

## EC issues circular

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Asked why the EC is proceeding under the current law before a decision on reforms, Anwarul Islam said party registration is a lengthy process involving scrutiny and verification. "Political parties also need time to prepare," he said.  
NPP Factions Battle Over 'Mango' Symbol  
A dispute between two factions of the National People's Party (NPP) over the 'mango' electoral symbol remains unresolved, despite EC hearings over the past three days.  
Fariduzzaman Farhad, chairman of one faction, attended a hearing yesterday at the EC building in Agargaon, Dhaka.  
He claimed the NPP, founded in 2007 and registered with the 'mango' symbol in 2008, had wrongfully lost it to former chairman Shawkat Hossain Nilu, who was later expelled.  
"We applied to reclaim our symbol and filed a

court petition directing the EC to ensure justice," he told reporters.  
On March 6, Sheikh Salauddin Salu, chairman of the rival faction, also attended a hearing, stating that his name remains listed as chairman on the EC's website and that he was asked to counter the other faction's claim.  
The NPP, founded by ex-Jatiya Party leader Nilu, split into two factions — one aligned with the BNP-led 20-Party Alliance and the other leading the NDF coalition.  
In 2014, the party expelled Fariduzzaman as secretary-general, sparking a leadership dispute. He first sought the "mango" symbol in 2015, but the EC ruled in 2016 to keep it with Nilu.  
Fariduzzaman dismissed claims of his expulsion, asserting he had instead removed Nilu with party approval.  
EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said a decision will be announced later.

## Habiganj sluice gate damage threatens crops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moubibazar  
The Koyiar Dhala sluice gate and its connecting road in Ajmiriganj upazila of Habiganj remain without repairs even eight months after floods last year caused considerable damages to the structures.  
As such, farmers of three upazilas of Habiganj are worried of potential flood damages to Boro paddy cultivation across thousands of hectares of croplands along the Kushiara river in the haor areas.  
Severe erosion left the sluice gate and connecting road damaged after Kushiara overflowed and flooded the area along Ajmiriganj-Badalpur road on June 4 last year.  
"We rely heavily on Boro cultivation for our livelihood. The cultivation is set to begin in just over a month. Without repairs to the sluice gate, our crop is at significant risk of flood damage during monsoon," said Shaddek Hosain, a local farmer.  
Ashiq Mia, a farmer from Jalsukha village in Ajmiriganj, echoed him.  
"If the sluice gate is not repaired within the next one month, we will face catastrophic losses, as water from the

Kushiara river will inundate the area and wash away our crops," he said.  
Moreover, if flood water breaches the sluice gate, croplands in Baniachong and Nabiganj upazilas will also face significant damage as the areas share the same river system.  
Yusuf Ali and Sabuj Mia, farmers from Noagaon and Jalsukha villages, urged authorities concerned for urgent measures to repair the sluice gate and connecting road to prevent losses to the local farmers in the three upazilas.  
The sluice gate was also previously damaged during floods in 2022, followed by poorly executed repairs, including removal of sand from riverbed instead of reinforcing the structure, which eventually led to further damages last year.  
Contacted, Faridul Islam, executive engineer of Local Government Engineering Department in Habiganj, said, "I am not aware of the specifics of previous repair work, but this time the sluice gate's structures will be reinforced. The contractor has been given strict instructions in this regard and also to complete the repair work promptly."



## CA dissatisfied over

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the relevant ministries and divisions to identify obstacles delaying the projects and explore cost-cutting measures.  
Officials revealed that 70 percent of Dhaka's water supply comes from underground sources, causing groundwater levels to drop by 2-3 metres annually — posing a severe sustainability risk. The Meghna River Protection Master Plan aims to address this by providing an eco-friendly water supply system through the Sayedabad treatment plant.  
Germany, France, Denmark, and the European Union have pledged support for the project and may increase funding if necessary. However,

despite preparations beginning a decade ago, implementation has yet to start.  
With the Buriganga and Shitalakshya rivers heavily polluted and unusable, the government is prioritising the protection of the Meghna River as a key water source.  
"There is great concern over the Meghna River. We must act swiftly to save it. Ensuring Bangladesh's rivers are pollution free should be a top government priority, or we risk making the region uninhabitable," Yunus said.  
He directed the authorities to complete all administrative procedures and begin project implementation within the current fiscal year.

## ICT extends probe deadline

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investigation agency needs two more months to submit the probe report as they are getting new evidence regarding the atrocities in Uttara.  
Yesterday was the deadline for submission of the probe report.  
The three-member tribunal bench, led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, granted the request.  
The prosecution also sought permission to interrogate former assistant commissioner of DB Javed Iqbal and former Uttara East Police Station OC Muzibur Rahman. The tribunal approved the petition, scheduling their interrogations for March 16 and 18 at safe homes.  
Additionally, an arrest warrant was issued for three police officers allegedly involved in the killings at Rampura during the uprising. However,

their names were withheld for security reasons.  
Nine accused, including Atiqul Islam, were brought to court around 12:15pm yesterday.  
After the court proceedings, they were later taken away in a police van at 1:50pm, handcuffed and wearing helmets. As they were being taken to the police van, a police member pointing to journalists said, "Please do not talk to the accused. You people are responsible for their today's sufferings."  
Generally, accused are not taken to the tribunal in handcuffs and helmets.  
Asked about this, ICT Prosecutor Gazi Monwar Hossain Tamim suggested it may have been a jail authority directive to prevent them from speaking to the media.  
Meanwhile, former diplomat M Maroof Zaman, who was held in secret detention for 15 months,

lodged a complaint with the ICT's chief prosecutor, accusing ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and several others. Zaman disappeared in December 2017 on his way to Dhaka airport and returned home in March 2019.  
**Marriage tax**  
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which the DSCC functions, sent a letter to the organisation's revenue department requesting that it stop collecting the marriage tax.  
In this regard, Md Muniruzzaman, chief revenue officer of Dhaka South City Corporation, told The Daily Star, "We received the letter recently. We will do what the ministry says."  
However, the Dhaka North City Corporation did not impose this tax on people under its jurisdiction.

## Citizens condemn surge

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She pointed out that sexual violence, particularly incest, often goes unreported due to stigma and misplaced notions of family honour. "If we remain silent, predators will continue to act with impunity," she warned.  
MJF called for the establishment of a National Commission for Children's Affairs and urged better coordination between authorities to enforce stronger child protection measures.  
The National Girl Child Advocacy Forum also condemned the culture of impunity, citing social stigma, intimidation, and pressure from offenders as key barriers to justice.  
The forum President Badiul Alam Majumdar called for high quality state-sponsored medical care for the Magura rape victim, protection for her family, and swift punishment for

the offenders. The forum also urged the immediate passage of the Sexual Harassment Prevention and Remedy Act.  
Sada Dal, a teachers' organisation affiliated with the BNP-Jamaat alliance, attributed the rise in sexual violence to social decay.  
Convener Prof Morshed Hasan Khan and other leaders urged the interim government to take stricter action.  
He f a z a t - e - I s l a m condemned the rape of an eight-year-old girl in Magura, calling the crime "worse than any cruelty seen during the age of ignorance." The group demanded public punishment for the perpetrators under Islamic law.  
Hefazat-e-Islam Amir Muhibullah Babunagari and Secretary General Maulana Sayedur Rahman blamed impunity under the previous government

for the rise in such crimes and called for reforms to colonial-era laws to ensure swift justice.  
The Nirapod Bangladesh Chai platform also condemned the Magura incident, warning of a deteriorating law and order situation. Spokesperson Raihan Uddin described the crime as morally reprehensible and called for immediate government and law enforcement action.  
The "Amrai Pari" alliance criticised the government's leniency towards convicted rapists and murderers, noting that some have been granted bail despite rising violence. The alliance accused the authorities of using such incidents to intimidate women and restrict their freedom.  
It further condemned the interim government's lack of action and urged it to take decisive steps to address the crisis.

## Eight military establishments

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other military institutions and facilities under the Bangladesh Army.  
A directive issued by the Ministry of Defense yesterday said that the Chief Adviser, who holds executive authority over the ministry, has approved the proposal and finalised new names for these institutions and facilities.  
The eight renamed institutions and establishments are: BNS

Khalid Bin Walid (previously BNS Bangabandhu) in Chattogram's New Mooring; BNS Dhaka (previously BNS Sheikh Mujib) in Dhaka's Khilkhet; BNS Pekua (previously BNS Sheikh Hasina) in Pekua, Cox's Bazar; Bir Uttam AK Khandaker Air Base (previously Bangabandhu Air Base), and Bangladesh Aeronautical Centre (previously Bangabandhu Aeronautical Centre) in Dhaka's Kurmitola; BAFA

Complex (previously BAFA Bangabandhu Complex) in the BAF Academy, Jashore; DSCSC Complex (previously Sheikh Hasina Complex) at the Defense Services Command and Staff College in Mirpur Cantonment, Dhaka; and Defense Museum (previously Bangabandhu Memorial Museum) at the defense ministry's Ganabhaban Complex in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

## Bangladesh ranks top in Asia

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"We need to amplify girls' voices and ensure their participation in decision-making. We urge the government to invest in adolescent health services, a strong social work workforce, education, nutrition, ensuring life skills, and digital literacy for all girls," she added.  
Gitanjali Singh, UN Women representative in Bangladesh, said, "Many

young girls remain out of school and vulnerable to violence and harmful practices. A collective effort is needed to protect their rights."  
Despite the challenges, Bangladesh has made progress in health, including a successful HPV vaccination campaign that covered 93 percent of eligible girls, protecting them from cervical cancer, the report

mentioned.  
The report called for immediate policy changes to close gaps in education, skills development, and digital literacy. It also urged greater investment in adolescent girls and data-driven interventions to empower them economically and socially to be able to contribute meaningfully to their communities and the country's future.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 304 OF 2025  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
Dianic Prubavash Media and Publications Ltd.  
Changed from Prubavash Media and Publications Ltd, Incorporation No.C-6197,  
represented by its Managing Director Mohammad Hafizur Rahman Khan, Registered  
address: House#43, Road#1 Section #13, Uttara, Dhaka-1230. --- Petitioner.  
---VERSUS---  
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhaban, 01, Kawran  
Bazar, Dhaka. --- Respondent.  
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under Section 81(2)  
and Section 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 for  
condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of the Petitioner  
Company for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 has been admitted on 24.02.2025 for  
hearing by his Lordship Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel. The Hon'ble Court has fixed  
the matter for filing an Affidavit-in-Compliance on or before 20.04.2025.  
Any person interested in the said application may appear either in person or  
through his duly authorized Advocate. A copy of the application may be obtained  
from the undersigned on payment of the prescribed charge.  
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**Notice**  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
Company Matter No. 147 of 2025.  
In the Matter of:  
An Application under section 81 (2) read  
with section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994.  
---A n d---  
In the matter of:  
Md. Shariful Islam  
---Petitioner  
---Versus---  
Arif Agro Industries Limited and Another  
--- Respondents.  
Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner above-named filed and moved an  
application under section 81(2) read with section 85(3) of the Companies Act,  
1994 regarding holding of the Annual general Meetings of Arif Agro  
Industries Limited for the year ended 30.06.2019, 30.06.2020, 30.06.2021,  
30.06.2022 and 30.06.2023 whereupon the Company Bench of the Hon'ble  
High Court Division presided over by His Lordship Mr. Justice Ahmed  
Sobel was pleased to admit the matter by order dated 11.02.2025. His  
Lordship has ordered that the matter be posted in the cause list on  
10.03.2025 under the column 'for compliance'. If anybody is interested to  
oppose that said application he may do so by an Advocate or in person.  
Copy of the application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned  
upon payment of prescribed fees.  
Md. Ataur Rahman  
Advocate,  
Supreme Court of Bangladesh,  
Room No-405, 3rd Floor, Supreme Court  
Bar Association Annex Extension Building, Dhaka-1000.

**Jamuna Rail**  
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berth by Tk 140, officials said.  
Bangladesh Railway Director General Alzal Hossain told The Daily Star the new fare will come into force from March 19, a day after the bridge will be formally inaugurated.  
On February 12, BR started operating passenger trains through the newly built Jamuna Railway Bridge on a trial basis, using one of the two lanes of the bridge.  
The Jamuna Railway Bridge, which is the longest dedicated railway bridge of the country, was built under a Tk 16,781 crore project with Japanese loan. The 4.8km double-line dual gauge bridge over Jamuna River will boost rail connectivity between Dhaka and the northwestern districts.

**কমার্শিয়াল ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয়**  
ধানমন্ডি মিরপুর রোডে ২৩০০  
ক্যারাকিটের কমার্শিয়াল ফ্ল্যাট ও  
পাছপাথে ২১,০০০ ক্যারাকিটের  
কমার্শিয়াল ফ্ল্যাট বিক্রয় হইবে।  
০১৭৫৭-০৬৯৫৯৪, ০১৯১২-৮১৯৩৭৮

**সোনালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি**  
Sonali Bank PLC.  
বিশ্বস্ত ও স্মার্ট  
লিগ্যাল মার্টার্স ডিভিশন, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা  
ফোনঃ ০২-৪১০৫১৪৩০ (ডিজিএম), ০২-২২৩৩৫৮৬৭৫ (এজিএম)  
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সোনালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি আইন উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য বিজ্ঞপ্তি  
সোনালী ব্যাংক পিএলসিতে ২ (দুই) বছরের জন্য আইন উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে  
তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন বাংলাদেশী আইনজীবীদের  
নিকট হতে (শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্রসহ) নির্ধারিত ছকে  
দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছেঃ  
১) আবেদনকারীকে বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিক হতে হবে।  
২) আবেদনকারীকে মহামান্য বাংলাদেশ সূপ্রিম কোর্ট, হাইকোর্ট ডিভিশনে ন্যূনতম ১২  
(বার) বছরের মামলা পরিচালনার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে; তবে মহামান্য বাংলাদেশ  
সূপ্রিম কোর্ট, আপিলেট ডিভিশনে মামলা পরিচালনার অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন আইনজীবীকে  
আগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।  
৩) প্রার্থীশে শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা/পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতা যাচাইয়ের ক্ষেত্রে আইন বিষয়ে  
উচ্চতর ডিগ্রি, বাংলাদেশ সূপ্রিম কোর্ট, আপিলেট ডিভিশনে সিনিয়র আইনজীবী  
হিসেবে পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতা অতিরিক্ত যোগ্যতা হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে।  
৪) অসংগত সিদ্ধান্তে সিনিয়র জেলা জজ/জেলা জজগণ বাংলাদেশ সূপ্রিম কোর্ট, হাইকোর্ট  
ডিভিশনে আইন পেশায় নিয়োজিত থাকলে আইন উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য  
আবেদন করতে পারবেন।  
৫) বিদ্যমান আইন উপদেষ্টাগণ এর পুনরায় তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য আবেদন এর ক্ষেত্রে,  
ব্যাংক কর্তৃক প্রণীত Key Performance Indicator (KPI) অনুযায়ী  
পারফরমেন্স সন্তোষজনক বিবেচিত হলে পুনরায় তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য তাঁদেরকে  
আগ্রাধিকার দেয়া হবে।  
৬) আর্থী প্রার্থীপক্ষে ব্যাংকের আইন উপদেষ্টা তালিকাভুক্তির সন্তোষ সাফল্যকার  
কমিটির সম্মুখে ব্যক্তিগত সাফল্যকার দিতে হবে।  
৭) আইন উপদেষ্টাপক্ষে প্রতি মাসে ৫০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা হারে রিটেনার ফি  
প্রদান করা হবে। এছাড়া মামলা পরিচালনা ও অন্যান্য আইনগত মতামত প্রদানের জন্য  
ব্যাংকের অনুমোদিত হারে ফি প্রাপ্ত হবেন।  
৮) আইন উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য আর্থী প্রার্থীপক্ষ সোনালী ব্যাংক  
পিএলসি, লিগ্যাল মার্টার্স ডিভিশন, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা হতে অথবা সোনালী ব্যাংক  
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(ডেক-ক) সংগ্রহপূর্ণক আবেদন করতে পারবেন। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে বর্ণিত  
তথ্যাদি/ডকুমেন্টসমূহের সত্যায়িত কপি দাখিল করতে হবে (ক) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র  
(খ) সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা (গ) পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতা (ঘ) বাংলাদেশ বার কাউন্সিলে  
তালিকাভুক্তি, জেলা আইনজীবী সমিতি/সুপ্রিম কোর্ট বার এসোসিয়েশনের সনদপত্র (ঙ)  
বাংলাদেশ সূপ্রিম কোর্ট, হাইকোর্ট ডিভিশন/আপিলেট ডিভিশনে তালিকাভুক্তির সনদপত্র  
এর কপি ও (চ) সাম্প্রতিককালে তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের দুই কপি ছবি সংযুক্ত করে  
আপামি ২৫/০৩/২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে সরাসরি ডেপুটি জেনারেল ম্যানেজার, লিগ্যাল  
মার্টার্স ডিভিশন, সোনালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকায় প্রেরণ করতে হবে।  
০১) ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ কে কোন আবেদনপত্র কোন কারণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে বাতিল করার  
ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।  
১০) অসম্পূর্ণ/ত্রুটিপূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh  
Local Government Engineering Department  
Office of the Upazila Engineer  
Upazila: Daulatpur, District: Manikganj.  
[www.lged.gov.bd](http://www.lged.gov.bd)  
Memo No.46.02.5610.000.14.010.25-164 Date: 06.03.2025  
**Invitation for e-Tender Notice No. 01/2024-25**  
e-Tender are invited in the National e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of  
following works as stated below.  
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