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the High Court Division in writ petition Nos.13300 of 2016 and 1092 of 2017 so modified thus stand as under:

In the result, the rule is made absolute in part without any order as to costs. Clause (ga) as contained in the impugned Paripatra being circular issued on September 21, 2016 issued by the respondent No.3 (finance ministry) is hereby declared to have been issued without lawful authority and is, of no legal effect as being ultra vires the Constitution."

The government circular issued on September 21, 2016 had nullified or restricted benefits of the officers and employees, Barrister Salahuddin Dolon added.

Contacted, Additional Attorney General Aneek R Haque, who represented the state, told this correspondent that the officials and employees concerned will now get gradation facilities as per relevant rules following the SC judgement.

The hands that stretched to freedom

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movement; it turned it into a nationwide student led uprising that brought down Sheikh Hasina's authoritarian regime.

A year on, the country today observes the July Shaheed Dibosh (July Martyr's Day).

His fellow students and protesters remember him as an idealist who gave his life fighting injustice.

Sabina Yasmin, a BRUR English student, said, "He used to tell us, 'If I disappear or die, you must carry the movement on. We are not against anyone, we are against discrimination... If my blood is needed, I am willing to shed it."

Born into an impoverished family in Babanpur Jafarpur village of Rangpur's Pirganj upazila, Sayed -- the youngest of nine siblings -- aspired to become an educator. His father Mokbul Hossain, 76, is a farmer, and his mother Monowara Begum, 65, a homemaker.

Always known to be studious, Sayed had his life changed after he enrolled in BRUR as a 12th batch (2019-20) student.

Last year, he joined the anti-discrimination student movement, already gaining traction nationwide, calling for reform of the quota system, which reserved 30 percent of government jobs for the children and grandchildren of freedom fighters.

For him, the fight was about ensuring equal rights for all. Soon enough, he became one of the key coordinators of the movement at BRUR.

On July 16 last year, students were holding a peaceful sit-in, led by Abu Sayed, at the university gate to protest the indiscriminate attack on Dhaka University students by Chhatra League just a day earlier.

Suddenly, police charged batons and fired tear gas and bullets. It was then that a fearless Sayed stood his ground, taking pellet after pellet until he crumbled.

Fellow protesters carried him, unconscious, to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) on a

Appeal to be filed seeking

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restored in the constitution in its original form," he said.

However, he added that since the Appellate Division had also annulled the system, it cannot be fully reinstated until that verdict [of Justice Khairul Haque] is resolved.

A review petition challenging that verdict is currently pending in the Appellate Division, and he expressed hope that the court will overturn the earlier ruling, removing the final barrier to restoring the caretaker government system.

Bhuiyan also said the 2011 amendment brought structural changes to the state, shifting it from a democratic to an authoritarian system.

He cited the High Court's observation that the 15th amendment was not passed through proper legislative procedures. "For a constitutional amendment to be valid, it must follow due process...

The parliamentary committee was bypassed, and the will of a single individual was prioritised."

Although the court acknowledged these issues, it did not fully annul the 15th amendment, Bhuiyan said, adding that they need further guidance from the Appellate Division on this matter.

"This is important because there may be more constitutional amendments in the future. If flawed amendments survive by adding a few good elements, it sets a dangerous precedent," he added.

Despite the concerns, he termed the High Court verdict a significant step toward restoring democracy.

Badiul Alam Majumder, secretary of Shusashoner Jonno Nagarik and a member of the National Consensus Commission, said they would appeal the verdict since they did not receive all the remedies they had sought.

"We are pleased, but we are not fully satisfied," he said.

rickshaw. Upon arrival, doctors said he had died on the way.

Shahriar Shohag, a BRUR journalism student, told The Daily Star, "We were chanting 'We want justice, we want rights' during the sit-in. Suddenly, we heard gunshots. I saw Sayed bhai lying on the road... It's been a year and I still can't sleep. Every time I close my eyes, I see that very image."

"He wasn't affiliated with any political party. He was a dreamer who wanted justice in education and equality in society. His death is like a mirror -- we must look at ourselves through it... [To us] Shaheed Abu Sayed is the 'Tank Man' of Bangladesh. He is our idol."

My son's sacrifice will only hold meaning if good governance is ensured in this country," Mokbul Hossain, father of Shaheed Abu Sayed.

The "Tank Man" is a nickname given to an unidentified individual who stood defiantly in front of a column of Type-59 tanks in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 5, 1989.

Sabina said Sayed was a born leader.

"Under his leadership, the movement gained momentum at our university from June 6. He became the coordinator and we were well-organised because of him."

Golam Rahman Shaon, a history and archaeology student, said, "All day, every day, he [Sayed] remained at the protest site. He handled everything -- setting up the stage and banners, writing slogans, arranging food, and managing communications.

"To cover the expenses, Sayed bhai initiated small donation drives among students. BCL [Chhatra League] activists tried to obstruct us, we received many threats. But because of

Sayed's father Mokbul said the entire family's hopes rested on him. "Our other children didn't study much. Some are involved in small businesses, some work as day labourers."

Mokbul was speaking while standing by his son's grave yesterday.

In the meantime, the family has received Tk 10 lakh in government and private compensation. Sayed's sister Sumi Akter was offered a job at BRUR, while the local administration is building a mosque, library complex, and road -- all named after Shaheed Abu Sayed.

However, Mokbul said, "My son's sacrifice will only hold meaning if good governance is ensured in this country."

Tk 65,000 in salary, Tk 5cr in properties

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Fatema Mukta, owns a six-storey residential building in the capital's Khilkhet. Even his mother-in-law has a flat in Dhanmondi, while another flat in Keraniganj is registered under his relative's name.

These details came to light through a recent investigation by the Anti-Corruption Commission, prompting the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court to order the seizure of the family's immovable assets.

ACC Assistant Director Alius Hossain filed the petition to freeze the assets, stating that the couple and their beneficiaries amassed these properties worth around Tk 5.38 crore through corruption.

Judge Md Zakir Hossain issued the seizure order yesterday. The judge also ordered the authorities concerned to send a copy of the order for the next course of action.

In the petition, ACC mentioned that Ekram, now posted as an inspector of CID in Faridpur, with the help of his wife and others, amassed a huge amount of money through illegal means.

Mud, potholes cripple Jashore-Khulna

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Noapara is riddled with potholes. The Chengutia to Basundia segment is especially dangerous," said truck driver Saiful Alam. "The road is covered in mud, and vehicles regularly get stuck or tip over. Trucks and buses are damaged daily. A single trip can take up to two or three days due to traffic jams."

According to RHD, reinforced cement concrete (RCC) roadwork is ongoing in segments of the highway, including a 700-metre portion at Murali junction. The full project includes 2,352 metres of construction, costing around Tk 31.68 crore, which began on March 23 this year.

Transport workers said over 4,500 vehicles use the highway daily.

Mohammad Khokon Molla,

a union council member from Preambagh's Ward 8, said, "The RHD has tried to mitigate the situation by laying bricks, but heavy vehicle movement has worsened it again."

"As a result, businesses dependent on the Noapara port have come to a halt, and during the peak Aman cultivation season, fertiliser delivery has been severely disrupted."

Khairul Mia, a resident of Preambagh, said the stretch near Chengutia Bazar is home to three schools and colleges. "The muddy road is making it nearly impossible for students to attend school."

Abdul Goni Sardar, a fertiliser importer, said, "Noapara is not just a river port; it's an industrial hub. We handle around 60 percent of the country's fertiliser imports here.

The current state of the highway has made transportation nearly impossible, especially the Chengutia to Basundia stretch. Truckers are refusing to come."

Golam Kibria, executive engineer of Jashore RHD, said, "We are working on a 1,600-metre stretch from Chengutia to Basundia and 700 metres at Murali. Sudden rains have caused delays. If we get a few days of dry weather, we can accelerate work."

Zakir Hossain, additional chief engineer of the Khulna RHD, said, "The road had not been repaired for a long time. Now a major project is underway. Though rains have disrupted progress, the contractor is still working. We've temporarily filled potholes with brick chips to maintain connectivity."

Built to assist, left to rot

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while the surroundings are littered with garbage.

Mani Hossain, 65, said, "The escalators worked fine for about a year after installation. Since then, they've always been off. Carrying sacks on my head up the stairs is very difficult. The escalators would've been a great help. Now we're forced to cross the road directly, risking accidents."

Kalam Mia, a security guard posted in the area, said, "I've been stationed here for seven months, and not once have I seen the escalators working. Many people cross the road daily. If they were functional, it would reduce accidents significantly."

On Pragati Sarani, in front of the Jamuna Future Park, a footbridge

was built in memory of Abrar Ahmed Chowdhury, a student of Bangladesh University of Professionals who died in a road accident in 2021. Escalators were installed to ensure safe pedestrian crossing. Though initially well-received, the escalators on this bridge too are frequently inoperative.

"In a city where people are already reluctant to use footbridges and often resort to jaywalking, the installation of escalators on select bridges was definitely a progressive step," said Afruza Hasan, a university teacher.

"These were meant to encourage safer pedestrian practices, especially among the elderly, children, and those with physical difficulties. However, with the escalators of all four footbridges being mostly out of order, pedestrians

will be left with yet another excuse to avoid footbridges altogether," she added.

When asked about the status of these escalators, DNCC Administrator Mohammad Azad said, "I'm aware of the issue. The contractors who built these escalators were also responsible for their maintenance. However, some contractors claim they haven't received full payment, which is hindering repair efforts. Nonetheless, we are working on resolving this."

Contacted, urban planner Prof Adil Mohammed Khan said, "We only know how to spend money, but there is no monitoring. As a result, these escalators have become a liability. We should move towards simpler solutions like low-gradient footbridges or maintenance-friendly designs."

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Re-Expressions of Interest (R-EOI) for Selection of a Consulting Firm/Company for SWIFT Customer Security Program (CSP) 2025 Assessment for Bangladesh Bank

BANGLADESH BANK, HEAD OFFICE, DHAKA		
1	Ministry/Division	Not applicable
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bank
3	Name of procuring entity	Information and Communication Technology Department, Bangladesh Bank
4	Title of Service	Selection of a Consulting Firm/Company for SWIFT Customer Security Program (CSP) 2025 Assessment for Bangladesh Bank
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	A Consulting Firm or Company
7	EOI Ref No.	ICTD-2(3)/207(R)/2025
8	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	15 July 2025
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source funds	Own source
11	Development partner (if applicable)	Not applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	
14	EOI closing date and time	29 July 2025, 03:00pm Bangladesh Standard Time Receiving Document: two (02) sets of Hard Copy document is mandatory
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15	Minimum qualification and evaluation criteria	<p>1. The bidder or its headquarters a) Must be listed in the SWIFT CSP Certified Assessors Directory and have at least 03 certified SWIFT CSP Assessors. b) They should have a track record of global SWIFT audits with at least 100 SWIFT CSP records globally. They should also have extensive experience in CSP assessment validation of SWIFT architecture configurations as well as remediation plans to ensure compliance with SWIFT CSP framework guidelines and security control requirements.</p> <p>2. The bidder must have at least 05 years of experience in IT security-related audits covering at least 5 Banks/Financial Institutions locally.</p> <p>3. The bidder must be able to deploy certified experts on site and conduct, monitor, and report on the assessment closely. Among them, there should be at least one SWIFT Certified Assessor who has conducted at least 03 full-stack/large complex architecture assessments abroad.</p> <p>4. The bidder must demonstrate a deep understanding of the SWIFT Customer Security Control Framework (CSCF) including the technical and security aspects of SWIFT interfaces and infrastructure.</p> <p>5. The bidder should provide a structured assessment approach, including risk evaluation, remediation strategies, and real-time security monitoring. They must be able to assess, validate, and verify SWIFT architecture configurations against compliance standards while ensuring continuous security improvement and knowledge sharing with the client's IT security team.</p> <p>6. The bidder must ensure post-assessment support and guidance for SWIFT compliance improvements. They should also be able to work within an aggressive timeline allowing for flexibility in changes while ensuring all Statement of Work (SOW) deliverables are met.</p> <p>7. The bidder shall be required to submit certified photocopies of the latest documents related to valid Trade License, TIN Certificate, Income Tax Certificate, and VAT Registration Certificate as proof of taxation compliance. Failure to provide these documents may result in the quotation being considered non-responsive.</p>
16	Term of Reference (TOR) of CSP Assessor	<p>Post Implementation Review on separate Alliance Infrastructure</p> <p>Objectives and Scope: Review the original objectives and scope of the project to ensure they have been met.</p> <p>System Performance: Evaluate the performance of the SWIFT system to ensure that it is functioning as expected and meeting the performance requirements.</p> <p>System Availability: Review the system's availability to ensure that it is available as required by the business.</p> <p>System Security: Evaluate the security of the SWIFT system to ensure that it is secure and complies with the BB's security policies and Swift Customer Security Controls Framework (CSCF) 2025.</p> <p>User Acceptance: Review user feedback to ensure that the SWIFT system is being accepted and used by its intended users.</p> <p>Compliance: Review the system's compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, Swift Customer Security Controls Framework (CSCF) 2025 including data privacy and security regulations.</p> <p>Risk Management: Evaluate the risk management process to ensure that Bangladesh Bank is adequately managing risk associated with the SWIFT system.</p> <p>Data Accuracy: Review the accuracy of the data being processed by the SWIFT system to ensure that it is accurate and reliable.</p> <p>Integration: Evaluate the integration of the SWIFT system with other systems to ensure that it is properly integrated and functioning as expected.</p> <p>Documentation: Ensure that all documentation related to the SWIFT system is up-to-date and complete.</p> <p>Training: Review the training process to ensure that users have been adequately trained on how to use the SWIFT system.</p> <p>Future Development: Identify opportunities for future development and improvement of the SWIFT system.</p> <p>Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery: Need to ensure that the SWIFT system is designed with business continuity and disaster recovery in mind, and that it includes appropriate security controls to protect against potential security threats. This can help to ensure that the system remains available and functional in the event of a hardware or software failure, natural disaster, or cyber attack.</p>
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