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Takeaways

Politics

- ◆ **Rajshahi University removes artwork comparing July Uprising to Liberation War after backlash:** Rajshahi University has removed a controversial artwork from a photo exhibition marking the July Uprising, after it drew widespread criticism. It was taken down on Monday morning, said Prof SM Kamruzzaman, the university's public relations administrator. "This kind of complication arose because the images weren't reviewed beforehand," he added. "The administration will never entertain anything controversial." The controversy stemmed from an image at the three-day exhibition titled "July Uprising: A Free Homeland in Colour", which began Sunday morning, depicting both the 1971 Liberation War and the 2024 July Uprising. The artwork shows a clenched fist holding a set of scales, with "71" written in red on one side and "24" in a darker shade on the other. The pan marked "24" tilts slightly lower. The imagery suggests 2024 July Uprising outweighs the Liberation War of 1971 (*bdnews24.com*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Over 86,500 religious institutions to receive monthly state honoraria:** More than 86,000 religious institutions will come under a state honorarium scheme this fiscal year. The Ministry of Religious Affairs said on Monday that 86,709 institutions will benefit, comprising 82,656 mosques, 3,000 temples, 752 Buddhist temples and 301 churches. The ministry said 256,074 religious leaders serving at these institutions will fall under the state benefit, with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman set to formally launch the scheme later this month. The decision followed a recent meeting of a cell tasked with implementing the government's election manifesto pledge: monthly honoraria and training-based welfare measures for Imams, Muazzins, Khadems and others serving at religious institution (*bdnews24.com*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Odhikar finds BNP, allies linked to most violence across all phases of 2026 polls:** BNP and its allies were linked to the largest share of electoral violence before, during and after Bangladesh's 2026 national election, according to a monitoring report by human rights organisation Odhikar. They were linked to 52 percent of incidents before the election, 53 percent on election day and 75 percent after the polls, the report said. Jamaat-e-Islami and its allies were linked to 15 percent, 13 percent and 9 percent of incidents during the respective periods. Odhikar presented the findings today at a stakeholder dialogue at CIRDAP in Dhaka on political and electoral violence during the 2026 national election. At least 6,091 people were killed and 253,040 injured in political violence in Bangladesh between 2001 and June 2026, according to rights organisation Odhikar (*The Daily Star*, [10 August 2026](#); *New Age*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Hefazat says sculptures of its leaders at July Uprising Museum must be removed:** Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh has demanded the immediate removal of sculptures depicting its leaders and activists from the July Mass Uprising Memorial Museum, saying such representations violate Islamic principles. "Installing sculptures in the likeness of Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh

leaders and activists at the July Museum is a gross violation of Shariah provisions and in a way contradicts and mocks the sacrifices of the ulema,” Hefazat Ameer Shah Muhibbullah Babunagari and Secretary General Sajidur Rahman said in a statement sent to the media this afternoon. “According to the clear provisions of Islam, or from the perspective of Shariah, making a sculpture of any human being is completely haram and unlawful. No matter how prominent a person, their political identity or contribution may be, no one has the right to act arbitrarily by disregarding the provisions of Shariah,” they said. “The ulema who gave their lives and suffered imprisonment while protesting against the culture of sculptures and idols are today being insulted in a Bangladesh freed from dictatorship by having sculptures made in their likeness,” the statement added. To preserve history while avoiding what they described as the ‘harmful culture’ of sculptures, the leaders proposed two alternatives. They called for written accounts of the movement, authentic documents and revolutionary records to be preserved and displayed at the museum to disseminate an accurate and objective history of the movement. They also demanded that the sacrifices of Islamic scholars and pious Muslims for Islam, including what they described as the mass killings at Shapla Chattar in 2013 and during the anti-Modi protests in 2021, as well as what they called the true history of the 2024 uprising, be incorporated into national textbooks (*The Daily Star*, [10 August 2026](#); *New Age*, [10 August 2026](#)).

◆ **Religious leaders’ call to alter July museum sculptures draw criticism:** Calls by a section of religious leaders to remove the facial features of sculptures at the July Mass Uprising Memorial Museum have met with disapproval from academics and rights activists. Qawmi madrassah-based organisation Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh on Monday demanded the removal of sculptures installed at the July Uprising Memorial Museum, arguing that depicting its leaders in sculpture violated Islamic principles. Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis amir Mamunul Haque on Sunday also urged authorities to remove the facial features from the sculptures commemorating the 2013 Shapla Chattar killings, saying historical events could be preserved without depicting human faces in state institutions. On the same day, Islamic preacher, also known as ‘child preacher’, Rafiqul Islam Madani, in a Facebook post, called for the demolition of the sculptures if the government failed to remove them. Academics and rights activists, however, questioned whether broader public reflected the views expressed by the religious leaders (*New Age*, [11 August 2026](#)).

◆ **Cabinet clears new Human Rights Commission bill:** The cabinet on Monday gave final approval to the draft National Human Rights Commission Bill, 2026, which includes provisions for forming a National Preventive Mechanism unit to prevent torture, custodial deaths and enforced disappearances. The cabinet meeting, held at the Cabinet Division conference room at the Secretariat, was chaired by prime minister Tarique Rahman. According to a Cabinet Division statement, the proposed law seeks to establish an effective and independent human rights commission in line with Bangladesh’s commitment to protecting and promoting human rights and complying with international human rights laws, conventions and treaties, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The draft law provides for a commission comprising a chairperson and four commissioners, with at least one woman member. It also gives preference, on the recommendation of a selection committee, to qualified candidates from national minorities and disadvantaged communities. The selection committee will include a university professor, a civil society representative and representatives of national minority or disadvantaged communities (*New Age*, [11 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Cabinet okays draft Bank Resolution (Amendment) Act, 2026:** The Cabinet on Monday gave final and in principle approval to the draft Bank Resolution (Amendment) Act, 2026, the draft Visa Policy, 2026 and the draft National Human Rights Commission Act, 2026. The approval was given in the 16th meeting of the Cabinet at the Secretariat with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair. The Bank Resolution Ordinance, 2025 was promulgated with a view to providing timely solutions to risks arising from capital shortfalls, liquidity crises, insolvency or any threat to the existence of scheduled banks, and ensuring financial stability. With a view to transforming the ordinance into an Act, it was placed as a bill in the first session of the 13th Jatiya Sangsad and subsequently referred to a parliamentary 'Special Committee' formed for detailed scrutiny. The committee recommended placing the ordinance in an amended form. In line with the recommendation, some provisions of the ordinance were separated for implementation through rules (*Daily Sun*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Chhatra Dal, Shibir agree to end tensions at Dhaka Alia Madrasa:** The leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir have agreed to avoid clashes and maintain peaceful coexistence on the Dhaka Alia Madrasa campus, putting an end to recent tensions. The two student groups reached the consensus during a reconciliation meeting on the campus on Sunday. Md Hamidur Rahman Hamid, member of parliament for the Dhaka-7 constituency representing the BNP, and Md Kamal Hossain, member of parliament for the Dhaka-5 constituency representing Jamaat-e-Islami, mediated the discussion. A Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, the vice-principal and teachers of the madrasa, Dhaka University Central Students' Union General Secretary SM Farhad, alongside leaders from both student factions attended the meeting. Confirming the development, SM Farhad, also central publicity secretary of Chhatra Shibir, stated that both sides agreed to move past previous misunderstandings to protect the academic environment (*Daily Sun*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **'Adhipatyabad Birodhi Nagorik Somaj' platform launched in Dhaka:** A new platform named "Adhipatyabad Birodhi Nagorik Somaj" has been formally launched at an event held at the National Press Club on Monday. A seven-member committee has been announced to lead the platform, with political scientist Prof Dilara Chowdhury as the convenor and former diplomat Sakib Ali as the member secretary. The other members of the newly formed committee are human rights and social activist and researcher Ruby Amatulla, Brigadier General (Retd) Hasan Nasir, entrepreneur and organiser Fahim Mashroor, retired government official Khan Mokhlesur Rahman, and activist Minhajul Abedin. According to the declaration, the platform aims to raise awareness among the public and the state regarding the risks of hegemony, whilst building collective efforts to safeguard national sovereignty. The organisers emphasised that the organisation is not directed against any specific country or group, but will actively vocalise against any form of internal or external hegemony. Addressing the audience, convenor and political scientist Dr Dilara Chowdhury said the platform was established due to the urgent necessity of forging a national consensus on Bangladesh's sovereignty in the post-July political landscape and shifting regional geopolitics. She said any citizen who believes in independence, national dignity, democratic self-governance, and peaceful international cooperation is welcome to join. She reiterated that the platform does not target any specific political party or nation, but remains committed to opposing both internal and external hegemony (*Daily Times of Bangladesh*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **ISLAMI BANK LOAN SCAM: Complaint filed against ex-president Shahabuddin, 37 others:** Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has filed a complaint against 38 people, including former

president Mohammed Shahabuddin and S Alam Group chair Mohammad Saiful Alam, alleging the embezzlement of around Tk 500 crore through loan irregularities. The bank's first assistant vice-president of the Foreign Exchange Corporate Branch, Mohammad Yasin Ali, submitted the complaint and supporting documents to the Anti-Corruption Commission at Segunbagicha in Dhaka on July 29, seeking an investigation. 'The complaint was filed over irregularities and the embezzlement of around Tk 500 crore in the approval and disbursement of the loan,' Yasin told New Age on Monday. According to the complaint, after S Alam Group took control of Islami Bank in 2017, the loan limit of financially weak company Suprov Composite Knit Ltd was allegedly increased from Tk 100 crore to Tk 500 crore through fraudulent means. The money was subsequently withdrawn and embezzled, it alleged. The complaint alleged that businessman S Alam played a role in securing the loan facility for Suprov Composite Knit Ltd, which it identified as an associate company of AnnonTex Group chairman Mohammad Yunus Badal. It also alleged that former president Shahabuddin, who was then a member of the bank's board of directors, and three former managing directors — Monirul Mawla, Abdul Hamid Mia and Mahbub Ul Alam — along with other officials approved the irregular loan and benefited financially (*New Age*, [10 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Hasina, Hasan planned to label protesters terrorists, extremists:** Deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and her foreign minister Hasan Mahmud had allegedly discussed a strategy to portray the July 2024 protesters involved in violence as 'terrorists' and 'extremists'. This was revealed in an alleged phone conversation between Hasina and Hasan on July 21, 2024, a recording of which was submitted to the International Crimes Tribunal-2 on Monday. Prosecutor Gazi Monawar Hossain Tamim referred to the conversation and read out its transcript before the three-member tribunal, which was hearing prosecution arguments in the crimes against humanity case against Awami League general secretary Obaidul Quader and his six other party colleagues. The arguments remained incomplete as the tribunal adjourned the hearing until Tuesday morning. In the conversation, Hasan told Hasina that he had briefed foreign diplomats, including representatives of the United States and Britain, and shown them videos of the violence. He said that he had deliberately kept the media away from the briefing to prevent diplomats from making comments that could later become 'negative' news (*New Age*, [10 August 2026](#)).

Economy

- ◆ **PM says Govt committed to building democratic, welfare-oriented state:** Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has said the government is working to build Bangladesh as a democratic and welfare-oriented state, with efforts underway to rebuild sectors devastated over the past one and a half decades. "For more than a decade and a half, the fascist government destroyed the country's education, healthcare, economy and other sectors. Now it is time to rebuild them," he said. "We are continuing our efforts towards that goal. We believe the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will play an indispensable role in the country's rebuilding journey." Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has called for a united effort to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030, saying their implementation will be crucial to rebuilding Bangladesh. "No single ministry or department can implement the SDGs. It requires collective support from the government, private sector, development partners, NGOs, civil society, media and every citizen," he said. The prime minister made the remarks on Monday afternoon while inaugurating three SDG villages under the SDG Village Pilot Programme at the China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka. Under the project, the

villages will gradually be developed by alleviating poverty, addressing water logging and drainage problems, ensuring quality education, improving healthcare services, reducing maternal and child mortality, and expanding access to safe drinking water and modern sanitation facilities (*Dhaka Tribune*, [10 August 2026](#); *BSS News*, [10 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Load-shedding worsens as Adani supply falls:** Bangladesh's worsening power crisis deepened this week as electricity imports from India's Adani Power fell to nearly half of the 1,600MW installed capacity, intensifying the power shortage amid a prolonged gas crisis and other fuel supply constraints. The sharp drop in supply from Adani's Godda thermal power plant in Jharkhand put fresh pressure on the national grid, with load-shedding soaring to a record 3,757MW on Monday, surpassing the previous record of 3,671MW set just a day earlier. People in rural areas are the worst sufferers, reports received from different districts said. Power Grid Bangladesh PLC data shows that Adani has been supplying only about half of its capacity since Friday afternoon. Power Development Board member Md Jahurul Islam, who oversees generation, said on Monday that Adani Power had reported difficulties in handling coal due to adverse weather a few days ago. 'The technical issues have reportedly been resolved, and efforts are now underway to restore full coal handling,' Jahurul said, adding that generation at the Godda plant would gradually increase as coal supply stabilised. Meanwhile, domestic power generation continues to struggle due to a severe gas shortage. On Sunday, 24 power plants reported gas deficits, while two others cited low pressure (*New Age*, [11 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Chinese firm recycles Savar tannery waste into export products:** A Chinese company has begun trial production of collagen, gelatin and industrial protein from tannery waste in Savar, offering a potential solution to the leather industry's long-running challenge of disposing of chromium-laden solid waste. Collagen is used in cosmetics, healthcare and biomedical applications, gelatin is widely used in pharmaceutical capsules and food products and protein filler can be used in leather processing. According to the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation, about 20,000 tonnes of tannery waste is generated annually in the Savar leather industry. Bangladesh JW Animal Protein Co Ltd – a joint venture involving China's Wenzhou Yuanfei and Pingyang groups – has established a nine-acre factory with its own effluent treatment plant in Nayarhat, Savar, and plans to process leather scraps and chrome shaving dust into higher-value products for domestic and export markets. The company plans to export products to markets including China and Russia, with an initial target of about 5,000 tonnes a year, while also serving domestic demand. The company, established in 2023, is the first foreign-invested enterprise in Bangladesh to undertake such large-scale recycling of tannery waste, according to BSCIC officials (*New Age*, [11 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **NCP warns govt against privatising energy sector:** The National Citizen Party on Monday warned the government against attempts to hand over the country's energy sector to 'mafia business groups', saying that any move to privatise the strategic sector would be resisted through a mass movement. NCP convener Nahid Islam and member secretary Akhtar Hossain issued a joint statement to warn the Bangladesh Nationalist Party-led government amid media reports of its move to privatise the energy sector. NCP leaders said that the power and energy sectors, which are directly linked to national security, must not be turned into a source of profit for 'mafia or plundering business groups'. The party alleged that efforts were under way to transfer control of the country's petroleum trade to a controversial group accused of loan fraud, bank looting and money laundering, bypassing legal requirements and state regulations. Warning the government against any 'secret deal' with any business groups, the NCP leaders

demanded the immediate withdrawal of a 'self-destructive privatisation policy' and urged the government to ensure full state ownership and control of the energy sector (*New Age*, [11 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Egypt keen to invest in country's industrial sector:** Egypt has expressed keen interest in further strengthening economic and trade relations with Bangladesh and expanding cooperation in industrial and investment sectors. Egyptian Ambassador to Bangladesh Omar Mohie Eldin Ahmed Fahmy conveyed the interest when he paid a courtesy call on Industries, Commerce and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir at the Ministry of Industries here today, said a press release. During the meeting, the ambassador said Egypt is interested in deepening economic and trade ties with Bangladesh, particularly through increased cooperation in industries and investment. He emphasised enhancing interactions between business people and industrial entrepreneurs of the two countries, saying stronger business-to-business contacts could help expand bilateral trade and investment (*BSS News*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Bangladesh could become semiconductor hub by 2050:** Bangladesh could emerge as a semiconductor hub by 2050 by harnessing its abundant quartz-rich river sands and developing capabilities across the global semiconductor value chain, according to a recent review study. The Brahmaputra-Jamuna, Padma and Teesta rivers contain large deposits of quartz-rich sand. Proper utilisation of these resources could enable Bangladesh to become an important supplier of materials to the global semiconductor industry, according to the study by Dr Md Sohel Rana, deputy director of the Bangladesh Geological Survey. Semiconductor chips are the backbone of modern technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI), 5G communications and electric vehicles. As global demand for semiconductors continues to grow, Bangladesh has an opportunity to establish a foothold in the rapidly expanding industry (*Daily Sun*, [10 August 2026](#)).

Foreign Policy

- ◆ **Dhaka asks Delhi to expedite Hasina extradition, return Hadi killers:** The extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the return of Osman Hadi murder accused were among the key issues discussed between Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and Indian High Commissioner Dinesh Trivedi on Monday. "Bangladesh hopes that India will expedite the process of extraditing Sheikh Hasina," said a press release issued by the PM's Press Wing after the meeting. At the same time, the request to India to return to Bangladesh the killers involved in the murder of Shaheed Osman Hadi has been reiterated. The prime minister stressed the need to create a suitable environment to further strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries. This was Trivedi's first meeting with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman and the Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir were present during the meeting. Deputy Press Secretary Shadhin said, "Important bilateral issues between the two countries were discussed. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman emphasised the need to create a suitable environment to further advance bilateral relations between the two countries." Shadhin said the prime minister welcomed India's new high commissioner. Trivedi also briefed the prime minister on his experience during his first two months in office in Dhaka (*Prothom Alo*, [10 August 2026](#)).

- ◆ **Foreign minister at briefing: Dhaka seeks enabling environment to advance Bangladesh–India ties:** Bangladesh has urged India to help create a conducive environment for advancing relations between the two neighbouring countries. The message was conveyed during Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi's first courtesy meeting with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on Monday morning. Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman disclosed the matter to journalists at a briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the afternoon, following the meeting at the prime minister's secretariat. He said emphasis had been placed on creating the kind of "enabling environment" necessary to take bilateral relations forward. Referring to reports that Hadi's suspected killers had been apprehended in India, Khalilur Rahman said, "We have provided them with all the documents they requested. This is an extremely sensitive issue for us [the Hadi case]. We have asked them to extradite the killers to us as soon as possible." Asked whether the issues of border killings and push-ins had been discussed during the meeting, the foreign minister said they had, albeit briefly. "These are not matters for discussion at the prime ministerial level," he said, adding that the issues had been discussed during his meeting with the Indian high commissioner yesterday, Sunday. Asked whether India had expressed regret over allowing Sheikh Hasina to address a press conference in New Delhi on 5 August, the second anniversary of the July uprising, the foreign minister said the matter should not be framed simply in terms of an apology. Elaborating on the matter, Khalilur Rahman said, "What Hasina did on 5 August was to spread hatred against Bangladesh's judiciary—one of the three branches of the state—and the Indian government allowed her to do so." Asked whether the Bangladesh government had accepted an invitation for Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to visit New Delhi after India extended invitations to him on two occasions, the foreign minister said, "First of all, I am not a fortune-teller. Secondly, the prime minister was not invited to BRICS. He was invited as the chair of BIMSTEC. You should try to understand that distinction." He further said that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had previously sent a letter to Bangladesh's prime minister, which was handed over on the day the new government was formed. "There is an invitation," he said. Asked in a follow-up question whether the invitation to visit Delhi had been discussed when the Indian high commissioner met the prime minister on Monday, Khalilur Rahman said, "We have not yet taken any decision on this" (*Prothom Alo*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Fresh start needed to strengthen Bangladesh-India ties:** Home Minister: Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed today called for a "fresh start" in Bangladesh-India relations, saying differences between the two countries can be resolved through mutual cooperation and dialogue based on equality. "Bangladesh and India are interdependent in many ways, including geographically, socially, politically and economically. Leaving the past behind, a fresh start is essential to strengthen the friendly relations between the two countries," he said. The home minister made the remarks when Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi paid a courtesy call on him at his office at the Bangladesh Secretariat today. "There are some differences and issues between the two countries, but these can be resolved through mutual cooperation and dialogue. We must move forward with our friendly relations through discussions based on equality. India must come forward with sincerity in this regard," he said. During the meeting, the two sides held fruitful and positive discussions on bilateral relations and various issues of mutual interest (*BSS News*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **Good ties will create a 'win-win' situation for both countries, says Indian envoy Trivedi:** India and Bangladesh may have contentious issues due to their shared history and geographical proximity, but resolving those issues is necessary for the benefit of both countries, says Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi. He made the remarks on Monday after

paying courtesy calls on Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed at the Secretariat. The high commissioner said, "As I mentioned before, the people of India and the prime minister of India are waiting. We are very positive that when the two leaders sit together and have discussions... In a democracy, there will always be issues. If there are no issues, it is not democracy." "There will be our issues, there will be Bangladesh's issues. But the people have one issue, and that is good relations. And if there are good relations, it is a win-win situation. Asked about recent strains in relations, Trivedi said disagreements did not mean problems could not be resolved. "If there are no issues, there will be no democracy," he said, comparing bilateral differences to disagreements within families. "There is no issue that we cannot sit down and resolve." He described closer ties as a "win-win situation" for both countries, saying ordinary people on both sides of the border wanted good relations. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi left Dhaka for New Delhi on Monday after holding three meetings in Dhaka over the past 24 hours, which is seen as further consultations amid efforts to engage constructively to take forward relations between the two neighbours. He met Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman on Sunday at State Guest House Padma, while he had separate courtesy meetings with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed at the Secretariat on Monday (*bdnews24.com*, [10 August 2026](#); *Prothom Alo*, [10 August 2026](#)).

Security

- ◆ **India's RAW chief meets PM defence adviser in Dhaka:** Parag Jain, the chief of India's foreign intelligence agency the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW), has arrived in Dhaka on an official visit amid efforts to normalise relations between the two countries. A government source told *bdnews24.com* that Jain is leading a four-member high-level delegation on this visit at the invitation of their Bangladeshi counterparts. However, no country has officially released any information about the visit of the Indian delegation. Jain, in addition to serving as the secretary of RAW and the special secretary of the Special Protection Group (SPG), is also leading the delegation in Dhaka. Ashwin Mukund Kotnis, Rahul Negi and Shaibal Roy Chowdhury are also accompanying him on the Dhaka visit. Jain visited China before coming to Bangladesh (*bdnews24.com*, [10 August 2026](#)).
- ◆ **96 landmines unearthed in Meherpur defused:** As many as 96 powerful anti-personnel and anti-tank landmines, believed to date back to the Liberation War in 1971, were unearthed during road repair work in Gangni upazila of Meherpur and subsequently defused. A specialised bomb disposal unit of the Bangladesh Army safely defused all the mines on Monday afternoon, averting a potentially serious accident in the area. The mines were first discovered on Saturday, while workers were digging soil for road repair in Betbaria village under Kazipur union. Local resident Jadu Shah said soil had been dug from a raised piece of land beside the road and dumped on the road to facilitate the transportation of bricks for house construction. Following recent rains, part of the soil was washed away, exposing a plastic toolbox and several objects resembling landmines (*Daily Sun*, [10 August 2026](#)).

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