

Probe 470-acre US renews pledge

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state of Tk 180 crore in revenue, he added.

According to the report, the land ministry of the then Awami League government allocated 470 acres of beach land from three mouzas in Sitakunda upazila to Bashundhara Group for building petrochemical facilities, an oil refinery, an LPG plant, and a port terminal.

The re-categorisation of the land by the ministry reduced the land's value significantly. The present value of 470 acres of sandy class land stands at about Tk 235 crore, while Bashundhara was given a long-term settlement at around Tk 55 crore, depriving the government of around Tk 180 crore in revenue, the report said.

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the government's efforts to build political consensus on the July proclamation, and plans for the next general election.

Regarding the July proclamation, the chief adviser said he expects political parties to reach a consensus by early February.

"So far, I have not heard any dissenting voices," he said. "My job is building a consensus. I am not pushing any ideas," he said.

Once political parties agree to the reform proposals, the government will request them to sign it, creating a July Charter.

Jacobson expressed concerns about the arrest of some journalists and reports of violence against

religious minorities.

In response, Yunus said his government is committed to ensuring justice for all.

During the hour-long meeting, the chief adviser and the US Charge d'Affaires also discussed Dhaka's ties with its neighbours, progress on resolving the Rohingya crisis, and the security situation in Myanmar.

PRAYER TIMING
JANUARY 21

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-30 12-45 4-15 5-43 7-15

JAMAT 6-05 1-15 4-30 5-47 7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Invisible power pulls strings in country

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Hasina's government for implementing these policies must also take responsibility for their role. At that time, what did the World Bank, IMF, and Asian Development Bank say? They claimed it was a development miracle, an outstanding achievement by Hasina," he added.

"This is not limited to minority religions. Even within the Muslim community, different sects and schools of thought are also being attacked. For instance, Sufi shrines [mazars] have faced attacks, as have Sufi centres [darbars]. Baul songs and Baul culture have also come under attack. Temples, sculptures, and various forms of artwork have been targeted as well," he said.

He said such an environment of intolerance was not the reason people had sacrificed their lives or launched these movements.

He also called for the cancellation of harmful or financially burdensome power projects. "There are many international examples of such agreements being terminated, and similar actions can be taken in Bangladesh as well," he said.

Although freedom of expression was one of the central demands of the mass uprising, the suppression of dissent has not stopped, he said.

"It was also a major issue during the previous government. At that time, people couldn't freely express their opinions, and doing so often came with significant risks and dangers. The mass uprising took place to change that situation. However, after the uprising, it has been noticed that a new phase of obstructing freedom of expression, orchestrating violence, exerting pressure, and issuing threats and attacks has started. In many cases, this is being done in the name of religion," he said.

He further elaborated that individuals of different

religious communities are often used as scapegoats for various actions, such as land grabs and the consolidation of power. "Whenever there is a change in power or government, they come under attack," he added.

He said these institutions represent global capitalism and imperialism, acting as patrons of the country's billionaire class, guiding and legitimising their actions.

"So, they must be held accountable. If they are not held accountable, and if the economy continues to follow their prescribed path, as it is now with the interim government relying on the IMF and World Bank, then what will change?" he questioned.

The economist said the current state of key sectors -- education, health, energy, railways, water resources, and rivers -- has been shaped by the projects initiated by these institutions.

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In a critique of the government's fiscal policies, he highlighted the imposition of VAT on various goods while noting that there is no duty on equipment imported for coal-based power generation.

Speaking at the event, Professor Dr Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan of DU's International Relations department said, "Universities have been established that do not meet the qualifications to be called universities. Some of these institutions do not even have a library, yet vice-chancellors are being appointed, and recruitment trading

worth millions of takas is taking place. By recklessly establishing universities in every district, higher education is being destroyed."

Samina Lutfu of DU's Sociology department highlighted gender inequality, especially following the 2024 mass uprising, where women who led the movement were subjected to cyberbullying and attacks.

"Despite women making up 51 percent of the country's population, they remain marginalised," she added.

Kallol Mostafa, an engineer and writer, emphasised that Bangladesh remains the

only nation where the minimum wage is below the poverty line despite 41 percent of the wealth being controlled by 10 percent of the population. He argued that direct taxes on the wealthy must be increased to reduce inequality.

Researcher Maha Mirza, Dr Moshahida Sultan, an associate professor at Dhaka University, and Dr Harun-Ur-Rashid also spoke.

The seminar was presided over by Anu Muhammad, the editor of Sarbojonakotha.

Sujit Chowdhury delivered the welcome address, while Bithi Ghosh moderated the event.

Rallies, demos

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officers erected barricades to prevent them from proceeding. The protesters then staged a sit-in, disrupting traffic in the vicinity.

Sub-inspector Mahfuzur Rahman of Shabagh Police Station stated, "Protests near the Secretariat are prohibited. We had to stop them to maintain order."

At the Central Shaheed Minar, over 200 students from Dhaka Medical College and Sir Salimullah Medical College gathered around 11:30am, demanding the republication of medical admission test results for the 2024-25 academic year. They also called for the abolition of irrational quotas, including the freedom fighter quota.

In Agargaon, the Automobile Workshop Owners Association formed a human chain in front of the National Board of Revenue, protesting a VAT increase from 10 percent to 15 percent.

Chanting "We don't want VAT, we want a VAT-free life," their demonstration slowed vehicle movement on one side of the road.

Following the protest, the NBR reportedly agreed to withdraw the VAT hike.

Must reorganise BNP

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"To implement it, we must unite and reorganise our party by bringing talented individuals to the forefront.

"Yesterday (Sunday) we marked the birth anniversary of our founder Ziaur Rahman. Our workers there shouted slogans in the name of different leaders from Dhaka south and north. This is not politics. It cannot be politics," he said.

Tarique called upon party leaders to organise and unite all party workers across the country. He also urged the BNP rank and file to put their best efforts into overhauling the party.

Addressing the programme, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said training

for BNP activists is essential, as it appears they are drifting away from politics.

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Fakhrul said, "We must now make political training compulsory in every upazila and district. This must be done with urgency."

He also said the party must take steps to transform itself into an ideal political organisation.

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ID	Reference	Title of Works
1038375	27.21.0000.850. 07.001.24.2146; Dated:29.12.2024	CC & Cement Concrete tiles work in front of Control room, Roof Tiles Work of Control Room and making a Garage at Meghnaghat 230 kV Grid SS under GMD, Dhaka (East), Power Grid.
1055087	27.21.0000.650. 07.001.24.2129; Dated:22.12.2024	Drainage, grass, shrubs and jungles clearance work in the stone-free area inside Sonargaon 132/33 kV Grid Substation under GMD Dhaka (East) Office.
1057209	27.21.0000.650. 07.001.24.2045; Dated:29.12.2024	Supplying Metal Archway Gate, Hand Metal Detector and Vehicle Search Mirror in different Grid Sub-Station's under GMD, Dhaka (East), Power Grid.

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2. Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation		
3. Purchaser Name	Eastern Refinery Limited		
4. Purchaser District	Chittagong		
5. Invitation for	Goods		
6. Reference Number	a) ERL/PUR/IT- 11/2025 b) ERL/PUR/IT- 12/2025 c) ERL/PUR/IT- 13/2025 d) ERL/PUR/IT- 14/2025 e) ERL/PUR/IT- 15/2025 f) ERL/PUR/IT- 16/2025 g) ERL/PUR/IT- 17/2025		
7. Date	19 January, 2025		
KEY INFORMATION:			
8. Procurement Method	International Open Tendering Method		
FUNDING INFORMATION:			
9. Budget and Source of Funds	Eastern Refinery Limited (Own Fund)		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION:			
10. Tender Document Last Selling Date	(a), (b), (c), (d) 02 March, 2025, 16:00 Hrs (e), (f), (g) 03 March, 2025, 16:00 Hrs		
11. Tender Closing Date and Time	(a), (b), (c), (d) 03 March, 2025, 11:15 Hrs (e), (f), (g) 04 March, 2025, 11:15 Hrs		
12. Tender Opening Date and Time	(a), (b), (c), (d) 03 March, 2025, 11:30 Hrs (e), (f), (g) 04 March, 2025, 11:30 Hrs		
13. Offer Validity	120 Days (from the date of tender opening)		
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14. Tender Document Selling Address	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.		
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17. Eligibility of Tenderer	As per Tender Data Sheet		
18. Brief Description of Goods:			
Name	Price of Tender Document(Non-refundable)	Tender security	Shipment validity
a) Various Seamless & ERW Pipes	Tk. 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set	Tk. 220,000.00 Or, USD 1800.00	75 Days
b) Spares for Chinese Cooling Tower	Tk. 1000.00/-set Or, USD 12.00/-set	Tk. 18,000.00 Or, USD 150.00	75 Days
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