

Form minority commission Demands Sanatan Adhikar Parishad at meeting with Yunus

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The Sanatan Adhikar Parishad has demanded a minority commission to investigate the attacks on the homes and places of worship of the Hindu community across the country.

Yesterday, a six-member delegation met Chief Adviser to the interim government Prof Muhammad Yunus to present an eight-point demand, including the prosecution of attacks on the properties of the minority community and ensuring their security.

Yunus assured them that his government is committed to protecting the human rights of every citizen, including members of religious minorities.

"We have already taken several measures to provide protection against any attacks and violence targeting minorities..." he said.

Information Adviser Nahid Islam, and Youth and Sports Adviser Asif Mahmud were present at the meeting.

Emon's battle for life ends after 14 days

Shot at a protest rally on August 4, 21-year-old college student dies in DMCH

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Emon, 21, who was shot while participating in a student protest in Tangail on August 4, succumbed to his injuries yesterday at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Hailing from Tangail's Gopalpur upazila, Emon, a college student, was a beacon of hope for his poor family. After his father Julhas Sheikh, a rickshaw-puller, passed away when he was a sixth grader, Emon had been working alongside his studies to support his family.

His mother Rina Begum works as a house help. After completing his HSC from Moniruzzaman Khan BM College, Emon got admitted to Hemnagar Degree College, and began doing tuitions to support educational expenses for himself as well as his three younger siblings.

"On August 4, Emon was shot by police in his stomach during a protest in the Gorai area of Tangail's

Mirzapur upazila. He was first taken to Kumudini Hospital and later shifted to Lake View Hospital in Dhaka's Uttara. He was admitted to DMCH on August 6 as his condition deteriorated. He had been under treatment at the ICU there for 12 days," said his uncle Nawab Ali.

Emon's family had to borrow Tk 1 lakh to spend for his treatment, and with his untimely demise, they now find themselves in dire straits, Nawab added.

"We suffered a lot due to financial strains all these years, yet we had hopes as Emon had been working hard to help the family after his father's death. He was doing tuitions beside his studies to bear the educational costs for his three younger siblings. With his demise, all our hopes are lost," said Rina Begum.

Emon's first namaj-e-janaja was held at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka yesterday noon before his body was taken to his village home and buried at a local graveyard.



Tribute

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It was a gesture of respect, of mourning, and of the unspoken words that lingered in the minds of everyone present.

In the exam hall, the usual tension of an exam was replaced by a heavy silence. Occasionally, the cries of Ahnaf's friends broke through the silence as they broke into tears.

The invigilator's voice seemed softer, and the students' focus was often broken by the sight of that solitary bouquet.

As they filled out their answer sheets, Ahnaf's classmates knew that Ahnaf's murder would haunt them for a very long time.

"Ahnaf attended the last three exams, but today [yesterday] he wasn't here," said one student.

"It was hard to focus; three students cried in the room," another added.

Borhan Uddin, a teacher at BAF Shaheen College, who was invigilator of the exam hall, said, "We did not want Ahnaf's seat to remain empty. He sacrificed his life for the country. We decided to honour him with this gesture of placing flowers on his seat. Both teachers and students came together to lay floral tributes on his desk. Everyone was in tears during this time."

Vice Principal Shakila Nargis said, "His seat is empty, and it's painful for us all. We wanted to show that we haven't forgotten him."

The college plans to offer prayers on August 20 to honour Ahnaf's memory.

His father, Nasir Uddin Ahmed, said, "My boy is gone, but he has left many memories... There was no fear in him. I could not stop my son [from joining protests]."

Universities struggle Dhaka

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Mohema Islam, a student at Comilla University, said, "We have already suffered a lot since academic activities have been at a standstill at our university for months. We don't want this to continue. We demand that the government take immediate action to fill the gaps."

DU Pro-VC (Academic) Prof Sitesh Chandra said, "Many teachers have returned to their departments, but there was a noticeable absence of students. So, we were unable to hold any classes or examinations today (yesterday)."

The absence of a VC and other administrative officials is causing significant challenges. These positions need to be filled urgently, he added.

Prof Tarikul Islam, acting registrar at Rajshahi University, said, "The government's order to reopen educational institutions was issued to vice chancellors. But we currently have no VC or even a pro-VC. So we couldn't decide on resuming academic activities. We can

only proceed once these positions are filled."

Education Ministry Adviser Wahiduddin Mahmud acknowledged the crisis in public universities.

"We must address this situation swiftly. However, this is also an opportunity to appoint genuinely passionate and qualified individuals to lead these institutions," he said.

They must have both academic and administrative expertise, which has unfortunately been undervalued for a long time, he added.

Regarding the appointment of new VCs, he said, "It is extremely challenging to suddenly appoint new leadership in over 40 universities. Nevertheless, we will make every effort to quickly fill these positions, especially at major universities."

Following the government's directive, secondary schools, colleges, and madrasas across the country also reopened yesterday after a nearly month-long closure, while primary schools had resumed on August 14.

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water as a sarcastic gift of "sherbet" to Taqsem still remains fresh in the memory of Dhaka dwellers.

Wasa recently terminated Taqsem after he remained as its managing director for over 15 years even as news over allegations of widespread irregularities, corruption and looting against him got regularly published in newspapers.

He was replaced by AKM Shahid Uddin.

Notably, complaints were filed with the Anti-Corruption Commission regarding Taqsem's amassing of huge wealth illegally and embezzlement of Tk 132 crore from the funds of Wasa Employees' Multipurpose Cooperative Society Limited.

Even after so many allegations against him, no case has been filed against him and he has not been arrested, said Mizanur.

"Under Taqsem as managing director, Dhaka Wasa was run in a tyrannical manner, turning it into his playground for committing irregularities, misuse of power, and widespread corruption, among other charges," he also said.

Addressing the human chain, Mizanur also demanded replacing the newly appointed Wasa managing director AKM Shahid Uddin.

"AKM Shahid Uddin has long been an accomplice of Taqsem's corruption," Mizanur alleged, citing news reports.



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AZAN 4:25	12:45	4:45	6:38	8:00
JAMAAT 5:00	1:15	5:00	6:41	8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Case against

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said on August 13, Khairul resigned from the position of chairman of the Law Commission.

After retiring from the position of chief justice, he was appointed the Law Commission chairman for three years on July 23 last year. His tenure was subsequently extended three times as the chairman of the commission.

Khairul was elevated to the Appellate Division in July 2009.

A week before his retirement, he gave the verdict declaring the nonpartisan election-time government "illegal", ignoring strong pleas by eminent jurists such as Dr Kamal Hossain, Barrister Rafique-ul-Huq, Barrister M Amir-ul-Islam, former attorney general Mahmudul Islam, all of whom strongly argued for retaining the interim government system for the sake of democracy.

His verdict gave Hasina the biggest political weapon to cling to power. The end of the caretaker system meant an end to the mechanism of checks and balances which ensured free and fair elections in 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2008, said the complainant.

Iron cages being removed

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Court. The removal process is ongoing, he added.

Till yesterday noon, there are iron cages in most courtrooms under the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka, while the iron cages are set-up in nine special judge's courts, four speedy trial tribunals, nine women and children repression prevention tribunals, Anti-Human Trafficking Prevention Tribunal and Anti-Terrorism Special

Tribunal, said court staffers.

Legal experts have criticised the use of iron cages, arguing that it violates Article 35(5) of the Constitution, which prohibits torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading punishment or treatment.

Supreme Court lawyer Zahirul Islam Khan Panna, chairperson of Ain o Salish Kendra, said, "There cannot be an iron cage in the courtrooms of a civilised state. Iron cages should be

removed from all courts immediately."

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Will inform UN team

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the World's Indigenous Peoples 2024.

Hossain also protested against the security forces for obstructing efforts to paint graffiti on the abduction of Kalpana Chakma in different locations of Chattogram Hill Tracts region.

Speaking on reforms, she said, "We need reform in the judiciary, but we must ensure that we do not destroy everything in the name of reform."

The primary task of the interim government is to ensure the safety of those who are still insecure, she opined.

Addressing the event, Ittekkharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International, Bangladesh, said the country needs to develop a framework based on the mass aspirations of a "new Bangladesh, new state structure, and new political understanding" that emerged following the recent mass uprising.

"We do not want any discrimination against indigenous people after the mass uprising. We do not want another authoritarian government," he said, calling for action over the attacks and violence on indigenous and minority communities recently and in previous years.

He also called for separate UN investigations into each rights violation against indigenous people in previous years and sought constitutional

recognition of indigenous people.

Ittekkharuzzaman also recommended overhauling the CHT Affairs Ministry and renaming it as "Indigenous Rights Affairs Ministry," saying that the ministry was created to facilitate militarisation in the CHT region.

Shamsul Huda, executive director at the Association for Land Reform and Development, noted that attacks on indigenous, marginalised communities, and women are a regular political phenomenon in the country.

He demanded the state to recognise the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, eliminate all discrimination against indigenous communities, ratify the ILO Convention 169, and formulate relevant laws accordingly.

Prof Robaet Ferdous of Dhaka University expressed concern that Bangalee people would outnumber indigenous populations in the CHT within 10 years at the current rate.

The abuses against indigenous people across the country hinder efforts to create a diverse, gender and language-neutral country, he noted, adding that the country's people's emancipation will remain incomplete without emancipation of indigenous peoples.

Khushi Kabir, coordinator of Nijera Kori, conducted the seminar.

Tough to implement

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Wahiduddin said the whole job will be done in phases.

He made the remarks at a time when many educationists criticised the new curriculum for a sketchy evaluation system.

Besides, due to a lack of sufficient training, many teachers were still confused about how to give classroom instructions, distribute group work for students, and evaluate the students' performances based on the new curriculum.

The last Awami League government chalked out the new curriculum, saying it would reduce emphasis

on memorisation and prioritise experimentation and activity-based learning.

Phase-wise implementation of the curriculum started on January 1, 2023. Currently, the curriculum is followed in classes one, two, three, six, seven, eight, and nine, while classes four, five, and 10 are supposed to follow it from January 2025.

Under the new curriculum, there will be no public exam before class 10 and no exams for students up to class 3. Science, humanities, and business studies will be introduced in class II instead of class 9.

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Date: 18-08-2024

Invitation for Tender (Works) e-GP Tender Notice-02/2024-2025 (3rd Call)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works details are given below:

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Name of works	Last selling	Closing & opening time	Tendering method
1	11002197	e-Tender/NBIDGPs/KHU/DAC/2023-2024/W2-00387 Construction of Boundary wall and gate of Shingora GPS under NBIDGPs-1 project at Dacope upazila, District-Khulna.	01-Sep-2024 17:00	02-Sep-2024 14:00	OTM

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Memo No: 17.09.0000.11.415.24-778

Dated: 18/08/2024

1	Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Election Commission	
2	Agency	Election Commission Secretariat	
3	Procuring Entity Name	Regional Election Officer, Mymensingh Region, Mymensingh.	
4	Procuring Entity Code	-	
5	Procuring Entity District	Mymensingh	
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Non-Consulting Service (Physical service)	
7	Invitation Ref No	REO/MYM/NCS-1/2024	
KEY INFORMATION			
8	Procurement Method	OTM	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (GOB, Out sourcing)	
10	Tender Package Name	Out Sourcing/01.	
11	Tender No	REO-01 /2024-2025/Service	
12	Tender Publication Date	19.08.2024	
13	Tender Last Selling Date	11.09.2024 up to 05.00 PM	
14	Tender Closing Date and Time	12.09.2024, Time: 01.00 PM	
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	12.09.2024, Time: 02.00 PM	
16	Name & Address of the office(s)		
Selling Tender Document (Principal)		Regional Election Office, Mymensingh Region, Mymensingh.	
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Receiving Tender Document		Regional Election Officer, Mymensingh Region, Mymensingh.	
Opening Tender Document		Regional Election Officer, Mymensingh Region, Mymensingh.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
17	Eligibility of Tenderer	1. Tenderer shall have the legal capacity to enter into the contract under the applicable law. 2. Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organizations registered in Bangladesh. 3. Tenderers shall have to fulfill its obligation/obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh. 4. Detail information has been provided in the tender document. 5. Outsourcing supplier of any organization as per TDS & PCC.	
18	Description of Works		
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Tender is invited from the bonafide/intending suppliers/firms for the following items:

- Procurement of Lab instruments for the Department of EEE
- Supply, fitting and fixing of floor tiles and replacement of false ceiling (Lab rooms) for the Department of Pharmacy
- Deep Tube Well Foundation for Vadam Land (Tongi, Gazipur) of East West University
- Plastering of boundary wall including maintenance work of Vadam Land (Tongi, Gazipur) of East West University
- Procurement of 20 pcs Multiple Output DC Power Supply for Electrical Circuit and Electronics Lab, Department of EEE

The schedule of the items with terms and conditions can be obtained from the Finance & Accounts Department (1st floor) of the University until **08.09.2024** during office hours (until 03:00 p.m.) on working days. The price of the tender schedule (non-refundable) is **Tk.500/-** (Taka Five Hundred) only.

The interested bidders are requested to submit the tender schedule by **09.09.2024 within 02:00 P.M.** The tender (hard copy) must be dropped in the tender box kept at the 2nd floor of the office of the Treasurer (Room No-316) of the University. The tender(s) submitted within the deadline will be opened on **the same day (09.09.2024) at 02:15 P.M.** in the conference room (4th floor) of East West University in the presence of the representatives of the bidders.

The bidders must mention the "name of the item" at the top of envelope. Otherwise, the bid document will be treated as cancelled.

East West University authority reserves the right to accept any tender in full or part of it or reject all tenders without mentioning any reason thereof.

Chief of HR & Logistics