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## 'CSA will be repealed'

All black laws to be struck down in phases, says law adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Adviser Asif Nazul yesterday said the government will move towards repealing the controversial Cyber Security Act.

"Discussion will be held to make a decision.... Ultimately, it will be repealed. A new law will be formulated later to truly ensure citizens' safety in cyberspace. There must be special security measures for women and children.

"All black laws will be repealed in phases in order to make the people of Bangladesh free," he told a discussion at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) in the capital.

He said these after other discussants -- mostly legal experts, rights activists, academics, and journalists -- urged him to get rid of the "repressive" law.

Prof Asif said it was not possible for the interim government to do anything about those who were convicted during the Awami League regime, even if the court acted as per the will of those in power.



Asif Nazul

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Bangladesh players celebrate a wicket in their 16-run win over Scotland in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup opener at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: ICC

## Tigresses end winless run in T20 WC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh put an end to a decade-long winless run in the Women's T20 World Cup with a 16-run victory over Scotland in the tournament opener of the ninth edition at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

This was Bangladesh's third win in 22 matches in the competition and the first in 17 games, with their last victory dating back to 2014 when they beat Ireland in Sylhet.

"We have been waiting for this moment for a long time. We had in our minds that this is our moment. It means a lot," skipper Nigar Sultana Joty, who became the first Bangladeshi

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## Nahid makes it to Time100 Next 2024

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nahid Islam has been named as one of Time Magazine's 100 emerging leaders in the world in 2024.

Nahid, one of the key coordinators of the Anti-Discrimination Students Movement, has been named in the Time100 Next 2024 list in the "Leaders" category.



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## Israel strikes Beirut, south Lebanon

Orders more evacuations; Hezbollah attacks Israeli forces near border

REUTERS, Beirut

Israel's military urged residents of more than 20 towns in south Lebanon to evacuate their homes immediately yesterday as it pressed on with incursions after suffering its worst losses in a year of fighting the Iran-backed armed group Hezbollah.

The latest warnings took the number of southern towns subject to evacuation calls to 70 and included the provincial capital Nabatieh, suggesting another Israeli operation that could lead thousands more Lebanese to flee.

More than 1.2 million Lebanese have already been displaced by

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## KHAGRACHHARI GIRL Medical test finds evidence of rape

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN, Ctg

Doctors have found evidence of sexual assault on the schoolgirl from the Tripura community who was raped allegedly by her teacher in Khagrachhari on Tuesday, said police.

Now, the DNA samples collected from both the student and the teacher, who was beaten to death following the incident, will be cross-matched, a senior police official told this newspaper

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## MOB ATTACKS At least 28 beaten to death in Sept

16 killed in political violence: HRSS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 28 people have died in mob beatings in September, said a report by the Human Rights Support Society (HRSS). At least 14 people were injured in these incidents.

In the report published yesterday, HRSS said although there have been some improvements in specific areas of human rights under the interim government, overall progress remains insufficient. "In fact, in some areas, the human rights situation has deteriorated," it said.

In addition, at least 16 people were killed in 83 incidents of political violence, said the organisation. Of the incidents, 45 were caused by

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**THE HISTORIC HOWLERS ...** A majestic golden jackal strikes a pose after being spotted on the outskirts of Dhaka recently. This wolf-like canid is native to Southeast Europe, Central Asia, western Asia, South Asia and regions of Southeast Asia, and prefers dry open country, arid short grasslands and steppe landscapes as habitats. The ancestor of the golden jackal is believed to be the Arno River dog – an extinct species that lived in southern Europe 1.9 million years ago. Studies indicate that the golden jackal expanded from India around 20,000 years ago. The oldest golden jackal fossil is 7,600 years old and was found in Lebanon.

PHOTO: TIMU HOSSAIN

## STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF SHURER DHARA AND Dr. REZWANA CHOWDHURY BANNYA

Chairman, Shurer Dhara.

Shurer Dhara is a non-profit music school that promotes cultural activities such as music, dance, and other performing arts. Established in 1992, its office is located at 2/7 Lalmatia Block B, Dhaka-1207. In 2009, it was registered as a company limited by guarantee under The Companies Act, 1994 (Registration No. TO-708). Ms. Rezwana Chowdhury is currently serving as the Chairman of Shurer Dhara.

In 2009 Shurer dhara commenced the Music For Development programme. The goal of this project was to support children from disadvantaged backgrounds in achieving their full potential and enriching their lives through the beauty of music and performing arts.

In 2011 Shurer Dhara launched Shrutigitobitaan, a compilation of the audio version of total Gitobitaan. This unique project was the first of its kind in Bangladesh where 450 vocalists across the country took part.

In 2012 Shurer Dhara introduced the Sohroskon-the Borshoboraan show in Dhaka where artists from all over Bangladesh joined in welcoming the Bengali New Year.

As the organization and its members grew, Shurer Dhara's positive contribution towards society through cultural enrichment was recognised by the Government.

To enable Shurer Dhara to continue its developmental projects as a charitable organisation, a land measuring 0.5120 acres was allocated by the DC of Dhaka under a long-term settlement deed dated 04.05.2017 after approval from the Ministry of Land (Memo No. 31.00.0000.042.41.134.16-26 dated 08.02.2017). Subsequently, the schedule of the said deed was amended by a deed of rectification (No. 5320 dated 12.06.2022). Since then, Shurer Dhara has been in peaceful possession of the property and has established its office there. The property has been mutated in favor of Shurer Dhara, and land tax has been paid up to date.

Afterwards, Shurer Dhara applied to the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) seeking a lease/permission to use approximately 0.3528 acres of their acquired land as a connecting road for Shurer Dhara's property, which was approved by B WDB (Memo No.42.01.0000.203.34.017.23-597 dated 19.11.2023). An agreement dated 29.01.2024 was made between BWDB and Shurer Dhara to use 18.45 decimals of land from Daag No. C.S. 670, R.S. 1896, Mohanagar 11418, and 11665 as a connecting road to the property for residential purposes and 16.83 decimals for agricultural use under specific terms and conditions.

It is pertinent that Shurer Dhara has obtained all necessary permissions from relevant government authorities for the peaceful possession of the property and the construction of the building, including:

1. Approval from the Ministry of Land (Memo No. 31.00.0000.040.41.134.16.137 dated 27.04.2022).

2. Approval from DNCC (Memo No. 46.10.0000.020.00.1283(1).23-08 dated 04.01.2024).

3. Approval by RAJUK for Large and Special Project Clearance (letter dated 16.05.2024).

Therefore, the 0.5120 acres of land in Ramchandrapur Mouza have been legally owned and peacefully possessed by Shurer Dhara. The construction of the office and the operation of the organization therein have been conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforesaid agreements and following the guidelines provided by the relevant authorities. Shurer Dhara has regularly paid the land tax and obtained all necessary approvals and clearances from the relevant authorities for the rightful use of the property.

Unfortunately, some false and fabricated news reports have been published against Shurer Dhara and Dr. Rezwana Chowdhury in print and electronic media without verifying the truth and relying on mere speculation, which were also later circulated on a few social media platforms.

Regrettably, Dr. Rezwana Chowdhury's name was entangled in the rumour simply because she is the current Chairman of Shurer Dhara.

The property does not belong to Dr. Chowdhury or anyone else in the organization; she only represents the organization as the Chairman. The land is owned and possessed by Shurer Dhara music school to conduct music classes and other cultural activities.

Shurer Dhara has created a platform for music enthusiasts across the country to nurture their cultural interests and showcase their talents. Since its inception, it has significantly contributed to the cultural growth of the country and created numerous artists who have made their marks globally, representing our country and making us proud. The Chairman of the organization, Dr. Rezwana Chowdhury, one of the finest artists in the country, is celebrated beyond our borders for her soulful voice, especially in the genre of Tagore music. Recently, she was honored by the prestigious PadmaShri, the fourth-highest civilian award in India.

We hope that our media will extend their support to Shurer Dhara and Dr. Rezwana Chowdhury to clear the misunderstanding, which was created during the recent drive by the DNCC against an unlawful occupant for illegal possession of a different area of land within the vicinity of Ramchandrapur Mouza.

With deepest concern, we would like to announce that the land allocated to Shurer Dhara has been recently forcefully confiscated by Bangladesh Inter City Truck Drivers Shomity.

A copy of this statement is provided to journalists to ensure transparency and accountability.



বিদ্যুৎ ও জ্বালানি বিভাগের চুক্তিসমূহ পর্যালোচনা সংক্রান্ত ন্যাশনাল রিভিউ কমিটি

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বিদ্যুৎ ও জ্বালানির দ্রুত সরবরাহ বৃদ্ধি (বিশেষ বিধান) আইন, ২০১০ (সংশোধিত ২০২১) – এর অধীন সম্পাদিত চুক্তিসমূহ পর্যালোচনার নিমিত্ত গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার অত্র ন্যাশনাল রিভিউ কমিটি গঠন করেছেন। সুতরাং, অত্র আইনের অধীন চুক্তিবদ্ধ দেশের বিদ্যুৎ ও জ্বালানি উৎপাদন ও সরবরাহকারী সংস্থা কর্তৃক দূর্নীতি সংক্রান্ত যে কোন তথ্য-উপাত্ত, প্রমাণাদিসহ যে কোনো ব্যক্তি কমিটির ই-মেইলে আগামী ০৪/১০/২০২৪ হতে ৩১/১০/২০২৪ পর্যন্ত অভিযোগ দাখিল করতে পারবেন। অত্র কমিটি কর্তৃক পরবর্তীতে প্রয়োজনবোধে অভিযোগ দাখিলকারী ও অভিযুক্ত ব্যক্তি বা তাঁর প্রতিষ্ঠান বা সংস্থার সহিত যোগাযোগক্রমে পরবর্তী কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করবে।

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