

Saad followers accuse home A step towards

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The group presented a 10-point demand, calling for the withdrawal of cases filed against their senior members and the unconditional release of Mufti Muaz bin Nur. They also demanded an end to the oppression, assaults, and legal actions targeting Saad's followers, and called for the Kakrail mosque and Bishwa Ijtima grounds to be handed over at the appropriate time.

The Saad faction warned that failing to uphold religious and constitutional rights could lead to severe anarchy. They urged the Chief Advisor, rather than the Home Advisor, to mediate a reconciliation meeting with elders from both factions to resolve the crisis.

The rift between the two Tabligh factions — Maulana Zubair Ahmad's supporters and Maulana Saad Kandhalvi's followers — continues to widen, following a deadly clash on December 18 that resulted in four deaths. Both sides blame each other for the violence.

Maulana Shafiq bin Naem, a follower of Saad,

expressed deep sorrow over the December 18 incident and accused political ulemas of exploiting the situation for personal gain. He alleged that Saad's followers across the country were being targeted, with homes and businesses destroyed and members attacked.

"Maulana Mamunul Haque is not a member of Tabligh. He is a third party. Instead of putting out the fire, he is pouring kerosene," Shafiq claimed, criticising Mamunul for failing to help resolve the conflict. He also condemned the home advisor's remarks on December 18, where he referred to Mamunul as a "brother" and reportedly said "they [authorities] would follow his advice in all matters".

Shafiq pointed out that while the Saad faction tried to file a case over the death of one of their followers, their complaint was rejected, and only a case filed by Zubair's followers was accepted. No action was taken against Zubair's faction following an earlier attack on Saad's followers on December 12, he added. "The Home Advisor is not

just an advisor for Hefazat or the Zubair faction; he is supposed to be an advisor for all. How can he take sides while sitting as a guardian?" Shafiq asked.

Other demands from Saad's followers included ensuring an unbiased environment for Tabligh activities at Kakrail Mosque, Tongi Ijtima grounds, and mosques nationwide. They also called for swift visa processing for foreign participants, better arrangements for Biswa Ijtima, and stronger measures to protect worshippers, journalists, and prevent the misuse of madrasa students in violence.

Protests

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Protesters are demanding an immediate halt to tree cutting and the restoration of Panthakunja Park, the cessation of Hatirjheel's filling with the removal of expressway pillars to restore the reservoir, and the cancellation of the expressway segment from Karwan Bazar to Palashi with accountability for the officials involved.

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Reflecting on the sacrifices made during the uprising, Sultana Kamal said, "We must envision where we want to take this country, why so many lives were lost, and why we aspired to achieve a distinct identity for ourselves."

She emphasised the importance of pursuing the aspirations outlined in the Declaration of Independence, saying, "Our collective dream is not clear to everyone. We should remember our vision for a society of equality, social justice, and human dignity—a dream shared by all, including the youth."

She added, "The July Uprising happened to bring that dream closer to reality. It was not an isolated movement. Our dream is to live a life of dignity, achieved through quality education and a commitment to these ideals."

Bangladesh women's national football team

captain Sabina Khatun also spoke at the event, highlighting the challenges faced by women. "Rights and freedom help a woman move forward. I have faced harsh criticism for playing football in shorts. Many families still view women as a burden and make excuses to deny them education. We must break free from this mindset," she said.

Shahidul Islam, director of NETZ Bangladesh, in his opening remarks, called for building a just society. "The younger generation must be made nonviolent and active for the wellbeing of society and humankind," he said.

Additional Secretary Syed Mamunul Alam, Joint Secretary Prakash Kanti Chowdhury, and Zinat Ara Haque, national coordinator of the We Can Alliance, also addressed the programme.

A documentary on preventing child marriage was screened at the beginning of the event.

Police reforms must

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Participants outlined several actionable recommendations to enhance public safety and police accountability.

They agreed on the urgent need to reform the outdated Police Act of 1861 to reflect modern democratic principles and security challenges.

Strengthening collaboration between the police and communities, particularly engaging youth and women, was emphasised to foster trust and shared responsibility for security.

Advancing digitised police operations through modern tools was highlighted as a means to improve efficiency, transparency, and accountability.

Recommendations also included establishing independent oversight mechanisms, such as a

Police Service Commission, to combat corruption and build public confidence through impartial oversight.

Participants agreed that police reform must align with justice governance reforms to ensure the effective functioning of the criminal justice chain.

Ensuring equitable access to justice for vulnerable groups, including refugees and marginalised communities, was identified as a priority.

Gender-sensitive training for police personnel and increasing the representation of women in law enforcement were proposed to enhance inclusivity and responsiveness.

Upgrading infrastructure to better address the needs of women and children was also highlighted as an urgent requirement.

Prof M Tamim joins IUB as vice chancellor

STAR REPORT

Prof M Tamim, a professor of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Engineering, joined Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) as its vice chancellor yesterday, said a press release.



A circular from the Ministry of Education dated December 17 announced that the president appointed Prof Tamim as the vice chancellor of IUB for a four-year term.

Prior to joining IUB, Prof Tamim served as a professor of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Engineering and as the dean of the Faculty of Chemical and Materials Engineering at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

He completed his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Buet, earned his master's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, and obtained his PhD in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Alberta, Canada.

Need a year

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Mujahidul Islam Selim, former president of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, highlighted the need for economic reforms and the strengthening of law enforcement agencies.

"The judiciary must be free from the influence of party politics and financial power," he said.

BNP Vice Chairman Advocate Nitai Roy Chowdhury called for reforms in the lower courts, where most harassment occurs. "Politics has gone to smugglers, goons, and bureaucrats. It must be taken back to politicians," he said.

Barrister Sara Hossain, Honorary Executive Director of BLAST, called for judicial harassment to be recognised as a subject of research. She emphasised the need for the judicial system to guarantee the right to bail, ensuring that every person has access to it if applicable. Hossain also pointed to the lack of women's representation in the Supreme Court and the absence of provisions for disabled individuals.

"We should be ashamed that disabled people are being overlooked in the courts," she added. Prof Borhan Uddin Khan from Dhaka University's Law Department suggested that efforts should focus on reducing the influence of political parties within the judiciary.

Need a year

"True independence lies in the mindset of judges, not in the laws," he said, calling for procedural changes to expedite trials and reduce case charges.

Advocate Muhammad Tajul Islam, Chief Prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), prioritised the digitisation of the courts to streamline the judicial process. He also pointed to the politicisation of the judiciary as a major cause of corruption within the courts.

Zillur Rahman, Executive Director of CGS, said reform discussions have been ongoing since the 1990s. "Now, the word 'reform' has become a despised term. Institutions have failed to function properly, and if the judiciary had functioned correctly, we would have seen a fair election," he said.

Munira Khan of CGS chaired the event, which was attended by speakers from various sectors.

Fertiliser

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allocation in line with demand. The department is also monitoring dealers to ensure farmers receive fertiliser at the government-approved rate, he said. Additionally, efforts are being made to educate farmers on the correct use of fertiliser, he added.

BDR carnage

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Addressing the ceremony, Jahangir Alam highlighted BGB's 229-year legacy, commending its professionalism in border security, maintaining law and order, and supporting the civil administration during emergencies and natural disasters. "As a symbol of confidence for the people of Bangladesh, the BGB must remain a vigilant guard of the border," he said.

Director General Maj Gen Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddique delivered the welcome address, with Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Khuda Baksh Chowdhury and Home Ministry Secretary (Routine Duty) Nasim Ahmed attending as special guests.

During the event, 32 BGB members were honoured for outstanding contributions, receiving medals, including 12 Border Guard Bangladesh Medals (BGBM) and 24 President Border Guard Medals (PBGGM).

The adviser later attended a reception for freedom fighters and their families, hosted by BGB.

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03	1054667	EED_KUS_CON_TMED_7016_2022-23_PW_03 Construction of One Storied Academic Building with Four Storied Foundation In/c Sanitary, Water Supply & Electrification Works at Quatul Islam Kamil Madrasa Under Sadar Upazila at Kushtia District.	08.01.2025 17:00	09.01.2025 12:00

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