

When students become guinea

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confused, and students were left without clear guidance.

This was proven in a survey by the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) among 2.53 lakh teachers in January 2024, which found that 37.6 percent of teachers “roughly” understood the assessment system, while the rest struggled with its practical application.

This lack of preparedness led to widespread dissatisfaction. Protests erupted nationwide, with parents, educators, and students demanding changes.

Then in August 2024, after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government, the interim government discarded that curriculum and reinstated the 2012 curriculum.

While this decision restored some familiarity, it created additional challenges. Current grade

10 students, who had studied under the 2022 framework in grade 9, were left to compress two years of stream-based study into one year, further straining the academic environment.

Despite these adjustments, the cycle of instability persists. As 2025 begins, plans are already underway for another reform in 2026.

According to Bangla daily Prothom Alo, the proposed system will once again eliminate streams for grades 9-10, replacing them with a mix of mandatory and optional subjects. While this approach promises flexibility, it raises questions about the readiness of schools and teachers to handle yet another overhaul.

In a system already destabilised by frequent changes, can such reforms be implemented without further compromising education quality?

More importantly, are these reforms truly in the best interests of students, or are they turning education into a series of poorly executed experiments?

The consequences of this instability are far-reaching. Students face not only disrupted academics but also a loss of confidence in a system that seems directionless. Teachers, too, are left struggling to adapt, often without adequate training or resources. The frequent changes also place parents in a state of confusion, unsure of how to support their children in an ever-shifting landscape.

The students deserve a stable, supportive education system that helps them blossom and realise their potential in life.

Policy makers would do well to address the fundamental flaws in their approach to education reform. Instead of treating students as test subjects for policy experiments, reforms should be evidence-based and implemented with care.



Belal, a farmer, lets his flock of ducks graze this open field. After the Aman rice harvest, most fields in the area remain vacant and are used by farmers to raise ducklings seasonally. The photo was taken from the Pagla area of Shantiganj upazila in Sunamganj yesterday.

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Ensuring justice, accountability key

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cannot operate without fear in such circumstances.

Sooka, who served on the truth and reconciliation commissions in South Africa and Sierra Leone, said lack of evidence remains a big challenge in ensuring justice. Thus, there is a serious need for training prosecutors to collect and maintain evidence using digital technologies.

She said sometimes corrupt individuals cannot

be tried domestically. In such cases, international courts can be used.

Dr Carlos Castresana Fernández, UN Commissioner for Human Rights in South Sudan, said trials cannot correct past mistakes, but can ensure crimes are punished and that institutions function properly.

Fernandez previously served as commissioner of the International Commission Against

Impunity in Guatemala.

Democracy is not all about elections, but also about abiding law. There

are disagreements over the definition of terrorism, which is also used for political abuses. However, the definition of torture is well accepted and the

criminals of torture can be tried in the international courts, he added.

BLAST Vice Chairman Dr Shamsul Bari said the international jurists' experiences can help them understand the ways of justice and reconciliation in Bangladesh.

Zajira OC found dead at police station

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the body of the officer-in-charge (OC) of Zajira Police Station in Shariatpur from his rest room yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Al-Amin, said Nazrul Islam, superintendent of police in the district.

“Initially, police suspect that it is a case of suicide. The exact cause of his death will be confirmed after the post mortem,” he said.

The SP said the body was hanging from the window bar with a scarf in his rest room inside the police station.

“We are investigating the incident,” he added.

250-bhori gold

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to find out clue.”

Mohammad Saiful Islam, additional deputy commissioner (media) of Sylhet Metropolitan Police, said, “We are looking into the incident.”

On January 3, burglars made off with gold (159 bhori) and diamond ornaments, estimated to be worth around Tk 2.5 crore, from a jewellery shop at a mall in Dhaka.

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JANUARY 10

Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:30	4:00	5:36	7:00
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:15	5:40	7:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Invitation for e-Tendering

Invitation Reference No.	Memo No. 35.01.8800.471.07.001.25-47	Date: 09/01/2025	
Tender ID	Work description	Publication date & time	Opening date & time
1041197 e-GP/24/EE/SR D/2024-2025	Pavement repairing and Single Bituminous Surface Treatment (SBST) work at Ch. 6+000 to 8+500 of Saydabad-Enayetpur (Khaja Yunus Ali Medical College Hospital) (Z-5409) Road under Sirajganj Road Division during the year 2024-2025.	09 Jan- 2025 14:10 Hrs	26-Jan- 2025 15:00 Hrs

This is an online tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline and hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender please register on the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches for 26.01.2025 Up to 14:30 Hrs. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) (+8809609112233, +8801762625528-31).

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People suffer hours

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demand the relocation of the makeshift courtroom used for trials related to the BDR carnage. Their protest followed a fire at the courtroom on the madrasa grounds at around 4:22am.

Fire service officials extinguished the blaze, but the courtroom was completely destroyed. Court proceedings, including a scheduled hearing in an explosives case related to the carnage, were cancelled.

“The courtroom has been burnt. At this stage, conducting trials here is not possible without major

renovations,” said special public prosecutor Md Borhan Uddin.

Chawkbazar Police are investigating the cause of the fire. Members of the army and police were deployed to manage the protests. Vehicular movement in the affected areas gradually resumed after the demonstrators dispersed.

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Invitation for e-Tender

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following goods:

Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Tender Description	Tender Publish Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
1061129	JBPLC/ITPSCM/Proc-14/e-GP/OTM/UPS-80/2024	Tender for Procurement of Off-Line UPS (650 VA) (Supply, Installation & Commissioning) for Janata Bank PLC following Open Tendering Method	09/01/2025 04:00 PM	27/01/2025 12:00 PM

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Memo No: 27.22.4785.010.74.001.25/60 Date: 08.01.2025

e-Tender Notice (NCT)

e-Tender for the office of the Superintending Engineer (P&S) invites in the National e-GP system Portal(www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of following goods:

Sl	Tender ID	Name of Tender	Last Selling and Closing Date & Time
1	1054044	Supply and Delivery of 1000 Nos. 09 m (200daN) and 1500 Nos. 12m (350daN) SPC pole at different Store in WZPDCL area	10-Feb-2025 12:00;BST 10-Feb-2025 13:00BST

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To submit e-Tender, registration required in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd).
The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH
Purchase & Procurement Department
Plot 16, Block B, Aftabuddin Ahmed Road, Bashundhara Residential Area, Dhaka 1245
Hotline: 09612 939393, Extention: 1652 and 1653

RE-TENDER FOR NETWORKING EQUIPMENT (ACTIVE & PASSIVE)

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) invites sealed quotations from the reputed manufacturers/bona-fide dealers/suppliers for supplying, installation, testing & commissioning of active networking equipment along with passive networking and cabling works. The detailed specifications, quantity of the products and other terms & conditions are mentioned in the tender schedule. Interested bidders are requested to purchase tender schedule from the Purchase & Procurement Department (Admin Building, Level 1, Room no. 2031) on cash payment of **Tk.2,000/-** (non-refundable) to the Finance & Accounts Department between the office hrs. 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. (Sunday through Thursday) till **January 16, 2025**.

The sealed bids (technical and financial) will be submitted by the bidders in two separate envelopes to the Purchase & Procurement Department. **The bids will be received up to February 5, 2025.** The financial bid must accompany an earnest money (2.5% of the quoted amount) in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favor of Independent University, Bangladesh. The university authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason.

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Ref No: 46.207.014.09.23.2025.100 Date: 08/01/2025

e-Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited through e-GP portal by Executive Engineer, Zone-3 (Azimpur), Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of following packages which will be available at e-GP website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) from 08/01/2025 17:00.

S.L No	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of Work	Last Selling date and Time	Tender Closing date & Time
1.	Tender ID: 1053247 Package No: W10/Z3/2024-25/Cut-Kha	Repairing works of roads excavated by different Organizations and Institutions at different ward under zone-03 of DSCC (Group-Kha).	23-Jan-2025 14:00	23-Jan-2025 15:00

This is an online Tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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Dhaka South City Corporation

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer
District: Sunamganj
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e-Tender Notice Number: 32/2024-2025

Memo No. 46.02.9000.000.99.049.24.88 Date: 09/01/2025

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the following Packages

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of work	Date and time of last selling	Date and time of closing
Santiganj, Jagannathpur & Chatak Upazila Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project Under Sunamganj District [SJC]				
1054315	SJC/Santi/W-002	690932008-Construction of 3-vent RCC Box Culvert size 3x4.50x4.50m on RHD (Soyhara)-Banglabazar GC via Amria GPS road at 1680.00m. under Shantiganj upazila, Dist: Sunamganj.	02-Feb-2025 12:00	02-Feb-2025 14:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for more details please contact support desk contact numbers.
The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to (Time specified in online Notice).
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and e-GP help desk or e-mail: xen.sunamganj@lged.gov.bd or call to +880 871-61426/ 0871-61639.
Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

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