

NID, voting rights, and parliamentary representation Demand expatriates, present 17-point charter during seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladeshi expatriates have called on the government to ensure the issuance of National Identity Cards (NID) and voting rights for all expatriates and their family members through Bangladeshi embassies abroad.

This was the key demand in a 17-point charter presented at a seminar titled "Issues Facing Expatriate Bangladeshis", organised by the All-European Bangladeshi Community (Great Britain) at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

They also called for the repatriation of Bangladeshi workers imprisoned abroad through government initiatives.

They demanded that at least six parliamentary seats be allocated for expatriates to ensure their representation in the National Parliament.

They also demanded introducing a legal and administrative system allowing expatriates to vote in national elections via

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PRAYER TIMING
MAY 14

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-10	12-45	5-00	6-36	8-00
JAMAAT 4-45	1-15	5-15	6-40	8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

AMTALI UPAZILA IN BARGUNA Locals left stranded as bridge collapses



SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

A severely worn out iron bridge over the Baje Shinduk canal in Amtali upazila collapsed recently, raising concerns over disruptions in the daily commute of around one lakh people from six unions in Amtali, Kalapara, and Galachipa upazilas.

The bridge, located on the Gazipur-Kathalia road under Haldia union, had long been in a vulnerable state due to a lack of maintenance. Anticipating its collapse, locals began constructing an alternative earthen embankment beside it on April 25 through voluntary labour.

However, the bridge gave way before the work could be completed. According to locals, the Local Government Engineering

Department (LGED) built the iron bridge in 2010 at a cost of approximately Tk 1 crore.

They alleged that the contractor, Shahidul Islam Mridha, used substandard materials, resulting in structural issues within five years of construction.

Despite being declared risky by LGED nearly five years ago, the bridge remained in use, serving residents and light vehicles. In recent months, it became completely unfit for traffic, prompting community members to take matters into their own hands.

"People began building an alternative route with their own hands, but the bridge collapsed before it was completed," said Abu Saleh, a member of Haldia Union Parishad. "This will severely affect the movement of both people and

vehicles in the area."

Mahbubul Alam Mridha, a local resident, blamed the contractor for using poor quality materials. "The bridge was already marked dangerous. The government must now urgently build a girder bridge in its place," he said.

Efforts to reach the contractor, Shahidul Islam Mridha, also president of the Haldia union unit of Awami League and former UP chairman, were unsuccessful as his mobile phone was found switched off.

LGED's Amtali Upazila Engineer Idris Ali said they were aware of the bridge's collapse. "A proposal to construct a girder bridge has already been sent to the department. Work will begin once the project is approved," he added.

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Pakistan envoy on sudden leave

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Syed Ahmed Maroof went to Islamabad on a sudden leave on May 11.

The same day, the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka informed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the envoy's travel to Islamabad.

A foreign ministry official said the tenure of Pakistan envoy's absence in Dhaka was not included in the notification.

"However, informally the high commission said the diplomat would be absent here for two weeks," he told this correspondent.

Contacted, the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka said Syed Ahmed Maroof is in Pakistan for official purpose. "When his engagements in Pakistan would be over, he will be back," an official of the high commission told this correspondent when asked about the tenure of his absence.

Prof Yunus returns

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"We are eagerly waiting to welcome the honourable Chief Adviser...," said Sakib Ahmed, a student at CU's Institute of Education and Research.

Prof Yunus joined CU's Economics Department as an associate professor in 1972, later serving as its chair. He became a full professor in 1975 and remained at CU until 1989. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his groundbreaking work with Grameen Bank in poverty alleviation through microfinance.

In recognition of his contributions, the Social Science Faculty building has been named Dr Muhammad Yunus Bhaban, as decided in CU's 434th syndicate meeting, said CU Registrar Prof Saiful Islam.

This year's convocation is the largest in the country, with around 23,000 graduates registered, according to CU Pro-VC (Administration) Prof Kamal Uddin.

The central playground has been prepared as the main venue, and the long-unused suspension bridge has been refurbished.

To mark Prof Yunus's first visit to Chattogram as Chief Adviser, Bangladesh Railway will lay the foundation stone for a rail-road bridge over the Karnaphuli River at Kalurghat. The event will be held at the Chattogram Circuit House, office sources said.

Later, Yunus will visit his ancestral home at Bathua village, Hathazari, to offer prayers at his parents' graves and meet locals.

IVY'S ARREST Journo among 252 sued over attack on cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Around 252 people, including a journalist and a pregnant woman, were sued on Monday for attacking police during the arrest of former Narayanganj mayor Salina Hayat Ivy on early Friday.

Sadar Model Police Station Sub-Inspector Ripon Mridha filed the case, naming 52 individuals and accusing another 150-200 unidentified people.

Three of them - Hanif, 50, his son Jannatul Ferdous Jisan, 21, and cousin Shawkat Mithun, 36 - were arrested from their houses in the city's Shaheednagar, said police.

Jisan is a correspondent for online news portal "Press Narayanganj" and serves as the environment and social welfare secretary of the Prothom Alo reader group Bondhushava's Narayanganj unit. Locals and family members said both were active participants in the July uprising.

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Constitutional reforms not possible without elected govt

Says CPB following dialogue with consensus commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) yesterday said the constitution cannot be amended without the mandate of an elected government.

Speaking after a dialogue with the National Consensus Commission (NCC) on state reform at the National Parliament's LD Hall, CPB General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince stressed that only an elected parliament can consider such reforms.

"Who will take responsibility for the reform proposals? The people. But we can't ask all 180 million directly. The only way is through a free and fair election," he said.

Prince criticised efforts to impose reforms without public mandate, saying, "A few people deciding overnight to create a new system is wrong."

He also warned against replacing the spirit of 1971 with a "spirit of 2024," stressing the importance of preserving the values of the 1972 Constitution. While some gaps exist, he said, "There's no need to rewrite it entirely."

The dialogue was moderated by Monir Haidar. NCC Vice-President Prof Ali Riaz said all parties share the goal of building a democratic, accountable state.

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ID	Reference	Title of Works
1100547	27.21.0000.752.07.304.25.407; Dated: 30.04.2025	Supply, Fitting and Fixing of Chain Link Fencing on the Periphery of Auxiliary Transformer Area at Gopalganj 400/230/132 kv Grid Substation.
1110468	27.21.0000.752.07.304.25.427; Dated: 12.05.2025	Supply of silica gel and SF6 gas for Payra & Gopalganj 400/230/132kv Substation under GC, Power Grid, Khulna.

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)
Corrigendum

Memo No. 25.36.1500.112.07.443.13/2345 Date: 13/05/2025

This is to inform all concerned that the e-Tender Notice of Chattogram PWD Division-2 vide Memo No. 25.36.1500.112.07.443.13/2142 date: 17/04/2025 for the work "Construction of 2-storied 800sqft Staff Quarter (4 unit each floor) with 10-storied foundation at Central Jail" (Tender ID: 1099531) has been changed as follows under unavoidable circumstances.

Field Name	Previous date & time	Changed date & time
Opening date & time	13/05/2025 12:00	18/05/2025 12:00
Last date & time for Tender/Proposal Security Submission	13/05/2025 11:00	18/05/2025 11:00
Start Date (Lot No. 1)	15/05/2025	25/05/2025
Closing date & time	13/05/2025 12:00	18/05/2025 12:00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Memo No: 37.03.0000.070.007.203.025.176 Date: 08 May 2025

e-GP Re-tender Notice

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Sl. No.	Tender Ref.	Re-tender ID No. (From e-GP Portal)	Tender Description	Publication Date and Time	Opening Date and Time
01.	57.03.0000.070.007.203.25-175 Date: 07.05.2025	1108580	Poultry-1, Supply & installation of Equipment for Poultry rearing & Farming Lab For 5 TSC	13-May-2025 09:00	28-May-2025 12:00

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TENDER NOTICE

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Sub-Office in Cox's Bazar hereby announces the launch of the following tender:

TENDER REFERENCE NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION
BGD-UNHCR RFP-1303	FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRAME AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF CLEANING, GARDENING AND JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR UNHCR OPERATIONS IN BANGLADESH

Interested and bona fide vendors are invited to participate in this Request for Proposal (RFP) by accessing and downloading the tender documents at the following web link:
https://www.unhcr.org/Public/Notice/266578

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: You are requested to inform us of the receipt of this RFP by using a message functionality in Cloud ERP Supplier portal or by sending an e-mail to BGD-COSUP@UNHCR.ORG against this negotiation as to:

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Sl. No	Tender ID	Name of works	Tender publication date&time	Last selling/downloading date&time	Tender closing/opening date&time
01	1104077 (Works)	Repair/ Renovation & Reconstruction of Boundary wall & Main Gate at Sonali Bank Officer's Quarter, Uttara, Dhaka.	15-May-2025 15:00	29-May-2025 12:00	29-May-2025 15:00
02	1099950 (Works)	Sand filling works of own low land at Sonali Bank Officer's Quarter and Staff College Compound, Uttara, Dhaka.	15-May-2025 15:00	29-May-2025 12:00	29-May-2025 15:00
03	1105792 (Goods)	Supply and installation of brand new air-cooler for Sonali Bank PLC (1) 20 Ton at Tejgaon Industrial Area Branch, Dhaka (2) 7.5 Ton at NCTB Branch, Dhaka and (3) 10 Ton at Krishi Bhaban Branch, Dhaka including necessary electrical and civil works.	15-May-2025 15:00	29-May-2025 12:00	29-May-2025 15:00

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