

Prof Anowara

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“She fought for our independence in 1971. She was not involved in the incident and has been falsely implicated. Bail should be granted on humanitarian grounds,” said her lawyer Sohrab Hossain Sohel.

After hearing both sides, the magistrate denied her bail and ordered her transfer to Kashimpur Women’s Central Jail in Gazipur.

Prof Anowara was first apprehended by a group of students in front of the JnU campus yesterday afternoon. Then around 7:30pm, she was arrested after the students handed her over to police, said Md Saiful Islam, officer-in-charge of Sutrapur Police Station.

She has been charged with the attempted murder of Sujon Molla, former general secretary of the university unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, who was shot in the eye while protesting near Star Hotel on July 19 last year.

On February 16 this year, Molla filed a case with a Dhaka court against 192 individuals, including several former government officials, JnU teachers, administrative personnel, and 94 Chhatra League activists. Following a hearing, the magistrate directed Sutrapur Police Station to register the complaint as a formal case, which was recorded by police on February 25.

Prof Anowara previously served as chairperson of the political science department and dean of the social sciences faculty at JnU.

Many current and former students of the university have meanwhile expressed concerns on social media about the arrest of an elderly individual, who was also a freedom fighter.



Craftsmen busy making brooms using midribs of coconut leaves in the Kuniyari village of Pirojpur. Their business makes around Tk 15,000-20,000 per month by selling these brooms, which traders then sell for Tk 25-80 per piece depending on the size. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Cops say personal grievances led

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to meet Rubel. She also asked me to book a train ticket to Dinajpur for Wednesday,” said her sister, Chaina Das.

Chaina said she couldn’t reach Sumi the next day.

Sumi had checked into the hotel with a man, identifying themselves as husband and wife. The family suspects the man was Rubel, who fled before hotel staff discovered Sumi’s body.

Chaina later filed a murder case at Motijheel Police Station, naming Rubel as the lone accused.

Officer-in-Charge of

the police station, Mesbah Uddin, said police have identified the suspect and are working to arrest him.

In a separate case, Gaus Miya, a Bangladeshi expatriate in Saudi Arabia, yesterday confessed before a Dhaka court to killing a married couple at their Pallabi home. He was later sent to jail.

The victims, Pappu, 34, and his wife Dola, 29, a private university student, were stabbed to death.

Quoting neighbours, Pallabi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Shafiul Islam said Gaus entered the couple’s home around

1:00pm on Wednesday with a knife and stabbed them.

Locals, alerted by screams, caught him and handed him over to police.

Saleh Mohammad Zakaria, additional deputy commissioner of Pallabi Zone, said Dola was living in the Mirpur-11 flat as a sublet, while her husband lived in Barguna for work and visited occasionally.

Gaus Miya confessed to the crime, said ADC Zakaria.

Based on the detainee’s confession, police said the murder happened over an extramarital affair.

Police are verifying his

claim and investigating the murders.

Meanwhile, Sima Akter, 39, was stabbed to death by her husband in the Ashkona area of Dakkhinkhan on Wednesday.

Her husband, Dolon Miya, a vegetable vendor, attacked her on the street, and later consumed poison.

After treatment, Dolon was produced before a Dhaka court yesterday, where he confessed to the killing.

He was later sent to jail, Nasim A-Gulshan, assistant commissioner of Dakkhinkhan Zone, told The Daily Star.

Japan to recruit

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“This gathering is about opening the door,” he said, noting that Bangladesh has a population of 180 million, half of whom are under 27. Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan Daud Ali said by 2040, Japan’s labour shortage could reach 11 million, creating a major opportunity for Bangladeshi workers.

As of 2024, about 35,000 Bangladeshis work in Japan across sectors such as caregiving and hospitality.

However, a foreign ministry official told The Daily Star that Bangladeshi workers must learn the Japanese language and acquire specific skills.

“The wage level in Japan is good. The minimum monthly salary is equivalent to one lakh taka and higher for skilled workers. However, we haven’t been able to train enough people,” he said.

With the Japanese government and companies now directly engaging with BMET in language and skills training, trainings are expected to improve significantly, he said.

“Bangladeshi youths aspiring to work in Japan need to keep this in mind,” the official added.

Mikio Kesagayama said his federation has long prioritised a quality workforce. “We look to Bangladesh for young, capable workers. They can contribute to both countries.”

Mitsuru Matsushita, representative director of the Shizuoka Workplace Environment Improvement Cooperative, noted increasing interest among Japanese companies in hiring Bangladeshi workers. “Bangladeshi talents hold great potential. It is our duty to nurture them,” he said.

Miki Watanabe, president of Watami Group, said a school they established in Bangladesh trains 1,500 students annually and plans to raise the number to 3,000. With technical education, students can enter Japan’s job market, he added.

Hiroaki Yagi, chairman of the Japan International Trainee & Skilled Worker Cooperation Organisation (JITCO), noted that the number of language teachers in Bangladesh

remains insufficient.

JICA FOR QUICK POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) President Dr Tanaka Akihiko reaffirmed Jica’s commitment to the Moheshkhali-Matarbari Integrated Development Initiative (MIDI) but stressed the need for faster decision-making to accelerate implementation.

He made the remarks during a meeting with Prof Yunus on the sidelines of the 30th Nikkei Forum: Future of Asia at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo.

In response, Prof Yunus announced the plans to appoint a senior official to oversee MIDI projects and coordinate efforts with Jica and other foreign investors.

He urged Jica to enhance support for the MIDI to transform it into a key driver of Bangladesh’s economic growth.

“The MIDI region represents the future of Bangladesh. With access to the Bay of Bengal, we are developing deep-sea ports, highways, and railways to connect it with Nepal, Bhutan, and other South Asian countries,” said Prof Yunus.

JICA had originally proposed developing a deep-sea port at Matarbari. The interim government is now formulating a comprehensive plan to turn the entire MIDI region into a hub for ports, logistics, energy, and fishing.

“Our vision includes building a megacity in the region,” Prof Yunus said, adding that airports are being upgraded to meet rising demand.

He also revealed plans to create free trade zones to attract foreign investment and establish manufacturing plants for export.

Additionally, the government aims to create an exclusive fisheries zone, allowing large vessels to operate in deep waters.

“Currently, vessels from neighbouring countries exploit these waters, while our trawlers are too small. By upgrading our capabilities, we can process the catch for both domestic consumption and export,” he said.

Dr Tanaka remarked that this was perhaps the first time he had heard a Bangladeshi leader speak about deep-sea fishing initiatives.

Decentralise power to prevent

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He said, “The commission is working to build consensus on key reforms. While agreement has been reached on several issues, more dialogue is needed with political parties. We aim to finalise a Citizen Charter by July.”

“The goal of the charter is to safeguard citizens’ rights, ensure a balance of power, and strengthen state institutions. Through this charter, we are trying to establish a formal understanding between citizens and political parties – so that parties can be held accountable,” he added.

Shujan Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar said the concentration of power in one individual has repeatedly led to one-person rule in Bangladesh.

“When the same person becomes prime minister, head of parliament, and party leader, it can be a serious problem. The prime minister is supposed to be the head of the executive branch, while the parliament is the legislative branch. When the same person leads both, it violates the theory of separation of powers,” he said.

Such centralisation is a key factor behind the country’s slide toward authoritarianism, he added.

Shujan Acting President Justice MA Matin said peaceful transition of

power through elections is important but not enough to ensure democracy.

“Even authoritarian rulers in Germany and Czechoslovakia were elected. One of the core aspirations of the July Uprising was to bring reforms that would prevent authoritarianism from returning,” he said.

He urged civil society and other stakeholders to remain vocal in pushing for the implementation of the reform commission’s recommendations.

Dr Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), said the points of consensus must be turned into a national charter.

“This will serve as a kind of agreement between political parties and the people. It may not be a formally signed document, but the public will place trust in it,” he said.

He warned that political resistance and an uncooperative bureaucracy pose major risks to reform efforts.

“If political parties fail to embrace the core spirit of anti-discrimination, reforms will not succeed. Authoritarianism may slow down, but the power imbalance will persist. Also, if political parties cannot ensure accountability to the people, we will continue to face failure,” he said.

He added that bureaucrats, although not signatories to the charter, might become major obstacles in implementing reforms.

“As long as the bureaucracy does not undergo positive change and continues to interpret recommendations to suit its own interests – reforms will not be possible,” he said, adding, “We must think about how to overcome these barriers.”

Salar Raj Hossain, chairman of Police Reform Commission, said the state must now make genuine efforts to uphold fundamental rights, which have been curtailed by past laws.

Prof Robayet Ferdous of Dhaka University, a Shujan executive member, said, “Without a shift in political culture, structural reforms alone won’t ensure a balance of power.”

Monir Haider, special assistant to the chief adviser, and eminent photographer Shahidul Alam also spoke at the event.

PRAYER TIMING MAY 30					
Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha	
AZAN 4-05	12-30	5-00	6-40	8-00	
JAMAAT 4-40	1-15	5-15	6-45	8-30	
SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION					

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Corrigendum-3

IFT: CMSD/GR-2418/ICT/2024-25/Proc. D-3/10, Date: 25/03/2025
Procurement of "Linac 6MV (Single Energy) Machine

The relevant portion of the Tender Documents under above mentioned IFT no. is hereby amended as per observation raised by the prospective tenderers. Please read as under:-

Reference	Existing Entries	Amended Entries.
TD's Section 2. Tender Data Sheet (TDS): ITT 36.1, ITT 42.2, & IFT Row no. 09, 10 & 11.		
Tender Last Selling Date:	01/06/2025 (During Office hours)	15/06/2025 (During Office hours)
Tender Submission Date & Time:	Date: 02/06/2025 and Time: 11.00 AM [11: 00 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST+GMT+ 6 hrs.)]	Date: 16/06/2025 and Time: 11.00 AM [11: 00 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST+GMT+ 6 hrs.)]
Tender Opening Date & Time:	Date: 02/06/2025 and Time 11.30 AM [11: 30 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST+GMT+6 hrs.)]	Date: 16/06/2025 and Time 11.30 AM [11: 30 Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST+GMT+6 hrs.)]

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Invitation for International Open Tender (ICT)

1.	Source of fund	Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC)'s own source.
2.	Eligibility of tenderers	Bonafide Suppliers/Manufacturers and as detailed in the tender document.
3.	Name & address of the officers for selling tender document	General Manager (Cash), Chinishilpa Bhaban (7th Floor), 3, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000.
4.	Name and address of the offices for receiving of tenders	Secretariat Section (5th Floor), BSFIC, Chinishilpa Bhaban, 3, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000
5.	Last date & time for selling tender document	Upto 14-07-2025 during office hours on all working days.
6.	Last date & time for submission of tender	On 15-07-2025 by 12.00pm
7.	Place, date & time for opening of tenders	Secretariat Section (5th Floor), BSFIC, Chinishilpa Bhaban, 3, Dilkusha, Dhaka at 12.15pm on 15-07-2025.
8.	Special instructions	(a) The Corporation reserves the right to accept/reject any or all tenders at any stage without assigning any reason thereof. (b) Terms & conditions as detailed in tender documents and PPR-2008 (c) If there is govt. holiday or unavoidable situation arises on the date fixed for Tender dropping & opening, in those cases, the next normal working day will be considered as valid date for dropping & opening of the tender at the same time (d) Tender(s) may be hand delivered, posted by registered mail or sent by courier and ensure the receiving of the tender by the office mentioned at above SL No. 4 on or before the closing time for submission. (e) Each of materials mentioned below shall be treated as separate tender.
9.	Brief description of goods & tender security:	
	Name of material	Tender No. & date
		Amount of tender security (refundable)
		Cost of tender documents (non-refundable)
a	Nickel screen	36.04.0000.035.07.163.25 Date: 29-05-2025
		Tk 66,000 (sixty-six thousand) or USD 540 (five hundred forty) only
		Tk 3000.00 (Three thousand) only
b	Perforated brass liner and Perforated stainless steel screen	36.04.0000.035.07.180.25 Date: 29-05-2025
		Tk 32,000 (thirty-two thousand) or USD 270 (Two hundred seventy) only
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