Polytechnic students

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students had suspended their protests after the education ministry announced the formation of the committee. However, they withdrew the suspension the following day, expressing dissatisfaction with the committee's inactivity.

As part of their ongoing movement, students staged protest rallies on Sunday and Monday across the country. They also submitted a memorandum to the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB), reiterating their demands.

The six-point charter includes demands such as abolishing the 30 percent promotion quota for craft instructors, standardising the diploma-in-engineering curriculum to four years, ensuring reserved quotas in technical Grade-10 posts, and other reforms aimed at improving the quality of technical education.

Campus activities at many institutes across the country remained suspended yesterday as students locked the entrances to administrative and academic buildings, with banners and placards reiterating their six demands.

Meanwhile, education ministry officials told this newspaper that discussions were ongoing, but drafting a comprehensive roadmap would require time and further consultation with various stakeholders.

SC stays HC bail

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The accused pro-AL lawyers cannot get released from jail following the orders, said Additional Attorney General Md Abdul Jabbar Bhuiyan and defence lawyer Md Azhar Ullah Bhuiyan.

The HC granted the bail to the accused lawyers considering that there were no specific allegations against them, said Advocate Azhar Ullah Bhuiyan.

The case was filed against 144 pro-AL lawyers over allegations of attacking members of the Dhaka Bar Association, vandalising lawyers' chambers, and attempted murder.

Subsequently, 115 lawyers secured eight weeks' anticipatory bail from the HC in the case.

'People won't

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Otherwise, like Awami League, BNP too will be thrown out by the people," he said.

He also cautioned against being misled by misinformation on social media. "There are countless lies on Facebook," he said. "YouTube videos are so misleading they could make you lose your mind. Don't fall for them."

At the event, Fakhrul reaffirmed BNP's vision for the country. "We want to build a happy, prosperous, and loving Bangladesh. We don't want division, revenge, or vengeance," he said.

Consensus

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power. We want to ensure transparency, accountability, and legal and constitutional guarantees for those in power to face the public."

Prof Ali Riaz, vice-chairman of the consensus commission, also addressed the dialogue, saying Bangladesh now has a historic opportunity to rebuild the state collectively.

Not forming edn reform

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important during this transitional time and have sometimes become points of contention," said Debapriya.

He said although the government claims to fight inequality and was born out of student and youth movements, it has not initiated education sector reforms.

To address this, Debapriya said CPD had proposed forming a high-level reform committee to the education adviser in March, aiming to overhaul the technical education sector and align it with market demands.

"However, no such body has been formed yet," he added.

He said a skilled technical workforce could drive employment in Bangladesh. However, a disproportionate focus on general education, inadequate planning, and weak monitoring have hindered the potential of technical and vocational education.

Referring to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), he said ensuring wider and fairer access to quality technical education by 2030 is a key target. However, Bangladesh is falling behind.

"If education commissions had been formed and functioned properly, the state of technical education would be much better today," he said.

He added that countries like South Korea, Japan, and India have transformed their economies through strong technical and vocational education systems -- something Bangladesh has yet to replicate.

Debapriya said despite the number of technical graduates each year, many are not ready for the job market due to outdated training equipment and curriculum mismatches.

As a result, many local graduates remain unemployed while foreign workers secure jobs in Bangladesh, he added.

He also called for changing the negative perception of technical education, where technical graduates are often undervalued compared to those with general degrees like BBA.

Speaking at the event, CPD's distinguished fellow Prof Mustafizur Rahman said Bangladesh's socio-economic progress depends on a greater focus on applied and technical education.

Highlighting the need for skilled workers and mid-level professionals before the country's LDC graduation, he stressed the importance of strengthening public-private partnerships and aligning vocational training with actual job market needs.

"To progress in the 21st century, Bangladesh must address these challenges urgently and systematically," he said.

Other CPD officials also attended the event.

Migrants stranded

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in queue for one-stop clearance.

A government-backed digital alternative, developed in collaboration with Buet at the cost of several crore taka, has so far failed to operate smoothly, according to sources.

In the absence of a functioning online system, manual processing has returned—bringing with it allegations of corruption. Several workers have alleged that BMET officials are nudging them towards manual submissions, where unofficial payments are being demanded.

Those who previously completed the entire process independently are now turning to recruiting agents, often paying large sums for services they could once access themselves for free.

Tarique Ekramul Haque, managing director and founder of Ami Probashi, said the app was always focused on empowering migrants.

"To help them, we are ready to cooperate with the government and any stakeholders in the sector," he said.

"Though not mandatory, our submission system offered a vital alternative—allowing migrants to apply for training and clearance from their mobile phones."

He added, "We have full faith that the government is doing its best to resolve the issue and assist the affected migrants."

The crisis comes at a time when overseas job markets are shrinking.

"Most labour markets are actually closed," said a former joint secretary general of the Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies, seeking anonymity.

"Saudi Arabia is practically our only active labour market. If we create obstacles there, labour migration will drop sharply," he added.

A new requirement mandating embassy verification even for single workers—previously only required for bulk demand letters of 25 or more—has further slowed the process.

Syed Saiful Haque, chairman of WARBE Development Foundation, said the government should immediately reinstate the Ami Probashi app to prevent further disruption.

Country failing

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the Supreme Court outlawed corporal punishment in educational institutions in 2011, and the Children Act 2013 prohibits cruel or degrading treatment of children, implementation remains weak and is poorly monitored.

Corporal punishment -- defined as the use of physical force intended to cause pain as a disciplinary measure -- remains deeply embedded in Bangladeshi society.

A national study conducted under the Children's Worlds Report 2020, involving over 3,000 children in Barishal, Rajshahi and Moulvibazar, found corporal punishment to be widespread at both schools and homes.

According to the 2019 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), 88.8 percent of 70,027 children aged 1–14 experienced physical punishment or psychological aggression in a month, over 30 percent faced severe physical punishment, while only 6.4 percent were subjected to non-violent discipline.

Alarmingly, 35 percent of mothers or caregivers believed physical punishment was necessary -- suggesting that nearly nine in ten children, amounting to over 45 million in Bangladesh, are exposed to violent discipline monthly.

Globally, Unicef reports that 400 million children under five are regularly subjected to physical or psychological punishment at home, with around 330 million facing physical discipline.

Dr Helal Uddin Ahmed, professor of Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatry at the National Institute of Mental Health, warned of the serious psychological impact.

"Corporal punishment in children leads to both immediate and long-term psychological and behavioural consequences," he said.

"Immediate effects may include stress, fear, aversion to authority figures, withdrawal from education, sleep disturbances, and regressive behaviours such as bedwetting," he also said.

Long-term impacts, he added, may include chronic depression, PTSD, difficulties in relationships, personality disorders, and an increased risk of becoming abusers themselves.

A 2021 report by the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, analysing over 300 studies, found no evidence of benefits to corporal punishment. Instead, it linked the practice to self-harm, anxiety, addiction, and intergenerational cycles of violence.

The World Health Organization, in its 2021 fact sheet "Corporal Punishment and Health," highlighted additional risks including chronic illness, school dropout, and increased aggression.

Child rights activist Laila Khondkar, convener of Shishurai Shob, said, "To truly protect children, Bangladesh must enact a comprehensive law banning corporal punishment in all settings -- including the home. Existing policies, such as the Ministry of Education's circular, are important but must be properly monitored and implemented nationwide."

She added that both parents and teachers need training in non-violent discipline methods.

"Many parents are unaware that parenting itself is something that can and should be learned," she said. "Laws alone are not enough -- mindsets must change."

PRAYER TIMING
APRIL 30

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-20	12-45	4-45	6-29	8-00
JAMAAT	4-55	1-15	5-00	6-34	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

EC seeks party suggestions

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political parties after collecting their recommendations.

Meanwhile, the National Citizen Party (NCP) has expressed doubts about the proxy voting system, and Jamaat-e-Islami said this method carries a risk of possible fraud. The AB Party also called it risky.

Jamaat-e-Islami Publicity Secretary Matiur Rahman Akanda said his party supports voting rights for expatriates but warned that proxies could misuse their power by voting for a different symbol than the one assigned by the actual voter.

Khaled Saifullah, joint convener of NCP, noted that in some regions, expatriates make up more than 10 percent of the electorate, so this can become a major issue.

However, despite concerns, leaders from BNP, Jamaat, CPB, and NCP said they would submit their recommendations within the deadline.

EC PREFERS PROXY SYSTEM

While the EC discussed three voting methods, officials indicated a preference for proxy voting for expatriate Bangladeshis.

They explained that online voting would require extensive and time-consuming trials, while the postal ballot system has proven ineffective, as expatriates have shown little interest in using it during past elections.

At the event, Election Commissioner Abdur Rahmanel Masud presented a draft amendment to include the proxy voting method in the Representation of the People's Order 1972.

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সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তর
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সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তরাধীন জাতীয় বিশেষ শিক্ষা কেন্দ্র, মিরপুর-১৪, ঢাকা এর প্রতিবন্ধী নিবাসীদের ২০২৪-২৫ অর্থ বছরের জন্য ক গ্রুপ-খাদ্য সামগ্রী, খ গ্রুপ-শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও আনুষঙ্গিক মালামাল এবং ঙ গ্রুপ- নিবাসীদের ব্যবহার্য বিবিধ মালামাল সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নিম্নলিখিত শর্তাবলীর আলোকে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১	মন্ত্রণালয়	সমাজকল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়
২	অধিদফতর ও এজেন্সি	সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তর, জাতীয় বিশেষ শিক্ষা কেন্দ্র, মিরপুর-১৪, ঢাকা-১২০৬
৩	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	মহাপরিচালক, সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তর, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৭
৪	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার জেলা	ঢাকা
৫	কাজের বিবরণ	জাতীয় বিশেষ শিক্ষা কেন্দ্র, মিরপুর-১৪, ঢাকা-১২০৬ এর ৭০ জন প্রতিবন্ধী নিবাসীর ২০২৫-২৬ অর্থ বছরের জন্য "ক গ্রুপ-খাদ্য সামগ্রী, খ গ্রুপ-শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও আনুষঙ্গিক মালামাল এবং ঙগ্রুপ- নিবাসীদের ব্যবহার্য বিবিধ মালামাল" সরবরাহ।
৬	দরপত্রের স্মারক নম্বর ও তারিখ	৪১.০১.০০০০.০৮২.০৭.০০৬.২৫-১৮৬ তারিখ : ২৯/০৪/২০২৫ খ্রি:
৭	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)
৮	বাজেট এবং তহবিল উৎস	রাজস্ব বাজেট (জিওবি)
৯	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজ সংখ্যা	৩(তিন) টি
১০	দরপত্রের প্যাকেজের নাম	ক গ্রুপ- খাদ্য সামগ্রী (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল), খ গ্রুপ- শিক্ষা, স্বাস্থ্য, প্রসাধনী ও অন্যান্য আনুষঙ্গিক মালামাল ঙ গ্রুপ- নিবাসীদের ব্যবহার্য বিবিধ মালামাল
১১	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ	০৪/০৫/২০২৫ হতে ২০/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি: অফিস চলাকালীন (সকাল ১০.০০ টা হতে বিকাল ৪.০০ টা পর্যন্ত)
১২	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	২১/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি:, সকাল ১০.০০ টা থেকে দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত
১৩	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২১/০৫/২০২৫ খ্রি:, বেলা ২.৩০ মি.
১৪	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	জাতীয় বিশেষ শিক্ষা কেন্দ্র, এ/৪, মিরপুর-১৪, ঢাকা-১২০৬।
১৫	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয় ও দাখিলের স্থান	(১) জাতীয় বিশেষ শিক্ষা কেন্দ্র, এ/৪, মিরপুর-১৪, ঢাকা-১২০৬ (২) সমাজসেবা অধিদপ্তর, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৭ (প্রতিষ্ঠান শাখা)
১৬	দরপত্র সিডিউল ও শর্তাবলীর মূল্য	'ক' গ্রুপ এর জন্য ৫০০/ টাকা , 'খ' গ্রুপের জন্য -৫০০/ টাকা এবং ঙ গ্রুপ-২০০/ টাকা ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে ১-২৯৩১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ কোডে জমা দিয়ে চালানের মূলকপি জমা দিতে হবে।
১৭	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	(১) বৈধ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান হতে হবে (২) ট্রেজারি চালানের মূলকপি থাকতে হবে (৩) হাল নাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স থাকতে হবে (৪) হাল নাগাদ ব্যাংক সচ্ছলতার সনদ থাকতে হবে (৫) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ থাকতে হবে (৬) TIN নম্বরসহ হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ ও ভ্যাট প্রদানের রশিদ/ প্রমানপত্র থাকতে হবে
১৮	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটির পরিমান	উদ্ধৃত দরের ২.৫ % হারে পে অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে অধ্যক্ষ, জাতীয় বিশেষ শিক্ষা কেন্দ্র বরাবর দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।
১৯	অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী	(১) পিপিএ-২০০৬ এবং পিপিআর-২০০৮ (সংশোধিত) এ প্রদত্ত ক্রয় সংক্রান্ত পদ্ধতি যথাযথভাবে অনুসরণ করা হবে। (২) গৃহিত দরদাতার নিকট হতে উদ্ধৃত দরে ১০% পারফরমেন্স সিকিউরিটির অর্থ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। (৩) কর্তৃপক্ষ কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। (৪) ঙ' গ্রুপের ক্ষেত্রে বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। (৫) বিশেষ নির্দেশনা ও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত আছে।

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Invitation for Tender

Ref: PCB/2025-561 Date: 29.04.2025

01	Ministry/Division	:	Health Service Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare			
02	Agency	:	Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh			
03	Procuring Entity Name	:	Secretary, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh			
04	Procuring Entity Code	:	Not Applicable			
05	Procuring Entity District	:	Dhaka			
06	Invitation for Goods	:	"Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Photocopier, Brand Desktop PC, Printer, Office equipment and Related Accessories for Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh"			
07	Invitation Ref Number	:	PCB/Tender/Com/2025-01			
08	Date	:	Date: 29-04-2025			
	Key Information					
09	Procurement Method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
	FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	:	Own Funds			
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	:	Not Applicable			
	PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/Programme Code	:	Not Applicable			
13	Project/Programme Name	:	Not Applicable			
14	Tender Package No	:	GD 03			
15	Tender Package Name	:	"Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Photocopier, Brand Desktop PC, Printer, Office equipment and Related Accessories for Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh"			
16	Tender Publication Date	:	30/04/2025			
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19	Tender Opening Date and Time	:	Date:	15/05/2025	Time:	03:00 PM
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	:				
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	:	Admin Section, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh, Rahat Tower (4th Floor), 14 Link Road, West Banglamotor, Dhaka-1000.			
	Selling Tender Document (Others)	:	Not Applicable			
	Receiving Tender Document	:	Admin Section, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh, Rahat Tower (4th Floor), 14 Link Road, West Banglamotor, Dhaka-1000.			
	Opening Tender Document	:	Conference Room, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh, Rahat Tower (5th Floor), 14 Link Road West Banglamotor, Dhaka-1000.			
21	Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	:	N/A			
	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	:	N/A			
	INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
22	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	:	i) General Experience: The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the supply of Goods as Supplier shall be **5 (Five) years.**			
			ii) Specific Experience: The minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of Electronic Goods/Equipment of at least one (1) contract successfully completed within the last **3 (Three) years**, with a value of at least Tk. **15,00,000.00 (Fifteen Lac Taka Only).**			
			iii) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e., working capital or credit line(s) of the Tenderer shall be Tk **19,00,000.00 (Nineteen Lac Taka Only).**			
23	Brief Description of Goods	:	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Photocopier, Brand Desktop PC, Printer, Office equipment and Related Accessories for Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh.			
24	Brief Description of Related Services	:	Not Applicable			

25	Lot	Identification of Lot	Location	Price of Tender Document (TK)	Tender Security Amount	Completion Time in Weeks/Months
	1	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Photocopier, Brand Desktop PC, Printer, Office equipment and Related Accessories for Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh, Rahat Tower (5th Floor), 14 Link Road, West Banglamotor Dhaka-1000.	Dhaka	1500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Only).	70,000.00 (Seventy Thousand Taka Only).	1 Month.

	PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	:	Muhammad Mahbubul Haq, on behave of Finance Committee, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh.
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	:	Secretary, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	:	Office room of the Secretary, Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh, Rahat Tower (4th Floor), 14 Link Road, West Banglamotor, Dhaka-1000.
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30	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders		

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