CMCH admits

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"We found evidence of hill cutting. After the hearing, the DoE will take legal action against those responsible," said Urmi Sarker, assistant director of the DoE (Chattogram metro unit).

During a visit to the site, this correspondent observed that the hill's slope had been levelled. Two excavators were seen at the spot.

"We are installing cement blocks on the slope," said a worker, speaking anonymously.

According to Forest Department data, the CMCH authority only had permission to cut trees on flat land.

"We approved tree cutting on level land, but CMCH cut many trees on the hill without permission," said Jaynal Abedin, assistant conservator of Forest Department, Chattogram North Forest Division.

The National Economic Council approved a Tk 284 crore project on May 9 to construct the specialised burn and plastic surgery unit.

The new 150-bed unit will include outpatient and indoor departments, an emergency department, 10 ICU beds, 20 HDU beds for adult patients, and five HDU beds for children.

The project, funded jointly by Bangladesh and China with contributions of Tk 104.93 crore and Tk 179.83 crore, respectively, is set to be completed by June 2026.

984 brick kilns

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from Bamonerbasa village in Aditmari upazila, has also suffered since selling the topsoil from his four bighas of farmland six years ago.

"I have to deal with stagnant water while growing paddy, and weeds hinder crop growth. The land has become uneven and less fertile," he said.

However, Rafiqul Islam, a brick kiln owner from Roumari upazila in Kurigram, denied allegations of pressuring farmers to sell topsoil. "We purchase topsoil from farmers for brick manufacturing and have not faced any objections from the agriculture department. Farmers willingly sell their topsoil," he claimed. Obaidur Rahman Mandal, additional director of DAE in Rangpur region, said, "DAE officials are working to raise awareness among farmers about not selling their farmland's topsoil."

North shivers in cold

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Weather Observatory, said the lowest temperature in Dinajpur yesterday was 15 degrees Celsius in the morning, with 89 percent humidity.

"Although there was no fog, the wind speed increased from 2 kmph early morning to 8-10 kmph by 9:00am yesterday, making temperatures feel much colder. The temperature may drop further by 5-7 degrees Celsius in the daytime and 2-3 degrees Celsius at night over the next few days," he said.

The Rangpur Meteorological Office reported minimum temperatures of 15.7 degrees Celsius in Lalmonirhat, 15 degrees in Kurigram, and 15.5 degrees in Rangpur yesterday morning.

The absence of sunlight and overcast skies intensified the cold.

"It was impossible to work in the field in the morning. I managed to go at noon but couldn't continue due to the cold," said Anwar Hossain, 55, a farmer from Fulgach village in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Streets in Lalmonirhat town were mostly deserted, while outdoor activities in Dinajpur came to a halt due to the cold wind and drizzle.

Khalek Mia, a rickshaw puller in Lalmonirhat town, said there were few passengers as most people stayed home in this weather.

"I earned less than half of my daily income. Still, I had to come out; otherwise, how'd I feed my family?" he asked.

Delwar Hossain, an auto-rickshaw driver in Dinajpur town, echoed him.

"The drizzle made it worse. Hardly a few could brave this weather and go outside for a livelihood. If it rains more, the cold will become even more unbearable," said Md Abdur Razzak of North Gosaipur village in Dinajpur Sadar upazila.

23 accused get

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General Md Abdul Jabbar Bhuiyan represented the state during hearing.

Mamun told the court that there is no specific allegation against the accused of their involvement in the incident. He said the informant, who filed the case, is not a family member of the people who were killed or injured in the clash.

Most of the accused are over 80. Among them, some are former secretaries, university professors and people who held important positions and it is not possible for them to be involved in any clash, he argued.

Jabbar Bhuiyan told the court there should not be any faction among the Tabligh Jamaat men.

After the HC passed the orders, Mamun spoke to media on the Supreme Court premises.

He said even the HC, during the hearing, has said everyone holds a deep respect for the Tabligh Jamaat members because of their devotion to Allah, and they should avoid any divisions among themselves.

Mamun said the gathering of the Tabligh Jamaat devotees in Bangladesh is the second largest congregation of Muslims after the hajj. But unfortunately, the Tabligh Jamaat devotees split in two factions due to misunderstanding among themselves.

The previous and current government have tried to reunite them. As they could not reunite, the government arranged two separate gatherings for them at the Ijtema ground, he said.

"In the bone-chilling cold of early morning, people gather for Akheri Munajat ... We urge you, Tabligh Jamaat devotees, to come together and put aside any divisions..., as the Tabligh Jamaat is held in high regard and is widely accepted by the people of this country. Religious-minded individuals have great affection for them," he added, urging the factions to reunite.

Gayeshwar

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court set up at Bakshibazar Alia Madrasa near the Old Central Jail on Nazimuddin Road in Dhaka on January 30, 2018.

At that time, BNP leaders and activists were chanting slogans on the street near Paribagh. Then the leaders and activists clashed with the police.

Following the incident, Sub-inspector Md Mohibullah of Ramna Model Police Station filed a case.

After an investigation, SI Mohammad Saiful Islam Khan of the Detective Branch submitted a charge sheet against Gayeshwar and 172 other party men on January 29, 2020.

Dismissed BDR

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family members of the BDR members, are now holding a sit-in programme at the Shaheed Minar, and we will continue through the night."

Earlier, they gathered at the Shaheed Minar around 10:30am yesterday. Around 12:30pm, they brought out a rally and headed towards the state guest house Jamuna, the chief adviser's residence, witnesses said.

However, the rally was obstructed by the police at Shahbagh.

"Since morning, those dismissed from their jobs after the BDR mutiny and their families gathered in the Shaheed Minar area. They were attempting to march towards Jamuna but were stopped in front of Shahbagh Police Station, where they stayed until 5:30pm," said Khalid Mansur, officer-in-charge of the police station.

He said traffic movement returned to normal after the evening.

A small delegation, including Mahin Sarker, went to the Chief Adviser's Office and submitted a memorandum.

According to the memorandum, their other demands include the formation of a fair and impartial investigation committee to probe the deaths of 74 people, including 57 army officers, 10 BDR members, and seven civilians, in the 2009 Pilkhana massacre.

They also demanded the reinstatement of all BDR officials and trainees of the 76th batch, who were dismissed after the mutiny, with full pay and other benefits.

The family members appealed to the chief adviser, describing the dire circumstances faced by the sacked BDR members. Many are reportedly living in inhumane conditions, facing social neglect, contempt, and mental health issues, with some even resorting to suicide.

She suffered

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On November 11, the Appellate Division stayed the HC decision and allowed Khaleda to file appeals challenging it. Her appeals seek to overturn the judgement and secure her acquittal.

The SC will continue hearing on the appeals today.

Secure Dhaka airport from bird

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anytime but typically occur during take-offs or landings. The severity of damage depends on the size and number of birds or the intensity of the collision.

Prof Anwarul Haq of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, head of a three-member committee to detect seasonal bird activity around HSIA, said bird strikes are common in Bangladeshi airports.

The presence of waste collection centres, landfills, and dense bushes nearby attracts birds, particularly black kites, posing significant risks, he added.

Dense bushes in the airport area are good habitats for grasshoppers and butterflies and attract different types of birds to the HSIA, he said.

He suggested using modern and conventional methods to deter birds, such as removing food sources for the birds and the insects and clearing bushes and trees where the birds nest, so the birds seek alternative nesting and feeding grounds.

On flight disruptions caused by dense fog, Capt Ashfaq-Ur-Rahman Khan, head of flight safety at Novoair, said upgrading ILS to Category 2 would allow pilots to land in low visibility, as now it's common for flights to divert from HSIA to other airports due to this issue.

"ILS is a radio signal and lighting array-based precision system that provides pilots with vertical and horizontal guidance during landings in thick fog. Its absence wastes time, energy, and money, causing passenger suffering and financial losses for airlines," he said.

CAAB Chairman Air Vice Marshal Monjur Kabir Bhuiyan assured that steps are being taken to improve safety standards.

"We understand the concerns and anxieties of the public. I would like to assure you that every possible step is being taken to ensure the highest standards of safety in our airspace, as recent tragic aviation disasters remind us of the importance of vigilance," he said.

He urged the airlines to adopt a "just culture" to facilitate the implementation of Safety Management Systems (SMS).

Group Captain Kamrul Islam, executive director of HSIA, said they are working with Dhaka North City Corporation to manage open garbage and butcher houses and to divert bird habitats away from the airport area. "We are also implementing reactive, proactive, and long-term measures to address bird strike hazards," he added.

BNP factional

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Other family members accused Mostafizur's group of orchestrating the attack.

Mostafizur could not be reached for comment.

He previously alleged that Ruhul Amin's group, backed by Awami League leaders, had attacked his supporters earlier in the week, injuring five of them.

Superintendent of Police Mohammad Touhidul Arif said additional police personnel were deployed in the area.

"The situation is now under control," he said.

PRAYER TIMING
JANUARY 9

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

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

1	Ministry	:	Ministry of Liberation War Affairs.
2	Name of inviting Agency	:	Bangladesh Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust (BFFWT), Dhaka.
3	Procuring entity name	:	Bangladesh Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust.
4	Expression of Interest for Selection of	:	Audit/C.A firm for preparing report upon appraisal of movable and immovable properties of Bangladesh Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust.
5	EoI Ref. No. & Date	:	48.01.0000.202.14.546.25/1046 Date: 08/01/2025
Key information:			
6	Procurement Sub Method	:	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
Funding information:			
7	Budget and Source of Fund	:	BFFWT own fund.
Particular information:			
8	EoI Closing Date and Time	:	26/01/2025 at 2.00 PM
Information for applicant:			
9	Brief Description of Assignment	:	Bangladesh Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust was established in 1972 by the President's Order No. 94/1972 for the welfare of the war wounded freedom fighters and the families of the martyred heroic freedom fighters, who participated in the great war of independence of Bangladesh. In 1972, 18 establishments (09 industrial and 09 commercial) were handed over to the Trust on behalf of the Government of Bangladesh. Later 11 industrial establishments in 1978, 01 in 1986 and 02 in 1989 were handed over to the trust by the government. Besides these, 04 industrial unit were established by trust's own initiative. The total number of commercial and industrial establishment is 36. 07 establishments were taken back by the government in the financial year 1982-83 due to liabilities and 8 establishments were converted into 3 establishments due to continuous losses. Out of the remaining 24 establishments, some establishments have been divided into multiple plots. At present the number of establishments and plots has now increased to 34. The establishments and plots are located in Dhaka cities, Chittagong district, Gazipur and Narayanganj district. In order to ensure more services to the beneficiaries of the trust through the protection and proper use of the properties of the Bangladesh Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust, a full accounting of the total movable and immovable properties of the trust and assessment of the liabilities and debts along with the valuation in the current condition.

Location	No. of establishments and plots	Land area
Dhaka city	20	25.85 acre
Gazipur District	03	6.80 acre
Narayanganj District	03	4.64 acre
Chattogram District	08	35.09 acre

For auditing report, work allocation will be
a. Present status of all the properties
b. Identification and listing with detail description (e.g. total area, location etc.) of all movable and immovable properties
c. Finding problem/problems of properties and recommendations to overcome
d. Valuation of all the properties (Govt. mouza rate and market rate)
e. Determination of liability of properties

10	Experiences, Resources, Delivery Capacity Requires and Submission of EoI	:	Audit firms must fulfill the following criteria: a. Audit firms must be enlisted with Bangladesh Bank for Auditing Banks and Financial Institutions. b. Audit/C.A firm with minimum 10 years of general experience since established. Must enclosed up to date firm establishment certificate. c. The previous appointment letter/experience certificate/work order/notification of award of auditing of Banks or Financial Institutions must be enclosed. d. The Audit firm must have at least two FCA. Up to date ICAB's granted practiced certificate along with prescribed Bio-Data of all FCA/ACA should be enclosed. e. The Audit firm must have minimum of twenty personnel comprising of C.A. Course completed, registered students as well as office staffs. A list of these personnel should be enclosed. f. Audit report completion Time: 45 (forty five) days
11	Other Details and papers to be submitted, Duly Attested with The Document		a. The Interested Audit firms should submit EOI along with all necessary documents (Two Copies) in an envelope with "Expression of Interest for **preparing report of movable and immovable properties of Bangladesh Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust.** b. EOI must be submitted before the deadline. Any EOI submitted after the closing hour will not be accepted. c. In the selection procedure of firms, Public Procurement Regulation 2008 issued by GOB will be followed. d. Current Trade License e. Income Tax paid certificate (current) with TIN Number f. VAT registration certificate g. Copy of appointment letter/experience certificate/work order/notification of award as per eligibility stated above (10). h. Brochures submitted by the applicants should summarize their facilities and areas of expertise. i. EOI containing any false/fabricated information/papers/certificates will be treated as rejected. j. The procuring entity reserves the right changing any terms before the date of closing and to accept or to reject any or all the proposals without assigning any reason whatsoever.
Procuring Entity Details:			
12	Name of Official Inviting EoI	:	Md.Salahuddin Ahmed
13	Designation of Official Inviting	:	Director (Commerce and Development)
14	Address of official inviting	:	Swadhinata Bhaban, 88 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
15	Contact details of official inviting Tender	:	Telephone: 223382340
16	Office of the inviting EoI	:	Bangladesh Freedom Fighters' Welfare Trust.
17.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EoI's.		

Director (Commerce and Development)

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Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of the Work	Online Tender Closing and Opening date
1059998	KU/PD-398/2024	Procurement and Installation of Brand Computers (i5) for different labs of Khulna University, Khulna	Date: 30-Jan-2025 Time: 04:00am
1059541	KU/PD-392/2024	Procurement and Installation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Gate for Two Female Halls of Khulna University, Khulna	Date: 30-Jan-2025 Time: 03:00am
1049623	KU/PD-385/2024	Procurement and Installation of Medical Equipment for Shahid Buddhi Jibi Dr. Alim Chowdhury Chikitsha Kendra (Medical Center) of Khulna University	Date: 30-Jan-2025 Time: 03:30am

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Signed/-
Professor Dr. Kazi Saiful Islam
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