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প্রিয়জনের প্রয়োজনে...

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ICT CASE ACCUSED
Requested
Interpol to issue
red notices
Says home adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many individuals facing arrest warrants from the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) are outside Bangladesh, prompting authorities to seek Interpol's assistance in issuing red notices, said Home Adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday.

He made the remarks after visiting the River Police Headquarters in Dhaka.

"The tribunal has issued arrest warrants, and we are apprehending those within the country. However, many key accused are abroad," he said.

"Warrants have been issued; our law enforcement cannot directly arrest individuals residing abroad. We are making efforts to bring them back... as we have an extradition treaty with our neighbouring country," he said.

Inspector General of Police Baharul Alam, present during the visit, said, "We have requested Interpol to issue red notices for some suspects in ICT cases. The process is ongoing, and once issued, the host country's police will be morally obligated to act."

On frequent road blockades disrupting public life, the home adviser expressed frustration, urging protesters to use proper channels.



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Migration drops by 27pc
Political, economic instability to blame,
reveals Ami Probashi's 2024 report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh experienced a significant decline in overseas migration last year, primarily due to changes in the political and economic landscape.

The total number of migrant workers dropped to 10,09,146 in 2024, marking a 27.4 percent decrease from 13,90,811 in 2023, according to the Annual Report 2024 by Ami Probashi, a digital platform supporting migrant workers.

The report was launched yesterday at an event held at a city hotel.

The decline was attributed to political and subsequent economic instabilities in July 2024, which likely contributed to the slowdown in migration.

Uncertainty over job security and future opportunities also discouraged many potential workers from seeking employment abroad.

A notable decline in migration numbers was observed between May and September 2024, with 54,725 migrants going abroad in June, 71,080 in July, 52,818 in August, and 64,157 in September.

However, the numbers surged to 104,811 in October, maintaining a steady rate from October to December.

Meanwhile, despite the overall decline, female participation in Bureau of Manpower, Employment, and Training (BMET) registration nearly doubled compared to the previous year.

Female registration increased from 2.78 percent in 2023 to 4.79 percent in 2024.

"For females, Jordan seems to be a very popular destination for work, as

over 13,000 female migrants travelled to the country last year, particularly for employment in the garment sector," said M Tanvir Siddique, group head of innovation at Bangla Trac Group.

Saudi Arabia remained the top destination for Bangladeshi migrants, accounting for 62.17 percent of the total migration, with approximately 627,000 workers departing for the kingdom.



Saudi Arabia remains top destination

Migration to Malaysia declines due to stricter policies

Jordan emerges as key destination for female RMG workers

Female BMET registrations nearly doubles

This continued preference is driven by a high demand for both skilled and unskilled labour, particularly in infrastructure development.

In contrast, Malaysia, the second-largest destination, saw a decline in migration numbers, with only 93,000 workers moving there in 2024. The drop

is attributed to changes in Malaysia's foreign labour policies.

Additionally, General Training Enrolment, a key indicator of skilled workforce preparation, fell sharply, decreasing from 236,270 enrolments in 2023 to 112,166 in 2024, pointing to shifting trends in job preparedness and overseas employment demand.

"The rise in female BMET registration shows a growing confidence of Bangladeshi women in pursuing employment overseas. With the right training and support, we can ensure a stronger, more skilled workforce abroad," said Tarique E Haque, founder and managing director of Ami Probashi.

Last year, 798,276 individuals registered with BMET, an increase from 660,088 in 2023. While men continue to dominate the overseas labour force, the rise in female participation highlights a growing acceptance of women in skilled and semi-skilled professions abroad.

The report also highlights a changing preference among female workers, with more women enrolling in tech-related training courses such as computer operation, graphics design, and AutoCAD drafting, rather than traditional domestic work.

Over 700 female workers migrated as skilled professionals last year.

The report shows that Dhaka division sent the highest number of migrants abroad last year, totalling 2.64 lakh, followed by Chattogram with 2.31 lakh, Khulna with 72,000, and Rajshahi with 66,000.

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Echoes of July: a
book fair painted
in revolution



DIPAN NANDY

This year's Amar Ekushey Boi Mela has been adorned with the colours of revolution. The fair is decorated in red, black, and white -- the colors symbolising rebellion, mourning, and hope. The visual landscape of the fair encapsulates the memories of the July uprising.

A special arch has been erected at the main gate of Bangla Academy for the book fair. On one side, there is an image of Mir Mughdo holding bottles of water, while the other features an image of Abu Sayed standing resolutely.

At the top, the central theme of the book fair has been inscribed -- "July Gono-Obbhutthan: Natun Bangladesh Binirman".

Several students were seen taking pictures at this arch yesterday afternoon. Some stood still, gazing at it in contemplation.

One such student, Mohiuddin Ahmed said, "Those times [July Movement] were terrible. A man has been martyred for a movement against an autocratic government. I'm taking pictures as a tribute to them."

Md Alam echoed the same.

Posters showing iconic moments from the uprising were also featured, showing -- Golam Nafiz hanging off the side of a rickshaw with a flag

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A student covers his face with his schoolbag while running past a pile of burning trash in Mohammadpur recently. The fire contributes to air pollution and harms both the environment and human health. The photo was taken near the Physical Institute Field.

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DETAILED AREA PLAN

Investigate past
modifications
Demand speakers
at a citizen dialogue

It's flawed and
discriminatory
Says REHAB, issues 15-day
ultimatum for amendment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Planning experts have urged the interim government to investigate past modifications to the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) and urban planning policies, alleging influence by vested interests.

They called for a white paper on the matter at a citizen dialogue yesterday.

The dialogue, titled "Public Interest, Liveability, and Environmental Concerns in the Revision of Detailed Area Plan (DAP) and Building Construction Rules," was organised by Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) at the BIP Conference Hall.

"Authorities responsible for revising Dhaka's DAP and building regulations, including RAJUK and the Ministry of Housing and Public Works, should be scrutinised. Also, officials found serving vested groups must face legal action," said speakers.

Experts emphasised that urban planning must reflect socio-economic realities, cultural aspects, and community needs. Public participation should be ensured in drafting laws, regulations, and development policies.

They demanded the identification and prosecution of corrupt officials, housing developers, industrialists, politicians, bureaucrats, and professionals involved in

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB) has given the government a 15-day ultimatum to amend the Detailed Area Plan (DAP) 2022 and building regulations.

"Landowners in Dhaka and other major cities have been outraged since the discriminatory and flawed DAP was published," said REHAB President Md Wahiduzzaman at a press conference held at the CIRDAP auditorium in the capital yesterday.

"We have engaged in continuous discussions with government authorities, submitted proposals, and received assurances of revisions. Yet, no effective measures have been taken," he said.

The DAP (2022-2035) aims to improve the quality of life in Dhaka by promoting sustainable growth and structured land use.

However, REHAB alleged that the government disregarded the Dhaka Metropolitan Building Construction Rules-2008 and unfairly repealed the Master Plan-2010 by removing the floor area ratio (FAR).

The new DAP introduces a differentiated FAR based on an area's character, road conditions, and

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WOMEN
SEASON 2

CALL FOR
REGISTRATIONS / NOMINATIONS

The Stellar Women initiative aims to recognise twelve (12) extraordinary women throughout the year (From September '24 to August '25) for playing a remarkable role in their distinguished fields. Their work must have made positive contributions towards the development of society & the nation.

Inviting nominations/ registrations in the following categories:

Architect (Residential & Commercial) (28 th February '25)	Art & Culture (31 st March '25)	Engineering (Construction, Structure, Water Resource & MEP) (30 th April '24)
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