

40 students fall

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upazila health and family planning officer, said the children likely fell ill due to low blood pressure and physical weakness.

When asked about so many students becoming unwell at once, she said the incident appeared to be a case of "mass hysteria", a psychological phenomenon where groups of people suddenly exhibit similar symptoms without a physical cause.

"There's nothing to panic about. Most of the children have already recovered and returned home," Dr Tahmina added.

Bera UNO Mir Morshedul Islam said a three-member investigation committee, led by the upazila secondary education officer, has been formed to determine the exact cause of the incident.

"The actual reason will be known after receiving the committee's report," the UNO said.

3 children

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According to family members, Khadija, a resident of the Golpata Mosque area, found the object and brought it home thinking it was a toy ball.

She was joined by Sajib and Ayesha, while playing with the object on an open field, it exploded.

Abul Hasanat, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, said police had visited the site and were investigating the incident.

Search committee

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how responsibly they perform their duties. Without committed and objective members, a committee serves little purpose," he said.

He added that the committee should now also evaluate the performance of existing appointees and recommend corrective measures where necessary.

He called for a comprehensive review of recruitment practices at all public universities, stressing that many governance crises stem from politically motivated or unqualified appointments.

He also said four universities under autonomous systems have their own recruitment procedures. Now it is essential to establish a uniform policy and permanent governance framework for all universities.

In the absence of an Education Commission, the UGC should take this responsibility, he added.

"Like its predecessors, this interim government acts only after unrest breaks out. Problems should be addressed when first raised, not after road blockades and demonstrations."

He suggested that the search committee or a separate body under the UGC should evaluate current leadership across universities and take steps to prevent further governance failures.

Meanwhile, a former UGC member questioned the committee's mandate, given that appointments have already been made at over 45 public universities.

He said in 2007, a caretaker government formed a similar search committee to appoint VCs to universities outside the four governed by the University Ordinance 1973 -- Dhaka, Rajshahi,

Jahangirnagar, and Chittagong. That initiative became ineffective after the Awami League came to power in 2009.

The UGC's "Strategic Plan for Higher Education 2006-2026" also flagged the existing VC appointment system as vulnerable to political interference and recommended a legally empowered national search committee.

Similarly, the Education Commission (2003), led by Prof Mohammad Moniruzzaman Miah, proposed that such a committee be headed by the chief justice or a nominated judge, alongside academics and key officials from the PSC and UGC.

Contacted, Nurun Akhtar, additional secretary (university) of the Secondary and Higher Education Division, said the committee would operate according to the responsibilities outlined in the official notification.

Asked about its relevance at this stage, she said, "They will work for future appointments, if necessary."

She declined to comment on whether it would have been more appropriate to form the committee before the latest round of appointments.

Efforts to reach Education Adviser Prof CR Abrar and Senior Secretary Siddique Zobair for comments were unsuccessful, as they did not respond to repeated phone calls.

Will focus

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Riaz said, "The first phase, which began two months ago, concluded yesterday. Through these continued dialogues, we have reached consensus on many issues, though some differences remain. In the second phase, we will address the points of disagreement one by one to move quickly in drafting the National Charter."

The CPB delegation was led by General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Prince said the electoral system needs fundamental reform.

"The people don't just want an election. They want to know whether manipulation will once again take place, whether the old reign of fear will return," Prince said.

He called for a clear presentation of specific reform issues to the public, saying that if people are allowed to express their views, many doubts and confusions will be resolved.

Public opinion is essential for a free and credible election, he stressed.

The consensus commission began work on February 15 and launched formal talks on March 20. Since then, it has held meetings with 33 political parties.

Over 700 bridges

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the reason behind the large number of D-category bridges, he explained that until 2021, RHD had no structured bridge inspection practice, and this first comprehensive inspection revealed the extent of the problem.

He said years of overloading; climate change impacts like rising temperatures, humidity, and salinity; and inadequate maintenance budgets have contributed to the poor condition of many structures.

Regarding current efforts, he said maintenance work is underway based on a priority list.

However, delays are being caused by challenges such as drawing designs for a large number of bridges, funding shortages, and the limited capacity of local construction firms.

He also said Bangladesh still lacks its own bridge construction code and currently relies on foreign codes. "We have now taken steps to develop a national bridge code," he added.

At the event, Sheikh Moinuddin, special assistant to the chief adviser for the Road Transport and Bridges Ministry, said although engineers use the AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) code, it should be adapted to local conditions, including climate factors.

He stressed the need for better collaboration between departments and between professionals and academia, breaking the existing siloed approach. He also encouraged drawing on the experience of Bangladeshi experts living abroad.

Prof Nur Yazdani, director of the Next-Gen

Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure Lab at the University of Texas, said bridge inspections should be more structured.

He also said Bangladesh should develop its own load model based on local vehicle types.

BUET Vice-Chancellor Prof ABM Badruzzaman called for greater collaboration between local and expatriate experts.

Prof Shamsul Hoque of BUET's Civil Engineering Department said structural reforms are necessary and political leadership must take initiative in this regard.

He stressed that proper planning is more important than just monitoring, and suggested the metro rail authority conduct a technical review of the first metro rail project to avoid flaws in future ones.

RHD Chief Engineer Syed Moinul Hasan, Bangladesh Bridge Authority Chief Engineer Quazi Muhammad Ferdous, and Prof Tanvir Manzur, director of BUET/JIDPUS, also spoke at the event.

SASEC Road Connectivity Project 2 Director Waliur Rahman chaired the programme.

Call for justice gets louder

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Biplobi Chhatra Moitree, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, and Samajtantrik Chhatra Federation.

The coalition alleged that both the university administration and law enforcement agencies had failed to investigate Shammo's killing properly.

They also condemned how the university handled

the case of Tofazzal Hossain, a person with intellectual disability, who was killed at a DU dormitory in 2024.

Roktobeej Arko of Chhatra Union read out the demands, which include the formation of a "Justice Assurance Committee" comprising Shammo's family members, students, and faculty members to ensure

transparency and justice in the case.

The platform further demanded that CCTV footage related to the murder be made public.

"We were told footage would be collected, but law enforcers now claim no footage from the past ten days exists," said Abidur Rahman Mishu, literature secretary of Surja Sen Hall JCD.

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OFFICE OF THE
MANAGER (Operation)
KHULNA 330MW CCPP,
BPDB, KHALISHPUR,
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NOTICE OF THE TWENTY SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
(VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH DIGITAL PLATFORM)

Notice is hereby given to all members of Bank Asia PLC. ("the Company") that the 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of the Company will be held on 17 June 2025 at 11:00 a.m. virtually by using digital platform through the following web-link, <https://agmbd.live/Bankasia2025> (in pursuant with Directive No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/08 dated 10 March 2021 and Directive No. BSEC/ICAD/SRIC/2024/318/87 dated 27 March 2024 of BSEC, both issued by Bangladesh Securities & Exchange Commission (BSEC)), to transact the following business and to adopt necessary resolutions:

AGENDA

- To receive, consider and adopt the Profit and Loss Account of the Company for the year ended on 31 December 2024, and the Balance Sheet as at that date together with the Reports of the Directors and the Auditors thereon.
- To declare dividend out of the profits for the year ended on December 31, 2024.
- To elect/reelect Directors in accordance with the provisions of law and the Articles of Association of the Company.
- To confirm the appointment of independent director(s).
- To appoint Statutory Auditor of the Company for the term until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to fix their remuneration.
- To appoint Compliance Auditor as per Corporate Governance Code for the year 2025 and to fix their remuneration.
- To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

Dated: 20 May 2025
Dhaka

By order of the Board,
Zahid Hasan
Company Secretary (Acting)

NOTES

- The Record Date of the Company will be on **26 May 2025**. Trading of the Company's shares in the Stock Exchanges will be suspended on the Record Date.
- The Board of Directors has recommended 20% Dividend in combination of 10% Cash and 10% Stock.
- The shareholders whose names will appear in the Register of Members of the Company as at the close of business on the Record Date, i.e., 26 May 2025, will be entitled to attend and vote at the AGM and to the dividend declared in the AGM.
- In view of the Directive No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2009-193/08 dated March 10, 2021 and Directive No. BSEC/ICAD/SRIC/2024/318/87 dated 27 March 2024, the ensuing 26th AGM of the Company would be conducted virtually through digital platform or online platform. Therefore, the shareholders are requested to attend the 26th AGM through online live portal. The detailed procedures to attend the meeting will be communicated to the shareholders' email ID in due course and it will also be available on Bank's website at 'www.bankasia-bd.com'.
- Shareholders may login to the system 48 (forty-eight) hours before and during the meeting. For any guidance and help during the meeting, the members may contact the cell no. +8801711198680.
- Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his /her behalf. The proxy must be a member of the Company.
- The instrument appointing a proxy duly stamped and signed by the member must be submitted at the Registered Office of the Company or through email to 'ba.share@bankasia-bd.com' at least 48 (forty eight) hours before the AGM.
- Election of Directors will be held in the vacant offices of Directors. Election schedule will be displayed in the notice board at the Registered Office in due course. Election rules will be available at the Registered Office of the Company and also on the Bank's website at 'www.bankasia-bd.com'.
- Members are requested to update their 12 digit Taxpayer's Identification Number (e-TIN) through their respective Depository Participant (DP)/Brokerage House before the Record Date. Without having e-TIN, Income Tax will be deducted @15% instead of @10% from payable Cash Dividend.
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- The concerned Brokerage Houses are requested to provide us with a statement having details of margin loan holders (i.e., Shareholders' name, BOID numbers, client-wise shareholding position, gross dividend receivable, applicable tax rate and net dividend receivable) as on the Record Date along with the name of the contact person of Brokerage House to the Company's Share Department or through email to 'ba.share@bankasia-bd.com' at Registered Office on or before **01 June 2025**. The Brokerage Houses are also requested to provide us with their bank name, account number and routing number etc.
- As per BSEC Notification dated June 20, 2018, Annual Report 2024 will be duly sent in soft form to the members' email addresses available in their Beneficial Owner (BO) accounts maintained with the Depository. The soft copy of the Annual Report 2024 will also be available on the Bank's website at 'www.bankasia-bd.com'. The members may also collect the Annual Report 2024 from the Company's Share Department at Registered Office in person.