

ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE COMMISSION 400 complaints filed in 13 days

Submission deadline extended to Oct 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Commission of Enquiry on Enforced Disappearances received 400 complaints in the first 13 days since it began working on September 15.

The 400 incidents of enforced disappearances took place during the Awami League regime.

The commission has identified a detention centre at the headquarters of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI). The centre, known as "Aynaghar", is a joint interrogation cell housed in a two-story building.

Commission Chairman Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury, a retired High Court judge, shared this information at a press conference at its office in the capital's Gulshan yesterday.

"We are investigating the cases of those who were disappeared by the state forces or the law enforcement agencies. We will summon the accused. If they fail to appear before us, we will take legal action."

"Most of the allegations of enforced disappearance have been brought

- ➔ Many complaints received from outside Dhaka
- ➔ 75 persons have made statements in person
- ➔ Accused in complaints to be summoned

against the Rab, DGFI, the Detective Branch of police, and the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit.

"On September 25, we visited the 'Aynaghar' at the DGFI headquarters. We also went to the DB and CTTC unit offices on October 1. However, we did not find any detainees. It seems that all the detainees have been released after August 5," Justice Moyeenul said.

The commission initially set September 30 as the deadline for filing complaints, but its chief said that the deadline was pushed back to October 10.

He said that 75 individuals have so far given statements in person, and many others have filed complaints by post or email.

The deadline for lodging complaints could be extended further, if necessary, he added.

"We will assess later if the investigations can be completed within three months."

Asked about a few recent detentions, Justice Moyeenul said that they were only investigating the incidents that occurred between January 1,

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Vehicles and rickshaws navigate the waterlogged Toyenbee Circular Road in the capital yesterday afternoon. Many streets and alleys in the city went under water due to intermittent rain since Wednesday night.

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Malaysia PM arrives today Will discuss labour, trade issues with Yunus

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Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim arrives in Dhaka today for an official visit, ushering in the hope of boosting trade and investment, improving migration system, and addressing the Rohingya crisis.

This is the first visit by head of any foreign government since the

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POLICE REFORMS

Freedom from political control is the goal

Old draft ordinance may come in handy
for police reforms commission

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The setting up of a commission for police reforms is not the first such move in Bangladesh.

The last caretaker government had taken a similar step. It formed Bangladesh Police Act Drafting Committee, which came up with a draft ordinance in 2007.

The goals of the committee were to free police from political influence; make transfers, promotions, and appointments within the force transparent; and ensure that the force and its members are accountable.

That draft ordinance proposed an independent police commission and a complaints commission. It intended to

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Govt finalises 5 of 6 reform commissions

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The government has formally constituted five commissions to reform the public administration, Anti-Corruption Commission, judiciary, police, and the electoral system.

The commissions were formed after Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus approved them.

The Cabinet Division last night issued separate

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