

Safety of all citizens govt's key priority

Says CA's press secy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The interim government is giving the utmost priority to ensuring the safety of all citizens, including people of all religions and minority communities, said Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam yesterday.

When approached by The Daily Star, the press secretary urged everyone not to be misled by any kind of propaganda.

Recently, several Islamist groups held nationwide protests on Friday demanding a ban on the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), accusing it of murder, abduction, and anti-state activities.

The demand came after
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Market waste dumped in the middle of the road at Gollamari Bazar intersection, Khulna, is blocking traffic, bothering pedestrians, and spreading a foul stench, despite a nearby sign urging people not to leave garbage.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Restructure interim govt, make it non-partisan: CPB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) has called for the immediate restructuring of the interim government in a non-partisan manner to ensure a free, fair, and impartial national election.

The demand was made at CPB's three-day central committee meeting, according to a press release issued yesterday by Luna Noor, a member of the committee.

The meeting decided that in order to create a conducive environment
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Century-old pond being filled up in Ctg

SIFAYET ULLAH, Ctg

A portion of a century-old pond in the Farider Para area has been illegally filled in violation of existing environmental laws.

The pond, locally known as Afjar Baper Pukur, covers an area of around 52 decimals. Khorshed Ali, a student of Chittagong University and a local resident, said people have long used the pond's water for domestic purposes, and it also serves as a source of water for firefighting activities in the area.

Around three weeks ago, a portion of the pond on its southern side was filled with sand and enclosed with bamboo fencing to prevent water flow, causing the rest of the pond to dry up. The dumping of domestic waste by locals further deteriorated its condition.

A team from the Department of Environment (DoE) has already visited the site and found evidence of the illegal filling of the

waterbody.

According to the DoE and locals, the filled portion of the pond belongs to two individuals — Khorshed Alam and Tayeb. Another local, Anwar Hossain, had signed an agreement with Tayeb to purchase a portion of the pond and fill it with sand.



After confirming the allegations, the DoE's Chattogram city office issued notices to the individuals involved, asking them to appear for a hearing.

Contacted, Anwar admitted that he had dumped 5-6 truckloads of sand there. "I had made an advance agreement

to purchase three decimals of land from Tayeb. He assured me of helping with filling up the portion with sand. However, after some legal complications arose, I cancelled the agreement and took back the advance money from Tayeb," he said.

Khorshed, however, denied the allegation of filling up his portion of the pond, while Tayeb could not be reached despite repeated phone calls.

According to the Environment Conservation Act and the Natural Water Reservoir Conservation Act, filling up a waterbody is a punishable offence, carrying up to five years' imprisonment, a fine of up to Tk 50,000, or both.

Saiful Islam, assistant director of the DoE's Chattogram city office, said, "We have served notices to the individuals responsible, asking them to explain their actions. Legal measures will be taken based on the outcome of the hearing scheduled for this week."

Jamaat objects to BNP's proposal on polling officials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Mia Golam Porwar has expressed concern over a BNP proposal to the Election Commission not to appoint officials from certain institutions allegedly linked to a "right-leaning party" as polling officials in the upcoming national election.

In a statement yesterday, Porwar said BNP's October 23 proposal to exclude staff of Islami Bank, Al-Arafah Islami Bank, Islami Bank Hospital, and Ibn Sina Hospital from election duties was "politically motivated, irrational, and unacceptable."

He claimed those institutions are non-political and service-oriented, providing services to people of all faiths with honesty and efficiency. Their neutrality, he added, has never been questioned.

Porwar warned that such "baseless allegations" could create uncertainty and chaos over the election and urged the EC not to consider BNP's proposal.

BNP recently submitted several recommendations to Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin seeking a level playing field.

Four more die of dengue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least four dengue patients died, while 1,143 others were hospitalised, in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday morning.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services, among the deaths, two were reported from Barishal division, one each from DSCC and Rajshahi division.

Now the total number of deaths rose to 263, while total cases rose to 65,440 this year.

Violence erupts over burial of man killed in B'baria clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Rival groups engaged in a fresh round of violence in Birampur village under Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila yesterday over the burial of a man killed in a clash on Saturday.

Several houses were vandalised and set ablaze during the latest flare-up after rivals allegedly obstructed the burial of Nasir Uddin, 65, said police and locals.

Nasir was killed and at least 30 others were injured in a clash between supporters of former union parishad chairman and local BNP unit president Harunur Rashid, and followers of local businessman Sachhu Mia.

As Nasir's family members took his body to the village graveyard for burial yesterday morning, rival men allegedly prevented them from digging the grave, sparking the clash between the two groups, said locals.

At noon yesterday, Nasir's body remained inside a freezing van in front of his house, while his relatives waited anxiously.

Nasir's family members alleged that men loyal to Harunur Rashid publicly declared they would
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Plaintiff assaulted on court premises at BNP leader's 'direction'

Alleges his family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A plaintiff and his family were allegedly assaulted by some junior lawyers, who are also supporters of BNP's city unit convener, Advocate Shakhawat Hossain Khan, at the Narayanganj District Court premises yesterday.

The victims claimed that Shakhawat directed the attackers to carry out the assault.

Four people were injured in the incident: plaintiff Md Irfan Mia, 42, a sanitary goods trader; his wife Razia Sultana, 47; and their two sons, Muhammad Jidan, 18, and Abdullah, 5. Irfan was seriously injured and is undergoing treatment at Narayanganj 300-Bed Hospital, police said.

Anwar Hossain, officer-in-charge of Fatullah Model Police Station, said Razia Sultana later filed a written complaint regarding the attack.

"Police are investigating the matter, and legal action will be taken following the investigation," he added.

In her complaint, Razia said that her husband, Irfan, is owed Tk 25 lakh by another businessman, Ismail, for sanitary products he had purchased but never paid for. Instead of settling the debt, Ismail allegedly threatened Irfan. A few months ago, Irfan filed a case over the matter with a Judicial
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SAARC Agriculture Centre invites applications from competent consultants having experience to develop a full proposal on Climate smart agriculture (CSA) with Climate smart livestock and fisheries. The applications with proposal may be submitted to the Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (director@sac.org.bd) latest by **10 November 2025**. The terms of reference are available at: www.sac.org.bd.

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On a damp floor, under a leaky roof

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through its rusted roof. Officers cover the holes with old signboards to shield themselves.

Inside, a constable was found studying for his ASI examination.

"During rain, water drips everywhere. We have to hold umbrellas or use polythene sheets to protect ourselves," he said, requesting anonymity.

Around the outpost, overflowing drains have turned the entire area into

a swamp. "Whenever it rains, the drains overflow and the whole place becomes flooded," said ASI Abdul Kaiyum of the outpost.

"We've informed the city corporation five times, but nothing has been done. Even the current administrator visited, yet no improvement has been made."

Constables stationed there said the constant dampness and unhygienic conditions often make

them ill.

"The tin roofs leak, the floors stay wet, and many of us suffer from fever and colds," said another police constable at the outpost. "We've informed the higher authorities, and they are aware of it."

Currently, about 25 police officers are stationed at the outpost. Due to space shortages, some have to share beds. Some others live in rented houses nearby but must stay at the outpost during

duty hours. Meals are arranged through the police mess.

"When we're off duty, we eat mess food - whatever is available. Today's meal was rice with local chicken," said a constable with a faint smile.

Sub-Inspector Golam Hossain Nasim, in charge of the outpost, admitted to the poor condition of the facility. "This outpost is in bad shape, especially because of the stagnant, dirty water all around. We

have informed the higher authorities," he said.

Barishal Kotwali Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Mizanur Rahman said the problems of all outposts had already been reported to senior officials.

"Under Kotwali, there are three outposts - Steamerghat, Alekanda, and Bogura - while Amanatganj outpost falls under Kaunia Police Station. Each accommodates about 100

to 125 members," he said.

Barishal Metropolitan Police Commissioner Md Shafiqul Islam told The Daily Star that the government had approved the construction of new police stations at Bandar and Kaunia this year.

"Once completed, the officers from the existing outposts will be relocated there. However, due to budget constraints, it is not possible to repair the current outposts right now," he added.

PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

This is for information of all concerned that the Board of Directors of Bank Asia PLC. in its 568th meeting held at 3:00 p.m. on 26 October 2025, in the Board Room of the Bank Asia Tower (Level- 10), 32 & 34 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, has approved the un-audited financial statements of the Bank for the third quarter ended on 30 September 2025 and disclosed the following financial indicators of the Bank:

Particulars	1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025		1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024	
	Taka (Solo)	Taka (Consolidated)	Taka (Solo)	Taka (Consolidated)
Net Asset Value (NAV) (Crore)	3,760.37	3,755.36	3,101.65	3,095.97
Net Asset Value (NAV) per Share	29.32	29.28	24.18	24.14
Net Operating Cash Flow per Share (NOCFPS)*	40.99	41.42	29.90	29.92

Particulars	1 January 2025 to 30 September 2025		1 January 2024 to 30 September 2024		1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025		1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024	
	Taka (Solo)	Taka (Consolidated)	Taka (Solo)	Taka (Consolidated)	Taka (Solo)	Taka (Consolidated)	Taka (Solo)	Taka (Consolidated)
Earnings per Share (EPS)***	2.58	2.58	1.38	1.44	0.31	0.29	(0.83)	(0.82)

*Net Operating Cash Flow per Share (NOCFPS) increased due to cash inflow by way of increase in Deposit and decrease of Loans and Advances.

**Issue of bonus share resulted in increase of statutory reserve and an increase in revaluation reserve against government securities resulted increased in Net Assets Value per Share (NAV) compared to last year.

***Operating profit increased due to higher investment income, which helped cover the decline in net interest income and rising operational expenses, resulting in an increased Earnings per Share (EPS).

The details of un-audited financial statements of the Bank for the third quarter ended on 30 September 2025 will also be available on the website of the Bank at 'www.bankasia-bd.com'.

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