

CSOs condemn

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"Any attempt to downplay such a serious violation of human rights not only threatens justice for the victims and their security but also undermines the contributions of thousands of NGO workers who have tirelessly worked for over five decades to uplift millions of marginalised people across Bangladesh," the statement added.

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Prioritise prudence

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insufficient -- judicial transparency, police training, and a shift in societal mindsets are equally important. Survivors must be seen as resilient individuals, not victims. The media must also act responsibly to prevent their repeated harassment," she said.

"Our justice system has serious flaws. Survivors often face additional trauma in court due to aggressive questioning by defence lawyers. It's crucial to change judicial mindsets, improve the skills of police and prosecutors, and create secure spaces in police stations for abuse survivors," she noted.

She also called for adherence to some progressive verdicts given by the High Court regarding rape cases.

Retired Supreme Court Appellate Division Justice Krishna Debnath emphasised the importance of impartial trials to ensure true justice in rape cases.

She expressed optimism that fair justice could be achieved through the application of fundamental legal principles if judges perform their duties correctly and independently.

"Imposing the death penalty or life imprisonment is not the most important matter; rather, the focus should be on how many fair judgements we can make impartially," she said.

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9 years without closure

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Investigators found spermatozoa from three unidentified individuals on her clothes, but the samples did not match any known suspects.

The PBI took over the investigation in 2020 as per the decision of the Police Headquarters.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Tonu's mother, Anwara Begum, said in a tearful voice, "The hope for justice for my daughter is fading day by day. The new investigation officer has yet to meet us. We are waiting to see what steps he takes."

Tonu's father, Yaar Hossain, added, "The new investigator contacted me over phone and asked me to visit him in Dhaka. But after suffering a stroke and

to the country's overall development, could impede our economic progress," the statement further stated.

The platform also issued a five point demand -- the immediate arrest and trial of the perpetrators, providing compensation and security for the victims, conducting a transparent investigation into the incident, and recognising NGO workers as key development partners.

The CSO also strongly condemned the threat to publish explicit footage of the female NGO worker and urged authorities to consider this act a severe case of gender-based violence under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.

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Dhaka University Law Professor Dr Shahnaaz Huda noted that although all crimes under the law are non-compoundable, widespread informal settlements outside the court demonstrate that law enforcement often fails.

"Despite the law's mention of DNA reports, there is only one DNA testing laboratory throughout Bangladesh," she added.

Advocate Ayesha Akter, legal specialist of BLAST, and Fahad Bin Siddiqi, senior research officer at BLAST, presented a set of recommendations regarding the draft of the Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

Recommendations included expanding the definition of rape to cover all genders, providing a broader interpretation of "penetration," setting a specific age threshold for sexual consent, determining monetary fines based on the severity of rape offences, prohibiting the disclosure of identities, photos, and videos of women and children victims of sexual or gender-based violence, as well as vulnerable witnesses or accused persons in any media outlets or online platforms, establishing a state-run compensation fund for victims of rape, and much more.

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A case has been filed against him under Section 27(1) of the Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2004, Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947, and Sections 4(2) & 4(3) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

According to the case statement, Golap owns and possesses undisclosed assets worth Tk 68.33 crore. Additionally, he conducted unusual and suspicious transactions amounting to Tk 97.63 crore in 51 bank accounts under his name and related entities.

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DMP issues security

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DMP stressed raising security awareness at the individual and institutional levels to help prevent crime.

It also urged city dwellers to follow security measures during Eid.

Security personnel at homes, apartments, banks, institutions, and shopping centres are advised to remain vigilant with round-the-clock monitoring, while institutions should keep some employees on duty for security oversight.

Residents are advised to secure all doors and windows with multiple locks, and repair the defected ones. Installing functional CCTV cameras, auto-lock systems, and security alarms on the main entrances are crucial.

For emergency assistance, city dwellers are advised to contact: DMP Control Room: 01320-037845, 01320-037846, 22338188, 0247119988, and 029619999; and National Emergency Service: 999.

Gridlock concern

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the road is closed due to construction. The problem worsens between Jhaoil Bridge and Konabari Intersection, where the highway narrows to a single lane.

During that meeting, Prof Muhammad Yunus, also the chief adviser, said a national charter would be developed based on discussions with political parties. The next government would implement both short and long-term reforms according to that charter.

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Jamaat-e-Islami is expected to submit its feedback today, while BNP will submit theirs on Saturday, he added.

On March 6, the NCC sent spreadsheets containing key recommendations from the various reform commissions to 38 political parties, asking them to submit their responses by March 13. Only seven parties met the

deadline.

The first meeting

between the NCC and

political parties was held

on February 15.

After the meeting with

LDP, the commission will

hold an informal session

with its members to set

dates for the next meetings

after Eid.

The commission did not

receive any feedback from

political parties yesterday.

So far, 15 out of 38 parties

have responded to the

NCC's proposals.

Prof Ali Riaz said

several political parties

have already engaged in

discussions, and hoped

more feedback will come

soon.

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As a government

employee, I can't leave

before the holidays.

Travelling with my wife and

daughter after the vacation

starts will be tough, so I'm

sending them this Friday,"

said Md Rukun Hasan, an

audit officer from Pabna.

Like him, many are

adopting similar strategies

to avoid last-minute Eid

travel hassles.

DGHS issues 16

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On-call services for specialist doctors at the upazila level must be ensured, it said.

Before the holiday begins, there must be an adequate stock and immediate supply of medicines, IV fluids, chemical reagents, and surgical supplies.

The storekeeper or the on-duty staff during the holiday must remain in their respective districts and upazilas. Ambulance services must be operational

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION) COMPANY MATTER NO 450 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Sections-81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994. AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Md. Ruhul Alam Al-Mahbub, son of Late A.K.M. Idris and Momena Idris, Shareholder and Managing Director, Fair Technology Ltd. of Khawja Palace, House-76/6 (2nd & 3rd Floor), Road-11, Banani, Dhaka. —Petitioner

Fair Technology Ltd. of Khawja Palace, House-76/6 (2nd & 3rd Floor), Road-11, Banani, Dhaka, Bangladesh and The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhaban (6th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. —Respondent

Take notice that an application under Sections-81(2) and 85(3) read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the above named Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of Fair Technology Ltd. for the calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024 and to give necessary direction for holding the said meeting within a reasonable time. Upon hearing of the application on 13-03-2025 the Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has been pleased to admit the said application. If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an advocate on or before the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.

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IN THE MATTER OF: Md. Ruhul Alam Al-Mahbub, son of Late A.K.M. Idris and Momena Idris, Shareholder and Managing Director, Fair Distribution Ltd. of Khawja Palace, House-76/6 (2nd & 3rd Floor), Road-11, Banani, Dhaka. —Petitioner

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PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information as "Price Sensitive Information" of all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Company in its 829th meeting held at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 18 March, 2025 adopted the audited Financial Statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December, 2024 and took the following decisions with regard to the forthcoming 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Bank and other related issues:-

Date and time of 42 nd AGM	:	12 May 2025 (Monday) at 11.00 a.m.
Venue	:	Digital Platform
Dividend recommended for the year 2024	:	17.50% Stock and 17.50% cash
Record Date	:	20 April 2025

Comparative Statement

Particulars	2024		2023	
Solo (Taka)	Consolidated (Taka)	Solo (Taka)	Consolidated (Taka)	

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