
Rehabilitation of 27 irrigation structures and construction of 77 inlets
The implementation deadline for the project has been set for 2030. Subsequent phases include plans for river excavation, structural repairs, and the construction of new dams along the Muhuri, Kahua, and Silonia rivers. Participation in Other Development Programs As part of his day-long visit, the Prime Minister participated in a tree-plantation drive at Fulgazi Begum Khaleida Zia Women's College and visited the Fulgazi Zila Parishad Dak Bungalow. While there, he inaugurated the supply of electricity to the national grid from a 962.5 kW capacity rooftop solar power system installed

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Fish farmers of the endangered "Mixed Fish Farming" project Where is the eye of the Ministry of Fisheries

■ Pangas fish Tk 220 per kg in local market



Staff Reporter.

I am talking about some joys and sorrows of fish farmers of the Mohuri Project, Fisheries

Project Zone Area, Mirsarai Upazila, Chattogram District, the largest white fish production area of Bangladesh. The fish farmers of Mohuri Project, the largest white fish producing area of Bangladesh, are on the verge of disappearing. The representative of The Daily Bangla Sky spoke to one of those farmers. He is Haji Abdullah Al Mamun, proprietor of Zara Agro. Mamun bhai said, "There is no more fun in fish farming. I have been farming white fish for the last 15 years, even five years ago, 1 kg of fish was produced per kg of feed. We do mixed farming, in this mixed farming there are Tilapia, Rui, Katla, Mrigal, Minor Carp, Silver Carp, Kalibaus etc. And we supply these fish to local

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Digital registration to enable instant verification of marital status: Asaduzzaman

Staff correspondent

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md Asaduzzaman today said digital registration of marriages and divorces would enable quick verification of marital information from anywhere in the country, even from abroad, as the information would be stored in an integrated database. "One of the key objectives of this system is to store information on the marital relationships of people across the country in a reliable and integrated database. This will make it easier to monitor and verify the number of marriages taking place each year, whether any child marriages are occurring and whether marriage-related laws are being properly enforced," he said. The law minister made the remarks while inaugurating a 10-day training for nikah registrars on using software for online registration of

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Rizvi mourns death of eminent journo Toufique Imrose Khalidi

Staff correspondent

BNP acting secretary general Advocate Ruhul Kabir Rizvi has expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of eminent journalist and bdnews24.com Editor-in-Chief Toufique Imrose Khalidi. In a condolence message issued today, Rizvi prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed his deepest condolences to the bereaved family, admirers and well-wishers. "I am deeply saddened by the death of Toufique Imrose Khalidi," he said. Rizvi said Khalidi, while serving as editor-in-chief of bdnews24.com, remained an uncompromising, honest and dedicated journalist. "In carrying out his professional responsibilities as a journalist, Khalidi was always fear

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20 Women and Children Victims of Abuse in Rajshahi within Two Months, LOFS

Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi correspondent.

In the past two months (August and September), 20 women and children in Rajshahi have been victims of various incidents, including murder, suicide, torture, disappearance, abduction, and sexual harassment, according to Ladies Organization for Social Welfare (LOFS), a development organization. The organization disclosed this information in a report published on September 30. Based on reports published in various daily newspapers in Rajshahi, the documentation cell of LOFS regularly collects and analyzes data on violence against women and children. According to the LOFS report, the situation regarding violence against women and children in the Rajshahi region during August and September is alarming. Incidents of various types of abuse, murder, and suicide occurred surrounding dowry, extramarital affairs, domestic disputes, and romantic conflicts. As per the two-month data, among women and children combined, there were 2 murders, 5 suicides, 1 suicide attempt, 1 rape, 3 cases of torture, 4 missing cases, 1 abduction, 2 instances of sexual harassment, and 1 incident of sodomy. Among the

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Chittagong Port Begins Removal of Hazardous Chemicals After Two Decades

Jahangir Alam, Staff Reporter

Chittagong Port is finally freeing itself from a major safety hazard that lingered over the port for two long decades. The official removal of dangerous and highly flammable chemicals—abandoned in the port yard due to legal disputes, pending cases, and failure by importers to clear their consignments—has officially commenced. Under a special initiative by the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), the drive was launched with the removal of 9 containers in the first phase. According to port sources, approximately 81 tonnes of highly hazardous chemicals have been lying abandoned in 29 containers for years. These chemical substances posed a severe threat of massive fires or major disasters at the port premises. Following this initial phase, the remaining 20 containers will be safely shifted to designated locations in phases. Officials concerned stated that clearing these containers through standard customs and port procedures was not feasible due to prolonged complications. However, prioritizing environmental protection and overall port safety, the removal process was initiated under a special framework. Experts and port users noted that the demand to clear hazardous substances gained urgency following the tragic Beirut port explosion and the BM Container Depot disaster in Sitakunda. This landmark move by the Chittagong Port Authority is expected

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Tk 9.49cr allocated for burial, cremation of Freedom Fighters

Staff correspondent

The Ministry of Liberation War Affairs has allocated Tk 9.49 crore from the 2026-27 fiscal year budget to meet the immediate costs of burial, cremation and transportation of the bodies of freedom fighters. The allocation was announced in an order issued by the ministry's budget wing on September 29. The funds will be released in favor of the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Upazila Nirbahi Officers (UNOs) across the country. According to the order, the money will be drawn from Tk 18 crore allocated for burial grants under the honorarium allowances for wounded and other freedom fighters, as part of the special operational budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year. The concerned district and upazila administrations will withdraw the allocated funds from their respective district or upazila accounts offices. The Chief Accounts and Finance Officer has been requested to send the necessary authority for the total allocation to the relevant accounts offices.

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Solar panel on PM's Gulshan residence supplies 1200 unit power to national grid

Staff correspondent

State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam today said, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has set up a solar panel on the rooftop of his Gulshan residence from which 1200 units of electricity is being supplied to the national grid. The Prime Minister is using 1000 units of electricity from the solar panel on the rooftop of his Gulshan residence and supplying 1,200 units of electricity to the national grid, Shahe Alam said. He said, the Prime Minister has set an example by producing and using solar power. Arrangements will be made to use the rooftops of all government buildings to set up

solar panel to meet their own electricity demand and supply surplus units in the neighbourhood. The state minister also said that the electricity production process should be viewed as a business. He made the remarks at a review meeting titled- Solar Electricity, Dengue Prevention and Development Programme Review Meeting- held at the Cooperative Building in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city today. All Upazila Nirbahi Officers (UNOs) and DD (LG) officials of the country participated in the meeting. Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan and State Minister for Public Administration Abdul Bari were present at the meeting.

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SP Office Gheraoed Demanding Release of Arrested Drug Case Suspect Sujon in Dimla, Several Arrested

Mohimul Islam Sujon, Crime Reporter

Relatives and hired people of Md. Sujon Islam, who is in jail in a drug case in Dimla upazila of Nilphamari, demonstrated in front of the Nilphamari Police Superintendent (SP) office demanding his release. At that time, police chased the protesters and reportedly detained 10 to 12 people. The incident took place in front of the SP office in Nilphamari town on Saturday (October 3) afternoon. The detained persons are being taken to Nilphamari Sadar Police Station and interrogated, according to police sources. Among the detained persons are—Manju, Samiul Islam Hafez, Soad and Abu Sama. Besides, several others have also reportedly been detained. According to police records, Md. Sujon Islam of Purba Dohalpara area of Dimla has several cases filed against him under the Narcotics Control Act at Nilphamari Sadar and Darus Salam police stations in Dhaka. The records mention cases filed at Nilphamari Sadar Police Station in 2018 and 2021 and at Darus Salam Police Station in Dhaka in 2021. Among these, there is also information that a charge sheet was submitted to the court after investigation in one of the cases. Recently, Sujon was arrested in a case and sent to jail through the court. After that, his relatives and hired people gathered in front of the SP office on Saturday afternoon and demonstrated demanding his release. Eyewitnesses said that at one point, when police asked the protesters to leave, the situation became tense. Later, police chased them and detained several people and took them to Sadar

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Childcare is key to our economic progress

Bangladesh has seen a significant rise in women’s employment in both the formal and informal sectors since independence. It is part of the country’s development success story. Yet, in recent times, with the rise of nuclear families, many women have to drop out of the workforce because of the lack of daycare facilities for their young children. Unlike many other countries, Bangladesh has not developed a strong, affordable daycare system that can support working mothers. Needless to say, this is not only a step backwards for women’s empowerment but also a major obstacle to the nation’s economic progress.

Around 2.36 crore women are in the labour force, as per the 2024 Labour Force Survey, but there are currently only 64 government daycare centres, with the capacity to serve around 4,000 children. This glaring gap between the number of working women and the number of state-run daycare centres is exacerbated by the fact that private daycare remains unaffordable for the majority. Moreover, given the prevailing crisis, getting a place at a government daycare centre can take months. Some of these centres are located within institutions (such as the Secretariat complex) that are not accessible to the general public. There is also a lack of information about the other centres, and many parents simply do not know they exist.Tap here to add The Daily Star as a trusted source google-preferred-source-badgeThe long waiting lists at daycare centres point to the high demand for affordable childcare facilities. At around 44 centres, low-income families can get childcare services for as little as Tk 100 per month, while middle-income families pay around Tk 500, with additional admission fees. But due to the limited number of seats and centres, most working mothers are forced to use expensive private daycare facilities. According to our report, private daycare can cost as much as Tk 6,000 to over Tk 9,000 per month for one child. The number of public daycare centres, therefore, must be increased substantially, especially in areas with high concentrations of working women. The proposed 150 new centres must be set up as soon as possible.The government, moreover, should encourage private-sector employers to provide daycare facilities on their own premises. Such initiatives will help expand the number of facilities without placing the entire burden on the state. All daycare centres, however, must meet minimum standards for safety, hygiene, nutrition, staffing, and facilitating early childhood development, with regular monitoring and inspection.

Govt moving ahead to

The prime minister said the government has taken initiatives to make Bangladesh an attractive investment destination and transform the country into a strong hub for production and investment."We want to create extensive employment opportunities in production, services, exports and all other sectors," he said.

Emphasising the need for policy certainty for investors, the prime minister said continuity in long-term policies would provide them with the necessary assurance.

He said the government's social protection programmes had been designed to give priority to the most disadvantaged people.

Under the Family Card initiative, financial assistance will reach the hands of mothers in every family, beginning with the poorest and most marginalised communities, he said.

The Farmers Card will connect farmers with government incentives, agricultural services and markets, while the Health Card will ensure access to healthcare for all, he said, adding that ultimately the Universal Card would bring integrated government services under one umbrella.

Mentioning the government's pledge to take healthcare to people's doorsteps, the prime minister said the government is working to recruit 100,000 health workers, around 80 percent of whom will be women.They will provide primary healthcare, health advice and necessary referral services at the grassroots level, he said, adding that the government is also giving special attention to maternal and child health.On education reform, the prime minister said education should not be limited to obtaining certificates but should prepare students for real life. "We are working to ensure a joyful learning environment," he said.

Millat makes surprise

authorities to promptly increase the number of baggage trolleys.Relevant airport officials and personnel on duty were present during the visit.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman

across government buildings in Fulgazi, Parshuram, and Chhagalnaiya upazilas.

In the afternoon, at a rally held on the grounds of Fulgazi Government Pilot High School, he distributed Family Cards, Farmer Cards, and honorariums to religious workers and priests under social security assistance programs. A total of 510 individuals received Family Cards, 7,643 farmers across the district received Farmer Cards, and 238 imams, muezzins, khadims, and priests received honorariums.

Dignitaries Present

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change and Feni-3 MP Abdul Awal Mintoo; Minister of Water Resources Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie; State Minister for Water Resources Farhad Hossain Azad; Feni-1 MP Rafiqul Alam Majnu; Feni-2 MP Zainal Abedin; and Member of Parliament Rehana Akhtar Ranu.

The Prime Minister departed his Gulshan residence in Dhaka by road at 8:40 AM for Feni. After completing all scheduled programs, he is expected to return to Dhaka this evening.

Fish farmers of the endangered

markets and wholesale markets in various districts of Chattogram Division, alongside district town wholesale markets of Sylhet Division.

The sad thing is, even five years ago the price of feed was below Tk 40 per kg.

Now it is almost double. In September 2026 alone, in two phases, the price of feed per kg increased by Tk 6. Fish feeds in our area come from Jessore or Gazipur. Although there are two or three factories in Chattogram, they cannot supply feed to the Mohuri Project Zone area. So feeds of various companies from Gazipur, Rangpur, Jessore come loaded in trucks. In the meantime, due to the increase in fuel oil price by Tk 20 per litre, our food-carrying charge has increased. On the other hand, the price of feed has increased by Tk 6 per kg in two phases in one month. Moreover, the FCR of feed is not like before. Where earlier FCR was 1:1, now even after crossing 2.2, 1 kg of fish production is not possible. That is, the feed does not contain protein in the right proportion." This was the complaint of Haji Abdullah Al Mamun Bhai, proprietor of Zara Agro.

Not only that, the representative of The Daily Bangla Sky spoke to big fish farmers of the Mayuri Project area, who farm

Seeking justice should not become a burden for abuse survivors

Md. Neyamul Hossain

The burden could continue once a complaint entered the system. Participants spoke of revisiting messages, screenshots and other digital material as part of evidentiary processes.

There was also a quieter source of strain: credibility. While explicit disbelief was uncommon in the participants’ accounts, the tone of questioning, attention to inconsistencies, or focus on their own behaviour sometimes made them feel that they were being scrutinised rather than simply heard. Some began questioning themselves and wondering whether they were overreacting. These experiences don’t mean that investigators face no genuine challenges. Digital evidence can be difficult to collect and assess, and not every participant experienced the justice system in the same way. This was a qualitative study, not a measure of how widespread these experiences are across Bangladesh. But together, these accounts raise a deeper question: what do we mean when we say that someone has access to justice?If a person eventually stops pursuing a case, it is easy to interpret that decision.

They understood why evidence was necessary, but returning repeatedly to distressing material could feel like reliving the experience to prove that the harm was real and serious. Some participants also described long periods without receiving meaningful information about their cases. Not knowing whether a case was progressing or had stalled created anxiety and a sense of powerlessness.

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thing, brother, there is no profit in fish farming.

They can neither say it, nor can they do it.

The fish farmers are drawing the attention and requesting the Honorable Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. There is a ministry called the Ministry of Fisheries in Bangladesh and along with one honorable minister there are many secretaries, bureaucrats, you should at least give a favorable look towards the fish farmers of Mohuri Project Zone, Mohuri Project area, Mirsarai Upazila, Chattogram District, to save the fisheries industry, to save this production-oriented fisheries industry.

Digital registration to

marriages and divorces and other related matters, at BRAC Learning Centre (BLC) in the capital."Once online marriage registration is introduced, it will be possible to verify whether a person has been married before, how many marriages they have had, and whether prior approval from the Arbitration Council, which is required for a new marriage, has been obtained.""As a result, the scope for contracting a marriage by concealing information, secret marriages and subsequently denying a marriage will be reduced. A woman or man will also be able to learn about a prospective partner's previous marriages before making a decision. Overall, this will help reduce the prevalence of polygamy," Md Asaduzzaman added. Mentioning plans to gradually bring marriage registration data under an interoperable system with the National Identity Card (NID), birth registration and passport databases, among other government databases, the law minister said the integration and interconnection of government information systems would make the verification of citizens' identities and relevant information faster and more effective."The world is rapidly moving towards technology-driven systems. Bangladesh must also move forward in line with this trend," he said.

Organized under a pilot project titled "Civil Registration and Vital Statistics: Development of ICT Infrastructure for Marriage and Divorce Registration", a total of 26 nikah registrars are taking part in the training programme.Chaired by Law and Justice Division Secretary Liaquet Ali Molla, the inaugural function was attended by Additional Secretaries Md Khadem Ul Kayes and SM Ershadul Alam, Director General of the Directorate of Bangladesh Legal Aid Md Monjurul Hossain, Inspector General of the Directorate of Registration Shamima Afroze, Project Director Md Azizul Haque and BRAC's Social Empowerment and Legal Protection Programme (SELP) Director Shashwatee Biplob, among others.

Rizvi mourns death of

less and unwavering," he added.

Khalidi died of a brain haemorrhage at a London hospital on Friday at the age of 59.

20 Women and Children

victims, 6 were children and 14 were women.

The report highlights several specific incidents that took place in August and September. These include the sexual harassment of a female student at Monigram High School in Bagha, a female student committing suicide after not achieving her expected SSC exam results, the alleged sodomy of a fifth-grade student in the Katakhalı area, the disappearance of a child from the city's Gorhanga area, and a madrasa student going missing from Paba. Additionally, the report mentions the suicide of a teenager in Puthia, abduction allegations against a Rajshahi University teacher by his wife, an attempted murder of a wife by hacking in Motihar, an allegation of a woman's wrist being severed due to a family dispute in Mohanpur, a housewife attempting suicide due to financial distress in Bagha, and a housewife suffering abuse over a property dispute in Tanore.

The report further notes incidents such as the suicide of a housewife in the city's Motihar area, suicides of two housewives in Tanore and Bagha, allegations against a son for killing an elderly woman in Mohanpur, allegations of a mother-in-law being raped by her son-in-law in Paba, an elderly woman being tortured in Mohanpur, and two women going missing in Bagmara. Furthermore, the report highlights allegations against a husband for hacking his wife to death in Bagha and allegations of sexual harassment involving a female student at Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET).

Shahanaz Parveen, Executive Director of LOFS, stated that beyond the incidents reported in newspapers, many occur-

the justice system in the same way. This was a qualitative study, not a measure of how widespread these experiences are across Bangladesh. But together, these accounts raise a deeper question: what do we mean when we say that someone has access to justice?If a person eventually stops pursuing a case, it is easy to interpret that decision as a lack of interest in justice. The experiences in this study suggest otherwise: for many participants, disengagement was gradual. Emotional exhaustion, procedural demands, delays and uncertainty accumulated over time, and some eventually decided that continuing the process was taking too much from them. Withdrawal could therefore become an act of self-preservation rather than an indication that the original harm no longer mattered.

This should not be mistaken for rejection of formal justice. Legal outcomes were only one part of how justice could be experienced. Safety, dignity, emotional stability and restoration of control could become central to what a meaningful outcome looked like.

Reporting pathways must be made clearer. Someone experiencing image-based abuse or sextortion should not have to navigate

an institutional maze simply to determine where to begin. NGOs, counsellors and legal aid providers can help people understand their options and navigate unfamiliar procedures without deciding for them what they should do. Evidence collection also needs to be sensitive to the nature of the harm. Procedures should minimise unnecessary repetition and provide clearer guidance about handling sensitive material. In addition, justice-seekers should not be left wondering whether their cases are moving, what happens next or what is expected of them. Clear information and regular communication can make an unfamiliar process more manageable.Bangladesh now has legal responses to image-based abuse and sextortion. But legal provisions alone cannot guarantee meaningful access to justice. Meaningful access begins with creating institutions through which victim-survivors can seek help without losing further control over their lives.

rences of abuse against women and children go unrecorded and never come to light. Consequently, there is reason to believe that the actual number of incidents is higher than the published figures.

She added that the published data on violence against women and children in the Rajshahi region is disheartening. Proper investigations must be conducted for these incidents to ensure exemplary punishment for those responsible. If offenders are not brought to justice, they may feel emboldened, leading to an increase in crime rates. On behalf of LOFS, a demand has been made for strict punishment of offenders through fair investigations into all incidents of abuse against women and children.

Chittagong Port Begins

to significantly elevate overall port security.

Industry stakeholders believe that resolving this long-standing bottleneck will not only secure the port yard but also free up valuable space, accelerating cargo handling and boosting operational efficiency.

Tk 9.49cr allocated

The order said the released amount will be adjusted against the designated burial grant allocation in the current fiscal year's budget.The DCs and UNOs will withdraw the funds from the respective district or upazila treasuries through proper bills.

Under the conditions of the allocation, the funds may be used only for the cremation, burial and transportation of the bodies of freedom fighters and for no other purpose.The government financial rules and regulations must be strictly followed in spending the money. The concerned disbursing authorities will be held responsible for any irregularities.Any unspent amount remaining after June 30, 2027, must be deposited into the designated government treasury account, with the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs informed accordingly.The ministry has instructed the DC's of all 64 districts and all UNOs to take necessary measures. Deputy Secretary (Budget) at the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, Dr Md Asaduzzaman, signed the order.

Solar panel on PM’s Gulshan

Urging the UNOs to remain alert at the field level regarding the possibility of destabilizing the situation ahead of the upcoming Durga Puja, Shahe Alam said, no disorder will be allowed. He said instructions have been given to the UNOs to use all their strength to make the local government elections free, fair and impartial; the government will provide all-out cooperation in this regard.He urged the UNOs to provide necessary financial assistance to the extreme poor in their areas if the Ministry of Public Administration cannot provide this money.Local Government division will make arrangements to allocate the fund from revenue sector, he said. The state minister said that the government's important projects are being implemented at the field level under the supervision of the UNOs.

They are directly supervising the implementation of various programmes including the farmer card, family card, imam-muezzin card, and canal excavation, he added.

The BNP government is the government of the people and believes in women's empowerment, Shahe Alam said.He further said that the BNP has also started working to take measures regarding political matters. Besides, he highlighted the need to reduce pressure on groundwater by increasing the supply of surface water from rivers and ponds.

SP Office Gheraoed Demanding

Police Station.Sujon's relatives claimed that he had been wrongly implicated in a drug case. They demanded his release after uncovering the actual facts through a fair investigation.

According to local sources, although Sujon was born into a poor family, it is being discussed in the area that over the past few years he has suddenly become the owner of huge wealth and crores of taka without any visible legitimate business. However, his statement regarding the source of this wealth was not available.Earlier, when law enforcement agencies were searching for him, he allegedly remained in hiding for a long time, according to locals. Later, after coming to Dimla Sadar, he opened a showroom for a new battery-powered auto-rickshaw and allegedly tried to introduce himself as a businessman. Locals alleged that Sujon made his father a candidate for the post of UP member in the UP election and spent around Tk 5 million to get him elected. The incident created widespread discussion in the area. Later, allegations that Sujon suddenly became the owner of huge wealth through drug business created a stir in the area. This time, he was also reportedly campaigning himself as a candidate for chairman.



A different Mirpur-10: Footpaths free of hawkers

Staff correspondent

Footpaths around Hope Market at Mirpur-10 are now largely free of hawkers and makeshift shops following an eviction drive, allowing pedestrians to walk more comfortably along the main roads of the area. Local pedestrians said they are facing fewer difficulties in moving around the area as the footpaths

are no longer occupied by hawkers and mobile shops. The change came two days after a clash between hawkers and Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) staff and police during an eviction drive in the area. Several people, including police personnel, were injured in the clash, which began on the footpath in front of Hope Market as DNCC staff conducted the drive from Mirpur-10 to

Mirpur-14 from around 10am. Two DNCC dump trucks were set on fire and three bulldozers were vandalised during the clash. A police vehicle was also vandalised. The cleared footpaths around Hope Market and nearby areas are allowing pedestrians to use the main roads more freely, with local residents saying the removal of roadside stalls has eased their everyday movement.

Muktadir orders action if abnormal Malta pricing found

Staff correspondent

Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir today directed the Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection (DNCRP) to take action if evidence of abnormal pricing of imported Malta is found, expressing concern over the retail price reaching Tk 520 per kilogram. At the same time, he urged importers to open letters of credit (LCs) promptly and increase imports to boost market supply and bring prices under control. The minister gave the directives at an exchange meeting with traders and representatives of relevant government agencies at the conference room of the Ministry of Commerce at the Secretariat in the city, said a press release. Expressing dissatisfaction over the prevailing price of Malta, Muktadir asked traders to explain how the retail price had reached Tk 520 per kilogram after accounting for import costs,

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Re-digging of self-sustaining canals in Kalapara after 45 years brings relief to thousands of farmers

Kalapara (Patuakhali) Correspondent.

Re-examination of self-supporting canal from Haripara to Budhpara running through Baliaiali-Mithaganj two unions of Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali has been completed and the farmers are relieved. On Friday, it was found that the canal has come back to life after 45 years. Water flow has started again in the almost dead canal. Local farmers are seeing new hope in this. At the same time, the locals expect the economic activities in the surrounding commercial centers including Baliaiali market to be more dynamic. Meanwhile, after the excavation of the canal, fruit and forest trees have been planted on both banks and the view has been improved with red and green plastic fences. According to the office of the Upazila Project Implementation Officer, the total length of the excavated canal is 1450 meters, the surface of the canal is 22 meters, and the bottom is 12 meters. The total cost of digging the canal is Rs.

1,14,05,279.

Local residents said that in 1981 martyred President Ziaur Rahman came to visit Kalapara of Patuakhali and dug this self-supporting canal. Due to the encroachment, pollution and sedimentation of the canal dug 45 years ago, nearly 5 thousand acres of land in the two unions remained uncultivated due to lack of fresh water during the dry season. Hundreds of poultry and cattle died in the salt water. The farmer would become unemployed. Now the implementation of the mining project has put a smile on the face of the farmer.

Upazila project implementation officer. Mokchedul Alam said that Martyr President Ziaur Rahman came to Patuakhali's visit to Kalapara and dug this self-supporting canal. We have implemented re-excavation of 1450 meters of the canal. MP Sir Dew has given letter to excavate the remaining part. Work will be started after allotment. Mithaganj Union Parishad Chairman Mejbah Uddin Khan Dulal and Union BNP President

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Intervention of Land Minister Sought to Stop 'Fake Journalism' in Rajshahi

Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Correspondent

A written application has been submitted to the Land Minister and Member of Parliament for Rajshahi Sadar-2 constituency, demanding an investigation and legal action against allegations of extortion, intimidation, fraud, and unprofessional conduct using the identity of journalism, as well as ensuring a safe working environment for professional journalists in Rajshahi. A section of professional journalists in Rajshahi submitted the appeal.

The application stated that some individuals are allegedly using the identity and status of journalism to exert influence over various institutions and individuals, threaten them, secure undue benefits, and serve personal or group interests. To distinguish genuine journalists from such individuals, a demand was also made to establish an identity verification system in coordination with the relevant media houses and journalistic organizations.

The application also raised allegations regarding the current situation of the Rajshahi Press

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Individual Misdeeds Cannot Be Blamed on an Entire Community, Hema Chakma

Staff Reporter (Hill tracks)

Imposing the blame for an individual's crime on an entire ethnic group and labeling people indiscriminately as "hill terrorists" based on their identity is unreasonable, said Hema Chakma, an executive member of the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU). She made these remarks while addressing concerns regarding the current security system, administrative environment, and the harassment of locals based on ethnicity in the Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT).

?In an interview, Hema Chakma highlighted the distinction between security operations and administrative control in the hill region. Clarifying her position, she stated that they are not advocating for the complete withdrawal of the army, but rather an end to "military rule."

? "We are not asking for army withdrawal from the hills; we want an end to military rule. In a sovereign country, there cannot be dual policies for citizens living in the plains and those in the hills. The army can remain deployed for national defense, but administrative control or ruling over ordinary citizens should not be their responsibility," she said.

?Highlighting the disparity in daily civic experiences between residents of the plains and the hills, the DUCSU member alleged that while a citizen in the plains can move freely, ordinary people in the hills face frequent searches and interrogations just for traveling or carrying daily necessities.

?Criticizing the tendency to make assumptions based on ethnic identity, she added, "During bus searches in Rangamati, Bengali passengers often pass by simply showing their identity cards, whereas hill people face thorough bag searches. It seems there is a predefined mindset that 'because I am a Chakma, I might be a terrorist.'"

?Citing the recent crisis affecting the Bawm community, she noted that while punishing individuals involved in specific crimes or bank robberies is justifiable, subjected an entire ethnic group including women and children to blanket surveillance or arrests is unacceptable. ?Acknowledging the importance of security, Hema

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KUET researchers explore fuel production from waste

Staff correspondent

Researchers at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET) have made significant progress in producing diesel-rich bio-crude from human waste, sewage sludge and agricultural residues, opening up prospects for reducing Bangladesh's dependence on imported liquid fuels. The research, led by Professor Dr Md Khalequzzaman of the Department of Civil Engineering, has been underway since 2016 with the participation of 13 researchers. Initially, the researchers focused on producing petrol- and octane-range fuel-rich bio-crude from human waste and sewage treatment plant sludge. Laboratory experiments produced bio-crude with a yield of 50 to 55 percent. Given Bangladesh's high dependence on imported diesel, which accounts for around 70 to 75 percent of the country's liquid fuel imports and involves an estimated annual foreign exchange expenditure of US\$3.5 billion to US\$4 billion, the researchers later shifted their focus to producing diesel-rich bio-crude. By mixing the waste with rice

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New legal framework reshapes property transfer procedures

Staff correspondent

The passage of the Transfer of Property (Amendment) Act, 2026 has opened a new horizon in the country's legal framework for property transfers by introducing a recent method of gifting property that allows donors to retain the right to enjoy and use it throughout their lifetime, even after transferring its ownership to the recipient. "We have opened a new horizon in property transfers. This law will neither obstruct nor undermine the transfer of property through beba, gift or any other means," Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md Asaduzzaman told BSS.

He said the new law provides an alternative mechanism under the existing property transfer law. "If anyone wants to make a beba, they can do so. There is no obstacle there. If anyone wants to deal with property under another law, they can do so as well. There is no obstacle there either," the

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Accusation Against SI Motaleb of Releasing Two Drug Dealers in Exchange for BDT 60,000 Bribe



Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Representative

Serious allegations of bribery have surfaced

against Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Md. Abdul Motaleb of Chapainawabganj Sadar Police Station, accusing him of releasing two alleged drug dealers in exchange for BDT 60,000. Following a raid on September 17, 2026, in the Char Baliaghata area under Sadar Police Station, three individuals were initially detained. However, after negotiations, two of them

were released upon receiving money via cash and bKash. ?According to sources related to the complaint, ASI

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Altercation Among Contractors Over Pending Bills at West Zone Railway HQ



Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Correspondent

An altercation broke out between two factions of contractors over the clearance of pending bills at the Controller of Stores (COS) office in the headquarters of West Zone Railway. Allegations have emerged that three local contractors aggressed against others, demanding that their bills be processed first. The incident occurred on Monday afternoon. Upon receiving the news, 20-25 contractors went to the COS office to demand the release

dictate that bills should be paid chronologically based on work completion, the allocated amount fell short of what was required. Consequently, Controller of Stores Nahid Hossain took the initiative to clear smaller bill amounts first. The three mentioned contractors objected to this approach.

Eyewitnesses reported that contractors gathered at the COS office on Monday afternoon for their payments. At one point, Bhutan, Appel, and Shariful pressured authorities to give priority to

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Bangladesh scales up disaster preparedness amid growing vulnerabilities

Staff correspondent

Bangladesh is expanding disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness measures as floods, cyclones, tidal surges, river erosion and other natural calamities continue to threaten lives, livelihoods and infrastructure across the country. The government has allocated more than Tk 1,510 crore for the Cash for Work programme and over Tk 1,454 crore for rural infrastructure maintenance in the current fiscal year, according to a budget document.

The measures form part of a broader disaster management strategy that combines

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Around 250 Sacks of Smuggled Indian Sarees and Three-Piece Seized in Pirojpur

G.M. Adol Pirojpur District Correspondent.

A large consignment of Indian sarees, lungis and Punjabi garments was recovered during a joint operation by the Bangladesh Coast Guard and police in Pirojpur. A fishing trawler allegedly used for smuggling the goods was also seized.

However, 4-5 people, including the trawler's boatman, managed to flee the scene. The operation was conducted in the early hours of Saturday

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Reception for meritorious students who obtained GPA-5 in SSC and Dakhil examinations on behalf of Mirsarai

Constituency Member of Parliament Nurul Amin

Jwel Nag, Mirsarai Correspondent.

This reception was held at the Upazila Auditorium on the initiative of Member of Parliament Nurul Amin in Mirsarai. Three hundred students who obtained GPA-5 in SSC and equivalent examinations of the upazila participated in it. The chief guest at the event was Mirsarai Member of Parliament Nurul Amin. Speaking

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Notorious Female Human Trafficker Arrested in Jagannathpur, Shocking Information Emerges

Naeem Ahmed, Sylhet Correspondent.

Police have arrested an alleged notorious female human trafficker, Shobi Begum (30), and her brother Shamsul (28), in Jagannathpur of Sunamganj for allegedly trafficking people by luring them with promises of well-paying jobs in Italy. Acting on a tip-off, Jagannathpur police conducted an operation in the Shahporan police station area of Sylhet and arrested the two. Police said at least four cases have been filed against them under the Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking Act. According to allegations, they collected crores of taka from local youths promising to send them to Italy, but instead sent

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FlyDubai co-pilot barred from flying in Oman over extremism concerns



International Desk

The FlyDubai co-pilot accused of stabbing the captain in an apparent attempt to bring down a flight carrying 182 people had previously been prohibited from flying in his home country of Oman because of concerns about extremist views, a source familiar with the matter told The Associated Press on Saturday. Meanwhile, a Palestinian citizen of Israel who was seeking election in Israel has decided to withdraw his candidacy following controversy over comments he made about Hamas’ Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

Oman barred co-pilot from flying over extremism concerns

The FlyDubai co-pilot who authorities say nearly caused a plane carrying 182 passengers to crash had earlier been banned from flying in Oman amid concerns over his alleged extremist beliefs, according to a person familiar with the case.

The source, speaking anonymously because of the ongoing investigation, said the co-pilot was later employed by the Dubai-based airline. It remains unclear how thoroughly he was screened before being hired in the United Arab Emirates. The Wall Street Journal first reported that Oman had prohibited him from flying.

Injured captain says he returned to cockpit to protect passengers

Indian airline Captain Smit Machchhar, who helped stop what appeared to be an attempt to crash a flight headed for Tel Aviv, told Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi that he realized he had to regain his footing to protect those on board.

Speaking from a hospital in Abu Dhabi, Machchhar said he had suffered multiple injuries and had collapsed after being attacked by his co-pilot. He said he understood that unless he managed to get back up, the passengers could lose their lives.

Machchhar was seriously wounded during Wednesday’s incident but succeeded in opening the cockpit door. Passengers then entered the cockpit and restrained the attacker as the Boeing 737 went into a steep descent, according to witnesses and Israeli authorities.

Tanker hit by projectile in Strait of Hormuz

A tanker traveling through the Strait of Hormuz was hit by an unidentified pro-



10 hospitalized after car hits crowd in Australia's Newcastle

International Desk

Ten people have been hospitalized after a car crashed into a crowd in the Australian city of Newcastle, 110 km north of Sydney, on Saturday morning.

The assistant commissioner of police in the Australian state of New South Wales, David Waddell, told reporters on Saturday afternoon that a car was driving erratically before the driver lost control and crashed into a crowd around 9:30 a.m. local time.

He said that the crowd had gathered along the side of the road as part of an official farewell event for local team the Newcastle Knights as they traveled to Sydney to play in the National Rugby League grand final on Sunday night.

Police said that 10 people were injured, including a five-year-old girl and a 67-year-old man who were hospitalized in critical condition.

The remaining eight people, including a second five-year-old girl and a two-year-old girl, were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The ambulance service earlier reported that nine people were injured.

The driver of the vehicle, an 18-year-old man, was arrested at the scene and taken to hospital for mandatory drug and alcohol testing. Waddell said that he would likely be charged by police on Saturday.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said in a statement posted on social media that it should have been a weekend of excitement and pride in Newcastle. "My thoughts are with everyone injured or involved in the horrible incident this morning in Newcastle," he said.

6 killed, 10 injured in bus accident in Nepal

International Desk

Six people were killed and 10 others injured after a passenger bus was involved in an accident in Nepal's Nawalparasi East district, police said Saturday. The bus, carrying 18 people, was traveling to Kathmandu from Banke district in western Nepal when the accident occurred, according to police. Nine of the injured are hospitalized, and one of the critically injured has been referred to a Chitwan-based hospital, Anil Pandit, spokesperson at the district police, told Xinhua.

A preliminary investigation indicated that brake failure may have caused the accident, after which the bus crashed into a retaining wall, Pandit said.



G7 countries to release 100 million barrels of oil and diesel as fuel prices surge

International Desk

The Group of Seven (G7) wealthy nations announced Friday that they will release about 100 million barrels of oil and refined petroleum products in the coming weeks. A major portion of the initial release will consist of diesel, following a sharp rise in fuel prices in the United States.

U.S. President Donald Trump said the diesel supplies would be released “immediately.” The G7 has pledged to begin with a large, accelerated release of diesel within 20 days, with the remaining supplies to be distributed over the following four months.

The move comes as Trump and Republicans face growing pressure over rising energy costs ahead of the Nov. 3 midterm elections. Trump announced the decision on social media Friday. An AP-NORC poll showed that public approval of his handling of the economy had fallen to its lowest level, as the war involving Iran and ongoing trade disputes have contributed to higher prices for oil and other goods.

Fuel costs in the United States and other countries have climbed sharply during the eight-month war. Trump has repeatedly argued that the economic costs are justified by efforts to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons. According to AAA, the average U.S. diesel price stood at \$6.37 per gallon Friday, following a record \$6.52 on Sept. 22. Diesel prices have also reached record levels in parts of Europe.

Michael Lynch, a distinguished fellow at the Energy Policy Research Foundation, said releasing diesel reserves in Europe could reduce the amount of U.S. diesel being exported. He estimated that this could eventually bring U.S. diesel prices down by roughly 25 to 50 cents per gallon.

Macron says the move could reduce fuel costs France currently holds the rotating presidency of the G7 and announced the agreement following a video meeting chaired by French President Emmanuel Macron. The G7 consists of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, with the European Union also represented.

The latest decision follows a March agreement under which members of the International Energy Agency planned to release 426 million barrels of oil and petroleum products in an effort to stabilize global markets. European Union countries had committed around 92 million barrels, with a significant share consisting of refined products such as diesel.

Macron said the coordinated action demonstrated unity among the countries involved and should help ease fuel prices. He also said the additional supply would increase liquidity in the market. Several factors have contributed to the rise in diesel prices. Along with higher crude oil costs, Russia has restricted fuel exports following Ukrainian drone attacks on its refineries. Although European countries do not purchase Russian diesel directly, countries such as Turkey and those in Latin America that previously bought Russian supplies are now competing with Europe for

alternative sources.

Supplies of refined petroleum products from Persian Gulf producers have also declined because of war-related damage and disruptions to export routes.

Following the G7 announcement, U.S. oil prices fell about 2%. However, analyst Pavel Molchanov of Raymond James said the market response was limited because it remained unclear whether the 100 million barrels represented an additional release or the completion of an earlier commitment made in March.

G7 rejects restrictions on energy exports

Some Republicans in the United States had urged Trump to restrict diesel exports in an attempt to reduce domestic fuel prices. However, the G7 agreement specifically states that members will not impose restrictions on energy exports to one another.

Energy analysts have warned that restricting U.S. diesel exports could initially reduce domestic prices but could create problems later. Because refineries produce diesel alongside other petroleum products, reducing diesel production could also reduce supplies of gasoline and other fuels.

Trump said Friday that the United States had no plans to impose such an export ban.

“We’re not going to be doing the export ban,” Trump told reporters at the White House, adding that both Europe and the United States were contributing significantly to the effort. Analysts warn of possible long-term consequences

Some energy experts caution that releasing emergency reserves may provide temporary relief while creating longer-term risks.

Jim Krane, an energy research fellow at Rice University’s Baker Institute, said using strategic reserves could reduce fuel prices for a limited period but would leave Europe with smaller emergency supplies. Those reserves would eventually have to be replenished, ideally when prices are lower, although it is uncertain when that opportunity will arise.

Krane also noted that the current environment, with two wars affecting refineries and international fuel shipments, makes it particularly risky to reduce emergency stockpiles when future prices and potential peace agreements remain uncertain.

According to the French Embassy in the United States, Trump spoke with Macron overnight about rising fuel prices and the availability of petroleum products. Macron later chaired the G7 video conference on the issue.

A White House official, speaking anonymously because they were not authorized to comment publicly, said Trump also joined the G7 meeting to discuss the release of European diesel reserves.

Meanwhile, Trump began what he described Thursday as a 32-day series of political rallies aimed at supporting Republican candidates in the November elections. The president has increasingly expressed frustration that voters do not sufficiently recognize what he considers his administration’s achievements. Earlier this week, Trump gave his economic performance an A-plus but acknowledged that his administration was doing “an extremely poor job of promotion.”



Israeli settlers attack Palestinians, burn olive trees in West Bank

International Desk

Israeli settlers have burnt down olive trees on Palestinian farmland in the West Bank village of Abu Dis, while Israeli forces fired gas bombs at Palestinians and journalists in Osarin, according to reports on Saturday.

Dozens of Israeli settlers raided Osarin village, located south of Nablus, attacking residential homes, hurling stones at vehicles, and assaulting several local residents, the Palestinian media reported. Several Palestinians sustained injuries during the raid.

Among the casualties, a 50-year-old Palestinian man was brutally beaten by settlers, suffering multiple injuries before being transferred to a hospital for treatment, the media added. During the confrontations in Osarin, Israeli security forces fired gas bombs toward local Palestinians and journalists present at the scene.

In a separate incident in the occupied West Bank, settlers set fire to olive trees on Palestinian-owned lands in the village of Abu Dis, according to ground reports.

Over 70 killed in intense fighting in Yemen’s Taiz

International Desk

More than 70 people have reportedly died during 24 hours of intense clashes between Yemen’s Houthi movement and government forces in the southwestern province of Taiz, according to military and medical sources. Both sides have also exchanged claims over air and missile attacks.

A Yemeni government military official, speaking anonymously, said more than 20 government troops and around 10 allied local fighters were killed, while dozens more were injured. The official said heavy fighting took place on several fronts as the two sides battled for strategic positions.

The heaviest clashes reportedly occurred in rural areas extending toward Yemen’s Red Sea coastline. Government forces were attempting to stop Houthi advances and prevent the group from strengthening its position near the strategically important Bab al-Mandab Strait.

In Aden, government forces said their air-defense systems intercepted several Houthi drones approaching important facilities and public-service locations. Government military spokesperson Majid al-Nuzaili claimed that government forces had conducted 474 airstrikes and other military operations against Houthi positions. He said the operations had killed or wounded about 1,540 Houthi fighters and damaged or destroyed 216 pieces of military equipment.

A medical source linked to the Houthis, also speaking anonymously, reported that more than 40 Houthi fighters had been killed and dozens wounded during the same period. According to the source, many of the casualties occurred when airstrikes hit vehicles carrying reinforcements toward combat zones in rural Taiz.

Meanwhile, Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea claimed that Saudi air-



three ballistic missiles fired by the Houthis toward Khamis Mushait in Saudi Arabia had been intercepted and destroyed.

The latest violence forms part of a wider escalation around the Bab al-Mandab Strait, a crucial maritime passage connecting the Red Sea with the Gulf of Aden and serving as an important route for global shipping.

Fighting has intensified in Taiz and neighboring Lahj following the reported Houthi capture of the Red Sea port of Mocha on Sept. 10 and Mayyun Island, also known as Perim, on Sept. 11. The developments have increased the group’s presence around the strategic strait and shifted some of the conflict’s fiercest ground battles into nearby mountainous areas.

The renewed clashes have also coincided with Houthi attacks targeting Saudi Arabia and what the group describes as Saudi air and missile strikes against Houthi-controlled areas in Yemen. The escalation has revived cross-border fighting that had largely eased following a UN-brokered truce in 2022.

Yemen’s current conflict began in late 2014, when the Houthi seized Sanaa and large parts of northern Yemen. In March 2015, a Saudi-led coalition intervened militarily in support of Yemen’s internationally recognized government.

craft and missiles had carried out 94 strikes across several Yemeni provinces, including Sanaa, Saada, Taiz, Hajjah, Amran and Ibb. He alleged that some civilian locations were targeted and said the attacks caused casualties, although he did not provide a specific death toll.

Sarea said the latest attacks brought the Houthis’ reported total number of air and missile strikes since the latest escalation to 1,350.

Saudi-led coalition spokesperson Turki Al-Maliki, meanwhile, said



Rapper Rick Ross charged with battery after woman alleges domestic violence

Entertainment Desk

Rapper Rick Ross was arrested in Miami Beach early Thursday and charged with battery after a woman he was living with told police that he assaulted her, authorities said.

Ross, whose legal name is William Roberts II, turned himself in at the Miami Beach Police Station, two days after the woman reported the alleged incident to police.

According to online court records, Ross faces a felony charge of battery by strangulation and a misdemeanor battery charge.

Ross, 50, has denied the allegations through his attorney, Steve Sadow, who said the rapper was being wrongfully accused by an ex-girlfriend whose motives were unclear.

"The ex did not even file a police report until a month after the claimed incident allegedly took place," Sadow said in a statement. "Mr. Roberts is innocent and has pled not guilty to the charges."

Sadow asked Ross' supporters and the public not to pre-judge the case and to allow the legal process to continue.

Ross was released from jail later Thursday after posting a \$5,000 cash bond, court records showed. His arraignment is scheduled for Oct. 22.

According to a police report, the woman told Miami Beach detectives that she had been living with Ross on Aug. 28 when he accused her of cheating on him and allegedly struck her several times.



She also alleged that Ross choked her using the collar of her shirt and pushed her into a wall. She said she eventually left the home and returned later, after Ross had left, to collect her belongings.

Ross pleaded no contest in 2017 to an aggravated assault charge stemming from a 2015 incident at his suburban Atlanta mansion. He was accused of forcing a man into a guesthouse and beating him with a handgun.

Under Georgia's first-offender program, a court later issued an order exonerating Ross of guilt on the felony charge, according to court records.

Ross, a longtime South Florida resident, rose to fame in 2006 with his debut single "Hustlin'."

He became a major figure in Southern hip-hop during the 2000s, when Atlanta and Houston were among the genre's main centers. "Hustlin'" was certified double platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America and led to a bidding war before Ross signed with Def Jam Records, then headed by Jay-Z.

His debut album, "Port of Miami," also went platinum and debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200. It was followed by several successful albums, including "Trilla" in 2008 and "Deeper Than Rap" in 2009. Ross has received nine Grammy Award nominations.

In 2008, he founded Maybach Music Group, which helped launch or expand the careers of artists including Wale, Meek Mill and French Montana.

His latest album, "Set In Stone," was released in July.

Depeche Mode fans flock to Prague bridge to recreate iconic band photo

Entertainment Desk

A growing line of visitors at a sculpture on Prague's historic Charles Bridge is giving the 14th-century landmark a new attraction: recreating an iconic photograph of British band Depeche Mode.

Tourists have long visited the statue of St John of Nepomuk on the bridge over the Vltava River. But many are now stopping at a nearby Pietà sculpture to pose like Depeche Mode members Dave Gahan and Martin Gore in a famous 1988 photograph.

The band first visited Prague in March 1988, when the city was part of communist Czechoslovakia, for a landmark concert. They returned in November with Dutch photographer Anton Corbijn, who photographed them around the city. The pictures were later published in his book, "Depeche Mode: Strangers."

One black-and-white photograph showing Gahan and Gore beside the Pietà sculpture has become particularly popular among fans.

Fans have been visiting the location for years, but interest appears to have grown after photos of a



large gathering on the bridge during the band's Prague concerts in 2024 circulated online. The recreation has now gained millions of views on social media.

Jorge Sanchez, from California, visited the spot with his wife after learning about the photograph.

"I remember seeing the picture from way back," he said. "Then I looked it up and learned that it was here, so I wanted to make sure I took a picture."

Austrian visitors Maria Hofer and Lara Hinteregger said they discovered the trend on Pinterest and TikTok.

"We just saw this on Pinterest or

on TikTok, and it's kind of one of the most famous pictures you can take here in Prague," Hofer said.

Hinteregger said they also liked Depeche Mode's music and felt it matched the atmosphere of Prague.

The nearby statue of St John Nepomuk commemorates the 14th-century priest who was tortured and killed after refusing to reveal the queen's confession. His body was thrown into the Vltava River from Charles Bridge.

Local tradition says touching the engravings on the statue's pedestal brings good luck and ensures a return to Prague.

Singer Luipa accused of leaking shooting

Entertainment Desk

Private TV channel, RTV organised the reality show 'RTV Little Star: Voice of the Future' to find musical talents of children and teenagers.

The second season of this show is currently underway. On September 30, RTV accused singer Jinia Zafrin Luipa, who was in charge of judging the competition, of leaking the shooting.

The channel alleged that Luipa left the show in the middle of the show without informing her beforehand.

In a statement, RTV said that Luipa has recently been spontaneously present at the promo shoot, poster shoot and preliminary selection process of the second season of the 'Little Star' reality show. She has also participated in other promotional activities.

She started working knowing all the plans, schedules, advance receipts and rules of the reality show. She participated in the studio audition round shooting on September 27.

After the shooting, she suddenly said, "I



have got an American visa, I will leave for America tomorrow; therefore, I cannot stay in 'Little Star Season-2' anymore."

After that, all the arrangements came to a standstill and the shooting stopped.

RTV also said that Luipa was requested not to leave the show midway.

It was informed that if she suddenly left the show midway, the children, their guardians and the organising organisation would face extreme financial and various losses.

Not only that, the sponsoring organisation would also face huge losses. But that too was of no use.

An artiste cannot leave a show midway and ruin it once he gets a US visa, it cannot be desirable in any way.

RTV added that this is irresponsible and unfair.

RTV said that discussions are underway on what the next step in this regard will be.

Luipa was contacted to inquire about this. She refused to talk, citing her busy schedule. Even after sending a text message, there was no response.

Scarlett's beauty brand closing down

Entertainment Desk

Hollywood actress Scarlett Johansson's beauty brand 'The Outset' has officially closed down, just four years after its launch.

The announcement was made in a message on the brand's official website on September 28.

In a farewell message, the company said, "After an extraordinary journey, The Outset has decided to close its operations.

We express our sincere gratitude to those who chose our products for their daily beauty routine and have been with us on this journey."

Online shopping on the brand's own website has been suspended since the announcement, but it has been stated that previous orders will be delivered as usual.

After announcing the brand's launch in 2021, Scarlett co-founded 'The Outset' with fashion and beauty executive Kate Foster in 2022.

It was launched with the goal of creating products that are free of harmful ingredients and suitable for sensitive skin.

However, since Kate Foster resigned from the company last year, tensions have started to rise in its management.



Shakib Khan, 'Priyotoma' director Himel Ashraf reunite for 'Mohabbat'

Entertainment Desk

Dhallywood superstar Shakib Khan is set to reunite with 'Priyotoma' director Himel Ashraf for a new film titled 'Mohabbat', produced by Arshad Adnan.

The film was officially announced Thursday evening, with the makers confirming its release for Eid-ul-Azha 2027. Announcing the project on Facebook, Himel, Arshad and Shakib wrote, "Sometimes love comes with a price, a promise and a struggle... Introducing Mohabbat, the beginning of a new story and a new journey. See you next Qurbani Eid!"

Within about an hour of the poster's release, 'Mohabbat' and Shakib Khan began trending on social media. The post from Shakib's official Facebook page had garnered more than 50,000 reactions, nearly 4,000 comments and around 1,000 shares.

Himel Ashraf previously directed Shakib Khan in 'Priyotoma' and 'Rajkumar', both of which were produced by Arshad Adnan. 'Mohabbat' will mark their third collaboration with Shakib. Details about the film's story, Shakib's co-star and the shooting schedule have yet to be announced. However, sources said the film may feature a foreign actress opposite Shakib Khan.

'Game of Thrones: Aegon's Conquest' to be released in 2029

Entertainment Desk

The world of Westeros is heading to the big screen for the first time, with 'Game of Thrones: Aegon's Conquest' scheduled to arrive in cinemas in 2029.

Warner Bros has set the film's theatrical release for June 6, 2029, with Owen Harris, attached to direct. Beau Willimon is penning the screenplay.

Plot details remain under wraps, although the film is expected to centre on Aegon I Targaryen, better known as Aegon the Conqueror.

Set roughly 300 years before the events of the original 'Game of Thrones', the story will explore Aegon's campaign to conquer and unite the Seven Kingdoms, establishing the Targaryen dynasty in Westeros.

Aegon has yet to be portrayed in a live-action production, and no casting has been announced for the role.



Iranian singer Parastoo Ahmadi sentenced to 74 lashes for singing without hijab

Entertainment Desk

An appeals court in Iran has upheld a sentence of 74 lashes handed down to a popular female singer for performing without a headscarf.

The sentence was upheld by a lower court without a formal hearing, the BBC reported, citing lawyers.

The 29-year-old singer, Parastoo Ahmadi, performed a song in a sleeveless dress without a headscarf during a concert broadcast live on her YouTube channel in December 2024.

Iranian law prohibits women from singing in public and has strict rules for women to wear the hijab and modest clothing.

Ahmadi's video was viewed by millions of people when it went viral on social media. After the video went viral, Iran's judiciary filed a case against her, calling it a 'violation of legal and cultural norms.'

In June, a criminal court in Qom province convicted Ahmadi and eight members of his band of 'outraging public decency by publishing obscene content.'

The court sentenced Ahmadi to 74 lashes, as well as a two-year ban on all audio-visual work and a ban on leaving the country.

An appeal against the verdict was dismissed without a hearing on Friday.

"In our view, the concert was not a crime," Ahmadi's lawyer told the BBC. "While there is scope for monetary fines or light sentences in these cases, the trial court imposed one of the harshest sentences.

The appeals court did not hold a hearing and upheld the previous verdict. It seems that this ruling was made to create fear so that no one repeats such an incident in the future."



Lindsay Lohan teams up with 'Mean Girls' director for new Netflix film

Entertainment Desk

Lindsay Lohan is set to return to the romantic comedy genre with Netflix's upcoming film 'Return to You', which will reunite her with director Mark Waters, who helmed two of her most popular films, 'Freaky Friday' and 'Mean Girls'.

Lohan and Henry Golding will star in the romantic feature, with Lohan also serving as a producer.

The film will be directed by Waters from a screenplay by Eric Champnella.

Set in 2008, 'Return to You' follows Lohan's character, a successful but lonely attorney who mistakenly receives a heartfelt DVD intended for the husband of a dying woman.

Using clues from the recording, she sets out to find the man it was meant for.

Lohan and Brad Krevoy are producing the film, while Olivia Krevoy, Jimmy Townsend and Galen Fletcher are attached as executive producers.



France held by Italy in Zidane's homecoming after Olise stunner

Sports Desk

Michael Olise scored another superb goal but France were held to a 1-1 draw by Italy on Friday in Zinedine Zidane's first home game since being appointed coach of Les Bleus. Four days after coming off the bench to score a stunning solo effort to give France a 1-0 win



in Belgium, Bayern Munich star Olise again showcased his spectacular talent by smashing a shot in off the crossbar from a free-kick early in the second half. However, Inter Milan defender Alessandro Bastoni equalised for Italy midway through the second half to prevent Zidane from making it three wins out of three in charge of his country.

France, who had defender Dayot Upamecano sent off late on, lead UEFA Nations League Group A1 with seven points, with Belgium just behind on six points after a 3-0 win over Turkey.

France and Belgium meet on Monday in their last match of this two-week long international window. Italy have four points before hosting Turkey next. Zidane was the focus of attention as his home debut, before a packed crowd of 77,118 at the Stade de France just outside Paris, came against the same opponents as in his final game as a player.

The now 54-year-old icon and former Ballon d'Or winner never played again after being sent off for an infamous headbutt on Marco Materazzi in the 2006 World Cup final in Berlin, which Italy won on penalties. It was a first appearance for the former Real Madrid playmaker at France's national stadium since he played in a friendly against Mexico in May 2006, winning his 100th cap in the process.

"It was magnificent. We would have liked to win for our fans tonight but I was obviously

really touched and delighted to be back at the Stade de France," he said.

Beyond the spotlight on his past, Zidane is trying to stamp his mark on the France team in this Nations League campaign, with one eye on the next major tournament, Euro 2028. "I am happy with the performance albeit not with the result. We had chances to score a second goal and we didn't do it. But I am really proud of my players."

He was again without captain Kylian Mbappe here with the Real striker having returned to his club after suffering a knee injury while scoring the winner in Turkey last week. - Donnarumma on form - Olise returned to the starting line-up in one of six changes from the Belgium game, but new faces Jeremy Jacquet, the Liverpool defender, and Como midfielder Lucas Da Cunha again played.

Italy are rebuilding under Roberto Mancini, who has returned for a second spell as coach of a nation who have failed to qualify for the last three World Cups.

They will be the happier of the two teams with the draw in this game, although they had goalkeeper and captain Gianluigi Donnarumma to thank for keeping them in it with a host of saves in the second half.

"I think this was a great performance tonight against one of the best teams in the world, with very positive aspects to it," said Mancini. "We are on the right road, and we need to keep playing this way."

Moise Kean should actually have given Italy an early lead after a sweeping move, only for his disappointing finish to be saved by Mike Maigan. Davide Frattesi also came close in the first half while Kean had a goal disallowed for offside, as an Olise cross which landed on the bar was as close as France came. The hosts turned up the volume after the break and Donnarumma saved from Desire Doue, Ousmane Dembele and Olise before the latter crashed in the opener on 55 minutes when Rayan Cherki laid off a dead ball. However, Bastoni caught Da Cunha in possession just outside the France box and was left with an easy finish to pull the visitors level. Donnarumma, formerly of Paris Saint-Germain, then produced more magic to save from Adrien Rabiot and twice from Eduardo Camavinga, before Upamecano walked for a second yellow on 85 minutes.

Deeply ashamed': Salahuddin apologises after Bangladesh's Asian Games failure

Sports Desk

Bangladesh coach Mohammad Salahuddin admitted the team were "deeply ashamed" and apologised to the nation after the Tigers' Asian Games campaign ended in a historic medal failure with a 63-run defeat to a second-string Sri Lanka in the bronze-medal playoff in Nisshin today. "To be honest, we are deeply ashamed. As a coach, I feel that we have failed, and we have not been able to deliver what was expected of us. It is very disappointing, and I want to



apologise to the entire nation," Salahuddin said after the defeat. Tap here to add The Daily Star as a trusted source google-preferred-source-badge Salahuddin accepted that Bangladesh had simply not performed as a team. "We are certainly ashamed that they have failed, and we will try to work out how we can overcome this. But, to be honest, we did not perform well as a total team."

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Bangladesh denied bronze after 63-run defeat to Sri Lanka

Sports Desk

Bangladesh cricket remained medal-less in the Asian Games for the first time after the cricket discipline was introduced in the multi-sport event.

After the women's team, the men's team also failed to secure the bronze medal in the cricket event as Sri Lanka beat them by 63 runs at Korogo Sports Park in Nagoya, Japan yesterday. After reducing Sri Lanka to 21-4 early in the innings, Bangladesh lost control of the game as Sri Lanka recovered to post 165-9 in 20 overs. In reply, Bangladesh were bowled out for 102 before completing their 20 overs. Chasing 166, Bangladesh suffered a disastrous start as Saif Hasan was dismissed for a duck from six balls. Tanzid Hasan followed for another duck off two balls, while captain Litton Das also departed without scoring from his first delivery, meaning all three top order batters were out for duck. That left Bangladesh to a precarious four for three. Parvez Hossain Emon and Towhid Hridoy attempted to steady the innings, but Bangladesh continued to lose wickets at regular intervals.

Belgium's De Bruyne fires double to sink Turkey, France held by Italy

Sports Desk

Kevin De Bruyne scored twice as Belgium beat Turkey 3-0, while France were held 1-1 by Italy in the Nations League on Friday.

Napoli midfielder De Bruyne, in his 127th match for the Belgians, scored the opening goal, playing a nice one-two with Dodi Lukebakio before a cool finish from the edge of the box. While Belgium looked threatening without creating many clear-cut chances, Turkey posed the greater attacking danger after De Bruyne's opener.

But they had no reward for their efforts in the Belgian city of Liege. Instead, De Bruyne claimed a second, curling a ball from the edge of the box past Turkey goalkeeper Ugurcan Cakir into the top corner.

"I try to lead by example for the younger players, and they follow easily," said De Bruyne. "I feel I can still contribute. I am enjoying myself, and that is the main thing." A third came from Romelu Lukaku, Belgium's all-time record goalscorer, who had replaced Lukebakio. A low cross from Charles De Ketelaere fell to Lukaku, who managed to skew the ball past Cakir from close range. "Kevin De Bruyne always wants to play," Belgium coach Mark van Bommel said. "Italy, France, yesterday. He is in a really good groove. He is radiating joy, and you can see that in the goals he is scoring. "I am very pleased with the 3-0 win. We were sloppy in possession now and then and gave the opposition the feeling they could create chances.



"It went back and forth, and we were not controlled enough in those phases. We kept them in the match for a long time, though I never felt we were in danger of losing."

It was a third defeat in as many games for Turkey, while the result left Belgium one point adrift of Group A1 leaders France.

Zinedane Zidane's French team took the lead through Michael Olise in the 55th minute.

But Alessandro Bastoni equalised to deny Zidane victory in his first home game in the dugout for France.

A two-match winning run comes to an end, too, after Les Bleus conceded for the first time under the World Cup winner.

"It was tight, but I'm happy with the performance of my side and what I've seen," insisted Zidane.

"Of course, it's a slightly frustrating result because we perhaps deserved a little more, but still very happy with what we've put in place."

Veteran striker Robert Lewandowski scored a hat-trick as Poland thrashed

Romania 6-0 in Group 4 of League B, which also saw Bosnia-Herzegovina, with Edin Dzeko making his 152nd and final appearance for his country, and Sweden battle to a 1-1 draw. Ciaron Brown scored twice as Northern Ireland beat Ukraine 3-0 on neutral territory in Trnava, Slovakia, while Hungary beat Georgia 1-0 in the other Group 2 match.

Earlier in League C, Cyprus beat Armenia 2-0 at home in Group 2, while Montenegro managed a 2-1 win over Latvia in Riga. In Group 3 action, Moldova pipped Kazakhstan 2-1 in Astana, while the Faroe Islands snagged a 1-1 home draw with Slovakia.

India beat arch-rivals Pakistan to win Asian Games cricket gold

Sports Desk

India beat their fierce rivals Pakistan by 19 runs on Saturday to win Asian Games cricket gold after a pulsating final in front of a small but raucous crowd in Nagoya, Japan.

World T20 champions India posted 211-6 in their 20 overs with Abhishek Sharma scoring 61 and Tilak Varma 51 not out, before Hasan Nawaz's valiant 96 saw Pakistan come up just short at 192-6.

The neighbouring countries only meet in international tournaments and on neutral ground because of political tensions and the captains refused the normal handshakes before the match.

Afterwards, the jubilant India players paraded their national flag around the ground.

The clash on a converted baseball field in Japan was new ground for even these bitter enemies and their hundreds of millions of fans who were watching back home on TV.

After India chose to bat, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi announced his intention with back-to-back sixes in a second over from Saad Masood that cost 24 runs. But the 15-year-old batting sensation fell four balls later for 15.

His opening partner Abhishek reached his fifty off 20 balls to a massive ovation from fans that had brought a touch of South Asia cricket fever to the



Far East and Korogi Park Athletic Stadium.

India were aided by some sloppy Pakistan fielding that saw Abhishek dropped twice.

He should also have been run out on 46 when bowler Ahmed Daniyal's throw missed both stumps and wicketkeeper with Abhishek stranded. After he went for 61, Ishan Kishan fell for 20 as the Pakistan bowlers began to regain control.

When captain Shreyas Iyer also departed soon after for 21, India had been pegged back to 133-5 in the 15th over.

But Tilak Varma hit four sixes and Shivam Dube (27) two more as the pair unleashed a late onslaught, putting on 62 in five overs for the sixth wicket as India soared past 200.

- Valiant Hasan - Pakistan's previous best score in T20 internationals batting second was 208-3 against Sri Lanka in Pallekele and they made a good start in search of their record chase.

Sahibzada Farhan (10) and Maaz Sadaqat put on 33 for the first wicket in 3.4 overs.

When Sadaqat went for 23 it seemed that they might fold easily.

Hasan had other ideas, and he began to pick up the pace and bounce of the pitch as he raced to a fifty off 28 balls with five sixes.

He was supported by Saim Ayub and their partnership grew to 87 before Dube struck.

He induced Ayub into a false shot with Washington Sundar gratefully grasping the chance running in from square leg to leave Pakistan 126-4 at the start of the 15th over.

Hasan ploughed on and Pakistan needed 52 off the last three overs when Sundar got Abdul Samad to hit to long-on.

At 168-5 with two overs left, India brought back Jasprit Bumrah and his over cost only 11 runs, leaving an improbable 33 off the final over, bowled by Dube.

Hasan reached 96 and fell off the last ball attempting one last big shot.

His brilliant knock came off 51 deliveries, with seven sixes and five fours.



Country



International Elderly Day Celebrated in Fakirhat

S A Kalam Fakirhat, Bagerhat

With the theme "New Thoughts for a Long Life," International Elderly Day has been celebrated in Fakirhat Upazila of Bagerhat. On this occasion, a rally and a discussion meeting were held.

On Thursday (October 1st) at 11 AM, a rally started from the Upazila Parishad Auditorium courtyard and circled various roads, organized by the Upazila Administration and the Upazila Social Services Office. Afterward, a discussion meeting took place in the conference room of the newly expanded Upazila complex.

The meeting was presided over by Upazila Executive Officer Md. Roknuzzaman. Subrata Kumar Biswas, the Upazila Social Services Officer, delivered the welcome speech.

Present at the event were Upazila BNP President Sheikh Kamrul Islam Gora, Bir Muktijoddha Morol Nur Mohammad, Upazila Agricultural Officer Sheikh Sakawat Hossain, Senior Upazila Fisheries Officer Sheikh Asadullah, Project Implementation Officer Imrul Kayes, Cooperative Officer Milan Kumar Das, Women's Affairs Officer Tahira Khatun, along with various officials, brave freedom fighters, and elderly individuals.

60 Illegal Structures Evicted Along Highway in Jaintapur

Naeem Ahmed, Jaintapur-Gowainghat (Sylhet)

Correspondent

The Jaintapur Upazila Administration has conducted an operation against illegal structures built by occupying government land along the Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong highway in Jaintapur. On Thursday (October 1), separate drives were conducted at Chiknagul and Darbast Bazar in the upazila. During the operation, at least 60 small and large shops and illegal structures were demolished using bulldozers.

The operation was led by Jaintapur Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Sunanda Roy. Assistant Commissioner (Land) Monirul Islam, police personnel, officials from the Roads and Highways Department, local representatives and business leaders were also present.

The upazila administration said that illegal structures occupying highway land are obstructing traffic movement and causing congestion. To keep the highway free from traffic conges-



Celebration of National Productivity Day in Fakirhat

S A Kalam Fakirhat Bagerhat

"Coordination of innovation, technology, and efficiency in increasing productivity" was the theme for the celebration of National Productivity Day in Fakirhat Upazila, Bagerhat. On this occasion, a colorful rally and a discussion meeting were held.

Organized by the Upazila Administration, the discussion meeting was held on Friday at 10:30 AM in the conference room of the expanded Upazila Complex after circling various roads. The meeting was presided over by the Upazila Executive Officer Mr. Roknuzzaman.

Moderated by the Upazila Women Affairs Officer Tahira Khatun, other speakers included Fakirhat Assistant Commissioner (Land) Mr. Sharif Newaz, Upazila Agricultural Extension Officer Mr. Touhidur Rahman, social worker Sheikh Abdul Salam, General Secretary of the Fakirhat Press Club Shaikh Syed Ali, among others.

During this time, Upazila Project Implementation Officer Imrul Kayes, Cooperative Officer Milon Kumar Das, DGM of Rural Electrification Anand Kumar Kundu, Assistant Programmer Mr. Alomgir Hossain along with various officials and people from different professions were present.



BGB Seizes Large Quantity of Indian Drugs and Smuggled Goods in Separate Operations Rajshahi Border

Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Correspondent

In line with the directives of the Director General of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) to prevent illegal smuggling, drug trafficking, and unauthorized entry along the border, members of the Rajshahi Battalion (1 BGB) are performing their duties with high professionalism, enhanced intelligence surveillance, and increased patrolling across the border areas.

As part of these ongoing efforts, yesterday, October 3, 2026, between approximately 00:00 hours and 06:00 hours, operational teams from Sonakandi, Yusufpur, Talaimari, and Charghat Alternative BOPs under Rajshahi Battalion (1 BGB) conducted intelligence-based raids in their respective areas. During the operations, they successfully seized 1,069 pieces of Indian Tapentadol tablets, 62 bottles of Indian Eskuf syrup, and 300 pieces of Ambolov LM tablets (unclaimed). Process is underway to hand over the seized narcotics to the respective police stations for necessary legal procedures.

BGB's intelligence surveillance remains active to identify the individuals involved in these illicit activities and take appropriate legal action against them.



Exchange Meeting of Shahjadapur UP Members and Zila Parishad Administrator Held in Sarail



Taslima Khandaker Nushrat (From Sarail Upazila)

A special exchange and overall development discussion meeting was held between the public representatives and local general people of 9 No. Shahjadapur Union Parishad of Sarail Upazila of Brahmanbaria and the administrator of the Zila Parishad. The meeting was held on October 3, 2026 (Saturday) at the Parishad office organized by Shahjadapur Union Parishad.

With the Administrator of Shahjadapur Union Parishad Md. Parvez Ahmed in the chair, the chief guest present at the event was the Administrator of Brahmanbaria Zila Parishad Alhaj Sirajul Islam Siraj. Present were General Secretary of Sarail Upazila BNP Advocate Nuruzzaman Laskar Tapu as well as Senior Vice-President of Sarail Upazila BNP Arsaful Karim Ripon, representative of Daily Dinkal newspaper journalist Yasin Khan Ripu and member of Sarail Upazila Press Club and staff reporter of Daily Swadesh Bichitra newspaper Asim Chandra Das as guests at the said exchange meeting. In addition, all levels of UP members of Shahjadapur Union, leaders of various political parties of the area, village police and a

large number of local general public participated in the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, the president of the event and UP Administrator Md. Parvez Ahmed welcomed the chief guest with floral greetings and a bouquet.

Then at the beginning of the formal discussion, the chief guest heard the introduction of all ward members and women members of Shahjadapur Union and heard descriptions of the existing problems and civic sufferings of their respective areas.

At this time, Nazma Akhtar, reserved women member of Wards 1, 2 and 3, presented her identity and strongly demanded immediate renovation work on both sides of the connecting road of the CNG station bridge adjacent to Shahjadapur village and on both mouths of the canal. In addition, UP members Nepal Chowdhury, Aliraj, reserved women member Kakali Rani Das and other general and reserved members of the parishad highlighted various problems of roads, waterlogging and infrastructure of their respective wards.

After the speeches of the public representatives, Advocate Nuruzzaman Laskar Tapu, General Secretary of Sarail Upazila BNP, in his present speech, highly praised the overall development of 9 No. Shahjadapur Union and this coordinated initiative of the local administration and wished for its complete success.

In the main attraction of the event, in the speech of the chief guest, Zila Parishad Administrator Alhaj Sirajul Islam Siraj said, "Geographically and structurally, Shahjadapur Union has remained neglected for a long time. However, I want to assure you, as long as I am in charge, you will contact me directly for any civic facility. No medium or broker is needed. He further warned and said, "It will not cost a single taka to get any work resolved or allocation from me. If any kind of irregularity or corruption is proven against any officer-employee of my office, then either their job will not remain, or I myself will leave this responsibility of honesty. I will work to solve the problems of this region as much as possible, and in case of big projects, I will try to find a solution by talking to the office of the Honorable Chief Adviser if necessary.

After the exchange and discussion meeting, a special tree plantation program was held on the parishad premises. The chief guest and invited guests inaugurated the program by planting saplings with their own hands. Finally, the event ended in a very festive atmosphere with a vote of thanks from the president of the meeting and UP Administrator Md. Parvez Ahmed.



326 arrested in 24 hours in Chattogram Range

Chattogram Correspondent

Police arrested 326 people across the 11 districts of the Chattogram Range during special anti-narcotics drives and regular case proceedings over the past 24 hours. Chattogram Range DIG Abdul Kuddus Chowdhury disclosed the information this morning following the operation.

Of the arrested, 84 were held in connection with regular cases and 48 for prior cases. Another 28 were arrested under Section 34 of the Police Act, 11 under Section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), and 29 under Section 151 of the CrPC and other laws.

In addition, 79 people were arrested on arrest warrants and eight on conviction warrants.

In the anti-narcotics drive, 39 people were arrested in drug-related cases. Additionally, 31 drug dealers were arrested in regular and other cases. In total, 70 people were arrested in the anti-narcotics operations, and 20 drug-related cases were filed.

Mobile courts sentenced eight people to imprisonment and collected fines totaling Taka 3,700. Authorities also seized 7,135 Yaba tablets, 8.3 kilograms of cannabis, 20 liters of illicitly distilled liquor and four Tapentadol tablets.

Achievements of 7 students in Kalapara, got President Awards Medal-2025 in Scouts

Kalapara (Patuakhali)Correspondent

Seven students participating in the recently concluded Scouts President Awards-2025 from Patuakhali Kalapara Upazila have achieved success. They are: Abu Bakar Siddique and Tasnia Tabassum Raka from Khepupara Government Model Secondary School Scout Group, Md. Sabbir Shikder and Abu Isa from Noor Mohammad Secondary School Scout Group, Sathi Akhter Mim and Md. Arafat from Pakhimara Prafulla Bhowmik Secondary School Scout Group, and Kaibri Islam from Khepupara Girls Secondary School. It has achieved this glory.

Kalapara Upazila Scouts treasurer Nurul Haque, senior teacher of Khepupara Government Model Secondary School, confirmed this information on Friday 02 October. Earlier on Thursday, under the management of program department of Bangladesh Scouts, the final result of Scout's highest President's Award 2025 at the national level was announced.

Mo. Isa, a student who achieved achievement from Noor Mohammad Secondary School Group, said, this achievement is not only mine alone. Behind this my guardian, unit leader Moazzem Hossain sir and upazila scouts commissioner, editor along with all officials have worked hard. We will be eternally grateful to all of them.

Md. Nazrul Islam, one of the organizations of Kalapara Upazila Scouts, said that 608 people were nominated in the final stage of the evaluation of 2025. Among them 26 people in Barisal division, 9 people in Patuakhali district and 7 people in Kalapara upazila so that Kalapara Upazila won the highest President's Scout Award as an upazila in the whole cate-

gory. He also said, Along with studies, scouting plays an important role in developing oneself, developing as



a good citizen and creating leadership. Kalapara upazila can be a model for scouting but many times the coaching trade and non-cooperation of some teachers in secondary schools discourages children from scouting. Upazila Scouts treasurer and former editor Nurul Haque told the mediaKalapara Upazila Scouts and Cup Scouts have many reputations in Barisal division. Kalapara is important in Barisal division and Bangladesh in Shapla Cup Award of Cub Scouts at the national level every year. In addition, 10 students achieved the Scouts President's Awards exam in 2023. Kalapara upazila scouts president and upazila executive officer agriculturist Md. Arifuzzaman said, I congratulate the students on this achievement on behalf of the upazila scouts. He assured to provide all kinds of support for the overall development of Kalapara Upazila Parishad.

International Day of Older Persons Observed in Zianagar



G.M. Adol, Pirojpur District Correspondent

International Day of Older Persons 2026 was observed in Zianagar of Pirojpur with a discussion meeting highlighting the theme Thinking Anew for a Long Life. The discussion meeting was held on Thursday morning(October 1) at the Upazila Parishad conference room. The event was jointly organized by the Upazila Administration, Upazila Social Services Office, and Ruposhi Bangla Development Organization with the

participation of local older persons. The meeting was chaired by Professor Md. Zakaria Hossain of Zianagar Government Degree College. Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md. Waliur Rahman Rubel attended the event as the chief guest. Among others Upazila Health Officer Dr. Nani Gopal Roy, Upazila Social Services Officer Md. Riazul Islam, Executive Director of Ruposhi Bangla Development Organization Md. Azad Hossain, General Secretary of Zianagar Press Club Md. Moniruzzaman, former Upazila Education Officer A. Mannan, veteran teacher Harun-or-Rashid, Enamul Kabir, and Hamed Jomaddar attended the meeting and delivered speeches. The meeting was moderated by Programme Coordinator Md. Altaf Hossain. At the end of the meeting, the organizing organizations distributed gift items among all the participants.



Husband Recovered The Day After Wife Filed Kidnapping Case in Sherpur, 1 Arrested

Suvo, Sherpur (Bogura) Correspondent

In Sherpur, Bogura, Sherpur Thana Police rescued a mason named Md. Sharif Sheikh (34) within 24 hours of his kidnapping. One person named Mithu Hossain has been arrested in this incident.

Earlier, mason Sharif's wife, Mst. Sadia Khatun, filed a complaint at the police station as the plaintiff against 12 named persons and 7/8 more unknown persons. The accused in the complaint are: Md. Rasel Babu Himu (43) of Sherpur Town Colony, Md. Rakib (35), Md. Limon (32), Md. Sabbir (23), Md. Kamal (35), Md. Sabbir (30), Md. Nazmul (18), Md. Bulbul (35), Md. Masud (36), Md. Safi (24), Md. Rafi (24), Md. Mithu Hossain (40).

According to the complaint, Sharif Sheikh, a resident of Garidaha Union of Sherpur Upazila, left his house on September 25 at around 8 PM after dinner with Md. Rezaul Kabir of his area Hamachayapur village for Hapuniya Bazar. At around 8:15 PM, when they reached in front of Md. Nahid's grocery store at Hapuniya Bazar, the accused who were lying in wait beforehand picked them up in an unknown vehicle and took them away. Later, they were kept detained in an unknown place with their eyes blindfolded with a gamcha. Although the kidnappers released Rezaul Kabir, they did not release Sharif Sheikh and his whereabouts could not be found. In this regard, Officer-in-Charge of Sherpur Thana, S Moinuddin, said, in light of the case, the kidnapped Sharif Sheikh has been recovered and one person involved has been arrested. Moreover, necessary police investigation and efforts are continuing to uncover the real mystery.

Special Drive to Restore Road Order in Rajshahi, 55 Vehicles Seized

Md. Sohel Rana, Rajshahi Correspondent

The Traffic Division of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) and 12 local police stations conducted a day-long special checkpoint and enforcement drive across Rajshahi city to establish road order, ensure safe movement, and prevent law violations. The operation was carried out throughout the day on Friday (October 2) at key locations across the metropolitan area. During the drive, a total of 720 vehicles of various types were inspected. A total of 55 cases were filed against different vehicles—including trucks, minibuses, private cars, easy-bikes, auto-rickshaws, and motorcycles—for violating various provisions of the Road Transport Act, 2018. Additionally, 55 vehicles were seized. RMP stated that such operations will continue to maintain discipline on the roads, ease traffic congestion, prevent accidents, and ensure safer roads.

In this regard, the police urged city residents to comply with the Road Transport Act and cooperate with law enforcement to ensure safe movement and keep the roads secure.



Another Person Dies in Rangpur, Total Death Toll Rises to Seven

Mohinul Islam Sujon, crime reporter

Another person has died after being infected with dengue fever in Rangpur. With this,

The deceased was identified as Habibur Rahman (40). He was a resident of Fulchhari upazila of Gaibandha.



Rangpur Medical College Hospital Brigadier General Ashikur Rahman confirmed the information and said that the infected person came from Dhaka and was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital last Saturday. He died on Wednesday night while undergoing treatment in the ICU.

According to data from the Divisional Directorate of Health, from January 1 of this year until this morning, 2,451 people have been infected with dengue fever. Of them, 2,222 have recovered and returned home. A total of 222 patients are undergoing treatment in hospitals.

Experts say that dengue prevention cannot depend only on hospitals or the healthcare system. Rather, regular cleanliness drives must be conducted in every house, including city corporation and municipal areas, to destroy the breeding grounds of Aedes mosquitoes. At the same time, they have urged people not to neglect even a slight fever and to seek medical advice promptly.

Ambulance Crushed by Train in Cumilla, Driver Injured

Accident occurs at an unmanned level crossing in Sadar



MA Khayer Emon, Cumilla Correspondent

An ambulance was severely damaged after being hit by the Dhaka-bound-to-Chattogram-bound Subarna Express train at a level crossing in Sadar Dakshin upazila of Cumilla on Thursday night. The ambulance driver was injured in the accident. The incident took place at around 8:15pm on October 1, 2026, at the Jangalia-Noagaon intersection level crossing in Ward No. 21 of Sadar Dakshin upazila. The ambulance, bearing registration number Chattogram Metro-Cha-71-0242, was crossing the railway line when it was struck by the moving train, according to local sources. The impact sent the ambulance flying off the

railway track and left it badly crushed. The driver, identified as Nantu, a resident of Debidwar upazila in Cumilla, was the only person inside the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Nantu was reportedly thrown from his seat due to the impact and sustained injuries. He later managed to get up and reportedly left the scene in an auto-rickshaw.

After receiving information about the accident, Sub-Inspector Sohrab Hossain of the Cumilla Railway Police Outpost went to the spot. Police took steps to remove the wreckage and broken parts of the ambulance from the railway track to ensure uninterrupted train movement.

The Subarna Express subsequently passed through the accident site and continued its journey towards Chattogram. Railway communication on the route remained normal after the incident.

Locals said the level crossing did not have a gatekeeper at the time of the accident. They alleged that the absence of a gatekeeper may have contributed to the collision.

However, railway police said the exact cause of the accident would be determined after an investigation. Authorities are taking necessary legal steps in connection with the incident.

The accident has once again raised concerns among local residents about safety measures at unmanned railway crossings, particularly where roads and railway lines intersect.