



Protesters gesture outside the town hall on Independence Avenue during a nationwide youth-led protest over frequent power outages and water shortages in Antananarivo, Madagascar, yesterday, hours before the country's President, Andry Rajoelina, fled on a French military aircraft in the face of calls for his resignation.

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Sub-jail declared in Dhaka cantonment

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However, it remains unclear whether the 15 army officers will be handed over to the police or the army itself will produce them before the tribunal.

ICT Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam also talked to journalists about the matter after tribunal proceedings yesterday.

Responding to a question on whether the army can arrest the 15 officers now under its custody, he said, "No. Only the law enforcement agencies can arrest them."

He added, "As long as they are not shown arrested, the law does not apply."

Tajul also said once law enforcement agencies officially show a person arrested, they are legally bound to produce the accused before the court within 24 hours -- an obligation stated in the constitution, the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, and the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

"After that, the court will decide

where the accused will be kept [in jail]," he said.

Asked about the gazette notification declaring the building in Dhaka Cantonment a temporary jail, Tajul said the term "prison" could refer to any place declared as such by the government -- be it the central jail, the Jatiya Sangsad building, the MP Hostel, or any other facility.

"If declared so, an accused may be sent there, and that place will be considered a prison. This is not for the prosecution or the investigation agency to decide," he said, adding, "Our only concern is that the process must be done lawfully."

Home ministry officials said the government has the authority to declare any building a sub-jail or temporary jail in specific cases.

There are precedents. During the 2007-08 caretaker government rule, two houses in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban area were declared sub-jails for Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson

Khaleda Zia.

While revealing the news that the 15 officers were taken into custody at a press conference on Saturday, the Army Headquarters did not clarify their current status.

It said the army has its own system of custody called 'Move and Quartering' (MNQ), and the officers were directed to come under that arrangement.

It also said if the police act upon the warrants, they may arrest the nine retired or suspended officers since the army law does not apply to them the same way it does to serving ones.

It added that the army had offered them the option to come under its custody.

Regarding producing the officers before the ICT by October 22, the deadline mentioned in the tribunal's order, the army said that they were seeking legal clarification, and once they received that clarification, they would act exactly as the law required.

Signing first, implementation decision later

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charter without the implementation process included, Riaz said, "They will sign it based on the consensus agreed upon by all political parties. It is a historical document. It should be signed first."

Earlier, on September 11, the commission circulated a draft of the charter and announced that no new proposals would be added or removed. Following two rounds of dialogue with political parties, the commission finalised 84 reform proposals, which will be part of the July National Charter.

The commission had sought opinions from political parties on repealing article 4A of the constitution, which requires the display of portraits of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in government offices. Most parties supported its removal, but the issue will not be included in the charter.

"Since parties are already in agreement, the next parliament will take the decision on the matter," Prof

Riaz said.

The commission had initially planned to have the charter signed in July, but the process stalled over disagreements on implementation.

Although parties agreed in principle to enforce the charter through a referendum, they failed to reach consensus on the timing, procedures, and framework.

The commission will now combine expert and party opinions to prepare a set of implementation recommendations for the government.

SIGNING CEREMONY

The signing ceremony will be held on October 17. So far, 30 political parties and alliances have submitted the names of their representatives who will sign the document, said Monir Haidar, special assistant to the chief adviser on consensus building.

There will be one master copy of the charter containing three sections -- a preamble on the reform initiative's historical context, a list of reform proposals, and a declaration of

commitment.

Thirty copies of the declaration will be signed individually before being consolidated in the master copy.

The cultural affairs ministry is assisting in organising the ceremony at the South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad, where around 3,000 guests will be invited.

The programme will have two sessions -- the signing before Maghrib prayers, followed by a projection mapping presentation narrating the journey of the charter.

The ministry is also preparing a cultural programme, pending final approval.

Speaking at the venue yesterday, Cultural Affairs Adviser Mostofa Sarwar Farooki said final plans will be confirmed after a meeting with Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus.

"This document represents our future roadmap and a major political shift," Farooki said. "We want the signing to be a historic moment -- something for future generations to remember."

'No more talks, strike at the very start'

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The prosecution began by screening a video report produced by The Daily Star showing the final moments before Hasina was ousted on August 5. The footage referred to an order she had issued to a law enforcement official, later identified as Col Rajib, which was followed by the audio conversation being played in court.

WIDESPREAD AND SYSTEMATIC ATTACK
Arguing before the tribunal, the prosecution said the attacks carried out during the July uprising were "widespread and systematic" in nature, thus amounting to crimes against humanity under international law.

The chief prosecutor presented supporting materials, including witness testimonies, UN reports, and video and audio clips to establish that the atrocities committed between July and August last year were planned, state-sponsored, and targeted against civilians nationwide.

Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam said the evidence, both documentary and testimonial, demonstrates that the legal conditions for crimes against humanity were fully met.

"We've analysed the evidence to show that the July-August attacks were not random or isolated

incidents. They were organised and coordinated operations across Bangladesh, involving large numbers of perpetrators using state resources."

Tajul told the tribunal that about 35,000 people were injured and over 1,400 killed in the nationwide crackdown, with atrocities reported in at least 838 locations across 41 districts, with people from 61 districts killed.

"The scale of the attack itself proves that it was widespread. It was carried out repeatedly and in the same manner, showing that it was systematic."

He gave a chronological account of the protests and subsequent atrocities committed by police, Border Guard Bangladesh, Rapid Action Battalion, Ansar, and armed activists of the Awami League, Chhatra League, and Jubo League between July 1 and August 5.

The chief prosecutor outlined the timeline of the case, stating it began with a complaint filed on August 14 last year. Formal charges were submitted on July 1, the tribunal took cognisance the same day, and charges were framed on July 10. Of the 84 listed witnesses, testimonies from 54 have been recorded so far.

According to the prosecution, student protesters and general citizens

who joined the anti-discrimination movement were also subjected to arrest, torture, and illegal confinement.

The operation, it said, was executed under a structured plan using state machinery, including police, Rab, APBN, BGB, DGFI, NSI, SB, SWAT, CTTC, and DB, adding that armed cadres of the ruling party also carried out the atrocities.

Tajul said, acting on instructions from Sheikh Hasina, law enforcement agencies deployed drones for surveillance, utilised helicopters and armoured personnel carriers to shoot from both the air and ground, and used military-grade rifles and other lethal weapons to suppress the July uprising.

He further said the National Telecommunication Monitoring Centre (NTMC) illegally intercepted phone calls of dissenters, prevented treatment of the wounded, and even blocked burials of victims and burnt bodies of six people.

Citing the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, he said a crime against humanity must be both widespread and systematic. "By analysing witnesses' statements and corroborating evidence, we have shown that the July-August operation meets both conditions under international law."

Request for Information (RFI)

For Market Engagement of Works Contracts

The Government of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Resilient Infrastructure for Adaptation and Vulnerability Reduction (RIVER) Project under Local Government Engineering Department, the Implementing Agency of the project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Construction of 75 nos. of Primary School cum Flood Shelter with Solar PV Nano Grid, Street Light, Lightning Protection & Connecting Roads, Bridge/Culvert, Furniture and Tree Plantation in Faridpur and Madaripur Districts.

- The procurement is planned to be carried out in **two (2) packages** through **International Competitive Bidding (ICB) with Rated Criteria** following procedures of the **World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers**. There will be 35 and 40 shelters in Faridpur and Madaripur Package respectively.

- An Early Market Engagement (EME) program for the above-mentioned procurement of "Construction of 75 nos. of Primary School cum Flood Shelter with Solar PV Nano Grid, Street Light, Lightning Protection & Connecting Roads, Bridge/Culvert, Furniture and Tree Plantation in Faridpur and Madaripur Districts" under the project is scheduled as follows:

Date: 30 October 2025

Time: 11:00 A.M. (Bangladesh Standard Time; GMT+ 6)

Venue: Conference room, Level-4, Main Building, LGED Head Quarter, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh

Mode: Hybrid (online link will be provided later).

Agenda: To exchange ideas and information related to the above mentioned procurement packages.

N.B.: Attending the program physically is highly encouraged to facilitate effective communication and interaction. More information about project and contract may be obtained from the link <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P173312>

Interested Bidders are invited to attend the EME program by completing registration through filling out and submitting the RFI form within **20 October 2025**.

Please fill up the Request for Information (RFI) for market engagement of works contract in Google Form through link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdW0uSbGsuEZJXskHsbwcBiC94uABF6iSRXHiv5Hh276y8R1w/viewform>

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মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তরধীন, টঙ্গী ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টারের শিশুদের জন্য মাসিক ভিত্তিতে একটানা ১২ (বার) মাস (সরকারি ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত) খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি ক্রয়ের লক্ষে The Public Procurement Act, 2006 এর বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ অনুযায়ী নিম্নোক্ত শর্তাধীনে প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগের নাম	:	মহিলা ও শিশু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়।
২।	বাস্তবায়নকারী সংস্থার নাম	:	মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর।
৩।	সংগ্রাহক স্বত্বার নাম	:	মহাপরিচালক, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর।
৪।	ক্রয়/সজ্জাহের স্বত্বাধিকারী জেলা	:	গাজীপুর।
৫।	ক্রয়/সজ্জাহের স্বত্বাধিকারী কোড নং	:	৩-৩০২১-০০০০-৩২৫৪১০২
৬।	দরপত্র আহ্বানের কারণ ও উদ্দেশ্য	:	টঙ্গী ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টারের শিশুদের জন্য খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি ক্রয়।
৭।	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	:	৩২.০১.০০০০.০০০.০০৭.০০৫৮.২৩.১২৭ তারিখঃ ০৬/১০/২০২৫খ্রিঃ

৮।	ক্রয়/সজ্জাহ পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)
৯।	বাজেট এবং তহবিলের উৎস	:	রাজস্ব খাত (জিওবি)
১০।	দরপত্র প্যাকেজ এর নাম	:	খাদ্য সামগ্রী ক্রয়।
১১।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সময়সীমা	:	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ২৯/১০/২০২৫ তারিখ বিকাল ৫:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

১২।	ক) দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়সীমা	:	৩০/১০/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত;
	খ) দরপত্র বন্ধ হওয়ার তারিখ ও সময়সীমা	:	৩০/১০/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২:০১ ঘটিকা।
১৩।	দরপত্র বন্ধ হওয়ার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	:	৩০/১০/২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ২:৩০ ঘটিকা, দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণ কমিটির সভাপতি টঙ্গী ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, গাজীপুর এর অফিস কক্ষ।

১৪।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	:	টঙ্গী ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, গাজীপুর।
১৫।	দরপত্র গ্রহণের জন্য অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	:	টঙ্গী ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার, অভিযান-১০, ৩নং চেরাগ আলী মাদবর রোড, টঙ্গী, গাজীপুর।

১৬।	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	:	প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর ও ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের ফটোকপি, আর্থিক স্বচ্ছতার সনদ ও ব্যাংক স্ট্যাটমেন্ট (দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ থেকে পূর্বের ৬ (ছয়) মাসের) এবং খাদ্য দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহের ২(দুই) বছরের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে, যা দরপত্র প্রস্তাবের সাথে প্রদানযোগ্য। সকল কাগজপত্র প্রথম শেখির গেজেটেড অফিসার কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত (নামাঙ্কিত সীলসহ) থাকতে হবে। প্রতিটি সিডিউলের মূল্য ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র।
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১৮।	দরপত্র সিডিউল সংক্রান্ত তথ্যাদি	:	

কাজের বিবরণ	কাজের অবস্থান	দরপত্র সিডিউলটির পরিমাণ	সরবরাহের সময় (দিন/সপ্তাহ/মাস)
খাদ্য সামগ্রী ক্রয়	টঙ্গী ডে-কেয়ার সেন্টার, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, গাজীপুর।	মোট কোর্টেজ মূল্যের ৩% আনেষ্টমানি জমা দিতে হবে।	কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের তারিখ হতে একটানা ১২ (বার) মাস।

১৯।	দরপত্র সিডিউল সজ্জাহের উপায়	:	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য বাবদ ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক/সোনালী ব্যাংক ট্রেজারী চালানের মাধ্যমে (কোড নং-১৩০০২০১১১৮১৮২-১৪২২৩২৮) জমা দিয়ে চালানের মূলকপি জমা প্রদানপূর্বক অফিস সময়ের মধ্যে ১৫নং ক্রমিকে উল্লেখিত কার্যালয় থেকে সিডিউল সজ্জাহ করা যাবে।
২০।	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নম্বর	:	মোহাম্মদ মনির হোসেন, ডে-কেয়ার অফিসার, মহিলা বিষয়ক অধিদপ্তর, টঙ্গী, গাজীপুর। ফোনঃ ০২২২৪৪১১০৪২।
২১।	বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলী	:	কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র/সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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