

## Ensure extradition, trial of Hasina Demands Network for Democratic Bangladesh

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The Network for Democratic Bangladesh, an activist organisation comprising pro-July uprising expatriates, has called for the trial of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and all individuals responsible for crimes against humanity during the movement.

The group demanded accountability for human rights violations, enforced disappearances, killings, corruption, and money laundering under the previous Awami League-led regime.

In a virtual press conference yesterday, members of the organisation also called for the disbandment of the Rab, SEE PAGE 4 COL 5

## Election only way to restore democracy Says Fakhru

UNB, Thakurgaon

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday said holding free and fair elections is the only way to restore democracy in the country.

"There is no alternative to democracy. There is no alternative to elections for institutionalising democracy. Democracy can be freed only through elections," he said.

Fakhru made the remarks while inaugurating the Zia Memorial Football Tournament at the Thakurgaon Government Boys High School ground in the afternoon.

"We have gone through a terrible time for the last 15 years. The previous illegitimate fascist government, like a monster, destroyed all our institutions..." Fakhru added.

The BNP leader described last year's student-led mass uprising as a political earthquake that shook the nation, paving the way for the emergence of a new Bangladesh.



A total of 92 identified illegal brick kilns in four upazilas using wood in 120-foot chimneys, with 39 in Pabna Sadar, 46 in Ishwardi, six in Faridpur, and one in Shanthia upazila, contributing to environmental pollution. The photo was taken recently.

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## Illegal brick kilns run rampant in Pabna

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

More than 150 illegal brick kilns are operating across nine upazilas of Pabna district, causing severe environmental damage.

Many of these kilns are burning wood instead of coal, leading to extensive pollution.

The Department of Environment recently identified 92 kilns in four upazilas that have been using wood in 120-foot chimneys, with 39 in Pabna Sadar, 46 in Ishwardi, six in Faridpur, and one in Shanthia upazila.

Among these, 13 have even set up illegal saw mills to supply wood for their operations.

Md Abdul Gofur, assistant director of DoE in Pabna, said a report has been sent to higher authorities regarding this issue while the district administration continues conducting mobile court drives.

Despite the strict prohibition on using timber as fuel under brick manufacturing regulations, most brick kilns maintain large stocks of wood collected illegally from various districts without permission from the forest department, said Kazi Tarikur Rahman, district forest officer in Pabna.

Md Shantu Bishwas, owner of Bishwas Bricks in Ishwardi's Lakshmikunda area, said burning wood is more profitable than coal.

He said using coal increases the cost of manufacturing 1,000 bricks to Tk 10,000, whereas burning wood keeps it at Tk 6,500, making it necessary for kiln owners to opt for wood to sustain their businesses.

He said around 50 brick kilns operating in Lakshmikunda union are all using wood and that some kilns have set up saw mills to process large pieces of wood without legal permission.

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## 'Some cops, judges patronising killers' Alleges Sarjis

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National Citizens' Committee chief organiser Sarjis Alam yesterday alleged that certain police officers and judges are patronising criminals in exchange for benefits.

Speaking at a discussion titled "Your Vision of a New Bangladesh" in Sonargaon yesterday, he claimed that numerous allegations have surfaced regarding political groups that once opposed fascism but are now protecting these individuals in return for money and power.

He said some police officers and judges continue to provide cover for these criminals in exchange for various favours.

Addressing the upcoming elections, he said it must be the most transparent election in Bangladesh's history. He said if one party were to win all 300 seats while others secured none, they would accept it, provided the election upheld the spirit of the revolution.

However, he warned that if any force attempted to manipulate votes or influence polling centres, SEE PAGE 4 COL 8



## OPERATION DEVIL HUNT 389 more arrested

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The joint forces have arrested 389 more people across the country as part of the Operation Devil Hunt in the last 24 hours until yesterday afternoon, according to the Police Headquarters.

This brings the total number of arrests under the operation to 4,790 as of yesterday afternoon.

Besides, 751 others, who were either accused or wanted in previous cases, were also arrested during the same period.

During the drive, law enforcers recovered a local pipe gun and a machete.

The government launched the operation on February 8 to restore law and order following the attack on "students and people" in Gazipur.

Analysing reports from some districts, this newspaper found that the arrestees are mostly members of the Awami League and its associate bodies. Many are accused in cases filed after the fall of the Hasina-led government on August 5.

In Dhaka, police arrested four leaders of Awami League and Chhatra League, the now-banned student wing of AL, in cases filed over attacks during the July uprising.

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206443	Purchase of silica gel and SF6 gas for Payra & Gopalganj 400/230/132 kV Substation under GC, Power Grid, Khulna.	27-Feb-2025
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## The Ghoshpara brothers' journey to agri success

PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY, Bagerhat

Three brothers from Ghoshpara area under Narail's Kalia Municipality have found success in agriculture by adopting modern farming practices instead of pursuing conventional jobs.

Ramzan Khan, 22, left his studies before completing secondary school and began cultivating cucumbers seven years ago. Though he lacked formal training, he learned farming methods from YouTube and incorporated them into his cultivation. Over time, he successfully expanded to early variety tomatoes, brinjals, chillies, cabbages, and cucumbers.

Encouraged by his success, his two elder brothers later joined him, one of whom returned from abroad. At present, their farm generates a monthly profit of around Tk 1 lakh. "This year, I sold tomatoes at Tk 180 per kg, the highest price in 12 years, making a good profit," said Ramzan.

"We are following the intercropping method to cultivate cabbages and tomatoes together on the same plot. On two nearby plots, we have grown brinjals and chillies. Altogether, we are cultivating crops on 60 decimals of land," he added.



"Our farm has also created employment opportunities for others. The Department of Agricultural Extension has been providing us with constant support to ensure better yields," he added.

His elder brother, Owais Khan, 42, said they are using farming techniques such as mulching to grow vegetables without chemical pesticides, ensuring their produce remains organic and fresh, which helps it sell quickly in the market.

Mulching is a technique of covering the surface of the soil around the plants with organic or synthetic mulch so that moisture remains on the soil and no extra labour is required for taking care of the crops or vegetable plants.

Elahi Khan, 35, who returned from abroad after 12 years before joining his brothers, said farming their own land to grow crops is more rewarding than enduring the hardships of working overseas.

"Many local youths have taken up farming on their own land after being inspired by the brothers' success," said Jabbar Talukdar, 26, a resident of neighbouring Joypur village.

Rubel Hawladar, sub-assistant agriculture officer in Kalia municipality, said the three brothers prioritise cultivating chemical-free, safe vegetables. Since they use the mulching method, no direct pesticides need to be applied. He said the DAE is committed to supporting the production of chemical-free vegetables in the region.

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1076587	Works	02/03/2025 17:00 PM	03/03/2025 12:10 PM

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**Invitation for e-Tender Notice / 2024-2025**

1	Ministry/Division	Local Government Division
2	Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
3	e-Tender ID	1071946
4	Description of Works	Construction of Twin Pit Offset Latrine
5	Name, Designation & Address of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Shahidul Islam Executive Engineer, DPHE, Satkhira District, Tel. No. 0471-63445
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**e-Tender (Corrigendum) Notice**

01	Description of Works	Construction of Model Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center at Shantiganj Upazila of Sunamganj District (Three storied building with three storied foundation (B-type) (Sub head: Main Building Civil, Internal Sanitary & Water supply, Electrical and Other Ancillary Works) Under the project of Establishment of 560 Model Mosques and Islamic Cultural Centers in each District and Upazila of Bangladesh
02	Tender ID No	1067211
04	Tender Last Selling (date & time)	23-Feb-2025 11:00
05	Tender Closing & Opening (date & time)	23-Feb-2025 12.30
06	Amendment/Corrigendum	Correction Notice and TDS

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01	1075912	Internal Carrying Under PDS, Chattogram Zone (2nd Phase), BPDB, Chattogram. (RDPP Package No- WD-39, Lot-4)	Date: 23/02/2025 Time: 12:00	Date: 16/03/2025 Time: 12:30	Date: 17/03/2025 Time: 11:00

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