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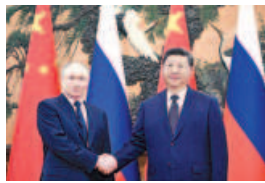
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# Stay vigilant as there'll be bid to foil election

Yunus says at meeting with 7 parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday said certain quarters are making every effort to foil the election and expressed his resolve to have the polls held as scheduled in early February.

"Those who do not want the interim government to reach the stage of election will obstruct the process in every possible way," he said during a meeting with the leaders of seven political parties and one platform at his official residence, Jamuna.

"Some signs of these are already visible," the chief adviser said, warning, "more will follow."

"We have to be more vigilant," he told the leaders.

"They will hinder the very process of shaping Bangladesh's sovereign identity. Their utmost effort will be to foil the election and create such a situation that the election cannot be held," CA's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam quoted Yunus after the meeting.

The chief adviser told the leaders that obstacles would be created at every step in arranging the polls.

"They will try to sow discord in everyone's minds. We have to stay on the path, remain calm and united," Yunus said.

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Diggers are being used to fill a part of the Dhaleshwari river with sand in Hemayetpur of Savar. Such blatant river encroachment goes on with the authorities turning a blind eye. The photo was taken this week.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# Hasina, Kamal ordered shooting of July protesters

Ex-IGP Mamun tells ICT, apologises for mass killing

SHARIFUL ISLAM and SIRAJUL ISLAM RUBEL

In a dramatic testimony before the International Crimes Tribunal-1 yesterday, former inspector general of police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun said the mass killings during last year's July uprising were carried out on direct orders of then prime minister Sheikh Hasina and home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal.

"I apologise to the victims' families, the injured, the nation, and the tribunal," Mamun said, appearing as an approver in a case filed over crimes against humanity committed during the uprising.

Besides him, Hasina and Asaduzzaman are also accused in the case. Mamun had earlier pleaded guilty and sought permission to become an approver. The tribunal accepted his plea on the condition that he would make a full and true disclosure of information regarding the charges brought against him.

USE LETHAL FORCE

Mamun testified that on July 18, 2024, Asaduzzaman relayed Hasina's directive to use lethal weapons against protesters. Mamun shared the order with then additional DIG Proloy Kumar Joarder, who then passed it on to then DMP commissioner Habibur Rahman and others nationwide.

"From that day, the use of lethal weapons began. Habibur and DB chief Harun were overenthusiastic about the decision. The home minister's instruction was clear: suppress the protest at any cost."

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# Big stride towards judicial autonomy

HC restores SC's control over lower courts, orders govt to form judicial secretariat within 3 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a landmark verdict, the High Court yesterday ruled that the Supreme Court, not the president, will have the authority over the transfer, posting, and discipline of lower court judges.

It also ordered the government to establish a separate judicial secretariat within three months of receiving the judgment.

The bench of Justice Ahmed Sohel and Justice Debashish Roy Chowdhury delivered the judgment on a writ petition filed by several lawyers. It also scrapped article 116 of the constitution, which had vested these powers in the president, as well as provisions of the fourth and 15th amendments that upheld presidential control.

The court ruling restores the original 1972 provision of article 116, which empowers the Supreme Court to oversee the posting, promotion and leave of judges in the lower judiciary.

It also declared the Bangladesh Judicial Service (Disciplinary) Rules, 2017 unconstitutional, ruling that they wrongly placed lower court judges under presidential authority in consultation with the Supreme Court.

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Article 116 says, "The control (including the power of posting, promotion and grant of leave) and discipline of persons employed in the judicial service and magistrates exercising judicial functions shall vest in the President and shall be exercised by him in consultation with the Supreme Court."

The High Court noted that while article 109 of the constitution vests the Supreme Court's High Court Division with authority to supervise subordinate courts, in practice, this power rests with the president.

The president, who formally acts on the advice of the prime minister, appoints both the prime minister and the chief justice. This arrangement, the court said, entrenches executive influence over the judiciary.

The bench said that the president's "consultation" with the Supreme Court in matters concerning lower court judges becomes meaningless if the executive does not cooperate.

The HC judges said that article 22 of the constitution explicitly says that the judiciary must be separated from the executive. Any form of executive

## Star ROUNDTABLE 3

# Simpler rules key to smooth transition from LDC

Say business leaders, seek action for stable policies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leading entrepreneurs yesterday urged the government to create an environment more conducive to doing business as Bangladesh prepares to graduate from the UN's least developed country (LDC) category next year.

At a roundtable titled "Policy and Regulatory Challenges in the Private Sector", they warned that bureaucratic inefficiencies, regulatory red tape, and inconsistent policymaking could undermine competitiveness after graduation. The event was the third in a series of discussions organised by The Daily Star to examine private sector challenges and chart a roadmap for the economy.

Speakers stressed the need for streamlined procedures, deregulation of excessive compliance requirements, and policy overhaul to align with international standards. Policy consistency, they said, is critical to fostering investor confidence, both local and foreign, and to attracting

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Ensure consistent tax, regulation policies
- Shift incentives from exports to manufacturing
- Provide targeted support for SMEs
- Improve port, customs efficiency

## NILPHAMARI EPZ

# One killed as workers clash with law enforcers

A CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

A worker was killed, and at least seven others were injured in a clash with law enforcers at the Uttara Export Processing Zone (EPZ) in Nilphamari yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Md Habib, 21, an employee of Equ International -- a knitting factory. He was a resident of Sangolsi village in Nilphamari Sadar upazila.

His brother Rashidul Islam claimed that Habib was shot and killed by law enforcers, but police and doctors did not confirm this.

According to EPZ Executive Director Abdul Jabbar, for the last few days, the workers of Evergreen Products Factory (BD) Ltd -- a wig factory -- have been demanding termination benefits after authorities laid off around 50 employees.

Yesterday, factory authorities suddenly announced a two-day holiday.

Enraged by the sudden closure, the workers blocked the nearby Nilphamari-Saidpur highway.

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Palestinians displaced by the Israeli military offensive take shelter in a tent camp in Gaza City yesterday, as Israeli forces intensify operations in and around the area. Story on page 5.

PHOTO: REUTERS

# Afghan quake death toll now over 1,400

Aid group says 3,124 injured; new quake of magnitude 5.5 shakes devastated region

AGENCIES

The death toll from Afghanistan's most severe earthquake in years rose to over 1,400 yesterday, with thousands more injured, according to an aid group.

Rescue efforts were hampered by the rugged terrain and the remoteness of villages in the country's mountainous eastern region.

At least 1,411 people have died, 3,124 have been injured and over 5,400 houses have been destroyed, said the Afghan Red Crescent Society, a humanitarian group working in the region, adding that more people are feared trapped under rubble.

The UN coordinator in Afghanistan said the toll was likely to rise, as rescuers desperately searched for survivors in the rubble of homes. Meanwhile, an earthquake of magnitude 5.5 shook southeastern Afghanistan yesterday, sparking fears of further damage.

Afghanistan is prone to deadly earthquakes, particularly in the Hindu Kush mountain range, where the Indian and Eurasian tectonic plates meet.

The earthquake, with a magnitude of 6, struck around midnight local time on Monday, at a shallow depth of 10 km (6 miles), with the eastern provinces of Kunar and Nangarhar being the worst hit.

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## PEEKING AT THE CITY tales told by Dhaka balconies

JANNATUL BUSHRA

Step out onto any rooftop in Dhaka and take a slow spin. You'll notice that almost every building in this urban jungle has one thing in common: balconies or verandas, whatever you want to call them.

From Banani's sleek glass railings to Old Dhaka's rust-stained iron grills, each balcony here is a stage, a diary, a confessional — and Dhaka's residents perform, scribble, and gossip on them like nobody's watching. Except, well, we are.

Because we Dhakaites are nosy or, in better words, curious with a capital C. Even as I write this, I catch myself peeking outside, not for fresh air (let's be real, this is Dhaka) but for stories. And balconies? They're the perfect theatres for the absurd, the mundane, and the gloriously ridiculous.

You never really know what you'll find on a Dhaka balcony. One could be doubling as a yoga studio, complete with gym instruments abandoned in the corner, now repurposed as climbing frames for the house cat. Another could be the scene of an all-out laundry war, where bed sheets and curtains wrestle over sunlight like gladiators who forgot their swords but somehow remembered the drama.

Some balconies are simply outdoor storage units masquerading as living space. You'll see precarious towers of



PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

broken furniture that defy both logic and the laws of physics, or piles of boxes that, judging by the smell, should probably be declared hazardous waste.

Then there are the adventurous households taking "urban farming" too literally, raising chickens in cages, as though testing how far "farm-to-table" can be stretched in Dhaka apartments. Balconies, in short, are where the city's quirks hang out to dry.

And yet, not all balconies scream chaos. Some soothe. Bougainvillea vines curl around grills, little ferns

compete politely for sunlight, papaya trees rise from clay pots with optimism. Fairy lights, wind chimes, and dreamcatchers signal the presence of girls quietly rebelling in aesthetic ways.

But perhaps the most poignant balconies belong to our elderly. For them, these small slabs of concrete are not extras — they're boundaries. The farthest they can go.

Take Sahura Khatun, a 60-something, diabetic. Her doctor insists she walk forty minutes daily.

Walk where, exactly? Dhaka's sidewalks are either occupied by vendors, dug up by construction, or a minefield of open drains. So, she walks on her treadmill, on her sixth-floor balcony, sipping tea between steps and watching traffic as though it were a storm — fascinating to observe, but too dangerous to step into.

Then there's Mohammad Ali, 85. Once a man of the land in Mymensingh, he now rules a kingdom of pigeons from his Jigatola balcony. He reads the newspaper there and surveys the road. "It feels like the traffic can hit me at any time," he says. And so, like many others, his balcony becomes his promenade, his park bench, his lifeline. It's his personal theatre, except everyone is part of the audience, whether they want to be or not.

Balconies, in other words, are where Dhaka resists. This city has long been accused of choosing cars over people. Pavements vanish, green spaces shrink, pollution thickens. And yet, tilt your gaze upward and you'll see something stubbornly human. People carving out space, however small, for plants. For birds. For gossip. For tea with grandchildren.

It is where Dhaka pushes back against being dismissed as one giant traffic jam. Its where human stories leak through the concrete, reminding us that we were never designed to be boxed into these cells.

## Stay vigilant as there'll be bid to foil election

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Leaders of the AB Party, Ganosamhati Andolan, Gono Odhikar Parishad, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Nagarok Oikya Islami Andolon Bangladesh, Jatiya Gono Front, and Islamic outfit Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh attended the meeting.

"The election will be held in the first half of February. We will transfer power to an elected government," Yunus said.

According to the press secretary, Yunus said the election is a test of Bangladesh's ability to stand independently and govern on its own terms.

"We have to make sure that no country can interfere," Yunus said.

With everyone's support, the chief adviser hoped that this would be a landmark election. "This election belongs to all political parties, not to the interim government. We want your all-out support in arranging it,"

Yunus told leaders.

Speaking to reporters, Islami Andolan Bangladesh presidium member Ashraf Ali Akon said the chief adviser raised concerns about the election at the meeting.

Asked about his party's demand, he said, "We demanded that the Awami League, Jatiya Party, and the 14-party alliance all be banned."

Ashraf described law and order as "out of control". "If the violence cannot be stopped now, how will it be contained during elections to 300 constituencies?" he asked. He also called for a proportionate representation system.

Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh Joint Secretary General Azizur Rahman said they had demanded that the July Charter include the Shapla Square massacre, as well as the arrest of identified criminals and collaborators of the Awami League government.

Ganosamhati Andolan Chief

Coordinator Zonayed Saki said Yunus had sought advice and cooperation from political parties regarding the upcoming polls. "We have proposed forming a committee with representatives from parties in the Consensus Commission talks to coordinate the electoral environment."

AB Party Chairman Mojibur Rahman Monju highlighted concerns over governance and law enforcement. "The Chittagong University incident revealed a lack of coordination between the government and law enforcement agencies. Unless this is fixed, doubts about the election will persist."

Quoting the chief adviser, Monju added, "He himself said there is no one in his team with experience in conducting a neutral election. We recommended appointing those with such experience, even on a contractual basis. The chief adviser

has said any election is a challenge, and there is no alternative to facing it together."

LDP Secretary General Redwan Ahmed urged that the administration must take measures to remain neutral during the polls.

Meanwhile, Yunus directed the health ministry officials concerned to send Nurul Haque Nur, president of Gono Odhikar Parishad, abroad for better treatment. Nur was injured as security forces beat him up during a clash between supporters of his party and Jatiya Party on Friday night.

The directive was given in the presence of Nur's wife, Maria Akhter, party General Secretary Rashed Khan, and senior joint general secretary Hasan Al Mamun at Jamuna.

Law Adviser Asif Nazrul said a one-member committee led by Justice Ali Reza is being formed to investigate the attack.

a contractual basis.

**RAB ABUSES, SANCTIONS**

During his tenure as Rab DG (April 2020-September 2022), Mamun said the Task Force Interrogation (TFI) cell routinely abducted, tortured, and secretly detained dissenters.

He said directives for enforced disappearances and crossfire killings came from the Prime Minister's Office via defence adviser Tarique Ahmed Siddique.

"I was aware of these abuses but lacked authority to intervene. The US sanctioned me, Rab, and its former DG for these actions."

**GUILT, REMORSE**

In an emotional conclusion, Mamun said his decision to become an approver stemmed from guilt over the mass killings.

"Hearing victims' testimonies and seeing footage of corpses being burnt shook me deeply. If this full account reveals the truth, I may find some peace."

"I served 36 years and a half in the police. There were never any allegations against me. But this massacre happened under my watch. I accept responsibility."

Mamun is scheduled for cross-examination today.

officials. The meeting reconvened inside the cantonment to finalise deployment plans, he said.

As protesters poured into Dhaka on August 5, Mamun learnt that Hasina would resign. He was later airlifted by army helicopter to Dhaka Cantonment with other senior officers, including SB chief Monirul, DMP commissioner Habibur Rahman, DIG Amena Begum, additional DIG Proloy and additional IGP Lutful Kabi.

Mamun's appointment as IGP was revoked on August 8, and he was arrested on September 3.

**2018 BALLOT BOX STUFFING**

Mamun also told the tribunal, "During the 2018 elections, the then IGP Javed Patwary advised Sheikh Hasina to keep 50 percent of the ballot boxes stuffed the night before the polls. Following that advice, the government instructed the local administration, law enforcement agencies, and party leaders and activists to implement the decision..."

He said the force had become politicised since 2014, especially by Gopalganj-based officers, with officers with many prioritising party agendas over regulations. Since there was a tussle between officers over who would succeed him, he was kept on as IGP on

the injured to hospitals, according to a Reuters witness.

Some of those injured have been transferred to hospitals in Kabul and the adjacent province of Nangarhar, said Ehsan. Thousands of children were at risk, the United Nations Children's Fund warned yesterday.

Unicef said it was sending medicines, warm clothing, tents and tarpaulins for shelter, and hygiene items such as soap, detergent, towels, sanitary pads, and water buckets.

Taliban soldiers were deployed in the area, providing help and security. The disaster has further stretched the war-torn nation's Taliban administration, already grappling with a sharp drop in foreign aid and deportations of hundreds of thousands of Afghans by neighbouring countries.

Rescue teams and authorities are

proposal came from the DGFI. I opposed it but later agreed following the home minister's order," Mamun told the tribunal.

He added that the responsibility was assigned to DB chief Harun or Rashid, who, along with the DGFI, picked up the coordinators and kept them in DB custody. Their family members were also brought in and the detained leaders were forced to announce the withdrawal of the movement in televised statements.

"DB chief Harun played a leading role in this," Mamun said, adding that the home minister used to call him "Jinni" because of his efficiency in executing any government order.

**COORDINATION, SUPPRESSION**

On August 4, 2024, a Security Coordination Committee meeting at the Gono Bhaban, attended by 27 top officials, including military and intelligence chiefs, planned to block the "March to Dhaka" scheduled for the next day.

Mamun said the police and army were instructed to coordinate operations, with DMP forces deployed at city entry points.

Later that night, a second meeting was held at the Gono Bhaban with Hasina, Sheikh Rehana, and senior security

delivery of aid," the World Health Organization said, adding that over 12,000 people had been affected by the quake.

So far, Britain has allocated 1 million pounds (\$1.35 million) to support the efforts of UN and the International Red Cross in delivering critical healthcare and emergency supplies, reports Reuters.

India delivered 1,000 tents and was moving 15 tonnes of food supplies to Kunar, with more relief materials to be sent yesterday.

Other nations such as China, the United Arab Emirates, the European Union, Pakistan and Iran have pledged help but aid is yet to arrive.

Yesterday, a line of ambulances was on the damaged mountain road trying to reach Kunar villages, as helicopters flew in, bringing aid supplies and taking

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Rescue operations were carried out in four badly hit villages in Kunar on Monday and efforts will now be focused on reaching more remote mountain areas, said Ehsanullah Ehsan, the provincial head of disaster management.

"We cannot accurately predict how many bodies might still be trapped under the rubble," said Ehsan. "Our effort is to complete these operations as soon as possible and to begin distributing aid to the affected families."

Access for vehicles along narrow mountain roads was the main obstacle, said Ehsan, adding machinery was being brought in to clear roads of debris.

"Damaged roads, ongoing aftershocks, and remote locations of many villages severely impede the

VIOLENCE AROUND CU

## Banned BCL men among 1,095 sued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong University authorities yesterday lodged a case accusing 1,095 people, including activists of the banned Chhatra League, over a clash between students and villagers, which left at least 240 injured on August 31.

Abdur Rahim, Deputy Registrar (security) of the CU, filed the case with the Hathazari Police Station naming 95 accused, said Abu Mohammed Kawsar Hossain, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station.

Apart from that, the CU security department lodged a general diary (GD) with the police station in connection with looting sharp weapons, which were seized from different halls after August 5 last year, from its security lockers during the violence.

Apart from them, 800-1,000 unidentified people were also accused, the OC said.

He said, "The university administration lodged case of attempted murder ... Police registered the case and have started an investigation. However, no one has been arrested in this connection so far."

The OC declined to disclose the political affiliation of the accused, but campus and police sources said names of local Jubo League and BCL leaders and activists were mentioned in the FIR.

CU Gate No 1 area's Jubo League leader Md Hanif, 40, and his three brothers — Iqbal, Rezaul, and Sarwar — who are also affiliated with BCL and AL, were named in the FIR, they said.

Hanif and his brothers used to control the broadband internet business in the university area until October last year.

Another FIR accused, Suman Mamun, is a former BCL leader of CU, said campus sources.

At least 240 people were injured during two rounds of clashes between villagers and the students. The violence was sparked by an alleged assault on a female student Saturday night and flared on Sunday.

In total, 14 students are undergoing treatment in three hospitals in the port city. Of them, two students are in the ICU.

## Simpler rules key to smooth transition from LDC

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much-needed capital inflows.

They emphasised that political stability, predictable energy supplies, and an improved law-and-order situation are prerequisites for sustained growth. Consultation with the private sector, they said, must be genuine, not tokenistic.

Participants also highlighted the vulnerabilities of small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which provide the bulk of employment and underpin larger corporations. Without targeted support, SMEs risk being disproportionately exposed to post-graduation pressures.

Zaved Akhtar, president of the Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), said Bangladesh must simplify business processes, improve NBR operations, and ensure a regulatory environment that supports both exports and domestic production. "If SMEs don't survive, corporates will not survive," he warned.

Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, chairman and CEO of PRAN-RFL Group, lamented the "difficult" business climate. Because of this, Bangladesh's annual export is one-tenth of Vietnam's target of \$450 billion, he said.

"Every application hovers from table to table and gets stuck for small reasons," he said.

Till we make business simple, Bangladesh will not be a competitive place to manufacture or attract foreign investment, Chowdhury said.

He also said government people don't want to listen to the private sector. "When the private sector talks, they always believe that it is for a vested interest."

"We create more jobs than the government sector. So, Sir, start listening,"

Chowdhury blamed poor port, customs, and transport systems for the country's low competitiveness.

Syed S Kaiser Kabir, managing director of Renata PLC, called LDC graduation "a highly risky decision" given the Covid-19 fallout, last year's July uprising, economic mismanagement, high inflation, and currency depreciation. "Bangladesh is not yet ready. Preparations could be made later when the situation stabilises. Many countries have deferred the process; we could too," he said.

Showkat Aziz Russell, president of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association, said he doesn't think there is a good business environment in place for surviving after the LDC graduation

He also cited discriminatory port charges. "Demurrage for cotton is 400 percent, whereas it is zero for yarn. Are we patronising imports?" he asked.

"If our policy is such that the government wants to help import, then there is no point establishing

factories in the country that contribute to job creation," he added.

DataSoft Systems President M Manjur Mahmud urged the government to respect local firms, allocate them a fair share of IT contracts, and stop excessive interference.

He said the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority is trying to bring investors from "everywhere else". "What about me? I'm an investor," he said.

Mahmud criticised delays in land registration and excessive compliance. "It takes two years to register land in a company's name. Once you start your business, suddenly the environment department comes, suddenly NBR asks for five files. You get bombarded with systems and processes," he said.

Yasir Azman, CEO of Grameenphone, warned that taxes are higher for the telecom industry compared to other countries, but unpredictable tax policies undermine confidence. "We will bring investment but we need policy sustainability," he said. "If the government takes this opportunity to fix things, it will help businesses."

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue, noted that while the government has recently begun some fiscal adjustments, such as subsidy reforms and tariff adjustments, collective preparation from the private sector is lacking.

He advised shifting fiscal incentives from export stage to production phase, citing India's example of support for establishments, machinery, and energy instead of direct export incentives.

"Entrepreneurs should clearly communicate their needs, and the government must respond to ensure the competitiveness of the private sector after graduation," he said.

He also said a centralised digital platform should be created where all government agencies can access the required documents directly, without forcing businesses to submit them repeatedly.

Abbar Hossain Sayem, president of the Bangladesh Apparel Youth Leaders Alliance, said most new businesses fail within five years. The major obstacles they face include financing, contract enforcement, and complex taxation. He called for simplified regulations, digital one-stop services, and targeted investment in skills and high-potential sectors.

Riad Mahmud, managing director of Shoenerverse Footwear, warned that without timely policy support, many firms will collapse, leading to job losses and capital erosion.

He also flagged security concerns that restrict women's participation in sales and revenue collection. "The security issue must be addressed immediately if we want women to play a bigger role," he said.



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# Adopt gender-responsive policies for stronger disaster resilience

## Speakers tell workshop

“It’s crucial to ensure representation so that vulnerable groups are heard and women can actively participate in preparedness.”

Rezwanur Rahman,  
DG of Department of Disaster Management

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

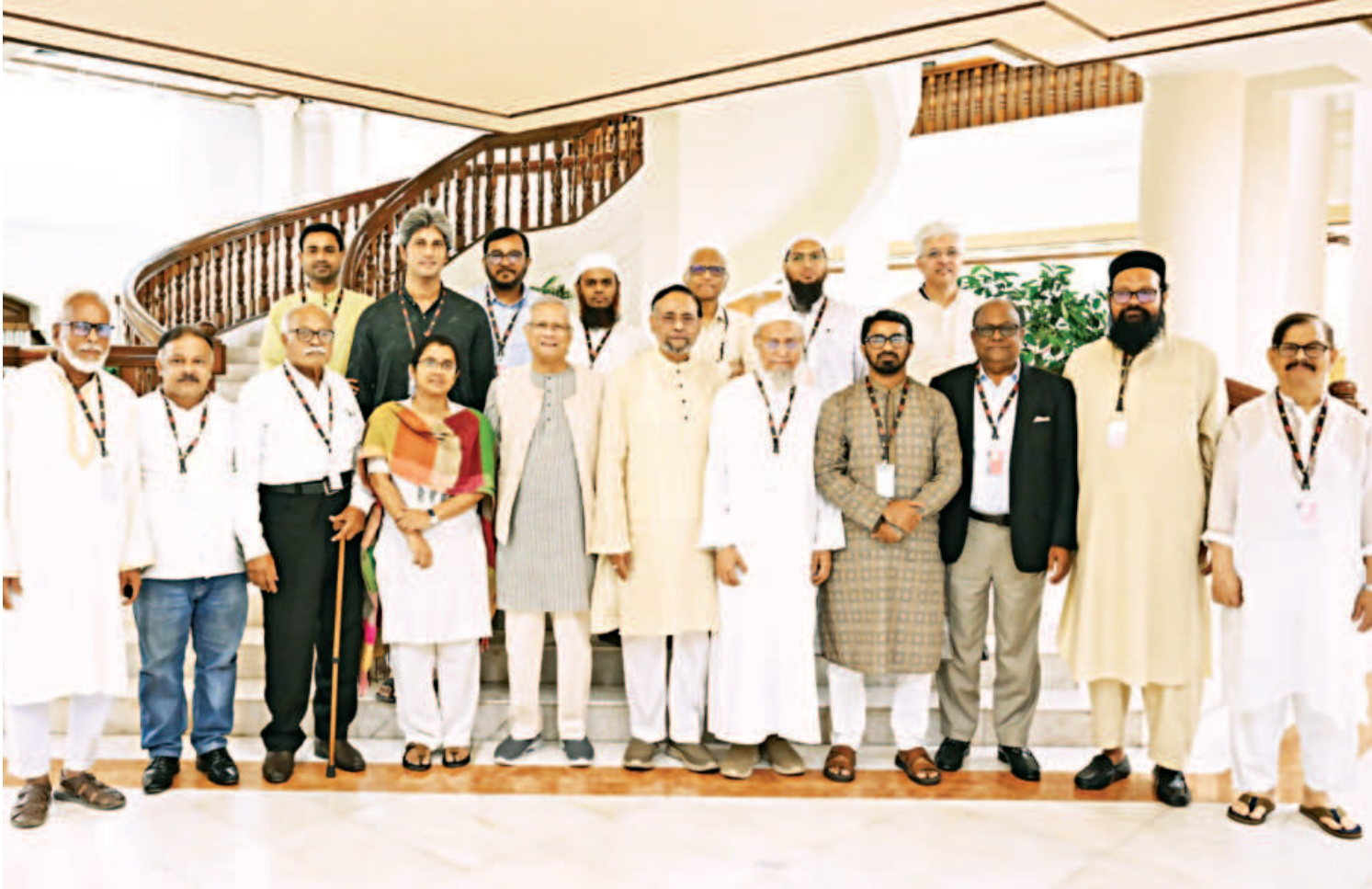
Women and children remain the most vulnerable in disasters in Bangladesh, a reality laid bare by Cyclone Remal last year, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They said social norms delaying women’s evacuation, combined with family care responsibilities and overcrowded shelters lacking privacy and sanitation, leave women exposed to insecurity and gender-based violence.

Empowering women in disaster preparedness and response, they stressed, is key to reducing these risks.

They called for stronger awareness, preparedness, early warning systems, funding, and gender-responsive disaster risk reduction policies to ensure equitable management

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Leaders of seven political parties and one platform met Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at his official residence, Jamuna, in Dhaka yesterday. They discussed the issue of the upcoming national elections. The chief adviser warned of attempts to foil the February polls, urging vigilance, unity, and support from political parties.

PHOTO: CA’S PRESS WING



## Abul Mansur Ahmad’s 127th birth anniv today

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Today marks the 127th birth anniversary of renowned litterateur, journalist, and politician Abul Mansur Ahmad. On September 3, 1898, he was born in Dhanikhola village of Mymensingh.

He died on March 18, 1979, in Dhaka.

One of the leading satirical writers of Bangla literature, he also had an illustrious career as a journalist and a politician.

In 1946, he was the founding editor of the

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## DUCSU ELECTIONS

### Teachers’ network issues 13-point call for fair polls

**DU CORRESPONDENT**

Dhaka University Teachers’ Network yesterday placed a 13-point observation for the upcoming Dhaka University Central Students’ Union (Ducusu) elections, calling upon the election commission and the university authorities to ensure a free, fair, and transparent electoral process.

The Ducusu election is scheduled for September 9.

At a press conference held at Madhur Canteen, network members Associate Professor Tahmina Khanam of the management department and Associate Professor Moshahida Sultana of the accounting department read out the statement.

They recalled their monitoring role in the 2019 Ducusu polls, which

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## ATTACK ON POLICE IN ADABOR

### Cops now on the edge

#### Officials wary of responding to emergencies

**SHAHEEN MOLLAH and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN**

On Monday night, Adabor Police Station received a call through the National Emergency Helpline 999.

Around 10:30pm, the caller informed police that a youth had been confined in the Shyamoli Housing area and urged them to rescue him.

Following the call, the station dispatched a four-member team to Road-10 in Adabor.

When the team attempted to rescue the youth, a group of eight to 10 people attacked them, stabbing Constable Al Amin with a machete and vandalising the police van.

The incident has sparked fear among law enforcers, who are now wary of responding to such emergencies.

Speaking to The Daily Star on condition of anonymity, a Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) official said, “Discussions are now going on within our force about how to respond to emergency calls, as fear is prevailing after Monday’s Adabor incident.”

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Discussions are ongoing within our force about how to respond to emergency calls, as fear is prevailing after Monday’s incident. The patrol team usually has no more than four to five members, sometimes even fewer. Who will guarantee our safety if something like this happens again?

A DMP OFFICIAL

### 102 rounded up in retaliation

#### 15 sent to jail; families claim innocence

**STAR REPORT**

Autorickshaw driver Alamgir Hossain, 35, had just moved into a one-room flat in Adabor’s Balur Math area with his wife and two daughters on Monday.

Exhausted from shifting household belongings all day, he went to bed early, said his wife, Julefa Begum.

Around 1:00am, the family was woken by knocks on the door. “When I opened it, I saw several policemen. They asked my husband to get dressed, saying he was needed for questioning, and then took him away,” Julefa told The Daily Star.

Around the same time, 45-year-old mason Habibur Rahman was also detained from a nearby house, along with his two sons – Nazmul Hossain, 18, and Mohammad Nadim, 22.

They were among 102 people rounded up in overnight police drives in Adabor.

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## Govt mulls ICT-3 to speed up trials

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The government may constitute a third tribunal to expedite trials for enforced disappearances and other international crimes, Law Adviser Asif Nazrul has said.

He made the remarks after inspecting the renovation work of the main building of International Crimes Tribunal-2 in the vicinity of the Supreme Court premises yesterday morning.

**Asif Nazrul’s comments on the possibility of forming ICT-3 came after the ICT chief prosecutor on Saturday said they were being forced to rush the trials of crimes against humanity committed during the July uprising.**

Once ICT-2 shifts to the main building, ICT-3 could be housed in the tin-shed building where ICT-2 has been working, he said.

“If tribunal-3 is set up, it will significantly speed up the trials related to disappearances and other international crimes. We are also prioritising the prosecution of crimes against humanity,” the adviser said.

Emphasising the government’s commitment,

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## RETURNING AFTER 11:00PM

### RU hall scraps notice on 91 female students amid outcry

**STAR REPORT**

Authorities at Rajshahi University’s (RU) July 36 Hall have withdrawn a notice summoning 91 female students for returning to their dormitory after 11:00pm, following widespread criticism from students and on social media.

The original notice, signed by hall provost Prof Lovely Nahar on Monday night, instructed students listed under serial numbers 1-45 to appear at her office on September 9, and numbers 46-91 on September 10.

The move quickly sparked a debate online, with many terming it “illogical” and “discriminatory”. A fresh notice was issued yesterday afternoon, announcing the withdrawal.

Students said the publication of their names exposed them to humiliation and safety risks. “Our personal information is now out in the open. I was marked for returning late one night, but I had only stepped out briefly to collect food. Now others are making indecent remarks about us,” said a resident.

Another student said, “This was done in the name of security, but instead it put us in danger. With the upcoming Rucusu polls, such information can easily be misused. The administration acted unprofessionally.”

The controversy also drew attention from student

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Women wait for nearly four hours under the scorching sun in Mohammadpur yesterday for a TCB truck that was scheduled to arrive at 9:00am but had yet to come even by 1:00pm. For many, these trucks are the only way to buy essentials at affordable prices.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## PURBACHAL GRAFT

### Six more testify in 3 cases against Hasina

**STAR REPORT**

Six more prosecution witnesses testified yesterday in three graft cases filed against 23 people, including deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina, her daughter Saima Wazed Putul, and son Sajeeb Wazed Joy.

The witnesses are Delwar Hossain, Lutfor Rahman, Rezaul Haque, Abu Taher, Gautam Kumar Sikdar, and Shoriful Islam.

Judge Mohammad Abdullah Al Mamun of Dhaka’s Special Judge’s Court-5 recorded their statements and set September 17 for the next hearing.

According to the prosecution, the six testified in the three separate graft cases – one against 12 accused; another against 18, including Putul; and a third against 17, including Joy.

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## Noel Mendes passes away

STAR REPORT

Noel Gregory Mendes, a celebrated Chattogram business-



man and former member of the legendary 1960s band "Lightnings", passed away on Monday morning. He was 71.

He breathed his last at 5:10am at the Apollo Imperial Hospital.

His funeral mass and burial ceremony was held on Monday at 3:30pm at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Patharghata in Chattogram.

Noel Mendes was a beloved member of the Mendes family, which has made contributions to Bangladesh's logistics, shipping, and freight forwarding industry through the Enem-Omni Group, founded in 1958 by J Lawrence Mendes.

Noel Mendes was not only a prominent businessman but also a celebrated musician.

He was part of the legendary pop band Lightnings, formed in the 1960s in Bangladesh, then East Pakistan.

## BANGLADESH AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

# Rail passengers suffer as students continue blockade

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Students of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) blocked the Dhaka-Mymensingh rail route for nearly six hours yesterday following a dispute with the university authorities, causing immense suffering to passengers.

The students have been demonstrating since Sunday after an attack by outsiders left seven of them injured.

Although the university ordered students to vacate dormitories following its indefinite closure on Sunday night, most male students refused to leave.

On Monday afternoon, the protesters blocked the railway line on the campus for two hours. Yesterday, they resumed the blockade around 11:30am, said Md Akhtar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Government Railway Police (GRP) in Mymensingh.

The OC said seven trains, including Dhaka-bound Balaka Commuter, Jamalpur Commuter Train and Teesta Intercity, were waiting at Mymensingh Railway Station around 5:30pm. Meanwhile, Mymensingh-bound Mahua



Commuter, Aghnibina Express, Jamalpur Express and Mohanganj Express were stranded at different stations in Gafargaon.

Altogether, 24 pairs of trains travel this route every day, carrying about 30,000 passengers. The blockade therefore caused severe suffering to rail commuters, the OC added.

Ali Hossain, a Dhaka-bound passenger on the Balaka Commuter from Jaria in Netrakona, said his train reached Mymensingh station

around 1:30pm but had been stuck there since.

"While we are already facing serious suffering under the scorching heat, the blockade has added salt to our wounds," said Ahmed Shafiq, a trader from Jaria.

Samia Akter, who was traveling to Dhaka on the Balaka Commuter, said the heat and the long wait at Mymensingh had been extremely difficult for her five-year-old child.

Aysha Khatun, a house help, said

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## Adopt gender-responsive policies

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and resilience.

The remarks were made during the inception workshop of the "Gender Responsive Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangladesh (GRDRRIB)" project, organised by BRAC and UN Women with support from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency at a city hotel.

The workshop marked the official launch of the project, which will continue until December 2026 across 12 disaster-prone districts.

At the event, K M Abdul Wadud, additional secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, said while the number of deaths during disasters has decreased, economic losses remain high.

He called for greater emphasis on awareness, preparedness, and acceptance of the inevitability of disasters, guided by early warnings and forecasts.

He stressed the need for adequate funding to strengthen capacity, develop preparedness systems, and introduce disaster risk insurance to mitigate economic losses.

Navanita Sinha, deputy country representative of UN Women Bangladesh, said Bangladesh is recognised as a leader in resilience, with strong political commitment to placing gender at the centre of disaster response.

She added that while local women are already driving action on the frontlines, their leadership must be further strengthened.

Matilda Svensson, first secretary of the Embassy of Sweden, said gender equality is essential for disaster resilience.

She stressed that intention must turn into

impact, with gender analysis and data guiding planning and financing, and with priority given to women-led resilience initiatives.

Kazi Golam Towsif, director general of the Department of Women Affairs, said as women make up the majority of the population, developing their leadership in disaster management is vital.

He added that initiatives like GRDRRIB will help establish a gender-responsive disaster risk management framework, enabling women and girls to take on greater leadership roles.

Rezwanur Rahman, director general of the Department of Disaster Management, said disaster risk reduction efforts must prioritise women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

He stressed the need to ensure representation so that vulnerable groups are heard and women can actively participate in preparedness.

Md Liakath Ali, director of BRAC's Disaster Risk Management programme, emphasised integrating climate considerations and projections into all projects to help communities build back better.

He also highlighted the importance of stakeholder feedback, local context, and indigenous knowledge in making gender-responsive disaster risk reduction projects successful.

The workshop began with a welcome address by Dilruba Haider, programme specialist for Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and Humanitarian Actions at UN Women, and included a keynote presentation on the GRDRRIB project by the project's lead Abdul Latif Khan.

## RU hall scraps

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Faculty members also condemned the move. Prof Abdullah Al Mamun of the journalism department described it as "a deliberate attempt to keep women vulnerable", adding that the administration could have spoken to students individually.

"Posting the names publicly was a reprehensible act. Those responsible must be held accountable," he said.

The leak of the notice online triggered derogatory comments on social media. While opinions remain divided, many female students stressed that their safety should be prioritised. "Imposing curfews cannot be a solution," one student said.

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চাঁদপুর-৩৬০০

সূত্রঃ চাঁদপুর/পিএডভি/লড-০২/২০২৫-২৬/ক্যাম্পাস-হল ভাড়া-০২/১৩২

তারিখঃ ০২/০৯/২০২৫

**বাড়ি ভাড়া আবশ্যক**

চাঁদপুর বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ছাত্রদের জন্য 'ছাত্র হল' বাস্তবায়নের জন্য ভবন ভাড়ার নিমিত্ত অত্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের চাঁদপুর ক্যাম্পাস (হোল্ডিং নং-০৯৩৭-০২, খলিশাডুলী, ওয়াদা পাইট, কুমিল্লা রোড, চাঁদপুর সদর, চাঁদপুর-৩৬০০) সংলগ্ন এলাকায় ০২ অক্টোবর ২০২৫ তারিখ হতে ৮০০০-১০০০০ বর্গফুট আয়তনের আইনগত জটিলতাবিহীন ভবন ভাড়া প্রয়োজন। ভবন ভাড়া প্রদানে আগ্রহী মালিকদের আগামী ১৬/০৯/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে ভবনের বিস্তারিত বর্ণনা, ভাড়ার পরিমাণ এবং নিম্নোক্ত শর্ত পূরণ সাপেক্ষে নিম্নোক্ত ঠিকানায় আবেদনপত্র প্রেরণের অনুরোধ করা হলো।

শর্তসমূহঃ

১। ভবনের নিচ তলায় খোলা জায়গার (কমন স্পেস) সুবিধাসহ ভবনের মোট আয়তন ৮০০০-১০০০০ বর্গফুট হতে হবে।

২। অবশ্যই পৌরসভা কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত ডিজাইন ও ফ্লোরের প্ল্যান সরবরাহ করতে হবে।

৩। ভবন/ভাটের মালিকের নিজের নামে বিদ্যুৎ বিলের কাগজ ও জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র থাকতে হবে।

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**EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) OF THE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS OF SUNGNAM APPARELS (BD) LTD. PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTION OF THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the direction of the Hon'ble High Court issued by Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohail on 19th August, 2025 in Company Matter No. 1456 of 2025, an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Shareholders and the Creditors of **Sungnam Apparels (BD) Ltd.** ("the Company") will be held in the following manner:

Particulars	Date	Time	Venue
Shareholders	23rd September 2025	10:00 am	Plot # 28 & 30 Gausul Azam Avenue, Sector 13, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka - 1230
Creditors	23rd September 2025	11:30 am	

**AGENDA of the EGM Shareholders and the Creditors:**

Approval of the Scheme of Amalgamation **Sungnam Apparels (BD) Ltd.** ("Transferor Company") with **Karnaphuli Shoes Industries Ltd.** ("Transferee Company") to consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as Special Resolution with or without modification:

"RESOLVED THAT draft Scheme of Amalgamation of **Sungnam Apparels (BD) Ltd.** ("Transferor Company") with **Karnaphuli Shoes Industries Ltd.** ("Transferee Company") be and is hereby approved subject to the sanction of the Scheme by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh in accordance with the provisions of sections 228 and 229 of the Companies Act, 1994, and approval of the same Scheme by the Shareholders and creditors of **Sungnam Apparels (BD) Ltd.** in the similar manner, Let the Transferor Company be amalgamated with the Transferee Company in terms of the Scheme.

Dated: 1st September 2025

By order of the Board  
  
(Hasan Md. Ibrahim)  
Company Secretary

**Notes:**  
Draft Scheme of Amalgamation of **Sungnam Apparels (BD) Ltd** with **Karnaphuli Shoes Industries Ltd** shall be kept open in the registered office of the Company for inspection by all concerned during office hours.

**Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST)**  
Mirpur Cantonment, Dhaka-1216

**Invitation for Tenders**

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defense (MoD)		
2	Agency	Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST)		
3	Procuring entity name	Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST)		
4	Procuring entity code	N/A		
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	Tender		
7	Invitation Ref No.	OTM-01/MIST/ICT Die/IBW/2025-2026/01		
8	Date	24 Aug 2025		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
9	Procurement method	OTM (NCT) (Framework Contract)		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	N/A		
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	N/A		
14	Tender Package No.	N/A		
15	Tender package name	Procurement of dedicated full duplex internet bandwidth for MIST LAN with 24/7 LAN maintenance and user level support services for FY 2025-2026.		
16	Tender publication date	01 Sep 2025		
17	Tender last selling date	21 Sep 2025		
18	Tender closing date and time	22 Sep 2025 1200 Hrs		
19	Tender opening date and time	22 Sep 2025 1230 Hrs		
20	Name & address of the office(s)			
- Selling tender document		Procurement Section, Office of Director Administration, MIST		
- Receiving tender document		Procurement Section, Office of Director Administration, MIST		
- Opening tender document		Procurement Section, Office of Director Administration, MIST		
21	Pre-tender meeting	14 Sep 2025		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
22	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer (Details will be provided along with Tender Documents)	a. The tenderer must have a minimum of fifteen (15) years of general experience in supplying Internet bandwidth and related services. b. The tenderer must submit at least two work completion certificates for similar works involving the supply of 1 Gbps or higher Internet bandwidth to an educational institution, government, or banking sector within the last three (3) years.		
23	Brief description of goods (Details will be provided along with Tender Documents)	a. Supply of dedicated Full Duplex internet bandwidth for MIST LAN (Offices, BOQ's, Residences and Students Halls, etc.) through redundant connectivity with different physical paths including 24/7 LAN maintenance (including 21 P2P (Approx) Links) and user level support services. b. Manage, maintain and configure core networking devices (Including Cisco/Juniper/Fortinet Routers, Firewalls, Managed Switches, Mikrotik, etc.) and Servers & Storage deployed in MIST NOC & LAN.		
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable		
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	2,000.00 (two thousand Taka only).		
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)
	1.	Procurement of dedicated full duplex internet bandwidth for MIST LAN with 24/7 LAN maintenance and user level support services for FY 2025-2026.	MIST, Mirpur Cantonment	Pay Order of 2% Quoted Rate
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>				
27	Name of official inviting tender		Commandant, MIST	
28	Designation of official inviting tender		Major General	
29	Address of official inviting tender		Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST), Mirpur Cantonment, Dhaka-1216	
30	Contact details of official inviting tender		Mob No. 01769023828, +88029011311, Procurementmist@gmail.com	
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.			

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Director Administration  
Military Institute of Science and Technology  
Mirpur Cantonment

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
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১৮ ভক্ত ১৪৩২

তারিখঃ ০২ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫

২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থ বৎসরে ২য় কোয়ার্টারে (০১ অক্টোবর ২০২৫ হতে ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত) (লট নং ১ ও ২) রাইব-১১ এর সদস্যদের নিম্নলিখিত কাজের জন্য "The Public Procurement Regulation Act-2008" and "The Public Procurement Regulation Act-2008" মোতাবেক টেন্ডারের নিয়মিত প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশী টেন্ডার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিমিত্ত হতে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যসমূহ নিম্ন দলের হইবে।

১।	মহানায়ক/বিভাগ	ছাত্রী মহানায়ক/বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ (রাইব)।
২।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী দপ্তরের নাম	রাপিড অ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-১১, আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ।
৩।	ক্রয়/সেবারে যত্নবিধিকারীর নাম	পরিচালক, রাপিড অ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-১১, আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ।
৪।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির তারিখ নং ও তারিখ	রাইব-১১/৯৭২/ডি/১৯২ তারিখঃ ০২ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫।
৫।	যে কাজের জন্য দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হইয়াছে।	ক্রমিক নং ১৫ এ বর্ণিত লট অনুযায়ী।
৬।	কাজের সময়সীমা	২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থ বৎসরের ০১ অক্টোবর ২০২৫ হতে ৩১ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত (লট নং ১ ও ২) ২য় কোয়ার্টারে জন্য।
৭।	অফের উপর	পাশাপাশি বাস্তব সর্বোচ্চ বাজেট গ্রাফি সাপেক্ষে।
৮।	দরপত্র (সিটিউন) তফসীল বিবরণের সময়সীমা	০৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ হতে ১৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময় সন্ধ্যা কর্তৃক হবে।
৯।	দরপত্র (সিটিউন) গ্রাফির স্থান	অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, রাইব-১১, আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ।
১০।	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওপেন)।
১১।	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১০:০০ ঘটিকা, রাইব-১১, আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ।
১২।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১৬ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১১:০০ ঘটিকা, রাইব-১১, আদমজীনগর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ এ দরদাতাগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।
১৩।	টিউসিং সভা	১৮ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকায়।
১৪।	দরপত্র সিটিউন ক্রয়ের প্রাক মেয়াদা ও শর্তাবলী	পরিচালক/২০০৮-এর ৫৭ তম সংশোধনী বিধি মোতাবেক দরপত্র দাখিল (সিটিউন) ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীকে নিম্নলিখিত পত্রিকাতে রাইব-১১ এর কার্যে আবেদন করতে হবে এবং প্রকল্পের ব্যয়ভারের ক্ষেত্রে নিম্নোক্ত শর্তসমূহ পূরণ করতে হবে। দরপত্র ক্রয়ের সময় নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্রের স্কান কপি অবশ্যই প্রদর্শন করিতে হবে, অন্যথায় দরপত্র তফসিল বিবরণ করা হবে না। (ক) নারিকরের সনদপত্র (খ) ট্রেড শাইটসে ফরমস নম্বরের (গ) যে কোন তফসিল ভুক্ত বণিকের ব্যক্তি হইতে ফরমসের অফিস ফরমসের সনদপত্র (ঘ) টিউসিং সভা টেন্ডারের ফরমসের আবেদন পত্রের (জ) অত্র টেন্ডারিং সনদপত্র (ঘ) প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা ক্ষেত্রে মালিকের ক্ষমতা অর্পণ করা (সিটিউন পত্রিকা কর্তৃক) এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট ০৫টি নম্বর ফরম (ঙ) দরপত্র আবেদনকারী মালিক এবং প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা করা কেবল ০১ (এক) কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি (চ) দরপত্র সিটিউন ক্রয়ে ইচ্ছুক প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা করে "কর্তৃপক্ষ" তফসিল ভুক্ত নং এই মর্মে নিজ প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা পত্র প্রতিলিপিত মুদ্রণের দিতে হবে (খ)। দরপত্রের সনদ কর্মসূচি "The Public Procurement Regulation Act-2008" and "The Public Procurement Regulation Act-2008" এর ৫৭ তম সংশোধনী বিধি মোতাবেক পর্যালোচিত হবে।

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কাজের নাম

পরিমাণ

দরপত্র তফসিল এর মূল্য (অফেরত যোগ্য)

দরপত্র বাস্তবায়নের পরিমাণ (অফেরত যোগ্য)

কাজের সময়সীমা

লট নং-১।	সেজা স্টেশন সারবরাহ (সিটিউন)	চাইনিয়া মোতাবেক	১,০০০/-	১,০০,০০০/-	০১ অক্টোবর ২০২৫ হতে
লট নং-২।	আইসিআর দেশ মন্ত্রণালয় সারবরাহ	চাইনিয়া মোতাবেক	১,০০০/-	১,০০,০০০/-	০১ ডিসেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত
১৬।	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।	সর্বস্বত্ব	দরদাতার দর প্রণেয় কর্তৃপক্ষ ব্যতী নেহে।		

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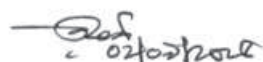
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## উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

জাতীয় উন্নয়ন প্রশাসন একাডেমিতে ২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থবছরে বিভিন্ন ধরনের দ্রব্যাদি/মালামাল সরবরাহের নিমিত্ত পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ অনুসরণপূর্বক প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নিম্নসম্বোধিত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১	মন্ত্রণালয়ের নাম	জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয়			
০২	সংগ্রহকারী সভা	জাতীয় উন্নয়ন প্রশাসন একাডেমি, ঢাকা			
০৩	দরপত্রের বিষয়	(i) মনিটরী (Stationaries) দ্রব্যাদি (ii) পরিষ্কার পরিচ্ছন্নতা (Cleaning) সামগ্রী এবং (iii) কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী (Computer Accessories) (কম্পিউটার প্রিন্টার ও ফটোকপিয়ার মেশিনের টোনার/কার্টিজ) সরবরাহ			
০৪	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে (OTM) ক্রেতাওয়ার্ক চুক্তি			
০৫	বাজেট ও অর্থায়নের উৎস	পরিচালক বাজেট (জিওবি)			
০৫	বিজ্ঞপ্তির সূত্র নং	০৫.০৭.০০০০.০০০.০০৪.০৭.০০১৮.২৫.৭৭ তারিখ: ০২ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০২৫			
০৬	দরপত্র প্যাকেজ সংখ্যা	০৩(তিন) টি			
০৭	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রতিকায় প্রকাশের তারিখ	০৩/০৯/২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে			
০৮	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির সর্বশেষ তারিখ	২৩/০৯/২০২৫ তারিখ অফিস সমন্বয় পর্যন্ত			
০৯	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১৮/০৯/২০২৫ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত			
১০	দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের তারিখ ও সময়	১৮/০৯/২০২৫ তারিখ দুপুর ০২.০০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতা/মনোনীত প্রতিনিধিগণের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিতি থাকেন)			
১১	দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রাপ্তির স্থান	জাতীয় উন্নয়ন প্রশাসন একাডেমি, কক্ষ নম্বর-৩০৭, রোড নং-৩৯, বুপনগর, মিরপুর, ঢাকা			
১১	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	জাতীয় উন্নয়ন প্রশাসন একাডেমি, গ্রাউন্ড ফ্লোর, রোড নং-৩৯, বুপনগর, মিরপুর, ঢাকা			
১৩	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	জাতীয় উন্নয়ন প্রশাসন একাডেমি, কক্ষ নং-১০২, রোড নং-৩৯, বুপনগর, মিরপুর, ঢাকা			
১৪	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্র জমা প্রদান করতে হবে	হালনাগাদ ট্রেন্ড লাইসেন্স, আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল সার্টিফিকেট (করবর্ষ: ২০২৪-২০২৫), ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট এবং দরপত্র সিডিউলের শর্ত অনুযায়ী অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র			
১৫	অভিজ্ঞতা	(i) সাধারণ অভিজ্ঞতা: সরবরাহকারী হিসেবে কমপক্ষে ০৫(পাঁচ) বছরের সাধারণ অভিজ্ঞতা (ii) বিশেষ অভিজ্ঞতা: দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত বিশেষ অভিজ্ঞতা			
১৬	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম ও পদাবি	মীর মোহাম্মদ মাহবুবুর রহমান, পরিচালক (ফিন্যান্স ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট)			
১৭	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা	জাতীয় উন্নয়ন প্রশাসন একাডেমি, রোড নং-৩৯, বুপনগর, মিরপুর, ঢাকা ফোন: ০২-৪২০০২৪৯৮, ইমেইলঃ <a href="mailto:director@finance@nada.gov.bd">director@finance@nada.gov.bd</a>			
১৮	প্যাকেজ নম্বর	প্যাকেজের বিবরণ	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্র জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য)	সরবরাহের সময়
	২/২০২৫-২৬	মনিটরী (Stationaries) দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহ	২,০০০/-	৩০,০০০/-	অক্টোবর/২০২৫ হতে জুন/২০২৬ পর্যন্ত
	৩/২০২৫-২৬	পরিষ্কার পরিচ্ছন্নতা (Cleaning) সামগ্রী সরবরাহ	৫০০/-	১৫,০০০/-	
	৪/২০২৫-২৬	কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী (Computer Accessories) (কম্পিউটার প্রিন্টার ও ফটোকপিয়ার মেশিনের টোনার/কার্টিজ) সরবরাহ	৫০০/-	২০,০০০/-	

বিঃদ্র: দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন সমন্বয় কার্য দাখিল বা ত্রুটি দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।



মীর মোহাম্মদ মাহবুবুর রহমান  
পরিচালক (ফিন্যান্স ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট)  
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## Is the reform drive being derailed?

Parties must resolve disputes over July Charter implementation

It is a telling reflection of our turbulent times that Bangladesh is as close to getting a July Charter (finally) as it is far from securing any political assurance of its implementation post-election. That is because while the National Consensus Commission reportedly plans to hand over a final draft to political parties within this week, it has opted to exclude its implementation process from the draft itself, as previously expected, fearing this may deter some parties from signing the charter. This cautious approach seems practical as parties still widely differ on the route to its implementation. Among the suggested routes are approval by next parliament, a referendum, presidential proclamations, and even a constituent assembly. Nearly all parties agree that some reforms can be enacted by ordinance right away, but beyond that, consensus breaks down into competing procedural preferences, especially on questions of constitutional reforms.

This state of affairs only underscores the fragility of a political patchwork that has been repeatedly strained by bitter divisions during the past months of NCC consultations. Beyond the debate on implementation, some parties also think that reforms on which there is disagreement should not even be incorporated in the charter. They have even warned that if the final draft includes anything beyond the unanimously agreed reforms, they may not sign it. This is deeply disturbing. To see this charter, in which so much time, effort, and emotion have been invested, still being dragged through such technicalities and calculations only heightens fears about the future of the reform drive.

During a recent event, the chiefs and members of several reform commissions have rightly expressed frustration at the lack of visible progress in the reform drive. Although 11 commissions were set up in two phases post-uprising—six in the first and five in the second—to drive reforms across various sectors, their outcomes so far remain negligible. The lack of progress in the 84 reform proposals earmarked for NCC consultations could be understandable, as they required broader political consensus, but how to explain the slow or zero progress on the dozens of other proposals that were not discussed and could easily be implemented? When will those proposed reforms be put into effect?

The interim government cannot blame political indecision alone for this stagnation. Bureaucratic inertia, lack of collaboration and coordination among relevant state agencies, and the absence of clear timelines and accountability mechanisms have all contributed to this delay. The lesson of these past months is that without decisive leadership to translate reform proposals into action, even the most achievable reforms risk remaining on paper. We cannot let this situation drag on indefinitely. The interim government, political parties, and civil society all bear responsibility to ensure that the reform drive is expedited so that the promise of change can be delivered.

## An alarming display of toxicity

DU student’s open rape threat reveals deep-rooted misogyny in society

We are shocked by the repugnant conduct of Dhaka University student Ali Husen, who recently issued a rape threat online against a fellow female student. Husen's post was aimed at BM Fahmida Alam, a candidate from a left-leaning panel for the upcoming DUCSU election. Earlier, she had filed a writ petition with the High Court challenging the nomination of SM Farhad, a general secretary candidate from the Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed panel, alleging that Farhad was involved in the now-banned Chhatra League. Following the petition, the HC had postponed the DUCSU poll to October 30, only for it to be reinstated by the Supreme Court within an hour.

While many students initially protested the HC order, it is beyond comprehension how a student from the country's most prominent university could utter such vile threats against a fellow student for exercising her legal rights. His post even stated that anyone who finds it “uncivil, deserves the same” as Fahmida. Universities are meant to be spaces where students learn moral and ethical behaviour alongside academic knowledge. But what are students like Husen, and those who supported his call to “gang rape,” learning during their most formative years? This is the opposite of constructive debate that universities are supposed to teach and promote.

The distasteful masculinity that was on display also reflected the disturbing impunity surrounding sexual violence in our society. Many men continue to feel entitled to women's bodies and are emboldened to issue threats of sexual violence both online and offline. Too many still believe women can be “put in their place” for behaviours that don't conform their beliefs. Such toxic attitudes stand as barriers to women's political, social, and economic participation, and the fact that those who threaten to commit such heinous acts are seldom held accountable only encourages this behaviour further.

In the context of the DUCSU polls—where campus safety is a major campaign issue—the latest incident is a stark reminder of the urgency of the matter. We urge DU authorities to take immediate disciplinary action not only against the main perpetrator but also against those who supported his call. A criminal case should be filed under the Cyber Protection Ordinance, 2025 to set a precedent that such repulsive conduct will not be tolerated. Finally, we call on our emerging student leaders to actively denounce such behaviours as part of the broader campaign to eradicate gender violence and discrimination. Ensuring women's safety on and off campus must be a collective priority.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY



### Viking 2 lands on Mars

On this day in 1976, after nearly a year's journey, NASA's robotic spacecraft Viking 2 landed on Mars and began relaying information about the planet's atmosphere and soil as well as colour photographs of the rocky surface.

### FROM FORCE TO SERVICE

## Rethinking policing in Bangladesh



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The police in Bangladesh, a remnant of colonial design, became militarised during the recently deposed regime. Established under the Police Act, 1861, drafted in response to the 1857 uprising, the force was never meant to protect citizens but to control them. Its model followed the Royal Irish Constabulary, a centrally directed, armed, quasi-military institution created to suppress dissent rather than foster trust.

The deposed administration cemented this institution not as a service for the people, but as an instrument for clinging to power. The July uprising in 2024 brutally exposed this legacy when police responded to unarmed protesters with semi-automatic rifles, submachine guns, and battlefield-grade ammunition. As a result, the leading figures of the police had to flee away as a party to the collapsed regime.

An investigative report by The Daily Star revealed how police stockpiled lethal weapons in the years preceding the uprising. Between 2021 and 2023, Tk 240 crore was spent on firearms such as submachine guns and semi-automatic rifles, while Tk 191 crore was allocated to non-lethal equipment. The ratio of lethal to non-lethal procurement was seven to one.

When crowds filled the streets in July last year, these arsenals were unleashed. Semi-automatic rifles were fired into unarmed gatherings. Hundreds of young lives were lost, and a generation was traumatised. Recent incidents, too, show no signs of corrective measures within the police force. It still remains a force of coercion, not a protective civil service.

History offers a different path. In Northern Ireland, following the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, the Patten Commission fundamentally redesigned and decentralised policing to ensure inclusivity and establish accountability mechanisms through a policing board, placing community engagement at the heart of policing.

In Britain, the originator of this archaic system, policing has evolved into a devolved model, with no national police. Instead, 43 territorial police organisations are overseen by locally elected police and crime commissioners (PCCs), with powers

including control over the budget and appointment of the chief constable. This creates direct accountability to the community from police leadership, founded on the principle that police derive legitimacy from public consent rather than state power.

Other societies have also showcased how policing can shift from repression to service. For example, in Japan, children greet police officers with trust rather than fear. In Denmark, Germany



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and Canada, community policing fosters partnerships between officers and citizens, emphasising prevention over punishment. Surveys in Finland consistently rank the police among the most trusted public institutions.

Closer to home, in Sri Lanka, which recently experienced political turmoil, the establishment of an independent National Police Commission represented a step towards depoliticisation through oversight of recruitment, promotions and discipline. India's Supreme Court issued binding directives in the 2006 Prakash Singh case, calling for state-level Police Complaints Authority, fixed tenures for officers, and separation of investigation from law and order duties. However, most Indian states have only

report, submitted in January 2025, recommended, aligned with UN peacekeeping principles, mandatory body cameras, protection against warrantless searches, interrogation reforms, and transparent recruitment measures. Unfortunately, that too has not been figured in the discussions of the National Consensus Commission.

The real question is not how to enhance efficiency but how to transform the very ethos of policing. The Police Act, 1861 designed the entity for control rather than as a civil service for people. Genuine reform requires building a civil service dedicated to the people. This cannot be achieved through piecemeal, top-down adjustments alone. It demands devolution, moving authority and accountability closer

exposes the problem. Authority should not rest in a monolithic ministry but in the people, expressed through democratic, community-led institutions at multiple levels. A centralised entity can be easily manipulated for vested purposes. A devolved civil service, rooted in community, is more resilient to abuse.

The police represent the state's most visible face. For too long in Bangladesh, that face has triggered fear as a force, rather than trust as a civil service. Reform requires transforming the very meaning of policing in a democratic republic from an authoritarian order. Imagine a future where schoolchildren greet police officers with confidence rather than anxiety. That makes the police a civil service.

## Lessons to be learnt from the CU violence



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The recent clashes between the students of Chittagong University and locals from the nearby Jobra village left more than 240 students injured, among others, with at least two fighting for their lives in hospital. The scale of violence, the absence of law enforcement at a critical moment, and the lack of foresight from the university authorities have raised several questions. Why was this violence allowed to erupt in the first place? Could it have been prevented if the university administration and law enforcement had acted promptly? And how can we ensure such incidents do not happen again?

The violence was first triggered by the alleged assault of a female student by a security guard at her private mess. Apparently the guard refused to let the student into the mess when she returned at around 11pm on Saturday and found the gate locked. When he finally did, he allegedly shoved her and made insulting remarks about her returning late. Once her fellow students heard about it, emotions ran high. In universities, solidarity among students is strong; an insult to one is often felt as an insult to all.

But the situation spiralled out of control because of how both sides—students and the locals—reacted.

Instead of dealing with the situation calmly, villagers and students began confronting each other. And what began as a case of alleged harassment against a single student turned into a mass clash involving sharp weapons, sticks, and brickbats.

The deeper reason behind these clashes lies in the fragile relationship between CU students and residents of the nearby villages like Jobra and Fatepur. Over the years, small disputes over rent, transport, politics, and social behaviour have created mistrust between these two parties. This mistrust meant that when the female student alleged assault by the guard at her mess, it did not remain an isolated issue. It tapped into long-standing grievances.

Could this violence have been prevented? The short answer is yes. If the university authorities and law enforcement agencies had acted quickly on Saturday night, instead of coming in several hours later, the clashes could have been avoided. The guard should have been detained promptly and handed over to police, and the allegation should have been investigated. Had the authorities acted promptly, the students would not have felt that justice would not be served; they would have trusted the system

rather than taking matters into their own hands.

If police or university security had been deployed around the mess and campus gates immediately after the initial altercation, larger groups would not have gathered and violence would not have escalated. Senior university officials—vice-chancellor, Pro-VCs, and proctor—should have gone to the scene to dissipate the tension; their late arrival the next day shows a lack of urgency.

The lessons from this incident are clear. University authorities and the government must act decisively to prevent such violence in the future.

The CU authorities have filed a case in connection to this incident, accusing nearly 1,100 people including activists of the banned Bangladesh Chhatra League. The government must form an independent, transparent probe committee to look into this matter—not just one controlled by CU itself. If the probe finds that students initiated or escalated the violence, they must face trial. At the same time, locals who attacked the students with machetes, rods, and brickbats must be brought to justice. There are videos and photos using which the attackers can be identified. And if negligence by the CU administration is proven, those responsible must step down.

A 21-member committee has reportedly been formed to improve ties between students and locals. This should not be a symbolic move. The committee must meet regularly, address grievances, and establish trust between students and the local population.

This entire crisis began with the allegation of mistreatment of a female student. The university authorities

as well as local administration—not just at CU but every university—must adopt a zero-tolerance policy towards any form of harassment, and such complaints should be dealt with swiftly through proper mechanisms. Protecting female students on campus must be non-negotiable.

To this end, some training for professionalism and gender sensitivity at our universities is also in order. The CU proctor has drawn severe criticism over his misogynistic remarks about female students on at least two occasions, and has walked away without any consequences. When the proctor, the person responsible for campus security, can get away with making such remarks about the students he is supposed to protect, what does it say about the university authorities' sincerity about students' safety?

There are a number of lessons to be learnt from the latest spate of clashes at CU. And if these are not duly noted, such incidents will recur—in Chattogram, and in Dhaka, Rajshahi, Khulna, and elsewhere. Universities are places for enlightenment and wisdom; they must not be allowed to turn into battlegrounds. Students deserve safe campuses. Parents deserve assurance that their children will return home alive. Teachers deserve an environment where they can teach without fear.

The violence at CU should therefore be seen as a wake-up call. Immediate medical support for the injured, counselling for traumatised students, a transparent investigation, and swift justice are non-negotiable first steps. But beyond that, deeper reforms in student-community relations, campus security, and administrative accountability are urgent.





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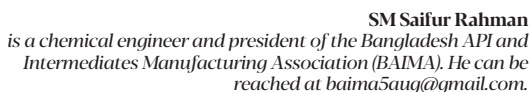
**COP30 carries enormous symbolic weight. Hosting the summit in the Amazon is a strong statement, but symbolism alone cannot replace the real commitments and actions that vulnerable nations urgently need.**

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Another pressing concern, in the

COP30 has a duty to move beyond tokenism. It should deliver action, mobilisation, and transparency through accountable, enforceable climate finance, equitable participation, and concrete adaptation measures. Only by securing these outcomes can COP30 be remembered as the summit of substance rather than another missed opportunity.

# *How to keep cancer drugs affordable after LDC graduation*



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**Once Bangladesh graduates from LDC status, the TRIPS waiver will no longer apply. The consequences could be devastating. Local companies will have to pay royalties and meet stricter compliance requirements, raising the cost of these drugs by 20 to 50 percent. For lung cancer patients, monthly treatment with Tagrix could rise from Tk 10,000 to 35,000, or even Tk 50,000.**

Finally, Bangladesh should join forces with other graduating LDCs to lobby at the WTO for an extension of the pharmaceutical waiver, framing it as a public health necessity.

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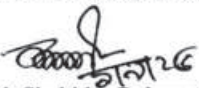
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# Abul Mansur Ahmad's 127th birth anniv

His role in the initial days of

The military regime of Ayub Khan imprisoned Abul Mansur Ahmad several times as a result of his political

The event will also feature prize distribution for the National Public Speaking Competition, organised for the second time by the Abul Mansur Ahmad Memorial Council and Tarkojal.

“There are many organisations at TSC

On women's issues, Bin Yamin stressed security and dormitory facilities. "Half of our students are female, yet we have not ensured a safe campus for them. I will work to ensure their safety with utmost sincerity and their rights in every sphere," he said.

He also pledged to work in the spirit of the Liberation War and the July uprising. "Whether I win or not, I will continue to work for students' rights. Whatever the result, they will always find me by their side."

“Despite obstacles, I have stood by them—fighting for their rights, making organisational practices more student-

Asked about a writ petition challenging his candidacy, he said: "The matter is before the court which will

Concluding on a conciliatory note, he said he sees other contestants not as rivals, but as associates. "Whoever wins will take responsibility, and the rest of us will assist."

The incident sparked outrage across

After a prolonged investigation, the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) submitted a charge sheet five years later, implicating former DC Sultana Parvin

Deputy Attorney General Mohammad

During the hearing on the rule, the law ministry submitted an affidavit to the bench led by Justice Ahmed Sohel

In addition, on August 15, several people were beaten at Dhanmondi 32.

The report documented 20 incidents of workers' rights violations, in which

The report also recorded 133 cases of child abuse. Of them, 17 children were killed, while 116 were physically or mentally tortured.

Nilphamari Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge MR Sayeed said, "We've come to know that a worker died.

The Evergreen factory Ltd authorities could not be contacted, despite repeated attempts.

For students with children, the panel promised to establish daycare centres. They also assured of soundproof

It also pledged to take steps to include impartial history regarding the incidents in the academic syllabus.

The panel also promised to work towards ensuring health security, addressing food shortages, preserving religious and communal harmony, solving accommodation problems, improving transportation

“Civilians from both Rohingya and ethnic Rakhine communities continue to suffer the consequences of the hostilities,” said UN Human Rights

The report examines in detail four incidents involving grave violations, including the targeting of civilian's

He implored the UN member states to act to hold the parties to their obligations to allow help to reach those in need, and to support international efforts to hold those responsible for violations of international law to account.

"We want to tell the High Court, the judges, or whoever is playing this game: the decision on Ducusu will come from the soil of Dhaka University. That decision will be taken by the students," he said.

A meeting was held with the Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner where they discussed in detail about the security on the Ducus election day, said DU Chief Returning Officer Prof. Mohammad Zashim Uddin.

He said a security protocol has been formulated. Besides, a committee is working on measures to reduce cyberbullying and have already met the chairman of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission.



## Cops now on the edge

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and the fall of the Sheikh Hasina regime.

After facing widespread public wrath for their controversial role and attacks on unarmed students and people, many police stations and officers came under attack.

An officer-in-charge of a DMP police station said, “We try to take details whenever we receive a call through 999. But if the incident seems related to security risks or possible mob violence, sometimes officers are reluctant to respond. In those cases, we try to deploy at least two patrol teams.”

A sub-inspector from Dhaka district police added, “In Dhaka city, it is often easier to respond. But in remote areas with no people nearby, it becomes very difficult due to security concerns.”

One such case was reported in Narsingdi’s Shhipur area.

On July 12 this year, Rina Begum and two of her relatives were attacked by a neighbour following an altercation. They immediately called 999, but no police responded. The

three were later admitted to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital with multiple stab injuries to the head and back. The victims claimed that even when they went to the police station bleeding from their injuries, they received no assistance.

There have also been allegations that police demanded money to respond to emergency calls or attempted to handle cases over the phone instead of in person.

On July 18, Sumiya Bakht repeatedly called 999 seeking help to rescue her daughter, Tabassum Islam Syma, who was allegedly confined by a relative in Saghata upazila of Gaibandha. No help arrived for three hours.

A six-member police team eventually responded but allegedly demanded payment and took Tk 2,000. Sumiya claimed she paid the money through a middleman.

However, Assistant Sub-Inspector Mohosin Ali Sarkar, who was part of the six-member team, denied taking any money from Sumiya.

Contacted, Anowar Sattar, inspector (media) of the national emergency helpline,

## Teachers’ network issues 13-point call

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they had termed “not fully fair”, and warned that the same mistakes must not be repeated.

The teachers demanded that polling booths be increased in proportion to voter numbers and voting hours extended until 5:00pm.

They stressed that a clear and realistic plan for booth management and voting time allocation be communicated to students in advance.

In the counting process, they called for transparent measures, including daily meetings with representatives of all contesting panels.

The network also urged transparent enforcement of the electoral code of conduct, with defined penalties for violations.

They demanded non-

discriminatory deployment of teachers, officers, and staffers, as well as steps to curb cyberbullying and online threats.

Citing a recent social media post in which a DU student allegedly threatened gang rape against a female candidate, they pressed for exemplary punishment.

Other recommendations included transport support for non-residential students on voting day, stability in academic schedules, discipline among journalists and social media content creators covering the polls, and stakeholder involvement before last-minute decisions.

The teachers’ network said they would continue their independent observation of the election, as they did in 2019.

## Govt mulls ICT-3

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Asif Nazrul added, “We are determined to ensure justice for all kinds of crimes, including murder, enforced disappearance, and torture that occurred under the previous government. Our judges, prosecution, and investigation teams are working with utmost dedication.”

Referring to the July uprising, the adviser said, “More than 1,000 students and civilians were killed, and thousands more were left with permanent disabilities. The trials for these grave crimes against humanity are not just essential; they are inevitable. We have remained firm in our efforts from the beginning and are satisfied with the current pace of the trial.”

During the inspection of the ICT-2 main building, Asif Nazrul was accompanied by Housing, Public Works and Industries Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan.

Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman, ICT Chief Prosecutor Mohammad Tajul Islam and Prosecutor Gazi MH Tamim were also present.

Asif Nazrul’s comments on the possibility of forming ICT-3 came after Tajul on Saturday said they were being forced to rush the trials of crimes against humanity committed during the July uprising, as well as enforced disappearances perpetrated under the Awami League regime.

And this is happening amid fears that the next government may not continue the trials, he added, speaking at an event marking the Day for the Victims of Enforced Disappearances.

Three members of a family were killed as a truck hit their motorcycle in Pabna’s Faridpur upazila yesterday.

Sohel Rana, 30; his wife Aulia Khatun, 25; and their daughter Sumaiya Khatun, 7, were from Chatmohar.

The incident took place as they were returning home around 10:00am, said Hasnat Zaman, OC of Faridpur Police Station.

When they reached Chokhokia, a truck hit their bike, leaving Aulia and Sumaiya dead on the spot and Soheli injured.

“We recovered the bodies and took Soheli to a hospital. He succumbed to his injuries around noon,” said OC Hasnat.

### ইনভেস্টমেন্ট কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ

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## “দ্বিতীয় কারণ দর্শানো” বা চূড়ান্ত নোটিশ

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যেহেতু, আপনি জনাব মুহাম্মদ হাছানুজ্জামান, প্রোগ্রামার, আইডি নং ২০১৩০০০০৫, গত ২০ আগস্ট ২০২৩ তারিখ থেকে কোন প্রকার যোগাযোগ ব্যতীত কর্মস্থল হতে অনুপস্থিত রয়েছেন। বিভিন্ন মাধ্যমে আপনার সাথে যোগাযোগ করার চেষ্টা করা হলেও আপনার অনুপস্থিতির কারণ আপনি জানাননি। আপনি কানাডার University of Guelph হতে Master of Cybersecurity and Threat Intelligence প্রোগ্রামে অধ্যয়নের নিমিত্ত ২৫ আগস্ট ২০২৩ তারিখ হতে ১৫ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ তারিখ পর্যন্ত ১ বছর ২২ দিনের বহিঃ বাংলাদেশ অধ্যয়ন ছুটির জন্য আবেদন করেন, তবে আপনার ব্যক্তিগত অডিট আপত্তি, গৃহ নির্মাণ অগ্রিম ও মোটর কার অগ্রিম থাকায় উক্ত অধ্যয়ন ছুটি কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক বিবেচনা করা হয়নি;

যেহেতু, আপনি বিনা অনুমতিতে দেশ ত্যাগ করে ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিন বা তদূর্ধ্ব সময় বিদেশে অবস্থান করেছেন এবং কর্মস্থলে অনুপস্থিত রয়েছেন, সেহেতু, আপনার উপরিউক্ত কার্যকলাপের জন্য ইনভেস্টমেন্ট কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ কর্মচারী চাকুরি প্রবিধানমালা, ২০২১ এর প্রবিধি ২(১০) এ প্রদত্ত সংজ্ঞা মোতাবেক আপনি জনাব মুহাম্মদ হাছানুজ্জামান, প্রোগ্রামার, আইডি নং ২০১৩০০০০৫-কে পলায়নের অভিযোগে অভিযুক্ত করা হয় এবং উক্তব্য অভিযোগে গত ০৩-০৯-২০২৩ তারিখের ৫৩.১৩.০০০০.০৫৮-২৭.০০১.২৩/৫৪৪/২০৪৪ নম্বরযুক্ত স্মারকের মাধ্যমে আপনার বিরুদ্ধে বিভাগীয় মামলা দায়ের করা হয়;

যেহেতু, উক্ত অভিযোগানমার জবাব ১০ (দশ) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে প্রদান না করলে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক চাকুরিবিধি অনুযায়ী আপনার বিরুদ্ধে একতরফাভাবে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে মর্মে উল্লেখ করা হয়। আপনার বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় রেজিস্টার্ড এ/ডি যোগে ও একইসাথে Whatsapp এ উক্ত অভিযোগানমা প্রেরণ করা হয় এবং আপনি উহা দৃষ্টিগোচর করেছেন মর্মে স্বীকারোক্তি প্রদান করেন। তবে রেজিস্টার্ড এ/ডি যোগে প্রেরিত পত্রটি কেউ গ্রহণ না করায় গত ০৬-০১-২০২৪ তারিখে তা ফেরত আসে;

যেহেতু, বিভাগীয় মামলা নিষ্পত্তিকরণ/শৃঙ্খল/আপিল ও জ্যেষ্ঠতা নির্ধারণ কমিটি ইনভেস্টমেন্ট কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ কর্মচারী চাকুরি প্রবিধানমালা, ২০২১ এর সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ প্রবিধি, সরকারি কর্মচারী (শৃঙ্খলা ও আপিল) বিধিমালা, ২০১৮ এর সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বিধি এবং অন্যান্য প্রাসঙ্গিক বিয়াদি পূজানুপূজরূপে পর্যালোচনাপূর্বক আপনি জনাব মুহাম্মদ হাছানুজ্জামান, প্রোগ্রামার, আইডি নং ২০১৩০০০০৫ এর কর্মস্থল হতে পলায়নের জন্য “গুরুদত্ত” আরাপের বিষয়ে একমত পোষণ করে;

সেহেতু, ইনভেস্টমেন্ট কর্পোরেশন অব বাংলাদেশ কর্মচারী চাকুরি প্রবিধানমালা, ২০২১ এর প্রবিধি ৫২ এর উপ-প্রবিধি (১) (খ) অনুযায়ী কেনে আপনাকে চাকুরি হতে বরখাস্ত অথবা অন্য কোন গুরুদত্ত প্রদান করা হবে না তার কারণ এ নোটিশ জারীর ০৭ (সাত) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে নিম্নশাসককারীর নিকট লিখিতভাবে পেশ করার জন্য কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুরোধক্রমে আপনাকে “দ্বিতীয় কারণ দর্শানো” বা চূড়ান্ত নোটিশ প্রদান করা হলো। নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে আপনার নিকট হতে কোন জবাব পাওয়া না গেলে যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক চাকুরিবিধি অনুযায়ী আপনার বিরুদ্ধে একতরফাভাবে গুরুদত্ত আরাপ করা হবে।

নির্দেশক্রমে,

(আব্দুল্লাহ আলি মামুন)  
উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক

## 102 rounded up

FROM PAGE 3

Adabor Police Station Officer-in-Charge SM Jakaria said the arrests were made after a constable was stabbed during a police operation.

The operation followed a call to the national emergency helpline 999 earlier that night around 10:30pm.

During that call, police were informed that a youth had been confined in the Shyamoli Housing area, OC Jakaria said.

When a four-member police team went to the spot, they were attacked by unidentified assailants, who stabbed constable Al-Amin and vandalised a police vehicle, he added.

Following the attack, police launched a sweeping raid in the area, detaining 102 people on suspicion.

Of them, 15 were sentenced to 10–15 days in jail by a mobile court yesterday, while the rest were released after signing bonds.

“Innocent individuals were released after giving bonds. Only 15 people – found to be involved in the incident – were sentenced,” said OC Jakaria.

Among those sentenced were Alamgir and Habibur.

“My husband has typhoid. I went to the police station with his medicine and food, but there were too many people and I couldn’t even speak to the officers. Just now I learned he has been sent to Keraniganj,” said Alamgir’s wife Julefa yesterday evening.

Breaking into tears, she added, “He is an innocent man. They dragged him out of bed in the middle of the night and sent him to jail. If he cannot work for 15 days, how will our family survive?”

Talking to families of the detainees yesterday, it emerged that most of those arrested were day labourers and working-class men.

Locals alleged that the assailants were outsiders who fled the area immediately after the attack. “The real perpetrators have not been arrested,” said one resident.

PRAYER  
TIMING  
SEPTEMBER 3

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 4-30 12-45 4-45 6-33 8-00

JAMAAT 5-05 1-15 5-00 6-36 8-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

## Six more

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The ACC lodged six separate cases, including the three ones, between January 12 and 14 over alleged irregularities in the allocation of plots under the Purbachal New Town project.

It accused Hasina of colluding with senior Rajuk officials to unlawfully secure six 10-katha plots in Sector 27’s diplomatic zone for herself, Joy, Putul, Sheikh Rehana, her children Radwan Mujib Siddiq Bobby and Azmina Siddiq, despite their ineligibility.

Six more

she had been waiting at the station for five hours to catch the Jamalpur Commuter.

Passengers urged the authorities to resolve the crisis to ease the suffering of thousands who travel daily between Dhaka, Mymensingh, Netrakona and Jamalpur.

Mahmud Hasan Dipu, one of the student leaders, said they suspended the blockade around 5:20pm.

BAU Proctor Prof Abdul Alim said a meeting between the students and university authorities were held last night to settle the matter.

At the meeting, presided over by Prof Md Shahidul Haque, BAU student affairs adviser, a three-member probe body was formed to investigate the attack on the students.

Besides, a decision was taken that the order to vacate the halls will be withdrawn through a syndicate meeting today.

Following the decision, the students postponed their protest programmes for today, said Mahmud Hasan Dipu.

### Bangladesh Bank

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### Invitation for Enlistment

1	Ministry/Division	Not applicable.
2	Agency	Not applicable.
3	Procuring entity	Bankers' Selection Committee Secretariat (BSCS)
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
5	Invitation for	Enlistment
6	Invitation Reference No.	100/2025
7	Date	02/09/2025
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9	Application closing date and time	15/09/2025, Time: 2.00pm.
10	Name & address of the office(s)	Bankers' Selection Committee Secretariat (BSCS), (16th Floor, 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.
	Application form availability	<a href="http://www.bb.org.bd/en/index.php/about/tenders">www.bb.org.bd/en/index.php/about/tenders</a>
	Receiving application form	The application shall be duly submitted to Bankers' Selection Committee Secretariat (BSCS), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
11	Eligibility of applicant	This invitation for enlistment is open to all government-approved higher educational/training institutes and recruitment service providers of Bangladesh who have satisfied the following terms and conditions:  i) A minimum of 05 (five) years of general experience as a third-party recruitment service provider in the public or private sector, either as a sole service provider or in a joint venture.  ii) The experience of successfully conducting a recruitment examination (i.e. an one hour MCQ test and at least a two hour written examination) and the preparation of results for at least 5,000 (five thousand) candidates in a single arrangement under a single or multiple contracts/work orders with a value of at least BDT 18,00,000.00 (Taka eighteen lakh) for government, quasi-government, autonomous institutions, or banks and financial institutions within the last 10 (Ten) years. The Tenderer shall have to furnish experience certificates from procuring entities in line with the experience requirements.  iii) Approval (in case of a Private University/firm) from UGC/relevant government authority regarding formation of the university/firm/institution.  iv) Having a valid trade license (applicable for a private university/firm), TIN certificate, VAT registration certificate.  v) Average annual turnover (in case of a private institution/firm) of at least BDT 20,00,000.00 (Taka twenty lakh) during the last 3 years.  vi) No failure in carrying out any assignment during the last 05 (five) years.  vii) Further details are in the application form.
12	Brief description of works	To Conduct a recruitment examination and prepare results for any or all category of posts of State Owned Commercial and Specialized Banks through competitive examination. List of the category of posts are mentioned in the Application Form.
13	Price of application form (Tk)	Not applicable
14	Enlistment (Tk)	Tk 5,000.00 (Taka five thousand) only in the form of PO/BD (non-refundable).
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
15	Name of official inviting application	Mr. Mizanur Rahman Akon
16	Designation of official inviting application	Director (BSCS)
17	Address of official inviting application	Bankers' Selection Committee Secretariat (BSCS), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka.
18	Contact details of official inviting application	01742506557 <a href="mailto:mizanur.akon@bb.org.bd">mizanur.akon@bb.org.bd</a>
19	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject any/all Applications.	

DGP: 48/2025-2385

Date: 02-09-2025

Signed/-

**Alim-Ur-Razi Syed**

Director (BSCS)-Current Charge

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Date : 02.09.2025

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RIGHTS WATCH

Access to criminal justice and the Rohingya refugees

It should be noted that Bangladesh does not have to sign the Refugee Convention to ensure the rights of the Rohingya people. The framework is there in its Constitution and the treaties it has ratified. A rights-based approach to refugee justice in Bangladesh should begin with providing a temporary legal identity to the Rohingyas that allows them to report crimes, lodge complaints, and seek legal support without necessarily intending resettlement.



**SAKHAWAT SAJJAT SEJAN and ABU BAKKER SIDDIQ**

More than a million Rohingyas are living in the refugee camps in Southern Bangladesh who are not only deprived of citizenship but also access to justice. Labeled as “Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals” (FDMNs), they are, in practice, deprived of the state’s legal protection, and instead governed by an unregulated parallel justice system that provides little legal recourse to the refugees, particularly women and the marginalised ones. In absence of a formal ‘refugee’ status granted by Bangladesh, Rohingyas find themselves in the grey zone of the law, where they are neither citizens nor refugees and, therefore, are not as such visible to the formal courts.

The crisis is not only humanitarian but also a constitutional one. The equal protection of law, and protection in respect of trial and

punishment, as articulated in Articles 31 and 35 of the Constitution extends to every person within Bangladesh. Citizens are not the only people endowed with these rights. In Abdul Latif Mirza v. Bangladesh (1979), the Supreme Court affirmed the universal character of these fundamental rights. But in practice, such guarantees are not translated into reality in the camps. Rohingyas cannot go to the police to submit complaints, nor can they appear in the court or request legal assistance. Instead, their complaints, be they related to robbery, domestic abuse, or gun violence, are arbitrated by non-judicial actors and local power brokers (e.g. camp leaders, religious leaders and some NGOs) with no professional training or responsibility.

In a same vein, the crisis has an international law dimension as well. Bangladesh, although not a ratifying state to the 1951 Refugee Convention, is party to several core human rights

treaties—including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which guarantees the right to fair trial to all individuals within the state’s jurisdiction. According to Article 14 of the ICCPR, there is a right to fair and public hearing before a competent and independent tribunal, while Article 2 mandates the State to guarantee these rights to all people within their jurisdiction irrespective of their status. Similarly, General Comment No. 32 (UN Human Rights Committee) expounds that the State parties must respect the guarantees contained in Article 14 irrespective of citizenship status of the individual. In addition, the European Court of Human Rights in M.S.S. v. Belgium and Greece upheld the right and need of the refugees to effective remedy before national authority. While the binding nature of these principles on the non-signatories of the Refugee Convention is debatable, it is well settled that the provisions of ICCPR and other international instruments,

is binding upon Bangladesh.

We also need to remember that statelessness does not deprive a person of his/her legal entitlement. In both domestic and international law justice is territorial and does not depend on nationality. Thus, the Penal Code (1860) and the Code of Criminal Procedure (1898) extend to the whole of Bangladesh irrespective of one’s immigration status.

However, Rohingyas have no access to either of the two in any way. One reason is the continued role of Bangladesh in terming them as FDMNs instead of granting a formal refugee status. It prohibits their identification, recording and inclusion by the court, which creates a system in which rights are not just withheld but even nullified. Even worse, this gap has been exploited by the non-judicial actors, such as the Camp-in-Charges and majhis, who often resolve disputes through coercive or arbitrary means. As a result, the victims are silenced, and the abusers go unpunished. Women are the most vulnerable group who are susceptible to violence and exploitation in such a system.

Notably, Bangladeshi courts have time and again proved their commitment to ensure justice. In Md. Sadaqat Khan (Fakku) v. Chief Election Commissioner (2008), the High Court Division recognised the Bihari population—stateless at that time—as Bangladeshi citizens and their right to get enrolled in the voter list. Internationally, decisions such as A. v. Australia (UNHRC) emphasised that legal status cannot be used to justify arbitrary detention or denial of due process. Nonetheless, the policy is inert with lack of political will.

It should be noted that Bangladesh

does not have to sign the Refugee Convention to ensure the rights of the Rohingya people. The framework is there in its Constitution and the treaties it has ratified. A rights-based approach to refugee justice in Bangladesh should begin with providing a temporary legal identity to the Rohingyas that allows them to report crimes, lodge complaints, and seek legal support without necessarily intending resettlement. Secondly, legal aid desks should be set up inside the camps, operated by lawyers, paralegals and interpreters, in line with the Legal Aid Services Act, 2000. Thirdly, the State should be permitted to investigate serious criminal cases and have the case adjudicated in formal courts. In-camp courts administered by judicial magistrates may also be considered. Fourthly, legal support and court services in line with CEDAW commitments should be provided, addressing particular vulnerabilities of the women and girls. Finally, an independent panel of judges, lawyers, human rights representatives and civil society members should be there to oversee camp justice, case reviews and report abuse.

To conclude, it is not always the dominant demand of the Rohingyas to be citizens or be integrated into the Bangladeshi population. The Rohingyas want legal protection and safeguards primarily. Indeed, Bangladesh is only sabotaging itself by not allowing the Rohingyas to access and use the courts.

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LAW REVIEW

An appraisal of the Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025

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The rate of conviction in cases of violence against women and children in Bangladesh is alarmingly low. A 2019 research by ActionAid reveals that, on average, it takes two years to begin trial proceedings in four out of every five cases. The key reasons include victims’ fear, insecurity, threats, unwanted financial settlements, and fear of losing privacy. As a result, many refrain from seeking legal recourse. Similarly, witnesses also face pressure and intimidation to testify before court. For years, human rights organisations have demanded a separate law to ensure their protection. Although such a dedicated law has yet to be passed, the recently approved Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025 has incorporated several important provisions that, albeit partially, respond to this longstanding demand.

The Rape Law Reform Coalition (hereinafter ‘Coalition’), a platform

Notably, the Ordinance explicitly prohibits the publication of any information (ie crime committed against them or related legal proceeding) related to a woman or child who is a victim of the offenses covered by this law, such as their name, address, photo, or other identifying details in newspapers, any online platforms including social media, or any other medium [Section 14(1)]. Violation of this provision can result in up to two years of imprisonment, or a fine of up to BDT 100,000 or both [Section 14(2)]. While the previous law did restrict the disclosure of personal information, it did not specifically mention photographs. Also, online and social media platforms have now been integrated within the legal scope. These gaps have now been addressed, making the law more contemporary and responsive to the digital age.

A new subsection has also been added allowing the tribunal to receive testimony via digital means if the witness resides in a remote location, subject to prior approval [Section



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of 17 organisations with Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), jointly reviewed the draft ordinance and submitted a comprehensive set of recommendations to the interim government, which were reflected in the final Ordinance. The inclusion and revision of several key provisions signal progress and are expected to help victims and witnesses participate more actively in the justice process.

24(4)]. The government and relevant authorities are required to provide the necessary technical support to the tribunal in this regard. If implemented, this provision will reduce the burden on remote victims and witnesses, sparing them the need for repeated physical appearances.

Again, the new amendment has also stretched the scope of protective custody. Under the new Ordinance,

the tribunal can order protective custody not only for women or children victims, but also for any person associated with them [Section 31]. Furthermore, such protective custody must be outside prison and in government-designated safe places or other suitable arrangements. If necessary, the tribunal may place individuals under the custody of a specific agency.

One of the major obstacles to justice in cases of violence against women and children is the lack of protection for victims and witnesses. Section 32 Kha (1) of the amendment addresses this issue by allowing the tribunal to issue orders for the safety of the complainant, victim, or witness or take necessary steps to ensure such protection. Again, for witnesses from marginalised and remote areas, frequent court appearances are

difficult. The new amendment thus allows for compensation for travel and time lost by any witness [Section 32 Kha (2)]. Such financial assistance is likely to encourage participation and make the process of recording testimony more effective. This provision will be particularly helpful for government witnesses, such as doctors, police officers, and other officials, many of whom may have been transferred to distant locations and need to travel at their own expense and take leave to testify.

However, some proposals from BLAST and the Coalition were not finally included in the Ordinance. For example, the recommendation to legally prohibit disclosing any information that could identify vulnerable witnesses was not accepted. If it had been, the protection and privacy of vulnerable witnesses and

their families could be strengthened.

Additionally, the provision for testimony via information technology should not be limited to remote witnesses but also include vulnerable witnesses, particularly children. However, it is crucial to provide adequate training to judicial officers and court staff to facilitate this. Another limitation of the Ordinance is its failure to mention any specific procedure for the protection of adult women or obtaining their consent when placing them in protective custody (but it refers to the Children Act 2013 in ensuring custody of Children).

Quite undoubtedly the approval of the Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 is a significant milestone. While the provisions that the Ordinance introduced or revised regarding

victim and witness protection are vital, implementing them will be equally challenging. We hope that the government, in coordination with the Ministry of Law, the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, the Attorney General’s Office, public prosecutors, bar associations, law enforcement agencies, medical professionals, psychosocial experts, and civil society organisations, will develop and publish a comprehensive roadmap to effectively translate this positive initiative on victim and witness protection into reality and create public awareness in this regard. Only then can the path to justice for victims be made easier.

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Bangladesh players were all full of joy and excitement during the final training session in Phu Tho, Vietnam on Tuesday, ahead of today's opening match of the AFC Under-23 Asian Cup Qualifiers against the hosts. With Yemen and Singapore being the other teams in strong Group C, Bangladesh will look to make a positive start in their bid to make the tournament proper for the very first time. The 11 group winners and four best runners-up teams will qualify for the final round where they will be joined by hosts Saudi Arabia in January next year.

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### SHORT CORNER

#### Starc retires from T20Is

Australian quick Mitchell Starc announced his immediate retirement from T20Is on Tuesday, saying he wanted to focus on his Test and ODI career, ruling himself out of the T20 World Cup in February-March. Starc steps away with a busy schedule to come, including a home Ashes series starting later this year and a one-day World Cup on the horizon.

#### Neymar hits back at Ancelotti over Brazil selection snub

Brazil superstar Neymar has contradicted with coach Carlo Ancelotti over why he was left out of the national team squad. Brazil are gearing up for two crunch World Cup qualifiers: against Chile in Rio and then Bolivia at the dizzying altitude of El Alto. "If I was left out, it was a technical decision, it had nothing to do with my physical condition," Neymar said after playing a full 90 minutes in Santos' 0-0 draw with Fluminense on Monday.

#### Bangladesh plugs into game-changing FCH via FIFA Connect

The recent Bangladesh Premier League transfer window brought a quiet but important change. For the first time, the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) registered players through FIFA's digital system instead of the old paper-based process. It caused some confusion, but the move signals progress towards professionalism. At the heart of this change is the FIFA Clearing House (FCH), a system designed to ensure that clubs which train young players are rewarded when those players move on.

*\*\*Read full stories on The Daily Star's website*

## FROM T20 TO 50-OVER Bulbul's ambiguity continues

NABID YEASIN

From claiming he was here to play a "T20 innings" as Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president to announcing his intent to contest in the upcoming board elections yesterday, Aminul Islam Bulbul has remained consistent in one regard -- the ambiguity that often characterises the leadership positions in any line of work in the country.

Bulbul replaced Faruque Ahmed as the 17th BCB president on May 30 this year, gaining the position through the National Sports Council's (NSC) approval. "I have come to play a quick T20 innings. So I will play a good T20 innings that you will remember," Bulbul had said during his first interaction with the media as board president.

However, the former national skipper now insists his "quick T20 innings" is still not over.

"The quick T20 innings is not over yet. Let that be over first, and if I need to continue, I shall go from playing T20 to 50-over (ODI) cricket," Bulbul told reporters at the Sylhet District Stadium on Tuesday, following a meeting with district and divisional coaches.

Despite expressing his eagerness to possibly stretch his "T20 innings" into a longer one-day style knock, Bulbul remains unsure about his next step.

"I have not had any discussions with the NSC yet. I just expressed that I will contest the [BCB] election if possible.

Right now, I don't know from where [which constituency] I will contest or how I will do it.

"My only reason is that the work I had started is progressing well, and I feel that instead of leaving it half done, I should carry it forward to completion. That is one of the main reasons for wanting to continue," he added.

Following his announcement, it appears unlikely that Bulbul will continue as an NSC-nominated director. Instead, he is expected to directly contest the upcoming BCB elections, scheduled for the first week of October. If successful, this would secure him a four-year term as a BCB director and potentially another term as president -- provided he chooses to run for the top post after being elected to the board.

Bringing about drastic change in just three months -- the time Bulbul has had as BCB president -- is not realistic in any line of work. The same is true for Bulbul, but his accomplishments in these months have not offered much inspiration either.

Other than touring different parts of the country -- including Rajshahi, Barishal, Chattogram, Fatullah, Sylhet, and Khulna -- to assess cricket at the divisional level, and directly intervening to address the low and slow pitches at the

Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur, Bulbul has little to show for the work he insists should not be left "half done."

Since the ouster of the Awami League government on August 5 last year, there has been talk of reforming the BCB constitution ahead of the elections, along with renewed calls to tackle one of the game's long-standing challenges in Bangladesh -- decentralisation of cricket. However, the constitution reform committee, formed by Bulbul's predecessor Faruque Ahmed and led by BCB director Nazmul Abedeen Fahim, has remained inactive for months. Bulbul himself has not spoken in detail about either issue since assuming office.

With just a month left before the BCB polls, the scenario remains unchanged: those aiming to continue in the organisation responsible for the country's cricket development remain wrapped in the same ambiguity that has lingered for years. It also raises the question: Will the BCB boss eventually pad up for an even longer innings, transitioning from 50-over-style to a Test-like knock?

But so far, the scoreboard tells its own story: plenty of dot balls, not enough boundaries.



### EUROPEAN TRANSFER WINDOW

## PL flexes muscle

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The Premier League's financial firepower showed no signs of slowing as the summer transfer window shut with clubs spending a record-breaking €3.4 billion -- more than the annual gross domestic product of Bhutan.

The drama peaked late on Monday night when Liverpool confirmed the British record €143 million signing of Newcastle striker Alexander Isak, capping off a window in which they also landed Germany star Florian Wirtz for an initial €114 million.

The Premier League accounted for 51% of the gross spend across Europe's top five leagues, leaving rivals scrambling to keep pace. Liverpool led the way with a €482 million outlay, followed by Chelsea (€328m) and Arsenal (€293m), according to Transfermarkt.

"Stadium expansion and enhanced commercial partnerships coupled with on-pitch success has pushed their revenue line up over €684m," said Dan Plumley, football finance expert at Sheffield Hallam University, explaining the capabilities of the Premier League holders.

Outside England, the Bundesliga was hit hardest, losing Wirtz, Ekitike, Woltemade and Sesko to English clubs for a combined €380m. Bayern CEO and club legend Oliver Kahn publicly questioned whether Germany was destined to remain a "talent factory" for others.



PHOTO: REAL BETIS

Brazilian winger Antony reacts on his unveiling in Sevilla after sealing a permanent switch to Real Betis from Manchester United for a fee of €28m yesterday. Signed for €82m, Antony leaves Old Trafford as one of the club's most expensive flops.

### BEYOND THE PREMIER LEAGUE

Real Madrid landed Trent Alexander-Arnold (€11m), Franco Mastantuono (€38m), Alvaro Carreras (€50m) and Dean Huijsen (€57m).

Barcelona shocked Spain by prising goalkeeper Joan Garcia (€25m) from city rivals Espanyol.

European champions PSG added Illia Zabarnyi (€63m) from Bournemouth.

AS Monaco posted Europe's highest net income: +€104m.

Bayern Munich signed Luis Diaz (€86m) from Liverpool but saw Bundesliga talent drained by English clubs.

Borussia Dortmund recruited Jobe Bellingham (€33m), following in brother Jude's footsteps.

AC Milan snapped up Christopher Nkunku (€42m) from Chelsea.

Galatasaray pulled off a coup with Victor Osimhen (€75m) from Napoli.

Los Angeles FC lured Son Heung-min (€23m) from Tottenham.

## Spotlight on Tigers' bench strength in dead-rubber

SAMSUL AREFIN KHAN from Sylhet

After passing up two opportunities in the series, the Bangladesh team management is finally set to experiment when they face the Netherlands in the dead-rubber third and final T20I at the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium today.

Although the ongoing T20I series forms part of the 'Tigers' preparations for the upcoming Asia Cup T20I--scheduled to begin on 9 September--head coach Phil Simmons and skipper Litton Das had both downplayed the importance of results in the build-up. However, their cautious approach in the first two games told a different story.

Despite winning the toss in both matches, Bangladesh opted to field first on each occasion, favouring the conditions for chasing due to the dew factor. They comfortably chased down modest targets in both encounters, sealing their third successive T20I series victory. With the series already secured, the team now has the luxury to focus on experimentation--both



PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

in strategy and squad selection--for the final match.

According to a team official, Shamim Hossain--who had been recovering from a fever and missed the first two matches--is now fully fit and available for selection in the final game.

As today's fixture is Bangladesh's last before their opening Group B Asia Cup

match against Hong Kong on 11 September in Abu Dhabi, players such as Nurul Hasan Sohan and Mohammad Saifuddin could also be given opportunities to prove themselves ahead of the team's departure for the UAE on 7 September.

On Tuesday afternoon, four Bangladeshi players--Jaker Ali, Towhid Hridoy, Shamim Hossain and Rishad Hossain--took part in an optional practice session at the Sylhet Outer Stadium.

Meanwhile, the Netherlands will be eager to salvage some pride from the final match after suffering heavy defeats in the opening two games.

"I think there's always disappointment, but we're here to learn. We're here to give the guys their experience. But with all the work they put in, it is pretty disappointing--not just for us, but for them as well," Netherlands batting coach Heino Kuhn told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We've beaten some big teams and are looking to continue that journey--hopefully starting tomorrow again," he concluded.

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## ROHINGYA RIGHTS Situation worsened in Myanmar since 2023 UN report says

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The crisis in Myanmar, particularly in Rakhine State, is worsening, said a new report by the UN Human Rights Office, pointing to increased killings, torture, razing of villages, and mass forced displacement.

It said between the 2021 military coup and 20 August 2025, credible sources have verified the killings of some 7,100 people by the military in Myanmar, about a third of them were women and children.

At least 29,560 people have been arrested on political grounds, and over 22,000 remain in detention without fair trial in military-controlled courts.

The report said the human rights situation of Rohingyas in Rakhine has sharply deteriorated since late 2023, as escalating hostilities between the military and the Arakan Army (AA)

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Battery-run rickshaws race as they go against traffic on Babubazar bridge in the capital. This practice contributes to traffic congestion and frequent accidents on the bridge. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

## Violence against journos doubled in August

HRSS says 72 media professionals were affected

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Violence against journalists doubled in August 2025, according to the latest monthly report by the Human Rights Support Society (HRSS).

It recorded 39 incidents that affected at least 72 journalists. Among them, one was murdered, 33 were injured, five assaulted, 11 threatened, and one arrested. Two journalists were charged in a case, while 19 others were dismissed from their jobs.

The month saw two particularly shocking cases: on August 7, Md Asaduzzaman Tuhin, 38, of Protidiner Kagoj, was hacked to death in Gazipur, and on August 22, the body of senior journalist Bibhu Ranjan Sarker, assistant editor of Ajker Patrika, was recovered from the Meghna river.

HRSS also documented 67 incidents of political violence that left four people killed and at least 514 injured last month. Most clashes originated from power struggles, internal feuds, rallies, extortion, and office takeovers.

According to HRSS, BNP-related violence accounted for 34 incidents of internal conflict, leaving 373 injured and two dead. In addition, nine clashes between BNP and Awami League supporters left two dead and 38 injured.

Six clashes between BNP and Jamaat resulted in 36

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## DUCSU ELECTIONS

### Will formulate ‘student politics policy’ for DU Promises Swatantra Shikharthi Oikyo panel in its manifesto

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The independent panel, led by Umama Fatema, has promised that if it wins in Ducsu polls, it will establish student-friendly politics at Dhaka University, free from party allegiance.

It said that for having such a campus, they would formulate a “Student Politics Policy” through consultation with students, student organisations, and the university administration.

“Swatantra Shikharthi Oikyo” panel yesterday unveiled the manifesto at a press conference in Madhur Canteen ahead of Dhaka University Central Students’ Union elections slated for September 9.

The manifesto, with the slogan “Politically Conscious, Academic Campus,” also aims to create a campus that is free from partisan politics, accountable, modern, and of international standard – a safe space for all – where harmony and coexistence are ensured.

“Dhaka University now needs major reforms – both political and academic,” said Umama Fatema, the vice-president candidate of the panel.

Umama, a former coordinator of Students Against Discrimination, said they gathered students’ opinions by setting up “Idea Boards” at various locations across the university to learn what students think about the campus life, and incorporated those ideas into their manifesto.

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### Want to free DU from muscle power VP candidate Bin Yamin tells Star

SHARIF M SHAFIQUE

Bin Yamin Mollah, vice-president candidate from the “Ducsu for Change” panel backed by Chhatra Odhikar Parishad, has said he is contesting the Dhaka University Central Students’ Union (Ducsu) election to free the campus from the grip of muscle power.

In an interview with The Daily Star, the parishad president said he realised the dominance of muscle power soon after enrolling at the university. “That is the main reason I am running, to liberate this university from such control and lead it towards academic excellence. I have always been with students in their movements and even served time for protesting for the sake of the country. Students know they will always find me by their side.”

Bin Yamin said “no dirty politics, no violence, making Ducsu for academic excellence” will be at the core of his term in Ducsu

His priority will be solving students’ problems and ensuring their rights. “My target is ‘one student, one bed, one table’. This will help end the accommodation crisis and guarantee a proper environment for them.”

He also pledged to address food and transport issues, modernise the registrar building into a

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### Will prioritise student welfare GS candidate SM Farhad tells Star

SADI MUHAMMAD ALOK

SM Farhad, general secretary candidate from the Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed Oikkoboddho Shikharthi Jote in the upcoming Ducsu election, wants to ensure a sound atmosphere on campus for academic activities and prioritise the welfare of students.

If elected, he said, his panel would focus on six key student issues: campus safety, housing, security for female students, improved transportation, healthcare and food standards, and career support.

Talking to The Daily Star, Farhad also outlined some clear red lines. “We will oppose authoritarian politics, torture, guest-room and gono-room practices, violence, and extortion. Neither Islamophobia nor dress-related pressure will be tolerated. No one should feel pressured to wear hijab, and no one should be afraid to wear other kinds of clothing.”

Farhad, president of DU Chhatra Shibir, voiced optimism about a favourable outcome, saying his panel reflects the diversity and aspirations of students.

Explaining the composition of his panel, he said candidates were chosen strictly on merit. “For instance, our sports secretary nominee is a black-belt trainer, while the law and human rights secretary

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### SC may rule on Ducsu polls date today

DU CORRESPONDENT

The fate of Dhaka University Central Students’ Union election slated for September 9 is likely to be determined today by the Supreme Court’s Appellate Division.

The full bench will hear a petition filed by the Dhaka University administration seeking a stay on a High Court directive that postponed the election until October 30.

Justice Farah Mahbub, chamber judge of the Appellate Division, stayed the HC directive within one and a half hours after it was passed on Monday. Yesterday, the chamber judge extended the stay.

The High Court issued the directive following a writ petition filed by a female candidate for Ducsu’s Liberation War and democratic movements affairs secretary from the left alliance Aparajeyo 71, Odomyo 24 panel.

She appealed to stay the candidature of SM Farhad, the president of Islami Chhatra Shibir’s DU unit and Ducsu general secretary candidate from Oikyabaddho Shikharthi Jote, alleging that he was involved with the now banned Chhatra League.

The female candidate, however, faced rape threat by a student named Ali Husen on social media, drawing widespread condemnation.

The Dhaka University authorities yesterday formed two separate fact-finding bodies to investigate the issue.

On the campus, leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a procession yesterday

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## Strange 2,300-yr-old human burial unearthed in Peru

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Archaeologists have unearthed the remains of over a dozen humans in Peru dated to around 400BC, buried face down with their hands tied behind their backs, revealing insights about strange ancient burial rituals in the region.

The burial discovered in Peru’s northern coastal region of Puemape points to what may have been an ancient ritual sacrifice or burial, say researchers, including those from the National University of San Marcos. Buried individuals show signs of violence, including blows to multiple parts of the body, fractures, and unusual positions, hinting they were likely sacrificed after an armed conflict.

“The way in which they were placed in the tomb is strange,” Henry Tantalean from the National University of San Marcos told Live Science.

They were laid to rest “with their faces to the ground, an unusual burial pattern throughout Andean prehistory,” said Dr Tantalean, who heads the Research Group in Archaeology of Andean Science and Technologies of San Marcos.



Street children scavenging for used syringes, saline bags, and plastic items in a landfill along the Dhaka-Rajshahi highway. This exposes them to serious health risks. Waste from households in Rajshahi city and various hospitals is dumped here. The photo was taken near the cattle market in the city yesterday.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

## TORTURING JOURNALIST Ex-Kurigram DC Sultana lands in jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A Kurigram court yesterday sent former deputy commissioner of Kurigram, Sultana Parvin, to jail after rejecting her bail petition in a case filed over torturing a journalist.

Sultana, who is currently serving as an officer on special duty (OSD), entered a crowded courtroom around 11:15am, where a huge number of people had gathered to catch a glimpse of their former DC.

After hearing arguments from both sides and reviewing case documents, Kurigram District and Sessions Court Judge Mosammat Esmat Ara Begum rejected her bail plea and ordered her to be sent to jail.

Soon after, police escorted her to a prison van.

On the night of March 13, 2020, journalist Ariful Islam Rigan, Kurigram correspondent of Bangla Tribune, was picked up from his home by several magistrates and law enforcement officials. He was blindfolded and threatened with

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