

Dharla erosion leaves

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Mogholhat Union Parishad, said over 100 bighas of land have already been devoured in Debnathpara alone, and about 300 bighas more are at high risk.

Engineers from the Water Development Board have visited the erosion sites multiple times, but no preventive measures have been taken. Dropping geo-bags filled with sand could slow the erosion and save much of the land, he added.

Shunil Kumar, executive engineer of the Lalmonirhat Water Development Board, said they have requested emergency funds from the higher authorities. "Once we receive the allocation, geo-bag protection work will begin," he said.

In Kurigram, the situation is also dire.

In Char Gorokmandol of Phulbari upazila, 65-year-old farmer Ala-Baks said, "I've lost my last two bighas of farmland and our homestead to the river. I've built two small sheds by the roadside where I now live with my six-member family. I can't afford to buy land or rebuild a home."

Naodanga UP member Ayaz Uddin said more than 200 homesteads, a school, madrasa, and the Mujib Kella building are at risk. In just a week, 15 houses and over 100 bighas of farmland have been lost to the river.

Rakibul Hasan, executive engineer of the Kurigram Water Development Board, said 7,000 geo-bags

Domestic workers still 'invisible'

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were dropped last year to contain erosion in Char Gorokmandol.

"At present, we have no geo-bags in stock. A new requisition has been submitted," he said.

Hasina, top AL

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On that day, AL leaders and activists carried out a pre-planned attack on the movement. Bullet-hit Ilim died at Gazipur Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Medical College Hospital.

AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader, former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan, former Liberation War Affairs minister AKM Mozammel Haque, and 42 leaders and activists of AL are also among the accused.

Some 300 to 400 unnamed people were also made accused.

Four DIGs sent

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According to the notifications, the officials have been retired under Section 45 of the Government Service Act, 2018.

According to the section, "The government may, at any time after the completion of 25 (twenty-five) years of service of a government servant, retire him from service if it thinks necessary in the public interest, without showing any reason."

both nationally and globally.

She said advocacy efforts had led the Labour Reform Commission to include domestic workers in its draft recommendations.

They also called for a joint survey by the Bureau of Statistics and the Ministry of Labour to create a national database of domestic workers.

AHM Shafiquzzaman, secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, said the draft law on domestic workers has been revised to remove exclusionary language.

He said the government would soon ratify ILO Conventions 155, 187, and 190, which focus on occupational safety and

protection from gender-based violence.

Shireen Pervin Hug, founder of Naripokkho and head of Women's Affairs Reform Commission, shared a set of 433 policy proposals addressing women's labour rights.

These include full legal coverage for domestic and sex workers, increased access to daycare, and paid parental leave.

"This is a historic opportunity," she said.

"Even during an interim government, reforms can proceed through a presidential ordinance."

At the conference, domestic worker leaders Feroza Begum and Ruma Akhter presented a joint declaration with several

demands.

The demands included -- inclusion under the Labour Act with repeal of Section 49; ADR provisions under Section 124 and complaint desks at labour institutions; amendment of Section 332 to prevent abuse of women domestic workers; application of labour law in accessible language; national pensions, maternity benefits, and welfare coverage; education for children of domestic workers, including stipends and higher education access; low-cost housing and daycare services for working mothers; and legal recognition as employed women, with clear definitions of employers and contracts.

AB Party Chairman Mujibur Rahman Monju alleged that the UN Women has long been promoting Western values in Bangladesh.

Gono Odhikar Parishad President Nurul Haque Nur said, "A pro-American government is running the country now. Making such decisions without any discussion is a form of authoritarianism."

He said the UN's silence on issues like the killing of Al Jazeera journalists and the Palestinian crisis raises further questions.

Among others, Jahangir Alam, representative of the National Democratic Party; Col (retd) Mohammad Abdul Haque, chairman of Retired Armed Forces Officers Welfare Association; Inqilab journalist Munshi Abdul Mannan; and Rezaul Karim Abrar, president of Bangladesh Mujahid Committee, also addressed the event.

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According to investigators, Zahidul, Ashraful, Malek, and Faruk planned the arson

Planned attempt

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to destroy sensitive documents. Zahidul reportedly promised to pay them Tk 10-12 lakh after the job was done.

On the night of the incident, Ashraful turned off the CCTV camera. Malek and Faruk entered the office, soaked key documents in petrol, and set them on fire. Ashraful left the scene just before a massive explosion rocked the room.

Malek died immediately, while Faruk sustained severe burns. Ashraful fled the building and returned to the hotel. Zahidul later went to the scene and, with Ashraful's help, took Faruk to the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, where he died during treatment.

The PBI said the perpetrators did not anticipate an explosion and had only intended to burn documents. The nature and contents of the destroyed documents are still being investigated.

"We've completed the first phase of the probe," Rahman said. "Next, we will try to identify what was in those documents and whether others were involved."

He said, "Although one of the CCTV cameras was turned off, the others were working. From there, we found a masked image of Ashraful and identified him based on his prior visits to the office."

ACC sues Rehana's son Bobby

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Additionally, suspicious transactions amounting to Tk 12.48 crore were reportedly carried out through three bank accounts in his name.

NURUL HUDA UNDER ACC RADAR

ACC has launched an investigation into allegations of misappropriation of government funds amounting to Tk 7.47 crore against former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) KM Nurul Huda and several officials from his tenure.

Speaking to reporters, Akhtar Hossain said the investigation was initiated following allegations that fake training programmes were organised in violation of official policy, leading to the embezzlement of Tk 7.47 crore from the EC's funds.

He said, "The expenditure was made under the pretense of training for the 11th National Election and the 5th Upazila Parishad Election. However, the use of funds reportedly took place without the Finance Ministry's approval and in violation of the commission's own financial regulations."

NO BAR TO PROBE SAD LEADERS' WEALTH

Akhtar Hossain said, "There is no legal

barrier to investigating allegations of illegal wealth accumulation against leaders of the Students Against Discrimination (SAD) if specific complaints are filed."

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PRAYER TIMING

JULY 29

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4-20	12-45	5-00	6-50	8-15
JAMAAT 4-55	1-15	5-15	6-55	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

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Notice Inviting Applications for CIP (Export)-2026 (Online)

Export Promotion Bureau invites applications (online) from exporters/exporting companies registered in Bangladesh (both domestic and foreign) for selection of CIP (Export)-2026.

02. CIPs (Export) will be selected in accordance with the provision of CIP (Export) Policy-2023 and the conditions laid down therein against export of specific product/service(s). For selection of CIPs (Export) all products and services are categorized into 35 sectors.

Sector/Product-wise required minimum export earnings (in Million USD\$) against products/services during FY 2024-2025:

a) Goods/Products Sectors:

(1) Raw jute: \$5.00Mn.; (2) Jute Products (Jute Yarn & Twine, Jute Carpet, Jute Manufacturers): \$10.00Mn.; (3) Diversified Jute Products (fashionable shoes and bags, jute geo-tex etc): \$2.00Mn.; (4) Leather (crust/finished): \$10.00Mn.; (5) Leather Goods (leather shoes, non-leather shoes, bags, wallets, belts, jackets etc.): \$4.00 Mn.; (6) Frozen Food, Live and Chilled Fish: \$10.00 Mn.; (7) Tea: \$1.00Mn.; (8) Readymade Garment (Oven): \$70.00Mn.; (9) Agricultural Products (excluding tobacco): \$1.00Mn.; (10) Agro-Processing Products (processed jams, jellies, pickles, spices, chips, flattened rice and puffed rice) (excluding tobacco): \$1.00Mn.; (11) Cycles & Bicycles, Motor Cycles/Automobile Parts/Other Motor Vehicles: \$4.00Mn.; (12) Accumulators & Batteries: \$1.00Mn.; (13) Pharmaceutical Products/Health & Safety Products: \$5.00Mn.; (14) Handicrafts & Craft items: \$1.00Mn.; (15) Specialized Textiles/Home Textiles (Bath Robes, Door Curtains, Cushion Covers, Bed Sheets, Bed Covers, Pillow Covers etc.): \$55.00Mn.; (16) Readymade Garment (Knitwear): \$70.00Mn.; (17) All types of yarn (except denim) and man-made fiber: \$30.00Mn.; (18) Denim fabrics and garments made of denim: \$20.00Mn.; (19) Terry Towel: \$5.00Mn.; (20) Flowers & Foliage: \$1.50Mn.; (21) All types of Electric & Electronics: \$8.00Mn.; (22) Printing and Packaging: \$4.00Mn.; (23) Garment Accessories: \$4.00 Mn.; (24) Ceramic and Melamine: \$1.50Mn.; (25) Plastic products: \$1.00Mn.; (26) Textile Fabrics: \$15.00Mn.; (27) Ships and Ocean-going Fishing Trawlers: \$20.00Mn.; (28) Furniture: \$3.00Mn.; (29) Goods & Services exported by Women Entrepreneurs: \$1.00Mn.; (30) Miscellaneous Products (Jewelry, Hats & Caps, Toiletries, Toys & Others): \$1.00Mn.; (31) Computer Hardware & Computer Peripherals: \$2.00Mn.

b) Services Sector:

(32) Consultancy and Maintenance: \$5.00 Mn.; (33) Software & ICT Enabled Services: \$1.00 Mn.; (34) Tourism & Hospitality: \$5.00 Mn.; (35) Other services sector (indenting, buying house, freelancing, outsourcing, banking as per existing export policy): \$5.00Mn.

Any exporting company/entity, having minimum export earnings (in Mn.US \$) as mentioned above against each category of product or service in FY 2024-25, will be eligible for submitting application for CIP (Export)-2026.

03. The Online link is available at Export Promotion Bureau's Website (www.epb.gov.bd), Commodities Division of the Export Promotion Bureau in Dhaka, Regional Offices at Chattogram, Khulna, Rajshahi and Branch Offices at Cumilla, Sylhet and Narayanganj as well as offices of FBCCI, BCI, MCCI, DCCI and Divisional Chambers of Commerce located in Chattogram, Khulna, Rajshahi, Barishal, Sylhet and Rangpur. The application link may also be obtained from Export-related Trade Associations of Bangladesh. Exporters under all Export Processing Zones may apply for the Trophies and the link in this regard will be available at BEPZA & BEZA, Dhaka. Interested exporting companies/organizations are requested to apply using the following link:

Online Application Link: <http://services.mincom.gov.bd/portal/home>

Online Application Form must be submitted from 1st August, 2025 to 31st August, 2025 during office hours.

04. The following up-to-date (FY2024-2025) certificates/documents must be attached with application:

(a) Certificates against payment of Income Tax and Value Added Tax (VAT), (b) Declaration in company's letterhead pad confirming that it is not involved/default in loan and money laundering case(s); (c) Main copy of Proceed Realization Certificate (PRC); (d) Up-to-date Certificate from the Department of Environment (applicable for the registered companies); (e) Name of the company/organization and realised amount in Million USD are to be clearly mentioned on the letterhead pad of the applicant; (f) One page EPRC along with Original Copy of PRC to be submitted by the Deemed/Partially Deemed exporting companies.

05. The companies belonging to a group under the same ownership and export the same category of goods or services, one authorized person can apply on behalf of the group along with the Certificate of Incorporation stating the export income of each unit of the group stating the product details.

06. A business entity/organization exporting more than one category of product or service, has to submit application separately. That is, the applicant cannot show export earning of one sector to other sector or together in the same sector. False/Erroneous information is not acceptable in any case. Applications with such information will be treated as invalid.

07. The PRC submitted will be verified with the database of Bangladesh Bank's Online Export Monitoring System (OEMS). As a True Single Source, the export income of the applicant found in OEMS, will be considered as authentic and final.

08. Application for CIP (Export)-2026 must be submitted in compliance with the terms & conditions as laid down in the prescribed online Application Form by 5pm on 31st August, 2025.

09. As the Online system is in operation, there will be no provision for submitting/receiving hard copies of applications. Duly filled in Application for National Export Trophy for FY 2024-2025 must be submitted between 1st and 31st August, 2025. For more information, please contact the undersigned during office hours.

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