

Must ensure legal recognition of July Charter before polls

Speakers tell seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar yesterday demanded legal recognition of the July Declaration and July Charter before holding the next national election.

They said the documents could be given legal legitimacy through a presidential proclamation or referendum, and called for the election to be based on the July Charter.

The seminar, titled “National Seminar on the Legal Basis of the July Declaration and the July Charter and Our Responsibilities,” was organised by Jamaat-e-Islami at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, in Dhaka.

Leaders of Islami Andolan Bangladesh, National Citizen Party, Khelafat Majlish, Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish, Khelafat Andolan, Nizam-e-Islam, Liberal Democratic Party, and Gano Adhikar Parishad also attended.

Jamaat Naye-e-Ameer Abdullah Abu Taher said major political parties, except BNP, have been demanding elections under the proportional representation system.

“When we talk about free, fair, neutral, and participatory elections, some say it is a conspiracy against the polls. But we want to say it is a conspiracy when someone demands polls before reform and trial in a haphazard way,” he said.

He said they had no objection to the election date announced for February but insisted the polls must take place after the reforms decided in consensus commission meetings are implemented.

Supreme Court lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir said Bangladesh has examples of such proclamations and referendums. But the interim government has been saying it would not be possible to enact laws in the absence of parliament. He said a presidential proclamation or referendum is the most recognised and practical way to grant legal legitimacy to the July Declaration and Charter.

Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Parwar said an election without constitutional reforms would create “a bigger fascist than Sheikh Hasina”.

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A congested Love Lane.



Mehedibagh Road in port city.

PHOTO: RAJIB RATHAN

Narrow roads, illegal parking choke port city

CDA plans expansion project to ease congestion

SIFAYET ULLAH, *Ctg*

After a long day at the office, Mohammad Masud, a private company employee living in Chattogram city, faces another battle while returning home -- one that makes his days even more exhausting.

His daily commute from Kazir Dewri to Aturar Depot is plagued by relentless traffic congestion, particularly along the narrow Chatterwari-Golpahar road, which struggles to cope with the overwhelming number of vehicles.

Masud said the one-kilometre stretch routinely traps him in traffic for 20 to 30 minutes, draining what little energy he has left after work.

“The road is too narrow to handle the current traffic, and at least 10

private hospitals have sprung up along this route. In the evening, when doctors start seeing patients, ambulances and private cars remain parked illegally in front of these hospitals, causing severe gridlock,” he said.

His frustration is shared by Zobayer Hossain, an electrical wire trader from Jublee Road. “These hospitals were established without proper parking facilities, and the authorities don’t seem to care. The public is left to suffer as a result,” he said.

Like them, hundreds of commuters using this route every day find themselves wasting valuable time in endless traffic. The congestion affects students, jobholders and traders alike -- hampering productivity and

disrupting daily life across the port city.

To address the growing frustration, the Chattogram Development Authority has taken up a plan to widen the existing two-lane road into four lanes. A feasibility study has already been completed for this stretch, as well as another road from Love Lane to Nandankanan, under the CDA’s initiative to ease urban traffic woes.

The study recommends widening the road to 60 feet to effectively reduce congestion. Of this, four lanes will each be 12 feet wide, while the remaining 12 feet will be used for dividers and pedestrian walkways. The preliminary cost of the project has been estimated at around Tk 1,000 crore.

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Most Bagerhat roads in ruins



PARTHA CHAKRABORTY, *Bagerhat*

Bagerhat town residents are suffering severely as most of the municipality’s roads have fallen into extreme disrepair, riddled with large potholes and submerged under rainwater.

The condition has rendered many streets unusable for easy-bikes, auto-rickshaws, and other vehicles, raising fears of serious accidents at any moment.

A visit to the town revealed the same bleak picture across major areas, including Sadar Hospital Road, Munigonj-Harikhali Road, Rahater Mor, Dashani, Noor Mosjid Mor, Puraton Bazar, and Nagerbazar Road.

Due to the prolonged absence of repairs, commuting has become a daily ordeal for people of all ages, especially school and college students.

“Accidents occur almost every day,” said Milon Khan, a resident of the Puraton Bazar area. “The situation has persisted for over 17 years.”

Piles of garbage and stagnant water have turned parts of the streets into health hazards. “Vehicles overturn, people fall sick, and accidents happen regularly,” added another resident, Abdur Jabbar.

When asked, Bagerhat Municipality Executive Engineer Md Wazirur Rahman said, “We have called for

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inaugurate the event on August 25, the eighth anniversary of the influx.

Another conference will also be held on December 6 in Qatar this year.

On the Cox’s Bazar conference, Khalilur said this is part of the preparation for the international conference on the Rohingya issue that will be held at the UN on September 30.

He said this conference is an opportunity to provide a roadmap for an urgent and lasting solution to the Rohingya issue.

More than 1.2 million Rohingya now are sheltered in Bangladesh. Of them, nearly two lakh fled since 2023 amid intense conflicts between the Myanmar military and Arakan Army -- that has further complicated the problem.

Besides, the funding for the Rohingya has also declined. So far, the commitment of more than \$400 million has been received, while the total demand is \$934 million.

“The most important thing is that we want an urgent and permanent solution to this problem. How long can you keep them with international aid? They have to return home. That’s the real issue,” Khalilur told journalists.

Hammamkhana

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Without urgent action, experts warn, one of Dhaka’s most valuable Mughal-era landmarks could lose its charm -- not to centuries of decay, but to the careless acts of today.

According to archaeology officials, the bathhouse is a square building with five domed rooms, each dome topped with an opening for light and ventilation. The corner rooms once served as changing areas, restrooms and water-heating spaces.

During a July 29 visit, this correspondent found names, initials and random phrases scrawled across the walls, obscuring the original surface. Some marks were carved with knives or other sharp tools, others written in pen or pencil. Symbols and crude sketches etched into the plaster cover the walls both inside and out.

Several areas show peeling plaster and chipped paint, while the descriptive board is partly torn. Though renovated just over two years ago, the building already looks neglected. Three guards were present during the visit, but took no visible action to stop the defacement.

Professor Sufi Mostafizur Rahman of Jahangirnagar University’s archaeology department criticised the site’s management, saying, “The way they put a written notice on the wall -- they are breaking the law themselves. It should be on a separate stand.”

“We don’t have enough education about respecting and preserving heritage. These small things need to be properly looked after. Authorities don’t pay attention to small matters. But these small things are very important for us,” he said, suggesting all visitors be accompanied by a guide.

Locals said warning signs are ignored because officials rarely enforce the rules. Ibrahim Khalil, a private college teacher, said, “Because of officials’ negligence, people get the chance to damage it. Other than putting up a notice, they have done nothing.”

Dhaka University alumna Sarmin Akhter said, “This is my first visit to Lalbagh Fort, and the saddest thing I saw was the writing on the walls. Visitors come from across the country and abroad -- this ruins our image.”

Custodian of Lalbagh Fort, Mukhlesur Rahman Bhuiyan, admitted the problem. “We try to prevent this, but when we stop people, some misbehave or even threaten us. That’s why we don’t always interfere,” he said.

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



1945-2025

Memorial Meeting and Dua Mahfil

In remembrance of
Khandaker Ansar Ali Hazari

With profound sorrow, we share that my beloved father, Khandaker Ansar Ali Hazari, passed away on 15th August 2025, at the age of 80 (1945-2025).
Innalillahi wainna ilaihi rajiun.

To honor his memory, recall the noble deeds of his life, and pray for his eternal peace, we are arranging a Memorial Meeting and Prayer (Dua Mahfil) with the presence of family members, friends, and well-wishers.

Date: 19th August 2025
Time: 6:30 PM (Baad Maghrib)
Venue: Our Residence – House 7, Villa De Este, Mymensingh Road, Paribagh, Banglamotor (Adjacent to Bishwo Shahitto Kendro).

We humbly request your kind presence and sincere prayers for the departed soul.

With gratitude,
Ashik Iqbal
Elder son of (Late) Khandaker Ansar Ali Hazari
On behalf of the family
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The deadline for submission of proposal is Sunday, August 31, 2025, by 04:30 PM (BST time).

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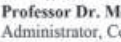


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Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Individual Consultants (Various Position)

General Information	
01. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Education/ Technical and Madrasah Education Division
02. Agency	Directorate of Technical Education
03. Name of Procuring Entity	Project Director, Establishment of Polytechnic Institute in 23 Districts.
04. Procuring Entity Code	NA
05. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
06. Expression of Interest for selection of	Junior Consultant (Architect/Draftsman)-04 Nos.
07. EOI Ref No.	57.03.0000.044.11.064.25-305
08. Date	17/08/2025
Key Information	
09. Procurement Sub-Method	Individual Consultant (Time Based)
Funding Information	
10. Budget and Source of Funds	GoB (Development Budget)
11. Development partner (if applicable)	NA
Particular Information	
12. Project/Program Code	224273300
13. Project/Program Name	Establishment of Polytechnic Institute in 23 Districts.
14. EOI Closing Date and Time:	04/09/2025 up to 12:00 PM
Information for Applicants	
15. Brief description of the assignment (Details in the ToR)	The consultants will carry out all types of architectural design and architectural related work of the project under the supervision of the Department of Architecture and this will be done by the Department of Architecture in consultation with the Project Director.
16. Qualification, Experience & Skill Required (Details in the ToR)	Junior Consultant (Architect/Draftsman): The Consultant (Architect/Draftsman) must have at least Bachelor/ Diploma in Architectural Engineering/Technology. Minimum 05(Five) years of professional experience. Minimum 03(Three) years' experience in CAD operating of Architectural and developing 3D model of high rising building projects. priority will be given those who have the working experience Directorate -of Architect.
17. Other Details	A copy of the terms and reference (ToR) of the assignment may be obtained from the address below during office hours or download from the DTE website at www.techedu.gov.bd . EOI shall be submitted on or before 04/09/2025 at 11:00 AM in sealed envelope delivered to the undersigned and be clearly marked "Request for Expression of Interest for Selection of (Name of the post); Necessary documents in support of educational qualifications and experience.
18. Phasing of Services Location	Indicative Start Date (Month/Year) Indicative Completion Date (Month/Year) Single- Time Based Dhaka September,2025 June, 2028
Procuring Entity Details	
19. Name & Designation of official inviting EOI	Shamshur Rahman Khan, Project Director
20. Address of Official Inviting EOI	Room No. 601, Establishment of Polytechnic Institute in 23 Districts, Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207
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