

### ICT-1 Defence claims July uprising 'part of conspiracy'

IO rejects allegations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State defence counsel Amir Hossain, representing ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina and former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, yesterday claimed that the July uprising was part of a long-term plan and conspiracy.

"There was no war in 2024," he said.

He made the remarks while cross examining Investigation Officer Md Alamgir in the crimes against humanity case at the International Crimes Tribunal-1.

IO Alamgir dismissed the claims. Amir alleged that members of the interim government unjustly forced Hasina to resign and later compelled her to leave the country.

He also claimed that the July movement's one-point demand to oust the government was unlawful and that protesters carried out arson and violence across the country.

The IO rejected all the allegations.



A trader loads winter vegetable saplings onto his boat. He will take them to various urban and rural markets to sell to local farmers so they can begin planting winter vegetables soon. The photo was taken in Barishal's Babuganj upazila yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

### FARIDPUR SADAR UPAZILA

## 7 years, 2 contractors, still no bridge

SUZIT DAS, Faridpur

The construction of a key bridge over a branch of the Padma river in Faridpur Sadar upazila remains incomplete even after two deadline extensions and seven years since work began, causing deep frustration among locals.

The 580-metre-long and 9.8-metre-wide bridge, connecting Bhuiya Bari Ghat in Bhajandanga under Faridpur municipality and Taher Fakir's Dangi Ghat in Decree Char union, was originally scheduled for completion by June 30, 2020.

The deadline has since been extended twice, the latest of which expired on June 30 this year. Yet around 40 percent of the work remains unfinished.

The bridge is being built under a project titled "Construction of Important Bridges on Rural Roads" to improve communication between Faridpur town and the remote shoal areas.

Initially, the contract was awarded to Rafia Construction. However, its owners were arrested in 2020 as prime accused in a Tk 2,500 crore money laundering case and several others, and have been in jail since. The project came to a halt that year, with only 29 percent work completed.

After a two-year pause, the contract was re-awarded to Messrs



Jannat Construction Limited in 2022. Over the past three years, the company has completed another 31 percent of the work.

"So far, two girders and 10 pillars on both ends of the bridge have been installed. Of 11 slabs, three have been placed and work on the fourth is ongoing. While 26 girders have been built, 18 more are yet to be constructed," said Abu Hanif, the project's manager.

Abdul Halim, a junior engineer of Messrs Jannat Construction, said they have applied to LGED for another extension.

"The bridge would have made communication easier for more than 50,000 people. Since it remains unfinished, we still have to use trawlers and engine-boats to

cross the river," said Miraj Hossain, a resident of Gendumolla Haat.

Iris Bepari and Murad Hossain from Decree Char union shared similar frustrations.

Mehedi Hasan, chairman of Decree Char Union Parishad, said farmers from shoal areas face financial losses as they struggle to transport their produce to town markets.

Delwar Hossain, LGED engineer in Faridpur Sadar upazila, said about 60 percent of the construction work has been completed.

"The contractor's current deadline expired on June 30. Their proposal for an extension has been forwarded to LGED's central office in Dhaka, but no instruction has been received yet," he said.

## Türkiye backs Bangladesh's democratic transition

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Türkiye yesterday reaffirmed its strong commitment to supporting Bangladesh's democratic transition and institution-building efforts as the country moves toward elections early next year.

The pledge came during the 4th political consultation between the two countries at the state guest house Padma in Dhaka, according to a joint statement.

Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam and Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister A Berris Ekinci led their respective delegations.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the growing defence and security cooperation, including collaboration in defence industries, procurement, training, and capacity building, and reaffirmed their commitment to counterterrorism efforts.

Bilateral trade between the two countries stood at \$1.2 billion in 2024, and Bangladesh sought greater Turkish investment as it transitions from LDC status.

Berris Ekinci also called on Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain, where he underscored the need to boost bilateral trade and increase it to \$3 billion in the near future.

The two countries also reaffirmed their

steadfast solidarity with the Palestinian people in their legitimate pursuit of inalienable rights and self-determination.

They also stressed the urgent need for increased aid, justice and accountability for atrocities against the Rohingyas and their voluntary repatriation to Myanmar.



Turkish Deputy Foreign Minister A Berris Ekinci at a meeting with Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain yesterday.

PHOTO: PTD

According to the joint statement, the two discussed measures to diversify trade, enhance connectivity, boost investment, and promote joint ventures.

They also underscored the importance of holding the next Joint Economic Commission meeting soon.

## Bar 'biased' officials

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Akter recommended monitoring the electoral code of conduct even before the election schedule is announced.

She said as political activities are already ongoing, the EC should form a committee to monitor such activities early on, not just after the schedule is declared.

Former election official Khandokar Mizanur Rahman proposed that the EC consider appointing multiple returning officers in larger districts to ensure proper oversight.

Another former official, Mohammad Zakaria, urged the commission not to appoint individuals from institutions with "political affiliations", such as Islamic Bank. He also suggested avoiding personnel who had already served in the last three elections.

Former EC officials also suggested granting magistracy powers to EC officers, setting up polling

stations with fewer voters per centre, and forming "polling station protection committees" comprising elderly, non-partisan local residents who know one another.

Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin said many people have doubts about those who were on duty during the last three elections.

"Of course, there are good and bad individuals everywhere. Now, if we try to exclude people from a pool of around one million election officials, it's like stripping the whole blanket just to pick out a few threads. That's exactly the situation I'm facing," he said.

"About politically biased bank officials, we will keep an eye on that. We will do what needs to be done," he added.

Nijera Kori Coordinator Khushi Kabir said many are interested in ensuring women's representation and participation. "But unfortunately, we are

not receiving the kind of encouragement we expected from political parties," she said.

She demanded direct elections for women's reserved seats so that women can enter Parliament through public voting and play an active role. "Additionally, you must ensure the safety of women voters."

Women Affairs Reform Commission Chairman Shireen Parveen Haque proposed increasing the number of parliamentary seats from 300 to 600. Each constituency would have two seats — one exclusively for women and the other open to both men and women.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad President Fouzia Muslem said, "You must pay close attention to candidate selection. Those who are misogynistic, communal, or opposed to the spirit of the Liberation War must be carefully considered during the nomination process."

## Govt to declare oxygen

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in September 2022 following an icddr,b study to analyse the global availability and shortage of medical oxygen.

Sayedur made the announcement at a time when 70 percent of people in low and middle-income countries, including Bangladesh, do not receive oxygen when needed for acute medical or surgical care.

Citing a report of the Lancet Commission, icddr,b scientist Ahmed Ehsanur Rahman said 374 million people need medical oxygen globally every year, requiring at least 1.2 billion normal cubic metres annually.

Ehsanur, the commission's executive committee member and an author of the report,

said there is a huge oxygen coverage gap in low and middle-income countries, which would require \$6.8 billion annually to close.

Shams El Arifeen, another member of the commission, said over 5 billion people — more than 60 percent of the global population — lack access to safe, quality, and affordable medical oxygen services, with the coverage gap in LMICs standing at 70 percent.

Abu Hussain Md Moinul Ahsan, director (hospital) of the Directorate General of Health Services, said the gap in Bangladesh might not be that high.

It was shared at the summit that about 7.4 million people in Bangladesh need oxygen

each year — 2.1 million for acute medical conditions, 5.1 million for surgical needs, and 0.2 million for long-term therapy — requiring 84 million normal cubic metres of oxygen annually.

icddr,b Executive Director Tahmeed Ahmed said thousands of lives could be saved if oxygen supply were ensured. While Bangladesh has made progress in oxygen production, it remains insufficient, he added.

Sayedur said only 29 of the country's PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption) oxygen plants are functional, while 70 remain nonfunctional.

The government plans to launch a new project to make all plants operational and develop an integrated oxygen network, he added.

## A message

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Manikganj district BNP's former general secretary SA Jinnah Kabir said party members and activists were very inspired after hearing his words.

"He has been giving us many guiding messages for a long time. Through this interview, he again made it clear that everyone must stay united," he said.

BNP Publicity Secretary Sultan Salahuddin Tuku told journalists, "Tarique Rahman's words reflected the hopes and expectations of the people. It gave them confidence and optimism."

Sylhet district BNP President Abdul Quyum Choudhury said, "His speech came to us like a guideline for the future direction of the country's politics. Those of us working at the grassroots watched it with great enthusiasm."

"In his remarks, he also mentioned the long time sacrifices of the party's leaders and activists, which touched our hearts deeply," he added.

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নথি নং: এস-৪/৯২/World Bank Group (WBG)/প্রকল্প/২০২০-২১/৩০৫০৪ (৩৯)

তারিখ: ০৭/১০/২০২৫ খ্রি.

### অফিসের জন্য ভবন/অফিস স্পেস ভাড়া আবশ্যিক।

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন কাস্টমস হাউস, চট্টগ্রামের নতুন ভবন নির্মাণ কাজ চলাকালীন বিকল্প অফিস/ভবনে সরঞ্জামাদি স্থানান্তরের মাধ্যমে দায়িত্ব কার্যক্রম নির্বিঘ্নে পরিচালনার জন্য কাস্টমস হাউস, চট্টগ্রামের অফিস হিসেবে ব্যবহারের জন্য চট্টগ্রামের বন্দর এবং আড়াবাদ এলাকায় অবস্থিত অফিস স্পেস ১,৫২,৩৫৫ বর্গফুট এবং ল্যাবরেটরির জন্য ৯,৪১৬ বর্গফুট (কম/বেশি) আয়তন বিশিষ্ট ভবন/অফিস স্পেস ভাড়া আবশ্যিক। উক্ত ভবন/অফিসটিতে নিম্নে বর্ণিত সুবিধাসমূহ থাকা আবশ্যিক:

- (ক) কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারী এবং সকল সেবা গ্রহীতার জন্য পর্যাপ্ত লিফটের সু-ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে;
- (খ) প্রশস্ত সড়কের পাশে অবস্থিত হতে হবে;
- (গ) স্টেকহোল্ডারদের জন্য প্রতিদিন প্রায় ১০০ গাড়ির পার্কিং-এর ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে;
- (ঘ) গ্যাস, বিদ্যুৎ, পানি, টেলিফোন ইত্যাদির সু-ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে;
- (ঙ) দিনের বেলায় প্রাকৃতিক আলো ও বাতাসের ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে;
- (চ) ভবন/অফিসটি চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর এবং আড়াবাদ এলাকায় অবস্থিত হতে হবে;
- (ছ) ৭২ টি গাড়ি রাখার জন্য গ্যারেজ থাকতে হবে;
- (জ) কাস্টমস কর্তৃক জরুরী এবং কাস্টোডিয়ান শাখায় রক্ষিত মূল্যবান মালামাল সুরক্ষণের জন্য স্থান থাকতে হবে;
- (ঝ) মহিলা ও পুরুষের জন্য পৃথক বিস্তৃত নামাজের স্থান থাকতে হবে;
- (ঞ) পর্যাপ্ত নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে;
- (ট) ভবনটি মামলা-মোকদ্দমা মুক্ত হতে হবে;
- (ঠ) ফায়ার সেফটি ও জরুরি বিহীন পথ থাকতে হবে;
- (ড) ভবনে পর্যাপ্ত শৌচাগার, বিদ্যুৎ পানির ব্যবস্থা এবং পরিষ্কারতা বজায় রাখার সুবিধা থাকতে হবে;
- (ঢ) বৈদ্যুতিক সাব-স্টেশন/জেনারেটরের ব্যবস্থা থাকতে হবে যাতে দায়িত্ব কার্যক্রমে বিঘ্ন না ঘটে;
- (ণ) Modular Data Center (MDC)/ইন্টারনেট/সেটওয়ার্ক সংযোগের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় অবকাঠামো থাকতে হবে;
- (ত) মালিক বা তার অনুমোদিত প্রতিনিধি দায়িত্ব সময়ে সহজলভ্য থাকতে হবে।

২। উল্লিখিত অফিসের জন্য ভবন/অফিস ভাড়া দিতে আগ্রহী বাড়ির মালিককে আগামী ২৯/১০/২০২৫ খ্রি. তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিম্ন ঠিকানায় ভবন/অফিসের ক্ষেত্র মাপ, ভবনের মালিকানা সন্ধান কবজপত্র, একাধিক মালিক থাকলে সকলের লিখিত সম্মতি/অনুমোদন, এবং অন্যান্য আনুষঙ্গিক দলিলাদিসহ লিখিতভাবে ভাড়া প্রস্তাব (বিস্তারিত বর্ণনাসহ) প্রেরণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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## Support BNP

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platform of BNP-leaning teachers and employees, organised the rally at Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital to mark World Teachers' Day.

They raised various demands, including a non-discriminatory education system, increasing the retirement age to 65, bringing non-MPO institutions under the MPO scheme, and nationalising the jobs of teachers and employees of private institutions.

"No matter how many reform initiatives we take in the state or politics, we will not achieve the desired results unless we modernise the education system and ensure the financial and

social security and dignity of teachers," Tarique said.

He also announced that an "Education Reform Commission" would be formed on a priority basis.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Standing Committee members Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan and Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury also spoke.

**PRAYER TIMING**  
OCTOBER 8  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
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**Legal Notice**  
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)  
COMPANY MATTER NO. 1794 OF 2025  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
Fairroze Rahman Aurna .....Petitioner  
Mirpur Holy Crescent Hospital (Pvt.) Ltd and another  
.....Respondents  
Notice is hereby given to all concerned that Fairroze Rahman Aurna filed an application under section 81(2), 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 ("the application") seeking an order to hold Annual General Meeting for the calendar year 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 of respondent No. 01 Company, Mirpur Holy Crescent Hospital (Pvt.) Ltd for submitting the audited balance sheet and profit and loss account for the year ended on 30th June 2021, 30th June 2022, 30th June 2023 and 30th June 2024, before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing, the Hon'ble Justice of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, Mr. Justice Ahmed Sobel was pleased to admit the application by an order dated 25.09.2025 and further the petitioner is directed to publish this notice in two daily newspaper namely "The Daily Star" and "The Daily Jugun" within 3 (three) weeks from date of said order and also the petitioner is further directed to file an affidavit-in-compliance on or before 30.10.2025. The petitioner is further directed to put in requisites forthwith.  
Any person or persons having interest in the said application may appear either personally or through duly authorized Advocate on the date so fixed.  
Copy of the said application may be obtained from the office of the undersigned on payment of required costs.  
Yours sincerely,  
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Memo No. 46.02.0000.575.07.002.25-13 Date: 07.10.2025

**Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Design, Monitoring and Supervision (DMS) Consulting Services (Firm selection)**

**Project Title:** Integrated Services and Livelihood for Displaced People from Myanmar and Host Communities Improvement Project (ISLP) (LGED Part)

**Assignment:** Consultancy Services for Design, Monitoring and Supervision, Package No: ISLP/S-07/LGED

1. The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh receive a grant (Grant No-1027) and a loan (Loan No-4607) from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to partly finance the proposed project under Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) of local Government Division. There will be construction of infrastructure for Dpin and host communities of Cox'sbazar and Noakhali District. Part of the project financing (grant) will be used for this consulting services.

2. The objective of this assignment is to design, monitor and supervise the construction under phase-1 and to design and undertake due diligence for the components under phase-2. Hence the project will recruit eligible National consulting firm(s) as DMS with adequate experience in project management and administration; construction supervision and quality control, design and related support following ADB's procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).

3. EOIs may be submitted by a firm, association, or joint venture. The EOI should mention the qualifications and experiences of each member of the association as well as contribution of each member in delivering the Services.

4. A consulting firm will be selected following the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method in accordance with the procedures set in the Guidelines on "The Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers". The EOIs will be evaluated based on the complete information provided in the ADB's Template for Expression of Interest (Consulting Firm).

5. According to the latest ADB procurement regulations, the REOI for this Consulting Service has been published electronically in the ADB Consultant Management System (CMS) which can be accessed through the following link:  
[https://selfservice.adb.org/OA\\_HTML/auth/xcsrppj/ADB/CrmFwdJsp?sel=215191](https://selfservice.adb.org/OA_HTML/auth/xcsrppj/ADB/CrmFwdJsp?sel=215191)  
The interested consulting firms are hereby advised to access the REOI through the above link. If any contradiction is found between CMS notice and newspaper notice, the information on CMS notice shall prevail. The Consultants shall have to submit their EOIs electronically through the ADB CMS by (09:59 PM BD Time) 11:59 PM (Manila local time) on 6 November, 2025.

6. The project will conduct the short-listing of the interested consulting firms for the above-mentioned service. The key qualifications and experiences of the Consulting firms required are as follows: (a) Technical Competence: general experience, specific experience in similar assignments (design review-detailed design and project management consulting services with comparable scale and technical specifications. Firms with previous experience in the similar assignment will be given preference; (b) Geographic Experience: experience in similar geographic area; (c) Summary of relevant permanent professional employees and resource persons. (d) Experience in working with Multilateral Development Banks - MDBs (i.e. ADB, World Bank etc.).

7. Further information including scope of work and Terms of Reference are available in the CMS.

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