

Ishraque's mayoral oath uncertain

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many argue that Ishraque's opportunity to take oath has lapsed. Moreover, Section 5(1) of the same law allows the appointment of an administrator under special circumstances -- either a suitable individual or a public servant.

This legal framework strengthens the position that Ishraque can no longer assume the mayoral role via oath-taking.

Election expert Abdul Alim told The Daily Star, "The corporation's term has expired as per law. Under these circumstances, I do not believe Ishraque Hossain can still be sworn in as mayor."

However, Mashiur Contacted, EC Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said, "We have received the

Rahman, coordinator of Ishraque's campaign and a former secretary, expressed a different view. "Local government elections are governed by the law, which includes provisions for 'special situations'. The Election Commission can make a decision in Ishraque's favour under that clause. Until the next election, he should be allowed to serve. That said, we will respect whatever decision the EC takes and announce our next steps accordingly."

Meanwhile, the EC on Sunday received a copy of the Appellate Division's verdict regarding Ishraque's eligibility.

The main gates of the building were also locked yesterday. The sit-in, which began on May 14, shows no signs of slowing down.

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CORRIGENDUM Time Extension for Submission of Request for Proposal (RFP)

This is to inform all concerned that the following amendment has been made for The Request for Proposals (RFP) "Supply, Installation and Commissioning for Expansion of Existing Private Cloud Platform (DC & DR) in National Data Center at BCC (Contract Package No: EDGE-G1C)" which was published in 02 (two) national dailies titled "Daily Ittefaq" and "The Daily Star" on 18 April 2025 vide memo No. 56.01.0000.046.07.071.2024-1234; Dated 17 April 2025. The RFP was also published on CPTU, BCC website and UNDB online.

Reference	As in Request for Proposals	Amended
Para 7 of Request for Proposal	Proposals must be delivered to the address below on or before 03 June 2025 at 12:00 hours Bangladesh Time (BST = GMT + 6:00). Electronic procurement will not be permitted. Late Proposals will be rejected. The outer Proposal envelopes marked "ORIGINAL PROPOSAL", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Proposers' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on 03 June 2025 at 12:30 hours Bangladesh Time (BST = GMT + 6:00). All envelopes marked "FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public Proposals opening.	Proposals must be delivered to the address below on or before 16 June 2025 at 12:00 hours Bangladesh Time (BST = GMT + 6:00). Electronic procurement will not be permitted. Late Proposals will be rejected. The outer Proposal envelopes marked "ORIGINAL PROPOSAL", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Proposers' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on 16 June 2025 at 12:30 hours Bangladesh Time (BST = GMT + 6:00). All envelopes marked "FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public Proposals opening.

All other terms and conditions of the Request for Proposals will remain unchanged.

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Addendum-1

Reference to the Specific Procurement Notice (Request for Bids for works: JARSMP-WDB-NZ-GAIB-WD-01) Project Director, JRSMP-I (C1), BWDB, Dhaka office memo no: 42.01.0000.000.817.07.0002.25-190, Dated: April 22, 2025 the following amendment is hereby made:

SL. No.	Details	As in Original Bidding Document	As Amended
1.	Bid Document Last Selling Date & Time	June 23, 2025 on or before 16.00 hours (GMT+6)	July 08, 2025 on or before 16.00 hours (GMT+6)
2.	Bid Document Last Submission Date & Time	June 26, 2025 on or before 02:30 pm (Bangladesh Standard Time)	July 09, 2025 on or before 02:30 pm (Bangladesh Standard Time)
3.	Bid Opening Date & Time	June 26, 2025 on or before 03:00 pm (Bangladesh Standard Time)	July 09, 2025 at 03:00 pm (Bangladesh Standard Time)
4.	3.2 Average Annual Construction Turnover (Page no: 59, Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria)	Minimum average annual construction turnover of US\$ Twenty (20) million, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last five (5) years i.e. 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020 or audited financial reports (if construction turnover information is available in the report) for the last five (5) years i.e. 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020	Minimum average annual construction turnover of US\$ Twenty (20) million, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last five (5) years i.e. 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020 or audited financial reports (if construction turnover information is available in the report) for the last five (5) years i.e. 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020
5.	4.2 (b) (Page no: 61, Section III - Evaluation and Qualification Criteria)	a minimum construction experience in the following key activities successfully completed in any one year: (i) Earthworks: 75,000 cum per year (ii) Pile works: 15,000 cum per year (iii) Riverbank/shore protection: 2.0 km per year	a minimum construction experience in the following key activities successfully completed in any one year: (i) Earthworks: 75,000 cum (ii) RCC in Pile works: 15,000 cum (iii) Riverbank/shore protection: 2.0 km

It is noted that all other terms and conditions shall however remain unchanged as thereof in the original Specific Procurement Notice referred above and published Bid Document as well.

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Empower women

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court's observations on Ishraque's matter. We will take action in accordance with the directives and observations provided."

Meanwhile, supporters of Ishraque, along with a significant number of DSCC employees, continued their sit-in in front of the Nagar Bhaban yesterday, demanding his formal appointment without further delay.

Operations at Nagar Bhaban remained suspended, severely disrupting public services and inconveniencing Dhaka residents.

The main gates of the building were also locked yesterday. The sit-in, which began on May 14, shows no signs of slowing down.

Chhonda Rani, programme support officer at Christian Aid, pointed out that while loans are in women's names, decisions are often made by husbands, while women remain responsible for repayment.

She said genuine empowerment requires economic, social, and familial recognition and support. She called for regulated microfinance interest rates, training and decision-making space for women, accountability in women-focused loan schemes, confidential complaint mechanisms, and greater female participation at all levels.

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Low-lying areas

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Meanwhile, 60 resorts in Mirinji Valley under Bandarban's Lama upazila were temporarily closed by the local administration after the area recorded 142mm of rainfall in 24 hours till yesterday morning.

The highest rainfall in the country during the same period -- 180mm -- was recorded in Kutubdia of Cox's Bazar, according to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department.

The Met office forecast

should be measured not by money received but by women's ability to make independent decisions.

She questioned why women volunteers are not being trained in disaster-prone areas to facilitate swift and accurate communication, noting many lack access to phones or other tools.

Md Munir Hossain, programme manager at GUK, urged microfinance institutions to offer easy loans on favourable terms for climate-affected people, provide pre-loan training, identify viable income sectors, and ensure government services reach vulnerable areas.

Md Shamsuddoha, executive director of CPROD, advocated a grant-supported microfinance model integrating gender-transformative training, climate funds, and livelihood links -- piloted in disaster-prone areas to inform national policy.

Mizanur Rahman Bhuiyan, country director of Strome Foundation, stressed the need for coordinated efforts among development actors and government bodies. He highlighted crop insurance as a safeguard against post-disaster poverty.

Dr Snigdha Rezwana, associate professor of Anthropology at Jahangirnagar University, said

empowerment

light to moderate rainfall over the next five days starting from yesterday morning.

The Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre said more rivers in the Sylhet region may cross the danger level in the next 48 hours from yesterday morning.

It also warned that the situation in Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Habiganj may worsen, while fresh flooding may occur in Sunamganj and Netrokona districts.

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Attacks on journos

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In April, 22 such incidents had left 12 dead and 21 injured. HRSS observed that victims were often subjected to mob beatings over allegations of mugging or political involvement. In some cases, members of Awami League and its affiliated bodies were beaten by mobs and later handed over to the police.

In April, at least 136 women and girls were subjected to various forms of violence. Among them, 55 were raped, including 14 victims of gang rape, and three were murdered after being raped, said the report.

In April, the figure was higher, with 196 women and children subjected to violence.

Cross-border violence continued along the India-Bangladesh border, with 10 reported incidents in May involving the killing of two Bangladeshi nationals and injuries to five others by the BSF. Nine Bangladeshis were also detained. In April, BSF was accused of killing five Bangladeshis -- three by gunfire and two by beating -- and injuring five more.

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Meanwhile, 60 incidents of political violence were recorded in May, resulting in nine deaths and at least 381 injuries. In April, 78 incidents led to 11 deaths and 727 injuries. Most of these involved intra-party BNP conflicts or confrontations between BNP and rival parties.

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