

## There should be reconciliation

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prosperity for all, not a few.

For their aspirations and dreams to come true, many citizens of Bangladesh feel that it needs a different approach in some areas, and he is convinced by the idea that a peaceful future of this country requires reconciliation.

Tröster said Germany and France, who were enemies for centuries, decided that reconciliation is the way forward towards a peaceful existence of their peoples and a necessary precondition for their aspirations for a free, peaceful, and prosperous Europe.

“What it needs is to change one's mind and to cast away the shadows of a bloody and revengeful past. In order to achieve reconciliation, we need to hear the word sorry and an apology for the crimes and

mistakes that have been committed. I may be wrong, but so far, I unfortunately have not heard it here.”

Furthermore, reconciliation is not possible without investigating and acknowledging the truth, Tröster said, appreciated the initiative of proper investigation into the events of July and August 2024, with the support of the UN Human Rights Office where Germany has contributed 50,000 Euros.

Germany appreciates the interim government efforts to swiftly restore security and stability and the reform initiatives that have been started for example in the banking sector. It will allow the German businesspeople to intensify and broaden their business with Bangladesh.

The German government assumes that

with the establishment of the interim government, the common basis for cooperation – bilaterally as well as in the framework of its cooperation with the European Union – has broadened.

“We now share more democratic values and convictions than has been the case before, and we are hopeful of jointly making the best of it, to grasp this chance that has suddenly come about, for the benefit of the people of Bangladesh, for freedom, participatory democracy, and more prosperity for all and not only a few.”

At the event, Commerce Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed sought support from all foreign countries for the interim government's institutional reform initiatives and also with finance on its journey towards new Bangladesh.

## Tigers begin

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Afghanistan, boasting 10 wins from 16 matches, including three in the 2015, 2019, and 2023 editions of the ICC World Cup. Afghanistan won the other six contests, featuring a 2-1 series win when they last toured Bangladesh for a bilateral series in July last year.

Bangladesh suffered an off-field blow as left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed and pacer Nahid Rana were ruled out for the first ODI as they could not travel to the UAE due to visa issues, meaning the Tigers were left with 13 players to pick from.

The team winning the toss might look to bat first at the venue – hosting its 300th international match – as the last eight contests at the ground have seen an average first innings total of 301.

## Why was Hasina given refuge in India?

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“Infiltrators from Bangladesh enter India through BJP-ruled states. They are saying it themselves,” he added.

Soren's remarks followed a speech by Indian Home Minister Amit Shah, who accused Jharkhand's government of sheltering Bangladeshi infiltrators for electoral gains.

“You have given shelter to infiltrators. You made infiltrators your vote bank,” Shah had said, promising to “drive out infiltrators” if the BJP is elected.

In response to this remark, Soren underscored that border security is the central government's responsibility. “Infiltrators enter India through states ruled by you [BJP]. Why don't you check infiltration there?” he said, accusing the BJP of divisive tactics and alleging conspiracies against his administration since 2019.

Soren also criticised the Godda power plant agreement, saying, “electricity produced in Jharkhand is being supplied to Bangladesh while the people of the state are left to deal with the pollution.”

Elections to the 81-member Jharkhand Assembly will take place in two phases on November 13 and 20, and votes will be counted on November 23.

The ruling JMM will contest elections as a part of the opposition INDIA bloc, having fielded candidates in 43 assembly seats. Its ally Congress has been allocated 30 seats.

## Shomi Kaiser

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Belal Hossain.

Rawnak said, “Actress Shomi Kaiser is an FIR listed accused. She will be shown arrested in the case.”

Till the filing of this report around 1:00am, police were conducting the drive in the capital's Uttara.

Shomi is the daughter of Bangladeshi novelist, writer and martyred intellectual Shahidullah Kaiser and writer and former parliamentarian Panna Kaiser.

## When will we know

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to get to the all-important 270 votes that pushes them past the halfway mark and guarantees them the keys to the Oval Office.

But with this year's race going down to the wire, experts point to a growing risk of delays and complications like legal challenges over the vote count.

Around 83 million people have voted ahead of election day, over half of the total ballots cast in 2020.

The first polls close at 6:00 pm Eastern Time (2300 GMT) but when the race is tight, it could take days before a victor is projected.

In 2020, US media declared Democratic candidate Joe Biden the winner on Saturday November 7, although polls closed on Tuesday.

In 2016 and 2012, voters had a shorter wait.

After votes are cast, local election officials, who may be appointed or elected, process and count them. Tallying methods vary from one location to the next.

Many states have changed election laws to allow mail-in or overseas votes to be prepared for counting ahead of election day, although Pennsylvania and Wisconsin have not made similar changes.

## Malaysia asked to extradite 2 businessmen

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former senior secretary of the ministry Ahmed Munirus Saleheen, of their involvement in the embezzlement of Tk 4,200 crore and a human trafficking scheme.

The case also named former lawmaker from Feni-3 Nizam Uddin Hazari, Lt Gen (retd) Masud Uddin Chowdhury, and Kashmiri Kamal and Nafisa Kamal, the wife and daughter of former finance minister AHM Mustafa Kamal, along with at least 100 recruiting agency owners.

According to the case statement, the allegations stemmed from a 2021 Memorandum of Understanding between Bangladesh and Malaysia that selected only 101 Bangladeshi agencies out of

2,500 to recruit workers.

This alleged syndicate was accused of lobbying both governments to secure the agreement, which allowed them to charge workers exorbitant fees for employment in Malaysia.

The selected agencies reportedly charged Tk 4.5 to Tk 6 lakh per Malaysia-bound worker, while the expatriate welfare and overseas employment ministry had set the official recruitment fee at Tk 79,000, according to the case statement.

Aminul and Ruhul are allegedly the masterminds that led the syndicate of the 101 recruiting agencies that managed the recruitment of over 450,000 Bangladeshi migrants in Malaysia between August 2022 and May 31 this year.

They joined some 500,000 others who were earlier recruited in Malaysia.

The letter by NCB Bangladesh said that Imran Ahmad and others have already been arrested and have provided important information. They confirmed that the FWCMS was used for human trafficking, money laundering and faking recruitment and medical documents.

It said that Aminul and Ruhul needed to be interrogated and requested the Malaysian police to arrest and deport both of them.

### MIGRANTS IN DEBT

A study by US-based non-profit Verite, published in May, said 96 percent of the Bangladeshi migrant workers in Malaysia reported

facing risks of exploitation resulting from recruitment debt.

It said workers, on average, pay at least Tk 544,000 (US\$5,000) as recruitment fees for a job in Malaysia. The amount is equal to three year's pay for a casual labourer in Bangladesh.

Such a huge debt makes it extremely difficult for Bangladeshi workers to leave an exploitative employment situation, or to seek remedy from local authorities, the study said.

On March 28 this year, UN experts had written letters to Bangladesh and Malaysia saying that criminal networks operate in the recruitment process and deceive the workers into paying exorbitant recruitment fees which pushes them into debt.

## Locals, family contradict

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conducted there from daybreak to 10:00am on Monday. Rupam tried to flee, but the locals caught him and were beating him up when joint forces rescued him and took him to the hospital.

Rupam's uncle Farhad Hossain said law enforcers brought Rupam home with his hands tied behind his back and tortured him on the second floor of the house. Between 9:30am and 10:00am, four law enforcers brought Rupam down, put him in a vehicle, and drove away.

Sheikh Afzal, a neighbour, said, “There was no disturbance in our area yesterday morning. Joint forces' vehicles were patrolling since dawn. We thought they were looking for an Awami League

leader. There was definitely no mob.”

Gaus Gazi, another resident, said, “I went to the mosque for Fajr prayers. I saw several vehicles of law enforcement agencies. I was roaming around out of curiosity when a few law enforcers asked me to leave. I went home. But there was no commotion.”

Jharna Begum, a house help who works near Rupam's home, said, “I went there around 6 in the morning. I saw some law enforcers and a few locals going to the mosque. The street was almost empty. When I was returning home around 10:30, I heard a man had been killed.”

Rupam was a cattle and goat farmer. He was buried in the family graveyard yesterday.

Police said he was


accused in four cases.

On August 24, 2022, the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) arrested him with 18 yaba pills in Daulatpur. On December 7, 2014, he was arrested with 395 yaba pills.

Mizanur Rahman, deputy director of the DNC in Khulna, did not respond to repeated calls made by this correspondent.

Mir Atahar Ali, officer-in-charge of Daulatpur Police Station, said, “We were not informed beforehand about the army, navy, and the narcotics control department's raid. The family has not filed any case over the incident.”

He added that Rupam's death certificate from the hospital mentioned “public assault” as the cause of his death.



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**Vacancy Announcement for the position of Chief Economist (Contractual)**

Applications are invited for the position of Chief Economist of Bangladesh Bank on contractual basis.

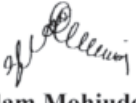
**Relevant qualifications/criteria are as follows:**

- 1) PhD in Economics;
- 2) At least fifteen years of work experience as an applied macroeconomist with a preference given to those who have worked closely with Central Banks;
- 3) Experience of working in an international financial institution/multilateral development bank/finance or economic ministry/central bank on macroeconomic and financial analysis and policies or experience of applied macroeconomic research (including publications in reputed, peer reviewed international journals) in an internationally reputed university or research institute;
- 4) Ability to bring international best practices to build capacity and strengthen Bangladesh Bank policymaking.
- 5) Ability to reach reasoned and robust conclusions in an uncertain and complex environment with limited data and information;
- 6) Proven inter-personal and communications skills to lead a team of economists, communicate clearly and effectively with different stakeholders and work effectively with colleagues and stakeholders across departments and government ministries;
- 7) Candidate is required to hold or be eligible for Bangladeshi nationality.

**Salary/benefits:** Market Competitive.

**Tenure:** The appointment will be on a contract basis for a two-year term.

**Application process:** Interested candidates are requested to send a cover letter (max. two pages) and their CV mentioning all educational qualifications, experiences and skills related to the job with related documents **no later than 07/12/2024 to Director (HRD-1), Human Resources Department-1, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office or via e-mail [gm.hrd@bb.org.bd](mailto:gm.hrd@bb.org.bd)**. Only short-listed candidates will be notified and invited to participate in the selection process. Bangladesh Bank authority solely preserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications at any stage of selection process without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected candidate. For TOR and other detailed information, please visit Bangladesh Bank's recruitment related website (<https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd>). TOR has been attached herewith.




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**Request for Expression of Interest for the Selection of Intermittent Individual "Gender Specialist" for PMU, DAE**

**Package No.: S-4/DAE [ADB Package No. DAE/S-2]**

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank ("ADB"), Loan No. 4305-BAN (COL) the cost of the Flood Reconstruction Emergency Assistance Project (FREAP) under the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) of the Ministry of Agriculture. DAE is the Executing Agency (EA) for the Project, and it intends to apply a portion of proceeds to engage Individual Consultants to provide consulting services.

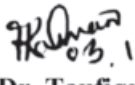
The Individual **Gender Specialist** will be recruited on individual intermittent basis and the main objective of the consulting service (the Service) is lead the PMU (DAE) to develop a gender strategy and action plan to promote women/female farmers participation and empowerment (along with social inclusion) to meet the project target; and identify technology suitable for women group and facilitate its transfer in coordination with the project. The consulting service will require 12 months (intermittent) within the project period. **Experience, skills and educational qualification:** The Consultant shall have i) Master's degree in any branch of Social Science/ Agricultural Science/ Science/equivalent, ii) Applicants having international accreditation or certifications or training in relevant subjects will be given preference; (iii) 12 (Twelve) years of general work experience; iv) 8 (eight) years specific experiences of sociological aspect, gender equality and social inclusion issues; (v) Experience in working with international consulting firm or international organizations/ international agencies, or development projects funded by MDBs (ADB, World Bank etc.); vi) Computer literacy skills (MS Word, Excel, and Power Point etc.) and proficiency in written and spoken English and report writing is desirable.;

The detailed Terms of References (TOR) can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours or downloaded from the DAE website ([www.dae.gov.bd](http://www.dae.gov.bd)). The recruitment notice is also available at the CPTU website ([www.cptu.gov.bd](http://www.cptu.gov.bd)) and ADB website (<http://cms.adb.org>).

The Project of FREAP, DAE now invites EOI from national professionals/specialists to indicate their interest in providing the required services. The EOI must include detailed curriculum vitae in ADB's format. The EOI along with the detailed CV must be submitted online through ADB's Consultant Management System (CMS) at <http://cms.adb.org> by **11:59 PM Manila time on or before 21 November 2024**. Electronic submission in ADB CMS is mandatory and hard copies without electronic submission cannot be considered. The consulting services are expected to start from **January 2025**. The location of consulting assignment will be Dhaka & Project area.

The consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the "Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and Its Borrowers". The EOIs will be evaluated based on the complete information provided in the detailed CV of the expert.

The EOI from the consultant will be rejected if s/he has been debarred. The EA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI without assigning any reason thereof.



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