

BNP leader Salahuddin

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government, Salahuddin paid respects to BNP founder Ziaur Rahman at his grave in the city's Chandrima Udyan.

Speaking to reporters there, Salahuddin called for meaningful reforms to the country's democratic structures to build a "truly democratic state".

"We must make this victory meaningful," he said, referring to the outcome of the recent uprising.

The BNP leader urged everyone to be patient and restore discipline so that the people can enjoy the benefits of freedom and democracy.

"If we can establish the rule of law, create a state governed by the rule of law, and allow all constitutional and

democratic institutions to function independently and impartially, its benefit will reach every home of the 18 crore people."

He vowed to protect the country from external enemies and internal conspirators.

"This country did not achieve independence under the leadership of a single person. The country was liberated through the participation of all the people."

"Independence cannot belong to any single party, nor can it belong to any individual. This liberation and victory belong to all of us, and we must protect this country," he added.

After being missing for 62 days, former state minister Salahuddin was

found in Shillong, the capital of the northeastern Indian state of Meghalaya on May 11, 2015.

He was arrested for entering India without valid documents and charged under the Foreigners Act. Later, Shillong police pressed charges against him in the case.

The BNP alleged that Salahuddin was abducted from his home in Uttara, Dhaka, on March 10, 2015, by people posing as police detectives.

On October 26, 2018, a Shillong court acquitted him of the charges related to illegal entry.

A higher court upheld the verdict on February 28, 2023, and directed the Indian government to arrange for his return to Bangladesh.

Form special tribunals

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of 10 percent of parliamentary seats for members of minority communities and the enactment of a minority protection law.

In Sylhet, several thousand people from all walks of life protested against vandalism, arson, attacks, and looting of Hindu houses and temples in different parts of the country.

As part of the nationwide programme, a rally was held in front of the Sylhet Central Shaheed Minar premises.

"The main goal of the recent uprising was to establish a society without discrimination. But in the present context, it is evident that minorities are being oppressed all over the country. We strongly protest it," said Himadri Shekhar Roy, a professor at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology.

In Narayanganj, several hundred people from the Hindu community brought out a protest procession for the second consecutive day.

The protesters started the procession around 4:00pm from the

Shahid Minar area followed by a sit-in at the Chashara intersection.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigoshthi, a prominent cultural organisation, also held a rally in the Shahid Minar area.

In Barishal, a protest rally was held in front of the Ashwinikumar Hall area which was joined by around a thousand members of the Hindu community around 3:00pm.

Later, they brought out a procession from the area which marched through different major streets of the city.

In Lalmonirhat, defying the heavy rain, several thousand people from the Hindu community formed a human chain at the Mission Mor in the town at 10:30am.

In Patuakhali, two separate programmes were held under the banners of "Sanatan Nagorik and Students" and "Bangladesh Hindu, Buddhist, Christian Unity Council".

Sanatan Nagorik and Students formed a human chain in front of Patuakhali Central Shaheed Minar

around noon. They later submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner demanding an end to communal violence.

Meanwhile, the district unit of Bangladesh Hindu, Buddhist, Christian Unity Council brought out a procession from Patuakhali cremation grounds around 3:00pm.

In Pabna, over a thousand people from the Hindu community brought out a protest procession from the Joy Kalibari Temple area and paraded through the major streets in town.

In Joypurhat, around 4,000 people staged demonstrations and formed a human chain protesting the attacks on Hindu properties across the country.

They gathered at the Zero-point area of the town around 11:00am, where they formed a human chain.

In Cumilla, around a thousand people held a rally in the Town hall field area of the city as part of the nationwide protest programme to end violence against minority communities.

USA pip China in medals table

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At the velodrome, Dutch star Harrie Lavreysen surged to the men's keirin for his third gold of the Games, ending British dominance of the event they had won at every Olympics since 2008.

New Zealand's Ellesse Andrews blasted to the women's sprint title to add to her keirin gold, while American cyclist Jennifer Valente won the

women's omnium.

In men's water polo, Serbia won their third straight Olympic gold with a 13-11 victory over Croatia at La Defense Arena and pulled their coach into the pool in the celebrations.

As the sport ends, attention turns to the closing ceremony and the next Olympics in Los Angeles in four years.

"On August 11, the Olympic Games

will be over, and the Olympic flame will be extinguished," said Thomas Jolly, who masterminded the unique opening ceremony along the River Seine.

"That moment will remind us just how precious are these Olympic Games," added Jolly, whose opening ceremony sparked outrage in some quarters with a scene that appeared to parody the Last Supper.

Political parties must abide by relevant act

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members have to be on the run now."

Warning all the political parties, Sakhawat said, "Now, if you think you'll take control of the markets and resort to extortion, you can go ahead and do it for a while. But I have requested the army chief to break your legs... I don't care, go to hell."

"I am neither the public nor a politician, I come from a military background. I'll do what I say for as long as I stay."

Sakhawat, a former commissioner of the Election Commission, urged all to refrain from extortion.

"Whoever resorts to extortion -- no matter what party you are associated with -- I would ask the people to give them a beating. Those who extort, catch them on the spot. We'll do what needs to be done. We'll restore law and order. The country cannot run like this. We cannot lease out the country."

Saying that 30 lakh people made the supreme sacrifice for the country's independence, he added, "Aren't you ashamed of getting involved in extortion and doing politics, sitting on their blood? Don't do it. I warn you [political parties]. Take care of your men. Or else, you have seen how it doesn't take long to fall."

He said over a thousand people, including police officers, had to shed

their blood. "You have to pay the price."

About the previous government's ban on a particular party, Sakhawat said, "It's a political matter. It will be discussed."

Regarding the mobs storming the Gono Bhaban and Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, he said, "Any destruction is bad. These are state assets, I condemn those [the destructions]. A mass uprising as such in any country in the world does not happen with limits or discipline. Similar incidents occurred during the Arab Spring..."

About the attacks on minorities, he said it is the responsibility of every citizen to deter such attacks.

He called upon all to come forward to save the minority communities.

"It is the sacred duty of the majority... We're going through turbulent times. I request the majority of the society to protect the minorities and the oppressed."

Earlier, speaking to reporters after visiting the injured police members at the Central Police Hospital in Dhaka, the home adviser threatened to shut down media outlets if they turn to sycophancy.

"I saw what happened in the country through BBC. But our media said nothing had happened. If the media had played an objective role, police would not face this situation."

Prof Yunus acquitted in graft case

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oath after the resignation and departure of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina in the face of a mass upsurge led by students on August 5.

Judge Md Rabiul Alam of the Special Judge's Court-4 of Dhaka yesterday acquitted Prof Yunus, Nurjahan, and 12 others accused after the ACC applied with the court, seeking withdrawal of prosecution of the case under Section 494 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Amir Hossain, an ACC official working in the court, told The Daily Star.

Earlier in the day, the anti-graft watchdog approved the withdrawal of the prosecution of the case after scrutinising an application submitted by the case investigating officer and other case records, Amir added.

A day before his oath on August

8, Prof Yunus, also chairman of Grameen Telecom, and its directors -- Ashraful Hassan, M Shahjahan and Nurjahan Begum -- also got acquitted in a labour law violation case in which they were sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined Tk 30,000 each on January 1.

On June 12, Prof Yunus, Nurjahan, and 12 others were indicted in the ACC case filed over the misappropriation of about Tk 25.22 crore of Grameen Telecom Workers' profit participation fund. The court was also scheduled to record the statements of the witnesses.

On February 1, Investigating Officer Gulshan Anwar Prodan, a deputy director of the ACC, placed the charge sheet before the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka.

On April 2, the Metropolitan

Shame on you. Shame on the media owners.

"A country drowns when the media does not speak the truth and publish false information."

About the culture of politics in the country, he said "The politics of Bangladesh is the politics of sycophants. We didn't make politicians, we made sycophants. There is so much flattery that even when people are dying, they will say nothing happened. Such sycophants can't do politics."

On the extent of corruption, he said, "A peon owned Tk 400 crore! I can't even think beyond Tk 1 crore! ... Such a plunderer! They [the plunderers] have amassed no less than Tk 4,000-5,000 crore and have 10-12 homes abroad."

He also said he will be submitting his own wealth statement soon.

"A state can't be run according to one's whims, no matter who or what they are. Bangabandhu has of course contributed, but thousands of people fought and 30 lakh people were killed to liberate this country. The state is not anyone's personal property..."

Criticising dynasty politics, he said, "Power has been consolidated [through dynasty politics]. They want to stay in power even after killing thousands of people. It's very sad."

Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka accepted the charges pressed against the 14 accused.

On that day, the court also transferred the case to the Special Judge's Court-4 of Dhaka for the next course of action.

The 12 other accused are Grameen Telecom Managing Director Nazmul Islam, Directors Ashraful Hassan, Naznin Sultana, Parvin Mahmud, M Shahjahan and SM Huzzatul Islam Latife, Sramik Karmachari Union President Kamruzzaman, General Secretary Firoz Mahmud Hasan and representative Mainul Islam, Jatiya Workers Federation Office Secretary Kamrul Hasan, and lawyers Zafrul Hasan Sharif and Yusuf Ali.

On May 30 last year, Gulshan Anwar filed the case with the ACC's integrated district office in Dhaka.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
Department of Immigration and Passports	
Data and Personalization Centre	
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Invitation for International Tenders	
Sl. No.	Description
1	Ministry/Division
2	Agency
3	Purchaser name
4	Purchaser code
5	Purchaser district
6	Invitation for
7	Invitation Ref No.
8	Date
KEY INFORMATION	
9	Procurement method
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10	Budget and source of funds
11	Development partners
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12	Project / programme code
13	Project / programme name
14	Tender Package No.
15	Tender package name
16	Tender publication date
17	Tender last selling date
18	Tender closing date and time
19	Tender opening date and time
20	Name & address of the office(s)
21	Pre-tender meeting (optional)
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
22	Eligibility of tenderer
23	Brief description of services
24	Price of tender document (Tk)
25	Package No.
26	Name of official inviting tender
27	Designation of official inviting tender
28	Address of official inviting tender
29	Contact details of official inviting tender
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the tenders or annul the Tender proceedings

Services to be delivered:

The objectives of the Tender is to select a reliable and International experienced postal/courier service provider that would collect printed passports from personalization Centre at Uttara and Agargaon. Dhaka and distribute those to 81 Bangladesh Missions (BM) in abroad. Name of the Bangladesh Missions are: 1) Ankara, Turkey, 2) Beijing, China, 3) Birmingham, UK, 4) Colombo, Sri Lanka 5) Kathmandu, Nepal, 6) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 7) London, UK, 8) Manchester, UK, 9) Muscat, Oman, 10) New Delhi, India, 11) Rabat, Morocco 12) Berlin, Germany, 13) Brussels, Belgium, 14) Doha, Qatar, 15) Calcutta, India, 16) Male, Maldives, 17) Moscow, Russia, 18) Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 19) The Hague, Netherlands 20) Tripoli, Libya, 21) Washington, USA, 22) Tokyo, Japan, 23) Paris, France, 24) Los Angeles, USA 25) Bangkok, Thailand, 26) Brunei 27) Cairo, Egypt 28) Canberra, Australia, 29) Hanoi, Vietnam 30) Jakarta, Indonesia, 31) Thimphu, Bhutan, 32) Seoul, South Korea, 33) Singapore, 34) Stockholm, Sweden, 35) Pretoria, South Africa, 36) Agartala, India 37) Amman, Jordan 38) Islamabad, Pakistan 39) Jeddah, KSA, 40) Karachi, Pakistan, 41) Manama, Bahrain 42) Rome, Italy 43) Riyadh, KSA 44) Tehran, Iran 45) Abu Dhabi, UAE 46) Hong Kong 47) Kuwait 48) Madrid, Spain 49) Manila, Philippine 50) Nairobi, Kenya, 51) New York, USA 52) Ottawa, Canada, 53) Yangon, Myanmar, 54) Istanbul, Turkey, 55) Milan, Italy, 56) Baghdad, Iraq, 57) Athens, Greece 58) Kabul, Afghanistan 59) Freetown, Sierra Leone 60) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 61) Bucharest, Romania 62) Vienna, Austria 63) Warsaw, Poland 64) Copenhagen, Denmark, 65) Mumbai, India 66) Abuja, Nigeria 67) Kunming, China 68) Port Luis, Mauritius 69) Lisbon, Portugal 70) Beirut, Lebanon 71) Mexico City, Mexico, 72) Algiers, Algeria, 73) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 74) Chennai, India, 75) Guwahati, India, 76) Sydney, Australia, 77) Florida, USA 78) Khartoum, Sudan, 79) Geneva, Switzerland, 80) Dubai, UAE, 81) Toronto, Canada.

The services include:

- To collect passports from Personalization Center (Uttara and Agargaon) of Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP) and deliver them to respective Bangladesh Missions in abroad in each working day from 2 PM to 5 PM.
- To deliver different sizes of packages to Personalization Center (Uttara and Agargaon) for packing ready printed passports as per DIP requirement.
- Service provider will attach proper label on the front side of the packages.
- Service provider will provide proper secured vehicle for carrying passports.
- Service provider will provide proper security for the purpose of carrying and delivery of passports to the Bangladesh Missions.
- Service provider will bear all expenses for carrying and clearing from respective customs department of respective countries.
- Service provider will establish two ways online tracking system one is web-based, open for all and other is through customized software for any individual passport on delivery.
- Service provider will engage sufficient and efficient manpower for service delivery.
- In case of miss delivery, service provider will collect and deliver to the proper Mission at their own cost without charging any extra service charge.
- Service provider will give sufficient access in favors of concerned DIP/Mission official to the system deployed for this purpose.
- Service provider will maintain the collection and delivery system throughout the contract period and hand over the system after the end of the contract.
- Service provider will response real time basis to DIP/Mission's authorized personnel on any queries related to shipment and delivery of passports.
- Online tracking system shall be established by service Shipment and delivery status at any passport.
- 24x7 call center service should be in place in Bangladesh and in abroad at which DIP/Mission official can call free of cost to have information.
- Service provider shall deliver passport to the concerned Bangladesh Mission within 48-96 hrs. Of pick-up from DIP. If fails service provider have to compensate 10% of the service charge.
- All relevant expenses including TAX vat and customs duty for the purpose of service delivery shall be borne by the service provider.
- Service charge will be deducted at certain percentage mentioned in the particular condition of the contract for the delay of delivering services.
- The service provider shall be solely responsible for missing or damage of passports and confirm that packets shall remain closed and not to be opened till delivery to its destination.
- The service provider shall provide an insurance appropriate to cover liabilities and damages to passport, while in their possession.
- Client will visit at least 3 bond houses of the service provider in destination countries.
- The service provider will submit report monthly on performance under the contract using the criteria stipulated above.

Package No.	Identification of Package	Location	Tender security (Tk)	Completion time (months)
Single Lot Single package	Delivery of printed passports from personalization center, Dhaka & Passport Personalization Complex, Uttara Centre to Bangladesh missions in abroad.	Dhaka	15,00,000 (fifteen lac Tk only)	36 months

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