

15 eminent citizens

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arrested and confessing under Section 164.

However, they expressed concern over the stagnation in the judicial process.

"We demand that all perpetrators be brought to justice, the charge sheet submitted, and the trial concluded without further delay," they said.

The statement was signed by writer and language movement veteran Ahmed Rafique, Dhaka University Emeritus Professor Serajul Islam Choudhury, Professor Jatin Sarker, rights activist Dr Badiul Alam Majumdar, Professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, lawyer Dr Shahdeen Malik, economist Professor Anu Muhammad, Dr Salimullah Khan, photographer Shahidul Alam, writer and women's leader Maleka Begum, rights activist Khushi Kabir, journalist Sohrab Hassan, cultural activist Kafil Ahmed, DU International Relations Professor Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan, and lawyer and rights activist Jyotirmoy Barua.

BARGUNA'S AMTALI UPAZILA 10 bridges collapsed in last 8 months

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Within the last eight months, at least 10 iron bridges over different canals in Haldia and Chawra unions under Barguna's Amtali upazila have collapsed, causing immense suffering to around 65,000 residents.

The latest incident occurred on Friday, when the dilapidated bridge over Raugha canal gave way.

The bridge in Haldia Hat collapsed on June 22 last year while a microbus carrying wedding guests was crossing it, leaving 10 people dead.

Bridges in Mallikbari, Bashbunia, Sonauda, Haldia Boro Molla Bari, Kathalia Baje Sindhuk, Kathalia Madrasa, Chandra Auwal Nagar, and Char Raugha areas have also collapsed since then.

Thousands of residents have been struggling with their daily commute within the upazila and to Barguna district headquarters, with students, patients, and elderly people being the most affected.

All these bridges were constructed in 2008.

Locals alleged that contractor Md Shahidul Islam Mridha, also president of Haldia union unit

Awami League, used poor-quality materials during construction and demanded his punishment.

According to residents, the Local Government Engineering Department in Amtali upazila awarded Shahidul the tender for constructing 21 iron bridges in Haldia and Chawra unions in the 2007-08 fiscal year, allocating Tk 2 crore for each bridge.

They alleged that Shahidul, the then chairman of Haldia union parishad, used his influence to secure the tender and completed the construction with substandard materials.

The bridges were supposed to be built using iron beams and angle plates, but low-quality materials were used instead, causing rapid deterioration, said Nasir Hawlader, a resident of Chawra village.

He said two bridges over the Chawra canal had already collapsed, severely impacting residents.

Jalal Mir of Haldia area urged authorities to reconstruct the bridges to ease public suffering.

Md Asaduzzaman Mintu Mallik, incumbent chairman of Haldia union parishad, confirmed that 10 bridges had collapsed in the past eight months, disrupting communication for thousands of people.

He called for urgent reconstruction. Shahidul Islam could not be reached for comment as his phone was switched off. He has reportedly been in hiding since August 5.

Idris Ali, upazila engineer in Amtali, claimed the bridges collapsed due to a lack of maintenance over the years.

Md Mehedi Hasan, executive engineer of LGED in Barguna, however, said the contractor was involved in irregularities during construction, which led to the collapses. He said they would conduct an investigation and take necessary actions.



Take action

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Similarly, it protested the removal of the names of globally renowned scholars, scientists, and poets from buildings at Khulna University.

Following the July uprising, instead of ensuring safety, military magisterial powers and joint force operations have led to harassment and extrajudicial killings, the statement added.

The committee urged authorities to acknowledge the crisis, ensure justice, tolerate peaceful protests, and take strong action against organised violence.

Update list of suspects, take action against them

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A significant number of highway robbery incidents have made headlines recently.

According to the release yesterday, the decisions include heightened security across the capital with an increased number of checkpoints and patrols at key locations and in the crime-prone areas. A joint task force comprising the army, various units of the police, and the Border Guard Bangladesh is conducting intensified operations in targeted areas to curb crime.

As part of the decision, the home ministry will monitor special operation that has started across the country from February 8 to capture identified criminals, terrorists, drug

dealers, and smugglers.

To boost the morale of various law enforcement agencies, including the police, a workshop on "Enforcing the Law with Emphasis on Human Rights and the Environment in the Changing Situation of the Country" has been held across the country with the participation of the police, administration, judiciary, and public prosecutors.

The ministry directed the officials from various law enforcement agencies, including unit chiefs, deputy police commissioners, and army brigade commanders to brief the media on the decisions and actions taken in response to security concerns.

The authorities have increased regular patrolling on major roads in the capital, with additional patrol units deployed from the navy and coast guard to enhance security.

Special law enforcement patrols have been strengthened in areas surrounding Dhaka, including Tongi, Keraniganj, and Munshiganj. To improve law enforcement response time and efficiency, steps have been taken to procure motorcycles for officers of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, BGB, Ansar, and Bangladesh Coast Guard, enabling them to conduct swift patrols on alleys and in the crime-prone zones, according to the home ministry press release.

Measures have been adopted to counter misinformation, rumours, and propaganda by disseminating accurate information to the public. Senior officials, including the home adviser, the chief adviser's special assistant, the home secretary, the inspector general of police, and DMP commissioner, have been conducting surprise inspections of police stations, checkpoints, and patrol activities during late night and early-morning hours, reads the home ministry release.

Home Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury has already held meetings with law enforcement officials in all administrative divisions and issued necessary directives to enhance security measures.

Chawkbazar comes alive

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The centuries old Chawkbazar iftar market, the largest in the capital, draws hundreds of visitors daily during Ramadan. Several hundred makeshift stalls sell a variety of delicacies made from meat, vegetables, sweets, milk, and spices — many dating back to the Mughal era.

The most sought-after item remains Boro Baper Polay Khay, a rich mixture of chickpeas, minced meat, potatoes, brain, flattened rice, eggs, chicken, spices, and ghee, priced at Tk 800 per kg. Other favourites include beef and chicken roasts, mutton and chicken cutlets, keema rolls, keema

parathas, borhani, and various kebabs like Suti, Jali, Irani, and Tikka. Sweet treats such as malai cups, firni, namak para, doi bora, and feluda complete the spread.

Mohammad Afzal, a 57-year-old shop owner and long-time resident of Baro Katra, recalled the market's history. "This market is around 400 years old. There are about 500 shops here this year, compared to just 100 tin-shed makeshift shops during my childhood," he said.

He reminisced about how people from Nawab Bari and Baro Katra once arrived in bullock and horse carts to buy iftar items.

For some, these delicacies

remain a Ramadan staple beyond the first day.

Wasim Uddin and Ruhani Wasim, a couple from Wari, visit Chawkbazar throughout the month. "Having grown up in Old Dhaka, we cherish these traditional items and enjoy them all Ramadan," said Wasim.

Meanwhile, vendors like Mohammad Hossain, busy selling Boro Baper Polay Khay, see the business as a family legacy. "My grandfather and father sold iftar here, and now I do too," he said.

As iftar time approached, Chawkbazar remained packed, its rich aromas filling the air, marking another Ramadan in Dhaka.

8,623 complaints filed post-Aug 5

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but investigated only 845 — just 5.47 percent.

In 2022, 19,338 complaints were lodged, including 2,707 through courts, emails, and social media. However, only 901 cases were approved

for investigation, with 3,152 forwarded to ministries for action.

Md Akhtar Hossain, director general (prevention) of the ACC, said, "We have taken into account all complaints that

fall within our jurisdiction, regardless of whether they were filed before or after August 5. Our investigation teams are actively working on these cases, and the ACC will take appropriate legal action as required."

SKS Foundation
College Road, Uttar Horin Singha, Gaibandha

Tender Notice

SKS Foundation is inviting tender from a real supplier/vendor for purchasing goods for the Solar Home System (SHS) on the below-mentioned two projects, supported by Andheri- Hilde Bonn, Germany.

SL#	Project Name	Location	Quantity
1	Lighting the Poor and Disadvantaged Families Living in Char Areas Project	Bharatkhalai, Saghata, Gaibandha	300 Set
2	Expanded Livelihoods for 2000 Poor Households and Increased Resilience to Flooding in Lalmonirhat District	Lalmonirhat	50 Set
Total			350 Set

Detail Terms and conditions will be mentioned in the schedule.

Tender Schedule Collection: From the date of publication of the tender notice in the newspaper till 16/03/2025, during office hours (excluding holidays), each schedule will be available directly from SKS Foundation, Head Office, College Road, Uttar Horin Singha, Gaibandha (Admin Department). Rate of schedule Tk. 500/- (Not returnable).

Tender Submission and Opening Date: Tenders must be submitted directly to the tender box by 1:00 PM on 17/03/2025. Tenders must be accompanied by a recent trade license, VAT registration, income tax certificate, and previous relevant work experience certificate. The tenders will be opened in the presence of the bidders (if any) at 3:00 PM on the same day. If the amount of money in the schedule is incorrect/misrepresented, it will be rejected.

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Convener-Procurement Committee
SKS Foundation, Gaibandha.

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 154 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF:

Sayed Ahmed — Petitioner

Global Insurance Limited and another — Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Sayed Ahmed filed an application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 ("the application") seeking an order to hold Annual General Meeting for the calendar year 2024 of respondent No. 01 Company, Global Insurance Limited, for submitting the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account for the year ended on 31st December, 2023 before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing, the Hon'ble Justice of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel was pleased to admit the application by an order dated 30.01.2025 and further the petitioner is directed to publish this notice in two daily newspaper namely "The Daily Star" and "The Daily Kalerkantho" within 3 (three) weeks from date of said order and also the petitioner is further directed to file an affidavit-in-compliance on or before 05.03.2025. The petitioner is further directed to put in requisites forthwith. Any person or persons having interest in the said application may appear either personally or through duly authorized Advocate on the date so fixed. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of required costs.

Yours sincerely,
A.K.M. Mahbub Alam Bhuiya
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Room No. 409, Annex Ext. Building, Supreme Court Bar Association, Dhaka-1000.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
Company Matter No. 213 of 2025

An Application under section 81 (2) read with sections 85 (3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

ABM Jahurul Islam, Son of late Joyal Abedin and Mst. Jahannara Begum, Managing Director, Fendale Logistics Ltd., of Village: Charhossainpur, Post Office: Ishwargonj, Police Station: Ishwargonj, District: Mymensingh. — Petitioner.

VERSUS

The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms, T.C.B Bhaban (6th floor), 01, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215 and another. — Respondents.

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed and moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh by the Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meetings of Fendale Logistics Ltd. for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Upon hearing of the application on 12.02.2025 Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel has been pleased to admit the said application and fixed date of hearing on 17.03.2025. Any person interested to oppose the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an advocate on the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.

Sayed Mishbahul Anwar
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Head of the Chamber, Sayed Mishbahul Anwar & Associates : Suite No. B-01 (5th Floor) Aziz Co-Operative Building 204, Shaheed Syed Nazrul Islam Sharani (Old-89, Bijoy Nagar) Bijoy Nagar, Dhaka-1000. Cell: 01711 444717.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
Company Matter No. 214 of 2025

An Application under section 81 (2) read with sections 85 (3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

Sayed Md. Harun-ar-Rashid, Managing Director, Mercantile Freight Systems Ltd., Address: Sayed Manil, House No. 141, Village: South Manikpur, Ward No. 05, Union 5 Arjantala, Post Office: Senbag, Police Station: Senbag, District: Noakhali. — Petitioner.

VERSUS

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1,471 held in 6 days in Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka Metropolitan Police and other law enforcement agencies arrested 167 suspected criminals, including robbers and muggers, during a crackdown in the capital on Saturday, according to a DMP press release.

With these arrests, the total number of arrests in the DMP area over the past six days has reached 1,471.

Among the arrestees were six robbers, 18 snatchers, four extortionists, 10 thieves, 22 drug dealers, and 12 individuals with outstanding warrants. A total of 66 cases were filed following the arrests.

According to the DMP's Crime Command and Control Center, 575 patrol teams operated across 50 police stations as part of efforts to ensure security and smooth movement in the capital.

Additionally, the DMP set up 65 checkpoints at key locations, while the Armed Police Battalion (APBn) operated 20 more. Additionally, 14 CTTC, 12 ATU, and 10 patrol teams of the DMP and Rab were deployed in crime-prone areas.

Meanwhile, the Police Headquarters did not provide updated data on arrests from Operation Devil Hunt yesterday.

Since the operation began on February 8, a total of 12,500 people have been arrested as of Saturday. The interim government launched the operation to restore law and order.

An analysis of reports from several districts by this newspaper found that many of the arrestees in the operation are members of the Awami League and its affiliated organisations, facing charges in cases filed after the fall of the Hasina-led government on August 5.

Despite the ongoing Operation Devil Hunt, crimes like mugging and robbery have continued.

Officials of 25 cadres protest discrimination

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officials from 25 different cadres of the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) staged a protest yesterday, demanding an end to inter-cadre discrimination and opposing what they claim to be biased and unjust suspension by the administration cadre.

The protest, organised by the Inter-Cadre Discrimination Elimination Council, included a one-hour demonstration from 10:30am to 11:30am.

Officers stood in front of their respective offices wearing black badges and holding banners to highlight disparities within the civil service, according to a press release from the organisation.

The protests took place in front of various government offices and hospitals at district and divisional levels. However, emergency services, including hospital emergency departments, remained operational.

The council criticised the recent suspensions of 12 officials from the 25 cadres, arguing that they were penalised for "minor offences," such as Facebook posts, while administration cadre members faced no consequences for similar actions.

It claimed this reflects clear discrimination in the handling of civil service officials.

The council warned that if the suspension orders are not withdrawn within the next week, they will announce stricter protest programmes.

Coastguard, Australian HC launch training

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Australian High Commission and the Bangladesh Coast Guard have jointly organised the "Investigative Interview Course" to enhance the professional skills, operational capabilities, and investigative expertise of the law enforcement forces.

Rear Admiral Mohammad Ziaul Haque, director general of the Bangladesh Coast Guard, inaugurated the training programme at the Westin in Dhaka yesterday, said a press release.

A total of 12 officers from the Bangladesh Coast Guard, Special Branch (Immigration) of Bangladesh Police, and Bangladesh Customs are participating in the course.



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Invitation for e-Tender notice

Local Government Division.

Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE).

Revenue Budget, Project for Safe Water Supply Throughout the Country and PEDP-4.

e-Tender IDs (with Package Number)

1081681, (Rev/Pir/Nesarabad office road Repair 2024-25), 1081680, (Rev/Pir/Bhandaria B/W and office Repair 2024-25), 1081679 (Rev/Pir/Sadar office Repair 2024-25), 1081678 (PSWSC-2074), 1081173 (PEDP4/WSS-581), 1081172 (PEDP4/WSS-580) and 1081171 (PEDP4/WSS-579).

Rev/Pir/office road Repair: Repair of DPHE Internal Road and Others Work at Different Upazila DPHE Office, Pirojpur under Revenue Budget.

PSWSC-2074: Installation of 96 Nos Rain Water Harvesting at Mathbaria upazila in Pirojpur district under "Project for Safe Water Supply Throughout the Country during FY 2024-2025. PEDP4/WSS: Repair of toilet and construction of basin under Water Supply and Sanitary related work at URC Building and DPO Office, Different Upozilas Pirojpur under PEDP-4 Project of DPHE 2024-25.

Name & Designation of official Inviting Tender

Jayanta Sarker, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Pirojpur District.

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1071588	28.15.0000.257.47.002.24	Construction and Installation of Marker Post along the Right of Way of High-Pressure Main Gas Distribution Pipe Line Of KGDCL, Chattogram.	03/03/2025 10:00 AM	19/03/2025 3:30 PM	20/03/2025 2:30 PM

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