

2,229 families received

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victims and the injured has been provided since October 1, 2024.

According to him, the foundation has received around Tk 109.20 crore, of which over Tk 47.32 crore has already been disbursed as financial assistance to 2,229 families, comprising 628 families of those killed and 1,601 families of those injured. The remaining Tk 61 crore is currently deposited in the foundation's account.

According to the latest data from the Health and Family Welfare Ministry's Management Information System (MIS), the number of deceased stands at 826 and the injured at 11,306. Of them, 198 families [of those killed] are waiting, said Sarjis Alam, general secretary of the foundation.

He highlighted several challenges while trying to explain the delays in this regard.

"Efforts are underway

North shivers in cold

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upazila of Kurigram, echoed similar difficulties.

"The cold has increased our misery. I can't go out in the morning because of the biting chill. We burn straw at home to stay warm as we lack adequate clothing," he said.

Hospitals across the region are witnessing a surge in patients suffering from cold-related illnesses such as fever, pneumonia, diarrhoea, and respiratory issues. Low-income families, particularly in rural areas, are struggling to procure warm clothing and heating materials, compounding their hardship.

Local authorities and non-governmental organisations are being urged to distribute blankets and warm clothes to those in need.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 1.43 crore seized in Sylhet

BSS, Sylhet

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) 48 battalion seized smuggled goods worth over Tk 1.43 crore in separate drives conducted along the Sylhet and Sunamganj frontier areas yesterday.

The drives were conducted in Pratappur, Uttra, Sreepur, Kalasadek, and Bisnankandi areas of the two districts.

The seized goods included Indian sarees, skincare products, clothing items, sugar, cane, poppy seeds, cow dung, perfume body spray, candy, soap, and a scooter.

He said financial assistance is being provided to those listed in the MIS and those whose applications to the foundation have been verified. In cases where necessary documents are missing, the process is taking longer. Hospital discharge certificates must be submitted as proof, adding that the delays in providing financial assistance often occur because many lack proper hospital discharge papers or certification.

He said the foundation currently has 35 staff members dedicated to this task. While the focus has primarily been on assisting the families of martyrs, moving forward the foundation's priority will be to assist the injured.

According to BGB sources.

Workplace

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and were women.

The report also noted that 55 workers, mostly fishermen, went missing during natural disasters.

In 2023, workplace accidents claimed the lives of at least 742 workers across various sectors, with 489 others injured.

The report identified road accidents, roof collapses, electrocution, fires, cylinder explosions, trawler or boat capsizing, and lightning strikes as the leading causes of workplace deaths.

Over the past decade, workplace accidents have claimed the lives of more than 8,000 workers, the report highlighted.

The highest number of workplace fatalities occurred in 2019, with 1,200 deaths, followed by 2021 with 1,053 deaths.

Among the victims, 20 individuals, including 16 Bawm people, were killed.



After moulding small clay cups, Bithi Rani dries them in the sun to prepare them for sale. These cups, used to serve curd, see higher demand in winter due to various events like weddings and fairs held throughout the season. The photo was taken in Patuakhali's Baufal upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: MONIR UDDIN ANIK

2024 saw over 200

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including its fundamental aspects, remain unimplemented which intensified the steamroller of discrimination and deprivation against the indigenous Jumma people," the report highlighted.

A total of 12 incidents of violence against Jumma women and children were committed last year by settlers, affecting 16 Jumma women and children, the report said, adding that these incidents are repeating due to the prevailing culture of impunity.

Over 119 incidents of human rights violations were committed by security forces and law enforcement agencies, affecting at least 5,655 individuals, including 5,000 Bawm people, as well as 1,321 families, including at least 1,000 Bawm families, and residents of 94 villages, including 47 Bawm villages, the report detailed.

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Don't try

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"Think before you make a statement. We don't want to question this movement as it is the movement of 18 crore people of Bangladesh," the BNP leader said.

"Together with all the people, we have driven out the fascists. No one should try to take ownership of the movement. If we (BNP) have to calculate the ownership, you will be ashamed," he said referring to BNP's contribution to the protests.

Khasru said the uprising gave back people the right to vote.

"If anyone plays with it, they will follow the path of Sheikh Hasina. Trying to stay in power by creating new narratives without elections will not work here. You have to go to the polls. Elections should be held as soon as possible, He said.

He said the responsibility of the interim government is to peacefully hand over power to the elected government, he said. "And the reforms that are being talked about will be carried out in the next parliament. That is, the elected parliament members will make the necessary reforms."

Meanwhile, speaking at another programme, BNP standing committee member Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday said the party believes the interim government can implement necessary reforms while preparing for the national elections.

"Reform is an ongoing process. Reform never stops. The idea of reform first and then election holds no meaning," he told reporters after paying tribute at the grave of former president Ziaur Rahman in Dhaka, marking JCD's anniversary.

PRAYER TIMING
JANUARY 2

Faz Zohr Asr Magrib Esha
AZAN 5-30 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-00
JAMAAT 6-05 1-15 4-15 5-35 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

267 excluded from 43rd

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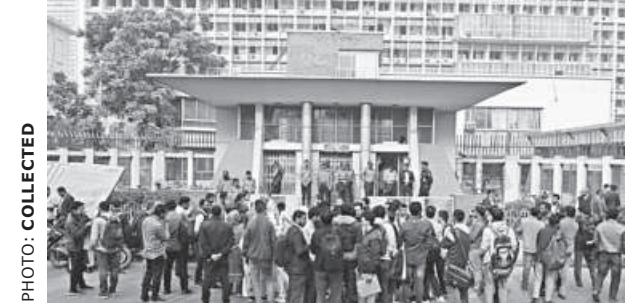
excluding 99 recommended candidates. In the subsequent gazette on December 30, an additional 168 candidates were excluded, making a total of 267 excluded candidates.

One of the excluded female candidates expressed her frustration to journalists, saying, "We had heard that our joining date was set for January 1. We were waiting with great hope for the new year. But today, we are left devastated and forced to stand on the streets to demand our rightful place. My name was on the October 15 gazette, but it is absent in the December 30 gazette. I came here today to question why my name is missing. We were recommended based on merit, not through any quotas."

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Hindu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parishad yesterday demanded that the government cancel the gazette issued for the 43rd Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) recruitment and issue a new one.

The organisation, in a statement, said the government on December 30 issued the gazette excluding 168 candidates from various cadres, of which 71 were from religious minority communities.

It said the gazette is a clear reflection of a mindset of religious hatred, which goes against expectations of the recent anti-discrimination movement.



SC gets 55

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604 calls were received for receiving legal advice services and 344 for seeking information on various cases.

All the information of these calls has been provided to the service recipients immediately, according to the press release.

The SC administration on September 25 last year introduced a helpline number (+88 0131654216) to assist the litigants or service recipients.

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বিদ্যুৎ বৰ্দের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পাওয়ার শ্রিড বাংলাদেশ পিএলসি এজেন্সি, চট্টগ্রাম (উত্তর) সঁজুরের আওতাধীন হাটহাজারী ২৩০/১৩২/৩০ কেডি শ্রিড উপকেন্দ্রে ১৩২ কেডি বাস-০২ এর বাংসরিক মেরামত ও সংরক্ষণ কাজ সম্পাদনের জন্য আগামী ০৩ জানুয়ারি ২০২৫ ইং, শুক্ৰবাৰ, সকাল ০৬:০০ ঘটকা হতে দুপুর ১১:০০ ঘটকা পর্যায়ে শাটডাউন চলাকালীন নিম্নোক্ত সময়সূচী অনুযায়ী বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ বৰ্দে থাকবে:

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