

Ilias Kanchan

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to be shaped by the spirit of 1971 and 2024, the rise of new parties becomes inevitable."

At this crucial juncture of the nation, he said, "We are announcing the formation of this new party with a commitment to ensuring justice, people's welfare, democracy, and sovereignty by eliminating inequality, fascism, and all forms of dominance."

Shaukat said the party is rooted in the ideals of the Liberation War, the November 7 National Revolution, the 1990s mass uprising, and the spirit of the 2024 July uprising.

"Our aim is to build a new Bangladesh based on equality, dignity, and social justice," said Shaukat while presenting the party's 18-point charter.

Shaukat was expelled from the BNP in March 2023 for "violating party discipline." He was also a former Jatiya Press Club president.

He added that the party's constitution, logo, electoral symbol, and flag will soon be submitted to the Election Commission.

Explaining his decision to enter politics at the inaugural event, Ilias Kanchan said, "I have been working to promote road safety for 32 years, but did not get support from any government. I have come to learn that it is not possible without a political will."

"I hope you will support me, inspire me, and look at my mistakes with forgiveness."

In 1993, after losing his wife in a road crash, National Film Award-winning actor Ilias Kanchan took to the streets to lead a road safety movement, founding his organisation "Nirapad Sarak Chai".

In Ilias Kanchan's new political party, Rafiqul Haque Hafiz, ABM Walir Rahman Khan, Rehana Salam, Md Abdullah, MA Yusuf, and Nirmal Chakraborty have become vice-chairmen of the ad hoc committee.

M Asaduzzaman Khan has been made senior joint secretary general while ABM Rafiqul Haque Talukder Raja, Al Amin Raju, and Nazmul Ahsan have become joint secretaries general.

Hasibur Reza Kallol will serve as publicity affairs secretary.

Car bomb kills

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and understand the nature of this regime."

Ukraine's SBU intelligence service did not respond to a request for comment on the killing of Moskalik, who was deputy head of the Main Operations Directorate of the General Staff of the Russian Armed Forces.

That position would have given him an important role in planning Russian military operations, including in Ukraine. State media said he held the rank of lieutenant general.

The body of a man, partially covered in a white sheet, lay on the pavement outside the entrance to an apartment building in the town of Balashikha, east of Moscow, near a burnt-out car.

The explosion occurred as a result of the detonation of a homemade explosive device filled with destructive elements," investigators said in a statement.

Ukraine's SBU killed Lieutenant General Igor Kirillov in a similar manner last December. Trump's Ukraine envoy, General Keith Kellogg, said that the attack violated the rules of warfare.

Russian war bloggers described Moskalik as a rising star. He had participated in several high-level Russian delegations that had met Western officials to try to negotiate a settlement to the conflict in Ukraine.

Bangladesh-IMF talks to continue

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the talks would continue. "We hope to reach a consensus soon."

Before the Bangladesh delegation's Washington visit, an IMF team concluded a two-week mission to Dhaka on April 17 without a staff-level agreement as disagreements persisted over the flexibility of the exchange rate and measures to improve the revenue-to-GDP ratio.

To restructure the country's tax system, the government has drafted the State Policy and Revenue Management Ordinance, 2025, proposing the dissolution of the NBR and establishment of two new bodies -- one focused on revenue management and the other on revenue policy.

The IMF raised reservations on some sections of the ordinance, said a top official of the finance ministry.

Speaking about the ordinance, Salehuddin said, "However, they [IMF] did not raise any question when the final draft, approved by the cabinet, was sent."

The finance ministry official said the NBR also submitted a plan to the IMF during ongoing talks on raising Bangladesh's chronically low revenue-to-GDP ratio. The IMF primarily agreed on the revenue issues, but it will be finalised in another meeting in Washington.

The Bangladesh delegation left for Washington on April 19 to attend the IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings, with the goal of securing a deal. On the sidelines of Spring Meetings, they

held a series of meetings with IMF officials, including Deputy Managing Director Nigel Clarke.

During its April 6-17 Dhaka visit, the IMF team led by Chris Papageorgiou discussed economic and financial policies in the context of the combined third and fourth reviews of the IMF programme.

Speaking to reporters during the visit, Papageorgiou had said, "From the IMF's perspective, and looking at the reform and its history, we have been discussing this crawling peg for at least one or two years."

"This is, in fact, the right time to move towards this flexibility," he said.

The crawling peg is a system of exchange rate adjustments in which a currency with a fixed exchange rate is allowed to fluctuate within a band of rates.

During the meetings in Washington, the IMF asked the Bangladesh delegation to maintain the crawling peg, adding that if the exchange rate fluctuates beyond 8 or 10 percent, the Bangladeshi Bank would intervene to prevent volatility in the currency market.

However, the central bank argued that it needs to retain control over the market due to persisting manipulation. Given the persistently high inflation, it maintained that this is not the right time to make the exchange rate more flexible.

A senior official from the delegation said both sides are likely to soften their positions in the final meeting to reach a consensus on the exchange rate issue.

Trump poised to offer Saudi Arabia

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Lockheed Martin Corp could supply a range of advanced weapons systems including C-130 transport aircraft, two of the sources said. One source said Lockheed would also supply missiles and radars.

RTX Corp, formerly known as Raytheon Technologies, is also expected to play a significant role in the package, which will include supplies from other major US defence contractors such as Boeing Co, Northrop Grumman Corp, and General Atomics, said four of the sources.

All the sources declined to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter.

RTX, Northrop and General Atomics declined to comment. Boeing did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In 2021, under Biden, Congress imposed a ban on sales of offensive weapons to Saudi Arabia over the Khashoggi killing and to pressure the kingdom to wind down its Yemen war, which had inflicted heavy civilian casualties.

Under US law, major international weapons deals must be reviewed by members of Congress before they are finalised.

The Biden administration began to soften its stance on Saudi Arabia in 2022 after Russia's invasion of Ukraine impacted global oil supplies. The ban on offensive weapons sales was lifted in 2024, as Washington worked more closely with Riyadh in the aftermath of Hamas' October 7 attack to devise a plan for post-war Gaza.

A potential deal for Lockheed's F-35 jets, which the kingdom has been reportedly interested in for years, is expected to be discussed, three of the sources said, while downplaying the chances for an F-35 deal being signed during the trip.

The United States guarantees that its close ally Israel receives more advanced American weapons than Arab states, giving it what is labeled a "Qualitative Military Edge" (QME) over its neighbours.

Israel has now owned F-35s for nine years, building multiple squadrons.

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Hold local polls before national election

FROM PAGE 12 Tk 28 trillion from the country – four to five times the national budget, he said.

He urged the European Union and other foreign representatives to help recover the stolen money and return it to the public fund.

"We want a Bangladesh where there is no discrimination based on political belief or religion. Everyone must enjoy equal rights."

He reiterated Jamaat's vision of a humane, corruption-free, and just Bangladesh based on Islamic principles and the Holy Quran, where people of all faiths can practice their religions freely.

Heatwave to persist till tomorrow

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Rajshahi recorded the country's highest temperature at 39°C for two consecutive days. Other districts experiencing mild heatwave conditions include Jashore at 38.3°C, Ishwardi in Pabna at 38°C, Sirajganj at 37.2°C, Chuadanga at 36.8°C, Bogura at 36.5°C, and Baghabari in Sirajganj at 36.2°C.

According to the Met Office, temperature ranges define heatwave categories: 36°C to 37.9°C is considered mild, 38°C to 39.9°C is moderate, 40°C to 41.9°C

is severe, while anything above 42°C is categorised as very severe heatwave.

April is typically the hottest month in Bangladesh. Last year saw an unusually prolonged heatwave period, with almost the entire month experiencing high temperatures, resulting in 35 days of heatwave conditions combined in April and May – the highest in 76 years. Although this year has not followed the same pattern overall, the heat has intensified significantly in the final week of the month.

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