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Yunus charts a path to reforms

In address to nation, he announces 6 commissions to suggest reforms to constitution, polls system, key state organs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The interim government has decided to form six commissions to reform the judiciary, election system, administration, police, Anti-Corruption Commission, and the constitution, said Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus in his address to the nation vesterday

Commission; Justice Shah Abu Naim Mominur Rahman the Judicial Reform Commission; Badiul Alam Majumdar the Election System Reform Commission; Abdul Muyeed Public Chowdhury the Administration Reform

Police

the Constitutional Reform next phase. At the final stage, a comprehensive consultation will be held for three to seven days with representatives from student bodies, civil society, political parties, and the government.

"This discussion will finalise the outline of the reform plan Commission; Safar Raj Hossain and provide an idea on how it Administration will be implemented," he said.



people to be solved

commission Issues brought forth by aggrieved

List of laws, including CSA, made for scrapping, amending

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The aim of the reforms Reform is to have a state system based on public ownership, accountability, and welfare, he

It has become essential to carry out some national reforms to prevent re-emergence of fascism or authoritarian rule in Bangladesh, said the Nobel laureate.

At the core of these reforms is the establishment of a fair electoral system and good governance, he said.

The chief adviser said Shahdeen Malik would lead

Commission; Iftekharuzzaman the Anti-Corruption Reform Commission.

These commissions are expected to formally start their work from October 1 and finish their jobs within the next three months. The heads of the bodies would determine the commission members, he said in his 32-minute speech.

Yunus said based on the commissions' reports, the interim government organise discussions with major political parties in the

The chief adviser said, "We believe that imposing the dominance of the majority or misrule on the people under the guise of elections or concentrating all power in the hands of one person, family, or group, is unacceptable.

"To prevent these, the thinking government of reforms related to the election commission and other institutions involved in elections.'

Reforming the institutions related to the SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



Smoke billows from the warehouse of Big Boss Corporation in Gazipur city's Kashimpur area yesterday afternoon after workers from nearby factories, agitating over unpaid salaries, set it on fire around 1:00pm.

114 RMG units shut Warehouse set afire in Gazipur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid labour unrest. a total of 114 garment factories in Gazipur and Ashulia industrial areas were closed yesterday, according to Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

Of them, 54 suspended production on "no work, no pay" basis, the trade body

In the afternoon, agitating workers set fire to a warehouse of Big Boss Corporation in Gazipur city's Kashimpur area.

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Workers' minimum wage to be reviewed

The move aimed at ending unrest in industrial sector

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

In an effort to bring normalcy back to the industries, the government will review the workers' wage through the minimum wage board, the interim government has decided.

A new government is in power and the door will be open for discussion on wage review for the workers through the minimum wage board, said AHM Shafiquzzaman, secretary to the Ministry of Labour and

Employment, after a meeting at the ministry attended by seven advisers. Tripartite consultation meetings involving

the government, factory owners and labour unions will be called to discuss the wage, the secretary cement told The Daily Star. Although the minimum wage came into effect in December last year, the interim government will review

> essentials, officials said. At yesterday's meeting chaired by Labour Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan, the government also decided to take measures to make sure workers are paid their

the minimum wage, considering

the inflation and rising prices of

arrears soon and to improve communication between workers and officials of the ministry SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



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SHAHDEEN MALIK Constitutional Reform Commission

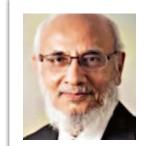


SHAH ABU NAIM MOMINUR RAHMAN Judicial Reform



BADIUL ALAM MAJUMDAR

Electoral System



ABDUL MUYEED CHOWDHURY

Public Administration Reform Commission



IFTEKHARUZZAMAN Anti-Corruption Reform



SAFAR RAJ HOSSAIN

Police Administration Reform Commission

Khan has stressed the importance of access to information and freedom of speech. "Development is not possible without access to information and

During her speech as the chief guest, Irene made the remarks at a seminar organised by Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB), titled "Advancing Accountability and Transparency through Access to Information" in

information plays in empowering people and advancing

Yunus charts a path to reforms

FROM PAGE 1

electoral process the police, public administration, judiciary, and the Anti-Corruption Commission -- is essential for free and fair elections, he said.

Additionally, the interim government feels the need for constitutional reforms to ensure the representation and interests of all layers of society and to reflect the message of the July uprising, he said.

"We seek reforms. Our sincere request is that you not retreat to the spectators' gallery after entrusting us with the heavy responsibility of reforms. Stay with us. We will reform together. It is everyone's responsibility. Bring reform to your own field," Yunus said, adding that the reform of a nation is not just the reform of the government.

Given the reality, the interim government might not have made headway at the desired speed during its first month in office.

"If we can maintain law and order in the country, we hope to gain significant Therefore, momentum. we seek the cooperation of all...our task is very difficult, but as a nation, we cannot afford to fail this time. We must succeed.

"I will not ask you to be patience. Why wouldn't something no one wants."

In another incident, several

Beverage Ltd demonstrated

in front of the factory in

Gazipur's Bangla Bazar to

press home their 18-point

demand, including fixing

export-oriented garment

hundred workers of Partex and

114 RMG units shut

work."

Yunus called upon keep their factories open to keep the economy afloat.

"You should keep the stability. factories running. Keep the wheels of the economy turning. Let the country's economy stand strong."

Addressing the plight of the workers, the head of the interim government said shutting down the factories will not solve problems. "We will most certainly resolve problem discussions through between workers and

factory owners.' He also urged factory owners to reach an understanding the workers to ensure the factories remain operational.

"In the garment and pharmaceutical industries, workers have continuously halted operations to voice their complaints. This will inevitably have a negative impact on our economy,

which we cannot afford." The economy the interim government inherited was largely unregulated and rapidly deteriorating. Institutional structures were almost destroyed, and foreign currency reserves hit rock bottom, he said.

"We are trying to inject life into this economy, and we are getting some positive patient. We are all growing results. But if our industries wondering and factories shut down when all this work will be now, it will severely damage those filed with intent to completed. We will lose the economy, which is harass people under the

arrear wages, increasing

allowances and benefits,

employment of male and

Sarwar

superintendent of Ashulia

some workers of the 54

Ashulia, Zirabo, Savar and They did not take to the Kashimpur, a group of

ensuring

opportunities

female workers.

Md

a minimum wage of Tk Industrial Police-1, said

have been protesting in units, but did not work.

Gazipur, home to primarily streets either, he added.

Since August 31, workers factories entered their

sign of impatience in our the incredible empathy of withdrawn.

the people. He thanked the armed workers and owners to forces for their roles during Security Act, has been all disasters as well as in ensuring justice and

BLACK LAWS, MEDIA COMMISSION

A list of repressive laws, including the Cyber prepared, and these laws will soon be repealed or amended, Yunus said.

"Assistance is being provided

Families of martyred in uprising to be rehabilitated

Curriculum of class-1 to -12 changed

Factories urged to be kept open to keep the economy going

Employment generating projects to get priority Steps taken to use \$48 billion foreign

aid in pipeline Probe, trial of 5 sensational murders,

including Sagar-Runi, to be prioritised

Measures taken to revive SAARC

The chief adviser said the interim government considering forming a media commission to ensure that the media can operate freely.

"Freedom of the press and freedom of expression have already been assured. We have made it clear that everyone should criticise us openly. We respect all opinions.

He said false cases and we? But we will work Correctly. We will leave no flash floods again revealed Security Act, and Cyber has been taken.

and police personnel were

vandalised by agitating

afternoon, leading ot their

In Ashulia's Palashbari factories set fire to the demands. That is why

In Gazipur

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factory to avert any trouble. demonstrated in front of

and Pukurpar areas were 9:00am, said Gazipur vandalised by agitating Industrial Police Inspector

the factory

Suman Mia.

manager

to meet the

in

investigations and trials of five sensational murder cases, including the killing of journalist couple Sagar and Runi," he said.

RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA, OTHER **COUNTRIES**

"We seek good relations with India and other neighbouring countries, but those relations must be based on fairness and equality."

In an effort to increase regional cooperation, an Anti-Terrorism Act, Digital initiative to revive SAARC

A few hundred workers

for several hours since

Roudra Alam, general

Beverage, said, "We could

not take any initiative

Beverage

workers'

in Gazipur

"The country's planning All necessary initiatives river pollution ... ," he said.

people, not on any leader or party.'

To maintain a steady supply of essentials, meetings have been held with business leaders, industrialists, and business associations, and various being measures are implemented based on their feedback, he said.

Instructions have been issued to the NBR to reduce existing tariffs on some commodities. essential such as onions and potatoes, to lower their prices.

He thanked President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of the UAE for pardoning 57 Bangladeshis who had been jailed for participating in anti-fascist protests.
'NONE SHOULD HARM

HARMONY'

Yunus said the government is determined to create a democratic framework for the country.

"We must ensure that we never fall into the hands of a dictator again and that we can proudly say we live in a democratic country. We are working towards ensuring that everyone can claim this country as theirs.

"No one should take the law into their own hands. If anyone creates chaos by doing so, we will certainly bring them to justice. We are a country of communal harmony. No one should engage in any action that would harm religious harmony in any way."

REBUILDING PUBLIC **ADMIN**

should be centred on the have been taken to make the field administration people-friendly, from corruption, accountable.

The government started its journey with a devastated public administration. Many top officials in the ministries have resigned or were unable to work due to pressure from their colleagues, and some were forced to resign.

The officials forced to resign during the previous regime or compelled to remain in the same position without responsibilities have been considered in the government's efforts to rebuild public administration.

Resolving all issues and establishing a new public administration structure is the greatest achievement in the first month of the government, he adding, "I believe this public administration will make the greatest contribution to fulfilling the will of the people."

A total of 135 additional secretaries, 227 joint secretaries, and 120 deputy secretaries have been promoted.

He said government employees now have to submit a declaration of their assets every year.

The government has taken the initiative to build a new Bangladesh as an environmentally friendly and biodiversity-rich nation.

"We have also undertaken efforts to halt

2 brothers killed in Narail BNP infighting

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Two brothers were killed and five others injured in a clash between two rival groups of BNP and its youth wing Jubo Dal in Narail's Lohagara upazila yesterday

The siblings, Miran Sheikh, 30, and Ziaur Sheikh. 40, were residents of Charmallikpur village in the same upazila. They were supporters of Ferdaus Sheikh, joint general secretary of Narail district BNP.

The clash broke out near a shop at Charmallikpur around 9:30am over a long-standing feud between the two groups - one led by Ferdaus and another by Mahamud Khan, president of Lohagara upazila Jubo Dal, said Lohagara Police Station OC Abdullah Al Mamun.

Armed with sharp weapons, some supporters of Mahamud hacked Miran and Ziaur, triggering the clash. Seven people were injured in the incident.

The injured were taken to Lohagara Upazila Health Complex where the siblings were declared brought dead by doctors, the OC said.

Additional police personnel were deployed at Charmallikpur to bring the situation under control.

No arrest yet over rape

DU CORRESPONDENT

DMCH sources said.

Police are yet to make any arrest regarding the gang-rape of a 70-year-old woman at Chobir Hat in Suhrawardy Udyan on Saturday night.

roadside vendors and a photojournalist, in the park early Sunday morning. Later, they sent her to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

and informed the police. We then sent her to DMC," said The woman is still under treatment at the hospital,

A case has been filed over the incident with Shahbagh Police Station. Talking to The Daily Star, AKM Shahabuddin Shaheen, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station, said, "We are trying to arrest the perpetrators. Hopefully,

The woman did not know her exact home address and so police could not reach her family, he added.

Police said the victim used to make ends meet by

'Development not possible without access to info, free speech'

Says UN envoy Irene Khan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Opinion and Expression Irene

freedom of speech, and democracy cannot survive without them. These are two inseparable and crucial elements in the context of human rights," she said.

Dhaka yesterday.

She also highlighted the critical role access to human rights.

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CLASS-VI TO IX Annual exams to be held on short syllabus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

This year's annual exams for classes six to nine will be conducted under a shortened syllabus, according to the guidelines issued by the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) vesterday.

The year-end exams, which will run for three hours each, will be evaluated in two parts -- a learning assessment conducted throughout the year and an annual exam.

The learning assessment will account for 30 percent of the total marks and the annual exam 70 percent. The NCTB said the assessments will be based on

the contents of textbooks prepared under the National Curriculum 2022. According to the guidelines, schools are responsible for conducting learning assessments under the supervision of their teachers. They will also have to prepare annual exam questions based on sample question papers provided by the NCTB. Using these questions, schools will administer the

annual exams. The learning assessment would include activities such as

unit work and pair work. The guidelines said the records of the completed assessments must be maintained properly, and all such activities should be completed before the annual exams

A student will pass in a subject if they secure at least a D grade (33-39 marks). However, students receiving a D grade in three or more subjects will not be promoted to the next class.

In such cases, the head of the institution, in consultation with the subject teachers, may promote particular students under special consideration only for the 2024 academic year,

In the new curriculum of 2022, there were no exams for classes six to nine. Students were promoted based on continuous and summative assessments.

Education Adviser Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud recently said it does not seem that the new curriculum, especially the evaluation method, is implementable.

He said implementation of the new curriculum with the existing teachers is tough. "In many cases, the new curriculum is not suitable for the country."

Rab arrests ex-DMP chief Asaduzzaman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion night arrested the former Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia at Mohakhali in the capital.

Lt Col Munim Ferdous, director of the legal and media wing of Rab

Headquarters, told The Daily Star, "Based on specific information, we conducted a drive near Mohakhali flyover and made the arrest at 11:00pm [Wednesday]. Asaduzzaman was wanted in a case filed with the Khilgaon Police Station," he said.

Munim said they would hand over the arrestee to the detective branch of DMP. On September 3, a case was filed against 13 incumbent

and former police officers, including Asaduzzaman, in connection with the death of Nuruzzaman Jony, former general secretary of the Khilgaon Thana unit Chhatra Dal, in police custody in 2015.

Jony's father Yakub Ali filed the case. Asaduzzaman recently hogged the headlines over $corruption\, allegations. The\, Anti-Corruption\, Commission$ also started an investigation into his wealth.

Woman raped on moving bus Driver, helper held STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police arrested two transport workers on charges of raping a 19 year old woman on a moving bus in Chattogram on September 6.

The woman's husband filed a case with Karnaphuli Police Station on Tuesday night.

The arrestees Saidul Islam Mizan, 19, and Azad Khan Rana, 22, were sent to a court, said Inspector Mehedi

According to the complaint, the woman boarded a city bus around 9:45pm.

driver's assistant, first raped her. When she tried to resist, Mizan hit her and raped her twice. The bus kept on going around the city and headed towards the Moijjartek area. Later, driver Rana also

Seeing that she was the only passenger, Mizan, the

raped her in the bus. The duo dropped her off in Patiya around 11:50pm. The woman later informed her husband, who picked her up from the spot and took her home.

She later identified the accused in Bakalia and informed her husband after seeing them near Gol Chhatar on Tuesday night. With the help of locals, the victim's husband apprehended the two men and called the police.

Police said an arrangement was being made for the woman's medical examination.

Probe starts on how Tk 25cr vanished FROM PAGE 12 Monirul, also the former Monirul did not go to

Khandoker Rafiqul Islam, meeting,

president of Bangladesh discussed the latest spell of

Garment Manufacturers labour unrest that affected

suspects

our investigation to find out what happened in the room of the former SB chief." Asked about

Moazzem refused disclose details. "We are trying to conduct Movement. an impartial investigation

additional general of police, brought on August 3 and kept it number of them moved the or findings, in his room to spend on money, sources alleged. suppressing the Anti-

to find out what happened." could be spent, Hasina's Sources alleged that government fell on August 5.

inspector the office since then.

But some SB officials Tk 25 crore from the knew that there was Tk 25 Sheikh Hasina government crore in his room and a

The PHQ formed the discrimination Student committee to investigate On August 13, the home the incident following ministry in a circular sent But before the money media reports about the incident.

Sources said intelligence

did not have to provide expenditure details.

Monirul was one of the most influential officers during the last regime. him into forced retirement. He has 11 cases filed against

agencies used to receive such money for which they

The woman was found by some people, including

"I saw her on Sunday morning with severe injuries Polash Shikder, the photojournalist.

Quoting the victim, one of the vendors who rescued her said she was raped by a group of middle-aged people. They had tortured her physically as well. She suffered injuries to both her hands, he said.

begging on the streets.

factories, demanding better area, continuing Pearl Garments warehouse of Big Boss thev are pay and regularisation of reopened yesterday after Corporation around demonstrations." correspondent several days, but the 1:00pm, said Abdullah contractual employees. Our Their other demands workers refused to resume Arefin, deputy assistant in Savar and Gazipur payment director of Gazipur fire contributed to this report.

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Workers' minimum wage to be reviewed

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and the Department of Inspection for Factories and

Establishments. The meeting also decided on updating and reforming crore has been given to the tripartite committee, Beximco so that it can pay meeting with workers' making the labour related committees complaint functional, and holding

hearings on the complaints. Labour unrests will be addressed as soon as possible through measures based on the information collected on a daily basis.

So far, a loan of Tk 70 labour unrest. the workers, Shafiquzzaman

by lending the company as

soon as possible.

some like Tongi today to talk to return to work, Rafiqul said.

workers and union leaders.

government also decided to (BGMEA), yesterday said pay the workers of Beximco some 60 out of 400 garment factories were shut in Ashulia because of

The BGMEA held a representatives and local influential people in the The secretary will visit Ashulia area yesterday to industrial areas convince the workers to

At the labour ministry

the advisers

pharmaceutical factories. Advisers said a certain quarter have

instigating the workers with

several illogical demands to spread panic among the owners and workers. Some 200 factories suspended production because of the deterioration of the law and order

situation, they said. Some factories also laid off their workers amid the Advisers to the interim and Exporters Association the production in garments crisis.

A police officer said

of 70-year-old woman

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TAQI MURDER Azmeri Osman's driver held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Another man was arrested by Rab from the capital early vesterday in connection with the murder of Tanwir Muhammad Taqi.

The arrestee is Jamshed Sheikh, 36, a driver of Azmeri Osman.

Azmeri, son of late lawmaker AKM Nasim

Osman a n d nephew of former lawmaker Shamim Osman, is alleged to



the murder of Taqi after abduction.

Tanvir Mahmud Pasha, commanding officer of Rab-11, said, "Jamshed was arrested around 4:45am from Mirpur. He had direct link with Taqi murder."

Later in the day, a Narayanganj court placed Jamshed on a five-day remand.

Earlier on Sunday and Monday, Rab had arrested three others -- Shafayet Hossain Shipon, Mamun Mia, and Kajal Hawlader in Taqi murder.

They are all close associates of the Osman family.

Traffic cops crack down on battery rickshaws

RAFIUL ISLAM

Traffic police in the capital have launched drives against battery-run rickshaws in various parts of the city following the increased prevalence of three-wheelers on major roads after August 5.

The move has brought some relief to commuters, as the high-speed rickshaws have been causing accidents.

-- Tania Khanam, At least two people 35 and one and half-year-old Mira Sarker - have been killed in the last two days until yesterday, after being hit by battery-operated rickshaws in the Shahbagh and Mirpur areas respectively. Many others have been injured

This correspondent visited some major thoroughfares in Dhaka yesterday, including Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Begum Rokeya Sarani and Shaheed Mansur Ali Sarak, and talked to a number of people in Dhanmondi, and Mirpur to know about the situation of rickshaws.

Traffic police were seen seizing battery operated rickshaws in several places including Ramna, Bangla Motor, Mirpur, and Dhanmondi.

The police personnel are either puncturing rickshaw tyres, keeping the drivers waiting for hours, or towing rickshaws for dumping.

The operations of rickshaws -- both batteryrun and pedal-operated -- have become the new normal throughout the city, even though rickshaws are banned from plying most major roads of Dhaka.

But ever since the student-led protests intensified, and especially after the fall of the Awami League government on August 5, pedal and battery-run rickshaws have been ruling city streets in full view of police.

Rickshaw-pullers started to completely flout the ban when Dhaka's traffic system collapsed amid the absence of police for around a week after the fall of the previous government.

While traffic police have been on the streets since August 12, they are largely limited to directing traffic, and are not enforcing laws.

But a couple of days ago, the traffic police started making rickshaw pullers and drivers aware that they are not to operate their vehicles on major roads.

A battery-operated rickshaw was seen fleeing from the Bangla Motor area around 11:15am. Talking to the Daily Star, the puller said he came on the road as traffic police did not say anything beforehand.

"I will now drive the rickshaws in the feeder roads," he said.

A traffic police official working in the area said they towed several rickshaws since yesterday morning.

In Mirpur 10, traffic police officials were seen puncturing tyres of battery-run-three

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FIREARMS LICENCES IN 15YRS Cops in the dark on total count

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

A week has passed since the government launched a joint drive to recover firearms, but law enforcers have yet to calculate the actual number of firearms licences issued during the 15-year tenure of the Awami League government.

According to police headquarters (PHQ) database, 13,349 firearms have been submitted by civilians till midnight of September 3 as the interim government suspended the licences on

The officials, however, failed to give any specific data on how many firearms were issued during the

The Student and Labour wing of the police's SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

Rise in partisanship contradicts vision of 'new Bangladesh'

Says Transparency Int'l Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The rise in illegal occupation, partisanship, and extortion in sectors previously controlled by the fallen Awami League government and its leaders, is completely contrary to the vision of a "New Bangladesh," said Transparency International Bangladesh yesterday.

"The students envisioned a 'New Bangladesh' a well-governed and democratic nation that is free of coercion and all forms of abuse of power. Yet, since the fall of authoritarianism, we have seen a troubling rise in partisanship, illegal occupation, SEE PAGE 4 COL 5



A line of illegally parked ambulances occupies a portion of the road in front of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, blocking part of the entrance. To make matters worse, a few makeshift shops set up illegally on the adjacent footpath further hinder pedestrian movement. The photo was taken yesterday. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

If the government

treatment and divides

primary, secondary and

tertiary -- it will be easier

to manage all the patients

and the number of deaths

it into three parts -

would be reduced.

Mushtaq Hossain

Public Health Expert

classifies dengue

Rise in dengue cases rings alarm

Experts blame late hospitalisation, inadequate facilities for higher deaths

HELEMUL ALAM

A total of 19 dengue patients died in the first 11 days of September, including five on Tuesday, painting a grim picture this year as well.

Experts said late hospitalisation, lack of proper medical facilities across the country, un-reported dengue cases, and false test results are the major reasons for high casualties this year.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), a total of 17,284 dengue patients were hospitalised this year, while the total number of deaths is 102.

The death rate this year is 0.61 percent, up from 0.5 percent in 2023.

HM Nazmul Ahsan, associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital (SSMCH), said, "Of the four types of dengue strains, the NS1 report of the Den-2 serotype gives 30 percent false negative, while Den-4 serotype provides 50 percent false negative results."

"When someone gets a false negative result, they do not care much about treatment and when they reach a critical stage and go to the hospital, it is already SEE PAGE 4 COL 2

Rab warns of anti-state propaganda STAFF CORRESPONDENT

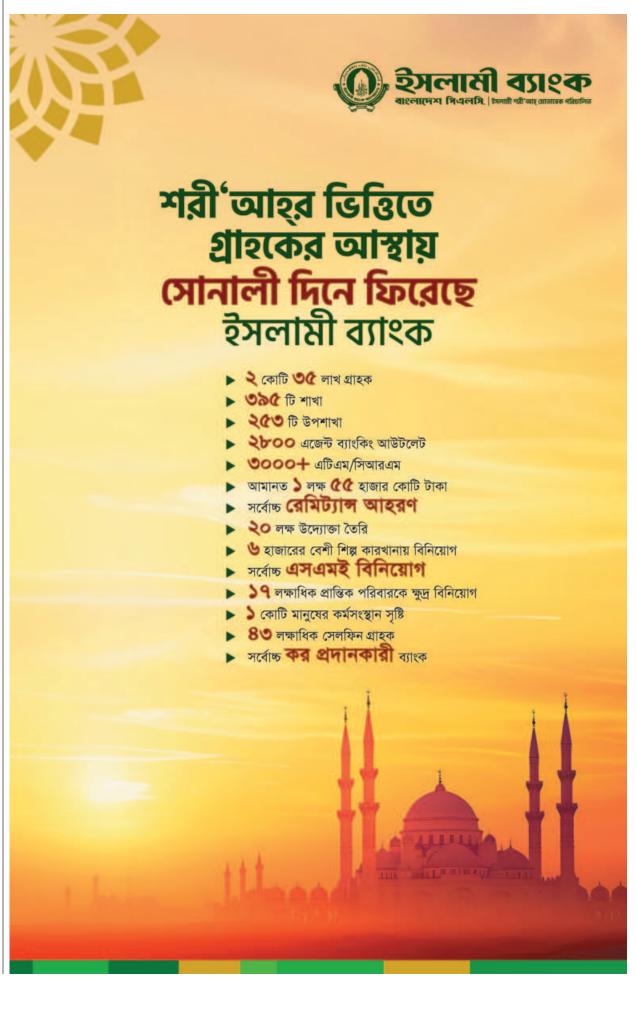
Rab said yesterday that

certain anti-state elements are attempting to disrupt law and order by spreading misinformation propaganda.

In a press statement issued yesterday, Rab reaffirmed its commitment to a zero-tolerance policy towards militancy and extremism.

"Bangladesh is a country of peace and harmony. People of all races, religions, and castes, political affiliations celebrate festivals and events peacefully. Rab is committed to identifying criminals involved extremism and taking strict legal action against them," the statement read.

Rab also emphasised that it is maintaining surveillance to ensure that members of militant outfits, who have been released on bail, do not engage in further activities. subversive



of Labour Studies (BILS) in

2019 said Dhaka had over

11 lakh pedal rickshaws.

Also, there were over 2 lakh

battery-run rickshaws in

However, since then,

the number of battery-run

rickshaws on major roads in

steps against battery-run

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are still plying almost all

While police are taking

Traffic police officials

said they will take action

against the pedal rickshaws

too but that will be after

they remove battery-run

the city have skyrocketed.

Death anniv of Nazma **Jasmine** Choudhury STAR REPORT

Today is the 35th death anniversary of Dr

Nazma Jasmine Choudhury, a writer, researcher, and educator,

said a press release. She passed away from cancer in 1989, just before her 50th birthday.

She was a pivotal figure in the cultural community, serving as the chief organiser of Dhaka Little Theater, an organisation dedicated to nurturing the talents of children and teenagers.

Every year, the Institute of Modern Languages holds the Nazma Jasmine Choudhury Memorial Lecture in her honour.

Due current to circumstances, this year's commemorative lecture has been postponed. The new date will be announced

Nazma is survived by her husband, Emeritus Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury, and their two daughters.

ACC to probe FROM PAGE 5

Kurigram. He also has investments in different banks and businesses in his name worth Tk 8.90 lakh. In total, he possesses movable and immovable assets worth Tk 5.18 crore, the source revealed.

The commission also initiated investigation into allegations of corruption and money laundering against three former lawmakers -Mohammad Habib Hasan (Dhaka-18), Advocate Md Íslam Talukdar (Bogura-3) and Abdul Odud (Chapainawabganj-3).

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Budget and Source of Funds

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Procuring Entity District

Cops in the dark on total count

Special Branch maintained a database of the licences issued to civilians.

Contacted, Sayed Rafiqul Islam, special superintendent of SB's Student and Labour wing, said the database shows that around 8,500 firearms have been issued during this period.

He, however, said the figure could be higher, and they are working on it.

It will be difficult to conduct a drive if the law enforcers do not know how many more firearms they need to recover, according to sources.

On August 25, the interim government suspended licences that were issued to civilians during the tenure of the ALgovernment -- January

and directed to submit the one gas gun, one Chinese firearms to nearby police stations within September 3.

After the timeframe, those firearms are to be deemed illegal.

drive The joint comprising the members of the armed forces, BGB, Coast Guard, police, Rab, and Ansar, will also recover illegal firearms and the firearms and bullets looted different from stations and security forces after the fall of Sheikh Hasina on August 5.

In six days of joint drive till September 10, the drives recovered 111 firearms and arrested 51 people, reads the PHQ database.

include seven revolvers, 30 pistols, nine rifles, 15 shotguns, three pipe guns, 16 shutter guns, five LG

rifle, one airgun, one tear gas launcher, three SMGs and three single barrel breech loader firearms.

Enamul Haque Sagor, assistant inspector general (media) of PHQ, said the joint drives are targeting three categories of firearms -- those stolen or lost from

the police, SSF, and other security forces; firearms with suspended licences; and illegal firearms.

Sagor said the joint drive will continue.

According to PHQ database, 5,818 firearms and 6,07,262 bullets were looted from police, different police stations, and establishments. The recovered weapons Of those, 3,933 guns and 3,12,857 bullets were recovered by 12:00am on September 5, according the home ministry 6, 2009 to August 5, 2024 guns, 15 guns, one AK-47, notification given yesterday.

Rise in dengue cases rings alarm

too late," he said, adding that early treatment can save lives.

"High infection rate among vulnerable groups, including the elderly, infants, obese individuals, pregnant women, and those with comorbidities such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart, lung, liver issues, is another contributing factor."

Patients from such vulnerable groups need to be hospitalised from the beginning to avoid critical situation, he said.

"Many patients are coming to hospitals in Dhaka from outside, which is also a reason for the increasing number of casualties," Nazmul said.

"It takes several hours for a patient to reach the capital, during which they don't get enough fluids," Nazmul mentioned.

said Nazmul needs to government improving focus on dengue treatment and

items for executing project of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB).

management at both rural and city levels.

Public health expert Mushtaq Hossain said changes in the current treatment management and strategy are necessary in order to bring down the dengue mortality rate.

"If the government classifies dengue treatment and divides it into three parts -- primary, secondary and tertiary -- it will be easier to manage all the patients and the number of deaths would be reduced."

added He developing the primary healthcare system is also

Meanwhile. government should develop secondary health facilities for critical patients. City corporation and railway hospitals can be used as such facilities," he added.

Mushtaq said the higher number of deaths outside Dhaka is attributed to a lack of adequate treatment and access to testing services.

He suggested setting

Confidence Infrastructure PLC./D-M/WD1/LOT/2024-101

WD1: LOT-1; MCEP/BREB/DMD SPC-G-24, Lot-1

11.00 am

Procurement of Single LRPC(HTS) wire for Modernization and Capacity Enhancement of BREB Network(MCEP); (Dhaka and Mymensingh Division) Project under Electricity

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Invitation for Tenders

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Bangladesh would like to invite sealed bids from all eligible manufacturers/ suppliers of Bangladesh having valid trade license for the below mentioned

Open Tendering Method

04-Sep-24

Project Aid

World Bank

World Bank

10-Sep-24

16-Sep-24

17-Sep-24

Date

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Address

up more blood collection centres in Dhaka for dengue patients.

The government needs to develop the upazila health complexes and community clinics for tests and treatment with more equipment and manpower, he added.

Meanwhile, SSMCH has opened separate wards for dengue patients.

There are 50 beds in the male ward and 40 beds in the female ward, said Associate Professor HM Nazmul Ahsan.

Stressing the need for a proper database of dengue entomologist patients. Manzur A Chowdhury said the daily dengue bulletin of DGHS is based on data from only 57 public and private hospitals in Dhaka and 81 district and divisional-level hospitals.

But around 16,000 public and private hospitals, clinics, and other facilities are providing dengue care, Manzur, a former president of Zoological Society of Bangladesh.

Rise FROM PAGE 3

and efforts to dominate the political landscapes nationwide," reads a TIB

statement. In the statement, TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said this current trend represents a betrayal of the dream of a

"New Bangladesh".

"The Discrimination Movement opened unprecedented opportunities state reform and the establishment of a new political culture. However, those who view the gains... as merely their own political victory, while engaging in partisanship, illegal occupation, and extortion, pose a grave threat to the movement's

core spirit," he said. The anti-graft watchdog stated that those seizing the moment to "fill the void", left by the AL leaders and affiliates, with a mindset of "it's our time now," are following a selfdestructive path.

"It threatens to nullify sacrifices made during the movement. We are concerned about the tendency of some people to impose a new form of discriminatory system social the wreckage of fallen authoritarianism, which is in direct contradiction to the core values of the antidiscrimination movement," added the statement.

All parties, including political organisations, learn the movement, said Iftekharuzzaman, adding that the fall of an authoritarian government should not be seen as an opportunity for personal, organisational party, interest or collective selfinterest.

No justice

illegally with the gold, but

what could he have done to

save his wealth?" Mosharraf

Maungdaw, said "The AA

looted my three wheelers on

July 18. After I left Myanmar

on August 15, Bangladeshi

remaining cash of Tk 2 lakh.

despite already charging Tk

20,000 each for three of my

family members to cross the

Many Rohingyas alleged

that they were held hostage

for several days in the

houses of the brokers, so

they could get money from their relatives in the camps.

Md Adnan Chowdhury,

upazila nirbahi officer

of Teknaf, said, "I am not

aware of the incidents of

looting. But law enforcers

are trying to identify the brokers who are bringing

the Rohingyas illegally so

that steps can be taken

against them."

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year old Shabullah

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questioned.

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Social Islami Bank PLC.

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the city.

city streets.

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PRINTING AND SUPPLYING OF WALL AND DESK CALENDARS-2025

Traffic cops crack down on

to operate battery run

giving warning, sometimes

stopping rickshaws for

several hours. We are

diverting the rickshaws to

the feeder roads. We will

apply the soft approach

for a couple of days more

before taking a hard line,"

Rakib Khan told The Daily

have a plan to clear the road

from Mirpur 14 to Mirpur 1

first. The rest of the major

roads in the division will

be freed from rickshaws

A study carried out by rickshaws.

The official said they

Star yesterday.

gradually.

"Today (yesterday) we are

rickshaw on major roads.

battery-rickshaws

(traffic)

including

ones. have

full-fledged

FROM PAGE 3

rickshaws,

battery-run

after August 5.

commissioner

Khan,

of Mirpur Division, said

been swarming the roads

operations now and are

taking a soft approach to

remove the battery-run

rickshaws from the major

roads in phases, using

community engagement

and including student

volunteers from different

educational institutions in

Mirpur traffic division

on Tuesday announced

the process, he said.

Traffic police

Rakib

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from the authorized/bonafide Printing Press/Firms for Printing and Supplying of Wall Calendars and Desk Calendars for the year 2025 with Cover Envelopes. Last date of Tender Submission: 30/09/2024 up to 3:00 pm Document Price: TK.3,000/- (Three thousand) (Non Refundable) Interested bidders are requested to visit the Bank's website link: https://www.siblbd.com/media#tender for detailed specification and related other information.

Senior Vice President & Head

Logistic Support Division Phone- 09612001122 Ext- 50296 E-mail: lsd@sibl-bd.com

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BANGLADESH COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS (BCPS) 67, Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

INVITATION FOR TENDER Date: - 12/09/2024

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2.	Agency	Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS)
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
4.	Invitation for / Tender Package Name	Supply of Microbus and Sedan car
5.	Tender Ref. No & Date	BCPS /CAR/916/2024 / 23640 Date- 12/09/2024
6.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (As per PPR-8)
7.	Budget and Source of Funds	BCPS Own Fund Package Name BCPS/CAR/916/ 2024
8.	Tender Publication Date	12/09/2024
9.	Tender Last Selling Date	01/10/2024 at 02:00 P.M.
10.	Tender Last Submission /Dropping/ Closing Date and Time	02/10/2024 at 12:00 P.M.
11.	Place of Selling and Receiving/Dropping Tender Documents	Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka.
12.	Tender Opening Date , Time and Place	02/10/2024 at 02:00 P.M., Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. In presence of Tenderer if any.
13.	Place, Date and Time of Pre- Tender / Pre- bid Meeting	Place: Office of the Honorary Secretary, BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka. Date: 26/10/2024, Time at 12:30 P.M.
14.	Submission of Tender	Tenders are being invited for a single lot or whole. The bidder may submit tende for whole or lot wise.
15.	Eligibility of Tenderers	The Tenderer shall have experience in supply of similar goods of the subject in single contract more than 37 lacs for lot: 1, 32 lacs for lot: 2 during the las 03 (three) years. The average annual turnover of the tenderer should be more than 47 lacs fo lot: 1, 40 lacs for lot: 02 during the last five years. The minimum amount of credit line/credit facility/ liquid assets shall be Tk 41 lacs for lot: 1, 36 lacs for lot: 02.
16.	Brief Description of Goods and Related Services	Stated in Tender document/ As per TDS. The items will be accepted afte considering suppliers sample.
17.	Guarantee / Warranty & after sales service	The items will be brand new and should be in good condition during use. Paymen will be made as per quoted rate after supply of the items and submission of bill.
18.	Price of Tender Documents Taka	Taka 2500/- (Two Thousand Five Hundred Taka) only in eash (Non-refundable).
19.	The Tender Security & Completion time	Tender Security Amounts in Bangladeshi Taka will be 3% of the total quoted price. Completion time in weeks: 06 weeks.
20.	Name & Designation of Inviting Tender	Prof. Abul Bashar Md. Jamal, Honorary Secretary, Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS).
21.	Address and Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) 67 Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

Phone No.222295006, 222284189

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

Web. www.bcps.edu.bd, Email: bcps@bcps.edu.bd

(Professor Abul Bashar Md. Jamal)

Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

OFFICE OF THE BOGURA PAURASHAVA Phone No-02589902705, E-mail- bograpaurashava@yahoo.com Web-www.bograpaurashavabd.org. Memo No. Bog-Pou/Xen/2024-2025/150

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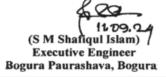
e-Tender Notice No. 03/2024-2025

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the below schemes/Packages:

SI. No.		Package No	Scheme Name	Tender Document Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1014339	Bog-Pou/	Construction of Rest Room for women at		
	(LTM)	Rev/24-25/	Bogura Paurashava, Bogura	29-Sep-2024	30-Sep-2024
		07		17:00	12:30

This is an online tender, where only e-tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline / hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-tender, Registration in the National e-GP system portal is required.

The fee for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited on line through any registered banks branches up to 17.00 on 29-Sep-2024. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)



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	Opening	Tender Document		Confidence Infrastructure PLC. Monem Business District East Tower(8th and 9th Floor), 111 Bir Uttam C.R. Datta Road, Sonargaon Road, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh				
19	Place/Dat	e Time of		Confidence Infrastructure PLC. Monem Business District East Tower(8th and 9th Floor), 111 Bir Uttam C.R. Datta Road, Sonargaon Road, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh				
20	Pre-Tende	er Meeting (Optional)	Date	Time				
			N/A					
21	Eligibility	of Tenderer	Renowned Manufactu Bangladesh	Renowned Manufactures of Single LRPC(HTS) wire having valid trade license in Bangladesh				
22	Brief Des	cription of Goods or Works	MT) for the Project Network(MCEP); (DI Modernization Progra SPC-G-24, Lot-1	Procurement of Single LRPC(HTS) wire: 5mm, 6mm, 7mm, 8mm, 9mm (Total: 1500 MT) for the Project of Modernization and Capacity Enhancement of BREB Network(MCEP); (Dhaka and Mymensingh Division) Project under Electricity Distribution Modernization Program of the World Bank under Package No: MCEP/BREB/DMD-SPC-G-24, Lot-1 (Contract No: MCEP/BREB/DMD-SPC-G-24 - Lot-1/2023-2024)				
23	Brief Des	cription of Related Services	N/A					
		ender Document (TK.)	30,000.00					
2.	Lot No Identification of Lot		Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion Time in Weeks			
25	1	LOT1: Single LRPC(HTS) Wire	Nayapur, Barabo, Sonargaon, Narayanganj	1,000,000	12-16.			
		Official Inviting Tender		Confidence Infrastructure PLC.				
27	Designat	tion of Official Inviting Tender		Sr. AGM- Procurement				
28	Address	of Official Inviting Tender		SM Modabber Hossain				
29	Contact	details of Official Inviting Tender		01714-091728	Mail Id: modabber.hossain@cg-bd.com			
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to Mr. SM Modabber Hossain to delete / to reject all Tenders.							

SM Modabber Hossain

Authorized Person of Confidence Infrastructure PLC. Monem Business District East Tower(8th and 9th Floor), 111 Bir Uttam C.R. Datta Road, Sonargaon Road, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh

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'Take urgent

steps to save

Mayur river'

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Environmentalists and civil

rights activists in Khulna at

a views exchange meeting

vesterday called upon the

authorities concerned to

take urgent steps for saving

Once a lifeline for

Khulna residents, the river

is now on deathbed due

to severe pollution from

industries and rampant

Bangladesh

organised the meeting at a

city hotel, where speakers

made recommendations

on measures to rejuvenate

the river to its former glory.

river's decimation began

with construction of the

Khulna city protection dam in the early 1980s, while

illegal encroachment of

the river, unregulated fish

farming, and dissipation

of sewage by Khulna City Corporation's drains as

well as industrial wastes

into the river exacerbated

was initiated in September

2019 to restore Mayur river

in two phases, but its future

is uncertain due to lack of

monitoring, they also said.

A Tk 843 crore project

the situation.

The speakers said the

Lawyers

(Bela)

Say speakers

Mayur river.

encroachment.

Environment

Association

COX'S BAZAR SADAR HOSPITAL

Doctors on strike

protesting assault

over patient's death

Doctors and staffers of Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital

have gone on strike since yesterday morning, after

relatives of a patient, who allegedly died in wrong

functional in the afternoon after a team from the army

visited the hospital, other departments remained closed

patient from ward 6 in the town, who was admitted to the CCU of the hospital around 1:30am yesterday.

until the filing of this report around 10:00pm.

a painkiller injection was pushed in his body.

Although the emergency department became

The incident occurred after the death of Aziz, a

The patient's relatives alleged that Aziz died after

Claiming that the patient died due to wrong

treatment, his attendants severely beat up a doctor

named Kazi Sajeeb at the hospital. Different parts of

the hospital, including the ICU and CCU, were also

The authorities have halted medical services

Doctors, nurses, and other hospital staffers said

In the hospital's CCTV footage, four men were seen

The hospital authorities said from the footage, they

Hospital superintendent Dr Mong Ting Yeo said,

"The patient's condition was critical. In the situation,

the patient's attendants should have provided him

with effective care. But no one was present at that

Despite such efforts, the doctor was attacked, he

The superintendent said the work abstention

However, patients will suffer at the hospital if

programme announced by the doctors will continue

they refrain from providing services, he said, adding,

time. Still our doctors tried their best.

until the attackers are arrested.

"We are trying to resolve the issue."

they would not return to work if the attackers were

beating Sajeeb. At one stage, he lost consciousness.

have identified two attackers, named Asif and Mehdi.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

treatment, beat up a doctor.

not arrested within 24 hours.

vandalised.

ACC to probe

former state

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commission yesterday said

it has decided to initiate

an open investigation into

allegations of corruption,

unethical activities and

abuse of power against

Zakir Hossain, former state

minister for primary and

the decision after evidence

of irregularities against

Zakir emerged in primary

findings, said Akhtarul

Islam, deputy director and

public relations officer of

Kurigram-4, is accused of

abusing power to engage

and unethical activities

through which he illegally

According to ACC

source, Zakir, while serving

as the state minister,

allegedly abused his power

to illegally approve the

inclusion of 26 schools

in Kurigram under the

He reportedly owns a

two-storey house on 10

decimals of land, and a

market and rice mill on 3.28

acres of land in Roumari.

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Children's Welfare Trust.

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Hossain, also

lawmaker

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The commission made

mass education.

Anti-Corruption

minister, 3

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ACC.

former

Zakir

BSF returns body of teen killed in border firing

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) handed over the body



Bangla-deshi teenager Jayanta Kumar Singh early yesterday after a company commander flag meeting.

Jayanta died in BSF firing along the Kantivita border in Thakurgaon's upazila on Baliadangi Monday.

The meeting was held at the zero line on the Kantivita border around 2:00am between the two border security agencies.

Md Mozammel Haque, company commander of Dhantala BGB outpost, led the Bangladeshi side while Santos Singh, a company commander of BSF, led the Indian side.

Following the meeting, the officer-in-charge of Islampur Police Station in Uttar Dinajpur district, West Bengal, India, handed over the body to Dibakar Odhikari, the inspector of

Baliadangi Police Station. Police later handed the body over to the family.

Earlier on September 2, a 16-year-old, Swarna Das, daughter of Parendra Das, was gunned down by the members of Indian Border Security Force in Kulaura upazila of Moulvibazar.



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দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচেছ।

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০৩। দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান

০৪। কি কারণে দরপত্র আহ্বান

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Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha AZAN 4-35 12-45 4-30 6-14 7-45 JAMAAT 5-10 1-15 4-45 6-17 8-15 SOURCE: **ISLAMIC FOUNDATION**

'No justice in either country'

Rohingyas face looting on both sides of the border



A group of newly arrived Rohingyas entering Camp 27. The photo was taken recently. PHOTO: COLLECTED

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

Many new Rohingyas have allegedly become victims of robbery and looting on both sides of the border in Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Some have alleged that their shops in the Maungdaw town were looted by the Arakan Army (AA) after they began leaving Myanmar following the escalation of violence from August 5.

On August 5 alone, nearly 200 people were reportedly killed by drone strikes and shelling, according to Rohingya witnesses.

On the way to Bangladesh, many who brought their valuables were robbed by Bangladeshi brokers.

"ĀA looted my shop 'Hello Cosmetic Store' on August 20. They looted goods worth Tk 10 lakh. Five days later, I made it to Bangladesh. We paid brokers Tk 20,000 each for three of us," said Mosharraf Hossain, a resident of Maungdaw.

As many as 2,000 shops owned by Rohingvas have been looted by the AA between August 5 and August 20 in Maungdaw, he also said.

A few hundred Rohingyas have been crossing the border into Bangladesh

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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ঃ বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।

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ঃ স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়/জননিরাপত্তা বিভাগ।

ঃ মসুর ভাল, সয়াবিন তেল, চিনি ক্রয়।

daily through the Naf river over the past

The number of new arrivals after August 5 is not less than 30,000 according to Rohingya leaders. On September 3, Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain said around 8,000 Rohingya refugees had entered Bangladesh recently.

Around 1.2 million Rohingyas, most of whom fled a 2017 Myanmar military crackdown, that has been dubbed as an ethnic cleansing by the UN, are living in the sprawling camps of Cox's Bazar.

"We could not protect our wealth in Myanmar and we can't do it in Bangladesh either," Mosharraf said.

He also described the story of a wealthy businessman from Maungdaw and how he became penniless within a

"Anwar Sadik had several gold shops named 'Three Diamonds'. Anwar left Myanmar and came to Bangladesh with huge quantities of gold ornaments,"

Anwar was caught by the BGB on August 12, with 29kg of gold ornaments and is now in a Cox's Bazar jail.

"Yes, Anwar entered Bangladesh SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT





Actors Equity Bangladesh:

Members call for leadership overhaul

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During the anti-discrimination student movement, questions arose about the role of Actors Equity Bangladesh, the professional organisation of television actors in the country. Leaked conversations from a secret WhatsApp group, 'Alo Ashbei', intensified the criticism, as several members of the organisation were associated with the group. This controversy eroded the trust of many artistes in the organisation, leading to widespread calls for

Some actors sought to arrange a meeting with the executive committee of the organisation but were told that the committee would only meet with its official 'members' and had a prior commitment on September 7. Despite this, the actors went ahead with their planned meeting on that day, where they openly voiced their dissatisfaction and demanded the resignation of the committee members by

However, the current committee members of Actors Equity Bangladesh neither apologised nor resigned by the given deadline.

On Tuesday (September 11), over 50 artistes, including Mostafizur Noor İmran, Azmeri Haque Badhan, Nazia Haque Orsha, Shamol Mawla, Shohel Mondol, Khairul Basar, and Manoj Pramanik, gathered at Rabindra Sarobar in Dhanmondi to discuss the shortcomings of the organisation. They unanimously agreed that the current executive committee members were unfit to continue in

Led by actor Mostafizur Noor Imran, the group proposed 22 reforms, including state recognition of acting



as a profession and the introduction of a new registration

Mostafizur Noor Imran told The Daily Star that they want all artistes to unite under one umbrella. "We don't want any separate organisations. We want artistes from all mediums-be it theatre, OTT, television, film, or others-to be under one roof. Actors can have their own political preferences, but that shouldn't overshadow their passion for acting. While there hasn't been any official confirmation yet, we are still in communication with them. We aim to select an adviser who can help us address our issues. From there, we hope to establish a reformation committee so that all our voices are heard."

At the gathering, actor Shohel Mondol emphasised the need for meaningful discussions on reform with those in power. Actress Azmeri Haque Badhan echoed this sentiment, comparing the current situation to the remnants of autocratic regimes in Bangladesh. In an interview with The Daily Star, Shohel Mondol expressed hope for creating an open space for dialogue and reform within the organisation. He noted, "While there were rumours of an internal meeting, no official communication had been made.'

Shohel also raised the issue of why certain artistes were no longer part of the organisation, urging reflection on the matter. He stressed, "The goal is not to create a new organisation but to reform the existing one to be more equitable and fairer for all."

The artistes collectively called for unity, insisting that the reforms should create a more inclusive and memberfriendly organisation, eliminating disparities between the hardworking artistes who entertain the audience.

Shailene Woodley to portray Janis Joplin in upcoming biopic

A highly anticipated biopic about Janis Joplin's life is moving forward, with actress Shailene Woodley cast to portray the legendary rock singer.

It was announced on Tuesday that the actress, who is also producing the film alongside Tower

Entertainment, has secured US \$2.49 million in funding from the California Film Commission to support

Janis Joplin passed away in 1970 at the age of 27, and numerous attempts have been made to create a biopic about the iconic singer.

Over the years, several actresses, including Amy Adams, Zooey Deschanel, Pink, and Melissa Etheridge, were linked to projects that ultimately never made it to production.

Taylor Swift endorses Kamala Harris after US presidential debate

Taylor Swift, one of pop music's most influential figures, has publicly endorsed Kamala Harris for president following her debate against Donald Trump. Swift shared the announcement on Instagram, stating that her decision came after thorough research.

"I will be casting my vote for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz in the 2024 Presidential Election," Swift posted on Tuesday night. "I'm voting for @kamalaharris because she fights for the rights and causes I believe need a warrior to champion

The Grammy-winning artiste also commended Harris's running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, for his long-standing advocacy on LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive health, and women's rights.

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Harris rattles Trump

had won, with her campaign quickly challenging him to a second debate in

With less than two months until election day, Harris was under pressure to deliver in front of an audience of tens of millions after her sudden rise to the top of the Democratic ticket in place of US President Joe Biden.

She started on the front foot by surprising Trump by approaching him to shake his hand before they took to their lecterns -- and then kept the upper hand.

Trump repeatedly raised his voice as he hit back at the vice president on immigration and the economy, branding her a "Marxist" and blaming her for what he said were the failings of President Joe Biden's administration.

Harris responded by looking on in amusement before declaring that she represents a fresh start after the "mess" of the Trump presidency -- and saying: "We're not going back."

One of their most intense exchanges was on abortion.

Trump insisted that while having pushed for the end of the federal right to abortion, he wanted individual states

Power supply

feet per day (mmcfd) of re-gasified LNG to the national grid.

The terminal was damaged on May 27 when the cyclone Remal hit the coastal area. Since then, it has been out of service. Several attempts were made to resume operations after repair works abroad but failed.

Subsequently, Bangladesh's LNG supply capacity dropped to only 600 mmcfd from 1,100 mmcfd for the last three and half months, inconveniencing the power, fertiliser and industry

Considering the national importance of the FSRU to meet the demand for power, fertiliser and gas in the industrial

Appointment of 8 DCs

Sabet Ali, who was initially made Tangail DC, will now serve as the DC of Panchagarh. Sharifa Haque will be posted to Tangail instead of Nilphamari, Rajib Kumar Sarkar in Lakshmipur instead of Natore, and Mohammad Nairuzzaman in Nilphamari instead of Panchagarh.

the In another development, government yesterday formed a

FROM PAGE 12 to make their own policy.

Philadelphia was his "best debate" but snap polls and commentators said Harris said he was telling a "bunch of lies" and called his policies "insulting to bad your activity.

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> Another jarring clash came as Trump doubled down on his unprecedented refusal to accept losing to Biden in the 2020 election, before trying to overturn the result.

> Harris responded by mocking his catchphrase as a reality TV star, saying that Trump had been "fired by 81 million people" and calling him a threat to democracy.

> The former prosecutor pointed out that Trump is a convicted felon, called him "extreme" and said it is "a tragedy' that throughout his career he had used "race to divide the American people."

The rivals also clashed on foreign policy, with Harris telling Trump that Russian President Vladimir Putin would "eat you for lunch" when it came to the war in Ukraine and that world leaders were "laughing" at him.

Trump shot back by accusing Harris of being weak on the war in Gaza, saying she "hated Israel".

But Harris, who spent five days intensively preparing for the debate, repeatedly managed to needle Trump finger-jabbing insults and

sectors, Summit's officials along with

its international partners have been

working tirelessly around the clock to

"Summit has spent millions of

The process to purchase more LNG is

ongoing, a Petrobangla official told The

Daily Star. The Summit terminal will

resume operation once the LNG cargo

Power cuts are getting more frequent

as power generation has failed to keep

up with the high demand caused by

the rising mercury since the first of this

committee to probe a scuffle and

commotion involving several deputy

MA Akmall Hossain Azad, senior

secretary of the health and family

welfare ministry, has been tasked

with the investigation and asked to

submit a report within seven working

days, said a press release of the public

secretaries on Tuesday

administration ministry.

reaches Bangladesh, he added.

resume gas supply to the national grid.

dollars in repair-related expenditure,"

Delhi to deal with this thru diplomatic channels

rallies, one of his favorite topics, saying

that attendees were leaving early out of

on migration, but she also managed to

make him lose his cool on what should

a debunked conspiracy theory that

Haitian immigrants have been eating

local people's pet cats and dogs in

Ohio -- before being corrected by the

moderator that authorities have said

"wasn't even close", in a post on X.

Biden said the Harris-Trump debate

The last presidential debate in June

A CNN snap poll after the debate said

In a sign Trump realized things had

had resulted in a crushing victory

for Trump, after Biden delivered a

catastrophic performance that ended

Harris performed better than Trump by 63

percent to 37 percent of registered voters.

not gone as well as he hoped, the former

president made an unusual appearance

in the debate "spin room" afterwards to

up dooming his reelection campaign.

He ended up talking at length about

Trump repeatedly attacked Harris

exhaustion and boredom.

have been a winning topic.

this didn't happen.

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speak to journalists.

government of the day. How we deal with that is through the diplomatic channel, not necessarily through reports which will be reported by the press," ANI quoted Jaishankar as saying response to a question.

Hasina fled to India on August 5 after her ouster in the face of a studentled mass uprising. She has been living in India since then.

However, the interim government's decision to revoke her diplomatic passport has raised questions about how long Hasina can stay there and whether she faces a possible extradition.

The Awami League president is now facing 153 cases, including 135 for murder, seven for crimes against humanity, three for abduction, seven for attempted murder and one for attacking a BNP procession.

On Sunday, Md Tajul Islam, chief prosecutor to the International Crimes Tribunal, said steps would be taken to bring Hasina back home under the existing extradition treaty with India.

UN probe team to arrive September 14

team received the commitment of full cooperation from the interim government and security forces for the

Earlier on August 22-29, an advance UN team visited Bangladesh and held meetings with student leaders of the recent protests, advisors of the interim government, the chief justice, senior officers of the police and armed forces, lawyers, journalists and human rights defenders, representatives of political parties and minority and indigenous communities.

The team discussed the modalities for an investigation into human rights violations and abuses in the context of the recent violence and unrest, as well as other aspects of human rights including civic space, the need for truth, justice, healing, reparation and reconciliation and other reforms.

About 650 people were killed during student protests and in the aftermath in Bangladesh between July 16 and August 11, said the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in its preliminary report

FROM PAGE 12 Of them, nearly 400 deaths were for the prosecution by Bangladesh office in Geneva, adding that the reported from July 16 to August 4 while authorities," the official added. around 250 people were killed between August 5 and 11. There were several thousands who were injured.

The fact-finding mission investigate the patterns and trends of the human rights violations, who ordered shooting during the protests etc. It will not be able to investigate all the killings but the emblematic ones," a UN official told The Daily Star yesterday.

The mission will meet the victims, injured people, witnesses, law enforcers, home, law and foreign affairs ministry advisers and other stakeholders as part of their investigation.

The UN expert team will collect the evidence of rights violations, prepare a detailed report on the root causes of the violations and recommend the next course of action for the government of Bangladesh.

This also recommendations for necessary reforms in the security sector.

After completion of the one-month probe, the UN mission may take one or two more months to prepare the report. "The report will give a foundation

The UN conducted many such fact

finding missions to many countries for human rights violations. For example, it sent a mission to Myanmar after the allegation of Rohingya genocide, to Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Palestine, Kenya and Ethiopia.

"In some cases, the mission was deployed for war crimes, crimes against humanity or human rights violation, the UN official said

The UN mission investigating the rights violation means this will be an objective investigation, said rights activist Shirin Huq, who is a member of the Committee for the Protection of Fundamental Rights.

"It is also great that the mission will also be probing the rights violation that took place in the aftermath of August 5,' she told The Daily Star yesterday.

The challenge, however, will be an objective prosecution after the UN submits its report.

"We will need a very competitive and objective team of prosecutors for justice so that it cannot be questionable at any

point in time," Huq said.

Development not possible

"It [access to information] is essential achieving gender equality, improving education and health, combating corruption, and promoting environmental progress," she explained.

Irene added, "Although the law grants people the right to access information, governments often withhold it under the guise of personal or official confidentiality, and national

She went on to criticise laws and regulations that prioritise "confidentiality" over transparency, which she said deprives the public of their right to know.

Bangladesh, discrimination movement has led to a new phase of reforms ... This presents an opportunity to advance the Right to Information act to the next level," she

Speakers suggested that government

officials take the law more seriously and that the Information Commission become more citizen-friendly.

seminar discussed effectiveness of RTI act and explored ways to increase its use among the

Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman, RIB Executive Director Meghna Guhathakurta, and its Project Manager Ruhi Naz also spoke at

Conspiracy of ex-dictator's 'ghosts'

using the name of this party [BNP]," he

He said they would not gain anything from conspiring.

The democracy-loving people of Bangladesh and the true soldiers of martyred president Ziaur Rahman and Khaleda Zia will protest, resist, and give a befitting reply to this conspiracy, he added.

He was addressing a public rally at Gopalpur Upazila of Tangail district, through a virtual platform.

The rally was arranged on Suti VM Pilot Model Government High School ground in Gopalpur demanding the release of BNP leader Abdus Salam

The BNP acting chairman said his party's goal is to ensure political freedom and simultaneous economic emancipation for the people of the

Noting that BNP's politics is for development and raising production in the country, he said. If BNP could come to power getting the public mandate in the election, its government would unlock the prospects of different local areas for the economic emancipation of

the people. He said they have been able to overthrow the dictator with the support and cooperation of the people of Bangladesh.

"If we are able to form a government getting your support and cooperation n the coming days, we'll unlock the doors of these potentials so that the people of Bangladesh will be able to earn economic emancipation," he said. Tarique demanded the release of all

leaders and activists, including Abdur Salam Pintu of BNP and also other opposition parties, who have been kept detained in jail in "false" cases.

BNP leaders Ahmed Azam Khan and Sultan Salahuddin Tuku, Tangail district BNP president Hasanuzzaman Shaheen and its general secretary Farhad Iqbal, among others, addressed the event presided over by Gopalpur upazila BNP president Jahangir Alam.

INTERNATIONAL

Typhoon Yagi toll nears 200

AFP, Hanoi

Residents of Vietnam's capital waded through waist-deep water yesterday as river levels hit a 20-year high and the toll from the area's strongest typhoon in decades rose to at least 179, with neighbouring nations also enduring deadly flooding and landslides.

Typhoon Yagi hit Vietnam at the weekend, carrying winds in excess of 149 kilometres per hour and a deluge of rain that has also brought destructive floods to northern areas of Laos, Thailand and Myanmar.

A landslide smashed into the remote mountain village of Lang Nu in Lao Cai province, levelling it to a flat expanse of mud and rocks strewn with debris and laced by streams.

State media said at least 34 people had been killed in the village, with another 46 still missing.

Vietnamese state media said the total death toll from Yagi -- the strongest storm to hit northern Vietnam in 30 years -- had risen to 179, with 145 missing across the country.

Typhoons in the region are forming closer to the coast, intensifying more rapidly, and staying over land longer due to climate change.

Iran threatens 'action' over new sanctions

AFP, Tehran

Iran has vowed to respond to fresh sanctions imposed by Britain, France and Germany over what they said was its supply of short-range missiles to Russia for use in Ukraine.

"This action of the three European countries is the continuation of the hostile policy of the West and economic terrorism against the people of Iran, which will face the appropriate and proportionate action of the Islamic Republic of Iran," foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said in a statement late Tuesday.

The three governments had announced they would take steps to cancel air services agreements with Iran and "work towards imposing sanctions on Iran Air".

"In addition, we will pursue the designations of significant entities and individuals involved with Iran's ballistic missile programme and the transfer of ballistic missiles and other weapons to Russia," they added.

Iran denied the allegation. "Any claim that the Islamic Republic of Iran has sold ballistic missiles to the Russian Federation is completely baseless and false," Kanani said.



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), US Vice President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris, US President Joe Biden, former Mayor of New York Michael Bloomberg and former US president and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump attend a remembrance ceremony on the 23rd anniversary of the September 11 terror attack on the World Trade Center at Ground Zero, in New York City yesterday. Harris and Trump shook hands yesterday at the memorial, hours after they clashed in a combustible TV debate.

US, UK vow to work for Ukraine's victory

Top diplomats of the nations discuss long-range arms supply to Ukraine

AGENCIES

The US and British top diplomats yesterday vowed to work together for Ukraine's victory as they discussed further easing rules on firing Western weapons into Russia, whose alleged acquisition of Iranian missiles has raised new fears.

In a rare joint trip, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken took the nine-hour train from Poland to Kyiv alongside Foreign Secretary David Lammy, whose twomonth-old Labour government has vowed to keep up Britain's role as a key defender of Ukraine.

At three-way talks with their Ukrainian counterpart, Blinken said the visit sent a "strong message that we are committed to Ukraine's success, committed Ukraine's victory".



of "Russian imperialism and aggression come to an end" and called attacks that have killed Ukrainians "horrific, barbaric, unbelievable".

"The only person that gains from any sense that we are not together" is Russian President Vladimir Putin, Lammy said.

The trip comes at a fraught British support until the war after Kyiv launched a shock right now."

counter-offensive into Russia's Kursk region.

President Volodymyr Zelensky has ramped up his requests over recent months to the West to provide weapons with more firepower and fewer restrictions.

US President Joe Biden, asked in Washington whether time for Ukraine, with Russia he would let Ukraine use advancing on the key logistics longer-range weapons for hub of Pokrovsk in the eastern strikes on Russian targets, launched its offensive, which promised Donetsk region and a month said: "We're working that out he said was itself an "answer" to

Biden, while strongly supportive of Ukraine, has previously made clear he wants to avoid devolving into direct conflict between the United States and Russia, the world's two leading nuclear powers.

Blinken, speaking Tuesday in London alongside Lammy, said the United States was committed to providing Ukraine with "what they need when they need it to be most effective in dealing with the Russian aggression".

Asked how Moscow would respond to such a development, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Wednesday the response "will be appropriate," without

providing specific details. He said the authorisation of Ukrainian strikes on Russian territory would serve as "further proof" of why Moscow the West's support for Ukraine.

Soldiers kill two 'rebels' in J&K

Indian soldiers in Kashmir killed two suspected militants yesterday, the army said, the latest clashes during campaigning for local elections in the disputed region.

Muslim-majority Kashmir has been divided between rivals India and Pakistan since their independence from British rule in 1947, and both claim the Himalayan territory in full.

India-controlled Kashmir is gearing up for the first local assembly elections in a decade, with voting in the three-phased poll beginning on

The Indian army said "two terrorists were neutralised", a term they use indicating the men had been killed. The clashes took place Kathua, in the territory's southern district of Jammu, which is majority Hindu. Rebels have fought Indian forces for decades, demanding independence or a merger with Pakistan.

About 500,000 Indian troops are deployed in the region, battling a 35-year insurgency that has killed tens of thousands of civilians, soldiers and rebels since 1989.

On Monday, the army said it had killed two gunmen on the Indian side of the heavily militarised de facto border with Pakistan.

The territory has been without an elected local government since 2019, when its partial autonomy was cancelled and it was brought under New Delhi's direct rule.

Rahul denounces 'ideological war' in India

AFP, Washington

Indian opposition leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday denounced an "ideological war" in the South Asian country, ruled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Hindu nationalist party.

Rahul Gandhi said there were "two completely different visions" between his Congress party and Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as he spoke to the National Press Club in the US capital Washington.

"We believe in a plural vision, a vision where everybody has a right to thrive... an India where you're not persecuted because of what religion you believe in, or what community you come from, or which language you speak," he said.

Gandhi, 54, was appointed in June to lead India's opposition in parliament, a key post that had been vacant for a decade.

In Washington, Gandhi said India had a problem with participation of weaker castes, pointing in particular to Dalits -- the once socalled "untouchables" in India's caste system.

"So there is a very small percentage of India which is controlling the entire infrastructure,' Gandhi said.

He also criticised Modi's handling of relations with China,.

"We've got Chinese troops occupying land the size of Delhi. I think that's a disaster. I don't think

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Mr Modi's handled China well at all," he said.



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ক) নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। খ) কালো তালিকাভুক্ত ব্যাক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে অযোগ্য ঘোষণা করা হবে। গ) মিল মালিকদের মালিকানা

সংক্রান্তে সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি দাখিল করতে হবে। জেলা পুলিশ কর্তক মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির উপস্থিতিতে গম পেষাই করে বাধ্য থাকতে হবে। খ) কর্তৃপক্ষ

যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। লট নং ১-৮ বর্ণিত মালামাল সরকারিভাবে পাওয়া গেলে ঠিকাদারের সাথে চুক্তিপত্র বাতিল হবে।

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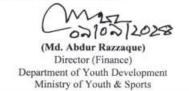
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Power outages must be addressed

Govt must expedite efforts to resolve the crisis

We are concerned about the frequent power outages that have put citizens in a state of distress. In many areas, according to one report, residents are having to endure up to 12-14 hours a day without electricity. This has caused immense suffering, particularly amid sweltering temperatures, which are likely to go down with increased rainfalls expected. But any relief from heat will not immediately lead to a relief from power outages because of supply problems, warned the finance adviser. This situation is disrupting not only daily life but also businesses, industries, and essential services.

According to our findings based on data from the Power Grid Bangladesh PLC, the power supply shortfall reached 2,312MW early Tuesday, a record in recent weeks, with Rajshahi, Rangpur, Cumilla, Mymensingh, Sylhet and Dinajpur being the hardest hit. Even Dhaka has not been spared, with its two power distribution companies reporting a combined supply shortfall of around 500MW. The question is, what's causing this shortfall? Insiders have blamed operational failures, dollar shortages, and natural disasters for this situation.

Since Monday evening, the operations of Dinajpur's 525-megawatt Barapukuria thermal power plant remained suspended after its lone functioning unit shut down. Apparently, this happened because the plant's Chinese contractor failed to conduct timely repairs, which will now take about two weeks. Additionally, at least 25 gas-fired power plants have been offline since May 27 when Cyclone Remal hit coastal areas. The cyclone damaged one of the country's two floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs), significantly reducing our LNG regasification capacity. Despite efforts to resume its operations several times, it has failed. The FSRU is now slated to open on September 15, but it will not improve the situation immediately as it will take at least two weeks for its LNG gas cargo to arrive.

Another major challenge has been the persistent dollar crunch, which has delayed the import of primary fuels such as coal, gas, and furnace oil. The Power Development Board is reportedly grappling with a backlog of outstanding payments, including \$800 million owed to India's Adani Group for electricity supplies, for which it has been pressing the interim government of late. The authorities must find a way to navigate this crisis, chiefly because the financial shortfall is directly contributing to insufficient fuel imports, and thus hindering our ability to ramp up power production.

The urgency of resolving the power outage problem cannot be overstated. Without a reliable supply of electricity, the country's industrial output and overall quality of life will continue to suffer. We, therefore, urge the government to further expedite its efforts to fix ongoing issues like maintenance of power plants and delayed fuel imports. Going forward, the government should also focus on diversifying our energy sources, including expanding renewable energy projects, which will help make the power sector more resilient

Bring back prisoners on the loose

Targeted measures needed to improve prison security

We are gravely concerned that a good number of prisoners who escaped amid the chaos surrounding the events of August 5 are still at large. According to a report, 928 inmates, 84 of whom are condemned criminals, have yet to surrender or be arrested. Prison authorities say the police are still largely clueless about their whereabouts. This is worrisome as having these people, including convicted militants and terrorists, on the loose poses a considerable threat to society, especially considering the current law and order situation in the country.

These inmates reportedly broke out of five penitentiaries across the country: Narsingdi, Kashimpur, Kushtia, Sherpur, and Satkhira. Most of the condemned criminals broke out of the Kashimpur High Security Jail in Gazipur. According to the recently appointed inspector general of prisons, poor structures as well as prison officials' lack of preparedness amid a nationwide mass uprising facilitated the prison breaks, with most of the escapees taking advantage of the situation.

The current authorities, dealing as they are with an unprecedented situation, are hard to blame for this. The prison chief has rightly said that this was a lesson for them, highlighting the importance of ensuring that a situation like this never recurs. The first step towards that is getting back absconding prisoners. Sources said measures have been put in place to prevent the prisoners from fleeing the country. While these are necessary actions, more concerted efforts are needed because the longer they are out, the greater the threat for the nation. To this end, a joint drive by security forces—much like the one being conducted to retrieve firearms stolen from police stations—should be immediately launched to arrest all the escapees.

Another issue that requires attention is prison reform. The prison staff is currently stretched thin, with fewer than 11,000 staffers managing more than 75,000 prisoners spread out in 68 penitentiaries. Jail guards are underpaid and overworked, which makes them susceptible to corruption. We agree with the home adviser that most problems in the prisons would be gone if corruption and bribery were eradicated, but that can't be achieved without providing proper incentives to the staff, including decent wages and work hours. We are glad that the relevant authorities are interested in making meaningful changes to overhaul the system. These efforts must lead to significant improvements in prison security and rehabilitation of all inmates

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

First African American woman goes to space

On this day in 1992, Astronaut Mae Jemison became the first African American woman to travel into space, as part of the STS-47 Spacelab J mission.



Focus first on constitutional process, not content

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In the first public event following his appointment as special assistant to Chief Adviser Prof Yunus, Mahfuj Alam repeatedly invoked the idea of a new people's will, observing that "a new populace" has emerged and the will of this new populace must shape the future of Bangladesh. The event was convened to discuss constitutional issues. In this piece, we make two overarching points regarding constitutional design, which we respectfully urge the interim government to consider.

There is already a proliferation of Dhaka civil society forums discussing the content of a new constitution, as well as debate about whether we need an altogether new constitution or whether we should merely amend the existing one. But the focus right now should not be on content, nor on how drafting should take place or whether we start from scratch or merely amend. Instead, attention must concentrate on establishing a "process" towards a ratified final constitution and announcing that process as soon as possible. A new era with a new populace doesn't just need a new constitutional dispensation but a new way of arriving at such a dispensation.

In a 2018 referendum, the Irish people voted to repeal a constitutional prohibition against abortion. The issue of abortion is irrelevant to this discussion: What took place before Ireland decided to remove the ban is what concerns us here, as well as what "didn't" take place after the decision.

Before the referendum, over the course of a year, Ireland held a number of televised citizens' assemblies, appropriately moderated, to discuss several issues, including, for example, abortion and fixed term parliaments. What did "not" take place after the referendum, in which 39 out of 40 constituencies voted to make abortion legal, was public acrimony or ongoing

understood that because of the process the referendum reflected, crucially, an informed will of voters.

By contrast, in referenda in 2022 and again in 2023, the Chilean people twice rejected different proposals for a new constitution, despite the fact that the proposals would have replaced a widely reviled constitution inherited from the era of the dictator Augusto

public, starting at the very beginning. A constitution founded on the widest practicable public engagement is more likely to achieve the greatest legitimacy, thereby making it, among its other virtues, more robust in the face of attempts to subvert it in years

Scholars of constitutional process and design describe the process we propose as an "hourglass model." Like an hourglass, it is wide at the top, with inputs from the public, after public discussions, and from civil society. It then narrows in the middle to a deliberating and preliminary drafting body, before widening again into the public, either in the form of an elected constitutional assembly, or a referendum, or a combination. A ratification stage follows. The

submissions? As for a constitutional assembly, who should sit in it? Should former and current elected officials be barred from the assembly and should assembly members be barred from holding future office? Such questions themselves could form part of public discussions. In process design, what are

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its composition, of course. Should

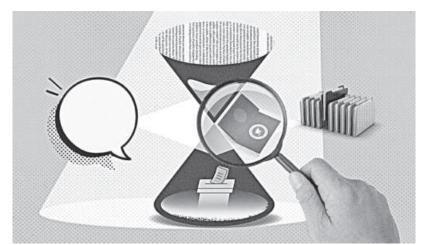
such body be required first to provide a review of the public and civil society

called upstream and downstream constraints will need consideration. The work of actors downstream, such as a deliberating body, will be shaped or constrained by what the public and civil society provide them. Equally, since the public and civil societythe actors upstream-will know that what they submit will go through a deliberating and preliminary drafting body before coming to a constitutional assembly or referendum, they will shape their submissions accordingly. Such effects will have to be considered

These are only some of the many issues that will need consideration. Importantly, we should bring to bear learning gained from relevant experience around the world.

All this discussion of detail neatly brings us to the second overarching point we wish to make. To run the process we describe involves managerial skill, more so than legal expertise. For too many years, we have endured an autocratic regime that has degraded the standards of our administrative sector, our civil service. It grieves us to acknowledge this. Constitution-building that is inclusive of the public will require us to draw in the best and the brightest. Even if a member of the great and the good stands as figurehead, the work-including day to day decisionmaking-will have to be done by people with recognised talent for getting things done. That may mean drawing in people from outside the usual channels.

In future pieces, we address other matters, constitutional and otherwise.



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Pinochet. The consensus of expert observers is that, fatally, the draft constitutions had been put together by cliques, the first-time comprising actors on the political left and the second actors on the right, who doubtless believed themselves acting in the service of the nation but who were, in fact, far removed from the concerns of the people.

There is broad consensus among scholars of constitutional engineering about the importance of public involvement, reflecting also a trend in such involvement in practice around the world. Since a constitution consists of higher laws standing above laws passed by the legislature, its importance is paramount. A new grievance about a decision taken on constitution should not be written a potentially incendiary topic in a exclusively by the Dhaka elite, without deeply Catholic country. Everyone discussion among and input from the

mechanism of public engagement must be genuinely substantive and should not be capable of being regarded as mere window-dressing.

We note that a process of public engagement can and should apply whether a constitution is being written from scratch or the existing constitution is to be revised.

In all these elements there are many details to consider at each level of process design. For example, if public discussion groups are to be held at the upazila or other levels, training must be provided to moderators, to introduce topics and keep the discussion focused on them. The interim government could publish a video primer on the topics to cover, being careful not to unduly limit the range of legitimate what we will all do to take a new public discussion. At the stage of a Bangladesh with a new populace to a

But we lead with this piece because it is vital that the interim government address process issues swiftly and announce a roadmap, with some detail and not mere generalities, outlining deliberating and preliminary drafting new constitution.

Futility of restoring the non-party caretaker government



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Since the interim government under Prof Muhammad Yunus came to power, intellectuals have been writing and speaking about how the interim government can be legitimised under the current constitutional system of Bangladesh. Some have even argued that removing the non-party caretaker government (NPCG) from the constitution was unconstitutional as it affected democracy and the people's right to a fair election. Learned lawyers have even filed petitions to restore the NPCG system in the constitution. I would argue that restoring the removed provisions of the constitution would be futile, and over-reliance on the system of the past would lessen the chances of achieving the reform people desire.

To plan for a better future for Bangladesh, we must first acknowledge that the Bangladesh Constitution has failed to maintain a robust democratic system. Under the 1972 constitution, Bangladesh has continuously struggled with peaceful transitions of governmental power. The struggle did not end after the introduction of the NPCG system. In its 53 years of existence, the people of Bangladesh had to shed their blood and sacrifice valuable lives multiple times for changing political regimes. In a constitutional system, if the transition of power

frequently causes loss of lives, the system must be flawed, if not a complete failure. However, it would be unfair to blame the constitution solely for Bangladesh's misfortunes. Our constitution is not a divine book containing ultimate wisdom, but an artifact weaved from political decisions and compromises. It has been amended by democratically elected parliamentarians autocratic regimes alike, bending the constitution to meet their political agendas respectively. Sticking to a failed system or bringing back another is neither necessary nor wise.

We recognise the constitution as having more democratic and legal legitimacy than ordinary legislation because we consider constituent power to be greater than legislative power. Constitutional supremacy does not stem from a provision of the constitution that declares itself to be supreme. Instead, its supremacy comes from the people's decision to treat it as such. The theory of constituent power that was presupposed by the makers of the constitution of the United States of America notes that "people's will [is] both anterior and superior to every instance of positive law, not excluding any constitutional text" (Richard S Kay, 2011). The same principle that gave the people of Bangladesh the power to adopt our

previous constitutional structure same as the NPGC. The NPGC system allows us to create a new one. The had a fixed tenure, and its primary people's willingness to breach the curfew order and take to the streets to overthrow the previous regime can be taken as people's will to reject the previous system. However, we do not have to rely on the implied will of the people. One way to know if the people want a new constitutional system is

We must also acknowledge that justifying the interim government's legitimacy through the constitution in its current form is unnecessary. It is already settled that the constitution, in its current form, does not recognise an interim government and it is not the same as the NPGC. The NPGC system had a fixed tenure, and its primary mandate was to ensure a free and fair national election.

by holding a referendum. Thus, we can expand our visions of reform beyond the boundaries of the existing or past systems.

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mandate was to ensure a free and fair national election. The current interim government's primary mandate is not only to hold an election but also to bring significant reforms. The NPGC was designed to be headed by the most recently retired chief justice of Bangladesh unless she/he refused. The design of the interim government is quite different from the design of the NPCG. If the interim government had the same design as the NPGC system, the people may not have accepted it as openly as they have. Thus, even if the NPCG system is brought back into the constitution, it would not automatically give legitimacy to the interim government. It is also important to note that the interim government's legitimacy will derive from the legacy it leaves behind and its ability to reform Bangladesh and restore democracy, in spite of any justification it has in its favour.

We must appreciate that the current time and circumstances have presented us with an opportunity not enjoyed by most generations. Time has presented us with the chance to reconstitute ourselves. The cost of lives is too great a price to ensure the proper transition of governmental power. It is not feasible or reasonable to ask the people of Bangladesh to pay this price every 10 years or so. An ideal constitutional system should outlive at least its framers' generation. If we fail to create a system that is peacefully carried on by future generations, we will have failed to "constitute" anything. The spirit of the constitution is more important than the text. As long as we can retain this spirit, we do not need to carry the mistakes of our ancestors forward.

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The July insurrection was spawned from the apolitical banner of the quota reform movement. In the space of 20 days, an a quintessential political event: a popular insurrection.

By August 1, the very apolitical hyperpolitics of the July insurrection converged into one point: the resignation of Sheikh Hasina. The subtractive demand for toppling an authoritarian regime was achieved within the next five days when the positive political content of the insurrection was still indeterminate. Thanks to that indeterminacy, a diverse range of social elements could project and invest their respective desires into the vast, formal shell of the insurrection.

Freud used the term "cathexis" to indicate the investment of desires onto a psychical object. We might say, a sort of pan-cathexis was at work in the July insurrection. One of those elements in the unfolding political process was the Salafi element that seeks to eradicate the culture of tomb veneration.

There is probably no cause for universal alarm. Only a small percentage of shrines and tombs have been attacked so far. But it is probably apposite to understand and characterise the tendency before it launches onto a bigger campaign in the coming days.

My suggestion in this brief epistle is that we should read the recent *mazar* destruction campaign in terms of certain "political desires" of the campaign proponents, instead of being distracted by arguments about the theological merit or otherwise of those

Criticism of shrine culture is not a novelty in Islam or in South Asia. Tasawwuf as a modality of Islamic piety always had a deep dialectic at its heart. It was as much a selfrecapitulating heritage as it was a mode of radical self-criticism. Thus, Sufism itself generated repeated impetuses of selfpurification-motivating various saints to cast aspersions on mass devotional practices. But popular Islamic culture faced attacks from without as well, such as the destruction of tombs by the Wahhabi militia in Hejaz—a paradigmatic case.

In Bengal itself, a new mode of Sufi praxis was scaled up in the colonial period that denounced certain longstanding apolitical reformist movement escalated into practices around tombs-like devotional gestures and the ritual Urs-as shirk and bidah. Under the broad umbrella Tarigah i Muhammadiyah, for example, many *shaikhs* called for a purification of Islamic practices from the overgrowth of "rasm" or customs. However, the *Tariqah* sought to undertake this purification from within the rubric of tasawwuf itself. Shrines were not meant to be razed to the ground—one only had to refrain from practices that were seen to go against the grain of God's unity (tawhid).

> Beyond the respectable high culture of tasawwuf, even within the rural, workingclass culture of fakiri, there was a critical discourse about the devotional cults built around tombs and living ascetics. Lalon Fakir, for example, was heavily critical about various questionable dervish practices. Referring to the dargahs in Penro, ie, Pandua-the location of major dargahs like that of Jalaluddin Tabrizi and Nur Qutb Alam, Lalan criticises the false beliefs and accompanying practices of gift-giving:

> "In the Penro dargah, the ghost is emancipated if one offers faita (futuh)... Instead one should die before one's deathand become a living-dead-to offer futuh to one's own soul."

> The mode of self-care suggested by Lalon here is more congruous with Nur Qutb Alam's platonic spirituality than the prevalent practices at the Penro dargahs.

> Thus, both high Sufism as well as working class fakiri culture developed strong critical discourses about inauthentic spectacles of sanctity around shrines and tombs that were aimed at unburdening the devotees of their

> However, wholesale dismissal of Sufism or the calls to destroy mazars from Bengal seems to have assumed new dimensions. It builds on a *khariji* habitus of labelling those with theological differences as disbelievers. The recent call for the wholesale destruction of shrines thus reminds one of the actions of khariji groups that have destroyed pre-Islamic as well as Islamic tombs and shrines

in Syria and Iraq in recent years.

There is a broader question of identity and place-making to understanding Islam in Bengal. Over the centuries since Islam's advent in Bengal, the hospices and shrines of fakirs and "pirified" notables, their memories and heirlooms turned the so-called "frontier" region (a place that is *gharib*) into a land replete with the aura of established holiness. From Baba Adam to Shah Jalal, the tombs

people's khadem till his last breath. Spiritual and pir culture, why not consider the other terminology borrowed from tasawwuf was not strange to Bengal politics-religious or secular. In March 1971, the non-cooperation programme would involve visiting and offering respect to shrines of martyrs and that of AK Fazlul Haq.

What then does the desecration of tombs mean for this legacy of place-making in



Lalon Shah Fakir's Shrine in Kushtia. Shrines and saints have been integral to popular life of Hindus, Muslims and indigenous communities of Bengal. SOURCE: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

of countless shaikhs encouraged the chishti saint Nur Qutb Alam to consider Bengal a sacred realm. The shrines and saints have been integral to popular life of Hindus, Muslims and indigenous communities of Bengal. When Apu, the fictional hero in Bibhutibhusan Bandapadhyay's Pather Panchali, was born in a brahmin family, the midwife made apotropaic offerings to a local shrine of a *pir*.

This legacy of place-making continued into 20th century Bengal politics. While Maulana Bhasani himself was a pir, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman ended his February 1966 booklet on the six points identifying himself as a "khadem" of the people, and asking his "brothers and sisters" to pray to "Allah's dargah" so that he could remain a

Scholars of genocide have noted how across world history, destruction of graveyards and tombs was a common means used to eliminate the cultural identity of entire groups. One would wonder if the "political desire" that inspires the anti-mazar ideology is not about unmaking the memoryladen location of Islam in the life of emplaced communities in Bengal.

Such an ideology thus prefers a deterritorialised religious piggybacking on global content flows in digital platforms. The new Salafi intelligentsia cultivates a certain kind of techno-religiosity supported by the new media of technofeudalist platforms and "heno-lingual" globalisation.

But when we speak of criticism of mazar

strand of anti-mazar discourse? What about Laalsalu—the renowned novel by Syed Waliullah, people may ask.

Waliullah wrote in a modernist vein-but that strand of modernism was not necessarily about political disenfranchisement of Muslims. Quite the contrary. The key concern for Waliullah and his ilk was probably the very conditions of production of political subjects in the context of post/colonial world. One would find the same kind of critical discourse about off-political Sufi culture in the work of someone like Muhammad Iqbal-respected as an "Allama"—who developed an entire philosophical discourse around the concept of the authoritarian ego (khudi) as the ideal Muslim subject. When it came to the heavy baggage of pir-centred Islamic culture, the secularist Kazi Abdul Wadud and the political theologian Abul Hashim could probably agree that one needed a more pristine recapitulation of Islam. How that modernist-Salafist consensus was shattered can be discussed on another occasion.

Techno-religiosity produces its own immanent contradictions. Salafi influencers denounce the devotional relation between the master and the disciple as practiced in Tasawwuf. Yet as they gain a wider, hybrid following across online platforms like YouTube or Facebook as well as offline events, their listeners begin to see these Salafi influencers as quasi-omniscient shaikhs. In an unavoidable division of labour, ordinary pious Muslims rely on the digital shaikhs to learn what is right in the minutest aspects of their daily lives. While in the heyday of Chishti Sufis the dargah could act as an axis of resource redistribution through futuh and charity, today Salafi digital influencers establish charities through which they mobilise comparable patterns of pietistic giftgiving for resource redistribution. They create a whole array of business enterprises branded Islamic while acquiescing to the epistemic and political parameters of late capitalist modernity.

The neo-Salafists' fascination with ultramasculinity hinging on a vulgar materialist ontology of hormones, or the aesthetic techniques used to boost views of religious content may be as addictive and manipulative as the proverbial malpractices in the shrines that trigger so much of the Salafist animus.

A placeless global field navigated by a self that uses coercion and destruction to establish its own mode of self-growth based on a codified content-this is as much a neoliberal ideology of fossil fuel-based capitalist civilisation, as it is a new techno-Salafists' way of dealing with difference.

A strategic roadmap to battling inflation

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The newly formed interim government in Bangladesh faces two significant challenges: an extraordinary political challenge compounded by severe economic difficulties not seen in decades. A major factor driving these economic troubles is soaring inflation, largely a result of unprecedented economic mismanagement by the previous administration. While official inflation rates hovered around 8 percent during the tenure of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, concerns about the accuracy of these figures were widespread. These suspicions now appear validated after recent estimates by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), which show inflation surging to 11.66 percent yearover-year in July, followed by 10.49 percent year-over-year in August.

In an article published in The Daily Star on August 21, 2022, I urged the Bangladesh Bank to adopt a contractionary monetary policy to combat inflation. At the time, the central bank's governor hesitated to raise interest rates. Between September 29, 2022, and May 9, 2024, the central bank eventually increased the policy rate by 3.5 percentage points. However, this measure has proven insufficient, as demonstrated by Bangladesh Bank's recent decision to further raise the policy rate by 50 basis points, bringing it to 9 percent, effective August 27, 2024. The new governor has expressed his commitment to continuing rate hikes until inflation subsides.

While the recent rate hike aligns with economic theory, its limitations should not be ignored. First, raising the policy rate primarily targets demand-pull inflation and is less effective against cost-push inflation. Second, it could worsen the liquidity crisis already plaguing banks that have suffered years of mismanagement—a concern some bankers have already voiced. The last thing Bangladesh needs is a bank run, a risk that cannot be ruled out if liquidity issues intensify due to further rate hikes. Given these risks, and the country's economic fragility, controlling inflation requires a multi-faceted strategy rather than relying solely on monetary tightening. In this article, I would like to present a strategic roadmap that, if adopted, can lead to a reduced and stable inflation regime in Bangladesh in

The first step to managing inflation is to ensure the collection of accurate, reliable data to facilitate timely, informed decisionmaking. To this end, the interim government

This restructuring should include a review of the current methodology, particularly the base year and "basket of goods" used to measure inflation. Additionally, the government should revitalise the Price Monitoring and Forecasting Cell within the Ministry of Commerce. Although established in 2014, this cell has had limited impact on stabilising essential commodity prices. Engaging external experts, including distinguished economists and statisticians from Bangladesh, may strengthen

While reliable data collection is crucial for identifying the main drivers of inflation, it will take time before yielding actionable insights. Meanwhile, economic theory must guide the government's approach to controlling inflation. The government cannot rely solely on the central bank's monetary policy; it must explore other avenues to achieve stable and reduced inflation.

The first step to managing inflation is to ensure the collection of accurate, reliable data to facilitate timely, informed decisionmaking. To this end, the interim government should consider restructuring the BBS, which is responsible for collecting key economic data.

One such approach is cracking down on monopolistic and oligopolistic practices, as some firms have been accused of illegal price gouging. Strengthening the Bangladesh Competition Commission to more effectively combat anti-competitive behaviour is essential. If necessary, the commission should be restructured to include experts in antitrust law, consumer protection, and competition economics. The US Federal Trade Commission, led by Columbia Law School professor Lina Khan, offers a strong example, having sued the e-commerce giant Amazon in 2023 for maintaining monopoly power.

Another often-overlooked tool for combating inflation is improving productivity. Increased productivity lowers production costs, making it cheaper to produce the cards" to migrant workers who send a certain

is responsible for collecting key economic data. of skilled labour, which could be addressed access to fast-track immigration lanes inflation control while providing the through enhanced technical and vocational education. In addition to the existing 2-year and 4-year programmes, the government should introduce shorter hard skill-enhancing programmes focusing on electrical work, data entry, machine operation, quality assurance, etc. Local NGOs with established networks can play a vital role in promoting these programmes and removing barriers to education.

The decline in productivity also likely correlates with the drying up of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Bangladesh. According to UNCTAD, FDI declined by about 14 percent from 2022 to 2023. This loss of investment is particularly significant, given that the cost of capital is much lower in advanced economies than in Bangladesh. The country's poor ranking in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business report, where it ranked 168 out of 190 countries in 2020, underscores the need for improvement in the overall business environment. Infrastructure deficiencies, bureaucratic red tape, and corruption are widely cited obstacles to attracting FDI.

Corruption remains a persistent challenge. A notable example is the World Bank's 2012 withdrawal from funding the Padma Bridge project due to allegations of procurementrelated corruption. To attract foreign investment, the government must take decisive action. One potential step is mandating annual asset disclosures from government employees and their immediate families. Although employees are currently required to declare assets upon joining the service and submit wealth statements every five years, enforcement has been lax.

Encouragingly, on September 1, 2024, the interim government issued a directive mandating that all employees comply with existing rules, warning of penalties for noncompliance. However, the specifics of these penalties remain unclear, making it difficult to assess the directive's potential impact. Importantly, collecting asset data is just the first step. The government must develop a robust system to analyse this information and identify anomalies. Modern technological tools, including AI and large language models, could play a crucial role in automating this process, enhancing the government's ability to detect corruption efficiently.

Similarly, migrant workers may need incentives to send remittances through formal banking channels rather than informal methods. Boosting remittance inflows could help ease pressure on import prices, with positive effects on inflation. The Bangladesh government could explore offering "priority same output. One of the main barriers to amount of remittance annually through

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should consider restructuring the BBS, which higher productivity in Bangladesh is a lack formal channels. These cards could grant Theory, tax reforms can play a role in at airports and discounted services at Bangladesh embassies abroad. Obviously, this is just one idea and the government along with the Bangladesh Bank may need to try other initiatives on a trial basis.

> Additionally, the government must also avoid crowding out private sector investments by monopolising funding for development projects. The previous administration's reckless practice of pressuring Bangladesh Bank to print money for infrastructure spending must not be repeated. In this context, overhauling the government's tax collection strategies cannot be overstated. From the perspective of Modern Monetary

much-needed funds for development projects. Therefore, the government should prioritise strengthening the National Board of Revenue by equipping it with the workforce, tools, and-most importantlyindependence from political interference.

Finally, it is essential to recognise that significantly reducing inflation will take time. Treating it as a "quick fix" would be a mistake. Given that the interim government may have a limited mandate, it should focus on laying the groundwork for longterm measures that the future government can continue to implement in order to bring inflation down to manageable levels.

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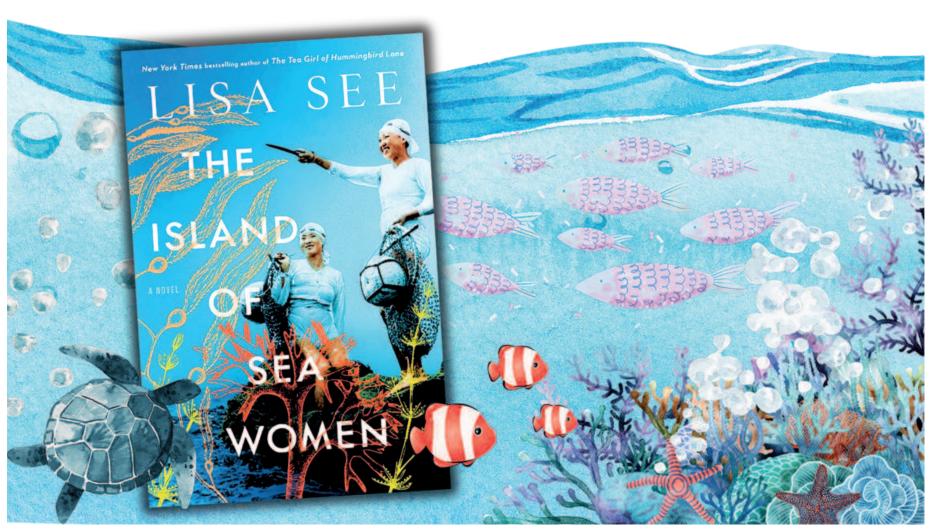


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BOOK REVIEW: FICTION

MERMAIDS ARE REAL A story of the Haenyeo

Review of 'The Island of Sea Women' (Scribner, 2019) by Lisa See

The book has many traditional Haenyeo sayings underlying various complex social issues. "When a girl is born, there is a party. When a boy is born, there is a kick to the hip." Females are celebrated for being the sole breadwinner, as well as giving birth to sons - for only a son can do religious rituals and

ancestral rites.

JANNATI HOSSAIN

Dear readers. I want you to do something with me. Take three long breaths—as deep as you can. Now hold it for two minutes! How long did you hold? I only survived one minute and 23 seconds. And I'm used to spending time in

Let me introduce the story of women who hold their breath and dive into the depths of the sea without any breathing apparatus—like mermaids. There they hunt and gather the edible treasures going as deep as 20 metres. American novelist Lisa See's historical fiction, called The Island of Sea Women, is about Haenyeos, sea woman. A UNESCO inscribed intangible cultural heritage, Haenyeos comes from an ancient matrifocal society of women native to the Korean Jeju island. Yet the book is about much more.

Personally, this book is significant to me. Spontaneously picked from a bookstore a day before I was leaving for Perhentian, a Malaysian island I was staying on for my scuba divemaster training, I was instantly engaged by the title and words like 'island' and 'sea

However, I only started reading once I was back home, now a certified divemaster and sorely missing water; I opened the book with the hope of reminiscing. "...woman sits on the beach...used to spending time in the water", reading these words was a balm to my

The book circulates around three major themes: female friendship, forgiveness, and history. Very few historical fiction and coming of age stories touch upon complex female characters like this book does. The protagonist Young-Sook's life is intimately intertwined with her friend Mi-ja. Young-Sook's mother foretells this on the girls' first day as sea workers. "Many girls have friends,

but the two of you are closer than friends. You and debating about Confucianism under the are like sisters, and I expect you to take care of each other..." While this sets to disseminate friendship, it also creates a high expectation

The beginning of the story is set during Japanese colonialism and their cruelty in Korea. Mi-ja, the daughter of a late Japanese collaborator, appears brave and outspoken, yet despised by many. Young-sook was the daughter of the Haenyeo chief-loved and respected. From sharing each other's dark secrets, working together in a foreign country, to flirting and having ice-cream with young Russian sailors, the girls grew closer.

The book has many traditional Haenyeo sayings underlying various complex social issues. "When a girl is born, there is a party. When a boy is born, there is a kick to the hip." Females are celebrated for being the sole breadwinner, as well as giving birth to sons. While the birth of a boy means yet another mouth to feed.

The Haenyeos consider the sea better than even their own mothers, "You can love your mother, and she still might leave you. You can love or hate the sea, but it will always be there. Forever." However, the sea is also the place that can be the end for them. "Every woman who enters the sea carries a coffin on her back". As a divemaster and being responsible for the safety of divers, this saying resonated with me the most. Since one cannot breathe underwater, any minor incident can become fatal. This bitter truth is realised when the character who says this breathes her last while being stuck underwater.

than a woman", are used jokingly to express the hardworking life of a woman both as sea stay home, taking care of children, cooking, be free.

Death, war, and multiple political crises envelop the storyline. "You aren't aware your clothes are getting wet in the rain", is a line from the book that highlights how change comes gradually. After a gruesome tragedy, Young-sook and Mi-Ja's friendship become irreparable and betrayal, disappointment, and anger dominate the later part of the story. Young-Sook achingly recognises, "...I had to hold on to my anger and bitterness as a way of honoring those I'd lost."

However, it seems that Lisa See rushes towards forgiveness and resolution in the end. Relying on the Buddhist saying, "To understand everything is to forgive", and in the hurried introduction of a flat characterlike most of the male characters in the novel—a girl named Clara, who comes and helps reconcile Young-Sook with the memory of friendship. Young-Sook lets go of anger and resentment in what seems like a forced reconsideration of everything. While some could say this conclusive self-preservation was necessary, I found the abruptness breaking the suspension of disbelief.

Nonetheless, I would recommend this book to adventurous people, especially women. Not only is this book informative, it is also well researched with an empathetic approach to culture and history. Female solidarity, discourse and laughter without the presence of the male ego, and perseverance through hard work builds the Haenyeo collective. It also shows the strength of women's support systems through grief, disaster, and tragedy.

Sayings like "It is better to be born a cow Jannati Hossain is an entrepreneur, scuba divemaster, marine conservationist, and an avid reader in five different languages. From workers and in the fields. Most of the men the mountain to the sea, she has battled to

Balancing the act of oneness and being one with oneself

BOOK REVIEW: POETRY

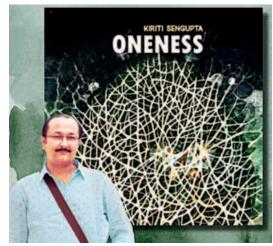
Review of Kiriti Sengupta's 'Oneness' (Transcendent Zero Press, 2024)

SUTANUKA GHOSH ROY

Kiriti Sengupta is an award-winning poet, translator, editor, and publisher based in New Delhi, India. Oneness is his latest collection of poems. The seemingly unassuming thin volume does not prepare readers for the multi-sensory experience that is in store for them as they open the book. Even before one's mind and eyes get used to reading, the poet jolts readers as he writes "I rived my eyes / for inditing poems. / Would you reckon them / by their

His style is more impressionist and natural. Sengupta's Oneness is a festival of feelings and emotions, which evokes an ambiance of celebration replete with different forms of poetry. The haikus blend well with the short poems and prose poems. Sengupta has mastered the artistic discipline of haiku poems, their minimal nature forces readers to pare down to only the essentials, internalising each word or even syllable count. He writes: "... descent of grace / the priest unburdens / the donation box". There is a focus on a brief moment in time, yoking together two heterogeneous images of the priest unburdening the donation box, and creating a sudden sense of revelation.

The volume also showcases Sengupta's aphoristic style and teases out the magic of words with great subtlety. The paintings accompanying the poems spread the colours of poetry and paint a memorable canvas for the readers. He writes about how the ordinary and the extraordinary fuse into oneness. Sometimes his lens captures a satiric angle:



DESIGN: MAISHA SYEDA

"plagiarismthe author examines

the reader's memory

The accompanying painting is dramatic, the fiery red and the foliage are all frozen in timecreating an ominous atmosphere. At times, there is a personal touch when he speaks of the warmth of a woolen shawl that he uses during winter in Delhi: "Cold has an old-world spur to it. I tend to rest more with an inflated appetite. Drops of olive oil on my aging skin add to the impetus. Traditional cuisines cheerfully replace bland meals for the summer. I find warmth in shawls exuding the aroma of a fabric conditioner."

Sengupta is a contemporary poet, hence he weaves a feminist story of power and courage, breaking free of fashion stereotypes and bringing about a huge change towards body positivity in his poem "Antara Marwah Walks the Ramp":

"She is all smiles as she treads, flaunting her baby bump.

The fashion parade

looms large in the new arrival."

Sengupta's ink also captures a moment of catastrophe:

"In the crematorium,

the priest asks me to smear ghee on my

father's skin.

He ensures the fire finds Baba luscious."

Along with the scent of ghee, the questions that linger in the mind of the reader are: Can the fire in the crematorium be put out and is there a hope of regeneration?

The illustration that embellishes the poem "Separation" uses a searching light leaving the shadow pitch dark. The black colour has accumulated on the paper to imitate the visual effect of a tree, loneliness or separation and to offer the impression that the landscape is suspended in

nothingness. Sengupta writes: "Only a little needs to be

invested in sketching the

worn-out tree. A charcoal or two, canvas, and span.

I place myself amid the landscape

to explain the prevailing isolation." Oneness merges visual art with personal narratives to create a space for reflection and discourse. Sengupta succeeds in making the abstract tangible, inviting his readers to ponder their places within the delicate balance of oneness and being one with oneself. The poetry collection comprising different forms of poetry is pinned together like a pointillist work. The cover painting by Samir Mondal and the illustrations by Pintu Biswas reinforce the reflective nature of Oneness.

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FOR THE CURIOUS WRITER

Write about the small things

This doesn't only help when starting out as a writer, but history will show you that some of the most celebrated novelists across the west and the east have penned better and more beguiling short stories than the novels they are known for. So it helps to focus on the smaller picture. Before venturing into an entire world building or constructing a character's entire life from starting to end, write about "an atypical (or typical) day in the life of ... "Show the little things, like how a character reacts to their present surroundings, or maybe just a snapshot of the city your story is based in. By breaking down a complex structure like an overarching storyline to its mere building blocks, like just one day from the story, you are very organically fleshing out your story.

Maisha Syeda Sub-editor, Star Books and Literature



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There are a lot of things that need to change, just the mentality and the culture of the group. I think we have the quality but I know that is the first thing that he is going to want to change. Hopefully he [Mauricio Pochettino] brings a culture that is willing to fight, that is willing to take risks and win.

> Forward **Christian Pulisic** on the appointment of Mauricio Pochettino as USA coach



Odegaard set to miss key PL matches

AFP, Oslo

Martin Odegaard looks likely to miss Arsenal's Premier League matches against Tottenham and Manchester City as well as the start of the Champions League after injuring his ankle.

The Gunners captain had an MRI scan after sustaining the injury in a challenge by Austria's Christoph Baumgartner in Norway's 2-1 Nations League victory against Austria in Oslo on Monday.

"This type of ankle injury often takes at least three weeks to heal. Anything less is just a bonus. And it may take longer," national team doctor Ola Sand told VG newspaper.

Arsenal travel to Tottenham for the north London derby on Sunday before their opening match in the Champions League against Atalanta next week. They face Manchester City on September 22 and take on PSG on October 1 in an eye-catching European clash.

Norway's next Nations League matches are on October 10, against Slovenia in Oslo, and then against Austria three days later in Linz.



Even though Bangladesh's next assignment is the two-match Test series away to India this month, the Tigers' white-ball preparations are also in full swing as Mustafizur Rahman gears up and opener Tanzid Tamim watches on during a practice session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. Bangladesh will also play three T20Is following their World Test Championship fixtures against India.

Big changes unlikely for Tigers' **India Tests**

SPORTS REPORTER

The national selectors are not in favour of making big changes in the Test squad for the upcoming tour of India for which a 16-member squad list has already been sent to cricket operations in order to get the final approval of the board president.

The Test squad is set to travel to India on September 15 to play two Tests, which will be followed

by three T20Is against the hosts, starting with the opening Test in Chennai on September 19. The second Test will be held in Kanpur from September 27.

The Tigers will go to India, fresh from a historic 2-0 series win away in Pakistan earlier this month.

There are no massive changes in the squad. We will name the Test squad first and then will announce the T20 squad. As the opponents are different, there strategic plans which w take into consideration the conditions,' Hannan Sarkar, a member of the selection panel, told the Daily Star yesterday.

"The squad will be of 16 members just like the one that played in Pakistan. There were some minor injury concerns, so we can make strategic changes keeping that in mind. We all have to understand that we also have T20Is coming up and there is a long session for us as well," he added.

It was learnt that the selectors are likely to rest pacer Shoriful Islam for the Test series as the cricketer sustained a groin injury during the opening Test in Rawalpindi and missed the second Test.

Although Shoriful has started bowling in full rhythm since September 8 in Mirpur, the workload management of the pacer is an issue as Bangladesh are set to play non-stop cricket in the coming months and Shoriful is a three-format cricketer.

NCL not a 'picnic league'

SPORTS REPORTER

National selector Abdur Razzak was optimistic about getting more sporting wickets in the upcoming National Cricket League (NCL), which will be held in both four-day and T20 formats next month.

"I think NCL is the best tournament in Bangladesh. Changes have been made to the surfaces. It will be changed more in the coming days," Razzak told

> after the selectors met the participating team captains, coaches and players at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office. During the meeting,

> reporters in Mirpur yesterday

selectors and the eight participating teams narrowed their respective squads to 20-25 members from a preliminary list of 30 members.

improving the tournament with enhanced facilities in

order to make the tournament more competitive. The four-day version of NCL will get underway on

October 15, followed by NCL T20 which is expected

we do, we

to start in December. This year, BCB has scrapped the two-tier league system as both fourday and T20 tournaments will be held in a single league format.

obviously a opportunity. If we get the chance, we will try to do well. And if

will get chance in the national team in future," said Dhaka Metro batter Shadman Islam.

Meanwhile, Shadman's Dhaka Metro teammate Mohammad Naim expects better facilities, wickets, and outfield in order to score big runs in the tournament.

"We expect more quality wickets in domestic matches. We need to improve ground facilities and drainage system. If you expect a player to score 200-300 runs then good wickets and outfield are needed. If we get good facilities in domestic cricket, we will do better in Test cricket as well," Naim said.

Meanwhile, local coach Mizanur Rahman Babul dismissed the notion that NCL is a 'picnic league', urging fans to come to the field to watch the competitiveness of the tournament.

"Those who raise these questions, I have doubt that they watch these matches from the field. I regularly hear that NCL is a picnic league. I'm actually involved in this NCL. I know it very well that whether it's a picnic league or not," Babul said.

"I request them all who raise such question to go to the field and watch the matches. Most of our matches are interrupted by rain. If rain doesn't cause much damage, it will be a good tournament," he added.

Babul also stressed increasing the number of grounds in the country.

"We don't have such grounds where we can have the play continue in between rain breaks. We need more venues to hold these matches so that the fourday matches can be completed. I can say that NCL is a very good tournament and this is the only red-ball tournament which our players play to get selected for the national team.

"Today, we talked about how to make the tournament better and also talked about the shortcomings of the previous tournaments so that we can develop it day by day," he concluded.

SHORT CORNER

Tigers to meet chief adviser today

Following their historic Test series triumph over hosts Pakistan this month, Bangladesh national team will meet Professor Muhammad Yunus, chief adviser to the interim government, today at his office in Tejgaon. Players, coaching staff, and Bangladesh Cricket Board officials will make their way to the chief adviser's office at noon for their first official meet.

Aussie breakdancer tops world rankings Rachael "Raygun" Gunn, 37, became

something of a global laughing stock after her kangaroo-inspired routine failed to impress the judges at the Paris Olympics. But the Australian Olympic breakdancer Raygun got her revenge and the last laugh when the World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF) on Wednesday named her the number one female breakdancer in

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Resignations, lack of directors a 'temporary problem'

SPORTS REPORTER

Former Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud Sujon, who had held important positions in the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) as director, yesterday resigned from his directorship, BCB top officials confirmed.

Mahmud had recently been the chairman of Game Development Committee and vicepresident of Cricket Operations Committee.

Certain quarters believe that Sujon may not have been actively told to resign but the situation now prevalent may have dictated his

resignation since he was not allowed to be involved in running of

departments.

There is a notion inside the board that things are not functioning quite like it should with many directors already absent while no standing committee has been announced under new president Faruque Ahmed. There are 11 board directors present

at the moment and with important assignments and tasks coming up, there are concerns about whether things are coming to a standstill. BCB president himself is overseeing the running of several departments for the time being

However, Faruque feels that such developments as directors resigning are temporary issues and will not hamper board's activities in the long run.

"Actually we are all working together and everyone is looking after three to four departments. Things are going okay so far, there isn't any problem. It's a temporary problem [director's resignation] and it's going to be alright. There is always a unique situation and you have to cope with it since you can see how many advisors are running the country," he told The Daily Star

"When there will be a possibility to announce the standing committees, we will do it," he

With Mahmud's resignation, three directors have so far resigned, including Jalal Yunus and Naimur Rahman.

This victory tastes even better'

Argentina, Brazil lose World Cup qualifiers

> AFP, Montevideo Colombia avenged their Copa America final defeat with a 2-1 victory over Argentina while Brazil crashed to a 1-0 defeat against Paraguay in South American qualifying for the 2026 World Cup on Tuesday.

Skipper James Rodriguez buried a 60th-minute spot-kick after providing an assist for the first goal to seal a hard-fought

win for Colombia over Argentina, who were without injured captain Lionel Messi.

It was sweet revenge for Colombia, who were beaten 1-0 by Argentina in a bitterly disappointing Copa America final loss in Miami two months ago.

"I don't think I've ever scored against them there's a first time for everything," Rodriguez said of his winning spot-kick.

'We want to get used to playing finals. Today was just another game, but against a team that has won everything -- this victory tastes even better." The victory at Barranquilla's Metropolitano

Stadium lifted Colombia into second place in South America's 10-team qualifying competition. Despite the defeat, Argentina, who stay on top of the table, remain comfortably on course for a place at the 2026 World Cup which is being co-

osted by the United States, Canada and Mexico. With the tournament expanded to 48 teams, the top six finishers in South American qualifying will win a berth to the finals.

The seventh placed team in qualifying goes into an inter-confederation playoff, with the bottom three teams eliminated.

Five-time world champions Brazil meanwhile continued their unconvincing qualifying campaign with a 1-0 defeat against Paraguay in Asuncion.

Inter Miami midfielder Diego Gomez scored the game's only goal, crashing a long-range shot in off the post in the 20th minute.

The defeat leaves Brazil in fifth place in the standings on 10 points, leading by goal difference from Venezuela, who drew 0-0 at home to Uruguay on Tuesday.



PHOTO: REUTERS

is the 10th man and 23rd overall among senior England men and women to reach a century of England appearances.

The 31-year-old

the first to mark the occasion with two goals -- Wayne Rooney and Bobby Charlton scored once on their 100th England appearance.

Kane, however, is

With 68 goals for the national team, Kane is already the record scorer for England.

Goalkeeper Peter Shilton holds England's caps record with 125 appearances, while Wayne Rooney is the country's most capped outfield player with 120.

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Power supply to improve in three weeks

Says power adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The ongoing power outage situation will ease within the next three weeks as the interim government has initiated a host of measures to ramp up supplies.

Repair works for the Barapukuria coal-based power plant have been initiated, while Adani Power has been asked to increase the power supply, said Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan, the adviser to the ministry of power, energy and mineral resources.

Besides, the government has **Fouzul Kabir** initiated LNG imports, he said at a view exchange meeting with the Forum for Energy Reporters

Subsequently, the ongoing power outage situation will ease within the next three weeks, Khan added.

Meanwhile, Summit Group yesterday announced that its floating storage regasification unit (FSRU) is now ready for ship-to-ship transfer and regasification of liquefied natural gas (LNG) in order to send out 500 million cubic



JULY UPRISING UN probe team to arrive September 14

PORIMOL PALMA

The UN fact-finding mission will be arriving in Bangladesh on Saturday to probe the human rights violations that took place between July 1 and August 15.

The five-member mission -- which will include technical experts -- will be joined by some other UN officials during its month-long trip, The Daily Star has learnt from UN and foreign ministry officials involved with the proceedings.

The mission is coming to Bangladesh at the invitation of Muhammad Yunus, the chief adviser of the interim government.

The purpose of the UN factfinding mission will be reporting on violations and abuses perpetrated during the protests, analysing root causes and making recommendations to advance justice and accountability and for longer-term reforms," said an official of the UN Human Rights

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Conspiracy of ex-dictator's 'ghosts' won't succeed **Says Tarique**

UNB, Dhaka

BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday said the

ghosts

of the deposed dictator are spreading confusion and engaging in various unethical activities using the name of BNP.

"The dictator has been ousted. But the ghosts of the dictator are still roaming around. They are trying to spread various confusions. Many of them have been involved in various unethical activities,

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Appointment of 8 DCs scrapped

The move follows fistfight between some officials at Secretariat over DC posts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The public administration ministry yesterday issued a gazette notification cancelling appointments of eight deputy commissioners, just a couple of days after they were posted.

The DCs are Sufia Akhter Rumi (Lakshmipur), Md Saiduzzaman (Joypurhat), Farhana Islam (Kushtia), Mahbubur Rahman (Rajshahi), Monir Hossain Hawlader (Sirajganj), Abdul Aziz (Shariatpur), Mobashsherul Islam (Dinajpur), and Monwara Begum (Rajbari).

The government issued gazette notifications on Monday and Tuesday appointing DCs in 59 districts. Over the appointments, a fistfight reportedly broke out among some officials of the public administration ministry at the Secretariat on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the ministry issued a separate gazette

notification yesterday revising the postings of four newly appointed DCs.

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HASINA'S EXTRADITION Delhi to deal with this thru diplomatic channels Says Jaishankar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

India will address the issue of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina's extradition the Bangladesh government through diplomatic channels, said Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

He was speaking at a press briefing after a meeting with his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock in Berlin on Tuesday.

"As you know there is a change of government in Bangladesh. And we obviously deal SEE PAGE 6 COL 3

US PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Harris rattles Trump in fiery debate

AFP, Philadelphia

Kamala Harris put Donald Trump on the defensive in a fiery televised debate Tuesday, getting under her rival's skin as they battled for a breakthrough in an agonizingly close US presidential election.



Republican into angry responses on issues ranging from abortion to democracy and foreign policy. The 59-year-old US vice president managed to knock former president Trump off his game in their first and only scheduled

showdown, which featured a series of bitter personal attacks on both sides.

Trump said afterwards that the ABC News-hosted clash in SEE PAGE 6 COL 1

The Police Headquarters has formed three-member committee to investigate the allegation of looting Tk 25 crore from the room of the former Special Branch (SB) of Police chief Monirul Islam.



has been made the head of the committee. There is no deadline to submit the report, but the committee has been asked to submit it as soon as,

The Deputy Inspector General

(DIG) of the Special Security and

Protection Battalion Golam Kibria

according to police sources. Confirming the development, Moazzem Hossain, DIG (special affairs) of the SB, also a member of the committee, told The Daily Star last night, "We have started

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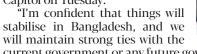
'Stability will return to Bangladesh soon' **Believes Rahul Gandhi**

PTI, Washington

India's top opposition leader Rahul Gandhi has expressed confidence that stability will return to Bangladesh soon. He made the remark at a

Press Club in Washington after holding discussions with a group of American lawmakers at the US Capitol on Tuesday.

press conference at the National



current government or any future government [there]," he said. However, Rahul said the ongoing violence in

Bangladesh needs to stop. "We raised it [with the Bangladesh government],

and they also spoke to us. Look, we are against any type of violence. And we want it to stop. And it's the responsibility, frankly, of the Bangladeshi government to stop it as soon as possible," PTI quoted

2 Arsa commanders killed at Ukhiya camp

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (Arsa) commanders were shot dead by Rohingya criminals at a camp in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar, yesterday morning, said

The deceased are Imam Hossain, 37, and Rahmat Ullah, 25, said Additional DIG Mohammad Iqbal, commanding officer of Armed Police Battalion-14.

Around 10:20am, 20-30 Rohingya criminals stormed Camp-20, Iqbal said, adding that the attackers opened fire, killing the two on the spot.

Abdullah, who was injured in the incident, is undergoing treatment at a hospital, said the additional

Police sent the bodies to Cox's Bazar General Hospital morgue for autopsies, he said, adding that they were conducting raids to arrest the attackers.



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 ইন্টারন্যাশনাল মেরিটাইম একাডেমি, ঢাকা (আসন সংখ্যা: পুরুষ - ৭০ জন)। ২, ওয়েস্টার্ণ মেরিটাইম একাডেমি, ঢাকা (আসন সংখ্যা: পুরুষ - ৫০ জন) ৩, যাস মেরিন একাডেমি, চট্টগ্রাম

বি:দ্র: প্রয়োজনীয়তা বিবেচনা করে সরকার আসন সংখ্যা কম বেশি করতে পারে।

(ক) বয়স: ০১-০১-২০২৫ খ্রি: তারিখ সর্বোচ্চ ২২ বছর (পুরুষ/মহিলা)

(বা) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা: এসএসসি এবং এইচএসসি অথবা সমমান পরীক্ষার বিজ্ঞান বিভাগে ন্যুনতম জিপিএ ৩,৫০ প্রাপ্ত হয়ে উত্তীর্ণ হতে হবে এবং এইচএসসি অথবা সমমান পরীক্ষায় পদার্থবিদ্যা ও গণিত বিষয়ে আলাদাভাবে ন্যুনত্ম ৩.৫০ এবং ইংরেজী বিষয়ে ন্যুনতম ৩,০ প্রাপ্ত হয়ে উদ্ভীর্ণ হতে হবে। ইংরেজীতে ৩,০০ এর কম থাকলে IELTS পরীক্ষায় সামগ্রিকভাবে ৫.৫ স্কোর থাকতে হবে। ইংগিশ মিভিয়াম অক্সফোর্ড পাঠ্যক্রমের ক্ষেত্রে পদার্থবিদ্যা ও গণিতসহ ন্যুনতম C গ্রেডে A-Level সনদপ্রান্ত এবং পদার্থবিদ্যা,গণিত, বিশেষ নির্দেশনা ইংরেজীসহ কমপক্ষে ৫ টি বিষয় নিয়ে নূনতম C গ্রেডে O-Level সনদপ্রাপ্ত অথবা সমমানের হতে হবে।

(গ) ২০২৪ সালের এইচএসসি অথবা সম্মানের পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণকারীগণ Appeared হিসাবে ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবেন, তবে এইচএসসি রেজান্টে অনুচ্ছেদ (খ) এ বর্ণিত নূনতম যোগ্যতা না থাকলে বিবেচনায় নেওয়া হবে না। (খ) ন্যুনতম উচ্চতা ও ওজন: পুরুষ - ৫' ৪" এবং মহিলা ৫' ২"। ওজন BMI চার্ট মোতাবেক ন্যুনতম ১৭ থেকে সবোর্চ্চ ২৫ (যেমন - ৫'-৪" : ৪৫-৬৬ কেজি বা ৫'-৬" : ৪৮-৭০ কেজি)।

(৩) দৃষ্টিশক্তি; খালি চোখে নটিক্যাল ক্যাডেটদের জন্য ৬/৬; ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ক্যাডেটদের জন্য ৬/১২ (চশমাসহ অবশ্যই ৬/৬ হতে হবে) নকারীকে অবশ্যই বর্ণান্ধতামুক্ত হতে হবে।

(চ) সাঁতার: ন্নতম ৬০ মিটার একটানা অতিক্রমে সক্ষমতা। সাঁতারে প্রয়োজনীয় দক্ষতা না থাকলে আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই। (ছ) অন্যান্য: আবেদনকারীকে বাংলাদেশী নাগরিক এবং অবিবাহিত হতে হবে।

চূড়ান্ত নির্বাচন পদ্ধতির ধাপসমূহ:

এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি অথবা সমমানের পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত জিপিএ এবং ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত নম্বরের ভিত্তিতে নিম্নোক্তভাবে প্রার্থী নির্বাচন

* এসএসসি / সমমানের পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত জিপিএ এর ১৫ গুণ = ৭৫ নম্বর (সর্বোচ্চ);

* এইচএসসি/ সমমানের পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত জিপিএ এর ২৫ গুণ = ১২৫ নম্বর (সর্বোচ্চ);

লিখিত পরীক্ষা নৈর্ব্যক্তিক (MCQ পদ্ধতি) = ৮০ নম্বর;

* মৌখিক পরীক্ষা = ২০ নম্বর * সর্বমোট = ৩০০ নম্বর ;

* লিখিত পরীক্ষায় পাস নম্বর ৪০%

* নৈর্ব্যক্তিক (MCQ পদ্ধতি) ৮০ নম্বর এর বিষয় ভিত্তিক নম্বর বিভাজনঃ পদার্থ বিজ্ঞান-২০, গণিত -২০, বাংলা- ১০, ইংরোজী - ২০,

^৮ নৈর্ব্যক্তিক পরীক্ষায় মোট ১৬০ টি প্রশ্ন থাকবে। প্রতিটি সঠিক উত্তরের নম্বর ০,৫০। প্রা<mark>র্থনী ভুল উন্নরের জন্ম ৩,১১৫ সালী আ</mark>ছে। * লিখিত পরীক্ষায় উদ্ভীর্ণ প্রার্থীরা প্রাথমিক শারীরিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করবে এবং শরীরিক যোগ্যতা পরীক্ষায় উদ্ভীর্ণ প্রার্থীরা মৌখিক

অনলাইনে আবেদন পদ্ধতি: নৌপরিবহন অধিদপ্তরের ওয়েবসাইট (dos.gov.bd) এর মাধ্যমে অনলাইনে আবেদন গ্রহন করা হবে। আবেদন করতে কোন সমস্যা হলে

doscadet.solutionart.net এর মাধ্যমেও আবেদন করা যাবে। আবেদনের নির্দেশিকা বর্ণিত ওয়েবসাইটে প্রদান করা হয়েছে। প্রয়োজনে যোগাযোগ; ৩১৮১৩০০১১৯০, ৩১৮১৫৩৩০৫৯৭।

১১ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ খ্রি: আবেদনের শেষ তারিখ:

৩১ অক্টোবর ২০২৪ খ্রি:

লিখিত পরীক্ষার তারিখ/সময়/কেন্দ্র:

লিখিত পরীক্ষার তারিখ/সময়/কেন্দ্র পরবর্তীতে এসএমএস ও ই-মেইলের মাধ্যমে জানানো হবে।

সরকারি মেরিন একাডেমি হতে পাশকৃত ক্যাডেটদের জাহাজে শিক্ষানবিশকাল প্রশিক্ষণ প্রাপ্তির ক্ষেত্রে স্ব স্ব একাডেমি সকল ধরনের সহযোগিতা করবেন। বৈসরকারি মেরিন একাডেমি কর্তৃপক্ষ ক্যাডেটদের জাহাজে শিক্ষানবিশকাল প্রশিক্ষণ

াত কোন বাজি অভিন্ন নিশ্বয়খ্য দিয়ে আপনার নিকট অর্থ নানী করলে নিশ্বিত জেনে রাপুন হৈ আপনি প্রথমিত ইচছন। যে কোন शबाद मुनाहिन आसीत चाठानाचा विद्यापत निरामित बरमा