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EU pledges technical, fund support for polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The European Union has pledged to provide its expertise and financial support to help ensure that the upcoming national election is free and fair.

It will support Bangladesh to conduct the polls in line with international standards with a significant financial package.

EU Ambassador Michael Miller, who led a five-member delegation, told reporters yesterday after meeting with Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin at the EC Secretariat in the capital's Agargaon.

Miller, also the head of the EU delegation to Bangladesh, said this was their second meeting with the EC.

"We came to discuss and be briefed on the work that the Bangladesh Election Commission is currently undertaking to prepare for a democratic election as Bangladesh moves through its political transition," he said.

"I passed three key messages to the Election Commission today [yesterday]. Firstly, the European Union is a steadfast partner of this country, and we stand

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Various organisations -- including Transparency International Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust -- formed a human chain in front of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday, demanding an immediate stop to violence against women across the country.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

JULY UPRISING

Ex-IGP shown arrested by ICT

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Inspector General of Police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun was shown arrested by the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) yesterday, in a case filed five months ago against ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina over alleged crimes against humanity during the July uprising.

Initially, Hasina was the sole accused in the case, filed on October 17 last year, marking the first case under the reconstituted tribunal. With yesterday's order, Mamun has become the second accused.

Mamun was brought to the court premises around 10:00am and produced before the tribunal at 1:00pm.

Following a prosecution petition, the tribunal granted the request to show Mamun as arrested and permitted the ICT investigation agency to interrogate him on March 18.

A two-member ICT bench, led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, passed the order.

During a briefing after the proceedings, ICT Chief Prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam said as Hasina's right-hand man, former IGP Mamun executed all her commands.

He added Hasina bears command

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Rights groups decry lack of coordination in child protection

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Child rights organisations have voiced concerns over the lack of coordination among government ministries, which they say is undermining child protection efforts in Bangladesh.

At a press conference yesterday, they pointed out that despite the involvement of the labour ministry, women and child affairs ministry and social welfare ministry, inadequate cooperation has created critical gaps in safeguarding children.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Create a Child Affairs Department
- Establish a Child Rights Reform Commission
- Set up fast-track tribunals
- Provide mental health support for survivors
- Form protection committees locally

They also highlighted the absence of a dedicated department for children, unlike the Department of Women



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Affairs, and stressed the urgent need for a Child Affairs Department to streamline policies across ministries.

Additionally, they urged the interim government to establish a Child Rights Reform Commission to address the crisis effectively.

The event, titled "Protest and Concern of NGOs Working on Child Rights on Incidents of Child Rape, Abuse, and Murder", was jointly organised by Ain o Salish Kendra, Breaking the Silence, Manusher Jonno Foundation, Plan International Bangladesh, and Save the Children at the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation, delivered the keynote speech on behalf

of the organisations and presented key recommendations. With child abuse cases on the rise, she called for the establishment of a fast-track tribunal to ensure swift trials and punishment for offenders.

She warned that delays in investigations and prosecutions allow perpetrators to evade justice, fostering a culture of impunity. Law enforcement agencies must act decisively to deliver justice, she said.

The recommendations also include stricter oversight of educational institutions to prevent abuse, including rigorous background checks on teachers and school staff to ensure individuals

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Parades to be held in 63 dists except Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The interim government has announced that Independence Day parades will be held in 63 districts on March 26, excluding Dhaka, due to ongoing renovation work at the National Stadium.

A statement from the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday evening dismissed reports claiming the parade would be cancelled this year, clarifying that while the capital will not host the event, all deputy commissioners have been instructed to organise the parades and ensure due honour for freedom fighters across the country.

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REFORM PROPOSALS

Four more parties submit feedback

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four more political parties have submitted their feedback in response to the National Consensus Commission regarding key reform proposals recommended by various reform commissions.

With these four, a total of 11 out of 38 political parties have now provided their feedback to the commission.

The feedback came from Rastrosongskar Andolan, Bangladesh Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesh Labour Party, and Khelafat Majlish, Prof Ali Riaz, vice-president of the National Consensus Commission, told The Daily Star.

"Amid the weekend, four more parties have submitted their feedback," Prof Riaz added.

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RAPE ACROSS COUNTRY

Five sent to jail

STAR REPORT

At least five people were sent to jail yesterday and another placed in a three-day remand in cases filed over rape and attempted rape charges in six districts.

Of them, CNG-run autorickshaw driver Abdul Ali, 55, who allegedly raped a female street beggar at Chattogram's Chandgaon on March 11 night, was sent to jail, said Aftab Uddin, OC of Chandgaon Police Station.

In Tangail, Firoz Miah, 45, of Mirzapur, was remanded for three days on the charge of raping a nine-year-old girl on February 24, said Mosharaf Hossain, OC of Mirzapur Police Station.

In Mymensingh, Abdul Khaleque, 65, of Muktagacha upazila, was sent to jail for raping a 36-year-old woman on March 8, said Md Kamal Hossain, OC of Muktagacha Police Station.

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