

Azharul's acquittal 'a mockery of justice'

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innocent is not justice, but a sign of political interference in the judicial process," the statement read.

The committee pointed out that Azhar served as president of Islami Chhatra Sangha in Rangpur during the 1971 Liberation War and led the local Al-Badr unit, which collaborated with the Pakistan Army in committing genocide, rape, and crimes against humanity.

"Azhar and his organisation played a direct role in mass atrocities. His acquittal erases historical accountability," the statement added.

It also criticised the

formation of the original tribunal, saying it failed to follow the fundamental principles for prosecuting genocidal organisations.

"Instead of trying Jamaat-e-Islami, Al-Badr, Al-Shams, and Islami Chhatra Sangha as entities responsible for war crimes, the tribunal opted for selective individual trials -- diverging from the international standards seen in other genocide tribunals," the statement said.

The committee alleged that both the former Awami League government and the current interim government used the tribunal for narrow political purposes.

"The interim

administration, while acknowledging flaws in the original tribunal, still pursued a review through the same faulty system -- now apparently to safeguard Jamaat's political interests," it added.

The platform also pointed out a conflict of interest, claiming that current prosecutors had previously defended war crimes accused, which it said undermined the legitimacy of the trial. "Such conflicts damage not just the verdict but the credibility of the justice system itself."

In response to the acquittal, left-leaning student groups held protests across campuses and came under attack. The committee

condemned the attacks at Rajshahi and Chattogram universities, allegedly carried out by Islami Chhatra Shibir, noting that female students were specifically targeted.

The group demanded a restructuring of the tribunal process to prosecute war crimes in line with international norms and called for action against Shibir activists involved in the attacks.

The statement was signed by Prof Anu Muhammad, Dr Harun Ur Rashid, Sima Dutta, Dr Samina Lutfia Nitra, Abdullah Al Kafi, Fakhrul Kabir Atik, Dr Maha Mirza, Afzal Hossain, Marzia Prohba, and other members of the committee.

71 more pushed in through four border

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In primary interrogation, the detainees said they were residents of Kurigram and that they were pushed into Bangladesh by BSF, said Nayeel Subedar Abul Hashem, commander of the Rajki Border Outpost (BOP).

In Habiganj, 22 people were pushed in through the Kalenga border in Chunрагhat upazila.

They were pushed in at any time between Thursday night and early yesterday morning, said BGB-55 Commander Lt Col Md Tanzilur Rahman.

A BGB patrol team detained them last morning. Primary investigation revealed that all of them were Bangladeshi citizens, said the commander.

In Khagrachhari, BGB detained 14 people near Matiranga last morning.

Quoting the detainees, Matiranga UNO Monjur Alam said they were reportedly pushed in by BSF.

Later, they were detained by BGB, said the Deputy Commissioner ABM Iftekharul Islam Khandker.

The process of verifying their identities was in the

process till filing the report last night, said the DC.

At least 1,201 people have been pushed into Bangladesh from India through border points in 17 districts and the Sundarbans since May 7, said a statement from BGB headquarters.

In Lalmonirhat, six Indian nationals, including women and children, were detained near the Burimari border early yesterday, said BGB.

Primary interrogation reveals that they are residents of Assam state and that they were pushed into Bangladesh by BSF.

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said Subedar Abul Kashem, commander of the BGB's Burimari camp under BGB-61 Battalion in Rangpur.

In an attempt to send them back, a flag meeting was held between BGB and BSF near the Burimari-Changrabandha border.

"We asked BSF officials to take the detainees back. The BSF assured us that they will verify the identities of the detainees and will take the necessary legal steps," said Subedar Abul Kashem.

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Paddle steamers

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he added.
Mohammad Selim Reza, an officer of Barishal River Port, said the BIWTA authorities have not officially informed them about the resumption of the steamer service yet.

"Once we receive confirmation from them, necessary arrangements for the steamer terminal and berthing will be made," he said.

This initiative follows a long-standing demand from residents of southern Bangladesh for the revival of paddle steamer services.

On May 10, during a press briefing at Barishal Circuit House, Brigadier General (retd) M Sakhawat Hossain, adviser to the then British government tasked Marine Board controller John Stone to explore the feasibility of steam navigation in the region. After surveys and the establishment of companies like the Indian General Steam Navigation Co and River Steam Navigation (RSN), with regional offices in Barishal, the paddle steamer era officially began in 1884 on the Barishal-Khulna route.

The last remaining operational paddle steamers, known as "Rocket Steamers", were discontinued in October 2022. Since then, these vessels have remained moored in the Buriganga and Shitalakshya riversides.

Open Panthakunja

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vote in both houses of the legislature. International agreements related to state security will be discussed in the legislature while maintaining necessary confidentiality."

The public court believes that any agreement with the potential to cause environmental harm must be disclosed to the public.

Since environmental damage may become permanent, the court instructed the interim government to enact necessary legislation to bypass delays associated with the Right to Information Act and ensure timely access to information.

If any prior court verdict related to environmental protection is violated, the responsible ministry, department, or agency, including decision-makers, will be held automatically accountable under contempt of court, it said.

The court recalled its earlier ruling recognising

rivers as legal entities with rights. In this public hearing, it affirmed that parks, wetlands, and other unique natural open spaces must also be acknowledged as legal persons with rights and given proper protection.

It further stated that the survival and reproductive rights of animals, birds, and insects must be recognised as a state responsibility.

From an urban planning perspective, the court said the acceptability of this project must be reconsidered. Witnesses testified that the proposed ramp would worsen traffic congestion in Hatirpool, Kathalbagan, and Katabon areas, disrupting daily life.

The court directed that future project decisions must take these impacts into account and should not be based solely on financial expenditure, but rather on public interest and utility.

It noted that local citizens' needs were not

Thousands still marooned

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In response to the inclement weather, all water transport services on inland and coastal routes have been suspended since Thursday following orders from the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA).

In Noakhali, over 10,000 people in Nijhum Dwip, Char Ishwar, Nalchira, Sukhchar, Charchas, and other island areas of Hatiya upazila are stranded after communication with Noakhali Sadar was cut off due to the tidal surge.

According to local government officials, hundreds of houses have been inundated, vast farmlands flooded, and many fish farms washed away in the region. Flooding has also affected deer in the protected national park in the district.

Meanwhile, a portion of the embankment along the Agumukha river in Galachipa was damaged yesterday, inundating nearby villages.

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In Bholia, high tides

submerged vast areas, including parts of Char Kukri Mukri and Dhal Char in Manpura upazila, as the Meghna and Tetulia rivers swelled due to the depression.

Khandkar Estiaque Ahmed, deputy commissioner of Noakhali, said, "All authorities concerned, including the navy and Red Crescent, are working to protect the people of Hatiya. Additionally, Tk 12 lakh has been allocated to provide food and drinking water for

those stranded."

In Cox's Bazar, severe waterlogging occurred on Saint Martin's Island, while thousands were marooned in Kutubdia, Maheshkhali, and Teknaf upazilas, said Md Salauddin, deputy commissioner of Cox's Bazar.

Maritime communication between Teknaf and Saint Martin's Island has been cut off for five consecutive days, causing shortages of daily essentials, said Fayedul Islam, acting chairman of Saint Martin's Union.

Meanwhile, a man was killed by a lightning strike in Chakaria upazila yesterday morning, Ramzan Ali Imon, 28, was working in his field, said a local official.

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A section of an embankment in Uttar Dalbhanga village of Barguna Sadar upazila has breached.

In Barishal city, low-lying riverside areas, including Bottola, Palashpur, and Amanatganj, have been inundated due to the tidal surge.

Activities at Chattogram Port have dropped by 40-45 percent due to inspection delays, said Al Amin, revenue officer at Chattogram Customs House.

Just two months after its inauguration, a portion of the Banshbaria ferry terminal was damaged due to a strong tidal wave on Thursday night, said Md Kamruzzaman, deputy director of BIWTA.

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Build 'three zero clubs'

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carbon emission, zero wealth concentration, and zero unemployment -- he said everyone is trying to maximise their profit.

The majority of the world's wealth is in the hands of very few people now, the chief adviser said, adding that the wealth concentration is a curse for all.

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Representing the people as prosecutors, Amirul Rajiv and Naeem Ul Hasan, coordinators of the Bangladesh Tree Protection Movement, presented a charge sheet.

Testimonies were presented before the judges by urban planner Adil Mohammed Khan, nature writer and researcher Pavel Partha, environmental activist Syeda Ratna, Founding General Secretary of Panthakunja Prokhyat Sangha Sirajuddin Tuhin, and artist Syed Muhammad Zakir.

Chandra Chanda.

Shafiqul Islam, a researcher, said higher-than-normal water levels posed some challenges in collecting eggs, but the yield appears promising.

"Halda fry are sought after due to their fast growth rate. This allows collectors to generate income from selling fingerlings," he said.

Shimul Das, an egg collector at Madarikul fisherfolk community

build entrepreneurs.

The chief adviser asked the students to be imaginative to create a new world, saying, "Imagination gives you the power to unleash yourselves."

He also enunciated the story of how he started the journey of microcredit in a small village next to Chittagong University, where he was a professor in its economics department.

Soka University President Suzuki also spoke on the occasion.

Mother fish

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conditions, prompting preparations at four government-run hatcheries in Hathazari and Raozan upazilas, as well as over a hundred traditional mud-lined wells used by locals to rear fry.

"Some boats even managed to collect 5-7 buckets. The eggs are now being incubated at local hatcheries," said Chattogram District Fisheries Officer Sribas

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