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reforms in these forces. We are not looking for just a few token convictions," said Rezaur Rahman Lenin, a human rights researcher. The wife of forcibly disappeared BNP leader Humayun Parvez, Shahnaz Begum, said, "Will we always be political puppets and used as stunts, or will we actually get justice?"

Monorom Polok, son of photojournalist Shafiqul Islam Kajol, who was forcibly disappeared for months, said changing the colour of uniforms is not enough.

"All the officers, from the junior most to the top leadership, can commit enforced disappearances again if ordered to do so by the political government. This has to be reformed," he said.

Tasneem Khalil, editor-in-chief of Netra News, presented the findings of their visit to the detention centres.

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Tension rises along Naf again

Arakan Army seizes another trawler



MOKAMMEL SHUVU, Cox's Bazar

Tension has been rising along the Naf river border after the Arakan Army, a Myanmar rebel group, seized another Teknaf Port-bound trawler on Tuesday.

The insurgent group also has yet to release four Bangladeshi fishermen they abducted the same day.

Concerns among Bangladeshis living along the border are growing due to escalating activities of the rebel group.

The Arakan Army intercepted and seized the timber-laden trawler en route from Akyab to United Land Port at Teknaf in Cox's Bazar on February 10 from near Teknaf's Shah Porir Dwip's Golar Char area, said border sources.

The trawler is now anchored in the Kharangkhal canal of Maungdaw township in Myanmar's Rakhine State.

Jasim Uddin, general manager of the land port, confirmed hearing about the trawler's seizure.

Businessman Abdul Kader, an importer of the seized timber, said, "A boat carrying 35 tonnes of timber for me was seized by the Arakan Army while en

route from Myanmar. I heard they are conducting a search. Communication is ongoing with Myanmar's traders and the rebel group. I have been informed that the boat will be released after inspection."

On January 16, the rebel group seized three Teknaf-bound cargo boats from Yangon, Myanmar, from the Naf estuary. They later released two of the boats on January 20 and the other on February 1.

Meanwhile, families of the four abducted fishermen are deeply worried without having received any information about them since they were abducted by the Arakan Army at gunpoint along with their boat from the Naf estuary in Teknaf on Tuesday morning.

The abducted fishermen have been identified as Md Hasan, 30, Abdur Rakim, 20, Md Jaber, 26, and Md Hasan, 16, all residents of Shah Porir Dwip South Para in Teknaf.

Lt Col Ashiqur Rahman, commanding officer of BGB Battalion-2 in Teknaf, said no official complaint has been received regarding the issue, but authorities have been informed and are working to resolve the matter.

2 suspected cattle thieves killed in mob beating

UNB, Bhola

Two suspected cattle thieves were beaten to death by a mob in the Tazumuddin upazila of Bhola early yesterday, according to police.

The deceased were identified as Md Nayon, 30, of Tazumuddin upazila, and Amir Hossain, 27, of Borhanuddin upazila of the district.

Police and locals said the two men entered a cowshed at a house in Chardi village late at night, allegedly to steal cattle.

Sensing their presence, the owner of the cowshed screamed for help. Soon, neighbours rushed to the scene, caught the two, and started beating them, said police and local sources. They said Nayon and Amir died on the spot.

Tazumuddin Police Station Officer-in-charge Abdullah Al-Mamun said they recovered the bodies from the house around 4:00am and sent those to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. Legal processes are underway in this connection, he added.

Batons and water

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Shahbagh Police Station OC Khaled Mansur said the sacked officials attacked them as well, injuring some of the police personnel.

Meanwhile, amid the doctors' work abstention, Prof Quazi Deen Mohammad, director of National Institute of Neurosciences (NINS) Hospital, has resigned.

A source from the health ministry said Deen Mohammad submitted his resignation to the ministry on Wednesday in response to the doctors' demands.

Despite repeated attempts, he could not be reached via his mobile phone. However, he was still in his office yesterday.

Meanwhile, physicians at the NINS – the country's only tertiary care institute focused on neurological disorders – resumed their strike for the second consecutive day, protesting

against an alleged attack by outsourced staff.

All surgical procedures remained suspended. However, indoor, outdoor, and emergency services were functional.

Doctors began their work abstention in the morning, causing suffering for patients.

Dr Kalim Uddin, an associate professor, said, "We are observing the strike in protest against the attack on doctors. However, emergency patients are being treated."

The scuffle began on Wednesday morning when neuro-medicine specialist Prof Dr Gurudas Mondal was reinstated at the hospital, sparking anger among the doctors.

When doctors protested this move, third and fourth-class employees launched an attack, injuring at least 10 people, including three doctors.

Ban AL in 24 hours

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at Rajbari ground in Gazipur yesterday.

Before the janaza, Fariduzzaman Zahid, district general secretary of the Student Rights Council, said, "I demand a ban on the Awami League within 24 hours."

Naser, general secretary of the Students Against Discrimination, described Kashem as "the first martyr after the July-August uprising in Bangladesh."

"The condition of others injured in the same incident remains critical. We have heard that many of those

behind the attack are in hiding. I demand their immediate arrest," he added.

Imtiaz Ahmed Tanvir, central member of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, said, "There has been no action from the Gazipur administration after this incident. We demand results. The Awami League must be banned, and all of its members must be removed from Gazipur. Those who opened fire in front of the DC office must be arrested."

Bashir Ahmed, president of Jubo Dal's Tongi West unit, also spoke.

Constitution reform

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He said the commission has proposed reforms in seven key areas, including reducing the prime minister's powers, decentralising the judiciary, ensuring justice for citizens, setting the minimum age for MPs at 21, and strengthening constitutional institutions.

The commission also proposed equality, human dignity, social justice, pluralism, and democracy as the core principles of the constitution and the state, he added.

Riaz emphasised that their report reflects the ideals of the 1971 Liberation War and the aspirations of the 2024 mass uprising.

To prevent power centralisation, the commission has recommended

strengthening existing institutions and creating new ones, including the National Constitutional Council, he said.

He also said measures have been suggested to curb the prime minister's absolute power, including barring them from holding multiple positions and ensuring accountability to their party's MPs.

In this regard, the commission has suggested amending Article 70, he added.

He further mentioned that the commission has called for steps to ensure judicial independence and guarantee justice for citizens.

The recommendations also emphasise expanding citizens' rights and holding the state accountable for enforcing them.

Close Rampal power

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livelihoods and are being forced to migrate for work.

A study by the Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services said coal transportation is polluting both the air and water in the Sundarbans. Open coal unloading is contaminating the rivers, while harmful chemicals like nitrate, phosphate, and mercury are being released into the environment, severely impacting aquatic and forest biodiversity.

Advocate Kudrat-E-Khuda, president of the committee, said the

government must allocate a dedicated budget for the conservation of the Sundarbans.

The establishment of heavy industries within 10km of the forest must be prohibited, and the Environmental Critical Area regulations should be fully enforced.

Utupata Bedajina, general secretary of the committee, also spoke.

The rally started from Hadis Park in Khulna and ended at the District Commissioner's office, where a memorandum was submitted to the chief adviser through local authorities.

Housing dept hit

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shortage, regular monitoring of these residences is not possible, according to the office.

Meanwhile, many employees have been waiting for house allocation for a long time but have not received one, forcing them to rent houses at high prices in residential areas.

Given the circumstances, some lower-level employees are allegedly involved in a syndicate that arranges house allocations in exchange for money, said staffers.

Saiful Islam, a senior office assistant at Income Tax Department of Circle-02, said, "After much effort, I finally got an apartment, but there is no water supply. We have to struggle to fetch water

ourselves."

A ninth-grade police officer added, "Despite numerous attempts and lobbying, I have not been able to get a government house. I have given up hope after repeatedly visiting the office. I am forced to rent a private house at a high price."

Contacted, Muntasir Jahan, deputy director, Directorate of Government Accommodation in Chattogram, said, "We are facing a severe manpower shortage. Even if we want to provide services, we fail due to a lack of staff. We don't have any inspectors here. I have to personally handle everything."

However, he denied allegations of irregularities and syndicates in house allocation.

Dr. Rezaul Haque
Elected As The New Chairman of
Impact Foundation Bangladesh

At its 70th meeting held on February 13, 2025, the Board of Trustees of Impact Foundation Bangladesh (IFB), a reputed disability prevention and healthcare non-government organization (NGO), elected Dr. Rezaul Haque as its new Chairman. Haque is a Founder Trustee and has been a key guiding force for IFB since

its inception in 1993. Over the past four decades, Haque has extensively worked in the fields of civil society and NGOs, democracy and governance, human rights, public policy, development aid, disability & development, public health and non-formal education.

Dr. Haque served in leadership and senior management and technical positions in international NGOs, donor agencies and think-tanks including at USAID/ Bangladesh, Counterpart International, Lutheran World Service/RDRS, Save the Children, Sightsavers International (formerly RCSB) and Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies. Also, he has taught Development Studies and International Business in leading private universities of Bangladesh as an Adjunct Professor.

Haque's long and proven development experience is backed by solid academic credentials. He has a PhD in International Relations, and higher training in development management and leadership from Harvard University Kennedy School, US Federal Executive Institute and Cranfield University, UK.

Deer poaching

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2024, up from 83,000 in 2004, making them easier prey for poachers.

Anwarul Kadir, executive director of Sundarban Academy, warned that wildlife populations are already at risk due to climate change and habitat destruction, and human greed is pushing them towards extinction.

West Sundarbans Divisional Forest Officer AZM Hasanur Rahman said forest rangers operate under high-risk conditions to combat poaching.

"We have announced cash rewards of Tk 10,000-20,000 for information on poachers. A list of suspects, including buyers and facilitators, is being compiled, and legal action will be taken," he said.

Meanwhile, Sundarbans Day is being observed today to raise awareness about protecting the forest and its wildlife.

Khulna and Satkhira district administrations, along with local social organisations, have organised various programmes to mark the occasion.

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