

Form an independent police commission

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Also at the meeting, Constable Samia Shorna from Dhaka district demanded a compensatory allowance equal to one month's basic salary.

In response, Chief Adviser Yunus assured the attendees that the issues raised would be further discussed.

Inspector General of Police Baharul Alam said Police Week aims to connect policymakers with frontline officers to modernise the force and boost their morale. Acknowledging past tensions with the public, particularly during the student protests, he said steps had been taken to rebuild trust.

Since the interim government assumed office in August 2024, restoring law and order has been a priority, he noted.

"Coordinated efforts have re-established command and lifted the morale."

The IGP thanked the chief adviser for initiatives, including lifting the cap on risk allowances, halting non-essential procurement, and facilitating motorcycle loans for officers.

"We aim to be a humane, transparent, and accountable force, committed to justice and human rights," he said.

Meanwhile, 62 officers

were awarded the Bangladesh Police Medal and President Police Medal for outstanding service.

WORKSHOP ON POLLS PREPAREDNESS
Senior officials also held a workshop with field-level officers at the Rajarbagh Police Lines yesterday, focusing on restoring public trust, improving the force's image, and maintaining law and order amid evolving national challenges.

Md Kamrul Ahsan, deputy inspector general of the PHQ, led the session, assigning field officers with six key tasks.

These included restoring a stable work environment, enforcing the law, countering propaganda and subversive activities, removing poor leadership influences, and rebuilding public confidence.

Officers were directed to act strictly by the law and resist all forms of pressure ahead of the national election. They were also instructed to combat misinformation and share accurate information with the public.

According to meeting sources, a presentation was given during the session, identifying five major threats to law and order. These included illegal and looted weapons posing risks to election security; shifting narratives between

interim and political governments; intra-party conflict; mob violence, and protests.

Other threats discussed were inmate escapes, terrorist bailouts, growing extremism in the southwest, and the Rohingya and Arakan crises destabilising the borders.

'RECRUIT UNMARRIED ASPs'
On the first day of Police Week-2025, high-ranking officers also met Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury and placed several demands, including the recruitment of unmarried assistant superintendents of police.

Barrister Zillur Rahman, principal of the Police Academy, noted that around 70 percent of probationary ASPs are married, which creates challenges during training.

"Many leave their families behind but later request to reunite with them, disrupting the training process," a meeting source quoted the principal as saying.

Zillur added that most trainees later seek transfers to Dhaka.

He also raised concerns about physical standards, particularly height. "Although minimum height is required, it's often overlooked during medical

exams."

He recommended ensuring recruits meet height and weight standards and prioritising unmarried candidates.

Officials also proposed a special allowance for training academy staff and improved services at divisional police hospitals.

Addressing the high officials, the home adviser said, "You only focus on your own matters. That's not right. First, address how lower-level officials are living and performing. Fix those issues first."

He emphasised genuine concern for lower-ranking officers, especially regarding housing, duty schedules, workload, and overall well-being.

"Sincere attention should also be paid to their food and nutrition," Jahangir added.

He said the government is considering allowing junior officers to be posted within their home districts and, where possible, posting police spouses in the same district as well.

Trump threats help Liberals win

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a wide lead in the polls that evaporated after Trump slapped tariffs on Canada and threatened to annex the country. Canadians are shunning U.S. goods and trips in response.

While Carney remains prime minister, his Liberals appeared to win only a minority of seats in the House of Commons, making the government more fragile and dependent on smaller parties to stay in power.

Australia holds an election on May 3, and the major parties have closely watched the polling surge towards Carney, Australian political strategists said. As in Canada, voter concern over the global fallout from Trump's policies has tilted support toward the center-left Labor Party.

Former Canadian diplomat Colin Robertson, who knew Carney when he worked at the Finance Ministry, said Carney is Canada's best-equipped prime minister since the 1960s, given his experience leading the Bank of England and Bank of Canada.

"He goes in extremely well-prepared, with a superb Rolodex, and people will take his call and look to him because their challenges are economic right now," he said.

Carney will likely start by expanding Canadian trade with Europe, Australia and Asian democracies such as Japan, Robertson said, blunting some of the economic damage from newly imposed U.S. tariffs on cars, steel and aluminum.

Fortifying Canada's economy is expected to be Carney's immediate priority, including by advancing infrastructure projects to make Canada less dependent on the United States, which buys 90% of Canada's oil exports.

Leading the smallest G7 nation, Carney will then need to muster his global coalition "without waving a giant red flag in front of Donald Trump," said Roland Paris, a former adviser to ex-Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and now professor of international affairs at University of Ottawa.

"It will be a difficult tightrope or balancing act for him," Paris said. "He and Canada have an interest in coordinating with other like-minded countries, but without necessarily setting up Canada as the organizer of an opposition. Why turn Canada into that kind of target?"

Paris said Carney's calm demeanor and financial experience may elicit a more constructive response from Trump than the president directed at Trudeau, whom he belittled as "governor."

Robertson, a senior adviser at the Canadian Global Affairs Institute think tank, expects Carney to try to work collaboratively with Trump, possibly as early as the June G7 Leaders' Summit in Alberta, where he predicted Carney may arrange a trade meeting with Trump and Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum.

Rights bodies worried

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ensure trial of the actual perpetrators.

"It is essential to ensure justice in the killing of Sharban, and at the same time, necessary and appropriate measures must be taken to ensure that those responsible don't go unpunished. Besides, the government is being urged to take effective steps to prevent anyone from being harassed through cases lodged with malicious intent," HRFB said.

Implicating a large number of people in the cases will hinder both the investigation and the judicial process and delay the investigation reports, it added.

"In this context, it becomes evident that such cases are being filed with the intent to harass, which could have far-reaching consequences," it said, while urging utmost caution in accepting such cases.

The HRFB demanded withdrawal of cases, including the one filed against Zaker along with other professionals, non-

political individuals, and ordinary people, following proper investigations.

It is also essential to conduct proper probes to identify those involved directly or indirectly in each killing, how they were involved, and under whose instructions these acts were done.

Filing serious charges like murder without any evidence is undoubtedly considered repressive.

"It is also unacceptable," the rights body said, adding that the situation is increasingly creating opportunities for both domestic and foreign actors to launch conspiratorial and misleading campaigns against the country's justice system.

The body demanded prompt investigations and trials of the killings of the July uprising as well as an inquiry and action against those who are misusing the law in this manner.

Meanwhile, ASK said the ordinary people have the right to file cases over the murders during the July uprising, but deliberately implicating persons with

the intent to harass is a violation of human rights.

The purpose of the law is to protect the rights of citizens. However, the use of law to harass innocent people through such politically motivated cases is unacceptable, it added.

Echoing similar concerns, BLAST said politically motivated cases and mass arrests are undermining justice and called for urgent reforms to ensure fair investigations based on credible evidence. It also urged swift justice for genocide and gross human rights violations during the July-August uprising.

Referring to the murder case of Shrabon where 408 individuals, including Zaker and several journalists, were accused, the rights body criticised the filing of such a first information report without credible evidence or specific links to the incident.

The rights body also warned that similar practices were seen during previous governments, where accountability was lacking, and called for an urgent reform of such procedures.

17 actors sued

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told The Daily Star yesterday, "We received a copy of the court's order today [yesterday]. Action is being taken accordingly."

Meanwhile, actor Siddiqur Rahman Siddique was assaulted yesterday afternoon on the capital's Bailey Road by a group of youths who alleged he had ties to the Awami League. The group later handed him over to police.

Siddique, who was in custody at Ramna Police Station, was seen with torn clothes and bruises in a video that went viral on social media. A voice in the video can be heard calling him "a supporter of the fascist regime".

In another video, an attacker was heard saying, "We are Habibullah Bahar [unit of] Chhatra Dal [the student wing of BNP]".

Siddique had earlier collected a nomination form from the AL to contest the Dhaka-17 by-election in 2023, following the death of actor and MP Akbar Hossain Pathan Farooque, but did not receive the party's nomination.

Talebur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said Siddique was handed over to Gulshan Police Station, where a case had previously been filed against him. He was shown arrested in that case.

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