



Hasan fills this drum with mola fish that were caught from a local pond in Barishal. He will send this fish to the capital's Karwan Bazar area, where it will be sold at markets there. The photo was taken from the Charcowa area of Sadar upazila recently.

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What rights will it ensure?

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their heritage, religion, language, and culture, as well as the right to receive education in one's mother tongue.

Additionally, it proposes recognising the right to development as a fundamental right, ensuring participation in economic, social, cultural, and political progress.

Regarding governance reforms, the commission recommends explicitly including the right to

criticise judicial rulings under freedom of expression.

It proposes establishing a permanent parliamentary committee on human rights to review draft legislation.

Moreover, individuals and institutions violating fundamental rights should be held accountable in court, with appropriate remedies and penalties imposed by law.

The commission recommends a bicameral legislature with a 400-seat lower house, or National Assembly, and a 105-seat upper house, or Senate. The tenure of both houses would be set at four years. Of the 400 assembly members elected directly,

100 seats would be reserved for women.

On legislative procedures, the commission suggests that the upper house should not have the power to propose legislation but must review all non-monetary bills passed by the lower house.

It may approve, reject, or return bills with suggested amendments. If a bill is passed twice by the lower house but rejected by the upper house, it may be sent to the president for assent without further approval.

Additionally, the upper house cannot indefinitely block legislation; any bill delayed for more than two months will be considered approved.

The commission's

proposals aim to strengthen constitutional protections, ensure inclusive governance, and expand fundamental rights to create a more equitable society.

Among other proposals, the commission suggests replacing nationalism, socialism, and secularism with equality, human dignity, social justice, and pluralism as fundamental principles of state policy.

The only core principle retained from the 1972 constitution is democracy.

UN chief

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the conference adopts concrete measures for an early and lasting solution.

He drew António Guterres' attention to the worsening external funding situation and urged him to use his influence to secure sufficient resources.

Guterres reaffirmed UN's commitment to finding a solution to the Rohingya crisis and assured Khalilur of his support in securing funding for these efforts.

Khalilur also briefed António on Bangladesh's ongoing reform initiatives under the leadership of Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus, while also emphasising the need for a stronger role for Bangladesh in UN peacekeeping operations.

Guterres recalled his recent meeting with Yunus in Davos and reiterated his strong support for Bangladesh's reform efforts.

CONVOCATION CORNER DIU holds 12th convocation

CITY DESK

Daffodil International University (DIU) held its 12th convocation at Daffodil Smart City in Savar yesterday.

Prof Dr Bidhan Ranjan Roy Podder, adviser, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, presided over the convocation ceremony and conferred the degrees.

Prof Dr Hassan Diab, former prime minister of the Republic of Lebanon, attended the event as the convocation speaker.

The event was also addressed by Dr Md Sabur Khan, chairman, Board of



Trustees, and Prof Dr M Lutfar Rahman, vice chancellor of the university.

A total of 3,951 students were conferred upon graduation and post-graduation degrees. Of them, 12 graduates were awarded gold medals.

IUB's 25th convocation



CITY DESK

Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) held its 25th convocation yesterday, conferring degrees on 1,969 graduates. The ceremony took place at the university campus in Bashundhara Residential Area.

Among the graduates, 1,550 received undergraduate degrees, while 419 postgraduate degrees. Two students were honoured with the Chancellor's Gold Medal.

Prof Dr M Aminul Islam, special assistant to the Ministry of Education, presided over the ceremony. Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Ahsan H Mansur was the convocation speaker while Prof Md Saidur Rahman, UGC member, was the guest of honour.

IUB VC Prof M Tamim also spoke.

2nd convocation of BUFT held

CITY DESK

The 2nd Convocation of the BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT) was held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center yesterday.

Adilur Rahman Khan, adviser, Ministry of Industries and Ministry of



2nd Convocation 2025

Housing and Public Works, conferred the degrees upon 2,731 graduating students.

Industrialist Kihak Sung, chairman of Youngone Corporation, was the convocation speaker.

Faruque Hassan, chairman of the Board of Trustees, BUFT, and Prof Ayub Nabi Khan, acting vice chancellor, spoke on the occasion.

Empower women, bridge leadership gap

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SI Zahidur and former assistant SIs Qamruzzaman Mintu and Rashedul Islam of Pallabi Police Station to life imprisonment and sentenced police informers Sumon and Russell to seven years in jail.

The court also asked each of the former officers to pay Tk 2 lakh compensation to the complainant, Rocky, through Bangladesh Bank and fined Zahidur and Rashedul Tk 1 lakh each.

Sumon and Russell were fined Tk 20,000 each.

This was the first and sole verdict under the Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention) Act, 2013.

Mintu is on the run, and Russell, who had been absconding during the delivery of the trial court's judgement, surrendered to the lower court later.

Zahidur, Rashedul, Sumon and Russell filed appeals with the HC challenging the trial court verdict. Russell secured bail from the HC on November 22, 2022. Zahidur, Rashedul and Sumon are now in jail.

Rocky said he is yet to get any compensation from the convicts as their appeals are yet to be disposed of by the HC.

Advocate Rezaul Karim, who is conducting the case on behalf of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, said, "The hearing jurisdiction of the High Court bench led by Justice SM Kuddus Zaman, who held hearing of the appeals for few days in July last year, has been reconstituted by the chief justice."

"We will now pray to the chief justice to allow this bench to resume hearing and deliver verdict in the case," he said. Rashedul's lawyer Md Abdur Razzak Razu claimed that all three convicted accused have deposited the compensation and fines to Bangladesh Bank while filing their appeals.

women still face invisible barriers that limit their career growth," said Ashish Damle, country director of Oxfam in Bangladesh. "It's time to create workplaces that nurture diverse leadership and ensure equal opportunities for all professionals."

She called for systemic change and urged men to act as ambassadors for women's leadership journeys.

The Aniran initiative aims to dismantle barriers to women's leadership by providing mentorship, skills training, and advocacy.

"Despite progress, many

offering mentorship and guidance, we can help women re-enter the workforce with confidence and contribute their valuable skills to leadership roles," she said.

Nusrat Anwar, project coordinator of WaterAid's Women's Returnship Programme, and Bidwora Tahmin Khan, head of Economic Inclusion and Justice at Oxfam, delivered a keynote presentation detailing how Aniran supports women navigating career transitions and

leadership challenges.

A panel discussion titled "Breaking Barriers: Women's Leadership in the Modern Workplace" was moderated by Kabita Bose, country director of Plan International. Other panelists included Md Rubaiyat Sarwar, co-founder of Innovation Consulting, and Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation. The discussion explored workplace gender biases and pathways for systemic change.

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Date: 08/02/2025

Invitation for Re-Tender Notice (OTM)

FY-2024-2025 e-Tender (Re-Tender) is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works given below:

Sl No	Tender ID	Description and Name of the Package	Tender Publication Date & Time	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing/Opening Date & Time
1	1073418	Rangunia/MSR/24-25/6 Procurement of Furniture for the F.Y 2024-25 in Upazila Health Complex, Rangunia, Chattogram.	11/02/2025 10:00	25/02/2025 10:30	25/02/2025 13:00
2	1073417	Rangunia/MSR/24-25/5 Procurement of Reagent, Chemical for the F.Y 2024-25 in Upazila Health Complex, Rangunia, Chattogram.	11/02/2025 10:00	25/02/2025 10:30	25/02/2025 13:00
3	1073416	Rangunia/MSR/24-25/4 Procurement of Linen for the F.Y 2024-25 in Upazila Health Complex, Rangunia, Chattogram.	11/02/2025 10:00	25/02/2025 10:30	25/02/2025 13:00
4	1073415	Rangunia/MSR/24-25/3 Procurement of Gauze, Bandage and Cotton for the F.Y 2024-25 in Upazila Health Complex, Rangunia, Chattogram	11/02/2025 10:00	25/02/2025 10:30	25/02/2025 13:00
5	1073414	Rangunia/MSR/24-25/2 Procurement of Surgical Instruments for the F.Y 2024-25 in Upazila Health Complex, Rangunia, Chattogram	11/02/2025 10:00	25/02/2025 10:30	25/02/2025 13:00
6	1060885	Rangunia/MSR/24-25/1 Procurement of Non EDCL Medicine for the F.Y 2024-25 in Upazila Health Complex, Rangunia, Chattogram	11/02/2025 10:00	25/02/2025 10:30	25/02/2025 13:00

This is an Online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no office hard copies will be accepted to submit e-tender, registration in the national e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-tender document from the national e-GP portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks within the date mentioned in the tender notice.

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PRAYER TIMING

FEBRUARY 9

Faz	Zohr	Asr	Magrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:15	5:52	7:15
JAMAT 6:05	1:15	4:30	5:56	7:45

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