

CHT LAND COMMISSION
33 noted citizens concerned over meeting deferral

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thirty-three eminent citizens have expressed concern over the postponement of the October 19 meeting of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Land Dispute Resolution Commission.

In a joint statement, they called for a high level, independent, and impartial investigation to determine who are blocking the commission's scheduled meetings in the three hill districts and why the meetings are being repeatedly postponed.

They also insisted that any influential quarter within the government abetting these obstructions must be identified and held accountable.

The signatories strongly condemned the decision to defer the meeting "in the face of threats issued from a group under the banner of Rangamati Shachetan Nagarik Shoma".

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'Resign if you want to serve any party'

Jamaat leader cautions govt officials against political bias

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami Assistant Secretary General Rafiqul Islam Khan yesterday alleged that the "ghost of politicisation" still exists within the interim government.

He also warned that people will again take to the streets if anyone in the government works in favour of any particular political party.

"If any advisers, secretaries, election commissioners, or police officials want to act as party men, they should resign. Everyone knows what happened to those in the administration who acted as party stooges. If someone in a government office works for a political party, the people will not just sit idle," he said at a rally at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in Dhaka.

Rafiqul expressed optimism that his party would win in the upcoming elections in a similar manner to how Islami Chhatra Shibir -- the Jamaat-

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Shah Alam Patwary passes away

CITY DESK



Md Shah Alam Patwary, former director of Dhaka Newspaper Hawkers Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd, passed away on Sunday while undergoing treatment at a city hospital.

The management, its officials, and all members expressed deep grief and condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Task force may again miss

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 would be sought from the HC to complete the investigation, he said, "I can't say that right now. It can only be said after discussions with the government."

Investigation Officer Md Azizul Haque, also an additional superintendent of police at the PBI, declined to provide further details.

Contacted, Additional Attorney General Mohammad Arshadur Rouf said he was not aware of the progress of the investigation.

On April 22, the HC granted the task force an additional six months to complete the investigation and to submit its report.

The bench of Justice

Fatema Najib and Justice Sikder Mahmudur Razi passed the order after Rouf sought nine months to complete the probe.

At the time, he informed the court that several officials involved in the investigation had been changed or transferred over the years, delaying the process.

He also said forensic evidence related to the case had been sent to the US and that the task force was awaiting the report, which further delayed the investigation.

The HC fixed October 22 for further hearing.

On September 30 last year, another HC bench led by Justice Farah Mahbub ordered the home ministry to transfer the investigation responsibility from the Rapid Action Battalion and constitute a task force.

The task force was directed to complete the investigation and submit a report to the court within six months. That deadline expired on March 31 this

year. The bench had issued the order in response to a government petition filed on September 29 last year, seeking modification of a previous HC directive from April 18, 2012, which had ordered the inspector general of police to transfer the case from the Detective Branch to Rab.

However, Rab also failed to complete the probe.

On September 14, a Dhaka court issued the 122nd extension for the investigation officer to submit the report after expressing dissatisfaction over the repeated delays.

Sagar Sarwar, news editor of private television channel Maasranga, and his wife, Meherun Rumi, senior reporter at ATN Bangla, were murdered in their rented flat in West Rajabazar on February 11, 2012.

Rumi's brother filed a murder case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station the following day, without naming any suspects.

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 hour sit-in at district and upazila headquarters every day from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

Azizi urged all teachers to suspend ongoing training programmes and join the movement.

The demonstrators termed the government's decision to fix house rent at five percent of the basic salary or a minimum of Tk 2,000 as "unrealistic" and vowed to continue their protest until their demands are met.

The teachers reiterated

their three-point demand: 20 percent of the basic salary as house rent allowance, an increase in medical allowance from Tk 500 to Tk 1,500, and raising the festival bonus for staff from 50 to 75 percent.

Meanwhile, the BNP expressed solidarity with the agitating teachers.

BNP Joint Secretary General Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annie visited the protesters at the Shaheed Minar yesterday and urged the government to consider their demands.

MPO teachers issue

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 "These are difficult times. Some people are trying to break the unity forged through the Liberation War of 1971 and the Uprising of 2024," said the BNP leader.

"They are attempting to create division by spreading various kinds of propaganda. We must remain vigilant against this," he added.

Meanwhile, speaking at another event, Fakhrul

keep affected families and the public informed of progress.

**Tk 3cr bridge still unusable after 3yrs
 Locals suffer as approach road remains unfinished**

MINTU DESHWARA, Moulvibazar

A 45-metre bridge over a stream connecting the Teliapara Shahpur road in Madhabpur upazila of Habiganj has remained incomplete for three years after the construction deadline expired in November 2022.

Although the main structure is finished, the approach road on one end is yet to be built, making the bridge inaccessible. As a result, thousands of locals, including schoolchildren, elderly people, and tea garden workers, risk injuries daily while crossing the stream.

The earthen approach road on the southern end has collapsed due to erosion, forcing residents to climb steep slopes to cross the stream. Vehicles, including ambulances, cannot reach the area, leaving the villages practically cut off.

"I once slipped and hurt my feet when going to school," said 14-year-old Munna Tanti.

Chitta Ranjan Debbarma, headman of Sathchari village, said the only alternative route adds four kilometres to their journey.

"We cannot take patients to hospitals or goods to markets," he added.

The LGED started the Tk 3 crore project in mid-2020, awarding the work to M/s Hasan Enterprises, but three years past the deadline, it remains non-functional.

The contractor has already withdrawn Tk 2.42 crore, alleged locals.

Contractor Nasir Mia admitted the delay and said the bridge's approach road, guard wall, and protection works were delayed due to bad weather. "I want to complete everything within this month," he said.

Faridur Rahman, executive engineer of LGED in Habiganj, said, "We've instructed the contractor to complete the remaining work within this month. If the deadline is missed again, action will be taken, including cancellation of the contract."

Freeze S Alam's shares worth Tk 8,000cr

Dhaka court orders ACC

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission to freeze 51,318,23,286 shares of 105 companies and firms owned by S Alam Group Chairman Mohammad Saiful Alam, his family members, and beneficiaries over corruption allegations.

The market value of these shares stands at Tk 800,37,872,950.

Judge Sabir Faiz of Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court passed the order after ACC Deputy Director Tahasin Monabil Haq, who leads the inquiry team, submitted an application in this regard.

"The ACC official came to know from credible sources that S Alam and others were trying to transfer these shares of 105 companies and firms elsewhere. So, an order is needed to prevent them from doing so," said the anti-graft body in its application.

Most cases moved

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The committee, led by an additional secretary of Law and Justice Division,

will compile a list of cases

filed over killings and other

serious crimes during the uprising and assess their current status.

It will identify any obstacles to prosecution, excluding those under the ICT, and recommend necessary actions to the government.

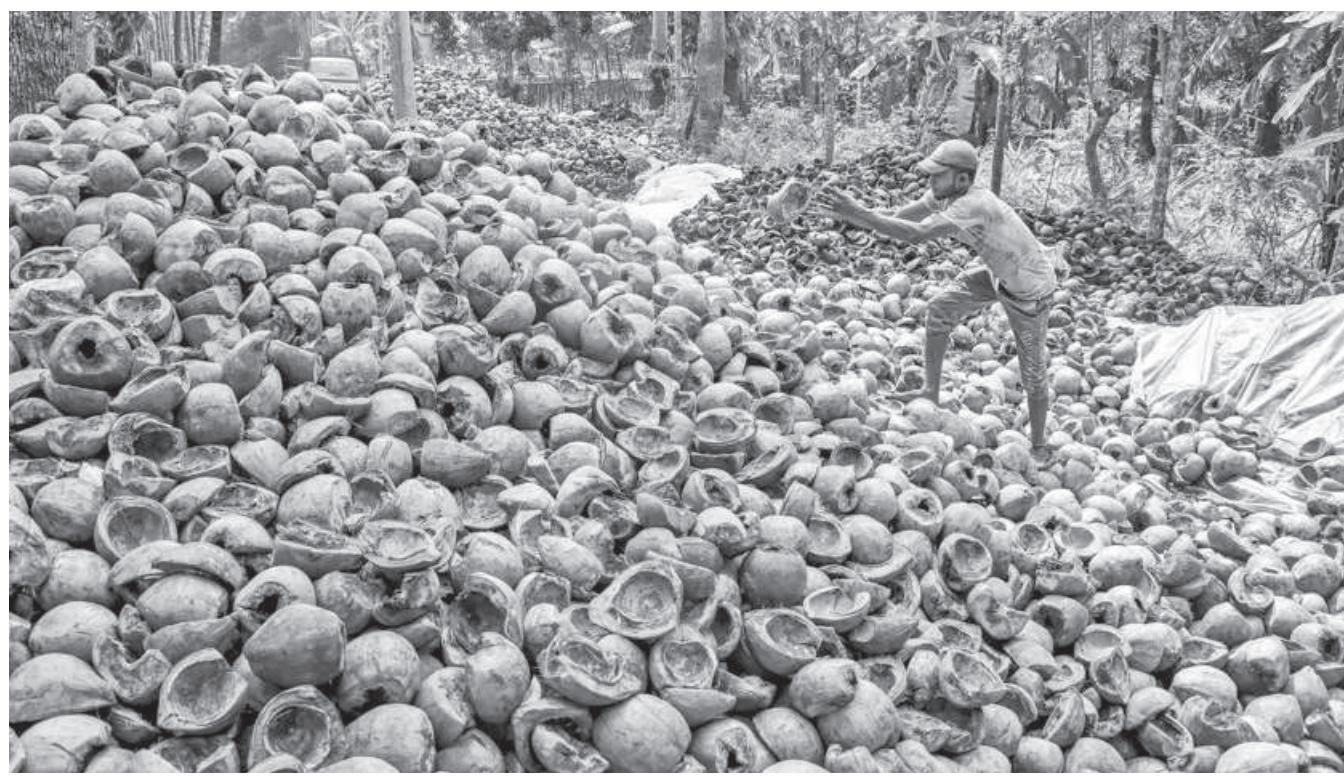
The committee will also

keep affected families and the public informed of progress.

A total of 837 cases have so far been recorded, alleging that killings were carried out on the orders of the former Awami League government to suppress the protests.

Of these, trials in 45 cases are currently underway at the ICT.

Police have submitted charge sheets in 19 murder cases across various courts.



Labourer Abu Hanif sorts coconut shells collected from different areas. He separates the coir (fibre from the outer husk of the coconut) using a machine and sells it to companies that use it to make mats, carpets, and other fibre products. Each kilo of coir sells for around Tk 70-80. The photo was taken yesterday at Rahimabad village in Bagerhat, Khulna. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Tangail Shoal teachers suffer amid transport woes

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

Teachers of various educational institutions located in remote Jamuna shoals of Tangail's Bhuapur upazila have long been suffering from transportation issues.

Engine boats remain the only mode of transport for teachers to reach their workplaces from the mainland.

According to the Upazila Education Office, there are 32 primary schools, four high schools, and four madrasas in shoals under Gabsara and Arjuna unions.

Sumaiya Sultana Sweety, headteacher of Bhadrashimul Dakshin Para Government Primary School,

said she has to take a boat, then a bike, and walk another 45 minutes to reach the school.

"I have to spend Tk 1,200 monthly for boat rentals and

she said.

Sirajul Islam, a teacher at Puro Ramail Government Primary School, said, "During monsoon, each boat ride takes around Tk 200, often

another Tk 300-600 for bikes. If the government could arrange transport for us or provide a transport allowance, it would ease our suffering,"

enabling us to reach the school directly. However, the expenses rise during dry season when we also have to take motorbikes to reach the schools."

Shahnur Islam, Bhuapur

upazila assistant primary education officer, said, "There are around 90 primary school teachers in various schools who have to commute by boat on the Jamuna."

"In some remote haor areas, teachers get 20 percent of their basic salary as special allowance for performing duties amid transport and communication inconveniences," he added.

Sahab Uddin, Tangail's district primary education officer, said, "The government provides special allowances to teachers in some haor, island and shoal areas. Unfortunately, we don't have it here. If local teachers were given some allowances, they would benefit."

The officials, however, could not say why teachers in Tangail's shoal areas do not get the allocation.



Another photo showing people on a boat.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH

HIGH COURT DIVISION

(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO 1703 OF 2025

IN THE MATTER OF: An application under Sections-81(2), 85(3), 183 read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND

IN THE MATTER OF: Md. Mofakale Hossain Chowdhury, Shareholder, Director and Managing Director of H. & M. Trims Industries Ltd. of 152, R.K. Mission Road (9th Floor), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

—PETITIONER

—Respondents

Take notice that an application under Sections-81(2), 85(3) & 183 read with Section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the above named Petitioner for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting of H. & M. Trims Industries Ltd. for the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to give necessary direction for holding the said meeting within a reasonable time. Upon hearing of the application on 25-09-2025 the Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has been pleased to admit the said application. If you are interested to oppose the said application you may appear before the Hon'ble Court either in person or through an advocate on or before the date fixed for hearing. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary cost.

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