

## Beijing open to trilateral

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Imran Ahmed Siddiqui held a trilateral meeting on the sidelines of an exposition in Kunming.

Following the meeting, China also briefed diplomats from all South Asian countries about the achievements and the purpose of the trilateral discussions. There were no concerns expressed by any of these countries, Yao said.

Over the last year, China arranged tours for many political parties, including the BNP and Jamaat. Asked about such engagements, he said China's interactions with the parties in the past decade were hindered. He, however, did not give reasons.

## Handa to invest \$250m

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Investment Development Authority), BEZA (Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority) and BEPZA (Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority)," said Han Chun.

BIDA, BEZA and BEPZA officials said this is one of the largest single Chinese investments in Bangladesh's textile sector.

The chief adviser welcomed the investment plan of Handa Industries Ltd. "You take the leadership in Chinese investment in Bangladesh's textile sector and encourage other Chinese investors to come here," he said.

Han Chun also presented the chief adviser with a design of their factory that they are going to set up in the

Bangladesh needs to diversify its exports and enhance its economic competitiveness. China can help Bangladesh uplift its competitiveness and build industrial capacity, enabling Bangladesh to establish a stronger competitive edge."

Asked about the polls, Yao said they hope to see a smooth, peaceful and broadly accepted election. However, it is for the Bangladeshi people and political parties to decide when the election will be held, he said.

On the US tariff, Yao said it is impossible for Bangladesh to decouple from China, especially in the textile and garment sector.

In the current context, there is a general perception that

Mirsarai economic zone. The land lease agreement for the garment factory in Mirsarai will be signed on Wednesday, with an investment value of 80 million USD in phase-1.

The finalisation of land and other facilities for phase-2 is in process now and is expected to be finished by the end of 2025.

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The researchers also conducted in-depth interviews with 37 individuals, including carers and caregivers, and reviewed 49 policy documents.

According to the study, 157 participants (around 38 percent) had ever been enrolled in school at any point in their lifetime, with most reaching only the preschool or primary levels.

Of those, around 61 percent were male. Most of them (69 percent) attended mainstream schools that didn't have specialised support.

Around 20 percent went to special schools, while only 8.71 percent reported having access to a special educational plan at their schools, shows the study.

Among the 278 participants aged 18 and above, only 16.48 percent had reported engaging in any kind of work during their lifetime.

Of those employed, 88.71 percent were male and 11.29 percent female. The most common occupation was day labour (41 percent).

About 33 percent of participants reported having coexisting health conditions, the most common being gastrointestinal issues, followed by epilepsy and asthma.

Among them, a total of 73 participants had sought healthcare services they raised concerns about the quality of care, citing short consultation times and negative attitudes from healthcare providers.

The survey also found that only 11 percent of participants used assistive devices such as spectacles, hearing aids, walking sticks, wheelchairs, and prosthetics.

The study made several sector-wise recommendations, including the need to make healthcare, education, and training infrastructure more accessible for persons with disabilities.

It also called for a comprehensive rights-based approach involving stronger policy enforcement, cross-sector collaboration, and community engagement.

Speaking at the event, Social Welfare Adviser Sharmin Murshid stressed the need to expand the resource pool, citing a severe lack of skilled manpower in the sector.

She also called for stronger collaboration among organisations working with people with disabilities.

Rasheda K Choudhury, executive director of CAMPE; Prof Mushtaque Chowdhury, senior adviser to James P Grant School; and Mahmud Hasan, chief executive of Apasen UK and Apasen International, also spoke at the programme, among others.

Several persons with neurological disabilities also shared their experiences at the programme, which was moderated by Bulbul Hasan, head of communication and policy at Apasen UK and Apasen International.

## Trafficked, tortured

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from BRAC, they returned to Bangladesh on July 9 — alive, but empty-handed.

"We've lost everything — our land, our savings. All that remains is debt. I want justice and compensation," Tanjir demanded.

The local broker, Rafizul, was arrested and is now in jail.

Tanjir's story is alarmingly common.

Md Alamgir Hossain, 45, from Noakhali, was also trafficked to Libya in 2022. After two years, a militia group abducted him and sold him to a Bangladeshi mafia group.

His family had already paid Tk 3.5 lakh to send him abroad. But to save his life, they were forced to borrow an additional Tk 5.5 lakh to meet the ransom demand.

Alamgir finally returned home in February this year with support from the IOM, the Bangladesh Embassy in Libya, and BRAC.

His brother filed a case in January this year seeking punishment for the traffickers and compensation. Two local brokers were arrested, but they are currently out on bail.

There are many more such stories.

According to the Monitoring Cell for Combating Trafficking in Human, Police Headquarters, 10,917 human trafficking cases were filed between 2009 and January 2025.

Of these, 5,450 cases are still pending, while 5,467 have been resolved — a number migration experts call alarmingly low.

In this period, a total of 7,517 cases were registered involving 13,424 trafficking

victims. 10,579 victims were rescued, and 14,583 traffickers were arrested — though most are now out on bail. Only 247 cases have resulted in conviction.

In 2023 alone, 1,589 new cases were registered. The same number was filed in 2024. Despite that, only 109 cases were disposed of, and just 345 individuals were convicted.

In January 2025, another 93 cases were filed.

Shariful Hasan, associate director of BRAC's Migration and Youth Platform, warned that the trafficking landscape has shifted significantly over the last decade.

"Bangladesh has ranked number one for the past three years among countries whose citizens try to enter Europe by crossing the Mediterranean Sea," he said.

Trafficking is happening in the name of migration. While cases are being filed, they're not being resolved because the relevant government agencies are not treating them as a priority."

He said the lack of teamwork among ministries and law enforcement agencies is one of the main reasons behind the slow progress.

"If this continues, our future migration prospects will collapse. Destination countries will stop hiring Bangladeshi workers, which will severely impact our economy," he warned.

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districts don't have one, which delays proceedings," she explained.

"Additionally, many victims and witnesses don't feel safe testifying due to fear of retaliation. That's another major reason for the slow pace of justice."

She urged the government to establish more tribunals, ensure effective witness protection, and improve coordination between agencies to expedite justice.

## Classes

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newly appointed Vice Chancellor Professor Md Maksud Helali officially instructed the resumption of academic activities and issued a formal notice.

Rahatul Islam, a civil engineering student, said, "We just want to return to our studies. All we hope for is a stable academic environment."

On February 18, clashes broke out on the campus centring the demand to ban student politics on the campus.

Following the unrest, both the VC and pro-VC were removed from office. On May 1, Cuet Professor Dr Hazrat Ali was appointed as interim VC, but he resigned on May 22 amid opposition from the teachers.

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On July 24, the government appointed Helali, a retired Buet professor from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, as Kuet's new VC.

## EC to publish final voter list

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voters in the country stood at 12,37,32,274.

On January 20, the EC began the process of

updating the voter list by collecting information through door-to-door visits.

Meanwhile, 60,87,739 new voters have been added

and over 20 lakh deceased voters have been removed from the list, according to the EC's report on its NID wing.

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### e-Tender Notice

Ref No. 46.207.014.09.23.2025.104

**e-Tender Notice**

e-Tenders are invited through e-GP Portal by Executive Engineer, Zone-3 (Azimpur), Dhaka South City Corporation for the procurement of following packages which will be available at e-GP website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) from 29/07/2025, 22:00.

S.L No.	Tender ID & Package No.	Name of work	Last selling date and time	Tender closing date & time
2.	Tender ID: 1135349 WI/Z3/2025-26/shptomvo	Construction of anti-aggression eight pillars at Palashi Roundabout in memory of Shaheed Abrar Fahad and development works of Palashi Intersection.	13-Aug-2025 14:00	13-Aug-2025 15:00
3.	Tender ID: 1130713 W13/Z3/2024-25/W-55	Development work of road including drain at Mahadinagar Road No. 01 & 02 in Kalunagar area at Ward No. 55 under Zone-3 of DSCC.	20-Aug-2025 14:00	20-Aug-2025 15:00

This is an online tender where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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**বাংলাদেশ গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড**  
(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানি)  
**Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd.**  
(A Company of Petrobangla)

### INTERNATIONAL RE-TENDER NOTICE

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division	
2. Agency	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFLC), A Company of Petrobangla	
3. Procuring Entity	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFLC)	
4. Procuring Entity Code	---	
5. Procuring Entity District	Brahmanbaria	
6. Invitation Reference No.	Tender Ref. No. BGFLC/GOODS(FP)/229(R1) Dated July 29, 2025	
7. Invitation for	Procurement of Masonelian Liquid Level Controller and its spare parts.	
8. Procurement Method	Single stage two-envelope open tendering (International Competitive tendering)	
9. Budget & Source of Fund	Own Fund of BGFLC	
10. Tender Publication Date	July 30, 2025	
11. Tender Selling Date & Time	a) Tender documents will be available between 09.00 hrs & 14.00 hrs (BST) on all working days (Sunday to Thursday) from July 31, 2025 to August 27, 2025. No extension in closing date for selling of tender documents will be allowed. b) Place: BGFLC's Liaison office at Petrocentre (14 <sup>th</sup> Floor), 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka. c) Price of Tender Document: Tender documents will be sold on payment of USD 15.00 or BDT. 1,800.00 (Non-refundable)	
12. Tender Closing Date & Time	a) Date & time: August 28, 2025 up to 11:00 hrs (BST). b) Place: BGFLC Head Office, Meeting room at 2nd floor, Birashar, Brahmanbaria – 3400.	
13. Tender Opening Date & Time	a) Date & time: August 28, 2025 at 11:15 hrs (BST) in presence of the Tenderer's representatives, if any. b) Place: BGFLC Head Office, Meeting room at 2nd floor, Birashar, Brahmanbaria – 3400.	
14. Date, Time & Place for Pre-Tender meeting	Not Applicable	
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	Reputed firms, manufacturers and suppliers from all countries except Israel with the following international experience : (a) Tenderer must have overall minimum 05 (five) years experience. (b) If the tenderer is not the manufacturer himself, the tenderer must submit Authorization Letter from the manufacturer or manufacturer's authorized distributor to prove the quoted materials are genuine. (c) Tenderer shall have experience in supplying similar materials to other than the Tenderer's own country. (d) Manufacturer shall have minimum 10 (ten) years experience in manufacturing the offered products. (e) Manufacturer shall have valid ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001 certificates as well as tenderer shall have valid ISO 9001 certificate.	
16. Description of Goods	Masonelian Liquid Level Controller and its spare parts.	
17. Tender Security Amount	USD 1,500.00 or BDT. 1,85,000.00	In the form of Bank Guarantee only
18. Delivery Time	120 days from the date of L/C opening	
19. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. M. K. Masuk	
20. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	General Manager (Technical Services)	
21. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd. (BGFLC), Head Office, Birashar, Brahmanbaria – 3400, Bangladesh, Telephone no. +8801730 093679 E-mail: <a href="mailto:prbpcf@gmail.com">prbpcf@gmail.com</a> / <a href="mailto:dgmpf@bgfcld.org.bd">dgmpf@bgfcld.org.bd</a>	
22. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.	Special Information i) Tenders must remain valid for 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of closing of the tender. ii) The	