

## Twitter users vote to oust Musk as CEO

REUTERS

Twitter users voted in a poll for Elon Musk to step down as chief executive of the social media platform, in a backlash against the billionaire less than two months after he took over.

About 57.5 percent votes were for "Yes", while 42.5 percent were against the idea of Musk stepping down as the head of Twitter, according to the poll the billionaire launched on Sunday evening. Over 17.5 million people voted.

Musk said on Sunday he would abide by the results of the poll, but did not give details on when he would step down if results said he should.

Shares of Tesla Inc (TSLA.O), the electric-car maker Musk heads, were up about 3 percent at \$154.70 in premarket trading.

The poll is the latest twist in Musk's chaotic reign as Twitter CEO since October, which includes rapid firings of top management and thousands of employees, seesawing on how much to charge for Twitter's subscription service Twitter Blue, and reinstating banned accounts, including that of former US President Donald Trump.

Tesla investors have been concerned Musk has been spreading himself too thin following the Twitter deal. Musk also backs medical device company Neuralink and heads rocket company SpaceX.

Tesla shares have already lost nearly 60 percent of their value this year, as, like other carmakers, it battles supply chain issues.

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Analysts at Oppenheimer downgraded Tesla, saying the negative sentiment on Twitter could linger long term and become an overhang on Tesla.

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Musk said last month he had too much work on his plate and would reduce his time at Twitter, while eventually finding a new leader to run the social media company.

Replying to one Twitter user's comment on a possible change in CEO, Musk said yesterday "There is no successor".

"No one wants the job who can actually keep Twitter alive."



## SRI LANKAN WATERS 104 Rohingya refugees rescued

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka's navy has rescued 104 Rohingyas adrift off the Indian Ocean island's northern coast, an official said yesterday, as members of the Muslim minority continue to escape violence in Myanmar and hardship in Bangladesh refugee camps. Many Rohingyas risk their lives every year by attempting to reach Southeast Asian countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia on rickety vessels, and their numbers have surged following deteriorating conditions in the camps and last year's military coup in Myanmar. The boat was first detected by the Sri Lanka Navy when it was 3.5 nautical miles from shore and a search and rescue operation was launched to eventually tow the vessel to a northern harbour on Sunday night, a navy

spokesperson, Captain Gayan Wickramasuriya, said. "The people have been handed over to the police," Wickramasuriya told Reuters. "The police will present them before a magistrate who will decide the next step." A navy statement said it had 104 Myanmar nationals were found aboard a small trawler suspected to have originated from Myanmar and was heading to Indonesia when it ran into engine trouble in rough seas.

### Five on easy

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rushed the victims to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Four persons died on the spot, another died on the way to the hospital and a total of two persons were injured, said Rangpur Superintendent of Police Ferdous Ali Chowdhury.

## 'BNP-Jamaat's plot'

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then the whole Bangladesh will be united and we will be able to defeat the BNP-Jamaat forces," he added.

AL Presidium Member Quamrul Islam said the BNP-Jamaat was once again hatching conspiracy to obstruct the pace of the country's development.

"From today's programme, we have to take the oath to drive these evil forces out the country. In future, pro-liberation forces will be in power and the opposition will also be the pro-liberation party."

Ismail Hossain, acting general secretary of Bangladesh National Awami Party, said if the BNP

tries to provoke conflict, the outcome would not be good. They would have to take the responsibility for it, he said.

Syed Najibul Bashar Maizbhandari, chairman of Bangladesh Tarikat Federation, said they would not let the BNP-Jamaat take to the streets.

He added that the next national election would be held on time regardless of the BNP joining.

"We have to remain united. Otherwise, the trend of the country's development will be hampered. To ensure sustainable development, we need sustainable leadership," said Dilip

## First unit all

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He added that over 79 percent work of the second unit was already completed. If everything goes according to the plan, the work of the unit, having a production capacity of 660MW, would be done soon.

Anwarul hoped that the second unit would start commercial production in June next year.

In 2010, India and Bangladesh jointly initiated the construction of the thermal power plant after forming Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company (Pvt) Limited. An agreement was signed between Bangladesh Power Development Board and India's NTPC Ltd on January 29, 2012.

On September 6 this year, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the plant's first unit amid protests from environmentalists over possible threats to the Sundarbans, the world's largest mangrove forest.

[Our Bagerhat correspondent contributed to this report.]

## More questions than answers

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his report. The report added that during the time of detention, a DB officer turned off the hotel's CCTV camera which clearly indicated their "dishonest intent".

In his concluding remarks, Shahed Miah wrote that he could not find any proof that fake notes were confiscated at the place mentioned in the case.

The probe report was submitted to the DMP's Professional Standard and Internal Investigation Department on December 12, 2017, according to documents.

The report remained under the carpet until the court sought it on December 15, 2021. It was submitted to the court on January 9 this year.

Four months later, a three-member probe body led by DB's then additional commissioner Devdas Bhattacharya found the accused involved in the crime.

The Daily Star has copies of both the probe reports.

The second report said that Hasan's allegations against the officers were false.

The probe body recorded similar statements from seven DB officers who conducted the raid at the hotel and from two fish sellers. But locals say that the fish sellers are informants of the policemen.

The three-member body ignored the CCTV footage in their investigation which was done in February 2018.

Asked why they didn't take the CCTV footage into account, Devdas Bhattacharya said, "There might be a fault in the process of arrest and the CCTV footage didn't show the recovery of the counterfeit notes. But we found that the DB team arrested Sohail from near

Fakirpool fish market with the counterfeit notes. He told us that the notes belonged to the hotel manager."

Devdas added that the accused were taking advantage of the footage.

The report said that Sohail told the DB officers that the counterfeit notes were given to him to be delivered to a barber shop owner. But the probe body could not identify the barber shop owner.

Talking to The Daily Star, noted rights activist Nur Khan said, "In some cases, we saw police try to frame people by putting fake notes on them. When two police probe reports contradict, the high officials of police should look into it sincerely."

"I think the first probe body did the job. But some months later, police formed another probe body to save their men," he observed.

**THE INCIDENT**  
During the raid on Hotel Bondhu in the capital's Paltan, a team of detectives in plainclothes detained Hasan and Sohail. It was recorded by the hotel's security camera.

But the first information report (FIR) prepared by the police the next day depicted a completely different story.

Hasan alleged that the false FIR was written because he refused to give the detectives Tk 3 lakh in bribe.

Sub-Inspector Dewan Uzzal Hossain, one of the officers who conducted the raid, acted as the investigating officer of the case and he pressed charges against Hasan and Sohail on September 19, 2017.

Hasan and his brother Hossain Majumdar later filed several complaints against nine DB men with the Police Headquarters, Dhaka Metropolitan Police, the Prime Minister's Office and the

home ministry.

The nine DB men are Sub-Inspector Dewan Uzzal Hossain, Inspector Tapan Kumar Dhali, assistant sub-inspectors Ziaur Rahman, Sohail Mahmud, Abul Bashar, Mominul Haque, Nazmul Haque Proddan, and constables Nayan Kumar and Golam Sarwar.

Multiple probe committees were formed to investigate the allegations made by Sohail. However, none of the reports were disclosed while Hasan and Sohail had to appear before the court for the last five years as accused.

The last hearing of the case was held on November 28.

Hasan said he had been fighting for justice and his family spent large sums of money for the legal expenses.

"The CCTV footage is solid evidence that the case against me is false and fabricated. I am facing so much trouble because I am fighting against the policemen," Hasan told The Daily Star.

## Nations adopt

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agreement is implemented effectively."

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen welcomed the deal, calling it "a roadmap to protect and restore nature".

"This agreement provides a good foundation for global action on biodiversity, complementing the Paris Agreement for Climate," the European Commission president said in a statement.

The CEO of campaign group Avaa, Bert Wander, cautioned: "It's a significant step forward in the fight to protect life on Earth, but on its own it won't be enough. Governments should listen to what science is saying and rapidly scale up ambition to protect half the Earth by 2030."

## Govt will ensure

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Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan on Sunday said there is no lack of security when Haas visited Shaheenbagh.

While talking to reporters at the Secretariat, he said police personnel rushed to the spot immediately.

The US Embassy in Dhaka said they take all allegations of human rights violations seriously and regularly meets with a wide variety of rights organisations.

"The US Embassy had not received any prior communication from Mayer Kanna over the last several years," said the spokesperson on Sunday, in light of various reports and statements surrounding Haas's meeting with Mayer Dak.

Providing more information to the media in an email, the spokesperson said human rights are at the center of US foreign policy.

## 23,968 held

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two condemned militants from court premises in Dhaka, the PHQ issued an order on November 29, instructing all its units to launch the special drive.

The law enforcers, however, could not arrest the two - Moinul Hasan Shamim and Abu Siddiq Sohail - both members of banned militant outfit Ansar Al Islam.

## Over 30 girls

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Sattar following the arrest of suspected gang member Kaniz Fatema, 40, from Narayanganj on December 12.

Nazrul claimed that Kaniz's job was to lure girls into the trap.

"We have got some details of the syndicate's operation and we are now trying to find other members conducting drives," he added.

The officials have started investigating a case filed with Fatullah Model Police Station on March 20 last year in connection with trafficking two sisters.

## A light that shines on

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from London, as a small relief and rehabilitation effort in a remote area of Sylhet.

The organisation transformed itself to one of the largest and most effective NGOs in the world by conducting successful socio-economic programmes in many sectors over the last 50 years.

Brac now provides multifaceted services to over 100 million people in 11 countries of Asia and Africa, assisting them in bringing lasting changes to their lives.

Born in 1936, Sir Fazle studied accountancy in London, qualifying as a cost management accountant in 1962.

While he was working as a senior corporate executive at Pakistan Shell Oil, the 1970 cyclone and 1971 Liberation War in Bangladesh dramatically changed the direction of his life.

He left his job and moved to London, where he helped initiate Action Bangladesh and HELP Bangladesh in

support of the Liberation War.

In 1972, after the war was over, he returned to the newly-independent Bangladesh, finding the economy in ruins.

The return of 10 million refugees, who were sheltered in India during the war, called for urgent relief and rehabilitation.

Sir Fazle then founded Brac to address the needs of the refugees, guided by a desire to help people living in poverty develop their own capacity to better manage their lives.

For his outstanding contributions to empowering people living in poverty and inequality, he had been honoured with numerous national and international awards.

These include the Yidan Prize for Education Development in 2019, LEGO Prize in 2018, World Food Prize in 2015, Spanish Order of Civil Merit in 2014, Inaugural WISE Prize for Education in 2011, David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award in 2008, Inaugural Clinton Global

Citizen Award in 2007, UNDP Mahbubul Haq Award for Outstanding Contribution to Human Development in 2004, Olof Palme Prize in 2001, and Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership in 1980.

In 2010, Sir Fazle was appointed Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George by the British Crown in recognition of his services in Bangladesh and abroad. In addition, he was honoured with a Dutch Knighthood in 2019.

Sir Fazle was a member of the Group of Eminent Persons, appointed by the UN Secretary-General in 2010.

In 2014 and 2017, he was named one of Fortune Magazine's World's 50 Greatest Leaders.

The many honorary degrees received by him include those from Princeton University (2014), the University of Oxford (2009), Columbia University (2008) and Yale University (2007).

## Illegal migration to Europe

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said Shariful Hasan, head of the Brac Migration Programme.

Mainly people from eight to 10 districts across Dhaka, Faridpur and Sylhet migrate to Europe illegally.

"It should be built into their psyche that such illegal journey involves various risks including death and arrest while it also tarnishes the country's image as a whole," he added.

Instances of punishing traffickers in Bangladesh are few and far between, said Shakirul Islam, chairperson of Ovivashi Karmi Unnayan Programme, adding that the government needs to show "zero tolerance" in this regard.

A legal pathway of migration can effectively reduce illegal migration and the Bangladesh government need to put

more focus on creating such opportunities, he said.

At present, different European countries hire foreign workers under a "talent partnership" initiative.

"Bangladesh needs to explore this opportunity," Islam said.

So far, Bangladesh has inked a memorandum of understanding in February with Greece, one of the 27 member states of the EU.

Under the arrangement, Greece will hire 4,000 workers from Bangladesh each year.

The recruitment process has not started yet, according to an official of the Bangladesh embassy in Athens.

Besides, Italy, another EU country, will hire a small number of "seasonal" workers from Bangladesh each year.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
**Office of the Inspector General**  
**Bangladesh Police**  
**Police Headquarters, Dhaka.**

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**Invitation for Local Tender**

Memo No-44.01.0000.437.07.015.22.04 Date: 19-12-2022

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/ suppliers/ local agents in their official pad for "Purchase of Access Points for extension of Wi-Fi system for NCCOM, Access Points for extension of Wi-Fi system for Administrative Building and POE Switch and Accessories for Wireless Network Management of PHQ" in fiscal year 2022-2023.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs				
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police				
3	Procuring Entity Name	AIG (ICT), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka				
4	Invitation For	Purchase of Access Points for extension of Wi-Fi system for NCCOM, Access Points for extension of Wi-Fi system for Administrative Building and POE Switch and Accessories for Wireless Network Management of PHQ				
5	Invitation Ref. No.	44. 01. 0000. 437. 07. 015. 22. 04 Date: 19-12-2022				
<b>Key information</b>						
6	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM), National Competitive Tender (NCT)				
<b>Fund information</b>						
7	Budget and Source of Fund	Revenue Budget (GoB)-4112202 (Computer and Accessories)				
<b>Particular information</b>						
8	Item no	Name of item	Tender Publication Date	Tender Last Selling Date	Tender Closing Date and Time	Tender Opening Date and Time
	1	Purchase of Access Points for extension of Wi-Fi system for NCCOM	20-12-2022	08-01-2023	09-01-2023, 11:00 AM	09-01-2023, 11:30 AM
	2	Access Points for extension of Wi-Fi system for Administrative Building	20-12-2022	08-01-2023	09-01-2023, 12:00 PM	09-01-2023, 12:30 PM
	3	POE Switch and Accessories for Wireless Network Management of PHQ	20-12-2022	08-01-2023	09-01-2023, 02:00 PM	09-01-2023, 02:30 PM
<b>Office of tender selling, receiving &amp; opening</b>						
9	AIG (ICT), NCCOM Building (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor), Police Headquarters, Dhaka					
10	Place/Date/Time of Pre-tender Meeting (optional) 27-12-22, 11:00 AM, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor NCCOM Building, Police Headquarters, Dhaka					
<b>Information for tenderer</b>						
11	Eligibility of Tenderer 1. Trade License (Updated) 2. Income Tax clearance Certificate (Updated) 3. VAT Registration Certificate (Updated) 4. Other documents described in the tender document (Must be submitted)					
<b>15 Brief description of goods</b>						
Item no	Name of item	Quantity	Price of tender document (Non refundable)	Tender security	Tender Validity	
1.	Purchase of Access Points for extension of Wi-Fi system for NCCOM	1 lot	3,000.00 (Tk. Three thousand only)	5,00,000/- (Tk. Five Lac only)	120 days.	
2.	Access Points for extension of Wi-Fi system for Administrative Building	1 lot	3,000.00 (Tk. Three thousand only)	5,00,000/- (Tk. Five Lac only)	120 days.	
3.	POE Switch and Accessories for Wireless Network Management of PHQ	1 lot	3,000.00 (Tk. Three thousand only)	5,00,000/- (Tk. Five Lac only)	120 days.	
<b>Procuring entity details:</b>						
16	Name, Designation and Address of Official Inviting Tender	Mr. Md. Zannatul Hasan, BPM (Bar), AIG (ICT), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka. Tel : 02-22335312, E-mail: aigict@police.gov.bd				
<b>17 Special instructions</b>						
a) No tender will be received after the deadline.						
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason.						
c) The procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase or decrease the quantity of any item from the tender.						
d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/ opened on the next working date at the same time & venue.						
e) The procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Rules 2008.						

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