

HOSPITAL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION Mosaddek president, Shamim GS

CITY DESK

Dr Mohammad Mosaddek Hussain Biswas Mosaddek Shamim Dambel has

been elected as the president and Dr AM Shamim as the general secretary of the Bangladesh Private Hospital, Clinic and Diagnostic Owners Association for the 2025-2027 term, said a press release.

Twenty-five valid nominations were declared as winners against 25 posts.

Dr Mahbubur Rahman Liton was elected as the senior vice president and Prof Salauddin Al Azad as the treasurer in the 25-member committee.

The election was held on June 1.

Hospitals, clinics, and diagnostics from all over the country -- including LabAid Hospital, EverCare Hospital, United Hospital, Square Hospital, Ibn Sina, Medinova Center, Bangladesh Specialized Hospital, and Fazlul Haque Collaborative Hospital -- participated in the election.



A buyer inspects a locally made fishing trap crafted from thin bamboo rods at Salutikar Bazar in Gowainghat upazila, Sylhet. With the monsoon approaching, demand for such traps has risen, with a hundred selling for Tk 4,000-6,000. While the sellers and artisans are from Gowainghat, buyers come from Sylhet Sadar, Chhatak, Companiganj, Jaipur, Balaganj, and Bishwanth. Although the market runs on Saturdays and Tuesdays, these traps are sold daily during this season. The photo was taken recently.

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Open to Dec polls

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be held by mid-February or, at the latest, by April 2026.

"We prefer an election before Ramadan. But if necessary conditions aren't met by then, it should not be pushed beyond April under any circumstances," he said, adding that worsening weather from May would make elections difficult.

He clarified that Jamaat is not dictating terms. "If we specify a particular date, it may sound like a decision. That is for the government to make. We are only expressing our opinion and raising demands," he said.

The Jamaat ameer also

Political goodwill needed

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preparedness, he said.

He added that lower-income and marginalised urban residents are disproportionately affected, facing both economic and spatial inequality.

"The fascists may be gone, but fascism still casts a shadow over the nation," he said, adding that only a free, fair, and acceptable election can end this.

He urged the Election Commission to return Jamaat's party symbol and act neutrally. "If there's any biased or exceptional behaviour, Jamaat will not stay silent," he warned.

restoring all 57 canals is necessary for a lasting solution.

Mizanur Rahman Mizan, an activist from Jurain-Shyampur, said despite a billion-taka military-led project in the DND area, the problem persists.

He alleged that stakeholders seem more focused on fund allocation than actual results, and garbage removal from canals is neglected.

Sheikh Adnan Islam, a planner from Khulna, claimed that some government officials are involved in wetland grabbing and must be held accountable.

He stressed the need for dredging the Mayur and Bhairab rivers and curbing corruption in river-related projects.

Dr Farhadur Reza, associate professor at Jahangirnagar University,

called for nature-based solutions and reducing concrete coverage in urban areas.

Environmental expert Asif Iqbal said "housing mafias" are destroying wetlands and now dominate urban development.

He criticised the lack of public access to information on public funds, urging people-centric policies.

From Mymensingh, planner Fahim Ahmed Mondal reported that canals are being filled for housing, and high-rise buildings are being built beside narrow roads without oversight.

From Cumilla, planner Ibtisam Rashedin Najla said ponds are disappearing and during floods, drains become hazardous.

Planners Abdul Ahad Nafis and Md Redwanur Rahman also spoke at the event.

creation.

"There are around 2.6 million unemployed youths in Bangladesh. But the budget does not outline how investments will increase to generate jobs. Instead, we think the budget will make people more dependent on bank loans," he said.

He expressed concern over stagnation in education, health, science, and innovation.

"We demanded at least 2 percent of GDP be allocated to education, but only around 1.07 percent has been earmarked. The health sector has also been neglected again," he added.

He slammed the government for cutting the budget of the expatriates' welfare ministry by half.

"Remittances from migrant workers are a vital pillar of our economy. We strongly oppose the budget

384 citizens

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was imprisoned in a false case, had been undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital for nearly two months.

After his condition became critical due to what they claimed was negligence, he was granted bail on May 29. However, he passed away on May 31.

Meanwhile, Lal Kim died in Chattogram Central Jail custody without receiving treatment on May 15, the statement said.

According to hospital records, he suffered cardiac arrest before arriving at the hospital.

His family alleged that he had been held without trial for a year and despite his worsening health, he was denied proper medical care, according to the statement.

The statement also placed five demands, including bringing those responsible to justice through a judicial investigation and releasing all arbitrarily detained members of the Bawm community.

The other demands are to stop state surveillance and restrictions on the movement, trade, and livelihoods of the Bawm people; conduct a fair and credible investigation to identify and bring to justice all those, including the KNF, who are directly or indirectly involved in a bank robbery; and ensure equal rights, dignity, security, and justice for all citizens of both the hills and the plains.

The statement's signatories include economist Prof Anu Muhammad, Supreme Court lawyer Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua, writer and environmentalist Zareen Ahmad, Barrister Sara Hossain, JU Prof Rokhsana Sultana, DU Prof Gitara Nasreen, rights activist Khushi Kabir, and DU teacher Samina Luthifa, other eminent citizens and 150 members of an organisation.

Cattle sales

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Rezaul Mostafa, a resident of Basabo who bought a bull for Tk 1 lakh, said, "Prices are much higher this year. The same-sized bull last year cost around Tk 80,000."

20 CATTLE MARKETS APPROVED

Both Dhaka north and south city corporations have approved 20 cattle markets this year. Of the makeshift cattle markets, 12 fall under DNCC jurisdiction -- including the permanent one at Gabtoli -- while eight are in DSCC.

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The market stretching from Bhatulia Shahab Ali Madrasa to Sector 10 Ranavola Sluice Gate was awarded to Atiqur Rahman and Co for Tk 95 lakh. Atiqur Rahman said he is a former president of Dhaka Mohanagar BNP.

MARKETS UNDER DSCC
This year, DSCC finalised eight cattle markets, most of which are reportedly under the control of BNP leaders. Previously, such markets were largely dominated by Awami League leaders.

Hasiba Khan, DSCC Estate Officer, said eight markets has been finalised.

The lease for the open space of North Shahjahanpur Maitree Sangha Club went to Anisur Rahman, a businessman known to be BNP-aligned. Last year, the lease was held by former AL councillor Hamidul Haque. For seven years prior, it was under the control of Shahjahanpur Thana AL president Abdul Latif. Joynal Abedin Ratan, former president of Demra Thana BNP, secured the lease for the market north of Amulia Aligarh Model College in Demra.

Muhammad Ali, also linked with BNP politics, leased the market on the riverbank next to the west side of Postogola cremation ground.

Eid travellers

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the country to guard against potential threats during the festivities.

"We are on maximum alert," said Wing Commander MZM Enthekhab Chowdhury, director of Rab's Media Wing. "From open space at Eastern Housing in Mirpur Section 6 was leased to Messrs Sohag Enterprise for Tk 2.55 crore. Proprietor Md Ratan Miah confirmed his affiliation with BNP politics. The lease

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