



## 21 dists now without DC

Extra burden on ADCs as interim govt yet to finalise list for appointing DCs

BAHRAM KHAN

The government is yet to appoint deputy commissioners in 25 districts even though 13 days have gone by since the DCs from those districts were withdrawn.

The DCs are the heads of civil administration in districts. They play a pivotal role in overseeing local governance and ensuring effective delivery of public services. The DCs now have additional workload as they are in charge of zilla parishads and municipalities.

Additional deputy commissioners are now filling in for the DCs withdrawn from 21 districts while four DCs, who have been transferred, had to stay at their previous stations as their districts were affected by floods.

Sources said the public administration ministry cannot immediately appoint DCs to the districts as it needs time to make a list of officials fit for the job.

Preferring anonymity, a joint secretary at the Cabinet Division told The Daily Star that the interim government does not want to use the list of officials prepared by the previous government to appoint new DCs.

The official said the list made by the Hasina-led government is deemed full of officials close to the previous regime.

Usually, the government first appoints new DCs before transferring the existing ones. Sometimes, the two are done concurrently.

"However, the interim government has ordered the transfer of nearly half of the district DCs without preparing a list of replacements," the official said.

The government on August 20 withdrew the DCs from the districts, including Dhaka, Gazipur, Chattogram, Mymensingh and Cox's Bazar, and attached them to different ministries, directorates, and other offices.

The DCs of Chandpur, Cumilla, Noakhali, and Moulvibazar stayed at their stations because of the floods.

Following the fall of Hasina's government on August 5, many DC and UNO offices were attacked. Some officials even had to flee their stations fearing for their lives.

Right after the interim government was formed, many DCs sought

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Bangladesh pacer Hasan Mahmud (2nd from L) celebrates with teammates after one of his five wickets during Pakistan's second innings in the second Test at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

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## Series sweep beckons Tigers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the first time since 2009 an away Test series sweep beckons Bangladesh in Rawalpindi on Day 5 of the second Test against Pakistan, but chances of rain playing spoilsport -- as it had done on Monday to wipe out the third session -- can dampen the tourists' party, with Tigers needing 143 more runs to win.

It has been a remarkable tale of fightback from the Tigers this match. Having bowled Pakistan out for 274 in the first innings, Bangladesh were reduced to 26 for six in their first innings before Liton Das and Mehedi Hasan Miraz's rescue act saw them fall just 12 runs short. Then with the ball, Bangladesh completely dominated proceedings yesterday.

Pace sells and Bangladesh capitalised with the three pacers taking all 10 wickets in Pakistan's second innings, the first time that Bangladesh pacers have attained the feat in Test cricket. Mehedi had written his

## BTRC's curious U-turn on Summit Comms

MAHMUDUL HASAN

The telecom regulator has walked back on its decision just two months ago to allow Summit Communications to transfer its shares without any fee, in a development that raises questions about the extent of benefits the company received during the 15 years of the previous Awami League government.

Muhammad Farid Khan, chairman of Summit Communications, is the younger brother of AL presidium member Faruk Khan, also a five-time member of parliament from the Gopalganj-1. Farid is also a close friend of Sajeeb Wazed Joy, the

son and ICT affairs adviser of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

As per rules, when a company transfers shares, it has to furnish 5.5 percent of the selling price as a fee to the state coffer.

In April 2021, Kirtankhola Tower Bangladesh had to pay Tk 5.7 crore to the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) for share transfer to new companies through issuing new shares.

However, for Summit Communications, which became the largest infrastructure company in the telecom and internet sector after debuting in 2009, the fee was

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## Unrest hits industries

Workers' protests flare up; nearly 100 factories in Ashulia, Gazipur shut

JAGARAN CHAKMA and AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH

Workers from different sectors continued their demonstrations in Ashulia, Savar, Dhamrai, and Gazipur yesterday demanding equal rights in jobs, increase in salaries, and regularisation of contractual workers.

The protests spread to the agro-processing and shoe

industries yesterday, a day after workers from pharmaceuticals and readymade garment factories staged demonstrations.

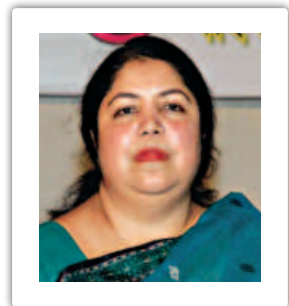
The workers' other demands include stopping of layoffs and payment of "attendance bonus".

For the second day in a row, workers of Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Ltd staged demonstrations

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## Shirin steps down as JS speaker

President accepts her resignation



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, the speaker of the recently dissolved 12th Jatiya Sangsad, resigned yesterday.

She sent her resignation letter to President Mohammed Shahabuddin, confirmed sources at the Bangabhaban.

The move came 27 days after former prime minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5 stepped down and fled to India in the face of a mass uprising.

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## BB's strange bid to save Orion plant

The central bank relaxed rules allowing state-run banks to approve Tk 10,579cr loans

MD MEHEDI HASAN

Three state-run banks far exceeded their limits to salvage a coal-fired power plant project of an Orion Group subsidiary, which was stalled for six years, with Tk 10,579 crore in loans thanks to policy relaxation by the Bangladesh Bank under the now-ousted Sheikh Hasina government.

However, the loans, on top of Tk 6,244 crore liabilities of Orion companies with the banks, were not disbursed and the conglomerate decided to turn the project into a solar power plant.

Orion Group companies have borrowed a total of Tk 8,457 crore from banks, including Tk 616 crore from Mercantile Bank, Tk 357 crore from Social Islami Bank and Tk 1,240 crore from AB Bank as of June this year.

The group looked to Agrani, Janata

and Rupali banks for the syndicated loan approved last year for the project at Moheshkhali in Cox's Bazar under Orion Power Dhaka-2 Limited (OPDL-2) after its bid for foreign funds had failed, officials of the banks and Orion said.

Awami League's pick Abdur Rouf Talukder was the governor when the central bank had in November 2022 relaxed section 26-kha (I) of the Bank Company Act-1991, which states loans given by a bank to a single borrower shall not exceed 25 percent of the bank's capital.

The central bank relaxed the rule for coal-based power companies for the next five years. It gave the no-objection certificates (NOCs) for the OPDL-2 loans from August to October last year.

Bangladesh Bank spokesman Md Mezbaul Haque has recently told The Daily Star that the banks, not the

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### LOANS APPROVED FOR OPDL-2

BANK	APPROVED AMOUNT
Janata	5,078cr
Agrani	2,856cr
Rupali	2,645cr



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## 12kg LPG cylinder price hiked by Tk 44

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The price of a standard 12kg LPG cylinder has been set at Tk 1,421 for the month of September, up Tk 44 from Tk 1,377 the previous month.

The new price of the essential fuel came into effect at 6:00pm yesterday, as announced by the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission.

The price of LPG per kg will now be Tk 118.44, which was Tk 114.79.

Prices of other liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders – from 5.5 kg to 45 kg – will go up proportionately.

As per the BERC decision, the price of “auto gas” (LPG used for motor vehicles) also increased to Tk 65.26 per litre from Tk 63.21 per litre.

The price of LPG, marketed by state-owned LP Gas Company, will remain the same as it is locally produced with a market share of less than 5 percent, reports UNB.



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US embassy Chargé d'affaires Helen LaFave meets Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at state guesthouse Jamuna yesterday.

## Govt cancels Momen’s contract as foreign secy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The government has cancelled the contractual appointment of Masud Bin Momen as the foreign secretary.

The Ministry of Public Administration issued a gazette notification to this effect yesterday.

On Sunday, a farewell reception was accorded to Masud Bin Momen at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that was also attended by Foreign Adviser Md Touhid Hossain.

Masud Bin Momen took over the helm of the foreign ministry in 2019, and in November 2022, the Awami League government extended his tenure on a contractual basis for two years until December 6 this year.

Prior to his appointment as the foreign secretary, he served as the Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in New York since 2015.

Before that, he served as Bangladesh’s Ambassador to Japan from 2012 to 2015.

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Correction

The report on BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman’s speech on the front page of yesterday’s issue had an incorrect headline. It should read: “No more than 2 consecutive terms as PM”. We apologise for the inadvertent error.

## Shirin steps down as JS speaker

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A gazette issued yesterday said the president accepted Shirin’s resignation and it already came into effect.

Shahabuddin on August 6 dissolved the parliament formed through the January 7 national election.

On August 14, former deputy speaker Shamsul Hoque Tuku was arrested in the murder case of a rickshaw puller who was killed in the capital’s Paltan during the quota reform protest.

Now the questions have come up whether the post of the Speaker has fallen vacant and who will administer the oath of office to the newly elected members of the next parliament.

According to the constitution, even after her resignation, Shirin will continue as Speaker until her successor takes over.

In other words, she will be considered as the Speaker until the next elected Speaker takes over.

Shirin will administer the oath of office to the lawmakers of the new JS.

The Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad is the third highest post of the state.

Article 74 of the constitution states how the posts of the Speaker and deputy speaker will become vacant.

It says that the Speaker’s post will fall vacant due to five reasons.

The constitution stipulates that if the president’s office becomes vacant or if the president is unable to perform his duties due to absence, illness or any other reason, the Speaker shall carry out the duties of the president until a new president is elected or the president resumes his duties, as the case may be.

On the other hand, Article 50 of the constitution says, “The president may resign with a signed letter addressed to the Speaker.”

Article 74 of the constitution deals with the election of the Speaker and the deputy speaker.

According to the constitution, parliament shall elect a Speaker and a deputy speaker from among the MPs during the first sitting of the Jatiya Sangsad after a general election.

Nizam Uddin Ahmed, a former professor of public administration at Chittagong University and also a parliamentary affairs expert, yesterday said despite her resignation, Shirin will remain as the Speaker until the new Speaker is elected in the next parliament.

Shirin became the Speaker for the first time on April 30, 2013. She has been holding the post since then.

She was first elected an MP from Rangpur-6 in the 2014 national election.

After the fall of the Awami League government on August 5, many cases have been filed against AL leaders across the country. On August 27, a case was filed against Shirin over the death of Muslim Uddin, a jeweler, in Rangpur during the quota reform protest.

Muslim Uddin’s wife Dilruba Akter filed the case at Rangpur Metropolitan Magistrate’s Court, accusing 17 people, including the Speaker.

Former commerce minister Tipu Munshi, now behind bars, was shown arrested in the same case.

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waived on semantics.

“It is evident that many of the actions and omissions by the BTRC and the telecom ministry were driven by political influences, leaving the regulator often powerless, compelled to follow directives from both visible and obscure sources,” said Abu Nazam M Tanveer Hossain, a telecom expert.

In late March, Summit Communications sought the regulator’s approval to issue new shares valued at Tk 170.5 crore to companies based in Abu Dhabi and Mauritius and its current managing director.

A total of 14.20 crore new shares will be issued for Tk 12 each, according to the application.

A month later, it decided to send a letter to the posts and telecommunications ministry for a pre-approval of the transaction. The government approval came next month.

Then on June 12, the BTRC allowed the company to do the share transfer without any charges.

Before doing so, the telecom regulator sought the legal opinion of the law firm, which said that since

Summit was merely issuing new shares, the 5.5 percent fee on the selling price was not applicable.

Summit also said the fee was not applicable as the company was raising its paid-up capital by issuing new shares.

However, the BTRC’s legal and licensing division wanted to slap the charges from the onset as Summit was transferring and selling shares in the guise of issuing new shares. The Daily Star has learnt from officials involved with the proceedings.

It is because after issuing the shares, Farid’s holdings in the company came down from 95 percent to 25 percent as he transferred the shares to new entities and Summit also submitted the sales agreement with these companies.

Of the new shares, about 9.44 crore shares worth Tk 113.38 crore were issued to the UAE-based company Global Energies – enough to secure 49 percent stakes in Summit Communications.

One of the shareholders of Global Energies is Adeeba Aziz Khan, the middle daughter of Farid’s older brother Muhammad Aziz Khan, also the chairman of Summit Group.

She nominated Farid’s daughter

Fadijah Khan and Sanadina Khan, the daughter of her uncle Jafer Ummeed Khan, as directors of Summit Communications, according to BTRC documents that cited the Global Energies Holdings’ board resolution.

Another 4.04 crore shares worth Tk 48.59 crore were given to Mauritius-based Sequoia Infra Tech – enough to secure 21 percent stakes in Summit Communications. Doorvesh Kumar Jugurnauth, who also serves as a director of Sequoia Infra Tech, will represent it on the board of Summit Communications.

The remaining 71.04 lakh shares were issued to Summit Communications MD Md Arif Al Islam, whose stake remains unchanged at 5 percent.

“So, the charge is justified for Summit – we earlier charged Kirtankhola Tower Bangladesh for the same process,” said a top official of the commission on the condition of anonymity to speak candidly on the issue.

But, BTRC’s immediate past president Md Mohiuddin Ahmed pursued to get legal opinion in this regard, according to the BTRC officials involved in the process.

Mohiuddin, who resigned as BTRC president on August 14, could not be reached for a comment despite repeated attempts.

After the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government on August 5, the BTRC wrote back to the law firm and said its legal opinion is only advisory and not binding.

On August 14, the BTRC sent a letter to Summit Communications directing it to pay 5.5 percent of the selling price of the share.

In its response to The Daily Star, Summit Communications said it has already furnished Tk 10.24 crore to the regulator after the BTRC letter.

“On the surface, you would see Summit has become a giant providing quality services and operating under law and rules. It’s true,” said a top official of a company that operates in the telecommunication industry.

But the government has provided all kinds of facilities enabling Summit to grow, issue directives and set policies directly in its favour, he said.

“In this context, we commend the recent decision to impose a revenue share on share transfers retrospectively, as it reflects a newfound autonomy,” said telecom expert Abu Nazam M Tanveer

Hossain.

However, this move suggests that similar instances may have occurred in the past.

To address these potential gaps, an independent investigation should be launched to enable the regulator to recover any lost revenue on behalf of the state, he added.

Summit Communications maintains it has done nothing wrong.

The company along with its partners are deploying a private submarine cable by the first quarter of 2026, it said.

“And the investment needed to establish this project is approximately \$40 million per member. Over the past five years, Bangladesh has faced economic challenges, including a shortage of dollars and a critical need for such funds.”

The partnership with Global Energies and Sequoia Infra Tech was “strategically developed to boost the company’s paid-up capital and infuse foreign currency – resources that local banks were unable to provide.”

“This collaboration is essential for completing the submarine cable project, which is of significant national importance and necessity,” it added.

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regulator, are responsible for deciding whether a client will get loans upon assessment of the company’s credit risk.

Mezbaul said the central bank only checks the legal issues, and the regulator issued NOCs to those banks because there is a scope in the law.

“Coal-based power companies were exempted from the single borrower exposure limit to speed up electricity generation,” said the BB spokesman.

Before joining the central bank as its governor following the Awami League’s ouster and Rouf’s resignation, economist Ahsan H Mansur had told The Daily Star that the exemption from the single borrower exposure limit for these types of power plants was avoidable. “We do not need coal-based power plants, we need renewable energy.”

Approving such projects on political grounds is “not good news” for governance in the banking sector, he had said. “The state-run banks have no accountability and governance. That is why they [coal-based power producers] took large amounts of loans from these lenders.”

A senior Bangladesh Bank official who monitors the state-run banks told The Daily Star that the three lenders approved the loans at a time when a major portion of their credit was already concentrated with some large borrowers, which is “very risky”.

A lender’s risk increases when a single customer gets a large portion of loans, sometimes even more than the client’s capital, he added.

For instance, seven large borrowers, including AnonTex, Crescent, Ratanpur, and S Alam groups, account for 57 percent of the total defaulted loans at Janata Bank.

Even after this, scam-hit Janata Bank approved a Tk 5,078 crore loan for Orion Power, which is 219 percent of the lender’s Tk 2,314 crore paid-up capital – far exceeding the 25 percent ceiling relaxed by BB. Orion Group was already one of the top borrowers of Janata, with Tk 2,875.85 crore loans taken until June this year.

Janata had the highest Tk 48,000 crore defaulted loans as of June this year, up from Tk 5,818 crore in 2017. It faced a Tk 2,750 crore capital shortfall until December last year, having been put in deep trouble by Anontex, Beximco and S Alam Group.

Md Abdul Jabbar, who was appointed as the bank’s managing director and CEO in April last year, told this newspaper recently that the loan for the power project had been approved before he took charge.

Janata Bank has yet to disburse the loans, said Jabbar. “I’m trying to run this bank smoothly. I want to protect the bank from further deterioration of its health.”

Agrani Bank approved a Tk 2,856 crore loan for OPDL-2, which is 138 percent higher than the lender’s Tk 2,072 crore paid-up capital. The state-run bank approved the new loan to the company despite Orion Group subsidiaries having a Tk 2,250.63 crore liabilities with the lender.

Rupali Bank last year approved Tk 2,645 crore for the company and the amount is 569 percent of the bank’s paid-up capital of Tk 464.70 crore. Orion Group subsidiaries’ outstanding loans at Rupali Bank stood at Tk 1,117.48 crore until June this year.

Agrani Bank was the lead arranger for the loans, but Janata Bank approved the highest amount followed by Rupali Bank despite their worsening financial health, caused by high defaulted loans and capital shortfalls, showed the lenders’ meeting minutes.

Defaulted loans at Agrani stood at Tk 20,864 crore or 28 percent of disbursed loans as of March this year, up from Tk 14,806 crore during the same period last year, BB data show. The bank also faced Tk 4,450 crore capital shortfall as of December last year.

Contacted, Md Murshedul Kabir, managing director and CEO of Agrani Bank, declined to comment.

Zaid Bakht, who recently resigned from the post of chairman of the bank, told this newspaper that the loan had been approved long ago by “maintaining due diligence” with the central bank’s permission.

A senior official of the bank, seeking anonymity, said Agrani Bank approved the loans because the government had cleared Orion’s plant and signed an agreement to purchase power from it.

Rupali Bank’s defaulted loans stood at Tk 10,357 crore as of March this year, which is 21 percent of its disbursed loans, BB data show. It faced a Tk 2,193 crore capital shortfall last year.

The bank’s Managing Director and CEO Mohammad Jahangir could not be reached for comment.

Salman Obaidul Karim, managing director of Orion Group, told The Daily Star on Thursday that they secured approval for a syndicated loan from Agrani, Janata, and Rupali Bank “based on the coal project’s financial credibility without any undue influence”.

He explained that significant investments were made for the coal project from Orion’s equity, including for land procurement, land development, and basic and detailed engineering, in collaboration with “internationally reputed” engineering consultants.

However, recognising the long-term benefits for Bangladesh’s economy and energy sustainability, the conglomerate decided to pivot to a solar project, he said, adding that this decision, made during the previous government’s tenure, reflects the firm’s “commitment to the country’s well-being over short-term profitability”.

The Orion Group managing director said they requested the banks to cancel the loans approved for the coal project and to approve a new loan for the solar project. Rupali Bank cancelled its portion of the loan in April, effectively cancelling the entire syndicated credit, he said.

If disbursed, the tenure of the project loans would be 15 years, including a one-year grace period, while the project was expected to be completed in three years, industry insiders said.

Orion had initially planned to implement a 635 MW coal power plant at Gozaria in Munshiganj but it later moved the project to Moheshkhali in Cox’s Bazar with hopes to supply electricity for 25 years from 2026.

The funds initially allocated for land development in the coal project have been reallocated to the solar project on the land given by the government, ensuring a smooth and responsible transition, Salman said.

The company has also applied for a new loan for developing a renewable power plant on the Munshiganj land where it had initially planned the coal project, he said.

“The cancellation during the previous government’s tenure demonstrates that no special favours were sought or received.”

## Series sweep beckons Tigers

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name in Rawalpindi’s honours board after his flier in the first innings and this time it was Hasan Mahmud’s turn with figures of five for 43 as Pakistan were bowled out for 172.

Mahmud said the remarkable turnaround was possible because they believed that teammates can hold their own in difficult situations such as the one presented to Liton-Mehedi.

“After losing quick wickets, things were getting bad and we wanted to progress with new plans. Everyone had faith in their own abilities and had faith on teammates. We knew that if Liton Das and Mehedi Miraz can get set, momentum can be changes and that’s what had happened,” Mahmud said at the press conference yesterday.

He argued that Bangladesh revelled in the experience of their veteran stars.

“When you have players of such experience in your side, they will always share that experience on the field. Even off the field too. I feel that for a new cricketer in international stage, that is a very important thing,” Mahmud, who is playing just his third Test match, said.

Bangladesh’s pace supremacy, too, found new meaning with Mahmud

and Nahid Rana’s competitiveness while Taskin Ahmed, the veteran pacer in the rank, created the early inroads to Pakistan’s batting with the wicket of opener Saim Ayub.

“Whenever a pacer was handed the ball, the plan was to bowl wicket-taking deliveries. The more [wicket-taking] deliveries you bowl, the more successful you are. Taskin bhai gave us the start with the first wicket of the day and then Rana was terrific. Maybe the momentum shifted and then I followed my process to get wickets,” he said, before relaying that his teammates’ hard work was behind every delivery which helped him attain a splendid feat.

“We won a match here and there is an opportunity to win another. We are very happy,” Mahmud added.

The Bangladesh openers were positive in picking up 42 runs in seven overs but there are chances of rain spoiling the party.

“I don’t think they [openers] were thinking of the rain when they batted. If it had not rained, we would have tried to finish by today or at least finish it in the first session tomorrow,” Mahmud said as the Tigers look to complete the job hoping the rain keeps away.

## 21 dists now without DC

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transfers while officials, who believe they were sidelined during the Awami League rule, started lobbying to become DCs.

The government then transferred 25 of them, a day after giving the DCs the additional charge of zilla parishad and municipality administrator.

The government had also dissolved the governing bodies for secondary and higher secondary educational institutions, district and divisional sports councils.

As a result, the responsibility of overseeing them and forming new committees landed on the table of the DCs.

“Now that there are no lawmakers and local government representatives, we have to deal with all these while receiving threats from various quarters over the phone. It’s a lot on our plates,” said a DC who did not want to be named in fear of reprisal.

“Besides, there is a constant fear of transfer. We don’t know when our turn will come,” the official said.

Several DCs said they could not make certain decisions during “a time of transfers” as it could complicate

matters for the person who would replace them. And this was harming operations of some institutions, they said.

A DC, who left their station recently, told this paper that they intentionally made a decision not to create a school governing body.

“If I had made a committee, it would have created a fresh controversy because I was dubbed loyal to the previous government,” the official said.

A DC said, “The large-scale transfer of the DCs panicked field-level officials. The fear of transfer is hindering routine work. In fact, those who were transferred are now better off.”

An official from the Dhaka Divisional Commissioner’s office said they get enquiries every day about formation of committees for educational institutions and sports organisations. However, due to the “uncertainty over transfers”, no new decisions are being made, the official said.

Asked about appointments of new DCs, Mokhlesur Rahman, senior secretary of the public administration ministry, said, “New DCs will be appointed quickly.”



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## Washington to work closely with Dhaka

US envoy tells Yunus

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Washington will closely work with the interim government, especially regarding health, education, labour, governance, and the Rohingya issues, said US Embassy Charge D'Affaires in Dhaka Helen LaFave.

She made the remarks while paying a courtesy call to Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka.

"The US government is happy to congratulate the chief adviser and is looking forward to working closely together," according to a statement of the US charge d'affaires.

She said Washington will support the interim government of Bangladesh and strengthen ties with Dhaka on a range of issues.

The US embassy in Dhaka will resume its consular service this week to expedite visa processing, she said, adding that thousands of Bangladeshi students now study in US universities.

The US has started resettling Rohingya to the US, and Helen LaFave hoped the process would be expedited.

The US is the largest contributor to the Rohingya humanitarian responses, SEE PAGE 4 COL 4



With the Feni Sadar Hospital at full capacity, children with diarrhoea being treated under the open sky on the hospital premises yesterday. The number of cases of water-borne diseases in Feni has risen sharply over the last few days as floodwaters have started receding. Story on back page.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

## Stop the DAP implementation Demands IAB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Institute of Architects Bangladesh yesterday called on the government to halt the implementation of the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) for 2022-2035, prepared by Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk), citing violations of laws, lack of transparency, and potential environmental harm.

At a press briefing held at the Jatiya Press Club, the IAB alleged that the DAP threatens water bodies, floodplains, and agricultural land, while also fostering corruption in the design approval process.

"The implementation of the DAP has been ongoing for a year, but due to existing disparities and ambiguities in the plan, a certain Rajuk circle's dominance during the approval of new building designs has escalated," said Prof Muhammad Ali Naqi, vice president of IAB, while reading out a written statement.

Naqi said the plan has led to increased harassment of landowners and the public, resulting in delays, confusion, and corruption.

He called for the immediate suspension of the DAP's implementation and necessary reforms through active stakeholder engagement to address legal and other inconsistencies.

The IAB reported that they have contacted Rajuk regarding the suspension and reform of the DAP, to which Rajuk responded that the matter would be placed before the chief adviser.

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## Sex workers under attack

Video of man mercilessly beating women goes viral; rights activists condemn assault

NILIMA JAHAN

Shahida, a 50-year-old former sex worker who now works as a field officer for Ahsania Mission's HIV prevention and treatment project, was brutally attacked on August 29. The incident took place in the Shyamoli area of the capital.

"After distributing condoms to the floating sex workers, I was standing in front of a mobile recharge point when a man wearing a blue t-shirt and mask suddenly approached me with a green pipe and began beating me," Shahida said.

"He assumed I was soliciting clients, but I told him I'm a service holder and showed him my ID, asking him to stop," she added. "But he didn't listen and kept beating me, asking why I was talking to the sex workers."

The man struck her nine times before running off to attack other sex workers waiting for clients nearby.

Despite people being present, no one intervened to help.

The entire incident was filmed, and the man posted the video on his Facebook account.

**While the debate on whether this profession should exist is a separate issue, it is important to recognise that, as citizens of the country, sex workers are entitled to protection, which the state must ensure.**

FAUZIA MOSLEM  
President of Mahila Parishad

The attacker, identified as HM Rasel Sultan, alias Dokani Rasel, was seen in the video running to beat another

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## MUNIA KILLING HC agrees to revive case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday agreed to hold a hearing of an appeal against a lower court order that accepted a probe report on clearing all the accused including Bashundhara Group Managing Director Sayem Sobhan Anvir of charges in a case filed for rape and murder of college student Mosarat Jahan Munia in 2021.

The HC bench of Justice Shahidul Karim and Justice Md Atabullah passed the order after a primary hearing on the appeal filed by Munia's elder sister Nusrat Jahan Tania.

The case filed for the rape and murder of Munia has been revived following the HC order, Nusrat's lawyer Sarwar Hossain told The Daily Star. He said the HC will later hold a hearing on the appeal and pass necessary directives.

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## Metro may soon operate on Fridays

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Metro rail authority has started taking preparation to operate trains on Fridays soon, said MAN Siddique, managing director of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd.

"We have to change the software and do some other work to start operations on Friday. Our team has started the preparation," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Asked from when trains may start operating on Fridays, he said, "Give us some time. We will be able to give the timeframe within a few days."

Discussions have been held with the adviser concerned in this regard, sources said.

## Manju freed hours after detention

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Detectives released Anwar Hossain Manju, former lawmaker and chairman of Jatiya Party (Manju), hours after detaining him from the capital's Dhanmondi area yesterday.

"Manju was released from Detective Branch [DB] custody around 8:00pm," Rubel Howlader, the party's joint secretary, told The Daily Star around 10:00pm.

A DB team had detained Manju around 3:30pm for questioning. However, the specific reason for the interrogation remains unclear.

Rabiul Hossain Bhuiyan, joint commissioner SEE PAGE 4 COL 3

## INDIAN VISA CENTRES Limited slots opened for urgent visas

UNB, Dhaka

Indian Visa Application Centres (IVACs) in Dhaka, Chattogram, Rajshahi, Sylhet, and Khulna have begun offering limited appointment slots for Bangladeshi nationals requiring urgent medical and student visas.

In addition to medical and student visas, these IVAC centres are also providing limited slots for urgent cases where Bangladeshi students and workers need to travel to third countries and already have visa appointments with foreign embassies in India.

## GRAFT CASE

## Charges against ex-addl IGP accepted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday accepted the charges brought against former additional inspector general of police (IGP) M Shamsuddoha Khandaker and his wife Ferdowsi Sultana Khandaker in two cases filed over amassing wealth worth Tk 30.35 crore and concealing a wealth statement of Tk 36.91 crore.

According to the Anti-Corruption Commission's probe, the couple laundered Tk 62.34 crore.

The court has set October 30 for a hearing on the charge framing.

## Nagorik Oikya, Gono Odhikar get EC registration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission yesterday granted registration to two parties, Nagorik Oikya and Gono Odhikar Parishad, bringing the total number of registered parties to 47.

Nagorik Oikya, led by Mahmudur Rahman Manna and formed in 2012, will use the electoral symbol "kettle".

Gono Odhikar Parishad, founded by 2018 quota reform movement activists under the leadership of Nurul Haque Nur, will have the symbol "truck".

EC Secretary Shafiul Azim confirmed to The Daily Star that the party met all the necessary criteria for registration.

EC Additional Secretary Ashok Kumar Debnath also confirmed the registration of Nagorik Oikya.

Nur said the previous commission had withheld their registration based on reports from the then-government's intelligence agency. "Last time, the commission gave various excuses for not registering us. After the fall of the fascist government, everything is being reformed," he said during a press conference at the EC.

Meanwhile, a faction of Gono Odhikar Parishad, led by Reza Kibria, protested by blocking the EC secretary office for over an hour, demanding their party's registration.

Shafiul Azim responded, saying, "Some unruly individuals entered his office. There is a process for granting party registration, and we are adhering to it."

In May 2022, 93 parties applied for registration, with 12, including Gono Odhikar Parishad and Nagorik Oikya, being shortlisted.

However, ahead of the 12th parliamentary polls, the EC registered two of the 12 parties, excluding Gono Odhikar Parishad and Nagorik Oikya.



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

A rickshaw-puller rides through the streets amid downpour that drenched the capital from morning until afternoon yesterday. Without a raincoat, he likely spent the rest of the day in wet clothes. This photo was taken in the Karwan Bazar area.

## QUICK RENTAL LAW HC questions constitutionality of two sections

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the constitutionality of two sections of the quick rental law, which protect rental and quick rental power plants from legal challenges and give the energy minister sole authority to approve electricity purchase plans.

In a rule, the HC asked the authorities concerned of the government to explain why sections 9 and 6(2) of the Quick Enhancement of Electricity and Energy Supply (Special Provisions) Act 2010 should not be declared unconstitutional.

Section 9 states that no question about any action done or deemed to be done, and any order or direction given under this law, cannot be raised before any court.

Section 6 (2) says that any planning or proposal related to the buying or investment decisions has to be approved by the energy minister and sent to the cabinet committee for approval after communicating and bargaining with one or more institutions following section 7 of the act.

The HC bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice AKM Rabiul Hassan issued the rule following a writ petition filed

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## ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE Victim’s family calls for justice

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The family of a victim of enforced disappearance from Pabna yesterday demanded that the authorities find his whereabouts and sought justice for him.

Abdul Gaffar Piyash, a student of Pabna Polytechnic Institute from the town's Library Bazar, went missing on December 4, 2016.

At a press conference at Pabna Press Club, Piyash's brother Abdul Hamid alleged plainclothes men on a white microbus had detained his brother that day.

"We went to Pabna Sadar Police Station to lodge a missing diary but police officials rejected to take our complaint. Since then, we have been searching for him," Hamid said.

"If my brother is guilty of any crime, he could have been punished according to legal procedure, but why would he be made a victim of disappearance? We want to know about his whereabouts," he added.

"My son was not involved in politics. I demand justice," said Piyash's mother Saleha Khatun.

Contacted, the police station OC Md Rawshon Ali said he was not working with the station eight years back; so, he does not know what happened to Piyash.

## HC questions

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by Supreme Court lawyers Dr Shahdeen Malik and Md Tayeb-Ul-Islam Showrov challenging the legality of sections 9 and 6(2) of the Quick Enhancement of Electricity and Energy Supply (Special Provisions) Act, 2010.

Secretaries at the legislative and parliamentary affairs division of the law ministry; at the finance division of the finance ministry, secretary of power, energy and mineral resources ministry and chairman of power development board have been made respondents to the rule which is returnable in four weeks.

Lawyer Shahdeen Malik placed arguments on the petition.

## YUNUS CASE SC adjourns hearing till October 21

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday adjourned until October 21 the hearing of a leave to appeal petition challenging a High Court order that upheld indictment against Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus and six officials of Grameen Telecom in a corruption case.

A full bench of the Appellate Division, headed by Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed, yesterday passed the order. The graft case was filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission on May 30, 2023.

## RU teacher

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Faculty members unanimously backed the students.

"We have suspended him from all academic activities until the university administration makes a decision based on the students' complaint. Since we lack the authority to remove him [permanently], we must wait for the university's decision," said Prof Mozammel.

## Free our 158

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is managing director of the park while Delwar is a major stakeholder.

"We urge the interim government to help in recovering our grabbed lands," Sovon added.

Contacted, Delwar claimed that the indigenous families had sold their lands to them.

Shibli went into hiding after the AL government resigned on August 5.

## Manju freed

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(north) of DB, confirmed the detention.

"DB personnel picked Manju up as he left his Dhanmondi residence," said a close aide of Manju.

Manju had contested the 12th parliamentary election held on January 7 this year but was defeated.

## Sex workers under attack

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sex worker. He then attacked a girl so severely that she fell to his feet, pleading that she would "no longer do this job" and begged him to let her go.

At one point, he even snatched her mobile phone.

The video was widely shared on social media and even garnered some support from people. However, many condemned the incident, calling it a gross violation of human rights.

On the same day, Shaila, another field worker, was beaten by some unknown youths in the Sangsad Bhaban area.

Rina Akter, president of Kalyanmoyi Nari Sangha, which supports 350 floating sex workers in the

capital, said attacks on sex workers have surged since the fall of the last government.

"Our girls are no longer safe on the streets. They are inhumanely attacked, mugged, and even handed over to BGB members," Rina said.

"This is happening not just in Shyamoli but across the city, including Jatrabari, Dholaipar, Sadarghat, Kamalapur, Press Club, and Gulistan. Many now face starvation because they can't go out to work."

Aleya Begum Lily, president of the Sex Workers Network Bangladesh, said, "The day the government resigned, there were incidents of attack and looting in at

least 15 houses at the Daulatdia brothel. Now, in Dhaka, floating sex workers are being attacked daily," she said.

"In areas like Sangsad Bhaban, Shyamoli, Zia Uddyan, Jatrabari, and Mazar Road, girls can't even stand without being beaten and having their phones taken by youths," she added.

"In Shyamoli, they were even filmed, and the videos were spread on Facebook. These women work discreetly to support their families, keeping their profession hidden due to the stigma. Now, their privacy has been violated, and their human rights have been trampled," she added.

"Many of them are injured, and if they can't work for a day, they go hungry," she said.

"We've been trying to reach the coordinators of the student movement through women leaders, who have agreed to speak with the victims. We planned to form a human chain in front of the Press Club, but now we fear being attacked ourselves," Lily added.

Women leaders have condemned the attack as a severe violation of human rights and urged the interim government to address it.

Nijera Kori coordinator Khushi Kabir described the attacks as illegal and unconstitutional, calling for immediate action from the government to restore law and order.

"This is a dangerous situation. This is unchecked mob violence where individuals take the law into their own

hands without regard for established systems or human rights," she said.

"Such actions pose a serious concern. We expect grievances to be addressed through our courts and legal systems."

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Fauzia Moslem said sex workers are among the most marginalised communities in the country and they often enter this profession after facing significant deprivation.

"While the debate on whether this profession should exist is a separate issue, it is important to recognise that, as citizens of the country, sex workers are entitled to protection, which the state must ensure," she added.

Shahnaz Shumi, deputy director of Nari Pragati Sangha, said, "We call for improvements in the law and order situation, an end to chaos, fear, and terror, and the end of brutality. The perpetrator should be brought to justice to deter others from committing similar acts."

Contacted, Social Welfare Adviser Sharmin Murshid said, "I became aware of this issue on Sunday and have informed the administration to halt these attacks immediately."

"Most importantly, this is an act of anarchy and a criminal offence. I will bring this matter to the attention of our advisers and work on developing relevant policies."

(All the victims' names used in this report were changed to protect their identities)

## HC agrees

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"I hope the High Court, after hearing the appeal, will direct the police to conduct a further investigation into the case," he said.

The lawyer said even the statement of the investigation report made by the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) has revealed sufficient evidence and elements of offence for holding trial of the case.

Munia was about three weeks pregnant before the murder, he said.

Barrister Sarwar said he will move the appeal before the HC for its hearing after reopening of the court following its upcoming annual vacation.

Both the Appellate and High Court Divisions of the Supreme Court will go into annual vacation on September 6 and will reopen on October 20.

The Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-8 of Dhaka on March 20 accepted the PBI's final (investigation) report rejecting the no-confidence petition submitted by Mumia's elder sister.

Police recovered the body of 21-year-old Mumia from a Gulshan flat on April 26, 2021.

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ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালকের সচিবালয় (জনসংযোগ সেল), প্রধান কার্যালয়, ২৬ দিলকুশা বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা।

## Washington to work

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and the amount of monthly food aid for the Rohingya has increased this year after more US funding, she said.

Yunus thanked the US for supporting Bangladesh, including its continued funding for more than one million Rohingya in Bangladesh.

Prof Yunus called for a "combined" effort and "a common platform" among the donors for flood response in Bangladesh.

Helen LaFave raised some concerns over labour and minority issues in Bangladesh, especially in the aftermath of the ouster of the Awami League regime.

Prof Yunus said every citizen in the country is "protected by the constitution" and the interim government is committed to upholding the human rights of all citizens.

Human rights issues, cyber security laws, and the Rapid Action Battalion also came up during the talks.

LaFave said Washington was trying to help Bangladesh set up a prosecutorial service to ensure fair trials in the country.

Meanwhile, UN Refugee Agency Chief Filippo Grandi congratulated Prof Yunus over a call on his assumption

as head of the government.

He said Dr Yunus has taken up "an incredible task" to rebuild Bangladesh.

They discussed the Rohingya issue, including about thousands of people who have been displaced by the ongoing conflict in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Yunus asked for UNHCR's support for the dignified and voluntary return of more than one million Rohingya people to Myanmar.

He also sought assistance from the UN refugee agency to build a better future for young Rohingya children who are growing up in the Bangladesh camps.

Grandi requested the chief adviser to attend a meeting on the Rohingya crisis on the sidelines of the upcoming UNGA in New York. He also informed that he plans to visit Bangladesh in October this year.

## Stop

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IAB also criticised the delay in gazetting the Dhaka Structure Plan, which was formulated in 2016 – but was later followed by the DAP in 2022, allegedly in violation of laws.

The IAB further questioned the basis on which the development intensity and population density in the DAP were determined, alleging that Rajuk ignored repeated appeals to reveal the tools, data, and working papers used in the plan's development.

The IAB also condemned the DAP for its discriminatory policies, particularly the separate Floor Area Ratio (FAR) set for planned and unplanned areas of the city, which they claim benefits specific groups unfairly.

Khandkar Sabbir Ahmed, president of the IAB, said 66 percent of Dhaka city is excluded from Rajuk's plan, leaving those areas to develop without any civic amenities.

He also called for the restructuring of Rajuk to address these issues.



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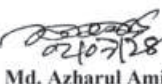
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Boats lie idle near the Sundarbans yesterday. The mangrove forest reopened on Sunday following a three-month fishing and tourist ban, but the expected influx of tourists was noticeably absent. The forest officials attributed the low turnout to intermittent rain and unfavourable weather conditions. However, the Sundarbans itself appears to have benefitted from the three-month hiatus. The forest, with its diverse flora and fauna, looks rejuvenated, bringing a fresh vibrancy to its natural beauty, according to locals and officials.

PHOTO: STAR

## Hasina sued in five more murder cases

STAR REPORT

Former prime minister Sheikh Hasina was sued in five more murder cases over the deaths of five people in the capital's Jatrabari and Dhanmondi areas between July 19 and August 14.

Hasina is now facing at least 90 cases, mostly for murders during the mass student protests that forced her to resign and flee the country on August 5.

In the cases, former ministers Obaidul Quader, Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, Hasan Mahmud, Jahangir Kabir Nanak, and Dr Samanta Lal Sen, former lawmakers Shamim Osman, Nazrul Islam Babu, Ferdous Ahmed, and Mashiur Rahman Mollah Sajal, former IGP Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, and former DB additional commissioner Harun Or Rashid have also been made accused, among others.

Four of those cases were filed with the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Saddam Hossain.

After recording the complainants' statements in the four cases, the magistrate asked the officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station to register the complainants as first information report, said court sources.

One Mohammad Ali filed a case against Hasina and 57 others over the death of his relative Obaidul

Islam on August 4.

According to the case statement, leaders and activists of the AL-led 14-party alliance fired on thousands of people with illegal weapons in front of Kajla Petrol Pump in Jatrabari on August 4 during the anti-discrimination student movement, where Obaidul died of bullet injuries.

One Rubel filed a case against Hasina and 35 others over the death of his brother Rasel in the Kajla area on August 5.

One Mariam filed a case against Hasina and 93 others over the death of her son Saif Arafat Sharif, while Shilpi Akter filed another case against Hasina and 12 others over the death of his son Saidul Islam Yeasin.

In the cases' statements, the complainants said Sharif and Yeasin were killed in front of Jatrabari Police Station on August 14 by the accused, while they were managing traffic there. Meanwhile, one Renu filed a case with the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Faraha Diba Chanda against Hasina and 137 others over the death of her son Shuvo during quota reform protests.

According to case statement, Shuvo suffered bullet injuries in Dhanmondi on July 19 and died the next day while undergoing treatment at a city hospital.

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## 'Free our 158 acres of land from grabbing'

People from indigenous communities urge interim govt

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

People from the indigenous communities in Dinajpur's Nawabganj upazila yesterday called upon the advisors of the interim government for steps to free their 158 acres of land from grabbing.

They alleged that former Awami League lawmaker (Dinajpur-6) Shibli Sadiq, his uncle Md Delwar Hossain, a Jatiyo Party leader and also former chairman of Dinajpur district council, and other family members grabbed the land across several villages over the years since AL had come to power in 2009.

Representatives from the communities made the demand at a press conference held at Dinajpur Press Club yesterday.

Sovon Mardi, who read the keynote papers to bring forth the allegations, said Shibli and Delwar unleashed miscreants in the villages and threatened the indigenous people to grab 158.07 acres of land illegally. Delwar alone grabbed 76 acres of land, he said.

The grabbers established an amusement park named "Swapnopuri" on 36 acres of the grabbed land. Shibli

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## 'Return my homestead'

BNP leader hangs banners across town reclaiming his properties 'grabbed by former state minister'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

A local BNP leader in Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila has hung banners across the town demanding his occupied properties be returned to him.

The banners were seen at different intersections in the town, grabbing attention of many since Friday morning.

In the banners, Md Khalilur Rahman alias Chunnu Mia, former office secretary of Kalapara upazila unit BNP, claimed that former state minister for water resources Mahbubur Rahman had forcibly occupied his homestead and took the deeds of the property after he was elected from Patuakhali-4 constituency for second time and became a state minister.

Contacted, Khalilur said, "He (Mahbubur) unleashed torture on me and my family members to evict me from my land in the dead of the night. Chhatra League activists vandalised my home. Later, I had to take shelter in Badurtali area of the town."

"The repression did not end there. Mahbubur kept forcing me to sign the deed of my house in his name at a nominal price, which eventually I had to," he claimed.

Khalilur sought help of all, including law enforcers, to get back his properties, and demanded exemplary punishment for those responsible for his plight.

Mahbubur could not be contacted for his comments as he has been on the run since the Awami League government's ouster on August 5.



## S ALAM COAL POWER PLANT 2 security personnel stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two security personnel were stabbed to death by robbers at the S Alam Coal Power Plant in Chattogram's Banshkhali upazila early yesterday.

The deceased are 52-year-old Sarwar Alam, assistant security in-charge, and 22-year-old Rashed Jawardar, a security guard, said Officer-in-Charge of Banshkhali Police Station Tofazzal Hossen.

According to police, the two security staffers managed to catch two robbers around 2:50am when they entered the SS Power Plant, a joint venture of S Alam Group and SEPCOIII Electric Power Construction of China, at Gandamara union in Banshkhali.

At one stage of the scuffle, the robbers stabbed them and fled, said police.

## RU teacher Mustak Ahmed suspended

RU CORRESPONDENT


Rajshahi University Professor Mustak Ahmed of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department has been suspended from all academic activities.

The decision came following a meeting of the department's faculty members yesterday, confirmed department chairman Prof Mozammel Hossain Bokul.

On Sunday, MCJ students demanded Prof Mustak's removal, accusing him of sexual harassment, financial misconduct, academic irregularities, corruption, and inciting violence during a mass movement.

They submitted a formal complaint to the university registrar, with copies sent to the vice-chancellor and the department.

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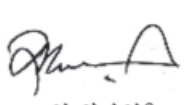
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# Ad filmmakers thrive for reform, aiming to make industry ‘PROFESSIONAL’

For years, we’ve heard countless stories of crew members struggling to receive their due payments after completing their work. These incidents often unfold quietly and are usually resolved through personal negotiations, with little attention given to the larger issue.

SHARMIN JOYA

In a bold move to end long-standing struggles, Bangladeshi ad filmmakers have stepped forward to claim their rightful dues. Determined to establish a professional and fair working environment in the advertisement and film production sector, the Bangladesh Association of AdFilm and Content Producers (BAACP) announced an indefinite strike on September 1.

Despite ongoing negotiations, key issues remain unresolved, including the settlement of previous dues, timely work orders, 75% Advance Payment, and the remaining 25% Payment within 45 days of billing.

The strike comes in response to ongoing disputes with advertising agencies and clients who consistently fail to settle payments with production companies.

Md Habibur Rahman Tareq, the convener of BAACP, told

The Daily Star that their demands were first

presented to the association of Bangladeshi ad agencies over a year ago. “Initially, we attempted

to resolve the matter privately by meeting with the agencies,” he explained.

“However, they kept asking for more time, and despite our efforts,

no one was truly willing to address the issues that have been plaguing the ad film industry for



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so long.”

He further explained that the growing backlog of unpaid dues has taken a toll on the work culture. “We have laid out our demands clearly, and we believe these are rightful steps toward creating a professional environment in the industry,” he asserted.

Tareq who is also the Executive Producer of Runout Films, pointed out the troubling trend of the market evolving into a monopoly, where unprofessional practices not only harm existing players but also discourage newcomers from entering the industry.

In the meantime, three agencies have agreed to meet the demands outlined in the protest. The BAACP has announced that they will resume work only once their demands are fully addressed. Upon receiving confirmation, they will continue their collaborations and resume shooting with the agencies as planned.

Renowned director Adnan Al Rajeev, owner of Runout Films, noted that while the issue has

been raised repeatedly, a proper solution has yet to materialise. “There is no central association for the prominent agencies in Bangladesh, which complicates the process of lodging complaints and resolving issues,” he said. “For young directors and producers just starting their careers, payment delays can make it incredibly challenging to continue working. Despite numerous attempts to address the problem through individual meetings and emails, no effective resolution has been reached.”

He also shared that agencies are coming forward and having meetings with the advertising producers, which is a positive sign.

Raka Noshin Nower, who founded Studio Yellow Something two years ago, expressed the difficulties producers face when payments are delayed. “As Bangladesh undergoes significant reforms, it’s time for our industry to follow suit. We’ve gained momentum from the recent mass uprising on August 5,” she said. “The demands we’ve outlined are

entirely justified, and addressing them is essential for creating a professional environment within the industry. While there are other issues to tackle, this is the critical first step. By doing so, we can raise our standards to an international level.”

Afzal Mahboob, CEO of Grey, emphasised that their terms and conditions with clients are in line with global standards. “When it comes to advance payments and work orders, we adhere strictly to international rules and regulations,” he said. “We ensure that work orders are executed precisely according to Grey’s established protocols.”

One of the primary concerns is the settlement of previous dues, with producers calling for the immediate payment of outstanding balances that have accumulated over time. Additionally, the association has expressed frustration over the inconsistent issuance of work orders, which often results in production delays and last-minute rushes that place undue strain on resources.

The strike has garnered significant support from other key industry associations. The Advertising & Filmmakers Association (ADFA), the Bangladesh Alliance of Cinematographers (BAC), the Post Productions Association of Bangladesh (PAB), and the Art Directors & Costume Designers Association of Bangladesh have all united in solidarity with BAACP. Additionally, the Bangladesh Association of Art Makers and Set Designers (BAAMS), along with groups representing makeup artists, production managers, and other essential crew members, have thrown their weight behind the strike.

## Hayao Miyazaki awarded Asia’s ‘Nobel Prize’

Few directors possess the influence that Hayao Miyazaki has. The legendary artist and his production house Studio Ghibli has gifted us iconic works which includes *Spirited Away*, *The Boy and the Heron*, amongst others.

Recently, in recognition of his contributions to the arts, Miyazaki was announced as this year’s winner of the Ramon Magsaysay Award, popularly known as Asia’s Nobel Prize.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award committee in the Philippines announced Miyazaki as this year’s winner, alongside three other individuals and one organisation. This prestigious award recognises exceptional contributions in fields such as public service, the arts, leadership, and government service.



## 12 bands to perform at ‘Swadhin Bangla Betar’ concert in Dhaka



A major concert is set to electrify Dhaka this weekend, showcasing a stellar lineup of the nation’s top bands, including Carnival, Meghdol, and Shironamhin, among others.

The event, titled *Dhaka Rock Carnival: Swadhin Bangla Betar*, is scheduled for September 6. Organised by United Communication, the concert will take place at the 100 Feet Greenville Outdoor venue in the capital.

The concert features an impressive lineup of 12 bands, including Avoid Rafa, Ashes, Apekkhik, Aftermath, AK Rahul & Black Zang, Highway, Carnival, Meghdol, Owned, Powersurge, Shonar Bangla Circus, and Shironamhin.

The event will kick off at 2 pm and run till 10 pm. Tickets are available for purchase on Getsetrock.

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## Haji Salim

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Khalid Hasan Saifullah, was arrested from Bangshal area on Sunday night.

On August 19, Kamrul Hasan, father of Khalid, lodged the case with Lalbagh Police Station against former prime Sheikh Hasina and 51 others.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Mehedi Hasan placed AL Publicity and Publication Secretary Abdus Sobhan Golap on a three-day fresh remand in a case filed over the death of garment worker Rubel during the protests in Adabor on August 5.

Police sought a seven-day fresh remand for Golap, who was first placed on a seven-day remand in the case on August 26.

The previous day, the ex-AL lawmaker from Madaripur-3 was arrested in the capital’s Nakhhalpara area.

On August 22, the victim’s father Rafiqul Islam lodged the murder case with Adabor Police Station against Hasina and 147 others.

In the case statement, the complainant alleged that some of the accused, as per instruction, directly or indirectly took part in the attack on hundreds of students, including Rubel, who were demonstrating on Ring Road in Adabor on August 5.

Rubel, who sustained bullet wounds, died of his injuries at a hospital after two days, the statement said.

In another development, magistrate Mehedi yesterday sent former commerce minister Tipu Munshi to jail after he was produced before the court on completion of his four-day remand.

On August 29, Tipu was placed on remand in a case filed over the death of Suman Sikdar, 31, at Badda during the protests on July 19.

Victim’s mother Masuma lodged the case with Badda Police Station against Hasina and 179 others on August 20.

## Israel

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arms sales to British ally Israel to ensure these complied with international law.

Seven Palestinians were killed in two Israeli air strikes on Gaza City, Palestinian officials said on Monday, while two air strikes killed six others in Bureij and Nuseirat, two of the Gaza Strip’s eight historic refugee camps.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military.

## Short-term flood may hit

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The highest rainfall in the last 24 hours was recorded at 276 mm in the Majidee Court area, Noakhali.

### FLOOD DEATH TOLL RISES

A total of 67 people, including seven women and 18 children, died in the recent floods in nine districts till yesterday, the disaster management and relief ministry said in its latest release.

Of them, 26 people died in Feni, 17 in Cumilla, 11 in Noakhali, six in Chattogram, three in Cox’s Bazar, and one each in Moulvibazar, Lakshmipur, Brahmanbaria, and Khagrachhari.

Besides, one person in Moulvibazar remains missing.

The situation in Chattogram, Khagrachhari, Habiganj, Sylhet, Brahmanbaria, and Cox’s Bazar districts is normal while the overall flood situation in Moulvibazar has improved.

Meanwhile, the flood situation in Feni, Comilla, Noakhali, and Lakshmipur districts is improving.

### FENI HOSPITAL AT OVERCAPACITY

The Feni District Sadar Hospital is struggling to cope with a sharp rise in patients admitted with waterborne

diseases.

The 18-bed diarrhoea ward is currently at overcapacity, and as a result, patients are being treated on the hospital premises and even on the floors of the administration building, reports our correspondent.

According to hospital data, 210 patients were admitted to the ward as of last morning, far exceeding its capacity.

During a visit to the hospital, this correspondent observed staffers treating patients on the open field in front of the diarrhoea ward.

Nasima Akhtar, a resident of Feni’s Lalpol area, had been at the hospital with her two-year-old daughter, Rabeya Sultana, since Saturday morning.

Due to the lack of available beds, her daughter was treated on the field.

“When I arrived, the ward was already full of patients. I had to find a mattress and settle on the field to get my daughter treated,” she said.

To handle the influx of patients, many of whom came from flood-affected areas, the hospital authorities converted the sixth floor of a new building into a temporary diarrhoea ward.

and other natural disasters are increasing.”

He suggested the formulation and implementation of acceptable and innovative projects to solve these problems.

The ambassador said Switzerland has long experience in police reform and restructuring. Bangladesh can take advantage of this opportunity, said Jahangir.

The adviser said the present government has taken a tough stance against corruption and money laundering.

He sought Switzerland’s support to uphold human rights in Bangladesh.

The ambassador said Switzerland will cooperate in preventing money laundering in Bangladesh and bringing back the laundered money following international mechanisms.

Alberto Giovanetti, politics, economy, and cultural affairs counsellor at Swiss embassy, and senior home ministry officials were present at the meeting.

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religious affairs; Hasanul Haque Inu of information; Golam Dastgir Gazi of textiles and jute; Anwar Hossain Manju of environment.

The nine former state ministers are Zunaid Ahmed Palak of ICT; Nasrul Hamid of power; Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury of shipping; Md Zakir Hossain of primary and mass education; Meher Afroze of women and children affairs; Swapan Bhattacharjee of local government; Enamur Rahman of relief and disaster; Zahid Ahsan Russell of youth and sports; and Mohibbur Rahman of disaster management and relief.

Eight others are former lawmakers Abu Sayeed Al Mahmood Swapon, SK Helal Uddin, AKM Sorwar Jahan, SK Afil Uddin, Enamul Haque, Benazir Ahmed, Kazi Nabil Ahmed and Shahidul Islam Bakul.

The ACC applications said, “The 26 former ministers and lawmakers can flee the country. So, a travel ban is needed to prevent them from leaving the country.”

The commission informed the court that an inquiry is currently underway into allegations that all of them amassed huge amounts of money through illegal means during their tenure.

## BNP wants

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exercise of their voting rights.

He said the BNP introduced the caretaker government system in the constitution in 1996, replacing a partisan government, to safeguard the people’s right to vote and ensure free and fair elections in the country.

“But in order to hang onto power, autocratic [Sheikh] Hasina removed it from the constitution and deprived the people of voting rights in three national elections,” Tarique mentioned.

The BNP leader outlined the main objectives of their party’s politics as ensuring security of the people, upholding freedom of speech, protecting the right to do business and trade peacefully, providing employment for youth, safeguarding the dignity and security of women, guaranteeing equal rights for all citizens regardless of religion, caste, or creed, whether they live on plains or hills, and establishing the rule of law throughout the country.

The BNP leader said the party will not tolerate any imprudent actions by a few wayward party men.

Tarique asked his party leaders to identify and resist those who dent the image of the party by not only expelling them from the party but also taking legal action against them.

## Regular services stay

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student’s peers, who alleged medical negligence had caused his death.

In response, physicians went on strike Sunday at major public hospitals in the capital and several districts, causing patient suffering. Healthcare services at DMCH, the country’s largest healthcare facility, were halted for over 10 hours.

Doctors at Sir Salimullah, Shaheed Suhrawardy, and Mugda medical college hospitals in Dhaka and public hospitals in several districts, including Chattogram and Khulna, joined the strike following a call for a “complete shutdown” in the afternoon.

Patients, especially those in critical condition, were put in serious trouble when healthcare workers and medical students called for strikes in public and private hospitals nationwide. However, services in most private and some public hospitals remained unaffected.

Emergency healthcare services resumed at DMCH yesterday as army and Border Guard Bangladesh personnel ensured doctors’ security. However, outpatient, inpatient and routine medical services remained suspended, leading to an increased patient load at the emergency department.

The hospital’s outpatient ticket counters were closed yesterday morning. Several patients and their relatives – unaware of the ongoing strike – were seen waiting for medical attention. Many had travelled from around the city and surrounding areas, only to find that services were unavailable.

Jabbar Ali brought her daughter Shahida, but failed to get treatment for her skin condition for two days as they could not see a doctor. He learnt about the strike from a nurse. “Now we’ll have to come another day,” he told The Daily Star.

Rokeya Begum, another Hazaribagh resident with skin complications, expressed similar frustration. “I wouldn’t have spent

money to come to the hospital had I known about the doctors’ strike. What’ll I do now?” she said.

Like many others seeking outpatient care, Rokeya headed to the already overwhelmed emergency department for treatment. This created significant pressure on emergency doctors, who struggled to manage the influx of patients and eventually turned away some patients.

Happy Akhter, a resident of Narayanganj who recently underwent gallbladder surgery at DMCH, came to have her stitches removed but was unable to see a doctor. “I’ve been to the outpatient and emergency departments several times since 8:00am, but the doctors keep telling me to come back later,” she said.

DMCH Director Brig Gen Md Asaduzzaman told The Daily Star yesterday that emergency services had been operational since the previous night and that the safety of doctors had been ensured.

Admitted patients, including those in the ICU and CCU, were being monitored, and the rest of the hospital’s services would resume later in the day, he added.

Arif Hossain, an assistant professor at the casualty department, said that it was not feasible to treat outpatients at the emergency department. “Patients are coming in as usual today, and we are doing our best,” he added.

According to hospital records, DMCH typically has 4,000 to 5,000 inpatients daily, despite having only 2,600 beds.

In Barishal, outpatient services at Sher-e Bangla Medical College Hospital were completely halted at 11am yesterday as the doctors stopped working to press home their demand for workplace security.

Our correspondent reported that emergency, inpatient, and operation theatre services at the hospital continued as usual.

## Govt cancels Momen’s

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He also served as Ambassador to Italy and as Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Food Programme (WFP) and International Fund for Agricultural Development from 2008 to 2012.

The cancellation of Masud Bin Momen’s contractual appointment follows the government recalling

several officials posted abroad on deputation.

Bangladesh Ambassador to China, Md Jashim Uddin, is likely to be the next foreign secretary, said a MOFA official.

Meanwhile, the government has decided that Secretary (Maritime Affairs Unit) Rear Admiral (Retd) Md Khurshed Alam will perform routine duties as foreign secretary until further notice.



## No TV or screens for toddlers, Sweden tells parents

AFP, Stockholm

Toddlers should not be allowed to watch screens at all, Sweden told parents yesterday.

Children under the age of two should be kept away from digital media and television completely, the country's Public Health Agency said.

Kids between the ages of two and five should be limited to a maximum of one hour of screen time a day, it said in new recommendations, while those aged six to 12 should spend no more than an hour or two a day in front of a screen. Teenagers aged 13 to 18 should be limited to two to three hours per day, the agency said.

"For too long, smartphones and other screens have been allowed to enter every aspect of our children's lives," Public Health Minister Jakob Forssmed told reporters.

The minister said that Swedish teens aged 13 to 16 spend six and a half hours a day on average in front of their screens, outside of school hours.

The health agency also recommended that kids not use screens before going to bed and that phones and tablets be kept out of bedroom at night.



People carry their belongings as they wade through a flooded street after heavy monsoon rains in Vijayawada of Andhra Pradesh yesterday. Intense monsoon rains and floods in India's southern states have killed at least 25 people, with thousands rescued and taken to relief camps, disaster officials said.

PHOTO: AFP

## Unrest hits industries

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yesterday, blocking the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Gazipur's Tongi.

They were pressing for eight-point demand, including salary hike, monthly salaries instead of weekly wages, and stopping the termination of workers.

Protestors started demonstrating near the Bata factory around 9:00am, halting production, said Inspector Saiful Islam of Gazipur Industrial Police.

Meanwhile, job-seekers demonstrated in Ashulia demanding "proportional" hiring of men and women by the factories, according to Industrial Police.

The demonstrators blocked the Nabinagar-Chandra and Baipail-Abdullahpur roads at different points since morning.

Khandoker Rafiqul Islam, president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), said workers have been staging demons for four to five days.

Yesterday, nearly 100 factories in different industrial areas, including Ashulia and Gazipur, were shut, he added.

"Workers at five industrial parks in four districts demonstrated, demanding a minimum salary of Tk 20,000 per month, and other facilities, including leave and holidays during festivals," said Kamruzzaman Kamal, marketing director of PRAN-RFL Group, a leading agro-processor and exporter.

He said protests broke out in Ashulia, Savar, Dhamrai and Gazipur yesterday after workers from different sectors took to the streets.

Kamruzzaman alleged that a vested group was provoking the workers. He said they were trying to solve the problems through talks.

The PRAN-RFL official said they would seek cooperation from the ministries of labour, home, and environment to solve the problem.

"We have suspended our production. We will have to stop operations if the workers do not end their protests. The demonstrations are making it impossible to operate our industrial park."

He said the supply chain was disrupted yesterday due to the demonstrations.

Kamruzzaman warned that exports would be hampered seriously if the protests went on, which would ultimately send a negative message to foreign investors.

**JOINT OPERATION TO BE LAUNCHED**

Garment exporters yesterday met with Home Adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury and Labour and Employment Adviser Asif Mahmud to discuss the overall situation.

"Our workers do not have any problems. A vested group is trying to create an unstable situation in the industrial area," BGMEA President Khandoker Rafiqul Islam told The Daily Star over the phone after the meeting.

Quoting the home adviser, he said the army, Industrial Police and some law enforcement agencies will conduct a joint operation in Savar, Ashulia and Gazipur.

Additional police personnel will be deployed in the industrials areas from today, he added.

Rafiqul said no action will be taken against the factory workers and labour leaders.

The factory owners will monitor the situation till today, and will decide on opening factories after discussing law and order, he added.

SM Shafiuzzaman, secretary general of the Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries, said workers' protests spread to over 25 pharmaceutical factories yesterday and the demonstrators vandalised at least four factories.

"We are holding meetings with the government authorities concerned...", he claimed.

Shafiuzzaman, also the managing director of Hudson Pharmaceuticals Ltd, said that some big factories have halted production which will have an impact on the exports and the supply of life-saving drugs to the local market.



## I had 'every right' to interfere in last polls: Trump

REUTERS

Former US President Donald Trump, who faces federal and state charges for allegedly trying to overturn his 2020 election loss to President Joe Biden, insists he had "every right" to interfere in the election.

"Whoever heard you get indicted for interfering with a presidential election where you have every right to do it?" Trump said in a Fox News interview that aired on Sunday.

A federal indictment accuses Trump of defrauding the United States by preventing Congress from certifying Biden's victory and depriving voters of their right to a fair election. He faced a revised federal indictment last month accusing him of illegally trying to overturn his 2020 election loss.

Trump faces similar charges in Fulton County, Georgia, where he was also charged with racketeering, which is used to target members of organized crime groups and carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

Trump, who is the current Republican nominee for president, has not said whether he would unconditionally accept the results of the Nov 5 election if his Democratic rival, Kamala Harris, wins.

## West should permit Ukraine to launch long-range attacks

Says Zelenskiy, urges them to supply weapons for that

REUTERS

President Volodymyr Zelenskiy yesterday said Ukraine's Western allies should not only allow their weapons to be used for strikes deep inside Russia, but also supply Kyiv with more of the arms themselves.

Ukraine has long urged partners to allow it to fire Western weapons at targets far into enemy territory, and those calls have grown louder as Russian airstrikes on Ukrainian energy installations, other infrastructure and residential buildings intensify.

After a meeting with Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof in the southeastern Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia on Monday, Zelenskiy said Kyiv was "more positive" about the prospects of getting such permission.

"For today, only to allow – is also not enough," he said, adding that allies should ensure deliveries of weapons to use for such attacks. "We didn't

get everything we would like to use," Zelenskiy added.

Zelenskiy added that some agreements on supplies had not been fulfilled.

He said he discussed with Schoof strengthening Ukraine's air defences. He mentioned there were "some ideas" on how to increase the fleet of F-16 jets donated by allies, one of which was lost in a crash in Ukraine last week.

"We will keep providing air defence equipment, and F-16s, and funding for munitions," Schoof said.

Schoof added that the Netherlands would provide Ukraine with around 200 million euros (\$221.4 million) in support to repair energy infrastructure and for humanitarian assistance.

The Netherlands will deliver

refurbished gas turbines with a total value of 29.5 million euros and has allocated 45 million euros for repairing energy infrastructure, the Dutch foreign ministry said in a statement.

The money comes from a 400-million-euro aid fund the Dutch government pledged to Ukraine earlier this year.

Zelenskiy also commented on the situation on front lines, saying that Ukraine's cross-border incursion into Russia's western region of Kursk was moving "according to the plan."

He added that Ukraine believed the operation could help to ease pressure on the Pokrovsk front in Ukraine's east, where Russia has accelerated its advances.

So far, he said, the situation there remained difficult.



**We have not had such a pace in the offensive in Donbas (region) for a long time. Now we are not talking about moving 200 or 300 metres (660 or 1,000 feet) forward ... The Russian armed forces are already bringing territories under control not by 200-300 metres but by square kilometres.**

Russian President Vladimir Putin on offensive in eastern Ukraine

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১	সহকারী	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ
২	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	পুলিশ সুপার, গাজীপুর
৩	কি কারণে দরপত্র আহ্বান	জেলা পুলিশের রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয়/বিক্রয় এবং পুলিশের জন্য আসবাবপত্র ও যন্ত্রপাতি সরবরাহ
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৫	কাজের বিবরণ	
৬	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
৭	অর্থের উৎস	
৮	বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক খাত	প্রাক্তন খাত
৯	তথ্যাদি	
১০	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের শেষ তারিখ	০৫-০৯-২০২৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে।
১১	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির শেষ তারিখ	২৫-০৯-২০২৪খ্রিঃ.
১২	দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	২৬-০৯-২০২৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১৩	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৬-০৯-২০২৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৪	অফিসারের নাম ও ঠিকানা	পুলিশ সুপার কার্যালয়, গাজীপুর
১৫	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	পুলিশ সুপার কার্যালয়, গাজীপুর
১৬	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিস	১। ডিআইজি, ঢাকা রেল, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, ঢাকা এর কার্যালয়। ২। পুলিশ কমিশনারের কার্যালয়, জিএমপি, গাজীপুর ও ৩। পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, গাজীপুর
১৭	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী/অফিস	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, গাজীপুর
১৮	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, গাজীপুর
১৯	সি টেন্ডার সভার স্থান, তারিখ, সময়	-
২০	দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত তথ্য	
২১	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা	১। স্থানীয়/দেশীয়/বৈদেশিক, ২। স্থানীয়/দেশীয়/বৈদেশিক, ৩। ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ, ৪। ব্যাংক চেকবুক (দরপত্র মাফিলের পূর্ববর্তী ০৭দিন পর্যন্ত), ৫। নাগরিকত্ব সনদ, ৬। ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান কর্তৃক হলফনামা ও ৭। অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা যাচাই করার ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল এ উল্লেখ আছে।
২২	দরপত্রের বিবরণ	
২৩	আইটেম	পরিমাপ
২৪	দরপত্রের সিডিউলের মূল্য অফারের যোগ্য	দরপত্রের জামানত
২৫	কাজ সম্পন্ন করার সময়	
২৬	কাজ প্রাথমিক কন্ট্রোলারের সম্মতি	কার্যদেয় মোতাবেক
২৭	উন্নতমানের দেশী ছোটদানা মত্তর ডাল	কার্যদেয় মোতাবেক
২৮	উন্নতমানের চিনি	কার্যদেয় মোতাবেক
২৯	চট্টের ও প্রাক্টিকের বাপি বস্ত্র বিক্রয়	কার্যদেয় মোতাবেক
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## Factory shutdown an ominous sign

Workers' grievances must be conveyed constructively, not by disrupting production

We are deeply concerned to see production come to a halt at a number of factories due to workers' protests over the past few days. Reportedly, production remained suspended at some 10 ready-made garment (RMG) and 20 pharmaceutical factories on Saturday and Sunday as factory workers staged demonstrations to press home various demands. Assurances of fulfilment of logical demands have thus far failed to dissuade them from demonstrating. This is a troubling turn of events, especially when the country is going through a critical phase of political and economic transition.

Workers have been demonstrating in Savar, Ashulia, Dhamrai and Gazipur areas with demands ranging from job regularisation, pay raise, and lunch allowance to two-day weekly holiday and attendance bonus. Several factory owners said that even though they had sat with the protesters and assured them of fulfilling their demands, the latter continued protests. A top official of a pharmaceutical company said that workers had given 24 hours to fulfil all their demands, even though doing so is not possible in such a short period of time. Several owners also said they shut down their facilities to avoid possible untoward incidents. Meanwhile, workers of an RMG factory said the authorities closed down the facility without clarifying whether their demands would be met.

On Monday, 30 RMG factories in Ashulia were shut down amid protests by job-seekers who demanded "proportional" recruitment of men and women at the factories. RMG industry insiders told *The Business Standard* that "outsiders" were trying to instigate the workers to create unrest in industrial hubs, taking advantage of the still fragile law and order situation in the country.

This is deeply distressing. We expect factory owners to address the genuine grievances of workers on a priority basis, but agitating workers, too, must understand the gravity of the situation. Suspension of production, especially of export products, has long-term consequences for our export-driven economy. Supply chain disruptions may lead to loss of business, which will surely affect our export earnings. If this situation persists, Bangladesh's image will be further tarnished, and investors, both domestic and foreign, may further lose confidence. We simply cannot afford that right now.

We urge the interim government to send out a clear statement condemning the ongoing unrest, and take steps to ensure safety at the factories and restore the confidence of industrialists. Already, businesses have paid a heavy price, thanks to the politically motivated attacks on industrial units following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government on August 5. We cannot have further disruptions. We also urge the workers to not force unrealistic demands upon factory owners, and pursue peaceful means to engage with the latter. If factories remain shut, their jobs will be jeopardised too. Instead of occupying the streets—which has been causing considerable public suffering—they must pursue dialogue through trade unions and workers' rights bodies. The factory owners, too, must fulfil their legitimate demands as soon as possible.

## A step in the right direction

Regular disclosure of assets by govt officials can check corruption

We commend the interim government for its instruction to all government employees to submit their wealth statements. A senior secretary at the Ministry of Public Administration has also said that those who will not do so will face punishment. Currently, public employees are required to declare their movable and immovable assets at the time of joining the service, and later to submit wealth statements every five years. However, in reality, they hardly comply with these rules. The lack of accountability has given rise to corruption in many forms. So, making asset disclosures mandatory is a welcome step indeed.

It may be recalled that when the Government Servant Conduct Rules-1979 was formulated, government officials were required to submit wealth statements every year. But in 2002, the rules were amended to extend the period of disclosure to five years. On what justifications were the rules changed still remains a question. But then, as if to give public officials a further scope to get involved in corruption, the public administration ministry earlier this year pushed for a change that would have done away with the obligation to submit wealth statements, instead proposing that employees' asset records are collected from their annual tax returns given to the National Board of Revenue. Clearly, these amendments and proposals were made to grant special privileges to public employees, which is quite unacceptable.

Over the past few decades, we have seen how corruption has spread in every sector in the country, from banking to health to energy to transport to construction. Corruption in the public sector is primarily enabled by public officials, and it starts with their very recruitment process. We have recently come across many reports on how question paper leaks have become a regular phenomenon in the BCS exams. Although the Awami League government routinely insisted on "zero tolerance" against corruption, in reality, it did little to uproot it. We witnessed how money laundering and bad loans almost crippled our economy. We saw how investigations into corruption cases were obstructed by the government machinery. The Anti-Corruption Commission, meant to check corruption in public service, could hardly play its mandated role.

These trends must be changed. The time has come to reverse this scenario and build an administration based on accountability and transparency. The mandatory disclosure of assets by government officials can be the first step towards achieving that goal. All advisers of the interim government should also publish their asset details to express their solidarity with this move. People have high expectations from the interim government, and they must not fail them.

# The need for a clear charter for the intelligence agencies



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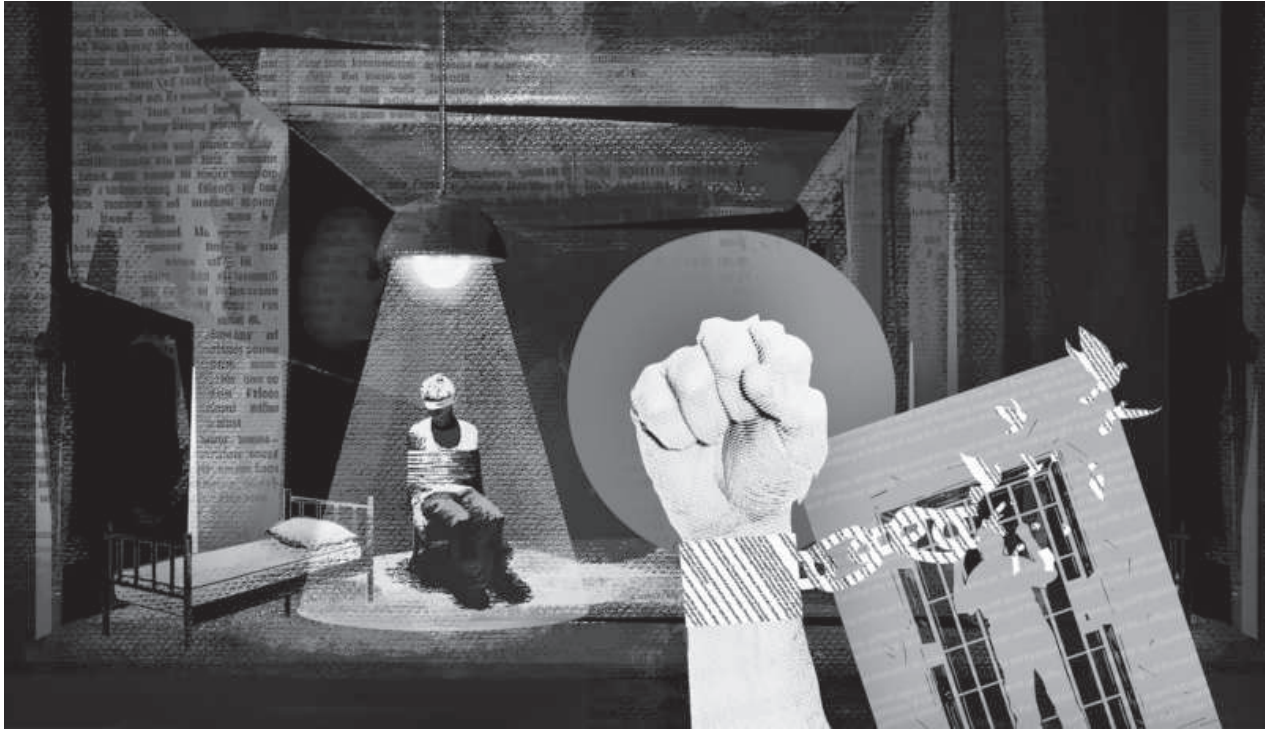
That the law enforcement officials including those in the intelligence agencies had dangerously overstepped their jurisdiction and went beyond their charter, if there is any, is a manifest reality. The heart-rending wailings of the victims of enforced disappearance sadly bring to light the arbitrary and predatory activities of a section of public servants. The compounding tragedy is that while the victims' families were complaining and seeking justice for a painfully long time, the government of the day was consistently in denial mode, thus making light a grave human rights violation.

The undeniable facts of enforced disappearance and torture in unauthorised custody like the Aynaghor, now in public view, surely dent our credentials as an orderly and law-bound society. How have we descended into such a deplorable state, and where are the fault lines? Also, what was the apportionment between political executives and the executors on the ground in the wrongdoers' culpability?

It is no secret that intelligence agencies play a leading role in providing political-analytical inputs to the ruling party and its government. However, there are tales of political skulduggery on behalf of successive political regimes. The agencies are known to have undertaken strategic exercises during elections and conduct election forecasts and analysis to oblige the party in power. In doing so, they have become an instrument of partisan politics. The accompanying politicisation or lack of impartiality and objectivity distorted the policy process and damaged the credibility and political legitimacy of the state.

There is credible suspicion that our intelligence agencies lack an acceptable legal framework and a well-honed charter of duties. Consequently, the allegation of its

functioning in a thoroughly political manner cannot be brushed aside. We do not have adequate safeguards and constant vigilance against likely misuse of the powers of intelligence personnel. This requirement assumes greater significance since intelligence



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activities are carried out in secrecy and the average citizen may not be aware that his rights are infringed.

Our intelligence agencies collect a great deal of information about the activities of various political parties and in the process keep a watch over the activities of all persons who oppose the policies of the government in position. Curiously, they do not usually collect information about the party in power. While subversion of the constitution or deliberate

used as an instrument for political spying either by the government or an individual in the government.

There has to be a charter of duties, putting responsibilities beyond doubt and indicating what is permitted and what is not. The legitimate purpose of intelligence has to be the anticipation of developments that may imperil national interests and security, to enable appropriate action with the imperative that any tendency that equates national interest with the

to parliamentary oversight regularly as is done in mature democracies.

A detailed and precisely honed charter for intelligence agencies in consonance with the spirit of the constitution needs to be prepared. These are tall orders, no doubt, but we have to make a start however humble it may be. We will not achieve anything if politicians in our perilously polarised scenario fail to accept each other as contestants and not as enemies.

## Doctors, mob justice and the health sector



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The recent assault on doctors at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) marks a deeply troubling moment in our society, highlighting a surge of mob mentality that threatens the sanctity of our most vital institutions. This incident not only demands immediate and unequivocal condemnation but also calls for a broader reflection on the implications of such actions for the future of our healthcare system and societal order.

Medicine is a profession steeped in responsibility, sacrifice, and dedication. The journey to becoming a doctor is arduous, requiring years of intense study, relentless discipline, and an unwavering commitment to the well-being of others. Having a "Dr" before one's name comes with immense expectations—of competence, compassion, resilience, and integrity.

DMCH has been a cornerstone of healthcare in Bangladesh. As one of the oldest and most prestigious medical institutions in the country, it has trained generations of doctors who have gone on to serve both at home and abroad. The hospital itself is a lifeline for thousands of patients daily, offering services that range from emergency care to specialised treatment for complex conditions. Its significance perhaps can never be overstated: it has consistently provided care to the most vulnerable,

often under the most challenging conditions.

The doctors at DMCH, many of whom are young and still in the early stages of their careers, are often overwhelmed, working in challenging conditions with limited resources. Despite these challenges, they continue to provide critical care to those who need it most. When such individuals are assaulted, it is akin to an attack on the entire system of care and compassion that they represent.

In a country where healthcare resources are already limited, the erosion of trust between doctors and patients could have catastrophic consequences. When doctors begin to fear for their safety, the quality of care inevitably declines. Fear breeds hesitation, and in medicine, hesitation can be fatal. The psychological toll on healthcare workers—who are already under immense pressure—can lead to burnout, decreased morale, and even a reduction in the number of professionals willing to serve in these high-stress environments. Over time, this could exacerbate the brain drain, with talented doctors choosing to leave the country for safer, more supportive environments abroad. Such a loss would be irreparable, further exacerbating the healthcare challenges we face.

I think that the attack on DMCH doctors is symptomatic of a broader issue plaguing our country: the rise

of mob mentality. When individuals or groups take justice into their own hands, they undermine legal institutions and create an environment of fear and uncertainty. This is especially dangerous in the medical field, where decisions must often be made quickly and under immense pressure. The ability of doctors to perform their duties effectively hinges on their confidence

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that they are protected from unjust retribution. Without this assurance, the very essence of medical practice is compromised.

At the same time, it is also important to understand that the anger and frustration that lead to such incidents do not emerge in a vacuum. They are often rooted in deep-seated grievances, whether real or perceived, about the quality of care, the accessibility of services, or the conduct of medical professionals. While violence is never an acceptable response, these grievances must be acknowledged and addressed through transparent, accountable mechanisms. The interim government has a crucial role to play in this regard.

They must ensure that any allegations of medical negligence are investigated thoroughly and impartially, with clear communication to the public about the findings and any subsequent actions. Accountability, grounded in justice and not in vengeance, must be maintained on all sides.

Owing to the instability we are currently experiencing, the interim government must take decisive action. They must ensure the safety of all medical professionals. This is already being done by increasing security at hospitals, particularly in high-risk areas like emergency rooms where tensions often run high. Legal frameworks must be strengthened to deter violence against healthcare workers, with swift and decisive action taken against those who violate these laws. There is also a need for broader public education on the realities of medical practice, including the inherent uncertainties and risks involved in medical treatment.

Furthermore, this incident should prompt a national conversation about the values we hold as a society. The respect we accord to those who dedicate their lives to public service—whether in medicine, education, or other fields—reflects our collective commitment to the common good. When we allow violence to go unchecked, we signal that the rule of law is secondary to the rule of the mob. This is a dangerous path, one that leads not to justice, but to chaos. This is something we are yet to combat as a nation.

We cannot think of the DMCH incident as an isolated event as it is a stark reminder of the dangers of mob mentality and the urgent need to protect our healthcare professionals. The safety and dignity of our doctors are not just their concern; they are the concern of all who depend on them—indeed, the concern of the entire nation.





Among the directives police should follow is ensuring prisoner's safety to and from the court.

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# Our criminal investigation system needs overhaul



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In 1849 French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote: “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” This may be briefly interpreted to mean that despite drastic societal changes, certain fundamental aspects are so deeply rooted that they remain unchanged overtime, unless consciously and decisively addressed.

The criminal investigation for a serious offence in Bangladesh generally begins with a written complaint—General Diary (GD) or First Information Report (FIR)—lodged at a police station usually by a victim or a relative, but sometimes by someone without any *locus standi*, accusing any number of named or unnamed individuals. There is no requirement for a

of people living at home and abroad was enormous. The goal was clear—henceforth, in an utter break away with the past, meritocracy shall prevail, and democratic values, including the rule of law, zero tolerance of corruption, freedom of speech and human rights shall be the driving force.

Naturally, the 15 years of impunity, with which offences such as extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances, extortion, money laundering and gross misuse of public office were committed by those associated with the former regime, came to an abrupt end. In particular, it was expected that those truly responsible for killing hundreds of students and maiming thousands would be rounded up within days of the fall of

is necessary for it to be compatible with the values associated with the rule of law. It is beyond the scope of this article to discuss such reform. However, the interim government could consider giving several directives to the police and court as a first step.

These directives can include ordering police to register complaints themselves in relation to as many cases of the killings as

**But an authoritarian regime, such as the one which has just been overthrown, takes full advantage of the system—resulting in numerous false cases against innocent people, torture in police custody and imprisonment for months without charge.**

possible, conduct the initial investigation as to the person who actually did the act, and then follow the chain of command upwards to where the order had initiated from. Police officers, who have actually committed the act of killing or injuring, must be interviewed as suspects, while bearing in mind that some of them may have acted in self-defence and others may invoke the defence of duress from their superiors.

Besides, only the victim, a relative of the victim or someone in some tangible way affected by the crime should be allowed to lodge a complaint, GD or FIR. The document must have a declaration of truth, with the warning that if it is later found that the complainant has knowingly provided false information, they may be prosecuted for an offence. Also, an arrest should only be made when the officer in charge is satisfied that there is a reasonable suspicion that the person has committed the crime in question. The basis of that suspicion must be recorded. The individual must be told the allegation for which they have been arrested. Moreover, the officer in charge must ensure the prisoner's total safety to and from the court. Where facilities are available, with the consent of the prisoner, interim hearings could take place via video link allowing the prisoner to appear from a suitable room in prison.

Regarding remand in police custody, it should be an exception rather than the rule. The police must strictly justify why they need further time in police custody. The magistrate or the judge must give sufficient reason for allowing police remand. Meanwhile, a suspect must be offered to have a lawyer of their choice, registered with the bar council, present during the police interview and interrogation. The suspect must be informed that they do not have to answer questions, but that in such circumstances, the court would be at liberty to draw adverse inferences from their refusal to answer questions. Where a suspect complains of physical assault in police custody, the magistrate or judge before whom they appear, unless found not to be credible, must order an examination of the person by an independent medical professional and submission of the medical report to the court.

As the interim government took charge, its declared mantra was reform, reform, reform—which resonated well with the people. In that spirit, the above steps would be a good start as the current government embarks on reforming the criminal investigation and justice system.

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declaration of the truth by the complaint or an objective assessment of the veracity of the complaint.

This complaint forms the basis on which those individuals may be arrested and remanded in police custody for up to 15 days and then in prison until trial, unless bail is granted at some stage. They spend months or years incarcerated while still innocent in the eye of the law. It may be months before the strength of the case is assessed by the court. The principle, formulated in the 19th century by the British rulers, is that arrest and incarceration first and investigation later. No regard for human liberty, no respect for the truth—it served the purpose of keeping a subject race down by instilling the fear of mass arrest and incarceration at will. Inheriting this legacy through the Pakistani rulers, the successive governments in Bangladesh found it expedient to keep the colonial concept intact.

The impact of the injustice of the inherited system is less apparent when a government in power is relatively tolerant of the rule of law. But an authoritarian regime, such as the one which has just been overthrown, takes full advantage of the system—resulting in numerous false cases against innocent people, torture in police custody and imprisonment for months without charge. It is no wonder that Bangladesh's ranking in the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index has gradually fallen to 127 out of 142 countries—sandwiched between Zimbabwe and Mozambique—in the last 15 years. The score is even worse when the criminal justice system is singled out within the rule of law context.

In “the 36 days of July 2024,” Bangladesh was shaken to the core. The seismic transformation swept away an authoritarian and murderous regime. The sacrifice by the students and the efforts

the dictator to face justice. What was not expected was that the same arbitrary method of arrest and investigation process, befitting only of the regime as brutal as the one overthrown, would be followed.

On August 21, 2024, the Ministry of Home Affairs issued a circular directing the police not to refuse GDs, FIRs or complaints and to process them speedily. Cases are now being filed on a daily basis in all parts of the country. It is not unusual for a murder allegation to name over 400 individuals as suspects. Each one of them becomes liable to be arrested and remanded in police custody without any further investigation. There have been incidents of arrests and remand of individuals, who may have been suspected of financial crimes or other misdemeanours, but there is not a shred of evidence connecting them with the murder offence in question.

This trend needs to be corrected urgently. This is because it brings the interim government into disrepute. Secondly, while the international community and the rights organisations at home and abroad have not spoken out yet, they are certainly observing the developments closely. Thirdly, the interim government would not be able to persuade any foreign government to return those suspects, who have managed to flee the country, when such arbitrary arrests and incarceration are prevalent in the country. Fourthly, as Barrister Sara Hossain has pointed out, the way these cases are being framed, they will not be able to pass the initial stage. Thus, many are likely to be discharged before the trial stage since no real efforts seem to have been made to collect independent and forensic evidence. Imagine the scenario, where these individuals walk out of prison with the hero's welcome from their followers.

In Bangladesh, wholesale reform of the criminal investigation and justice system

# A case for democratic reforms in universities



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The recent mass uprising, which began as the quota reform movement, had a unique characteristic. In many public universities, including Dhaka University, we witnessed the ruling party's student body being driven away from the residential halls.

After the chaos subsided, during my regular morning walk, I noticed many new changes on the Dhaka University campus. In front of Mohsin Hall, I saw various belongings of Chhatra League members in the dumpster. I also came across a PVC banner that read, “Politics is banned here from this day. From now on, no one can force a student to attend a political gathering or the guest room.”

The banner indicated that the anti-discrimination movement had given students a platform to unite and express their solidarity.

Living in a university residential hall traditionally provides students with opportunities to improve their lives, both academically and non-academically. Therefore, students who experience economic hardship often prefer to live in these halls, hoping to achieve their long cherished dreams.

Unfortunately, until now, the halls had been transformed into places where ordinary students faced heavy oppression.

The halls had operated without a proper seat allocation system for students. The student wing of the former ruling party essentially managed the halls with unofficial authority, allotting seats to themselves. As a result, students lost their dreams and hopes, facing nightmares in their residential halls. This is how many “*shikharthi*” students become “*gundarthi*” (hoodlums). And the university administration's teachers have served as enablers in the transformation of bright students into goons.

Universities should be proper educational institutions in every sense, and student halls should be places where residential students can learn how to be fair and just in their social and educational lives. Now that a platform of unity has emerged among the students, they are endeavouring to erase their memories of living in such nightmarish environments. For that reason, the hall administration must perform the responsibilities of maintaining these halls, which is supposed to be a routine institutional practice.

The aforementioned PVC banner clearly exemplifies this. As discussed above, the two main demands were that no one should be forced to attend political programmes or be sent to guest rooms against their will. These are their biggest concerns, and they are trying to escape them. They are striving for a system where their dreams do not turn into nightmares and where the administrative system supports them in achieving their goals, completing their education, and doing something meaningful with their lives.

Autocracy, oligarchy, and dictatorship at the state level have enabled and even encouraged mismanagement in all forms of government and organisational structures. As such, universities are not exempt from this.

Whenever we talk about the 1973 Dhaka University Order that guides the university's operations, we take pride in it. We rightly appreciate that it ensures freedom of speech, expression, and the right to speak. However, it also inherently contains certain autocratic

elements.

For example, as per the order, the Vice Chancellor (VC), in some exceptional cases, can overturn any rule, suggestion, or decision already made by any administrative body. But these “exceptional cases” have become everyday practices. This is just one example. Even in selecting the VC, his or her academic or administrative qualifications do not matter. The chancellor appoints him or her based on their political identity. The same goes for the recruitment of teachers.

If we examine the list of past provosts, we see how different they were from the current ones in terms of their wisdom and personality. Some of the current provosts did not even have the required qualifications to become teachers, yet they became provosts. This practice is not limited to provosts or VCs only; it also applies more or less to many of the administrative posts.

Partisan identity had become a deciding factor in their appointments. This does not mean that this factor was present only in the past 16 years. However, the former regime took this malpractice to an extreme and unparalleled level.

The same issues extend to the Dhaka University Teachers' Association.

As a bargaining agent, the Teachers' Association is supposed to negotiate with the university administration and the government for the best interests of teachers. There should be debates and negotiations from both sides. However, teachers who are already in administrative positions often contest elections for posts in the association with the advantage of easily getting votes from junior colleagues, which can lead to their election. Under these circumstances, it is difficult to discern who is making whom accountable and how.

After the fall of the Hasina-led autocratic regime, the opposition party is trying to re-establish its position. As a result, anarchy seems to be on the rise, with personal agendas and witch-hunting, targeting people who had associations with the ruling party in some cases. Without proper administration, it seems like students are preparing lists to decide which teachers will stay and who will not. The situation has become quite unruly in some places, with registrar's offices and other administrative buildings being targeted.

We are forgetting that this is an educational institution. Of course, teachers with allegations against them must be investigated, and justice must be served—there is no doubt about that. But all of this must go through due process.

Anarchy is not the solution. It will destroy the integrity of the university. If this practice continues, it will not ensure a stable environment for the university or government. What we need is creative leadership in the administrative process that brings back the original structure and upholds the spirit of the people's uprising and sacrifices.

The leaders need to create a structure and a plan with the goal of state reform. They should reform higher educational institutions, including universities, to establish a student-friendly, democratic administrative body that dismantles the autocratic structure. This will pave the way for a bright future for students and bring about a brighter tomorrow.

## Addressing dual citizenship in public offices in Bangladesh

Recent developments, such as the apprehension of retired Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik, who admitted to holding both Bangladeshi and British citizenship, have sparked concerns regarding dual citizenship in high public offices. This issue is particularly significant given the constitutional and legal restrictions surrounding dual citizenship for officeholders in Bangladesh.

Reports suggest that several high-ranking officials, including police officers, civil bureaucrats, and members of parliament during the Awami League government, held dual citizenship. It is alleged that Sheikh Hasina knowingly appointed or allowed these individuals to continue in office due to their unquestioning allegiance to herself and her government. Such practices undermined the constitutional framework and created conflicts of interest that had eroded public trust in the government.

Article 66 of the Bangladesh Constitution explicitly disqualifies individuals holding dual citizenship from serving in public offices, including members of parliament. This disqualification is rooted in the principle of ensuring exclusive loyalty to Bangladesh, which is critical for maintaining the integrity of the country's governance structures.

The interim or future governments should conduct a thorough review of the citizenship status of all public officeholders. This review could involve cross-referencing immigration records and legal documentation to ensure full compliance with constitutional requirements.

To prevent future violations, we propose the implementation of an oath system for all public job seekers. This oath would require individuals to declare that they do not hold citizenship of another country and that they will not seek or accept foreign citizenship while holding public office. Such a system would formalise the expectation of exclusive national loyalty and serve as a deterrent to potential conflicts of interest.

The enforcement of these measures could set a strong precedent for upholding constitutional principles in the country. It would reinforce the importance of national loyalty in public service and ensure that the country's governance remains free from divided allegiances. However, the successful implementation of these reforms will require political will and robust legal frameworks to ensure that enforcement is fair, transparent, and universally applied.

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## দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/২০২৪-২০২৫

২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরের ২য় কোয়ার্টার (অক্টোবর/২০২৪ হতে ডিসেম্বর/২০২৪ পর্যন্ত) চুয়াডাঙ্গা জেলা পুলিশ বাহিনীর, যুদ্ধাহত মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও অন্যান্য সংস্থার সদস্যদের জন্য নির্ধারিত রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয় সংক্রান্তে "পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ এবং পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮" ও এ সংক্রান্ত তৎপরবর্তী সংশোধিত বিধি-বিধান মোতাবেক প্রকৃত ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারীগণের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক পৃথক পৃথক দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয় এর জননিরাপত্তা বিভাগ
২	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ
৩	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	পুলিশ সুপার, চুয়াডাঙ্গা।
৪	কি কারণে দরপত্র আহ্বান	২০২৪-২০২৫ অর্থ বছরের ২য় কোয়ার্টারের জন্য চুয়াডাঙ্গা জেলা পুলিশ বাহিনী, যুদ্ধাহত মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও অন্যান্য সংস্থার সদস্যদের জন্য রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয় সংক্রান্তে।
৫	দরপত্র সূত্র নং ও তারিখ	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, চুয়াডাঙ্গার স্মারক নং ২৫/৭৪/হি, তারিখঃ ০২/০৯/২০২৪খ্রিঃ।
কাজের বিবরণঃ		
৬	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
আয়ের উৎসঃ		
৭	বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক বাত (পিএলএ)	সরকারী (জিওবি)।
তথ্যাদিঃ		
৮	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ	০৩/০৯/২০২৪খ্রিঃ।
৯	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	২৪/০৯/২০২৪খ্রিঃ।
১০	দরপত্র সিডিউল জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৫/০৯/২০২৪খ্রিঃ। সময় ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
১১	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৫/০৯/২০২৪খ্রিঃ। ১৪.০০ ঘটিকা।
অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানাঃ		
১২	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিস ০১। ডিআইজি, খুলনা রেঞ্জ এর কার্যালয়। ০২। পুলিশ সুপার, চুয়াডাঙ্গা এর কার্যালয়। ০৩। পুলিশ সুপার, ঝিনাইদহ এর কার্যালয়। ০৪। পুলিশ সুপার, মেহেরপুর এর কার্যালয়। দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী/অফিস ০১। পুলিশ সুপার, চুয়াডাঙ্গা এর কার্যালয়।

দরপত্র সম্পর্কিত তথ্যঃ					
১৩	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা	(০১) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স (০২) হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ (০৩) হালনাগাদ ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ (০৪) হালনাগাদ ব্যাংক সলভেন্সী সনদ (০৫) কোনো তালিকাভুক্ত নহে অধিকারনামা (০৬) সরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠানের কমপক্ষে ২৫ লক্ষ টাকার মালামাল সরবরাহের সনদপত্র সকল কাগজপত্র ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত (০৭) নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র (০৮) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের ফটোকপি ও অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা যা টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল এ উল্লেখ আছে।			
১৪	মালামালের বিবরণ				
ক্রমিক নং	আইটেম	পণ্যের পরিমাণ প্রতি কোয়ার্টারের জন্য (আনুমানিক)/ কার্যাদেশ মোতাবেক	দরপত্রের মূল্য টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)	নিরপত্তা জামানত (টাকা)	কাজ সম্পন্ন করার সময় (দিন)
১৫	উন্নতমানের সয়াবিন তৈল	৩০০০০ লিটার	১,০০০/-	১,১০,০০০/-	অক্টোবর/২০২৪ হতে ডিসেম্বর/২০২৪
১৬	উন্নতমানের মশর ডাল	৩০০০০ কেজি	১,০০০/-	১,০০,০০০/-	ঐ
১৭	উন্নতমানের চিনি	১৯০০০ কেজি	১,০০০/-	১,০০,০০০/-	ঐ
১৮	গোলাও চাল	১৪০০০ কেজি	৫০০/-	১০,০০০/-	ঐ
১৯	জ্বালানী কাঠ	১৫০০০ কেজি	৫০০/-	১০,০০০/-	ঐ
২০	গম পেছাই	১২৬ মেট্রিক টন	১,০০০/-	৫০,০০০/-	ঐ
২১	পরিবহন ও কুলি সরবরাহ	চাহিদা মোতাবেক	৫০০/-	২০,০০০/-	ঐ
২২	পুরাতন খালি বস্তা নিলাম বিক্রয়	কার্যাদেশ মোতাবেক	৫০০/-	১০,০০০/-	১৫ দিন
দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর বিবরণঃ					
২৩	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	আর এম ফয়জুর রহমান, পিপিএম-সেবা			
২৪	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	পুলিশ সুপার			
২৫	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	চুয়াডাঙ্গা জেলা।			
২৬	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	ফোন-০২৪৭৭৭৮৮৭৬৪, ফ্যাক্স-৬৩১৬৫।			
২৭	বিশেষ শর্তাবলী				
	ক) নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর আর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।				
	খ) মালামাল সংশ্লিষ্ট পরীক্ষাগারে প্রেরণ ও পরীক্ষার খরচাদি সংশ্লিষ্ট ঠিকাদার বহন করিবেন।				
	গ) কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।				
	ঘ) দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত যে কোন আইটেমের পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানোর ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে।				
	ঙ) দরপত্র পিপিআর/২০০৬ ও পিপিআর/২০০৮ এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট নীতিমালা মোতাবেক সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।				

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## RAJSHAHI KRISHI UNNAYAN BANK

Head Office, Information and Communication Technology Department 272  
Banalata C/A, Airport Road, Rajshahi

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## Invitation for Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

Tenders are hereby invited under the provisions of the Public Procurement Regulation-2008 (with latest amendments) for the Selection of Software Developing/Software Solution Providing Firm for Supply, Installation, Customization and Implementation of HR Payroll Solution with Capacity building of Bank's Designated Personnel under the terms and conditions outlined below and detailed in the Tender Document:

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh	
01. Ministry/Division	Banking Division
02. Agency	Banking Division
03. Procuring entity name	Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank
04. Title of Service	Selection of Software Developing/Software Solution Providing Firm for Supply, Installation, Customization and Implementation of HR Payroll Solution with Capacity building of Bank's Designated Personnel.
05. Procuring entity district	Rajshahi
06. Expression of Interest for Selection of	Software Developing/Software Solution Providing Firm (Time Based)
07. EOI Ref. No.	RAKUB/HO/ICTB-138/2024-2025/
08. Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	01-09-2024
KEY INFORMATION	
09. Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10. Budget and source of funds	Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank's own source of funds
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
11. EOI closing date and time	Date: 26-09-2024; Time: 04.00pm.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT	
12. Brief description of assignment	HR Payroll Solution should have following modules: HR Management, Payroll Management, Tax Management, ...Detailed in TOR (www.rakub.org.bd)
13. Experience, resource & delivery capacity required	(1) The Software Developing/Software Solution Providing firm Must have 03 (three) years in relevant practical experience of developing and implementation of HR Payroll Solution. Necessary experience documents need to be attached. Must have registered Limited company with Registrar of Joint Stock Companies (RJSC) in Bangladesh having valid Certificate of Incorporation, trade license, TIN, Income Tax & VAT certificate. (2) The Software Developing /Software Solution Providing firm must have business for the last three (03) years. (3) The Software Developing / Software Solution Providing firm must have at least two (02) years proven experience in providing support services of HR Payroll Solution. ...Detailed in TOR (www.rakub.org.bd)
14. Other details (if applicable)	a) The Software Developing / Software Solution Providing firm shall be selected in accordance with PPA/2006 and PPR/2008. b) Expression of Interests (EOI) in 02 (two) sets [One original + One duplicate] shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address of the undersigned.
15. Association with foreign firm is	Not encouraged
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
16. Name of the official inviting EOI	Md. Abul Kalam
17. Designation of the official inviting EOI	Deputy General Manager
18. Address of the official inviting EOI	ICT Department, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, Head Office, 272, Banalata C/A, Airport Road, Rajshahi.
19. Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Tel: 02588820082, Cell: 01729282197 E-mail: dgmiect@rakub.org.bd
Appropriate authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI's	

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## Bangladesh Bank

Common Services Department-1  
(Equipment Section)  
Head Office  
Dhaka-1000  
Website: www.bb.org.bd

## Invitation for Tenders

Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka					
1	Ministry/Division		Not applicable		
2	Agency		Not applicable		
3	Procuring entity name		Bangladesh Bank		
4	Procuring entity code		Not used at present		
5	Procuring entity district		Dhaka		
6	Invitation for		The Procurement of 30 (Thirty) Pcs. Tablet PC for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office.		
7	Invitation Ref No.		CSD(EQUIPMENT)69/6/2024-16		
8	Date		02/09/2024		
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement method		Open Tendering Method		
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and source of funds		Own source		
11	Development partners (if applicable)		Not applicable		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Tender publication date		02/09/2024		
13	Tender last selling date		Not applicable		
			Date		Time
14	Tender closing date and time		22/09/2024		03:00pm
15	Tender opening date and time		22/09/2024		03:15pm
16	Name & address of the office(s)		Address: Common Services Department, 1, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000		
	- Receiving tender document		BB website and Hard Copy of Tender Security		
	Opening tender document		Common Services Department-1, 6th Floor, Annex-2 Building, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.		
17	Pre-tender meeting				
			Yes		Date
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
18	Brief eligibility of tenderer		Tenderers having 5 years overall business experience and minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of similar Goods of at least Two (2) contract(s) of similar nature successfully completed within the last Three (3) years.		
19	Brief description of goods or works		Supply, Installation, Commissioning of Thirty (30) Pcs. Tablet PC for Bangladesh Bank, Head Office		
20	Brief description of related services		N/A		
21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months from the date of contract signing
	I	Laptop	CSD-1	10,000/- (Pay Order only)	8 weeks
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
22	Name of official inviting tender		Md. Mazibur Rahman		
23	Designation of official inviting tender		Director (CSD-1)		
24	Address of official inviting tender		Common Services Department-1, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.		
25	Contact details of official inviting tender		Tel: 9530148	Fax: 9530441	E-mail: <a href="mailto:mazibur.rahman@bb.org.bd">mazibur.rahman@bb.org.bd</a>
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.				

DCP: 48/2024-2025  
Date: 02-09-2024

Md. Mazibur Rahman  
Director (CSD-1)  
Common Services Department-1  
Phone: 9530148  
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ব্যার্থক ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা  
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## বাংলাদেশ এনার্জি রেগুলেটরী কমিশন

টিসিবি ভবন (৪র্থ তলা) ১, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫

ওয়েবসাইট: www.berc.org.bd

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তারিখঃ ১৮ ভাদ্র ১৪৩১ বঙ্গাব্দ  
০২ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ

## Saudi CP অনুযায়ী ভোক্তাপর্যায় বেসরকারি এলপিজি ও অটোগ্যাসের মূল্য সমন্বয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ মাসের জন্য সৌদি আরামকো কর্তৃক প্রাপ্য এবং বিউটেন এর ঘোষিত Saudi CP প্রতি মেট্রিক টন যথাক্রমে ৬০৫.০০ মার্কিন ডলার এবং ৫৯৫.০০ মার্কিন ডলার এবং প্রাপ্য এবং বিউটেনের অনুপাত ৩৫:৬৫ অনুযায়ী প্রাপ্য এবং বিউটেনের গড় Saudi CP প্রতি মেট্রিক টন ৫৯৮.৫০ মার্কিন ডলার বিবেচনায় সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ মাসের জন্য বেসরকারি এলপিজি ও অটোগ্যাসের ভোক্তাপর্যায়ের মূল্য নিম্নলিখিতভাবে সমন্বয় করা হলো:

(ক) বেসরকারি এলপিজি'র রিটেইলার পয়েন্টে ভোক্তাপর্যায় মূল্য প্রতি কেজি ১১৮.৪৪ টাকায় এবং বিভিন্ন পরিমাণের বোতলজাতকৃত বেসরকারি এলপিজি'র ভোক্তাপর্যায় মূল্য নিম্নলিখিতভাবে সমন্বয় করা হলো:

## বিভিন্ন পরিমাণের বোতলজাতকৃত বেসরকারি এলপিজি'র ভোক্তাপর্যায় সমন্বয়কৃত মূল্য, সেপ্টেম্বর-২০২৪

বিবরণ	বোতলজাতকৃত এলপিজি'র পরিমাণ ও মূল্য											
বোতলজাতকৃত এলপিজি'র পরিমাণ	৫.৫ কেজি	১২ কেজি	১২.৫ কেজি	১৫ কেজি	১৬ কেজি	১৮ কেজি	২০ কেজি	২২ কেজি	২৫ কেজি	৩০ কেজি	৩৩ কেজি	৩৫ কেজি
রিটেইলার পয়েন্টে ভোক্তাপর্যায়	৬৫১ টাকা	১,৪২১ টাকা	১,৪৮১ টাকা	১,৭৭৭ টাকা	১,৮৯৫ টাকা	২,১০২ টাকা	২,৩৬৯ টাকা	২,৬০৬ টাকা	২,৯৬১ টাকা	৩,৫৫০ টাকা	৩,৯০৯ টাকা	৪,১৪৫ টাকা
বিক্রয়মূল্য (মুসকসহ)												

(খ) রেটিকুলেটেড পদ্ধতিতে (i) তরল অবস্থায় সরবরাহকৃত বেসরকারি এলপিজি'র ভোক্তাপর্যায় মূল্য প্রতি কেজি ১১৮.৬২ টাকায় এবং (ii) গ্যাসীয় অবস্থায় সরবরাহকৃত বেসরকারি এলপিজি'র ভোক্তাপর্যায় মূল্য প্রতি লিটার ০.২৫৪৭ টাকায় বা প্রতি ঘনমিটার ২৫৪.৭০ টাকায় সমন্বয় করা হলো।

(গ) ভোক্তাপর্যায় অটোগ্যাসের মূল্য প্রতি লিটার ৬৫.২৬ টাকায় সমন্বয় করা হলো।

- সমন্বয়কৃত উক্ত মূল্য ১৮ ভাদ্র ১৪৩১ বঙ্গাব্দ/ ০২ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ তারিখ সন্ধ্যা ০৬:০০ ঘটিকা হতে প্রযোজ্য ও কার্যকর হবে এবং পরবর্তী আদেশ না দেয়া পর্যন্ত তা বলবৎ থাকবে।
- ০৩ মার্চ ২০২৪ তারিখে জারীকৃত বিইআরসি আদেশ নম্বর: ২০২৪/০৩ অনুযায়ী সরকারি এলপিজি'র ডিলার/রিটেইলার পয়েন্টে ভোক্তাপর্যায় মূল্যকসহ মূল্যের প্রতি ১২.৫০ কেজি ৬৯০.০০ টাকা অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।
- প্রত্যেক এলপিজি মজুতকরণ ও বোতলজাতকরণ লাইসেন্সী এলপিজি মজুতকরণ ও বোতলজাতকরণ পরবর্তী মূল্যে (মুসক-উত্তর/মুসকসহ) ডিস্ট্রিবিউটরের নিকট এলপিজি বিক্রয় করবে এবং সে অনুযায়ী মুসক চালান/ডেলিভারি অর্ডার (ডিও) প্রদান করবে।
- কোনো পর্যায়ে (এলপিজি মজুতকরণ ও বোতলজাতকরণ, ডিস্ট্রিবিউটর এবং ভোক্তাপর্যায় রিটেইলার পয়েন্টে) কমিশন কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত মূল্যের চেয়ে অধিক মূল্যে এলপিজি (বোতলজাতকৃত এবং রেটিকুলেটেড সিস্টেমের মাধ্যমে সরবরাহকৃত)/অটোগ্যাস বিক্রয় করা যাবে না।
- ২৫ আশ্বিন ১৪২৮ বঙ্গাব্দ/ ১০ অক্টোবর ২০২১ খ্রিষ্টাব্দ তারিখে জারীকৃত বিইআরসি আদেশ নম্বর: ২০২১/০৭ এর অন্যান্য আদেশ ও নির্দেশনা অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।
- বিস্তারিত মূল্য সমন্বয় আদেশ (বিইআরসি আদেশ নম্বর: ২০২৪/১১) কমিশনের ওয়েবসাইট www.berc.org.bd এ পাওয়া যাবে।

কমিশনের উপদেষ্টা কর্মসূচী

ব্যারিস্টার মোঃ খলিলুর রহমান খান  
সচিব, বিইআরসি।  
ফোন: ০২-৫৫০১৪০০৭

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# 'I take my hat off to the pacers'

South African fast bowling legend Allan Donald has been heavily credited for his role in Bangladesh's pace revolution during his tenure as the team's pace bowling coach from March 2022 to November 2023. The 57-year-old, who resigned after the ICC World Cup in India, is still a big supporter of the Tigers and keeps in touch with the Bangladesh pacers. On Monday, Donald spoke with The Daily Star's Samsul Arefin Khan over the phone from Johannesburg, where he expressed immense pleasure at seeing his former pupils doing so well in Pakistan. Here are the excerpts:

**The Daily Star (DS):** The Bangladesh pace unit underwent a massive transformation during your tenure. After seeing them take all 10 wickets in a Test innings for the first time, how do you see their progress as a unit?

**Allan Donald (AD):** One of my biggest challenges was to get the fear factor out of the dressing room. What I mean by fear factor is that guys are a little bit fearful of making mistakes. I always knew that every single one of these guys had unbelievable talent, natural talent and great wrists. But for me, the biggest challenge was always going to be to work with them mentally, make them understand what a pack mentality means and how to combat the fear. For me, it was about constantly reminding our group of the process. I think slowly, within a year, we started to get the rewards. I think the biggest thing was for them to trust me, that I'm always with them and not to worry about making mistakes. I think once the acceptance happened, they trusted me. I never talked about mistakes and always gave positive reinforcement. I was giving the guys roles within the group. I made them feel wanted and watching them now in the cricketing scene is a great satisfaction for me.

I met Nahid Rana a couple of years ago in Chattogram where he was part of a young group that came to play against Sri Lanka. I was really excited about watching him. I'm glad he has now got a role. Seeing Hasan Mahmud doing so well, a five-fer today [yesterday], and Nahid with a four-fer, it's so, so amazing to see how these guys have stood up now and running with the process. I think that's the most amazing thing.

**DS:** Bangladesh now regularly picks more pacers in home and away Tests. How do you see the change?

**AD:** I think it's all about mindset. Test cricket is brutal and you have a pack of bowlers who have the collective mindset of hunting hard and exerting pressure on every single ball. I still speak to them regularly in their WhatsApp group. We had a good time in the WhatsApp group last night [Sunday]. The belief of this group is now at a stage that I have never seen before. It's just so satisfying to see them run with the process and this is the reward against the very strong Pakistan side. Pakistan is the hardest place in the world to go bowl. But to do that back-to-back in a venue like Rawalpindi, which can be so flat and tough to bowl, I take my hat off to that group.

**DS:** Hasan Mahmud was a regular in the white-ball setup before transitioning into the Test side, was that intentional?

**AD:** I remember Russell Domingo's words to me before I met Hasan Mahmud. He said you will be impressed by a young man called Hasan Mahmud. He can play all formats. He even said that he thinks Hasan's Bangladesh's most skillful bowler. He rated him like this back then and I agreed. I asked Hasan, do you want to play Test cricket, and he said yes. For me, the message was always that he's going to prove that he can play all formats. I am so, so pleased that he is in the Test side. It was intentional and it was always planned. I expected that at some point you were going to see them perform like they have in the

two-match Test series in Pakistan. It's hard on Khaled Ahmed, who is a regular in Tests. But the bowling group is so strong that you can go and pick three different people on different surfaces.

**DS:** With so many matches coming up, how crucial will it be to manage the workload of the pacers?

**AD:** You want to be in a position when you can rotate and you can give guys two Test matches off. I think that's what Australia do so well. Because they have such a conveyor belt of quicks, they can rotate and rest other guys. Workload management is absolutely crucial so you can have three guys fresh for the next series. I think Bangladesh don't have much time before their next series in India.

**DS:** Where do you see the Bangladesh pace attack in the next five years?

**AD:** I just want them to keep growing. This would be the biggest achievement in the history of Bangladesh cricket from the pace bowling point of view. You just can take this confidence now and keep building. The learnings and confidence out of that are just superb. I think they should search for more young crops and the pool of young fast bowlers in Bangladesh must continue to get bigger. The more this group grows, the more learnings will be passed on to the youngsters. I think they need to make the pool bigger and find youngsters.



Hasan Mahmud's five-wicket haul was his first in Tests and the first-ever by a Bangladesh pacer against Pakistan.

Hasan's 5-43 is the fourth-best figures by a Bangladesh pacer in Tests.

He became the seventh Bangladesh pacer to complete a fifer away from home after Manjurul Islam, Robiul Islam, Shahadat Hossain, Rubel Hossain, Ebadot Hossain, and Khaled Ahmed.

Bangladesh pacers have taken five-wicket hauls on 11 occasions overall in Tests. Hasan's five-fer is the eighth time that a pacer has taken five wickets overseas. The last time a pacer achieved the feat at home was when Shahadat Hossain picked up five against India in 2010.

Hasan's fifer, Nahid Rana's four-wicket haul and Taskin Ahmed's solitary scalp meant that Bangladesh pacers accounted for 10 wickets for the very first time in their history in a single innings of a Test.

The lowest total that Pakistan have ever defended in a Test at home is 198 against England in Multan in 2005.



# NO COMPROMISE en route to becoming speed demon

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI

Nahid Rana took giant strides yesterday in showcasing he is the 'X-factor' in that Bangladesh pace battery. His raw pace hurt Pakistan, but in the manner in which he dismantled the hosts showed there was a matured head on his shoulders.

He clocked 152kmph yesterday in Rawalpindi but it was the sheer confidence with which he set up batters titled the Test match in Bangladesh's favour.

Shan Masood was looking good but in Nahid's very first over, he was late to a slash through point twice, and the second time it happened, the Pakistan skipper was caught behind. Babar Azam was too late to his defensive shot and the result was similar. Mohammad Rizwan was beaten by a gem of a delivery that just whizzed over the stumps, the delivery too good to take a nick and in that very same over, he produced another gem to remove Saud Shakeel. Three wickets in three successive overs, Nahid competed for a fifer with Hasan Mahmud and ended one short with a haul of four for 44 in 11 overs.

A few weeks ago, the 21-year-old speedster had been training alone at Mirpur's Academy Ground before the Pakistan Tests when this reporter queried on what he had been working on. 'Reverse-swing' came the reply, with his customary smile. By the end of the session, he was getting it to tail in quite a bit. Before leaving, Rana informed he had bowled eight overs on that hot day but the smile said he was happy with the effort.

The fire to improve had to be there and his coach in Dhaka Premier League (Shinepukur) and Bangladesh Premier League (Khulna), Talha Jubair, feels the fire is what keeps Nahid ticking.

"Yes, he has that drive. I have seen him from pretty early and if he did not have that, he would not arrive at where he is now," Talha told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Whatever I told him, he took care of those aspects word for word," Talha said.

A former pace star himself, Talha had been watching Nahid since the days and says Nahid had bowling big no balls at the which eventually led to making the U-19 World squad. Talha talked with local coach Alamgir Kabir Chapainawabganj to fix "I sent videos to Alamgir work on his run-up and

that he only worked on run-up. His smooth action will allow him to bowl at more pace in future but it is his accuracy that will make the difference," Talha noted.

There had been criticisms of his expensive spells in his debut series against Sri Lanka Tests and also the first Test in Rawalpindi. However, coaches identified that pace should not be compromised on, instead length was something that was focused on and in Rawalpindi, Pakistan batters' struggled because of length.

"He is still young. If you tell him to keep runs in check rather than bowl at pace, he will not be Rana anymore. You have to let him bowl at pace. You can't tell him not to bowl fast but rather get accurate at pace. I worked with him in BPL too and told him not to compromise on pace, rather talked about his lengths. He gets extra bounce, so his lengths need to be fuller and I talked about that," he said.



## SHORT CORNER

### Bangladesh women to begin SAFF title defence against Pakistan

Defending champions Bangladesh will take on Pakistan in their opening match of the SAFF Women's Championship in Nepal on October 20 and then square off against South Asian powerhouse India in their final group match three days later. These three teams make up Group A while Group B features hosts Nepal as well as Maldives, Sri Lanka and Bhutan.



### 'Great moment' for Mbappe as he scores first La Liga goals

Kylian Mbappe answered his critics in style as he netted his first La Liga goals to give Real Madrid a 2-0 win over Real Betis at the Santiago Bernabeu on Sunday which sends them second in the table. Since scoring in the UEFA Super Cup against Atalanta, new signing Mbappe had failed to find the back of the net in Madrid's opening three games in La Liga, prompting criticism in the Spanish press.



### Competitiveness and sporting wickets highlight Women's NCL

Although the political unrest in the country led to some issues arising before the start of the tournament, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) can now heave a sigh of relief after successfully holding the Women's NCL at two venues in Rajshahi: Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium and Bangla Trac Cricket Academy. BCB will also be satisfied to see the tournament go down to the wire.

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## DOCTORS' PROTESTS

# Regular services stay suspended at DMCH

### Emergency dept struggles to cope with huge rush of patients

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With no inpatient or outpatient services amid a strike following an assault on a doctor, the emergency department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday witnessed a heavy workload.

The protesting doctors, however, agreed to resume treating outpatients from 10:00am to 1:00pm and inpatient care on a limited scale from today. They said the emergency department would remain open as before.

They reiterated their two demands at a press conference around 4:00pm yesterday, where Abdul Ahad, resident surgeon of DMCH neurosurgery department, spoke to the reporters on behalf of the protesting doctors.

The demands include the arrest and punishment of the culprits who attacked the doctor. Physicians also want the introduction of a health police force under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) to ensure the security of healthcare workers at hospitals.

The protesters announced a sit-in programme to be held from 8:00am to 10:00am today.

The doctor came under attack after the death of a private university student from road crash injuries on Saturday. The attack was carried out allegedly by the

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

A nurse attends to a patient in a ward at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday. Doctors at the hospital refrained from treating inpatients and outpatients since around 9:30am on Sunday demanding security for healthcare workers. The strike put many patients in trouble.

## BNP wants to reinstate caretaker govt system

### Says Tarique

UNB, Dhaka  
BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday said their



party is willing to bring back the caretaker government system for elections to ensure the restoration of the people's voting rights.

"We want to reinstate the caretaker government system in the constitution to restore the people's right to vote," he said while exchanging views with BNP grassroots leaders and activists of Khulna division.

Stating that Bangladesh belongs to its citizens, the BNP leader said it is the people's justified democratic right to elect their representatives through the independent

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## Fresh probe into BDR carnage to begin soon

### Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The process for a thorough reinvestigation and fair trial into the BDR carnage of 2009 will be initiated soon, Home Adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Jahangir Alam Choudhury said yesterday.

Talking to reporters at the Secretariat, he said, "This government is determined to establish people's rights, good governance, and justice. Not only as a home adviser but also as an ordinary citizen and former member of the army, I want justice for the BDR killings."

Before speaking to reporters, the adviser had a courtesy meeting with Swiss Ambassador to Bangladesh Reto Renggli.

Without giving any details of the meeting, Jahangir said they discussed various issues. He did not take any questions from journalists.

Later, the home ministry in a press release said the adviser and the ambassador discussed human trafficking prevention, agricultural rehabilitation and insurance, restructuring and reform of the

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## Israel rocked by protests; strikes kill dozens in Gaza

Palestinian officials say 48 more killed; Polio vaccination campaign continues for second day

REUTERS, Cairo, Gaza

Israeli forces killed at least 48 Palestinians in the past 24 hours across the Gaza Strip as they battled Hamas-led militants, Palestinian officials said yesterday, while medics conducted a second day of polio vaccinations for children in the enclave.

Palestinian and UN officials said more than 80,000 children had been vaccinated in central areas of Gaza on Sunday, the first day of the campaign.

Hamas and Israel have agreed to brief pauses in fighting to allow the campaign to vaccinate some 640,000 children to go ahead. No violations have been reported near vaccination facilities.

Meanwhile, Israeli protesters took to the streets for a second day yesterday and the largest trade union launched a general strike to press the government to reach a deal to return hostages still held by Hamas, after six more captives were found dead in Gaza.

The strike disrupted transport and medical services in several Israeli districts and many shops and businesses were closed after the head of the Histadrut union, which represents hundreds of thousands of workers, called a national stoppage.

The recovery at the weekend of the six hostages, who authorities said were shot dead between just 48-72 hours before being found by Israeli forces, triggered a wave of grief and fury in Israel, prompting at least half a million people to take to the streets in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv on Sunday.

The demonstrators are demanding Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reach a ceasefire agreement with Hamas to bring the remaining 101 hostages home.

Yesterday, thousands again gathered in Tel Aviv, waving blue and white Israeli flags or carrying photographs of hostages.

In Washington, US President Joe Biden said he was close to presenting a final proposal for a deal to release the hostages but said he did not think Netanyahu was doing enough to secure such an agreement.

Meanwhile, Britain will immediately suspend 30 of its 350 arms export licenses with Israel because there is a risk such equipment might be used to commit serious violations of international humanitarian law, foreign minister David Lammy said yesterday.

Soon after the Labour Party won an election in July, Lammy said he would update a review on

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## Haji Salim placed on remand

### Court sends Tipu Munshi to jail



COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed former Awami League lawmaker Haji Mohammad Salim on a five-day remand in a case filed over the death of an 11th grader in the capital's Lalbagh area on July 18 during quota reform protests.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Akteruzzaman passed the order after Investigation Officer Akkas Miah, a sub-inspector of Lalbagh Police Station, produced him before the court with a 10-day remand appeal, said a sub-inspector working in the court.

Haji Salim, whose name was mentioned in the FIR of the murder case of

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## MONSOON RAINS

# Short-term flood may hit parts of country in Sept

### Death toll climbs to 67; Feni hospital struggling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At a time when the country is still recovering from last month's devastating floods, the Met office has issued a warning about potential short-term flooding in certain northern, northeastern, and southeastern areas due to heavy monsoon rains this month.

However, the overall rainfall in the country is expected to remain at typical levels in September, according to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD).

"One or two low-pressure systems may form over the Bay of Bengal, with the potential for one to develop into a monsoon depression."

September rainfall predictions indicate that Sylhet division may experience 365-450mm of rain, Chattogram 285-350mm, Rangpur 375-460mm, and Rajshahi 285-345mm. Other regions, including Khulna, Barishal, Dhaka, and Mymensingh, are expected to receive between 250mm and 385mm of rainfall.

The forecast was made during yesterday's BMD's expert committee meeting on long-term weather predictions.

In August, Bangladesh experienced 46.2 percent more rainfall than usual. The national average rainfall in August is 612mm over 22 days.

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Bulldozers tear up a street during an Israeli raid in the centre of Jenin in the occupied West Bank yesterday. Inset, a man and a young child react during clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian protesters in Jenin. Amid heavy clashes in Jenin, Israeli bulldozers yesterday caused damage to roads and infrastructure including water systems, according to Palestinian officials in the northern West Bank.

PHOTO: AFP

## GRAFT ALLEGATIONS

# Court imposes travel ban on 18 ex-ministers, eight others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has issued a travel ban on 26 people, including 18 former ministers and state ministers, over the corruption allegations against them.

Judge Mohammed Ash-Shams Joglul Hossain of the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka on Sunday passed the orders after Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Deputy Directors Mostafizur Rahman and Jahangir Alam, the heads of the two inquiry teams, submitted two separate applications in this regard, said an ACC official working in the court.

Of the 26, nine former ministers are Hasan Mahmud of foreign affairs; Imran Ahmed of expatriates' welfare; Tipu Munshi of commerce; Anisul Huq of law; Tazul Islam of local government; Faridul Haque Khan of

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