



## It's time to rebuild the nation

### Says Tarique

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BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman said yesterday that it is time to concentrate on rebuilding the nation as the country is no longer under dictatorship.

He made the remark while delivering his speech as the chief guest after the final match of the "Shaheed Zia Memorial Football Tournament-2024" at the Shaheed Abul Kashem College ground in Barobari, Lalmonirhat Sadar, in the afternoon.

Highlighting the importance of nurturing talent across various sectors, Tarique said, "There are many talented doctors and engineers in Bangladesh. However, developing skilled professionals should not

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### FISH OF ALL WATERS

A small goby fish spotted near a coral in the Bay of Bengal. Gobiidae, or gobies, is one of the largest fish families with over 2,000 species. Most gobies are small in size, typically less than 10cm in length. These little fish are generally bottom-dwellers and can be found all over the world in tropical and temperate near shore-marine, brackish and freshwater environments. On coral reefs, gobies make up 35 percent of the total number of fish. They feed on small invertebrates, although some of the larger ones eat other fish, while a few feed on planktonic algae.

PHOTO: SHARIF SARWAR

## Hezbollah, Israel trade blame over truce violations

### IDF tank shells hit six areas along border; Lebanese urged not to return home yet

REUTERS, Beirut

Hezbollah and Israel traded accusations that their ceasefire had been breached yesterday, a day after a truce went into effect halting more than a year of fighting in Lebanon.

The Israeli military said the ceasefire, brokered by the United States and France, was violated after what it called suspects, some in vehicles, arrived at several areas in the southern zone.

Hezbollah lawmaker Hassan Fadlallah accused Israel of violating the deal.

"The Israeli enemy is attacking those returning to the border villages," Fadlallah told reporters after a parliament session, adding, "there are violations today by Israel, even in this form".

A Lebanese military source said the armed forces deployed troops and tanks across the country's south. Israeli army spokesman Avichay Adraee on X repeated a warning to Lebanese residents not to return to areas adjacent to the border, listing a series of villages and towns along the frontier.

Israeli tank fire hit six areas within that border strip yesterday morning, striking Markaba, Wazzani and Klarchoubah, Khiyam, Taybe and the agricultural plains around Marjayoun, state media and Lebanese security sources said.

Two people hurt in Israeli strikes at border village

Lebanon military deploys troops, tanks across south

## Efforts on to identify violence instigators on social media

### Says army, urges all to verify all information

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The army has said efforts are ongoing to identify those who are instigating violence through social media.

It gave an update on its efforts to maintain law and order over the past two weeks at a press conference held at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

"Each incident needs to be evaluated separately," said Colonel Intekhab Haider Khan, colonel staff of the Military Operations Directorate at the Army Headquarters, while responding to journalists' questions about incidents of violence that took place in the past few days.

"Three types of people are mainly involved in the incidents deteriorating law and order, or the protests or unrest. One is those who are identified criminals; another is the instigators, who are doing a lot of things on purpose.

"And the other is the general



It is our, the ordinary people's responsibility not to be provoked.

Colonel Intekhab Haider Khan, colonel staff, MOD, Army HQ.

public. Students are protesting, garment workers are staging agitations, but they are ordinary citizens like you and me. When we have to stand against these general citizens, we have to think a lot before taking any step," he said.

Colonel Intekhab further explained the army's position on clashes between groups of students, saying, "These students have brought such a change through a movement that we all hope that the country will move in

a better direction.

"When the students are temporarily derailed at someone's instigation without understanding the situation, we need to think a lot before using force against them [students]."

Asked if the army was taking any measures to prevent the instigations on social media, he said, "Of course. Efforts are on to identify them."

"But there's also the issue of our

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## Don't pave way for the return of fascism

### Warns Fakhrul

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir has warned that the disunity among those who contributed to the success of the student-led uprising threatens a fascist resurgence.

"Fascism has been defeated, but it can return at any time. We must not pave the way for that. Unfortunately, we are engaging in activities that have created a significant chance for it [fascism] to return," the BNP leader said during a views exchange programme at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Jatiyo Kobita Parishad arranged the event titled "Role of Writers and Artists in Reforms".

Fakhrul said that fascist forces are systematically working to destabilise the country. "But, why are we, who fought, now creating division?"

The conflicting narratives from various quarters are deeply unsettling, he said, adding that street protests are

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## JUDGES' APPOINTMENT SC proposes formation of judicial council

### Writes to law ministry for taking steps to issue ordinance incorporating a provision

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court yesterday formally proposed the formation of a Judicial Appointment Council led by the chief justice through an ordinance to select judges for recruitment to both divisions of the apex court.

The court sent the proposal to the law ministry to incorporate the provision for constituting the council that will select competent candidates for the judges' posts in the Appellate and High Court divisions.

The council, at the request of the president, will issue a public notice inviting applications from the candidates, according to the proposed ordinance. After receiving applications, the council will send recommendations to the president for the appointment of judges under articles 95 and 98 of the constitution.

The draft of the proposed ordinance states that the council will be able to invite any person concerned to its meeting to take opinions or suggestions about the candidates. It will also be able to instruct any government and private organisation to present information about

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## MEETING WITH DMP CHIEF OCs demand logistical support to curb crimes

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officers-in-charge of the police stations in the city said crime prevention activities are being seriously hampered because of damaged stations, shortages of vehicles, manpower, and poor logistical support.

They made the statements at a meeting with newly appointed Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sk Md Sazzat Ali yesterday.

Almost all the OCs of 50 police stations in the city raised the issue and demanded immediate supply of vehicles and other logistical support for proper crime prevention activities, meeting sources said.

Commissioner Sazzat said some logistical support have already been provided. He also assured the OCs of supplying all necessary vehicles and others in a quick possible time.

During the July-August student-led mass uprising, 21 out of 50 police stations under the DMP came under attack and some of them were left in ruins. Officials said 97 police vehicles were torched while 187 others were vandalised.

Besides, computers, furniture, and other equipment in the badly affected police stations were destroyed.

"The completely damaged police stations still lack 50 percent vehicles and other logistical support," said an OC, wishing anonymity.

Five OCs, who joined the meeting, said almost all the police stations have poor logistical support and the shortage of the required number of police personnel, though the situation is improving.

At the meeting, the commissioner instructed the OCs to be transparent and not to make money by illegal means, said the sources.

He also asked them to serve the people effectively,

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## Israel steps up bombing of central Gaza

### 21 Palestinians killed; tanks push deeper into the north, south of enclave

REUTERS, Cairo

Israeli military strikes killed at least 21 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip yesterday, medics said, as forces stepped up their bombardment of central areas and tanks pushed deeper into the north and south of the enclave.

Six people were killed in two separate air strikes on a house and near the hospital of Kamal Adwan in Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip, while four others were killed when an Israeli strike hit a motorcycle in Khan Younis in the south.

In Nuseirat, one of Gaza's eight historic refugee camps, Israeli planes carried out several air strikes, destroying a multi-storey building and hitting roads outside mosques. At least seven were killed in those strikes, health officials said.

Medics said at least two people, a woman and a child, were killed in tank shelling that hit western areas of Nuseirat, while an air strike killed five others in a house nearby.

In Rafah, near the border with Egypt, tanks pushed deeper into the northwest area of the city, residents said. There has been no Israeli comment on the latest fighting.



Fractions of a second before an Israeli missile hits a residential building at Nuseirat refugee camp in the central Gaza Strip yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## The harmony among people here will never be broken

### Says HC bench, refrains from passing order on plea for ban on ISKCON

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday did not pass any order on banning ISKCON's activities in Bangladesh, saying that the government had taken steps following Tuesday's violence in Chattogram.

The court also said they would not make any interference as the Attorney General's Office informed them that the authorities concerned of the government are looking into it.

While hearing an appeal seeking a suo motu rule, the bench of Justice Farah Mahbub and Justice Debasish Roy Chowdhury said the country's people are very cordial and they have very friendly relations with each other.

"Although the majority of the people are Muslims; Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, and the residents of the hilly areas have very friendly relations with each other.

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