

## Make NHRC consitutional

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three representatives from organisations involved in protecting human rights, alongside rights of women, children, religious and ethnic minorities, indigenous people, marginalised communities, and labours.

The proposal suggests that all seven members of the commission should be

appointed permanently for a four-year tenure and no one should be appointed the commission's head for two consecutive terms. They also proposed an advisory body for NHRC.

The signatories of the statement are HRFB experts Hameeda Hossain, Sultana Kamal and Raja Devasish Roy; Ain O Salish Kendra Chairperson ZI Khan Panna; Manusher Jonno

Foundation Executive Director Shaheen Anam; Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust Executive Director Sara Hossain; Bangladesh Adivasi Forum General Secretary Sanjeeb Drong; Transparency International Bangladesh Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman; and Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Fauzia Moslem, among others.

## HC asks about govt

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impose Section 144 in Chattogram and Rangpur to avoid further untoward incidents.

The attorney general told the HC that someone is trying to destabilise the country.

"The ISKCON issue is unfortunate. This is an undesirable incident and a criminal offence. The government is looking into this incident seriously, and will take appropriate legal action," he said.

The attorney general said whether the organisation (ISKCON) is registered or not, will be banned or not, and what measures will be taken – are the policy decisions of the government.

The government will look into this and therefore, the HC should not go for a judicial review in this regard, he added.

The bench said the court is concerned with the situation, and the country's law and order situation should not deteriorate.

## A multi-racial, multi-cultural

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people of different ethnic, religious, linguistic, and other backgrounds, alongside marginalised groups, who have been defending the integrity of the country's territory for centuries and nurturing its biodiversity.

"Some of the fundamental principles should be included as fundamental rights so that they are judicially enforceable, like rights to healthcare and quality education," he said.

He also demanded that Article 36 should be amended to acknowledge the need to provide reasonable restrictions to the acquisition of land ownership rights in tribal areas in the CHT and plains.

He recommended incorporating laws like the 1900 Regulations and post-CHT Accord laws of 1998 (on regional and district councils), which protect indigenous people, into the first schedule of the constitution.

Prof Mirza Taslima and Kazi Maruful Islam,

representing the University Teachers' Network, also proposed several recommendations.

Contacted, Prof Taslima said she emphasised making the constitution multi-racial and acknowledging diverse languages, cultures, religions, and gender sensitivity in the constitution, while Prof Maruful talked about how the parliament should be.

Roman Uddin and Apon Zahir from the Centre for Governance Studies also presented their proposals.

Speaking to the newspaper, Apon Zahir said they suggested that elections should only be considered legitimate if voter turnout exceeds 51 percent.

He reiterated the proposal to allow individuals with dual citizenship to run for parliament but not hold top executive roles.

They recommended recognising indigenous identities in the constitution.

They also recommended explicitly declaring all

forms of discrimination against indigenous peoples, as well as religious and ethnic minorities, illegal.

The organisations and representatives attending the meeting included Akhtar Hossain Khan from Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh; Sanjida Islam Tulee and Mushfiqur Rahman Johan from Mayer Dak; Tamanna Singh Baraik and Puja Rani from Dalit Women's Forum; Nadira Parveen and Sultan Md Salauddin Siddique from Nagorik Udyog; Joya Shikder and Sudip Kumar Das from Sampurna; Md Junaid and Mohammad Millat Hossain from the Bangladesh Judicial Service Association; and Nazma Akter from the Combined Garment Workers' Federation.

Members of the commission present at the meeting included Prof Sumaiya Khair, Barrister Imran Siddiq, Prof Mohammad Ikramul Haque, Barrister M Moin Alam Firozi, Firoz Ahmed, and Md Mustain Billah.

## Ensure long-term scientific

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disciplined way. So, it's the system that we need to correct first," he added.

Shaikh Muzakka Zaher, additional chief engineer of urban management of Local Government Engineering Department, said, "To ensure road safety, all stakeholders must work together, including drivers, pedestrians, and authorities."

Lokman Hossain Mollah, former director of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), said, "To restore order in public

transportation, the Dhaka Nagar Paribahan initiative is a must."

Prof Akter Mahmud, Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Jahangirnagar University, said, "Around 35,000 people died in the last five years in the country due to road accidents. The number of injured is much higher."

He pointed out that there is no specific code for construction of roads and highways.

"If roads are built using codes, accidents would

decrease," he added.

Prof Akter also noted that the "Bus Route Rationalisation" must be implemented to prevent chaos on Dhaka roads.

He also said The Road Transport Act of 2018 exists, but it is not being implemented. This law must be enforced immediately, he added.

Prof Dr Qumrul Ahsan, vice-chancellor of UAP and Mahrukh Mohiuddin, managing director of University Press Limited (UPL), were also present, among others.

## Cluster system's fate

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a universally accepted system after discussions with all stakeholders involved in university admissions.

After talking to at least seven university VCs who attended the meeting, it was learnt that universities were divided into different groups, each expressing their views.

A vice-chancellor from the General, Science, and Technology (GST) cluster said, "Each university vice-chancellor shared their views on the pros and cons of holding tests under the cluster system. I presented our decision in favour of conducting independent tests, which has been approved by our academic council."

"Comparatively older universities with a large number of students spoke against the cluster system, preferring to hold their own admission tests," the vice-chancellor said.

"Universities established after 2014, supported the cluster system, as they do not have that much capacity to conduct the test properly," he added.

Another vice-chancellor from an engineering university said, "We have already decided to opt out of the cluster system, as approved by our academic council. However, during the meeting, we were instructed to hold off on making further decisions until the government reaches a final decision."

A VC, whose university had already published its admission circular, said, "We will await the ministry's decision. This doesn't mean we will revoke our independent admission circular."

"If the government instructs us to revert to the cluster system, we will bring the matter back to our academic council. Ultimately, every decision will be made based on the university act," the vice-chancellor added.

"As university teachers, we welcome this approach of the interim government, that they involve more stakeholders in the decision-making process," he said.

Contacted, Prof M Aminul Islam said, "It is not that we could not come to a decision. For now, we have taken opinions from the VCs. Soon, we will seek opinions from more stakeholders – those in favour and against the cluster system. We will also consult with guardians and admission seekers to make a proper and timely decision."

"Ultimately, we will present the results to the chief adviser for a final decision," he added.

## DUJ concerned over attacks targeting

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and vandalism near newspaper offices, coupled with efforts to pressure the media into silence, have fostered an atmosphere of fear.

"This has not only posed a threat to independent journalism but also put journalists' safety at risk," said the leaders.

The statement condemned individuals

inciting chaos by putting up banners and making provocative statements, describing such actions as contrary to the interim government's commitment to safeguarding media freedom.

The DUJ leaders urged authorities to identify those involved in what they termed "misconduct and conspiracy."

They called for legal action

against the perpetrators and demanded measures. "These malicious activities against two of the country's major daily newspapers have created a climate of fear, not just within the media but also across the nation," the statement added.


The leaders asserted that it is the interim government's responsibility to address the issue.

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**Amendment No. 01**

**Time Extension against Tender Enquiry No. Pur-27.11.0000.304.25.307.24, dated 07.11.2024 (e-GP ID NO 1033426)**

Tender invited for Procurement of Hydrazine Hydrate (N2H4), Tri-sodium phosphate (Na3PO4), Ammonium Hydroxide (NH4OH), poly Aluminum chloride (PAC), sodium Hypochlorite, Anion Resin and Cation Resin for HRSG Dosing and Water Treatment plant of Chandpur 150 MW CCPP, BPDB, Chandpur, Bangladesh against Tender Ref: No. 27.11.0000.304.25.307.24, dated 07/11/2024(e-GP ID NO 1033426) is hereby amended as follows:

| Description                | Existing                  | Amended as                        |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tender Selling date        | up to 28-11-2024<br>13-30 | 28-11-2024 to 05-12-2024<br>13-00 |
| Tender Closing date & time | 28-11-2024<br>at 14-00    | 05-12-2024<br>at 14-00            |
| Tender Opening date & time | 28-11-2024<br>at 14-00    | 05-12-2024<br>at 14-00            |

All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.

  
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**INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TENDER (IFIT)**

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| 1                             | Procuring Entity Name                                     | IsDB-BISEW   |
| 2                             | Invitation for  | Procurement of Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Passenger Lifts and Fireman Lifts.   |
| 3                             | Invitation Ref. No.                                       | IsDB-BISEW/Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-04   |
| 4                             | Publication Date  | 28 November 2024   |
| <b>KEY INFORMATION</b>        |   |  |
| 5                             | Procurement Method  | Competitive Tendering among eligible Tenderers: One Stage Two Envelope Tendering Method (OSTETM) under Least Cost Basis (LCB).   |
| <b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>    |   |  |
| 6                             | Source of Funds   | IsDB-BISEW and Government of Bangladesh  |
| <b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b> |   |  |
| 7                             | Project Name  | Construction of IDB Bhaban-2 comprising of Multi-Storied Twin Tower and 4-Storied Multi-Purpose Business Center with Common 3-Level Basement at Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh.  |
| 8                             | Tender Package No.  | Tender-IDB Bhaban-2/TP-04  |
| 9                             | Tender Package Name                                       | Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Passenger Lifts and Fireman Lifts.  |
| 10                            | Last Date of Issuing Tender Document                      | 11 December 2024 upto 5:00 PM  |
| 11                            | Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting                            | 22 December 2024 at 11:30 AM   |
| 12                            | Place of Pre-bid Meeting                                  | Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.   |
| 13                            | Last Date & Time of Tender Submission                     | 09 January 2025 upto 12:00 Noon  |
| 14                            | Opening of Technical Offer of Tender (Date, Time & Place) | 09 January 2025 at 12:30 PM at the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.<br>Intending Tenderers or their Authorized Representatives may remain present during opening of Technical Offer.         |
| 15                            | Name and Address of the Office Selling Tender Document    | Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.   |
| 16                            | Name and Address of the Office for Receiving Tender       | Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.   |
| 17                            | Brief Description of Works                                | Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Passenger Lifts including of related works for complete Installation of the Passenger Lifts and Fireman Lifts.  |
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| 22 | Name, Designation, Address & Contact details of Official Inviting Tender  | <b>Neaz Khan</b><br>Chief Executive Officer<br>IsDB-BISEW, IDB Bhaban (4th Floor), E/8-A, Rokeya Sharani<br>Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh<br>Telephone No.: 09638917000<br>E-mail : tender@isdb-bisew.org<br>Website: www.isdb-bisew.org   |
| 23 | Any further changes / up-date/ modifications regarding this Tender  | Shall be available in the official Website of IsDB-BISEW (www.isdb-bisew.org) in the form of Corrigendum and Addendum.<br>Link for Tender information: www.isdb-bisew.org/tender  |
| 24 | <b>Special Instructions and Conditions:</b><br>a) If the Government declares holiday on the opening day of Tender, Tender shall be received and Technical Offer shall be opened at the same time on the next working day.<br>b) Applicants without having the requisite experience and qualification need not apply for issuance of Tender Document.<br>c) It is to be noted that the minimum qualification and experience criteria as stated in this IFIT is only for obtaining the Tender Document and not for being Responsive in the Technical Evaluation of the Tender.<br>d) This Invitation for Tender can be seen in the Website of IsDB-BISEW.<br>e) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject all Tenders or any Tender or annul the Tender proceedings without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever. |   |



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