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Milestone  
stays closed to  
public, media  
all the day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main gate of Milestone College in Dhaka's Uttara has remained closed since yesterday morning, with entry restricted to law enforcement personnel only.

Journalists attempting to enter were barred and forced to wait outside.

During a visit to the school around 11:00am yesterday, this correspondent found a crowd of curious onlookers gathered outside the gate. Among them were students, guardians, and local residents, many of whom were taking photos and videos of the crash site from a distance using their mobile phones.

Meanwhile, staff and employees of the institution were seen entering the premises without obstruction.

As of 5:00pm yesterday, no one except the staff and

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Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at a meeting with representatives of four political parties -- including BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami -- at the state guesthouse Jamuna in Dhaka on Tuesday night. The discussion focused on the country's law and order situation. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Investigate Arakan Army for war crimes against Rohingyas

**Fortify Rights urges International Criminal Court**

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Human rights group Fortify Rights has urged the International Criminal Court (ICC) to investigate war crimes committed by the Arakan Army (AA), including abductions, torture, killings, and beheadings of Rohingya civilians.

A new investigation by Fortify Rights documents how the AA, which currently controls much of Rakhine State, has committed serious violations of the laws of war in ad-hoc detention centres and villages under its control.

"The Arakan Army is responsible for widespread abductions, brutal torture, and the murder of Rohingya, some of whom were found beheaded," said Ejaz Min Khant, Human Rights Specialist at Fortify Rights.

"The ICC has jurisdiction and should investigate and prosecute those responsible."

Since fighting broke out between the AA and Myanmar military in November 2023, around 200,000 Rohingya have fled to Bangladesh, joining over a million others who had escaped earlier waves of persecution, especially in 2017.

Rohingya communities now say they are being targeted by the AA, which controls nearly 90 percent of

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## His statesmanship paved way for our sovereignty

Say speakers on Tajuddin Ahmad during commemorative event marking his birth centenary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tajuddin Ahmad, the founding Prime Minister of Bangladesh, is a towering political figure whose unwavering patriotism, strategic acumen, crisis management skills, and leadership in nation-building deserve thorough study, said his admirers yesterday.

He led the Liberation War-time exile government, and his leadership -- marked by integrity and foresight -- laid the foundation for a sovereign Bangladesh amid immense adversity, they said.

Yet, despite his pivotal role, Tajuddin Ahmad's contributions remain largely under-represented in mainstream narratives. Bangladesh must strive for a more accurate and inclusive historical account, they added.

They made the remarks while speaking at a commemorative

Tajuddin's role in all three phases of Bangladesh's struggle for independence -- preparatory phase, phase of armed Liberation War, and post-victory phase -- was profoundly significant. Without fully recognising and documenting his contribution, the history of our independence struggle cannot be complete.

**SARWAR ALI**  
Trustee, Liberation War Museum

programme marking the birth centenary of Tajuddin Ahmad, organised by the Liberation War Museum at its auditorium.

Liberation War Museum

trustee Mofidul Hoque said the way Tajuddin led the Mujibnagar government during the nine months of the Liberation War is the finest hour of the country's history, and he played the pivotal role in creating that finest hour.

Terming Tajuddin a highly organised leader and man, Mofidul said, "History entrusted him with a great responsibility, and he fulfilled it in an extraordinary way. There's so much we can learn from this, and his life should be studied."

Sarwar Ali, another trustee of the museum, said Tajuddin's role in all three phases of Bangladesh's struggle for independence -- the preparatory phase, the phase of armed Liberation War, and the post-victory phase -- was profoundly significant.

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Install CCTV at vulnerable polling centres

**Home ministry directs EC; several decisions taken to ensure election security**

AHMED DEEPTO

The Ministry of Home Affairs has taken several decisions to ensure security during the upcoming national election.

In a letter to the Election Commission (EC), the ministry instructed that CCTV cameras be installed at all polling stations identified as vulnerable.

The EC has been asked to inform the ministry of the measures taken in this regard by August 3.

These decisions were made during the 11th meeting of the Advisory Council Committee on Law and Order, held at the Ministry of Home Affairs last Monday. The meeting was chaired by Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury.

The letter to the EC was issued later that day.

The letter stated that steps must be taken to implement the decisions made at the meeting, and a report on the actions should be submitted to the Political-2 Wing of the Public Security Division both by email and in hard copy by August 3.

According to the meeting minutes, the EC is responsible for installing CCTV cameras at vulnerable polling stations and setting up an effective monitoring system. A clear action plan involving all relevant

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From left, Liberation War Museum trustee Sarwar Ali, The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam, and another trustee of the museum Mofidul Hoque at a commemorative programme, marking the birth centenary of Tajuddin Ahmad at the capital's Liberation War Museum yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

272 July victims get medical aid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Extending its support to the victims of the July mass uprising, Suhana & Anis Ahmed Foundation (SAAF) has so far provided medical treatment, medication, and financial assistance to 272 critically injured individuals for their surgeries in different hospitals across Bangladesh.

The foundation is actively working with courier organisations and other online-based delivery platforms to create employment opportunities for the injured, SAAF said in a statement.

Since December 2024, SAAF has also been providing monthly financial assistance to 100 individuals who are currently unable to work due to physical injuries.

The foundation has committed to awarding full scholarships to 25 injured students currently enrolled in schools, colleges, and universities.