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## Former MP Momtaz held in Dhaka

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The Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested former lawmaker of Manikgaj 2 constituency and singer Momtaz Begum in the capital's Dhanmondi area last night.

Talebir Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of DMP, confirmed the matter to The Daily Star. Momtaz is accused in multiple cases filed over the attack on students and protesters during the July uprising last year. She will be produced before the court today, he said.



Hundreds of nursing students from various institutions across Sylhet gathered to stage a protest yesterday, marking International Nurses Day. They demanded that their three-year diploma in nursing and midwifery be recognised as equivalent to a bachelor's degree. The photo was taken from near the Sylhet Central Shaheed Minar.

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## Prioritise labour

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government and would also like to see accountability for past violations," said US Charge d'Affaires Tracey Ann Jacobson said.

Several reaffirmed their countries' commitment to supporting Bangladesh's transition.

Lutfey Siddiqi delivered the first full summary of the interim government's reform efforts since July 2024, saying it has made dramatic progress over the last eight months. "The ILO roadmap is not just a guide -- it's a commitment. We're investing time, energy and goodwill to get this right both in terms of process and outcome," he said.

Siddiqi also briefed the diplomats on the inter-ministerial meetings with the ministries of home, labour, and public administration to address the politically motivated cases from the previous regime, better dispute resolution mechanisms to avert backlog in courts, and the issue of insufficient capacity in inspector roles.

He noted that labour rights is not just a domestic issue, but now tied to market access, global trade decisions, including the tariff agenda of President Trump. "We must act accordingly," he said.

He commended the personal engagement and

## NCP clarifies stance

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moral authority of Labour Affairs Adviser Dr Sakhawat Hossain, who spent hours with tripartite stakeholders to bring them along.

EU Ambassador Michael Miller noted that there has been a lot of social dialogue and appreciated the sense of urgency regarding the labour reforms.

"We look forward to seeing the draft legislation soon and track tangible improvements on the ground. Resolution of this has implications for continued access to EU markets," Miller added.

British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke said Bangladesh's LDC graduation must be backed by strong labour standards. "I echo others in expressing my appreciation for the seriousness with which the interim government of Bangladesh has approached this issue," she added.

Canadian High Commissioner Ajit Singh said labour reforms as per the ILO roadmap is particularly important for Bangladesh in the context of LDC graduation.

ILO Country Director Tuomo Poutiainen remarked, "We're very close to shaping the updated Bangladesh Labour Act. What matters now is doing this in a way that stands the test of time and protects workers in the long run."

1971, and 2024.

NCP also said recognising the people's historical movements -- in 1947, 1971 and 2024 -- must be a prerequisite for political participation in Bangladesh.

Referring to those accused of collaborating in the 1971 genocide, the party urged them to clarify their political stance and contribute to national consensus and the fulfilment of the 2024 uprising's aspirations.

"The forces that stood with citizens during the fall of the 'fascist' regime must now embrace a pro-Bangladesh role in rebuilding the nation," added the statement.

## Teen held over murder

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they brought a grinding stone from the kitchen and struck both sisters on the head multiple times and fled the scene."

Detectives located him at his grandfather's house in Jhalakathi. Based on his confession, investigators also recovered several pieces of evidence.

Police produced him before a Dhaka court yesterday where he gave a confessional statement under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the DB official said.

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### Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
2	Agency	Department of Environment
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Department of Environment, Dhaka Laboratory
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Procurement of Spectrophotometer
7	Invitation Ref No.	22.02.0000.111.07.046.24.281
8	Date	12.05.2025
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and source of funds	GoB
11	Development partners	N/A
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Project / programme code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project / programme name (if applicable)	N/A
14	Tender Package No.	GR-07
15	Tender package name	Procurement of Spectrophotometer
16	Tender publication date	12 May 2025
17	Tender last selling date	25 May 2025, 5.00pm
18	Tender closing date and time	26 May 2025, 12.00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	26 May 2025, 12.30pm
20	Name & address of selling tender	Room-208, Old Building, Department of Environment, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207
21	Place/ date / time of pre-tender meeting	N/A
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
22	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minimum of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the supply of Goods and related services as Supplier shall be 05 years.</li> <li>The minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of similar Goods of at least 01 contract(s) successfully completed within the last 03 years, each with a value of at least Tk. 13.00 lakh.</li> <li>The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk 13.00 lakh.</li> <li>Must submit Manufacturer Authorization Letter.</li> </ol>
23	Brief description of goods	Procurement of Spectrophotometer
24	Brief description of related services	Mentioned in Tender Document
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	BDT 1000.00
26	Tender security (Tk)	The tender is to be submitted as a security deposit in favour of a Bank Draft (refundable) of Tk 65,000/- (sixty-five thousand Taka only) issued by a Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh
27	Name of official inviting tender	Mohammed Solaiman Haider
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Dhaka Laboratory, Department of Environment, Dhaka.
29	Address of official inviting tender	Room-206, 1st Floor, Old Building, Department of Environment
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 02 222218469, e-mail address: haider.doe@gmail.com
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	

Mohammed Solaiman Haider  
Director

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## Cross-sector collaboration key

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covering all aspects of the sector. However, she pointed out that implementing all recommendations at once may not be possible. The commission should therefore help authorities in finding pragmatic ways to prioritise implementation, she added.

She also said a pragmatic approach is needed to decide which laws to enact first and which can be deferred.

Yasmin noted that the two divisions of the health ministry currently struggle to work in coordination. Meanwhile, the commission has proposed forming a new health commission, creating a separate health service, and setting up several new offices.

"Are we expanding the bureaucracy?" she asked.

"The proposed health commission has been assigned

a wide range of responsibilities," she said, adding, "Is there any scope for simplification here?"

She suggested forming a broad platform involving representatives from political parties and professional bodies of doctors and nurses to implement the recommendations.

Prof Mohammad Zakir Hossain, a member of the reform commission, said implementing the recommendations would take between six months and 10 years.

He said the interim government could start the implementation process and carry out many proposals within 8 to 10 months by issuing ordinances and statutory

regulatory orders (SROs).

"A technical committee and a separate secretariat would be needed for the process. The commission will assist them if necessary," he added.

Ahmed Ehsanur Rahman, another member of the commission, gave a detailed presentation on financing the health sector.

He said the demographic pattern has changed significantly, with about 40 percent of the population now living in urban areas. Therefore, the pattern of health financing must be adjusted accordingly, he added.

"Bangladesh ranks among the lowest in terms of government health spending. This must be increased significantly," he also said.

Dr Md Khairul Islam, executive committee member of Bangladesh Health Watch; Prothom Alo Special Correspondent Shishir Moral; and Bangladesh Health Reporters Forum President Rashed Rabbi also spoke at the event.

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## নিলাম দরপত্র আহানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি (গুন:নিলাম)

০১	নিলাম দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নম্বর	:	০৪/২০২৪-২৫
০২	নিলাম দরপত্রের নাম	:	ক) গুপ-১: যশোর ইপিজেড প্রকল্পের প্রস্তাবিত বেপজা খালের এলাইনমেন্ট বরাবর বিদ্যমান গাছপালা ও অন্যান্য অবকাঠামোর নিলাম (৩য় আহান)। খ) গুপ-২: যশোর ইপিজেড প্রকল্পের প্রস্তাবিত বেপজা এলাইনমেন্ট রোড-১ এর এলাইনমেন্ট বরাবর বিদ্যমান অবকাঠামো ও গাছপালা নিলাম (৪য়ে আহান)। গ) গুপ-৩: যশোর ইপিজেড প্রকল্পের প্রস্তাবিত বেপজা এলাইনমেন্ট রোড-২ এর এলাইনমেন্ট বরাবর বিদ্যমান অবকাঠামো ও গাছপালা নিলাম (৩য় আহান)।
০৩	বায়নায় টাকা (নিলাম দরপত্রের সিকিউরিটি)	:	নিলাম দরাদা কর্তৃত প্রতিটি গুপের জন্য উচ্চত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ) ভাগ পে-অর্ডার আকারে নিলাম দরপত্র জামানত যশোর ইপিজেড (বেপজা) এর অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হবে।
০৪	নিলাম দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	:	প্রতি গুপ ৫০০/- টাকা (অফেরিংযোগ্য)।
০৫	গাছপালা/অন্যান্য অবকাঠামো অপসারণের সময়সীমা	:	কার্যালয়ের তারিখ হইতে ৬০ (ষাট) দিন।
০৬	নিলাম দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	:	২৪/৫/২০২৫ ইং অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
০৭	নিলাম দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৫/৫/২০২৫ ইং সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘর্যাপদ্ধতি।
০৮	নিলাম দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	২৫/৫/২০২৫ ইং দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
০৯	(ক) নিলাম দরপত্র বিক্রয় স্থান	:	উপ-প্রকল্প পরিচালক এর দপ্তর (২য় তলা), প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, বেপজা কমপ্লেক্স, ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নির্ধারিত মূল্যে দরপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে। তবে দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন দরপত্র বিক্রয় করা হইবে না।
	(খ) নিলাম দরপত্র গ্রহনের স্থান	:	উপ-প্রকল্প পরিচালক এর দপ্তর (২য় তলা), প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়, বেপজা কমপ্লেক্স, ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা।
১০	নিলাম দরপত্রের সাথে যেসমস্ত কাগজ-পত্রাদি জমা দিতে হবে	:	(ক) সিডিউল ক্রয়ের রপরিদর্শন, (খ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের কপি, (গ) ড্যাটা রেজিস্ট্রেশন, (ঘ) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড সাইলেন্স, (ঙ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদপত্র, (চ) জামানত/বায়নার টাকার মূল পে-অর্ডার, (ছ) নিলাম দরপত্র ক্রয়ের জন্য নিজ প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাকেজ আবেদন (যোবাইল নথরেসহ)।
১১	অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী	:	(ক) নিলাম দরপত্রের বিত্তান্তিত নিয়মাবলী দরপত্রে বর্ণিত আছে। (খ) অধিগ্রহণকৃত ভূমিতে অ