



Uprising party set for launch on Friday



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The Students Against Discrimination and Jatiya Nagorik Committee-led political party will be launched at the capital's Manik Mia Avenue at 3:00pm on Friday.

All details of the convening committee, including the names of its members, will be announced at the launch.

Leaders from both platforms confirmed the decisions at a press conference at the Nagorik Committee office in Bangla Motor yesterday.

- Nahid, Akhter tipped to be convener, member secretary
- Convening committee to be announced at launch
- Focus to be on "new Bangladesh"
- 'Bangladesh Citizens Party' among names considered

Sarjis Alam, chief organiser of Jatiya Nagorik Committee, said, "It's our duty to continue the struggle that began with the July uprising and present to future generations the Bangladesh we dream of. With that in mind, the Students Against Discrimination and Jatiya Nagorik Committee are preparing to launch a new political party. At 3:00pm on February 28, we will formally announce the emergence of this new party at Manik Mia."

Sarjis added that the formation of a strong political party is the most significant demand for this "new Bangladesh."

"Over the past seven months since the uprising, our biggest realisation was that our dreams for a new Bangladesh require a long and arduous struggle."

In his speech, Akhter Hossen, member secretary of the Jatiya Nagorik Committee, confirmed that the initial announcement would include the convening committee of the new party.

"We'll provide details about the leadership and committee members in a press release on the day of

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WHEN ART ROARS ... Through graffiti and paintings, students of DU's Fine Arts Faculty are raising public awareness and protesting against the recent surge in rape and sexual violence against women and children. This photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Joint forces to patrol the crime-prone city areas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday decided to deploy a joint security patrol of police, army, navy, and BGB in areas of the capital where the law and order situation has deteriorated.

Multiple checkpoints will also be set up throughout the city, with agencies stepping up their efforts to monitor and act upon security concerns.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam made the remarks yesterday after the end of a meeting held at the home ministry at the Secretariat.

"In the meeting, several important decisions were made. The first decision was to increase patrolling

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Crime rates spike

This Jan worst in 6yrs, police data show; home adviser insists law and order 'satisfactory'

CRIME STATISTICS OF JANUARY

SOURCE: POLICE HEADQUARTERS

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Dacoity	71	29	27	30	33	39
Robbery	171	114	107	91	87	83
Murder	294	231	214	264	257	273
Kidnapping	105	51	31	39	45	39
Burglary	262	228	191	213	232	238
Theft	797	749	784	729	694	681

MUNTAKIM SAAD and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

Murder, abduction, robbery, burglary, and theft have all seen a spike across the country in January this year compared to the corresponding month over the last five years, according to police data based on the number of cases filed.

The data come in a stark contrast with home adviser's depiction of the country's law and order situation as "satisfactory".

For example, at least 294 murder cases were filed with different police stations in January this year, up from 231 in the same month last year. The figures were 214, 264, 257 and 273 in the corresponding

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Delhi needs to decide the ties it wants with Dhaka: Touhid

BSS, Dhaka

Foreign Adviser Md Touhid Hossain yesterday said that Delhi needs to decide what kind of relationship it wants with Dhaka.

However, he stressed that if Bangladesh's face difficulties in obtaining visas, alternative solutions will need to be explored.

He made the remarks when asked to comment on recent remarks of Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's regarding bilateral relations between the two countries.

During a literary festival at Delhi University on Sunday, Jaishankar asserted that Bangladesh must decide what kind of relationship it seeks with India.

"He [Jaishankar] mentioned that



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1 killed in clash near air base in Cox's Bazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

A man was killed and several others were injured in a clash between locals and air force personnel near an under-construction air base beside Cox's Bazar airport yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Shahab Kabir Nahid, 30, of Samitipara in the beach town.

Joint forces have been deployed in the area to avert further escalation.

The Inter-Services Public Relations Directorate (ISPR) said the clash broke out after "miscreants" from Samitipara launched a sudden attack on the base following an argument with a motorcyclist at a checkpoint.

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Shahab Kabir Nahid



Bangladesh players shake hands with their New Zealand counterparts following a five-wicket defeat in Rawalpindi yesterday, a result that ended both Bangladesh and defending champions Pakistan's hopes of reaching the semifinals of the ICC Champions Trophy. New Zealand and India grabbed those two spots.

Nat'l Martyred Army Day today



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Commemorating the sacrifice of army officers who were brutally killed during the carnage at the Pikhana headquarters of the then Bangladesh Rifles in 2009, National Martyred Army Day will be

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TRUMP ON USAID FUND Dhaka should clear the air

Say experts

PORIMOL PALMA

Bangladesh government should come up with a clarification as confusion emerged following the remarks made by President Donald Trump on USAID funding in Bangladesh, said development and governance experts.

They said such remarks might be politically motivated and meant for the American people, but it can affect Bangladesh's development sector that plays crucial role in the country's socio-economic and democratic development.

Addressing the White House Governors Working Session on Friday, Trump claimed that the \$29 million USAID fund landed with an obscure firm that he said was "a little outfit" with just two employees.

"They got \$29 million. A cheque! Imagine scraping by with

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