

BCS exam

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unnecessary harassment in the name of verification, the PSC will carry out basic background checks of candidates themselves.

“Later, if required, other agencies may conduct additional background checks. But candidates will not face undue trouble,” he added.

He also announced changes to the current system of two examiners evaluating written scripts one after another. “We are modifying that method and introducing a new system to speed up processing results.”

The PSC is also working to revise the 2023 recruitment policy, which will enable the commission to recommend more candidates for non-cadre posts, he added.

“To streamline all commission activities within a set timeframe, we’ve developed a ‘master calendar.’ This will help eliminate delays in the BCS [recruitment] process,” he said.



A Rajshahi City Corporation worker waters flower plants on a road divider using a truck, as part of efforts to protect the greenery from the scorching heat. The city corporation is regularly watering plants along various roads to help them survive the ongoing hot weather. The photo was taken yesterday in the city's Terokhadia Bypass Pashchim Para area yesterday.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

Declare April 24

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their demands. “The Rana Plaza collapse was a premeditated crime,” said Khairul Mamun Mintu, legal affairs secretary of the Bangladesh Garments and Sweater Workers Trade Union Centre.

“The previous regime has ignored our calls. Now, we are hopeful the interim authority will bring justice,” he said.

Meanwhile, the National Citizen Party (NCP) yesterday organised a commemorative programme at the Rana Plaza site in Savar.

The event began at 11:30am with a discussion attended by relatives of those killed, injured survivors, labour leaders, and activists.

Akhtar Hossain, member secretary of the party's central committee, along with other leaders and activists from various tiers of the organisation, were present.

The party said the event was organised to express solidarity with the victims and to reiterate its commitment to the rights and welfare of garment

workers.

The NCP also demanded that April 24 be officially declared as National Workers' Day.

Meanwhile, AHM Shafiquzzaman, secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, said the incumbent government endorses the demands of the Rana Plaza victims.

He made the comments after placing a wreath at the temporary memorial erected in front of the collapsed building.

He also announced that necessary measures will be taken to expedite the trial proceedings related to the Rana Plaza collapse.

Since 2013, labour rights groups have been organising annual commemorations with demands including: the declaration of April as National Workers' Mourning Day; construction of a permanent memorial at the collapse site; rehabilitation of injured and affected workers; and lifetime-equivalent compensation for all survivors.

Speak up against sexual

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inaugurated the event. He emphasised the need for collective responsibility in addressing harassment on public transport.

“Harassment often happens in front of others, but many choose to stay silent. This silence only lets the issue persist,” he said.

He called on citizens to speak out and urged men to respect and uphold women's rights and dignity.

Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, said the current government came to power with a promise to end all forms of discrimination, including gender inequality.

When women feel unsafe on public transport, it is a form of discrimination, as it limits their ability to travel freely and safely, she said.

She called for a zero-tolerance approach to harassment. “No woman – regardless of her profession or clothing – should be subjected to indecent behaviour, and such behaviour must be treated as a punishable offence.”

Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh, Nicolas Weeks, said the campaign is a call to action for everyone – commuters, drivers, conductors, and policymakers.

It's about creating a culture where harassment is not tolerated and where women and girls feel

not just permitted – but welcomed – in public spaces, he said.

Gitanjali Singh, representative of UN Women Bangladesh, said, “This campaign is based on a simple truth: women and girls have the right to move freely, safely, and confidently – anytime, anywhere. Whether on a metro, bus, or any transport, their space is their space.”

Presiding over the event, Neelima Akhter, executive director of DTCA, said, “We have made every effort to make this campaign visible and effective so that the message of preventing violence against women reaches the public.”

Training sessions for transport workers have already started to encourage better attitudes, she said. However, she noted that challenges remain, including a lack of necessary security infrastructure.

“We still lack tools like CCTV cameras. A proper system is needed to address the incidents of harassment swiftly. Bus stops also need better lighting, and public awareness must grow to bring real change,” she also said.

Before the event, over 160 transport workers from Dhaka Chaka, Nagar Paribahan, BRTC, and Hanif Paribahan took part in training sessions held from March 16 to 20 under

the campaign.

The sessions aimed to build gender sensitivity and awareness among transport staff. Sheikh Moinuddin handed out certificates to those who completed the training.

Locals take

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resident of Dubai.

This remote area has been deprived of any development in road communication for decades. The rural roads, being low-lying, are damaged every year due to rain and floods during monsoon, said Atiq Miah of Gabra village.

Sujat Ali of Dubail village said youths and elders from the villages worked together to cut soil and use it to fill up damaged parts of the one-kilometre stretch over the past two months.

“Unfortunately, the money we raised for the repair work has run out, so we are unable to continue repairing the rest of the road,” Sujat said, urging authorities to provide support to complete the work.

Contacted, Roshan Karim, project implementation officer of Delduar upazila, said he was informed about the villagers' initiative.

“Necessary steps will be taken after inspecting the road,” he added.

PRAYER TIMING

APRIL 25

	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-25	12-30	4-45	6-27	8-00
JAMAAAT	5-00	1-15	5-00	6-31	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

31 killed by mobs in 3 months

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During the same period, at least 31 people were killed and 64 injured in 70 incidents of mob beatings.

At least 91 journalists were reportedly tortured and harassed in 67 incidents, while 24 were named as accused in 10 cases.

The report further noted that nine individuals were killed in incidents involving “gunfights,” torture by law enforcement agencies, or while in custody.

The HRSS also documented at least seven attacks on minority communities, which left two people injured and resulted in the vandalism

of 10 idols. Two incidents involved land grabbing.

A total of 512 women and girls were victims of various forms of violence, including at least 240 cases of rape, 146 of which involved victims under the age of 18. Additionally, 399 children were subjected to violence between January and March. Among them, 83 were killed and 316 were physically and mentally tortured.

Along the Bangladesh-India border, five Bangladeshis were shot dead by India's Border Security Force (BSF) during the same period. Ten others were injured, and 15 were arrested by BSF personnel.

The HRSS recorded 86 incidents of violence against workers, resulting in the deaths of 45 people and injuries to at least 294 others. Over 12,500 people were arrested during the government's nationwide crackdown under “Operation Devil Hunt.”

Calling on the government to act responsibly in safeguarding human rights and ensuring public safety, HRSS urged all conscious citizens, journalists, political leaders, civil society members, and national and international rights organisations to raise their voices more strongly in defence of human rights.

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ammunition, one sound grenade, four improvised explosive devices, six locally-made hand bombs, various narcotics, locally made weapons, gold ornaments, motorcycles, stolen mobile phones, CCTV cameras, fake passports, banned medicines, and cash, were also recovered during the drives, said the release.

Army personnel also

continued patrols and security duties across different regions to ensure public safety, and facilitated peaceful negotiations to help defuse ongoing worker unrest in industrial areas.

Moreover, the army has been actively supporting security arrangements at Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examination centres nationwide.

Zainul

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relative's arrival in Dhaka by Saturday,” Mainul also said.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan expressed profound shock at her death.

In a message of condolence, the VC said Jahanara Abedin had a remarkable contribution to the success of Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin.

Request for Quotation: Blade/Rack Server

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Interested eligible bidders are requested to submit the technical offer as per the mentioned bidding process.

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Memo No. 1257

Dated : 22/04/2025

Corrigendum Notice (Amendment)-1ST and Final

It is hereby notified to all concern that the following amendment have been made to the invitation of work Establishment of 500 Bedded Hospital and Ancillary Building in Jeshore, Cox's Bazar, Pabna & Abdul Malek Ukil Medical College (AMUMC) & Jononeta Nurul Hoque Adhunik Hospital, Noakhali (1st Revised)(Sub Head: Construction of Academic Building of Nursing College, Construction of Mosque at Abdul Malek Ukil Medical College (AMUMC) & Jononeta Nurul Hoque Adhunik Hospital, Noakhali.) Tender ID: 1094750 vide Memo No 1010/35 dated : 27/03/2025 due to unavoidable circumstance and the amendments shall be as follows.

Tender Notice field name	As Mentioned in original Tender Notice	To be Replaces
Document last selling date & time	27.04.2025 15:00	04.05.2025 15:00
Opening Date & Time	28.04.2025 15:00	05.05.2025 15:00
Last date & time for Tender/Proposal Security Submission	28.04.2025 13:00	05.05.2025 13:00
Closing Date & Time	28.04.2025 15:00	05.05.2025 15:00

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INVITATION FOR TENDER (REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OF INSURANCE COVERAGE)

1. Invitation Reference, Tender ID No, and Date	Pro. (Log.) 132/2024, Tender ID-27/2024 date: 23/04/2025
2. Procuring Entity Name	Secretary General, BDRCS
3. Name of Requisition Department	Disaster Response Department
4. Procurement for	Group Life & Medical Insurance Coverage to ensure health support for employees of Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO), Cox's Bazar District, and Bhasan Char Operation, Hatia, Noakhali District.
5. Invitation for	Group-A for MRRO and Group-B for BCO (Group Life & Medical Insurance Coverage)
6. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
7. Project Name	Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO) and Bhasan Char Operation (BCO)
8. Budget and Source of Funds	UNHCR
9. Purchase of Tender document.	Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdracs.org . Tender Schedule Download Link: https://bdracs.org/tender/ Important Details: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Interested bidders are requested to collect the tender documents within the stipulated timeframe from the mentioned link/BDRCS website.A Tender Schedule purchase fee of BDT. 1020/- for Group-A and 510/- for Group-B. This fee is non-refundable.The purchase fee should be paid through Bkash number 0189-4806393 (BDRCS Merchant Account).Please mention the bKash transaction reference number on top of the tender schedule.Please mention the tender reference (Pro. (Log.) 132/2024, Tender ID-27/2024) Failure to include the bKash transaction reference number may result in the disqualification of your bid.
10. Tender Schedule available from website/link	27-04-2025
11. Tender Last Collection Date	07-05-2025
12. Tender Closing Date and Time	07-05-2025 at 03:00 PM
13. Tender Opening Date and Time	07-05-2025 at 03:15 PM
14. Address of Tender Submission & Opening	Logistics Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
15. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	11:00 AM on 04 May 2025 at Logistics Department Meeting Room, NHQ, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka
16. Eligibility of Tenderer	As per the Tender documents.
17. Brief Description of Works/ Related Services	To ensure health support for employees of Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO), Cox's Bazar District for 390 Persons and Bhasan Char Operation, Hatia, Noakhali District for 54 Persons.
18. Tender Evaluation Criteria	Technically & Financially (As per tender documents)
19. Tender Security Amount	2.5 % of the Total quoted amount
20. Completion Time (In days)	As per the Tender documents

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders or split the order without assigning any reason whatsoever, and will not be bound to accept the lowest bid.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

“Rabbir Ham Huma Kama
Rabba Yani Sagira”



Fawzia Samad
(1929 - 2011)

On Her 14th Death Anniversary

We Continue,
To remember her work as the Founder & Editor of Minar the first Bangla children's magazine published in 1949. Her courage in allowing her home at Dhanmondi to receive the first cache of arms in April 1971 and sanctuary to freedom fighters. Her setting up Free community schools "Kushumkoli" and such other humanitarian facilities she founded as the longest serving President of Dhaka Ladies Club and which still continue to serve the community.

A short silent prayer for her heavenly rest is requested.

-Family and well wishers