

Only elected govt can amend constitution Says BNP leader Rizvi

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BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi yesterday called on the interim government to guarantee a free and fair election, stressing that only an elected government has the mandate to amend the constitution in the nation's interest.

He made the remarks while talking to reporters after distributing raincoats among rickshaw and van pullers in front of BNP's Nayapaltan central office in the capital.

Rizvi said the achievement made on August 5 must be maintained, mentioning that people had endured sixteen years of oppression under a repressive government.

Rizvi said, "There was no rule of law, no justice. The state machinery, including the judiciary and law enforcement, was used to serve the vendetta of Sheikh Hasina."

"A reign had been established where no one but Sheikh Hasina, her children and relatives had the right to speak. It was a rule of bloodshed and vengeance. If we don't want a repeat of that era, a minimum level of political understanding is essential," he added.

He also emphasised that the interim government must remain neutral and live up to public expectations.

He said, "If a change is required for the July charter, then a future elected parliament will decide. One political party says a referendum must be held beforehand. Why? Fundamental principles are indivisible, but even then, the Constitution allows amendments. And only a parliament can do that."

Maritime ports asked to hoist signal 3

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Maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra have been advised to hoist local cautionary signal no 3 as deep convection continues to form over the North Bay due to active monsoon.

Under its influence, gusty or squally weather may affect the maritime ports, the North Bay and adjoining coastal areas of Bangladesh. All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay have been advised to remain close to the coast and proceed with caution till further notice.



AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

Travelling to northern and southern districts through the Bonpara-Kushtia highway has become miserable due to the dilapidated condition of the road from Natore's Bonpara to Dashuria in Pabna.

Carpeting on most parts of the 25-kilometre stretch of the highway eroded years ago, creating large potholes.

According to transport workers and passengers, journeys are particularly troublesome on the 7-kilometre stretch from Dashuria to Muladuli point in Ishwardi upazila of Pabna, and another 7-kilometre stretch from Koyenbazar to Rajapur point in Boraigram upazila of Natore.

"We need at least one to one and a half hours to travel the 25-kilometre stretch between Bonpara and Dashuria due to the sorry state of the roads.

Sometimes it takes longer if a vehicle gets stuck in a damaged spot," said Md Fardous Hossain, a BRTC bus driver on the Pabna-Chapainawabganj route.

Md Tarek, a driver of Five Star Paribahan travelling from Benapole to Gazipur, said, "A seven to eight-hour journey now takes 10 to 12 hours because of damaged roads in different areas from Jashore to Bonpara of Natore. Of them, the



25 kilometre stretch from Dashuria to Bonpara is the worst for vehicles."

"Loaded trucks weighing 25 to 30 tonnes often get stuck in the damaged portions, causing mechanical troubles," said Md Abdul Latif, a truck driver.

He said hundreds of loaded trucks use the road daily to carry goods from Benapole Port, Ishwardi

past year.

"We called for tenders worth Tk 12 crore several times in the last year for repairing the 5-kilometre damaged stretch, but we could not finalise a bidder due to changes in the political situation," said Md Sadekur Rahman, sub-divisional engineer of RHD, Pabna. He said a tendering process was recently



EPZ, and other industrial areas, but they are forced to suffer as there is no alternative route.

Contacted, Md Raihan Imtiaz, sub-divisional engineer of the Department of Roads and Highways in Natore, said repair work is ongoing to fix a 16-kilometre stretch at a cost of Tk 20 crore, which is expected to be completed this year.

However, the RHD in Pabna is yet to start repair work on the Dashuria to Muladuli portion of the highway, failing to engage a contractor in the

completed and is awaiting approval.

Meanwhile, travelling through Dashuria has become more difficult as the double-lane road has turned into a single lane due to ongoing construction work, causing long tailbacks. "I have to travel to Veramara in Kushtia every day for work, but I waste at least one hour just to cross a 500-metre stretch at Dashuria because of the construction," said Muslima Khatun, a schoolteacher.

Sadekur Rahman of Pabna RHD said Tk 5 crore worth of construction work in the Dashuria area is ongoing, with more than 50 percent completed, and is expected to be finished this year.

Rucsu nomination

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held hostage by the old, unhealthy political culture," he said.

Ittekharuzzaman said the resurgence of extortion and illegal occupation of transport terminals, mineral resources, bridges, markets, and waterbodies perpetuates the continuation of misrule reminiscent of past authoritarian regimes.

He said although some high-level warnings and a significant number of organisational measures have been taken within the parties, in practice law enforcement agencies and the administration continue to fail and often play a "supportive or protective role for these actors".

At the same time, the parties have not adopted any clear strategies for prevention or corrective action, he added.

Rather, at the district, upazila, and union levels, many local leaders and activists have engaged in illegal occupation, extortion, and the expansion of political influence immediately following the

fall of the authoritarian government, and the intensity of these activities continues to rise, he said.

"Now is the time for political parties to face the mirror," he added, urging political parties to avoid self-defeating practices, learn from the core principles of the anti-discrimination movement, and view themselves as key institutions of democracy.

People's disappointment will deepen if political parties do not ensure internal accountability, ethical practices, and democratic management processes, he said.

He said even the new political parties that emerged from the anti-discrimination movement, which promised to represent good governance, transparency, and a corruption-free political culture, have seen some of their activists engage in extortion and irregularities, effectively adopting the existing corrupt political practices as their role model.

Above all, in the aftermath of the fall of authoritarianism, the long-anticipated 'new political arrangement' risks being increasingly and visibly

forms enthusiastically.

Returning Officer Mahbubul Islam said four forms had been issued so far, adding that turnout was low due to protests but expected to rise.

Nomination forms will be available until 5:00pm on August 26 at the Rucsu treasurer's office and respective hall provosts' offices.

JnU students lock

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Shahin Mia, member secretary of the JnU unit Bangladesh Democratic Students' Council, said, "Our demands are simple; clear instructions on polls and supplementary scholarships. We will not leave until we see visible progress."

In response, VC Prof Rezaul Karim said a syndicate meeting would be held on Wednesday in this regard where they will

finalise their decision.

On the issue of supplementary scholarships, he said discussions had been held last week and expressed hope that implementation would begin soon.

As of filing this report around 9:00pm, the administrative building remained padlocked. Students said they will continue to protest until their demands are met.



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3 Procuring Entity Name	Managing Director, Gazi Wires Limited (GWL) 28 BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.
4 Invitation for	Renovation/Modernization of the laboratory of the Quality Control Department to verify the quality of the products manufactured by the organization.
5 Invitation Ref. No.	36.93.1505.556.06.266.2025.285, Date: 24.08.2025.
6 Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM) (Works)
7 Budget and Source of Funds	Gazi Wires Limited's Own Fund.
8 Tender Publication Date	Tender Last Selling Date 09.09.2025
	Tender Closing Date & Time 10.09.2025
	Tender Opening Date & Time 11.30AM
	11.45AM
9 Name & Address of the office(s)	Address
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(b) Receiving and Opening of Tender Document	1) At the office of Gazi Wires Ltd., 28-BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4212, Bangladesh.
10 Price of Tender Document (Each)	BDT. 1,000.00
11 Eligibility of Tenderer	Mentioned in the Tender Documents.
Brief Description of Works	
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	Tender Security Amount (BDT) TK. 50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Taka Only)
13 Working Period	Within 180 from the date of Contract Agreement.
14 Name of Official Invitation Tender	Md. Abdul Halim
15 Designation of Official Invitation Tender	Managing Director (In Charge)
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