



Bangladesh Football Federation President Tabith Awal hands over a crest during a courtesy call to the Indian High Commissioner in Bangladesh, Pranay Verma, yesterday. BFF Vice President Fahad Karim was also present.

PHOTO: BFF

Ensure safety or step down

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little to no action taken against perpetrators.

They condemned the inaction against local extortionist Rinku, allegedly affiliated with Jubo League, who reportedly incited Lalmatia mob incident.

The protesters carried placards with slogans like “Stop Slut-Shaming!” “Law for Women, But Where is the Law for Men?” and “Ensure Safety or Step Down!”

Addressing the crowd, Adrita Roy, a student of Jahangirnagar University, said, “Two days ago, two female students were attacked by a mob in Lalmatia. Even after the

formation of the interim government and changing the home affairs adviser once before, incidents of rape, torture, and abuse of women have only increased. We fought at the frontline during the July movement, but those in power are failing to ensure our safety.”

She said, “From our platform, we protested against the ongoing rape and repression, marching towards the home ministry. Yet, the police -- who fail to arrest rapists, control mobs, or catch thieves -- obstructed our rally. Some of our protesters were injured as a result. We later organised a torch procession, giving

the home adviser a 24-hour ultimatum to resign and apologise. He failed to do so. Now, he must be removed.”

Lamia Islam, a student from Prime University, accused the home adviser of “inciting the mob” with his remarks. Smoking in public is a civil offence at best. But physical assault is a criminal offence. How can a home adviser justify such a crime?” she asked.

Following the rally, protesters gathered near the National Parliament building, where they set fire to an effigy of the home adviser, reaffirming their demand for his immediate dismissal.

Rights violations

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various Awami League offices and leaders' homes across the country from February 5 to 7,” it added.

The rights body also highlighted the incidents of killings, injuries, and arrests of innocent Bangladeshis at the Indian border.

The HRSS report, prepared based on its own findings and the news published by several media outlets, said at least nine people were killed and 755 people were injured in 104 incidents of political violence, a slight decrease compared to January, when 15 people were killed and 987 people were injured in 124 such incidents.

HRSS said three people were killed in “clashes with law enforcement agencies,” including two youths, on February 20 during a joint forces operation in the Chand Udyan area of Mohammadpur in the capital.

The report also said at least 10 people were killed and 13 others injured in 17 incidents of mob violence, while 12 accused or convicts died in prison custody.

The report stated that at least 107 women and female children were tortured in February. Of them, 53, including 38 children, were

raped.

According to HRSS, it is crucial to improve the overall situation through discussions with political parties, civil society, journalists, and student activists to establish the rule of law, democracy, and human rights in the country.

It is needed to ensure the fundamental and constitutional rights of the people by keeping the law and order under control, it added.

RMG workers

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picked up by the police on Sunday night.

Police suspect that the victim's actions were instigated due to problems with the husband, added ASP Wahiduzzaman.

However, workers yesterday started a protest claiming that the factory was responsible for Afsana's death, the police official said.

The workers blocked the highway, set fire to motorcycles, bicycles, and private cars in front of the factory.

The workers ended the protest after authorities showed them the footage, he said

Polls likely

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that the amount remains insufficient to prevent a significant deterioration of conditions in the Rohingya camps due to a widening funding gap.

Yunus reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to addressing the Rohingya crisis, calling it a “major issue” for the country.

The hour-long discussion also covered regional energy connectivity, flood management, climate change, and the interim government's reform initiatives.

Yunus sought EU

support for importing hydroelectricity from Nepal, highlighting its potential to aid Bangladesh's transition to renewable energy and reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

“We talk about renewable energy, and here it is. Both Nepal and Bhutan are eager to sell renewable energy to us,” he said.

Lahbib emphasised the need for greater cooperation in disaster preparedness, climate change mitigation, and flood control, stating that the EU is keen to share best practices with Bangladesh.

Gas supply to be cut

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the prepaid meter, consumers must bear the cost of installing a separate pipeline from the riser to the kitchen.

Depending on the building's structure, the cost may range from Tk 4,000-12,000 per stove.

“Prepaid meters will save gas bills, which is fine. But the tenant pays the bill. As a homeowner, how do I benefit? On top of that, I have to spend extra to install a new line, and then there will be a monthly meter rental fee as well,” said Motiur Rahman, a resident of Halishahar area of the port city.

Another consumer from Agrabad said it is not possible for him to spend so much money for installing meters with separate lines from the riser for the 12 apartments that he owns.

Officials informed that

73,400 of the 1 lakh meters allocated for the second phase have been installed so far.

However, the remaining applicants have shown little interest regarding prepaid meter installation despite regular newspaper advertisements, SMS notifications, letters, and even in-person visits by project officials to draw their attention.

Asked, Nahid Alam said 60,000 meters were installed in the first phase, and the second phase is ongoing for another 1 lakh consumers. He said plans are underway to gradually bring other consumers under the prepaid metering system.

Approximately 6 lakh prepaid meters are required for all residential consumers in areas under KGDCL, he added.

Devil hunt

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this newspaper that the chief adviser had objected to the operation's name, prompting discussions on a possible change.

However, Ghani dismissed the claim, saying, “No decision was made in the core committee meeting regarding a name change.”

Since February 8, around 12,500 people have been arrested under Operation Devil Hunt, according to government data. No further details were provided following Sunday's meeting.

Addressing crime statistics reported by local and international media, Ghani said, “I am not denying any figures. I am comparing past and present situations. We inherited a struggling police force, with many officers unfamiliar with Dhaka city. They are now adapting, and we are seeing continuous improvements.”

On the recent mob harassment of two women in Lalmatia, he said, “Mob actions are not

Tk 10,310cr in assets seized

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nine flats in Gulshan, Dhaka Cantonment, and Bashundhara, along with a 20-storey building in Gulshan and 43.20 decimals of land in Badda, Nikunja, and Gazipur. His wife, Anjuman Ara Shahid, owned six flats and 21.25 decimals of land, while their son, Chowdhury Rahib Safwan Sarafat, owned seven flats in Banani and Baridhara.

The court has also ordered the freezing of foreign assets linked to Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan Shah Alam, eight of his family members, and MD Sayem Sobhan Anvir in six countries and two offshore jurisdictions.

Their wealth, allegedly amassed through illicit means, has reportedly been laundered to the UAE, Slovakia, St Kitts and Nevis, Switzerland, the British Virgin Islands, the UK, Singapore, and Cyprus.

According to the ACC's report, 55 court orders have led to the confiscation of 191.80

acres of land worth Tk 690 crore, 28 houses valued at Tk 44 crore, 38 flats worth Tk 17 crore, 15 plots valued at Tk 8.75 crore, and 23 cars worth Tk 29.32 crore.

Outside Bangladesh, the court has ordered the seizure of assets worth \$8.88 lakh and €86.20 lakh from 23 companies.

Additionally, 54 court orders have frozen 473.95 crore shares worth Tk 8,713.14 crore, alongside 1,030 bank accounts holding Tk 817 crore.

ACC Public Prosecutor Mir Ahmed Ali Salam said, “The court has approved the ACC's petitions, leading to the seizure and freezing of a massive amount of illicit wealth, worth over Tk 10,000 crore.”

Regarding foreign asset seizures, he added, “The ACC forwards the court orders to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which then coordinates with relevant countries for necessary action.”



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Vacancy Announcement

SAARC Agriculture Centre is pleased to invite applications from the citizens of Bangladesh for the post of **Project Finance Officer** for the Project on Consortium for Scaling-up Climate Smart Agriculture in South Asia (C-SUCSeS). The applicants fulfilling the requirements of the post may apply to Director, SAC latest by **16th March 2025**. Terms of reference and application form can be downloaded from the website: <http://www.sac.org.bd>. All rights reserved by the authority.

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Date: 03/03/2025

Invitation for e-Tender Notice	
1 Ministry/Division	Local Government Division
2 Implementation Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)
3 Project/program name	1. Need Based Infrastructure Development of Government Primary Schools Project (1st phase) (NBIDGPS-1) 2. Need Based Infrastructure Development of Newly Nationalized Government Primary Schools (1st Phase) (NBIDNNGPS-1)
4 e-Tender IDs & Package	1. 1081692 (WB-GPS-0187.) 2. 1081693 (WB-NNGPS-091.)
5 Description of works	Construction of remain works of Wash Block in different upazila under DPHE, Sylhet
6 Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Md Abul Kashem, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Sylhet Division, Sylhet. Tel: 02-996633011
7 This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested firm/contractor can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd	

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01	Rig foundation modification with other ancillary works at Kailashtilla Well No. #1 at Kailashtilla Gas Field, Golapgonj, Sylhet.	Tender ID: 1078557	05-Mar-2025 15:30 Hours	06-Mar-2025 14:00 Hours

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INVITATION OF TENDER

Tender is invited from the bonafide/intending suppliers/firms for the following items:

1. Printing of Exam Scripts for the Spring, Summer & Fall Semester 2025 (General type and OBE based cover sheet) of Ewu

2. Procurement of a Server Computer and Red Hat Enterprise Linux License for the VLSI Lab, Dept. of EEE

3. Procurement of 50 units Door(s) for various Departments/Offices of Ewu

The schedule of the items with terms and conditions can be obtained from the Finance & Accounts Department (1st floor) of the University until **19.03.2025** during office hours (until **02:30 p.m.**) on working days. The price of the tender schedule (non-refundable) is **Tk.500/-** (Taka Five Hundred) only.

The interested bidders are requested to submit the tender by **20.03.2025 within 12:00 P.M.** The tender (hard copy) must be dropped in the tender box kept at the 2nd floor of the office of the Treasurer (Room No-316) of the University. The tender(s) submitted within the deadline will be opened on **the same day (20.03.2025) at 12:30 P.M.** in the Conference Room (4th floor) of East West University in the presence of the representatives of the bidders.

The bidders must mention the “**name of the item**” at the top of envelope. Otherwise, the bid document will be treated as cancelled.

East West University authority reserves the right to accept any tender in full or part of it or reject all tenders without mentioning any reason thereof.

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