

'Don't allow UN office in Dhaka' Hefazat tells govt, demands withdrawal of decision

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hefazat-e-Islam yesterday protested the government's decision to allow the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to establish an office in Dhaka.

Hefazat, a coalition of various Islamist groups, said the establishment of such an office could pose a "long term threat to the country's Islamic values, social stability, and national security".

It demanded the immediate cancellation of the decision; a more active role from local independent rights organisations in monitoring the rights situation; impartial investigations into extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, and murders; and exemplary punishment for those responsible.

The group made the call during a rally at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram

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Firefighters douse a flame that broke out at a garment accessories manufacturing factory in the Karnaphuli Export Processing Zone of Chattogram city yesterday afternoon. The fire originated at "Zant Accessories" around 2:30pm. Eight units of the fire service brought the blaze under control around 4:15pm. The cause of the fire and the extent of damage could not be confirmed immediately.

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Amirul Haque new BCMA president

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Mohammad Amirul Haque, managing director of Premier Cement Mills PLC, has been elected as the president of the Bangladesh Cement Manufacturers Association (BCMA) for the 2025-2027 term, succeeding Alamgir Kabir.

A veteran industrialist with over four decades of leadership across diverse sectors, including cement, LPG, petrochemicals, shipping, agro-processing, edible oil refining, and real estate, Haque is also the founder and managing director of Seacom Group. He currently serves as president of the LPG Operators Association of Bangladesh (LOAB).

He has been repeatedly recognised by the government as a Commercially Important Person (CIP) for his significant contributions to national industry and commerce. Haque has also held directorial roles at both the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the FBCCI.

243 govt officials accused in graft cases

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crimes committed by government officials under the ACC Act because the majority of the accused in corruption cases are public servants."

Since August 5, the two commissions together have accepted 768 complaints for preliminary inquiry. Of these, 399 cases were filed, 231 charge sheets were submitted, and nine final reports were issued. The commission also served 223 notices requiring submission of wealth statements. The highest number of cases filed in a

single month was recorded in January this year—after the Momen Commission took over—when 70 cases were registered.

Among the 1,264 accused are 243 government employees, 114 businessmen, 92 politicians, 447 private sector employees, and 31 public representatives.

The list of accused

includes ousted Sheikh Hasina; members of her family, such as her children Saejeb Wazed and Saima Wazed; her sister Sheikh Rehana; Rehana's son Radwan Mujib Siddiqi Bobby; and daughters

ACC sources said the cases involve allegations of abuse of power, irregularities and corruption in large-scale government projects, unlawful allocation of plots, and amassing wealth beyond known sources of income. Some individuals are also accused of extortion, tender manipulation, and illegal land grabbing.

There are further allegations that some of the accused laundered money abroad and established houses and businesses in countries including the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, UAE, Switzerland, and Canada.

Several also face charges of manipulating the stock market, defrauding investors out of billions of taka, and using political influence to embezzle large sums through fraudulent loans from both state-owned and private banks.

Meanwhile, several ACC officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, admitted that in some cases, investigations were rushed and cases were filed without sufficient inquiry.

These oversights, they warned, could weaken the chances of proving the charges in court.

In total, 12,827 complaints have been received by the ACC over the past 11 months. Of these, 3,406 were filed in November last year. Proceedings are also underway on around 3,500 complaints received from the ACC chairman's office and other offices.

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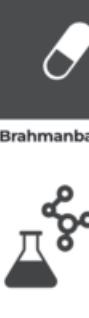
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COMPANY MATTER NO: 1163 of 2025

An application under Section-81(2) and Section-85(3) & 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

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VERSUS-

DZN Labels Ltd and anotherRespondents

Take Notice that an application under U/S: 81(2), 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the above named Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding the AGM for the year 2022 & 2023 of DZN Labels Ltd. Upon hearing of the application on 07.07.2025 Hon'ble Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has been pleased to admit the application. In the said order, the Hon'ble Justice directed to publish advertisements in the newspaper, and submit affidavit-in-compliance.

If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an Advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the under Astur Rahman Sourav

Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh

SS Bhaban (Ground Floor), 70/3 Green Road, Dhaka-1205, Phone: 01917399260

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO 1089 of 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Sections-81(2), 85(3) & 183 read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND
IN THE MATTER OF: Bimal Chandra Roy, S/O: Bishnu Charan Roy and Anita Roy, Shareholder, Director and Managing Director of Next Spaces Limited of 40, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

VERSUS-

Next Spaces Limited of 40, Shahid Tajuddin Ahmed Sarani, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh and The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms, TCB Bhaban (6th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.

RESPONDENTS

Take notice that an application under Sections-81(2), 85(3) & 183 read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the above named Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of Next Spaces Limited for the calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024 and to give necessary direction for holding the said meeting within a reasonable time. Upon hearing of the application on 29-06-2025 the Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has been pleased to admit the said application. If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an advocate on or before the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.

Advocate Md. Anowar Hossain
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CJ assigns 22 HC benches to dispose of 10,385 cases

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Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed has assigned 22 High Court benches for disposing of 10,385 long pending cases filed before the year of 2000 on priority basis in order to reduce the backlog of pending cases.

Around 5.9 lakh cases are now pending with the HC, said Supreme Court sources.

The HC benches will start hearing of the old cases filed before 2000 from tomorrow, High Court Division's Registrar Md Habibur Rahman Siddique told The Daily Star last night.

He said the chief justice took the decision on Thursday following a recommendation from the Judges' Committee for High Court Division.

Abul Barkat sent to jail in graft case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sent Abul Barkat, an economist and former chairman of Janata Bank PLC, to jail in a graft case.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Md Jewel Rana passed the order after the ACC submitted an application seeking his incarceration, confirmed an ACC official working in the court.

On Wednesday, detectives arrested Abul Barkat at his residence on Dhanmondi 3.

On February 20 this year, the ACC filed a case alleging that during his tenure as chairman, Abul Barkat was involved in loan fraud involving AnonTex Group, a ready-made garments company, resulting in the embezzlement of Tk 297 crore from Janata Bank. The case named 23 individuals -- including Barkat, former Janata Bank director Jamal Uddin, and BB governor Atiur Rahman.

Dhaka to work

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government against

terrorism and sought Malaysia's cooperation in its own investigation into the allegations through exchange of information and findings. The Malaysian foreign minister assured Dhaka of facilitating access and cooperation to Bangladesh authorities.

Earlier, the Foreign

Adviser met UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy where the two held discussions on diverse bilateral, regional and multilateral issues.

Both sides discussed, among other issues, the ongoing reforms, Rohingya crisis, post-LDC graduation support, according to the Bangladesh Mission in Kuala Lumpur.

Push for influence-free police force stalls

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Police officials and experts fear that without political consensus, future governments may eventually avoid implementing such reforms to maintain control over the force.

Back in 2007, the caretaker government attempted to establish an independent police commission, which ultimately didn't see the light of day.

The then government formed the Bangladesh Police Act Drafting Committee, which prepared a draft ordinance aimed at freeing the police from political influence, ensuring accountability, and maintaining transparency in recruitment and promotions.

Meanwhile, in its response to the Police Reform Commission, the home ministry rejected the idea of relinquishing its control over the police.

It argued that a neutral commission is "unnecessary" as the ministry already performs its intended functions.

Omar Faruk, professor

of criminology and police science at Mawlawi Bhashani Science and Technology University, said, "An independent police commission is vital to remove political and bureaucratic control over the force. There's no alternative to this."

Faruk and senior police officials agree that strong political will is needed to establish a commission similar to those in Sri Lanka, Singapore, and other countries.

The Police Headquarters had also submitted several proposals, including a draft framework for a neutral commission, to the reform body.

According to the draft, the proposed body would have broad powers to ensure accountability

and neutrality in the police. It would be responsible for top-level appointments, recruitment, transfers, and promotions to end the long-standing culture of political interference.

A top police official, who was involved in drafting the framework, said they proposed that the commission be led by a retired Appellate Division judge or a former IGP so that accountability and human rights are upheld.

He also said it would handle complaints against police officers and take action through a complaints commission.

Additionally, a Grievance Redress Committee would allow police personnel to file internal complaints and seek redress, he added.

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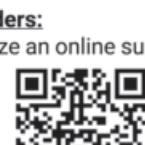
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