



Alexey Likhachev, director general of State Corporation for Nuclear Energy ROSATOM of the Russian Federation, at a meeting with Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at the state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. PHOTO: PID

'Change the compensation classification' Demand injured protesters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of protesters injured in the July-August uprising yesterday gathered outside the Chief Adviser's Office in Dhaka and staged a sit-in to press home their three-point demand.

The sit-in began at Gate 1 of the Chief Adviser's Office at 11:00am, said Nazmul Jannat Shah, inspector (Investigation) at Tejgaon Police Station.

Till filing of this report at 8:00pm, protesters were continuing the sit-in.

They vowed not to leave until fulfillment of their demands, including: enacting a law to protect the injured and the families of martyrs of the uprising and establishing a 24/7 hotline for the

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## Education system mirrors today's divided society

Rehman Sobhan tells discussion



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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Improving the quality of education requires not just financial resources but also strong political and governance commitment, said eminent economist Rehman Sobhan yesterday.

He made the remarks at a programme titled "State of Education: Insights for the Future", organised by the Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center in the capital.

Sobhan, also the chairman of Centre for Policy Dialogue, highlighted disparities in Bangladesh's education systems, like the madrasas, English-medium, and Bangla-medium

institutions.

"There are now five different systems, with divisions even within Bangla-medium institutions. English-medium students often go to private universities. As a result, society has become increasingly fragmented and unequal," he said.

"The education system you are now getting today is a reflection of this divided society," he added.

Speaking as chief guest, Dr Bidhan Ranjan Roy Poddar, adviser to the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, acknowledged flaws within government operations, including inefficiency, negligence, and corruption.

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**Do not take law into your own hands**  
Home adviser urges all

UNB, Dhaka



Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (Retd) Md Jahanir Alam Chowdhury yesterday urged the public not to take the law into their own hands and called on the police to take a more proactive role in maintaining law and order nationwide.

He stressed the importance of law enforcement in ensuring public safety while speaking to reporters after inaugurating the Farmers' Cool House Initiative and the Farmers' Mobile App, developed by the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC), at the Horticulture Centre in Rajalakh, Savar.

He said police and other law enforcement agencies are working together to prevent lawlessness.

The adviser also mentioned that he personally patrolled the capital early in the morning yesterday to assess the law-and-order situation, highlighting that criminal activities tend to rise during the early hours.

Referring to the recent unrest in the Ashulia industrial zone, he said the issue had been resolved and there was no longer any discontent among garment workers.

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10:05am, flanked by officers.



Protesters injured in the July-August uprising gather outside the Chief Adviser's Office in Dhaka yesterday, demanding changes to the government's classification for compensating the injured.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## A DAY IN COURT

### Of handcuffs and helmets

Salman, Anisul, Nuruzzaman brought to court for hearing

EMRUL HASAN BAPPI

As Salman F Rahman was brought to a courtroom of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court of Dhaka from its lockup yesterday, his hands were cuffed behind his back.

Wearing a police helmet and bulletproof vest, Salman, adviser to ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, was escorted from the lockup at 10:05am, flanked by officers.

Behind him, former inspector general of police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun, also in a helmet and bulletproof vest, had one hand cuffed while the other rested on top, as he walked towards the courtroom.

Former law minister Anisul Huq and former social welfare minister Nuruzzaman Ahmed followed, with both of their hands cuffed behind their backs.

Further back, former deputy minister of environment and forests Abdullah Al

Islam Jakob walked with hands behind his back, but one hand being cuffed. Former Awami League lawmaker Haji Mohammad Salim, wearing a helmet and bulletproof vest, was similarly restrained while he walked.

Former social welfare minister Dipu Moni was also seen being escorted by two female police officers, as they held her hands.

At 10:08am, the accused were placed in the dock, and handcuffs were removed from Salman, Anisul, and Nuruzzaman.

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**PRAYER TIMING**  
FEBRUARY 27

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5:15 12:45 4:30 6:05 7:30

JAMAT 5:50 1:15 4:45 6:10 8:00

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## PRESENTATION CEREMONY 2025

Announcement for O & A Level Private and School Candidates

### Criteria

Students who appeared for the following sessions & qualify for the award criteria will be eligible for the gala event. The schools following Cambridge Curriculum will be eligible to register for **October/November 2023, May/June 2024, October/November 2024** and schools following Edexcel Curriculum will be eligible to register for **October/November 2023, January 2024, May/June 2024, October/November 2024** sessions.

Last date of registration is **25<sup>th</sup> March 2025**.

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(6 A's or above for "O" level or IGCSE in one or two consecutive sessions)

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(Grading of "7" or above in 6 Subjects for IGCSE in one or two consecutive sessions)

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### Private Candidates

Private candidates are requested to submit their information at The Daily Star office to be recognized as awardees. Contact The Daily Star, 64-65 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, till **25<sup>th</sup> March 2025**, between 11:00 am and 4:30 pm (except on Fridays and Saturdays), with their original and a photocopy of the Statement of Results or Certificates and 2 (two) passport-size photos.

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