

Review MoU with UN Domestic workers still ‘invisible’

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Referring to past incidents of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings, Salahuddin said the actual death toll from the 2013 Shapla Chattar crackdown has yet to be acknowledged.
While recognising the need to address rights violations, he questioned the compatibility of Western human rights standards in the context of Bangladesh's society and religious values.
“The Chittagong Hill Tracts issue is also there. If the UN uses human rights as a pretext in a way that could compromise the country's territorial integrity, it must be taken seriously,” Salahuddin also said.
He also expressed concern over the global role of the UN Human Rights Commission, saying, “The human rights situation in Bangladesh is concerning, but what is happening in Gaza is far worse. In Palestine, Arakan, and other places, Muslims are facing severe oppression. Yet we do not see any significant action from the UN Human Rights Commission there.”
He mentioned that although the UN office has been approved for a three-year term, a review will take place after one or two years. He said the

next elected government would decide whether to renew the agreement, and advised the interim government to thoroughly reassess the matter before implementation.
Hefazat's Secretary General Sajidur Islam said the move goes against “the values of Islam” and promotes “western hegemony”.
Its Joint Secretary General Mamunul Haque said, “Issues involving religion and national sovereignty require scrutiny and input from Hefazat-e-Islam.”
AB Party Chairman Mujibur Rahman Monju alleged that UN Women has long promoted 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.”
Jahangir Alam 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 spoke, among others.

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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 Huq, 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.
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Recently, five individuals, including four leaders of the SAD, were arrested on extortion charges.
Akhtar said, “Extortion itself does not fall under the ACC's jurisdiction. However, if someone has accumulated wealth beyond known sources of income, that falls within our legal scope. If there are specific and credible allegations, we have no obstacle in initiating an inquiry.”

Hasina, top AL Planned attempt

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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.
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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.”

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Office assistant Abdul Malek died on the spot. Md Faruk, the driver of the cooperative's general secretary, later died from burn injuries.
Initially, police suspected the fire was caused by an air conditioner explosion. But following a case filed by Moshir Rahman, the cooperative's general secretary and a retired secretary, the PBI began an investigation and found evidence suggesting foul play.
Speaking at a press briefing at the PBI's office in the capital's Kalyanpur, PBI Commissioner Abdur Rahman said investigators reviewed CCTV footage and found a masked individual entering the fifth floor and disabling a security camera.
Using AI technology, the individual was identified as Ashrafur Islam, who was later arrested in Kurigram. His statement led to the arrest of BIAM administrative officer Zahidul Islam from Dhaka's Bashundhara area.
Rahman said Ashrafur and Zahidul knew each other from Kurigram. A few months before the incident, Zahidul brought Ashrafur to Dhaka and accommodated him at a three-star hotel.
According to investigators, Zahidul, Ashrafur, Malek, and Faruk planned the arson

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, Ashrafur turned off the CCTV camera. Malek and Faruk entered the office, soaked key documents in petrol, and set them on fire. Ashrafur left the scene just before a massive explosion rocked the room.
Malek died immediately, while Faruk sustained severe burns. Ashrafur fled the building and returned to the hotel. Zahidul later went to the scene and, with Ashrafur'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 Ashrafur 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
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Re-Auction Notice (6th Call)

Sealed auctions are hereby invited from the interested National/Foreign Buyers/companies in order to sell Inventoried & Valuated Structure, Machinery, Equipment & other Assets by auction "as and where basis" of terminated industry named-M/s. Northpole (BD) Ltd, Plot # 22-24, Sector# 04, Chattogram EPZ-a tent, back pack, luggage and bags manufacturing industry or to operate the enterprise. To participate in the auction the terms & conditions are stated below:

Terms & Conditions:

- Interested Persons/Organizations/Existing enterprises of EPZ(s) (Local/Joint Venture/Foreign) or any other interested persons/organizations from outside EPZ can take part in this auction who are interested to purchase the Structure, Machinery, Equipment & other Assets "as and where basis" of the company by observing the existing rules and regulations in this regard;
- Successful bidder will have to pay VAT, TAX and other payable fees as per custom rules for the duty free imported Assets of existing Assets of industry to be taken out to the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA);
- Auction documents attached with a single pay order/bank draft/FDD or any other means approved by Bangladesh Government from any schedule bank of an amount of 15% as earnest money (non-refundable for successful bidder & refundable for unsuccessful bidder) must be submitted in favour of BEPZA. Auction documents without earnest money will be treated as rejected;
- Inventoried Structure, Machineries, Equipment & other Assets under the inventory list may be seen on **03-04 September 2025** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Information regarding the visit and the list of Assets may be collected by contacting with the Executive Director, Chattogram-EPZ directly;
- If the auction is accepted by the Authority, the successful bidder will have to pay the remaining 85% amount of the quoted price along with applicable TAX & VAT within 15 days to BEPZA through Pay Order/Bank Draft/FDD or any other means approved by Bangladesh Government. Accordingly, the delivery of Structure, Machineries, Equipment & other Assets will have to be taken as per Customs & BEPZA rules;
- Auction Schedule may be bought by paying Tk. 5,000.00 (non-refundable) within **04 September 2025** during office hours from the Accounts Department of Chattogram-EPZ, Dhaka-EPZ, Adamjee EPZ, Cumilla-EPZ, Karnaphuli EPZ, Mongla EPZ, Ishwardi EPZ, Uttara EPZ & Accounts Department, BEPZA Executive Office, Dhaka;
- Auction schedule may be dropped into the auction box kept at the office of Executive Director, Chattogram EPZ on **10 September 2025** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and Submitted Auction documents will be opened in the same date at 12:30 pm at the office of Executive Director, Chattogram EPZ in presence of the bidders (if any). Updated copy of VAT, TIN and Trade License shall have to be attached with the Auction schedule; but this condition may be relaxed by the Authority in case of fully new 100% foreign owned company interested to invest in the EPZ;
- Persons/Organizations/Investors who are interested to operate the closed industry will get priority in auction;
- Successful bidder will have to take permission (If applicable) to operate the industrial unit in the EPZ by following the project sanctioning procedure of BEPZA as per rules;
- The Authority reserves the right to accept any auction or reject any or all of the submitted auctions without showing any reason. The Authority also reserves the right to cancel the Auction and accordingly take next action if the desired rates are not obtained.




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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.

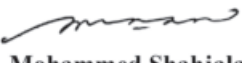
Any exporting company/entity, having minimum export earnings (in Mn.US \$) as mentioned above against each category of product or service in FY 2024-25, will be eligible for submitting application for CIP (Export)-2026.

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.

- 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 paged EPRC alongwith Original Copy of PRC to be submitted by the Deemed/Partially Deemed exporting companies.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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