



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

ROOPPUR PLANT Yunus urges its quick completion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The test run of the \$12.65 billion Rooppur nuclear power plant will begin soon as Bangladesh's landmark project is on course for a timely completion, said a Rosatom delegation yesterday.

At present, the dry run of the project is going on, while the test run will commence soon, Alexey Likhachev, director general of Rosatom, told Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus.

A delegation of Rosatom called on Yunus at his official residence Jamuna, according to a press release from the Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

Likhachev shared updates on the project,

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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.

He said the educational landscape has undergone significant changes, now shaped primarily by class and market forces. Discussions have emerged on how market dynamics increasingly

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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, former 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.

Salman, appearing sombre, spoke briefly with his lawyer.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Sefatullah began the hearing at 10:22am on murder cases linked to the July uprising. By 10:35am, the session ended, and Salman, Anisul, and Nuruzzaman were handcuffed again in

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'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.

The protesters also announced to stage an all-night sit-in there.

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 injured; providing monthly allowances to affected individuals and increasing the "lump sum" payments for compensation, and reducing the current three-tier system to just two by abolishing Category C.

"The government's categorisation system is flawed. We have submitted a memorandum, urging the government to classify those who are unable to work under Category A, and those who can work under Category B, and abolish Category C," said Mohammad Masum, a student of Kabi Nazrul Government College.

"We also demand increasing the one-time payment for Category A from Tk 5 lakh, and a

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PRAYER TIMING					
FEBRUARY 27					
	Faazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	5-15	12-45	4-30	6-05	7-30
JAMAAT	5-50	1-15	4-45	6-10	8-00
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