



ELECTORAL SYMBOL Plot thickens over move to undo RPO change

Jamaat, NCP, Khelafat say it will
erode trust, favour BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is weighing a step back from its move to amend article 20 of the RPO, a fresh change that will allow parties in an alliance to contest polls with a common symbol, according to highly placed sources.

However, Jamaat-e-Islami, National Citizen Party, and Khelafat Majlish yesterday warned that reversing the amendment decision would compromise electoral neutrality and unfairly advantage a particular political force.

The amendment, approved at an advisory council meeting chaired by Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus on October 23, made it mandatory for each party in an alliance to contest polls with its own symbol, not a common one.

It intended to give voters a clearer idea of each candidate's party identity. No gazette on the amendment was issued.

According to the sources, the interim government is preparing to undo the amendment to article 20 of the Representation of the People Order (RPO).

Sources said the reconsideration followed an informal meeting at the state guesthouse Jamuna on Saturday night, where the chief adviser reviewed the political situation and election preparations with several advisers. The decision came at the chief adviser's initiative, the sources added.

The BNP has been opposing the amendment. In a letter to Law Adviser Asif Nazrul on October 25, its Standing Committee Member Salahuddin Ahmed said the change was made without consulting key stakeholders and undermined the democratic rights of alliance partners.

The party demanded the retention of the previous provision that allows alliance partners to run with a common symbol.

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BNP opposed change, citing lack of consultation, alliance partners' rights



NCP accuses govt of giving BNP assurances, demands clarity



Jamaat, Khelafat decry 'secret understandings', warn of unrest

Let's talk and overcome the ongoing crisis

Jamaat asks BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami Nayebe-Ameer Syed Abdullah Mohammad Taher yesterday urged the BNP to sit for talks to resolve the ongoing "political crisis" centring the implementation of the July charter, the proposed referendum, and the upcoming national election.

At a press conference at Al-Falah auditorium in the capital's Moghbazar

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Doubt creeping in over timely polls: Tarique

UNB, Dhaka

BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday voiced concern about the growing public doubt over the national election being held as scheduled, and said this "uncertainty could make the country's democratic transition more difficult".

"During the rule of the fallen, defeated and fugitive autocrat, people had no interest in national elections. Now, under the interim government, questions are being raised among the public -- will the election be held on time?" he said.



While inaugurating the BNP's membership collection and renewal drive abroad and online payment gateway activities at a city hotel, Tarique said such a situation was not supposed to arise under the interim government.

Tarique said the Awami League established fascism by destroying the country's electoral system over the past 15 years only to prevent BNP's victory. "It is a matter of concern and surprise that even in a fascism-free Bangladesh, a coordinated campaign and various

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GRAFT UNDER AL REGIME Most power deals tied to nexus of companies, govt high-ups: report

ASIFUR RAHMAN

Most of the power sector deals were signed by a nexus of private entities, government higher-ups and bureaucrats during the Awami League regime, found the national committee formed to review the power sector contracts.

At the top of that nexus was then prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who served as the minister of power, energy and mineral resources. Besides, some officials of the Prime Minister's Office had repeatedly interfered with the power sector deals.

The six-member committee also found procedural flaws in signing the deal with Adani Power to import electricity from India and recommended further digging into the issue by the Anti Corruption Commission.

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50 years since jail killings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On this day 50 years ago, the walls of Dhaka Central Jail bore witness to one of the darkest chapters in the nation's history, as four national leaders were brutally murdered behind bars.

The slain leaders were Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, Captain (ret'd) M Mansur Ali, and AHM Quamruzzaman -- the core of Bangladesh's wartime leadership that guided the nation in the absence of Bangabandhu

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BNP to meet today to finalise candidate list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP Standing Committee is set to meet today, aiming to review and finalise the list of candidates for the upcoming national election.

The meeting will take place at the Gulshan Chairperson's office at noon. BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman will join it virtually, said party sources.

If the list is approved, the nomination list will be officially announced soon, according to party insiders.

They said candidate list is close to being finalised after conducting multiple surveys with BNP leaders and activists across the country, as well as holding discussions with nearly 1,000 nomination seekers.

A Standing Committee member, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "We've received invitations for the meeting, and the agenda is open. Two key issues may be discussed: one regarding the finalisation of the nominations and another concerning the chief adviser, who may announce something significant. There may also be discussions on how to respond to the chief adviser's actions."

He, however, didn't say what the chief adviser may announce. Last night, the Chief Adviser's Press Wing announced that the interim government will hold a press conference at the Chief Adviser's Office in Tejgaon today around noon.

While the press wing did not disclose the specific agenda of the briefing, several sources close to the government indicated that an Advisory Council meeting focusing on the implementation process of the July charter will precede it.

According to party sources, a team led by Tarique has been working since last September to finalise the party's nomination seekers for the upcoming February election.

In the first phase, a survey was conducted by Tarique's own team to assess potential candidates. In the second phase, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, along with Standing Committee members, held discussions with nomination seekers across the country. In the third phase, detailed information, including passport-sized photos and national identity card copies, was collected from shortlisted candidates.

According to party insiders, candidates in 200 constituencies have almost been finalised. However, BNP is struggling to finalise candidates for 60 to 70 seats due to internal conflicts and multiple strong contenders. There are also complications in seat-sharing arrangements with alliance partners in some constituencies.



Women wait for a TCB truck to buy essentials at subsidised rates in Rajshahi city's Shiroil area yesterday. Many of the low-income group flock to TCB distribution points across the city early in the morning, fearing they may miss out on the limited supply. The photo was taken around 7:00am, though distribution was scheduled to begin at 10:00am.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

Hezbollah 'playing with fire'

Israel warns Lebanon, calls for disarmament

AFP, Jerusalem

Israel warned yesterday that its military would step up its attacks against Hezbollah in southern Lebanon, a day after the Lebanese health ministry reported four people killed in an Israeli air strike.

Despite a November 2024 ceasefire with the Lebanese group, Israel maintains troops in five areas in southern Lebanon and has kept up regular strikes.

"Hezbollah is playing with fire, and the president of Lebanon is dragging his feet," Defence Minister Israel Katz said in a statement.

"The Lebanese government's commitment to disarm Hezbollah and remove it from southern Lebanon must be implemented. Maximum enforcement will continue and even intensify -- we will not allow any threat to the residents of the north."

- Israeli strike killed 4 in south Lebanon on Saturday
- President of Lebanon dragging his feet: Katz
- US has increased pressure on Lebanon to disarm Hezbollah

Thousands of Israelis living near the northern border with Lebanon were forced to evacuate their homes for months after Hezbollah began firing rockets into Israel following the outbreak of the offensive in Gaza in October 2023.

That set off a more than year-long conflict that culminated in two months of open war before last year's ceasefire was agreed.

The Iran-backed group, which opposes Israel, has been badly weakened by the war but remains armed and financially resilient.

In September 2024, Israel killed the group's longtime chief, Hassan Nasrallah, along with many other senior leaders over the course of the war.

Since the ceasefire, the United States has increased pressure on Lebanese authorities to disarm the group, a plan opposed by Hezbollah and its allies.

Israel never stopped carrying out air strikes on Lebanon in spite of the truce -- usually saying it is targeting Hezbollah positions -- and has stepped up the attacks in recent days.

On Thursday, Israeli ground troops carried out a deadly raid into southern Lebanon, prompting Lebanese President Joseph Aoun to order the army to confront such incursions.

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The debate comes amid deepening tensions over the timing of the referendum on July charter reforms and the methods to implement them.

Following an advisory council meeting on October 29, Adviser Asif Nazrul told reporters the government was struggling to find a way forward amid firm and conflicting positions of political parties.

'NEUTRALITY AT STAKE'

In a letter to Asif Nazrul yesterday, the NCP alleged the law adviser had assured the BNP of reversing the amendment, saying such an act would compromise the government's neutrality.

"We want to remind you that you are a neutral law adviser of the state, not a representative of any political party," read the letter signed by NCP Member Secretary Akhter Hossen.

The party argued that when a registered party contests under another's symbol, it bypasses its own registration obligations, weakens the Election Commission's authority, and obscures a candidate's identity.

It warned that rolling back the amendment would foster "proxy candidacies", artificially inflate multiparty representation, echo dominant voices in parliament, and undermine genuine pluralism.

Akhter urged the adviser to clarify the government's official position on the issue.

The adviser did not publicly react to the allegation that he had secretly assured the BNP of meeting its demand. The Daily Star tried to reach him for comments, but he did not respond to phone calls or reply to WhatsApp messages.

'UNDEMOCRATIC'

Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Porwar said scrapping the amendment would disrupt the level playing field and reflect a secret understanding between the government and a political party.

He suggested the move stemmed from a "gentleman's agreement" between a BNP leader and an adviser. He called it undemocratic.

Undoing the change months before the election would raise questions about fairness, he said.

"If a responsible political leader and a government adviser collude to disrupt the level playing field, a neutral election will become impossible," he said.

In a joint statement, Khelafat Majlish Ameer Maulana Muhammad Mamunul Haque and Secretary General Maulana Jalaluddin Ahmad said revising the RPO to favour a party would be politically unethical, it would

destroy fair competition, and push the state towards uncertainty.

They warned such "secret understandings" could fuel public unrest.

The people, they said, want competition and the right to vote, not an election staged to benefit one party.

Meanwhile, Amar Bangladesh Party Chairman Mojibur Rahman Monju said altering an amendment just after approving it would mean the interim government lacked a principled stance.

At a discussion in Dhaka yesterday, he said, "It [government] runs to the right under BNP's pressure, to the left under Jamaat's, and sometimes upward under NCP's.

"Leave the politics of trying to please a few parties. If you don't, you will be permanently accountable to the people of Bangladesh for wasting the opportunity you've been given," Monju added.

Referring to disagreements following the National Consensus Commission's recommendations on implementing the July charter, Monju said the state now faces a deepening crisis over three questions: whether to hold the referendum on the same day as the national election or earlier, how to treat notes of dissent, and the nature of the upcoming polls.

He urged all BNP leaders, workers, and supporters to accept this reality in the greater interest of the country, the people, and democracy.

"Please consider the party's decision as final. I want to remind you of the words of the proclaimer of independence, Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman: 'The party is greater than the individual, and the country is greater than the party,'" Tarique said.

He said the names of BNP-nominated candidates will soon be announced in phases. "Whoever receives the nomination, please work unitedly to ensure their victory. Remember, a hidden dictatorship with secret ambitions is lurking around you. So do not let petty resentments, quarrels or disputes among yourselves reach a level where the opponent can take advantage of your differences."

Tarique also reminded those seeking nominations that they are all followers of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman and soldiers of Begum Khaleda Zia. "Remember, if the BNP's symbol 'Sheaf of Paddy' wins, you win, democracy wins, and the country wins."

Most power deals tied to nexus of companies

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"We have found massive corruption, collusion, frauds, irregularities and illegalities in the process of execution of power purchase agreements (PPAs) with independent power producers," Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury, the head of the committee, told journalists after submitting the "interim report" to Power Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan at his office.

Neither the committee, nor the government have disclosed the report titled "Bangladesh's Power Generation: Trapped in Costly Contracts and Massive Governance Failures in a Rent-Rich Sector", calling it a "confidential" document.

The report would be disclosed after reviewing its sensitivity, Khan said.

The committee has recommended making the report public, as well as all the present and future PPAs and implementation agreements, said power division officials.

The Daily Star has talked with multiple committee members, who said they have identified the deals as "zero risk" for the businesses.

No business in the globe is risk-free, but the terms of capacity payments for power plants were being set in a way that protects the high profits of the investors, said a committee member on condition of anonymity.

"It was a nexus between the

government higher-ups and bureaucrats -- just think why the power division was under the prime minister herself. There were a couple of officials in the PMO who were former officials of the power division. They had influences over the deals," said another committee member.

The report at least mentioned the names of Ahmad Kaikaus and Abul Kalam Azad, two former secretaries of power division who were later promoted to the post of principal secretary to the prime minister.

He said they have recommended the government for an "oversight mechanism" to sign the future deals and re-negotiate the deals that took excessive profits.

"We have already signed the deals and are trapped in it. We have no other option but to re-negotiate the deals," he added.

The committee has submitted another supplementary report on the "anomalies of the procedures of power purchase agreement with Adani Power (Jharkhand) Limited", which also found the "procedural flaws" in the signing of the deal.

A committee member told The Daily Star that they have found the draft of the deal was prepared by Adani Power itself and the officials of the Bangladesh Power Development Board were instructed to sign it by the

government high-ups.

Asked whether the Adani deal would be cancelled, Khan said there are procedures for cancelling a deal, which is also mentioned in the report.

"If we go for a without cause cancellation, we would have to pay huge amounts of liquidity damages to the companies. So, we need to cancel a deal with a cause and that might be corruption. Most of the deals have clauses of representation and warranties which declare themselves as corruption-free... if we find corruption in the deals, we will not hesitate [to cancel it]," he said.

After submitting a writ petition to the High Court, the Anti-Corruption Commission and the power division are working to get proof of the anomalies, he added.

The committee, which was formed in September 2024, took around 14 months to submit its primary report and expressed hope to conclude their activities by January next year.

"As a technical issue, the committee had to go through huge documents of most of the power deals signed under "Quick Enhancement of Electricity and Energy Supply (Special Provisions) Act 2010" (now repealed), the procedural documents, payments and generational data, which took up much of the time," said the committee chief Chowdhury, a former justice of the Supreme Court.

One killed, three injured in B'baria gang violence

MASUK HRIDOY, Brahmanbaria

A person was shot dead, and three others were injured in a series of attacks and counterattacks between two rival gangs reportedly fighting to establish dominance in Nabinagar upazila of Brahmanbaria.

The deceased, identified as Shipon Miya, 30, was the son of Monnaf Miya, known locally as "Monek Dakat". Both were accused in multiple criminal cases, said Shahinur Islam, officer-in-charge of Nabinagar Police Station.

Quoting locals, the OC said the first attack took place around 9:00pm on Saturday at a roadside eatery near Gani Shah Mazar in Barikandi union.

Shipon was chatting with others when a group of armed men stormed in, opened fire and fled the scene immediately.

Shipon and two restaurant employees, Yasin Miya, 20, and Nur Alam, 18, were shot. They were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), where Shipon died.

According to locals, there has been a long-standing dispute between two gangs over control of the area's criminal activities.

One of the groups is reportedly led by Monnaf and his son Shipon, while the other is allegedly led by Emran Hossain, 38, a teacher at Shyamgram Mohini Kishore High School, and his cousin Arafat, son of "Mister Ali" from Thollakandi village.

The attack on Shipon was reportedly carried out by Arafat and his men. As word of the shooting spread, Shipon's father, Monnaf, and his supporters reportedly stormed Emran's office close by and shot him there.

Critically injured, Emran was also rushed to the DMCH, the OC said. Monnaf and his supporters then attacked Thollakandi village, vandalising several houses, according to the police official.

Upon receiving the news, a large police contingent led by Piyas Basak, additional superintendent of police (Nabinagar circle), and OC Shahinur rushed to the scene and reinforced security across the crime scenes.

The situation is under control now, ASP Basak told reporters, declining to comment further on the motive behind the shootings.

Tension, however, remained high in Gourikandi and Thollakandi, where residents said all shops have remained closed since yesterday morning amid fear of renewed violence.

Till the filing of this report last night at 9:30pm, no case was filed over the violence.

Speaking on the matter, Obaidur Rahman, additional superintendent of police (admin and finance), Brahmanbaria, said, "Shipon and Arafat once used to be close associates. They were both accused in multiple cases of theft, extortion and robbery."

"Police even issued a warrant against Arafat, and he was arrested and sent to jail. Only a few days ago, he got out on bail. We have learnt from sources that he was under the impression that Shipon was somehow behind his arrest and was looking to take revenge."

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tricks are now being used to block the BNP's possible victory.

"But I firmly believe that if every believer in Bangladeshi nationalism and nationalist forces remains united, no conspiracy will be able to separate the BNP from the people, InshaAllah," he said.

As a responsible political party, the BNP leader said their party from the very beginning chose the path of compromise to maintain national unity against fascism.

He said BNP has also extended cooperation to the interim government as much as possible.

"But we have seen how new conditions are being added one after another, making the path to democracy more difficult. We must stay alert about the consequences of such actions," he said.

Tarique urged all democratic political parties to remain cautious about any evil attempt that may put them in danger. "If we fail to distinguish between strategy and deception, we may ultimately end up surrendering unconditionally to undemocratic or evil forces. I sincerely urge all democratic political

parties currently active in Bangladesh to keep this danger in mind."

Referring to the government's announcement of holding the national election in February next year, he said the Election Commission will declare the election schedule in due time.

The BNP leader said their party is completing all necessary preparations to take part in this much-awaited election. "As part of this process, the nomination of BNP candidates or BNP-backed candidates in the country's 300 parliamentary constituencies is now at its final stage."

As a popular and people-backed party, he said it is normal that in almost every constituency, several qualified BNP leaders are seeking nominations. "This is a matter of pride and honour for any political party."

Tarique said it is not possible to nominate everyone, and BNP has also decided to support some candidates from other democratic parties that took part in the anti-fascist movement alongside BNP. "Because of this, some BNP aspirants may not get party nominations."

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area, he said his party does not want to engage in any "conflict or quarrel" with the BNP, regardless of any provocation from the latter.

"People are anxious about what's going to happen [in the run-up to the polls]. It's the responsibility of political parties to make things clear. I urge the BNP -- let's sit together to openly discuss the current situation in the country. Let's talk about holding a fair and beautiful election, the referendum for the July charter, and all other related issues."

"The people and political parties of Bangladesh do not want such irresponsible ambiguity. People want consensus."

Taher added that if the two parties cannot reach a level of understanding, Jamaat will also hold discussions with other political stakeholders to work on a guideline. "That can then evolve into a broader consensus among all parties. If that happens, we believe the nation will be able to overcome the crisis."

He warned that fascism will reemerge if there is no understanding or election. "If you don't want fascism, stay calm and we will stay calm too."

Taher further said that his party does not want to "play games". "You'll

have to play games in politics, but playing too much poses risks."

Addressing the BNP again, he said, "Let's talk openly, coordinate and reach an understanding and consensus on how Bangladesh can truly become an independent and sovereign nation in the coming days."

The Jamaat leader also urged Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus to "stand firm and take the right decisions", adding, "The people will stand by you."

Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Porwar, Assistant Secretary Generals Maulana Rafiqul Islam Khan and Maulana Abdul Halim, Central Executive Council member and Dhaka South City Ameer Nurul Islam Bulbul, and Executive Council member Mobarak Hossain, among others, were present at the press conference.

At a seminar in the Institution of Diploma Engineers earlier in the day, Taher said the interim government's duty is not to appease any party but to reflect the will of the people.

"The chief adviser promised that his government's key objectives are reforms, justice, and polls. If the government goes for election without ensuring those, it will fail to keep that promise," he said, adding that opposing the July charter means harbouring the intention of

reinstating fascism.

Taher further said, "No one forced BNP to sign the July charter. They read it, understood it, and signed it willingly. They even celebrated the signing like Eid. Now they are making absurd remarks."

Rejecting BNP's call to hold the national election and referendum on the same day, he said, "They claim that holding the referendum and election on the same day would save Tk 3,000 crore. But without the legality of the July charter, the country will continue to lose direction."

"Sheikh Hasina shed tears not for the martyrs or the wounded but for the damage done to the metro rail. Likewise, Tk 3,000 crore is more valuable for the BNP than the blood of 2,000 martyrs and over 50,000 injured."

He urged the BNP to honour the sacrifice of the martyrs and cooperate with the government in holding the referendum this month, saying Jamaat will accept whatever verdict the people deliver through it.

Addressing CA Yunus, he said, "To keep your promise, hold the referendum in November and the national election in February to implement the July Charter. Without reform, Dr Yunus will be a zero; with reform, he will be a hero."

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Two women light candles on the grave of a deceased family member at the Baptist Church Cemetery on Band Road in Barishal yesterday, marking All Souls' Day. Members of the Christian community observe the day by offering prayers, lighting candles, and placing flowers on the graves of their loved ones.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

Misinformation glut a threat to polls integrity

Says study by Digitally Right

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As Bangladesh prepares for its 2026 parliamentary election, the country faces an unprecedented threat to electoral credibility and inclusive participation due to a barrage of misinformation and hate-driven campaigns, revealed a new study.

Digitally Right, a Dhaka-based digital rights and information research organisation, published the study, titled "Tackling Election Disinformation in Bangladesh: Building Collective Responses for Electoral Integrity", yesterday.

The study was published with support from The Asia Foundation under the Promoting Effective, Responsive, and Inclusive Governance in Bangladesh programme, funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Findings from the study were shared at an event held in Gulshan, attended by representatives from the media, fact-checking organisations, election observers, academics, and civil society.

The report found that Bangladesh's online information environment has become increasingly fragile and fragmented.

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Govt may not survive if BNP takes to streets

Says Gayeshwar over July charter issue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Standing Committee Member Gayeshwar Chandra Roy yesterday said the interim government might not survive if the party launches protests over disputes surrounding the July National Charter and its implementation recommendations.

"We want a free and fair election. If we take to the streets, there is doubt about the government's survival. And if the government falls, the election will become uncertain. So, we are not protesting as we could have," he said.

Gayeshwar made these remarks while talking to journalists after placing

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5 more die of dengue, 1,162 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With 1,162 new dengue patients reported yesterday, the total number of cases this year has risen to 71,675. That is 8,510 more than the same period last year.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services, five new dengue-related deaths were recorded yesterday, raising the total death toll for the year to 283, compared to 310 at the same time last year.



Against this backdrop, Dhaka North City Corporation Administrator Mohammad Azaz said yesterday that recent data analysis shows a decline in both dengue cases and deaths in DNCC areas compared to previous years.

"However, even a single death from dengue is unacceptable to us. Despite limited manpower, we are striving to

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Progress but not at cost of nature: Yunus

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday underscored the importance of integrated and balanced development of the country's roads, railways, airways, and waterways.

Such progress, however, should not come at the expense of nature, the environment, or rivers, he said at an inter-ministerial meeting on the Central

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Lalmonirhat–Burimari road turns risky

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

The 100-kilometre Lalmonirhat–Burimari highway, the only route to Burimari Land Port, has become risky and unfit for vehicular movement due to numerous potholes and surface bulges.

Although the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) carries out occasional small-scale repairs, these fixes rarely last long, alleged locals.

According to RHD sources, about 9-10km of the highway, filled with potholes and surface bulges, is undergoing temporary repairs. Brick soling is being done on the damaged sections, while the bulging parts are being broken and resurfaced. However, these repairs are expected to last no longer than the next five to six months.

More than 10,000 vehicles, including around 2,000 heavy vehicles, use this route daily.

“While driving heavy vehicles, the sudden jolts from potholes and surface bulges often lead to a loss of control,



causing accidents. I've driven trucks on many highways across the country, but I've never seen a highway as risky as the Lalmonirhat–Burimari road,” said Shafiqul Islam, a truck driver.

Mizanur Rahman, a motorcyclist from the Votmari area, said, “Riding motorcycles on this road at night has become terrifying. Many accidents occur because of the surface bulges. RHD occasionally repairs the road, but it gets damaged again very soon. The use of substandard materials for the road surface is the main reason behind this condition.”

Azaharul Islam, a businessman from the Parulia area, said, “Even though it is one of the busiest highways in the country, no development project has been undertaken to improve it.”

Contacted, Mozammel Haque, sub divisional engineer of RHD in Lalmonirhat, said, “The expired bitumen cover of the highway has caused bulges in many places, while the potholes have formed due to the worn-out surface. We are currently doing temporary repairs. A project proposal has been sent to the higher authorities, and once funds are allocated, tenders will be invited for major repair work.”



Defying the ban on slow-moving vehicles on highways, a three-wheeler, locally known as a tomtom, carries a large bundle of straw with two labourers precariously riding on top. The photo was taken on the Barishal-Barguna highway in the Amtali area yesterday.

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3 years on, no bridge for Taltali locals

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Locals in Behala village under Barguna's Taltali upazila have been suffering in their daily commute for the past three years since the collapse of an iron bridge in the area.

The bridge collapsed in March 2022, cutting off the village from the Amtali–Taltali road. Since then, no initiative has been taken to repair it, forcing villagers to use a makeshift bamboo bridge to cross a canal at great risk.

Residents of Behala are mostly farmers. As there is no market nearby, they have to travel 15 kilometres to the upazila headquarters to sell their produce. With no vehicular access to the village since the bridge's collapse,

farmers face immense difficulty in transporting their goods to markets. The Local Government Engineering Department constructed the makeshift bamboo



bridge with funding from the Asian Development Bank after the old iron bridge collapsed. The temporary structure now serves as the only link for residents of Behala and nine neighbouring villages to

access the upazila town.

More than a thousand students from Behala High School and three government primary schools use the bridge daily.

“Ambulances cannot reach our village when someone falls seriously ill. Farmers also struggle to transport their crops to markets,” said Anjon Adhikari, a local.

Tapan Adhikari, another villager, said, “When the iron bridge was built, there was no road. Now we have a paved road, but no bridge to connect. It's ironic!”

Contacted, Md Shakhawat Hossain, upazila engineer of LGED in Taltali, said, “At least eight such bridges in Taltali upazila have either collapsed or are in poor condition. We have already sent project proposals to the higher authorities for renovation.”

Misinformation glut a threat

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appear to be engaged in a “digital contest” — shaping public opinion through AI-generated content, organised propaganda networks, and commercially driven content creators, the report said.

Disinformation, the study notes, is no longer limited to political rivalry. It is eroding public trust, fuelling communal division, and silencing women's voices online.

Fabricated videos, synthetic images, and doctored content have already been used to target women candidates and minority communities, raising the risks of harassment, intimidation, and voter suppression.

Despite the severity of these risks, Bangladesh's preparedness remains limited. In a country of over 170 million people, there are only 40 to 50 professional fact-checkers, and most mainstream media outlets lack dedicated verification desks.

Journalists and fact-checkers are under-equipped and poorly coordinated, while election observers and civil society organisations are largely absent from digital

monitoring efforts.

Social media companies rarely engage with stakeholders, and the Election Commission lacks the policy framework, expertise, and institutional capacity to respond effectively. The study warns that “the gap between risk and capacity is now dangerously wide”.

Following the presentation, participants called for urgent collaboration between regulators, media, and technology platforms to strengthen information integrity ahead of the polls.

Shawkat Hossain, head of online at Prothom Alo, said, “Traditional media's traditional approach to fact-checking will not work anymore. They need training to go beyond the traditional approach.”

“We have a great challenge in front of us with all these rapid advances in AI, and it would probably be impossible for fact-checkers to keep up with all this progress,” he added.

Prof Sumon Rahman, head of media studies and journalism at ULAB, said, “Accountability of a platform is crucial to combat disinformation. The government has to negotiate with platforms

and demand accountability. Unfortunately, our government has lost its leverage due to the previous administration's arbitrary use of power.”

Abdullah Titir, head of research at Digitally Right, who presented the findings, said, “We have observed a number of regulatory frameworks being enacted within a very short time with the election in mind, which do not clarify definitions or provide safeguards against misuse.

“This indicates a lack of sufficient consultation with stakeholders, opening up avenues for arbitrary implementation and crackdowns on legitimate critique and dissent,” she added.

“Regulations should be adopted only after adequate consultation with stakeholders, to assess human rights implications and design necessary safeguards accordingly,” she concluded.

Among others, Ananya Raihan, chairperson of iSocial; Emma Wind, governance adviser at FODO; Kazi Faisal Bin Seraj, country representative of The Asia Foundation; and Miraj Ahmed Chowdhury, managing director of Digitally Right, also spoke.

Progress but not

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Integrated Multimodal Transport Sector Master Plan of Bangladesh at the state guest house Jamuna.

The Roads and Highways Department presented a preliminary strategic plan, prepared in coordination with officials from relevant ministries. The plan outlines how all transport modes in the country can be integrated and improved through limited upgrades and additions.

The plan suggests that proper utilisation and slight expansion of the existing rail, road, and waterway

networks could lead to significant improvements.

The chief adviser said the plan should focus on economic growth while ensuring due attention to regional and global connectivity.

“When we consider rivers as a transport mode, we must remember that rivers are our lifeline,” he added.

Planning Adviser Wahiduddin Mahmud pointed out that in some areas, constructing a few small roads could connect entire regions to national networks, requiring swift planning.

Despite the tensions, the BNP leader said the party would continue to exercise restraint. “There may be further unwanted incidents, but we are determined to maintain peace in the country,” he added.

Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir alleged that efforts were underway to create an anarchic situation in the country.

Speaking at a press briefing following a party meeting, Fakhru announced a 10-day programme to mark National Revolution and Solidarity Day on November 7.

The observance will begin on November 5 and conclude on November 13.

Govt may not survive

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a wreath at the grave of the party's founder, Ziaur Rahman, in Dhaka's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

He alleged that the government has remained silent on the unresolved issues surrounding the charter and expressed hope that the chief adviser would resolve the disputes before the polls.

“We still have trust in the chief adviser and expect that he will ensure a fair and credible election,” Gayeshwar said.

He said the final printed version of the charter, released two days after it was signed, included changes not in the original agreement.

“This is completely unacceptable,” he said.

5 more die of dengue

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provide the best possible service,” he said at a press conference on the current dengue control activities at the DNCC headquarters in Gulshan.

Azaz emphasised that dengue control is achievable through public awareness and the collective efforts of all service-providing institutions.

“At the beginning of the monsoon season this year, we held a meeting with experts. We have tried to implement their recommendations throughout the year,” he added.

Highlighting the manpower shortage, the DNCC administrator noted that international standards require over two health workers per thousand people to ensure adequate public health services.

“However, we have only one worker for every 11,000 people — far below the

required level,” he said.

In response to a question from journalists, Azaz said seven inspectors have been appointed to strengthen field-level services in line with expert recommendations.

Meanwhile, Prof Kabirul Bashar, an entomologist at Jahangirnagar University, said dengue cases tend to rise in waves.

“When mosquito density is high, it becomes very difficult to contain the spread of dengue. Our forecasting model suggests that cases peaked in October, will start to decline in November, but will remain at a significant level until January,” he said.

He stressed that while city corporations must intensify efforts on source reduction, breeding-site management, and hotspot control, community participation is equally crucial.

HM Nazmul Ahsan,

associate professor at Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital, said dengue admissions have increased significantly in recent days.

“Many patients arrive with low blood pressure and signs of shock, particularly after the fever subsides,” he said.

“The 48 hours following the end of fever are the most critical and require close monitoring. If intravenous fluids are not administered on time, the condition can worsen — and those who arrive late are often the ones who die.”

He recommended early hospital admission for high-risk groups such as the elderly, pregnant women, and those with pre-existing health conditions.

Ahsan also advised patients receiving home care to stay well-hydrated by consuming saline, coconut water, rice starch, soups, and fresh fruit juices to prevent dehydration.

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১। নিরীক্ষা/সমীক্ষার জন্য গ্রাফিক্স ডিজাইন/কম্পোজ ও বই মুদ্রণ সুবিধা প্রদানসহ প্রকৃত গবেষণাকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

২। আগামী ০৪ নভেম্বর ২০২৫ হতে ০৮ নভেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতি কর্মদিবসে ০৯০০ হতে ১৪৩০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে প্রধান উপদেষ্টার কার্যালয়, সশস্ত্র বাহিনী বিভাগ এর অভ্যর্থনা কক্ষ হতে ৪০০.০০ (চার শত মাত্র) টাকা (অফেরত যোগ্য) এর বিনিময়ে সিডিউল সগ্রহ করা যাবে। নিরীক্ষা/সমীক্ষার বিষয়, দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত তথ্যাদি ও অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ থাকবে। দরপত্রের সাথে দরদাতার পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ছবিসহ ঢাকাস্থ যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাকে হতে হিসাব নম্বর ০০০২-০২১০১৩০৩৮২, ট্রাস্ট ব্যাংক লিমিটেড, প্রিন্সিপাল শাখা, ঢাকা সেনানিবাস" এর অনুসূচী উদ্ধৃত দরের ৫% (ফেরত যোগ্য) হারে জামানত হিসেবে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে অর্ডার জমা দিতে হবে।

৩। সিডিউল মোতাবেক দরপত্র সীল করা বন্ধ থাকে আগামী ১০ নভেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখ বেলা ১২০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে সশস্ত্র বাহিনী বিভাগের অভ্যর্থনা কেন্দ্রে রক্ষিত দরপত্র ব্যাগে জমা দিতে হবে। একই তারিখে ১২৩০ ঘটিকার দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেই উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হবে। দরপত্র খোলার পর যাচাই/বাছাই ও বিশ্লেষণ শেষে গ্রহণযোগ্য দরপত্র দাখিলকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে পত্রের মাধ্যমে জানানো হবে।

৪। সশস্ত্র বাহিনী বিভাগ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে দাখিলকৃত যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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India wants to keep Pakistan ‘busy’ on western, eastern fronts

Says Pak defence minister

DAWN ONLINE

Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Saturday that India wanted to keep Pakistan busy and engaged on the eastern and western fronts amid tensions with Kabul and New Delhi.

Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed early on Friday morning to continue a ceasefire between the two countries following a rapid deterioration of ties and a brief conflict along their shared border last month.

"If there is a need for evidence, then we have it, about what involvement India has in terrorism [in Pakistan] and how it wants to keep us busy on two fronts: the eastern and western," said the defence minister while talking to Geo News.

He added that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was "silenced" after the defeat dealt to India during the May conflict and expressed hope that talks with Afghanistan would reach a reasonable conclusion.

"Everyone is onboard — politicians, the establishment and the Pakistani nation — that an immediate solution



to the Afghanistan issue is very necessary, which is that terrorism from Afghan soil should be completely stopped," said the minister in reference to the country's western neighbour.

Asif said the preferable solution would be for both states to maintain a civilised relationship.

The Istanbul talks followed a sharp escalation in tensions that saw Pakistan launch Oct 9 airstrikes on Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan sanctuaries in Afghanistan, triggering Oct 11 border clashes that continued for days before a ceasefire was formalised in Doha on Oct 18-19.

The Istanbul agreement came after days of deadlock that nearly brought the process to a halt, with mediators pulling both delegations back to the table even as Pakistan's team had already begun preparations to return home.

The second round of negotiations with Afghanistan produced a three-point understanding — the continuation of the ceasefire, the establishment of a monitoring and verification mechanism to ensure peace, and penalties for violations.

Meanwhile, three cops, including a station house officer (SHO), were injured in a blast caused by an improvised explosive device (IED) in the Doaba area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Hangu district yesterday, police said.



A forensic officer works at the scene at Huntingdon Station following a series of stabbings on a train, near Cambridge, Britain, yesterday. British police said the knife attack which put 11 people in hospital was not a terrorist incident, adding that two men - both British nationals - had been arrested.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Israeli air strike targets area near Gaza market

One killed; Hamas, Israel trade blame over truce violations

REUTERS, Jerusalem

An Israeli airstrike killed a Palestinian man in the Gaza Strip yesterday, health authorities said, as Israel and Hamas traded blame for daily violations of a fragile truce that has largely halted two years of war.

The Israeli military said its aircraft struck a Hamas member who was posing a threat to its forces.

Al-Ahli Hospital said one man was killed in the airstrike near a vegetable market in the Shejaia suburb of Gaza City. His identity was not immediately known.

The Israeli military said on Saturday that its troops were attacked by Hamas members in areas of Gaza where its forces are still deployed as part of the US-backed ceasefire agreement.

Hamas did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In a separate statement, it listed a series of what it said were Israeli violations of the ceasefire agreed



in October, which have killed more than 200 people.

At least 236 Palestinians, most of them civilians, have been killed in Israeli strikes since the ceasefire took effect, according to the Palestinian health ministry.

Three Israeli soldiers have been killed by Palestinian gunmen in the same period, according to the military, which says its strikes have targeted dozens of Hamas members.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday that Israel will continue to retaliate for, and

thwart, any attempts to harm its troops in Gaza and threatened to keep up action against Hamas.

"There are still Hamas pockets in the areas under our control in Gaza, and we are systematically eliminating them," Netanyahu said in broadcast remarks at the start of his cabinet meeting in Jerusalem.

Netanyahu added that any Israeli action in Gaza is reported to Washington.

Hamas in its statement said the United States was not doing enough to ensure Israel abides by the ceasefire agreement.

The US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dan Caine, met on Saturday with Israel's military chief Eyal Zamir during a visit to the region to discuss Gaza, the Israeli military said.

About 200 US troops have set up base in southern Israel to monitor the ceasefire and plan an international force to stabilise the enclave.

Ukrainian drone strike hits key Russian oil port

Foreign vessels damaged

AGENCIES

A Ukrainian drone attack damaged at least two foreign vessels and the oil terminal infrastructure at Russia's key Black Sea port of Tuapse yesterday, as Kyiv tries to undermine Russia's war effort by targeting its energy infrastructure.

Ukraine has for several months been striking Russian oil refineries, depots and pipelines in a bid to undermine the Russian economy, and some media have reported that Western intelligence agencies have helped Kyiv with the strikes.

Russian authorities said two foreign vessels were damaged in the attack on Tuapse, one of the biggest oil terminals on the Black Sea, sparking a fire, reports Reuters.

Meanwhile, Russia fired a wave of drones and missiles at Ukraine overnight, killing at least six people including two children and cutting power to tens of thousands, officials said yesterday.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the attacks showed Moscow aimed to "inflict harm" on civilians.

US would go in ‘guns-a-blazing’

Trump threatens military action in Nigeria over killing of Christians

REUTERS, Washington

US President Donald Trump on Saturday said he has asked the Defense Department to prepare for possible "fast" military action in Nigeria if the West African nation fails to crack down on the killing of Christians.

The US government will also immediately stop all aid and assistance to Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation and top oil producer, Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

If the United States sends in military forces, it would go in "guns-a-blazing," to completely wipe out the Islamic Terrorists who are committing these horrible atrocities," Trump wrote, without providing any evidence of specifics about treatment of Christians.

Trump warned its government must move quickly. "If we attack, it will be fast, vicious, and sweet, just like the terrorist thugs attack our CHERISHED Christians!" he wrote.



Law enforcement officers detain a demonstrator during a protest near the Broadview ICE facility, following US President Donald Trump's order to increase federal law enforcement presence for crime prevention, in Broadview, a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Iran vows to rebuild nuke sites ‘stronger than before’

AFP, Tehran

Iran said yesterday that it would rebuild nuclear sites damaged by Israeli and US strikes "stronger than before", as mediator Oman urged Tehran and Washington to revive stalled diplomacy.

US President Donald Trump has said the strikes obliterated Iran's nuclear programme, but the full extent of the actual damage remains unknown.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, in a visit to the country's nuclear organisation, said Tehran "will build (the destroyed sites) stronger than before".

"By destroying buildings... we will not be set back," he said in a post to his official website.

Obama calls Mamdani

Praises campaign ahead of NY mayoral polls

REUTERS, New York

Former Democratic President Barack Obama called New York mayoral candidate Zohran Mamdani Saturday and offered to be a "sounding board" if the 34-year-old frontrunner wins the election. He also praised Mamdani's campaign.

The call, first reported by the New York Times, was confirmed by Mamdani's spokesperson.

"Zohran Mamdani appreciated President Obama's words of support and their conversation on the importance of bringing a new kind of politics to our city," said Mamdani spokesperson Dora Peket.

Mamdani, a Uganda-born state assembly member, has polled well ahead of his main rival, former Governor Andrew Cuomo, ahead of the November 4 general election.

Cuomo is running as an independent after losing to Mamdani in the Democratic primary. Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa is the Republican nominee.



Mamdani's policies range from hiking taxes on New York City's wealthiest, raising the corporation tax, freezing stabilized apartment rental rates and increasing publicly subsidized housing, raising worries among the finance community that the city's competitiveness will suffer.

World's most expensive coffee goes on sale in Dubai at \$1,000 a cup

AFP, Dubai

Selling for nearly \$1,000 a cup, a cafe in Dubai is offering the world's most expensive coffee, brewed from Panamanian beans sold at a premium price.

The wealthy emirate is known for its extravagant ventures including an enormous mall with an indoor ski area, the world's tallest building and an artificial island dotted with five-star hotels.

"We felt Dubai was the perfect place for our investment," said Serkan Sagsoz, co-founder of the Julith cafe with the pricey offering.

Located in an industrial neighbourhood that has become a hotspot for coffee lovers, Julith plans to serve "around 400 cups" of the precious beverage starting on

Saturday, Sagsoz told AFP.

For a price tag of 3,600 dirhams (around \$980), the brew offers an experience of floral and fruity flavours reminiscent of tea.

"There are white floral notes like jasmine, citrus flavours like orange and bergamot and a hint of apricot and peach," said Sagsoz, who previously ran a cafe in his native Turkey.

"It's like honey, delicate and sweet," he said. Dubai notched a Guinness record for the world's most expensive cup of coffee last month, when Roasters offered one for 2,500 dirhams.



The new record staggered some people, though residents also said it was par for the course for the desert city with a luxury lifestyle.

"It's very shocking but at the same time, it's Dubai," said Ines, who did not give her last name.

"For wealthy people, it's just another experience they can boast about," added another resident, Maeva.

The Julith cafe bought its beans at an auction in Panama after a tough battle that lasted many hours and drew hundreds of bids.

It claimed to have paid the highest price ever for coffee.



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Teaching young people to shoot?

Focus instead on skills development and employment

We are surprised by the youth and sports adviser's announcement that the government will launch a programme to equip young people with basic combat and self-defence skills, including the use of firearms. Teaching martial arts to young people—especially girls and women—is commendable, but we fail to understand how the decision to provide training in shooting to youth aged 18 to 35 was arrived at. Was this decided solely by the youth and sports ministry, or in consultation with other relevant ministries? Given the novelty and sensitivity of the idea, shouldn't there have been wider discussion with security experts and public engagement beforehand?

The adviser, in a BBC interview, explained that the idea behind this training was to create a "reserve force" for the purpose of mass defence. He also spoke of training young people in live-round firing, with a target of 20,000 young trainees a year. While many countries do have reserve forces of young citizens, such a decision is far too important to be taken arbitrarily. According to a report in this newspaper, the training programme is set to begin on November 8, with online registration already open. Reportedly, 8,000 applications have been submitted for the programme, which will run until February 2028. The criteria for selection include being physically and mentally fit and having at least a secondary school certificate.

At a time when the main priorities for the youth should be acquiring marketable skills and being gainfully employed, the focus on combat training with lethal weapons does not seem appropriate or beneficial. Especially concerning is the fact that many young people—due to poverty, joblessness, and overall unrest in society—already display violent behaviour; some are even involved in criminal activities. The surge in crime by teenage gangs and violence on various campuses, often over trivial matters, is a case in point. How wise is it, then, to have a programme that will put firearms in the hands of young people? How rigorously will their mental fitness be screened?

While basic self-defence skills such as martial arts can be a way to engage and empower young people, the decision to train them in the use of firearms should not be taken with such haste.

We urge the government to reconsider the decision and confine the programme to martial arts training. In this connection, we must point out the discriminatory allocation of placements; reportedly, out of 8,850 participants in the first phase, 8,250 places are for male participants and only 600 for female participants. Given the alarming prevalence of violence against girls and women in the country, it would make more sense to provide self-defence training to more of them. That said, we must emphasise that the youth and sports ministry would do better to prioritise programmes that teach employable skills to young men and women so that they can secure decent jobs and build stable futures.

Independent police commission a must

Ending undue political, bureaucratic control the only way forward

At a recent roundtable on police reforms organised by Prothom Alo, all participants agreed that independence of the police force is crucial for ensuring professionalism, accountability, and public confidence in the force. The speakers, including policymakers, senior police officials, rights activists, academics, and political leaders, unequivocally stressed that meaningful transformation will be possible if the scope for undue political and bureaucratic control is eliminated. From the discussion, one thing is clear: only an independent police commission with real and accountable authority can ensure a sustainable reform.

For decades, our police force has been frequently plagued by impunity, politicisation, and public mistrust. During the 15 years of Awami League rule, the force became an instrument of political oppression, severely eroding its credibility. The fragile relationship between the police and the citizens was starkly exposed during the July uprising. After the fall of the regime, the interim government formed a Police Reform Commission that submitted a report in January this year, outlining extensive measures to restore integrity and accountability in the force. Among them, the commission proposed the creation of an independent police commission. It recommended that use of force against civilians be a last resort—always precise, proportional, and appropriate—following the self-defence-only rules applied to UN peacekeepers, which Bangladeshi police already follow abroad. It also urged the government to prevent custodial torture, extortion, arbitrary arrests, and enforced disappearances.

In early September, the interim government directed the law ministry to draft laws to establish two separate commissions within the police to ensure accountability and enable internal investigations free from external interference. It is encouraging to learn that the amended Code of Criminal Procedure includes key provisions to strengthen accountability in arrest and remand procedures. However, true reform will remain beyond reach if the home ministry retains control over postings, promotions, and enforcement of the commission's recommendations. Bureaucratic interference has long undermined professionalism in the force, which must end.

Experts also believe that an independent commission could free the police from decades of manipulation and abuse. It would ensure that recruitment and promotions are based on merit, investigations are guided by evidence rather than orders, and misconduct is addressed transparently. Such a body would protect human rights, uphold due process, and help rebuild public trust. However, the government must act with urgency to implement the reforms, as enough times have already passed. A truly independent commission, free from ministerial or partisan grip, is the only way to rebuild the police as a humane, service-oriented institution.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

One World Trade Center opens

On this day in 2014, One World Trade Center opened in New York City on the site of the former World Trade Center complex, which had been destroyed in the September 11, 2001.

18 years on, how far has judicial separation really progressed?



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When Bangladesh formally separated the judiciary from the executive in November 2007, it was hailed as a historic turning point—the fulfilment of *Secretary, Ministry of Finance v. Masdar Hossain* (1999) and of Article 22 of the constitution. The reform seemed to promise courts free from bureaucratic control and partisan interference, empowered to function as impartial guardians of the rule of law. However, 18 years on, that promise remains only partially fulfilled. While structurally the judiciary appears independent, the lived reality tells a far more complex story. Executive influence persists, notably through appointments, postings, budget allocations, and administrative oversight. The result: a judiciary that has travelled far in form, yet not always in freedom, thus gyrating between reform and regression. A retired district judge, speaking on condition of anonymity, described it as “independence by permission”—that is, you can act freely, but only if you know where the invisible boundaries lie.

Across Bangladesh's courts, the tension is palpable. In the lower courts, many officers still operate within bureaucratic chains inherited from the old magistracy. In the higher judiciary, benches navigate the delicate balance between asserting authority and avoiding political confrontation. The rhetoric of separation remains compelling; the reality of autonomy remains unfinished.

For all its constitutional promise, judicial independence in Bangladesh has repeatedly collided with the realities of power. The mechanisms that sustain executive influence have evolved rather than disappeared. Where once magistrates served under direct bureaucratic command, today's levers lie in more subtle instruments.

One of those is placement and transfer decisions, where the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs continues to play a decisive role, although a separate Judicial Service Commission (JSC) was created to insulate the service from political discretion.

Budget control is another key barrier. Even after separation, the



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judiciary's administrative expenses continue to pass through ministerial channels. According to an evaluation, in FY2019-20, the judiciary received just 0.352 percent of the national budget.

Appointments and promotions to the higher judiciary remain politically charged. While the JSC recommends candidates, the president (on government advice) must approve; in practice, political preference often outweighs merit. Scholars note that transparency deficits here undermine public confidence and breed self-censorship among judges.

The doctrine of separation and independence was given strong articulation in the *Masdar Hossain* case, which held that the judicial service is “structurally distinct and separate” from the civil executive. And yet, in practice, executive influence continues. For instance, the practice of “mobile courts” (executive-magistrate-led judicial functions) still blurs the line between enforcement and adjudication, contrary to the spirit of separation.

If law is the skeleton of justice, culture is its breath. In Bangladesh's judiciary, the deeper challenge is not merely constitutional design but institutional psychology—how a generation of judges, lawyers, and court staff absorbed a culture of

deference rather than assertion. The judicial service still carries the imprint of its bureaucratic past. Many officers entered under the old civil service paradigm; though rebranded, the habit of obedience remains. A senior High Court lawyer notes, “We call them judges, but we haven't retrained the reflex.”

Public trust, meanwhile, oscillates

move beyond symbolism by ensuring financial autonomy, transparent appointments and promotions, and institutional self-governance.

Without financial independence, autonomy remains conceptual. Therefore, the judiciary's budget should be placed under its own control, for example, via a separate judicial administrative and financial secretariat. Besides, a more open, merit-based JSC process (possibly including civil society oversight) would reduce perceptions of partisanship and elevate institutional credibility. Finally, the judiciary must administer its own transfers, training, evaluations, and discipline. A judicial council, composed of senior judges and administrators, could anchor this autonomy.

The September 2025 High Court decision restoring control to the Supreme Court represents a recent step. However, culture remains the decisive catalyst. Judges, lawyers, and officials must internalise independence not as defiance but as duty. The Bangladesh Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) and university partnerships need reinforcement to embed constitutional ethics and professional confidence.

The judiciary also depends on the health of a country's democratic ecosystem. When parliament weakens, media polarises, and civil society retreats, the courts are placed under existential pressure. In such contexts, the alternative to independence is executive dominance. As one retired judge observed, “A state without an independent judiciary is like a body without a spine. It can stand, but not upright.”

Public trust remains the final measure. Independence must be earned through transparent judgments, timely hearings, and ethical consistency. The High Court's rulings in environmental matters, rights protections, and election oversight provide flickers of hope; however, sporadic judicial courage cannot substitute for systemic strength.

Eighteen years after formal separation, Bangladesh stands at a constitutional crossroads. The next decade will determine whether the judiciary evolves from a dependent institution to a pillar of autonomous justice. The roadmap is clear: constitutional adherence, administrative reform, and cultural renewal. What remains uncertain is whether political leaders will see independence not as a threat but as the republic's greatest safeguard.

Farmgate tragedy and the question of state liability

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Last month, a pedestrian tragically lost his life in Farmgate when a bearing pad fell from a metro rail pillar. Two other people were also injured in the incident. Following the incident, Road Transport and Bridges Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan stated that the family of the deceased would receive Tk 5 lakh as compensation and that an eligible member of the family would be offered a job at Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMTCL). A five-member committee was also formed to investigate the incident.

In the absence of a provision for compensation for accident victims under the Metro Rail Rules, 2016, prompt response from the government is commendable, especially when the government cannot ignore its responsibility in this tragic incident. Besides, the amount offered is inadequate considering the severity of the loss. It should be noted that the amount—Tk 5 lakh—was not just meant for the financial support of the family. Rather, it was stated as compensation for the loss. According to the Law Dictionary, “compensation means indemnification or payment of damages, which is necessary to restore an injured party to his former position... money which a court orders to be paid,

by a person whose acts or omissions have caused loss or injury to another, in order that thereby the person damaged may receive equal value for his loss, or be made whole in respect of his injury.” Now the question arises: how did the government determine the actual extent of the damage suffered by the victim's family? Shouldn't it be the court deciding the amount of compensation to be awarded?

From a legal perspective, the state bears responsibility under the principle of strict liability. This doctrine holds that the government can be held accountable for harm caused by its actions or those of its employees, even in the absence of direct negligence or wrongful intent.

For instance, in compliance with a High Court order, Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence and Bangladesh Railway jointly paid Tk 20 lakh as compensation to the family of Jihad, who died after falling into an abandoned deep tube well in Dhaka's Shahjahanpur area on December 26, 2014. In both incidents, there was evident negligence on the part of government authorities, making the current compensation seem disproportionately low.

In the event of a fatal accident, the family members of the deceased may seek compensation under Section 1 of the Fatal Accidents Act, 1855. However, in practice, initiating legal proceedings against a government body often proves to be difficult or impracticable. Consequently, the only viable means of obtaining compensation is by filing a writ petition under Article 102 of the constitution. It is important to note, however, that filing a writ petition is not the conventional method for claiming compensation. According to Article 102, when no efficacious alternative remedy is available, an aggrieved person may invoke the writ jurisdiction of the High Court Division. The legislative intent behind this provision is to ensure that individuals are not left without recourse when no other legal remedy exists. Therefore, a specific legal remedy is required in situations where loss has occurred as a result of negligence on the part of the government. However, apart from compensatory measures, what is truly essential is a thorough and transparent investigation to ensure that those responsible for this act of negligence are held accountable.

From a legal perspective, the state bears responsibility under the principle of strict liability. This doctrine holds that the government can be held accountable for harm caused by its actions or those of its employees, even in the absence of direct negligence or wrongful intent. A key feature of strict liability is that a person or authority cannot evade responsibility by assigning dangerous tasks to independent contractors. Under Article 32 of the constitution, the state

is strictly responsible for the protection of the right to life of its citizens. This obligation is further reinforced by Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which recognises the inherent right to life and requires states to ensure its protection by law.

In *Rylands v. Fletcher* and *T.C. Balakrishnan Menon v. T.R. Subramanian* (1968), the courts held the defendants liable for damages caused by hazardous activities, even though the work had been delegated to contractors. Similarly, in Writ Petition No. 7650 of 2012, *Z.I. Khan Panna vs. Bangladesh and Others*, concerning the Jihad case, the High Court Division observed that the incident represented clear negligence by the Fire Service and Civil Defence and Bangladesh Railway, resulting in a violation of the fundamental right to life. The court further applied the maxims *res ipsa loquitur* (the principle that the mere occurrence of some types of accident is sufficient to imply negligence) and the principle of strict liability (Writ Petition No. 12388 of 2014, *Children's Charity Bangladesh Foundation vs. Bangladesh and Others*).

Examples from other jurisdictions also show that governments assume moral and legal responsibility when failures lead to loss of life. Therefore, by merely paying a nominal amount of compensation or forming an investigation committee, the state cannot absolve itself of responsibility. The government must ensure accountability through proper investigation and disciplinary action against officials of the concerned authorities.

JAIL KILLING DAY

‘Those in power are often the biggest obstacles to justice’

Sharmin Ahmad is the eldest daughter of Bangladesh's first Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmad. On the occasion of the Jail Killing Day, she talks to Emran Mahfuz of The Daily Star about the assassination of four jailed national leaders, including her father, on November 3, 1975.

Many believe the motive behind the jail killings was to leave the pro-independence forces without leadership. What is your opinion?

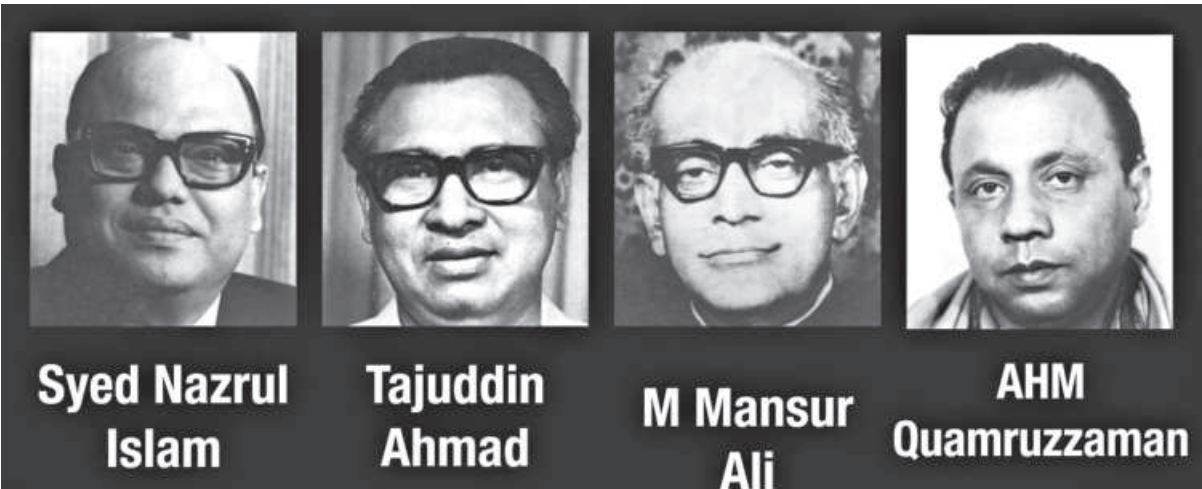
These leaders were indeed the life force of the Liberation War. When Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was imprisoned in Pakistan, the war didn't stop. Tajuddin Ahmad drew up the structure of a government and led the war, upholding our dignity. Had a government not been formed, the war could have been branded as terrorism by separatists. That foresight is what propelled the war forward, and also enabled the government to establish diplomatic ties with the outside world. India came forward. Both military and civilian fronts took part in the war under the wartime government's leadership.

It was largely to their credit that the aspiration for freedom of about 75 million Bangladeshis was realised. Those national leaders, during an uncertain time, led the war with thoughtful clarity and precision. The anti-liberation forces realised that killing only Bangabandhu would not be enough. They had to finish off these smart, patriotic men behind our liberation.

You were very young at the time. Today, do you think there was an international conspiracy, too?

If one's home is fragile, anyone from outside can break in. International conspirators are always lurking with their own agendas. They exploit weaknesses. Look at who formed the government after the killings in 1975, who went to the radio station after Bangabandhu was killed. Especially Khandaker Mostaq Ahmed, Taheruddin Thakur, and Mahbub Alam Chashi—they were from Awami League and conspiring from inside. If anti-revolutionaries take over, will they spare the revolutionaries? It is the wolves in sheep's clothes who realise the agenda of international conspirators. It is at home where the problem begins.

You mean to say internal weaknesses provide external enemies with an opportunity? How



The four national leaders of Bangladesh who were killed in Dhaka Central Jail in the early hours of November 3, 1975. PHOTO: ARCHIVES

do we uncover the truth then?

To uncover the truth, we need to start with self-criticism. And we must know and preserve history in an unfragmented, whole form. I remember after my father was arrested, when my mother, Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, went to see him in jail, he repeatedly told her, “Send word to the Awami League MPs who are not in jail—they must not go to the October 16 meeting at Bangabhaban to support Mostaq.” Even after the message was conveyed, many still attended that meeting. See, things were happening from the inside.

We must put emphasis on two things: our own weaknesses first, then any external conspiracies. If your front door lock is strong, a thief will think twice before coming. But if the lock is broken and the door is shaky, thieves can come anytime. It is we who must strengthen our own house.

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cannot happen. We must know the correct history.

I remember reading in a memoir that Tajuddin Ahmad once told Ataur Rahman that the way Bangabandhu was running the country, he would finish himself and them too. So where do the anti-liberation forces come in?

This is why I said earlier that we need to self-criticise. Since independence, Bangladesh has been moving away from the aspirations and objectives of the Liberation War. Establishing a foundation of equality, social justice, and human dignity for the common people has not been a priority. Instead, protecting personal and family interests became the main focus.

Did the jail administration then fulfil its responsibility in preventing the killings?

No, they did not do their job properly. I first started researching the jail killings in 1987. I interviewed an investigator of the case, Bir Uttam Brigadier Aminul Haque, a member of the Jail Killing Investigation Commission, Justice K.M. Sobhan, politician Abdus Samad Azad, and others who were in prison at the time with the four national leaders. Brigadier Haque later became NSI chief under the Khaleda Zia

administration. On the orders of Major General Khaled Mosharraf, he interviewed the then DIG-Prisons Abdul Awal and others. The DIG said: “We could not fulfil our duties and the killings happened before our eyes.” Had they truly done their duty, our national leaders could have been saved. Even then, the DIG-prisons told the killers, “You cannot enter the jail with weapons; this is illegal. Who sent you?” They replied, “President Mostaq sent us.” They also said clearly that they came to kill.

The then IG Nuruzzaman phoned the president at Bangabhaban. Major Abdur Rashid answered the phone. Rashid asked to let them enter. Then the IG requested to speak to the president, who came on the phone and asked them to do as Rashid said. This was published in news reports on September 25, 1996, based on statements from the then IG and DIG-prisons. On that fateful day in 1975, in the face of illegal and murderous orders from the president and his accomplices, everyone got scared. Not a single officer did his duty that day. Only the DIG tried to protest when the killers entered with guns.

How did you receive the news?

Early in the morning of November 3, my mother woke up. She came to our

room and said, “I had a nightmare.” She saw my father sitting on a throne in a flower garden, wearing a white shirt. And in the sky there was a midday sun, but it was bright blood-red like a setting sun. And streams of red, like blood, were falling from that sun and turning my father's white shirt red. Someone was saying: “A terrible crisis is coming upon the country, terrible crisis.”

My mother was restless after that dream. Everyone had a sinking feeling. Some fighter jets flew very low over our house. But we got no news—the radio was shut. We went to my uncle's house. My father's brother, Mafizuddin Ahmad, was very ill. There was no phone at their house. From the nearby house of Advocate Meherunnesa, a message came that an urgent message

Were the bodies handed over directly? Was there a postmortem?

The postmortem report said they were shot dead. No other detail. A case was filed at Lalbagh Police Station. All of that was suppressed. Until 1996, when the Awami League returned to power, everything was covered up.

Mostaq passed an ordinance that the killing of Bangabandhu would not be tried. And when General Ziaur Rahman came to power, he made that illegal ordinance permanent. So we see how politicians and those in power often become the biggest obstacles to establishing justice. They only look after their own interests. That is why the jail killing case also progressed the way it did. The real conspirators got political protection. Those who fired 60 rounds inside the jail and murdered the four national leaders escaped. Some were given life imprisonment in absentia. One could say, there was a mockery of justice.

What is your comment on the contemporary political situation? In November 2024, you said that Awami League leadership should apologise to the nation. Why did you say that?

What I hoped for did not happen. Despite the mass uprising, the country remains in a troubling vacuum of leadership. Also, instead of reflection, the Awami League leadership continues to deflect blame and target those who speak the truth. But this pattern is not theirs alone. Those currently in power, and all major political parties, have yet to rise to the moment with the humility and foresight the nation deserves.

Healing begins with courage—the courage to admit mistakes. When leaders embrace the truth, they break the cycle of blame, improve their actions, and help the country move forward. Accountability is not a weakness; it is the first step towards renewal.

My father, facing death, planted hundreds of flowers inside the jail compound. In doing so, he planted hope. We must do the same, with truth, humility, and vision.

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needed to be given to my mother. That only Begum Tajuddin should come.

So my mother and I took a rickshaw there. And outside her house, Dr Karim was standing. Crying, he told my mother, “Tajuddin and the other three have been killed in jail.” My mother seemed to freeze. No words came from her mouth. I cried out, “This must be false news.”

What can Bangladesh learn from the 2025 Nobel Prize in economics?

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The 2025 Nobel Prize in economic sciences was awarded to Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt for explaining how innovation drives economic growth. Their work demonstrates that progress is not only about having more people or machines, but also about having better ideas and more effective ways of doing things. This message matters deeply for Bangladesh. For decades, our growth has been powered by the hard labour of millions who send foreign remittances and work in the export-oriented garment industry. But these growth engines are slowing down. To move forward, we need to grow through innovation by creating new products and developing transformational solutions for real problems.

The Nobel-winning economists remind us that the most successful nations are those that encourage people to experiment, invent, and learn. Joel Mokyr shows that societies grow faster when they respect knowledge and curiosity. He demonstrated that for innovations to build on each other, we must not only know what works but also understand why it works scientifically. Philippe Aghion and Peter Howitt explain how “creative destruction,” where new ideas replace old ones, keeps economies dynamic and productive. They refer to innovation as destructive since the companies whose technology becomes passé are outcompeted. In simple terms, when people are free to try new things, they fail and try again; the whole country benefits. John Hassler, chair of the

committee for the prize in economic sciences, noted, “The laureates' work shows that economic growth cannot be taken for granted. We must uphold the mechanisms that underly creative destruction, so that we do not fall back into stagnation.”

Similarly, Dr Fahmida Khatun, executive director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue, aptly noted in a recent op-ed: “This year's Nobel Prize is a prize for a particular way of seeing growth: as a restless, experimental process that constantly replaces old technologies, firms, and even mindsets with better ones.” For Bangladesh, this perspective is both a challenge and an opportunity as the country eyes graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status. It must now pivot toward innovation-led growth by investing in research and development, strengthening intellectual property rights, and fostering collaboration between universities and industries. What is needed is an ecosystem where innovation is rewarded, not stifled, as Dr Selim Raihan, executive director of South Asian Network on Economic Modelling, notes. He calls for reforming our education system, easing access to finance for startups, and ensuring regulatory predictability.

However, the laureates' work highlights the importance of inclusive innovation. Aghion and Howitt have shown, innovation can exacerbate inequality if not paired with social protections. For Bangladesh, this means ensuring that rural populations, women, and marginalised groups are not left behind in the digital transition.

One of the biggest barriers to innovation in Bangladesh is our meeting-driven policy culture. Decisions are not always based on data or research; rather, they are made in lengthy formal meetings, where job hierarchy rather than innovative idea sharing is prioritised. To build an innovation-led economy, we must shift from meeting-driven to evidence-driven policy creation culture, where facts, studies, and experiments guide national decisions.

encouraged to ask questions, solve problems, and think independently. Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) should be taught in practical, creative ways. Furthermore, Bangladesh, which spends less than one percent of its GDP on research, must boost investment in R&D to at least one percent by 2030. We must also ensure that innovative ideas do not die due to bureaucratic hurdles, corruption, or lack of support. We need simpler policies, better coordination, and fair rules that protect intellectual property, and increased access to funds and mentorship for small entrepreneurs and young inventors. From high-tech factories or city startups to villages, innovation

should be promoted throughout the country. Technologies to increase farm productivity, renewable energy and digital health can improve rural life and reduce poverty.

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facts, studies, and experiments guide national decisions. Sadly, only a small fraction of Bangladesh's 17 crore people are active researchers or part of think tanks. Worse yet, research-driven analysis is often disregarded in policymaking. The government should identify, connect, and empower these researchers, universities, and policy institutes so that decisions are informed by real evidence, not routine meetings. Without this shift, innovation will remain a slogan rather than a system.

Bangladesh has shown how resilience and determination can

transform a poor country. Now is the time for the next big leap from efficiency to creativity. If we follow the lessons of Mokyr, Aghion, and Howitt, Bangladesh can build an economy where ideas are our greatest export. The future will belong not only to those who work hard, but also to those who think smart. Our goal should be simple: to make “Invented in Bangladesh” a phrase known around the world. That will be our real success, not a medal from Stockholm, but a stronger, smarter, and fairer nation built by our own imagination.

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LEGENDS COMMEMORATE Ritwick Ghatak and Protiti Devi's birth centenary



Abul Hayat, among other distinguished guests, spoke about Ritwik Ghatak and Proteeti Devi

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At Chhayanaaut's Ramesh Chandra Dutta Memorial Hall on Sunday, nostalgia met reverence as artists, activists, and admirers gathered to celebrate the birth centenary of filmmaker Ritwik Kumar Ghatak and his twin sister, singer Protiti Devi. The event, organised by the Ritwik Kumar Ghatak and Protiti Devi Birth Centenary Celebration Committee, honoured the two visionaries whose creative spirits defined and defied Bengal's cultural landscape.

The occasion also marked the 139th birth anniversary of language movement veteran and martyr Dharendraanath Datta, tying together three legacies of artistic and political resistance.

The ceremony began with Chhayanaaut's young artistes performing *Dhonodhanne Pushpe Bhora, Amader Ei Basundhara*, their voices rising like a hymn to memory. The mood was tender, the applause steady — the audience seemed to know they were there for more than remembrance.

Producer Habibur Rahman Khan, who collaborated with Ghatak on *Titash Ekti Nadir Naam*, spoke with a mix of affection and awe. "My creative friendship with Ritwik Ghatak cannot be told in a single evening," he said. "We fought a lot, but he was like a child — laughing,

unpredictable, yet impossible to leave."

Khan recalled the chaos of working with the filmmaker. "He was so difficult to work with. There was no problem Ritwik couldn't create or solve. He worked on his instincts. Once, he stopped shooting just so 80 technicians could get paid without working. When I protested, he told me, 'Don't you know I've left many films unfinished? I don't work unless I want to.'"

Before filming "Titash..." Khan remembered, Ghatak arrived by the riverbank and drank its water — "to feel the essence of the country he so dearly loved."

Actor Abul Hayat, who made his debut in *Titash Ekti Nadir Naam*, called Ghatak



In attendance were many renowned cultural personalities

"absolutely a madman — and madly brilliant." "We were students when we fell in love with his films," he said. "His spontaneity and indifference were unmatched. From script to scene, everything bent to his will. "Titash..." has become a textbook in cinema history, and I feel lucky to have been a part of it."

Veteran actor Ramendu Majumdar, fashion designer Bibi Russell, and Liberation War Museum trustee Mofidul Hoque reflected on Ghatak's unflinching portrayal of displacement, partition, and identity — themes that continue to shape South Asian cinema.



Laisa Ahmed Lisa performs at the event

Filmmaker Shameem Akhtar and human rights activist Sultana Kamal discussed his defiance of cinematic convention. "He broke every rule," said Kamal. "His films showed pain as beauty and despair as resistance."

Protiti Devi: the forgotten twin

While Ghatak's brilliance often eclipsed his sister's, the programme devoted space to Protiti Devi's artistry. Kishwar Kamal, a renowned singer and a close family member, described her as "a free spirit who lived life on her own terms. Like her twin brother, Protiti was an artist of immense depth. She sang, taught, and inspired — leading a quiet cultural renaissance in our family."

The second half of the evening belonged to music. Laisa Ahmed Lisa performed "Je Rate Mor," one of Ghatak's favourite songs, followed by Protiti's favourite, Atul Prasad Sen's "Ke Go Tumi Ele Asile Othithi". The performances moved many to tears.

Kishwar Kamal closed her heartfelt remarks with "Amar Ei Ghor Bohu Joton Kore Dhute Hobe," her voice trembling as she echoed the twins' shared spirit — defiant, emotional, tender.

Ramendu Majumdar reflected on Ghatak's short yet thunderous life. "In only 50 years, he created and achieved so much. If he had lived longer and healthier, who knows what heights he could have reached? The partition broke him, but it also birthed his greatest art. Ritwik was the raw, unfiltered mirror of society — nothing hidden, everything painfully honest."

As the evening drew to an end, the hall fell into a hush — as if the walls themselves were listening. Ritwik Ghatak, the "madman" who made cinema bleed, and Protiti Devi, the singer who carried that same madness in melody, were remembered not as relics but as living spirits of Bengal's creative conscience.

Their centenary was more than a commemoration. It was a reminder that true art — like madness — never dies. It transforms, waits, and returns.

Shah Rukh Khan unveils 'King' on his birthday



Shah Rukh Khan has officially announced his much-anticipated film *King* on his social media accounts yesterday. He shared it with a powerful caption that reads, "Sau deshon mein badnaam, Duniya ne diya sirf ek hi naam- #KING" (Infamous in a hundred nations, the world gave me only one name- King).

King is one of the most ambitious action thrillers

in recent Bollywood history. It is directed by Siddharth Anand and produced by Red Chillies Entertainment and Marlfix. The cast includes Suhana Khan, Abhishek Bachchan, Deepika Padukone, Rani Mukerji, Arshad Warsi, Anil Kapoor, Jackie Shroff, and Abhay Verma.

This announcement firmly confirms the film's 2026 release timeline. The title reveal was strategically released on Shah Rukh Khan's 60th birthday on November 2, making it an extra special gift for his millions of fans.

Yash, Totini's first collaboration on OTT in Shihab Shaheen's 'Tomar Jonno Mon'



After receiving accolades for his silver screen project, noted filmmaker Shihab Shaheen is back on the OTT platform with yet another romantic film, which is what he is mostly known for. The film titled *Tomar Jonno Mon* (For You, My Heart) will release on November 6 at Chorki.

The motion poster and trailer for the film have already been released. *Tomar Jonno Mon* features the popular and much-discussed on-screen pair, Yash Rohan and Tanjim Saiyara Totini. According to the director, the story he wanted to tell required a pair who share an understanding both on and off screen.

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was mass defence and boosting reserve capacity, adding that the programme would teach weapon handling but not live firing.

Meanwhile, around 8,000 applications have already been submitted.

Contacted by The Daily Star yesterday, security analyst Maj Gen (retd) ANM Muniruzzaman, president of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies, said the initiative could be detrimental if implemented without a clear national policy.

"This is a completely wrong idea. If the purpose is to strengthen national defence capabilities, there must be a specific policy framework approved at the national level — ideally through parliament. This is not a light matter.

"Countries that have national service programmes, such as Singapore or Switzerland, have comprehensive national strategies and legal frameworks guiding them. Implementing such a programme in a disjointed way can do more harm than good."

Muniruzzaman also raised concerns over transparency and oversight in participant vetting.

"There must be a clear policy on how participants are selected, how security checks are done before recruitment, and how they are monitored after completing the training."

He added without such safeguards, the move is risky. "One cannot simply declare people as 'reserve forces' by word of mouth."

He said the initiative is beyond the youth and sports ministry's jurisdiction and is being undertaken without any clear or transparent understanding of what it entails, adding that any effort related to national defence training should come from the Ministry of Defence or the Armed Forces Division.

"Doubts have begun to surface about this initiative — especially as we approach the national election," Muniruzzaman said.

Omar Faruk, professor of criminology and police science at Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, said the training is positive if meant solely for sports or physical exercise. "However, if the goal is to bolster national defence capabilities or expand a reserve force, it is unwise. Without a proper framework, research, pilot

testing, or analysis, it could pose significant risks to the state and society."

He added that many youths are linked to political, economic, or extremist power structures and can be easily influenced due to fragile psychological conditions. "Trained youths could be exploited by any parties or ideologies. It is difficult to confront trained individuals, and this could compromise our security."

Contacted by The Daily Star on Saturday, Col Md Golam Mabud Hasan, director (Training) at BKSP, said they would use airguns during the training.

According to the BKSP admission notice, the 15-day residential training will be conducted in 114 batches at BKSP centres in Dhaka, Cox's Bazar, Chattogram, Khulna, Barishal, Sylhet, and Dinajpur.

Mob kills 3

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C-Circle), confirmed the incident, saying, "A police team recovered two bodies from the spot, while the injured man was taken to hospital."

Fahad Al Asad, resident medical officer of Gobindaganj Upazila Health Complex, told this newspaper, "Police brought a man with injuries to our hospital around 7:00am, but he was already dead."

Bari said, "As it is a murder case, legal action will be taken accordingly."

Shafiqur re-elected

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party's constitution, members of the Central Majlish-e-Shura first elect a three-member ameer panel through a secret ballot.

Then, the party's rukon across the country vote in a secret ballot to elect one of the panel members as the ameer.

Ehsanul Mahbub Jubayer, Jamaat's assistant secretary general and head of the central publicity department, told The Daily Star that since the party resumed its activities in independent Bangladesh in 1979, Ghulam Azam served as ameer until 2000.

Abbas Ali Khan acted as the party's ameer for more than a decade.

From 2000 to 2016, the position was held by Motiur Rahman Nizami, and by Mokbul Ahmad from 2016 to 2019.



Syed Nazrul Islam



Tajuddin Ahmad



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50 years since jail killings

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Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was imprisoned by the Pakistani forces in 1971.

More than 19 years have passed since a trial court convicted 11 individuals for the killings, yet most of the sentences remain unenforced.

Captain Abdul Majed, one of those sentenced to life imprisonment, was arrested on April 7, 2020, after decades on the run. He was later executed for his role in the assassination of Sheikh Mujib.

Among the remaining convicts — believed to be hiding overseas — Rashed Chowdhury is reportedly in the US and Noor Chowdhury in Canada. Despite repeated efforts through diplomatic channels, intelligence agencies, and Interpol, the government has failed to locate the other eight fugitives or secure the extradition of Rashed and Noor.

In the early hours of November 3, 1975, five armed army personnel dressed in khaki uniforms arrived at Dhaka Central Jail around 4:00am.

According to the first information report, one of the men, identifying himself as Captain Muslemuddin from the Bangabhaban, entered the jail and gunned down the leaders.

The four leaders were imprisoned shortly after August 15 that year, the day Mujib and most of his family were killed.

On November 4, 1975, Kazi Abdul Awal, the then deputy inspector general of prisons, lodged the FIR with Lalbagh Police Station. ABM Fazlul Karim, the officer-in-charge of the station, was assigned to investigate the murders. He gathered evidence from the site following a magistrate's inquest report on the victims' bodies.

The Indemnity Ordinance, however, blocked any investigation or trial for nearly 21 years. Following its repeal in 1996, the Criminal Investigation Department reopened the case on August 18 that year.

In 2004, a Dhaka trial court convicted and sentenced 11 individuals for their roles in the killings.

In its verdict, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, led by then chief justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, observed that the murders were part of a wider criminal conspiracy involving powerful elements within the state machinery.

On April 30, 2013, the Supreme Court's Appellate Division upheld the earlier verdict, confirming death sentences for Muslemuddin, Marfat Ali Shah, and Abdul Hashem Mridha, and life terms for Khondaker Abdur Rashid, Shariful Haq Dalim, Noor Chowdhury, Rashed Chowdhury, Ahmed Shariful Hossain, Abdul Majed, Kismat Hasem, and Nazmul Hossain.

Inu, Hanif charged

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innocent," Inu said while standing in the dock.

The tribunal also framed charges in absentia against Awami League Joint General Secretary and former lawmaker Mahbubul Alam Hanif and three local AL leaders from Kushtia in a separate crimes against-humanity case. As all four are absconding, their charges were not read out.

The tribunal fixed November 25 for the opening statement in Hanif's case and November 30 for the opening statement and deposition of witnesses in Inu's case.

During yesterday's proceedings, the tribunal chair said sufficient grounds had been found to frame charges against Inu after reviewing the investigation report and documents. Asked whether he heard the charges, Inu replied that he could not hear properly but understood the tribunal had rejected his discharge petition.

Inu then sought to speak further, prompting Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam to object, saying the accused could only plead guilty or not. The tribunal chair then said, "There is no option; you have to reply 'yes' or 'no.'"

However, Inu said both the chief adviser and the law adviser had acknowledged the "ghost cases" and sought a solution, which pleased him. "Sixty ghost cases have been filed against me in the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court. I am devastated," he added.

After the proceedings, Tajul told reporters that the tribunal framed charges against Inu on the grounds of command and superior responsibility.

"As president of a key component of the 14-party alliance and one of its influential leaders, Inu played a central role in meetings that planned measures to suppress the movement — including curfews and shoot-on-sight orders," he said.

He added, "Inu also made provocative statements at different times, portraying protesting students as terrorists or members of Jamaat-Shibir BNP, thereby justifying their killings as legitimate."

Tajul also said Inu even discussed with the then prime minister the use of drones, helicopters, and bombings to suppress protesters. The final charge involves the killing of six people in Kushtia on August 5 under his instruction.

Replying to journalists about Inu's "ghost cases" remarks, Tajul said there was no scope to take such statements into cognisance.

BNP, Jamaat obstructing

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"One party is obstructing reforms, while another is perhaps trying to postpone the election."

Nahid slammed BNP and Jamaat for clashing over whether the referendum should take place before the election or on election day, calling the dispute "unnecessary and unproductive".

He also accused the parties of trying to divert attention by pushing for two different proportional representation models in the upper house.

"The key issues and main points of debate are which reforms will be included in the charter, what proposals will be made, their legal basis, and whether Prof Muhammad Yunus will issue the implementation order."

If consensus is reached on these points, the referendum can be held on election day or even earlier."

Nahid Islam said the NCP wants the February election to proceed

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“পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ ও তৎপরবর্তী পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা ও এতদসংক্রান্ত সকল সংশোধনী মোতাবেক চলতি ২০২৫-২০২৬ অর্থ বছরে রংপুর জেলা পুলিশের নিম্নবর্ণিত প্রকল্পগুলি বাস্তবায়নের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত ঠিকাদার/মেরামত/নিৰ্মাণ প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/২০২৫-২০২৬

০১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়/জননিরাপত্তা বিভাগ।
০২	সংস্থা	ঃ	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
০৩	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপার, রংপুর।
০৪	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর জেলা	ঃ	রংপুর।
০৫	দরপত্রের বিষয়	ঃ	মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।
০৬	দরপত্রের সূত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	ঃ	পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ঢাকা, স্মারক নং- ৪৪.০১.০০০০.৪০৫.০৭.০২৩.২৫.২৬১৫, স্মারক নং-৪৪.০১.০০০০.৪০৫.০৭.০২৩.২৫.২৬১৬, স্মারক নং-৪৪.০১.০০০০.৪০৫.০৭.০২৩.২৫.২৬১৭ তারিখঃ ২৮/০৮/২৫ খ্রিঃ এবং স্মারক নং-৪৪.০১.০০০০.৪০৫.০৭.০২৩.২৫.২৭৪৬ তারিখঃ ০৫/১০/২৫ খ্রিঃ।
০৭	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
০৮	বাজেট ও অর্থনৈতিক খাত	ঃ	রাজস্ব খাত।
০৯	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	ঃ	০৩/১১/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ।
১০	দরপত্র সিদ্ধিলাভ প্রাপ্তির সর্বশেষ তারিখ	ঃ	১৭/১১/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
১১	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১৮/১১/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১২	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	১৮/১১/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা দরপত্রদাতা বা মনোনীত প্রতিনিধিদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি থাকে)।
১৩	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	২৫/১১/২০২৫ খ্রিঃ ১১.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৪	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী অফিস ও ঠিকানা	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, রংপুর।
১৫	দরপত্র প্রাপ্তির স্থান	ঃ	১। রংপুর রেজ দপ্তর, রংপুর ২। আরআরএফ, রংপুর, ৩। পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, রংপুর।
১৬	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, রংপুর।
১৭	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, রংপুর।
১৮	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ও দরপত্রের সহিত যে সকল কাগজপত্র জমা দিতে হবে	ঃ	(ক) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র, (খ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজ বাস্তবায়ন সংক্রান্ত ঠিকাদারী লাইসেন্স, (গ) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, (ঘ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ, (ঙ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ, (চ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সী সনদ ও (ছ) অভিজ্ঞতার সনদ (সকল দলিলাদির ফটোকপি দাখিল করা হলে অবশ্যই প্রথম শ্রেণীর গেজেটেড অফিসার কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত হতে হবে)।
১৯	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপার, রংপুর।
২০	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার সহিত যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	ঃ	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, রংপুর। ফোন-০২-৫৮৯৯৬১২৩৩ ফ্যাক্স-০২-৫৮৯৯৬১২৩৬।

দরপত্রের বিবরণ

ক্রঃ নং	প্রকল্পের নাম	দরপত্রের মূল্য	দরপত্র জামানত	কার্যাদেশের তারিখ হতে কাজ সমাপ্তির সময়
০১	রংপুর জেলা পুলিশ সুপার বাসভবনের পশ্চিম পার্শ্বের সীমানা প্রাচীর মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।	৭৫০.০০	৪৩৫০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
০২	রংপুর জেলা পীরগাছা থানার গেট ও নামফলক মেরামত কাজ।	৪০০.০০	১৬০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
০৩	রংপুর জেলা পুলিশ লাইন্স প্যারেড মাঠে অবস্থিত স্যানিট্রি ড্রায়স মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।	৪০০.০০	২১৫০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
০৪	রংপুর জেলার মিঠাপুকুর থানার গেট ও সেন্সিটিভ মেরামত কাজ।	৪০০.০০	১২৫০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
০৫	রংপুর জেলা পুলিশ লাইন্স ৪ তলা ব্যারাকের নিচ তলার মেরামত ও সংস্কার কাজ।	৪০০.০০	২৬০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
০৬	রংপুর জেলা পুলিশ লাইন্স ৪ তলা ব্যারাকের ২য় তলার মেরামত ও সংস্কার কাজ।	৪০০.০০	৭০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
০৭	রংপুর জেলা তারাগঞ্জ থানার এসআই কোয়ার্টার মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।	৪০০.০০	১১৫০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
০৮	রংপুর জেলা পীরগাছা থানার এসআই কোয়ার্টার মেরামত কাজ।	৪০০.০০	২০৫০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
০৯	রংপুর জেলা পীরগাছা থানার এসআই কোয়ার্টার (১ ইউনিট) মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।	৪০০.০০	২০০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
১০	রংপুর জেলার আওতাধীন পুরাতন অফিসার্স মেস এর রেকরগ ও অন্যান্য মেরামত কাজ।	৪০০.০০	২৫০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
১১	রংপুর জেলা এ/সি সার্কেল অফিসের গেট ও সেন্সিটিভ মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।	৪০০.০০	২৪০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
১২	রংপুর জেলা মিঠাপুকুর থানার সার্বিক মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।	৭৫০.০০	৩৮০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
১৩	রংপুর জেলা পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয় ভবনের অগ্নি নিরাপত্তা ব্যবস্থা জোরদার করার লক্ষ্যে ফায়ার হুজুরিল ও বক্স স্থাপন কাজ।	৪০০.০০	২০০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
১৪	রংপুর জেলা পীরগাছা থানার সেরেস্তা কক্ষ মেরামত কাজ।	৪০০.০০	১৩৫০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
১৫	রংপুর জেলা পুলিশ লাইন্স প্যারেড মাঠে অবস্থিত মান্ডিপারপাস হল মেরামত কাজ।	৪০০.০০	৯৫০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন
১৬	রংপুর জেলা চাঁনমারী মাঠে বিভাগীয় মোটরযান ওয়ার্কশপ স্থাপনের লক্ষ্যে সীমানা প্রাচীর মেরামত/সংস্কার কাজ।	৭৫০.০০	৪৫০০০.০০	৪৫ দিন

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ক। প্রকৃত ঠিকাদার/প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক ১৫ নং ক্রমিকে বর্ণিত দপ্তর সমূহ হতে দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

খ। দরপত্রের বৈধতার মেয়াদ দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হতে ৯০ দিন পর্যন্ত দরপত্র বলবৎ থাকবে।

গ। পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স ঢাকা কর্তৃক প্রকল্পগুলির অনুমোদন/বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। এতদসংক্রান্ত কোন আপত্তি গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।


ঘ। দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত সময়ের মধ্যে কার্য সম্পাদন করতে হবে।

ঙ। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীরেকে বিধি মোতাবেক অত্র টেন্ডার বা যেকোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা রাখেন।

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Project Preparation Advance (PPA) under
Financial Sector Support Project – II (FSSP-II)
Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)
for
International Consulting Firm: ICT Security Audit, Gap Assessment and
Recommendations for Strengthening ICT Infrastructure and Systems.

Reference No.: S-2_PPA_FSSP-II
Date: 02 November, 2025

01. Background
Bangladesh Bank (BB), as the central bank of Bangladesh, carries the critical mandate of maintaining financial stability and regulating the banking sector of the country. In an era marked by rapid technological advancements, the growing influence of FinTech, escalating cyber security threats, and increasingly stringent regulatory requirements, a resilient and future-ready Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) infrastructure has become indispensable to ensure security, operational efficiency, and compliance with international financial standards.

To address these challenges, BB has launched the Financial Sector Support Project-II (FSSP-II), with support from the World Bank. A key objective of the project is to modernize and automate BB's business processes, strengthen its institutional capacity, and assist banks and non-banking financial institutions (NBFIs) in leveraging ICT to improve efficiency, enhance enterprise risk management, and reinforce regulatory and policy frameworks. By doing so, the initiative seeks to build a robust financial safety net and strengthen regulatory oversight in line with global best practices.

Under the PPA of the proposed FSSP-II, BB intends to engage an international consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive ICT security audit and gap assessment of BB's existing ICT infrastructure and systems. The primary objective of this engagement is to identify vulnerabilities across network security, data management, financial technologies, and regulatory compliance, and to develop actionable recommendations for strengthening the overall ICT systems.

Based on the findings of the comprehensive ICT audit, the consulting firm will propose a structured IT strategy and implementation plan focused on three key areas: enhanced cyber security, improved operational efficiency, and stronger regulatory/supervisory compliance. This will include modernization of core IT systems, adoption of advanced cyber security frameworks, and integration of supervisory and regulatory technologies (SupTech and RegTech). By adopting cutting-edge financial technologies and bolstering cyber resilience, BB aims to establish a future-proof, scalable, and efficient digital banking ecosystem.

This transformation will not only safeguard against emerging risks but also position BB and the broader financial sector of the country to meet evolving demands while ensuring compliance with international regulatory standards.

02. Functions and Responsibilities
The broad scope of consulting services (“the Services”) includes carrying out the following under the project:

- Conduct a detailed ICT infrastructure and systems audit, perform a gap analysis, and prepare recommendations;
- Assess the ICT infrastructure, prepare a needs assessment report, and propose an ICT strategy and implementation plan;
- Prepare an ICT resource plan and skill development plan;
- Ensure comprehensive coverage of information and cyber security aspects.

03. Commencement and Duration
The expected commencement of the Services is in 2026, and the tentative duration of the entire assignment is approximately six (6) months from the commencement date.

Bangladesh Bank now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating their qualifications and relevant experience to perform the assignment.

The short listing criteria are:

(i) Legal Status and Experience

- The consulting firm must be a legally registered entity with a minimum of ten (10) years of verifiable experience, including at least five (5) years of specific experience in providing professional consulting services in ICT governance and strategy, enterprise architecture, cyber security, ICT risk management, and large-scale ICT transformation projects in the financial sector, central banks, or regulatory authorities.
- In the case of a Joint Venture (JV) or consortium, each participating member must have at least five (5) years of relevant experience as specified above.
- All legal documents establishing the JV/consortium, including notarized agreements, must be submitted with the proposal.

(ii) Relevant Sector Experience

- The firm must have successfully completed at least two (2) ICT consulting assignments in the past ten (10) years of comparable scope, scale, and complexity for central banks, banking regulatory authorities, state-owned commercial banks, or multilateral financial institutions. At least one contract must have been completed within the last five (5) years. Of these, at least one contract must have been executed outside the consultant's home country.
- Each referenced assignment must include core components such as ICT governance, cyber security audit, infrastructure and application security review, digital transformation strategy, or enterprise IT architecture review.
- Assignments funded by the World Bank or other international donors will receive preference.

(iii) Financial Capacity

- Audited financial statements for each of the last five (5) years, along with a summary turnover sheet certified by a registered auditor, must be submitted to demonstrate financial stability.

(iv) Technical Capacity and Track Record

- The firm must demonstrate its ability to deploy multidisciplinary teams with internationally qualified professionals across ICT strategy, cyber security, governance, procurement, and risk domains.
- Firms holding industry-recognized certifications such as ISO 27001 (Information Security Management), ISO 20000 (IT Service Management), CMMI Level 3+, or equivalent will receive favorable consideration.
- Team members holding relevant professional certifications such as CISA, CISSP, CISM, PMP, TOGAF, ITIL, COBIT, CCNA, CCNP, CCI, OCP, etc. will also receive favorable consideration.

04. Conflict of Interest
The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, Paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, 3.17, 7.3 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, February 2025, which set forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consulting firms may submit Expressions of Interest (EOIs) individually or in association with other firms to enhance their qualifications. Such associations may take the form of:

- Joint Ventures (JV): All members of the JV shall be jointly and severally responsible for the entire assignment; or
- Sub-consultants: The lead consultant shall remain fully responsible, including for the services of its sub-consultants.

In the case of associations, consultants must explain in their EOI submission:

- The rationale for forming the association; and
- The anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each JV member and/or sub-consultant.

Failure to provide this explanation may result in the association not being shortlisted. To maintain efficiency, it is preferable to limit associations to a maximum of three (3) firms. However, the qualifications and experience of sub-consultants will not be considered for short listing purposes.

05. Selection Method
A Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the “Quality and Cost Based Selection” (QCBS) method of the World Bank Group set out in the Procurement Regulations which will also follow open International competitive process.

06. Information and Submission
Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (10:00 AM to 18:00 PM BST). The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be downloaded from www.bb.org.bd or www.worldbank.org website or can be obtained upon request from the address below either by e-mail or in person during the office hours (Local Time: 10:00 to 16:00 hours).

Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 18:00 PM (BST) of 23 November, 2025.

The client will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by the firm(s) in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI.

The Procuring Entity (PE) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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FARMERS RUSH TO SALVAGE CROPS

Following heavy downpour on Saturday, farmers in Gobindaganj ventured into their flooded farmlands early in the morning as the sun rose above the horizon. They delicately harvested as much of the crop that could be saved from the grips of nature's wrath. Saturday's rain severely flooded large swathes of farmland in Gobindaganj, with similar situations observed in areas like Chapainawabganj, Naogaon, Natore, and Rajshahi, *inset*. As climate change continues to alter rain patterns even late into the year, farmers across the country are concerned about adapting to a continually changing foe. The photos were taken yesterday morning.

PHOTO: MOSTAFA SHABUJ, AZAHAR UDDIN

Bodies of man, woman found in Dhaka warehouse

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered the decomposed bodies of a man and a woman from a warehouse located on the ground floor of a house in Dhaka's Uttar Badda yesterday morning.

A police official said some residents had noticed a foul smell for the past few days and decided to search the warehouse, where they found the bodies.

The bodies have been sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy.

Habibur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Badda Police Station, said the warehouse had been locked from the outside.

As the bodies were badly decomposed, DNA samples will be collected to confirm their identities, the OC added.

PRAYER TIMING

NOVEMBER 3

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

AMTALI MU GIRLS' SCHOOL

Students attend classes in risky buildings

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

Students at Amtali MU Girls' Secondary School in Barguna continue to attend classes in unsafe, dilapidated buildings that have not been renovated in years.

Established in 1965, the school is the only secondary-level institution for girls in Amtali upazila, with 420 students currently enrolled.

The school's six buildings are in severe disrepair, making them largely unfit for academic use. The original school building, constructed in 1966, has four rooms, including the headteacher's office, a teachers' common room, a hall room, and a computer lab.

Due to decades of neglect, the roof has developed cracks, and plasters frequently fall off. During the monsoon season, water seeps through the roof, forcing teachers and students to hold classes outside.

In addition to the original structure, the school has a two-room tin-shed classroom built in 1972, which has been locked for the past five years due to its unsafe condition. A two-storey tin-shed science laboratory constructed nearby is also no longer usable.

The school also has three more buildings -- a three-room one built in 1987, a two-room building from 2004, and a two-storey structure with five rooms from 2002. All

of these buildings are similarly damaged.

The plasters on walls and ceilings are falling off, windows and doors are broken, and the floors have large holes. Students are particularly concerned about the upper floor of the two-storey building, fearing it may collapse at any moment.

"The classrooms have become

the school has received no help for renovation.

Headteacher Md Shah Alam Kabir said, "All six buildings are unsafe. Nothing has been done despite multiple requests."

Md Jasim Uddin, district education officer of Barguna, assured that a recommendation for renovation would be made to the



very risky. We attend classes in fear every day," said Jhinia Akter, a 10th grader. Her classmates, Lamia Newaz Orchi and 8th-grader Mariam Adiba, shared similar concerns.

Despite sending several applications to higher authorities,

higher authorities.

Md Rokonzaman Khan, the upazila nirbahi officer of Amtali, said, "Considering the students' safety, we will take necessary steps to resolve the infrastructure issue as soon as possible."

MFC calls for protection of journos

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The diplomatic network of the Media Freedom Coalition (MFC) in Bangladesh has expressed concern over the growing threats of online violence that disproportionately targets female journalists and media workers.

It also called for ensuring the protection of journalists and media workers, emphasising the safety and fundamental rights demanded by their profession.

In a statement issued yesterday to mark the 11th global anniversary of the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, the coalition stressed the need to continue advancing gender equality within the media landscape and to dismantle barriers that perpetuate discrimination and violence.

The members of the network -- Australia, Canada, Denmark, Switzerland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Sweden, the US, and the UK -- jointly issued the statement.

Stranded in Sudan

Moynul returns home with help of army, foreign ministry after 20 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After nearly two decades of isolation in war-torn Sudan, Bangladeshi national Mohammad Moynul Haque has finally returned home with the assistance of the Bangladesh Army.

He landed in Dhaka yesterday and was reunited with his family at the airport. According to a social media post from the Bangladesh Army, Haque, a contractor, moved to Khartoum, Sudan, in 2006 for work. The outbreak of civil war trapped him in the country for years. He fled to the Abyei region for




safety, but in the process, lost all vital documents, including his passport.

In May 2025, a Bangladesh Army patrol unit deployed under the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei found Haque. The army contacted his family in Bangladesh and formally requested his repatriation through Army Headquarters.

The request was forwarded to the foreign ministry, which coordinated with the Bangladesh embassy in Ethiopia. On August 15, the embassy issued a "travel permit", arranged airfare, and provided financial assistance for Haque.

On October 29, under army supervision, Haque was flown from Abyei to Juba, South Sudan, and from there boarded an Ethiopian Airlines flight to Dhaka.



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প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড (এসজিএফএল) এর পক্ষে উচ্চ আদালত (মাননীয় সূত্রীয় কোর্টের আপিল ও হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ), নিম্ন আদালতে (দেওয়ানী ও ফৌজদারী), প্রশাসনিক ট্রাইব্যুনাল এবং জুডিশিয়াল ম্যাজিস্ট্রেট-এর আদালতসহ অন্যান্য বিচারিক আদালতে মামলা দায়ের, মামলা প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা/পরিচালনা, তদারকি এবং বিভিন্ন বিষয়ে আইনগত মতামত ও চুক্তি ভেটিং ইত্যাদি প্রদানের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা সম্পন্ন বিজ্ঞ আইনজীবী/ল ফার্ম এর নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহবান করা যাচ্ছে:

পদের নাম	শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা	অভিজ্ঞতা	বয়স
প্যানেল আইনজীবী (উচ্চ আদালত)	সরকার কর্তৃক স্বীকৃত কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে ন্যূনতম এলএলবি ডিগ্রীধারী হতে হবে। বার কাউন্সিলে প্রদত্ত সনদ থাকতে হবে এবং আইন পেশার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট বারের সদস্য হতে হবে।	মাননীয় সূত্রীয় কোর্টের হাইকোর্ট ডিভিশন/আপিলেট ডিভিশনে মামলা পরিচালনার কাজে ন্যূনতম ১০ (দশ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।	অনুর্ধ্ব ৬০ বছর
প্যানেল আইনজীবী (নিম্ন আদালত) (সিলেট, হবিগঞ্জ ও সুনামগঞ্জ জেলার জেলা ও দায়রা জজ আদালতসহ অন্যান্য আদালত)	সরকার কর্তৃক স্বীকৃত কোন বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে ন্যূনতম এলএলবি ডিগ্রীধারী হতে হবে। বার কাউন্সিলে প্রদত্ত সনদ থাকতে হবে এবং আইন পেশার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট বারের সদস্য হতে হবে।	জেলা ও দায়রা জজ এর আওতাধীন আদালতসমূহ, জেলা ম্যাজিস্ট্রেট এর আওতাধীন আদালতসমূহ, জুনি সংক্রান্ত মামলা, ফৌজদারী মামলা, শ্রম আদালত/ট্রাইব্যুনালের মামলাসহ অন্যান্য মামলা পরিচালনার ন্যূনতম ১০ (দশ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে।	অনুর্ধ্ব ৬০ বছর

শর্তাবলি:

ক) আবেদনকারিকে বাংলাদেশের স্থায়ী নাগরিক হতে হবে;

খ) প্যানেল আইনজীবী তালিকাভুক্তির মেয়াদকাল ০২ (দুই) বছর বলবৎ থাকবে। তবে, কোম্পানি প্রয়োজনে প্যানেলের মেয়াদ হাস/বৃদ্ধি করতে পারবে। প্যানেলভুক্ত আইনজীবীর অব্যাহতি/পদত্যাগ যেকোন পক্ষের ৩০ দিনের নোটিশ প্রদানের মাধ্যমে কার্যকর হবে;

গ) এসজিএফএল-এর বার্ষিক আবেদন কোম্পানির বিপক্ষে প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা করতে পারবেন না;

ঘ) প্যানেল আইনজীবীগণ পরিষদ তথা কোম্পানির বার্ষিক রফোর্সে তাদের ওপর ন্যস্ত দায়িত্ব যথাযথভাবে পালনে ব্যর্থ হলে কোম্পানি সচিব ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিনের নোটিশ প্রদান করে তাদেরকে দায়িত্ব হতে অব্যাহতি প্রদান করতে পারবেন;

ঙ) উচ্চ আদালতের ক্ষেত্রে অনার্সসহ এলএলএম/বার-এট-ল ডিগ্রীসহ উচ্চ আদালত এ মামলা পরিচালনার কিংবা পেট্রোবাংলা ও এর অধীনস্থ কোম্পানিসমূহে আইনজ্ঞ হিসেবে অভিজ্ঞ প্রার্থীদের পেশাগত অভিজ্ঞতা শিথিলযোগ্য;

চ) নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত প্যানেল আইনজীবী মামলা পরিচালনার আইনগত মতামত/চুক্তি ভেটিং ইত্যাদির জন্য কোম্পানির অনুমোদিত Schedule of Fees for Legal Adviser and Panel Advocates for SGFL অনুযায়ী প্রদান করা হবে। তবে, পেশাগত ক্ষি সরকার কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত হারে ভ্যাট ও ট্যাক্স (প্রযোজ্য হারে) কর্তন করা হবে। ল ফার্মের পেশাগত ফি এর ক্ষেত্রে আইনজীবীর পরিবর্তে ল ফার্মকে প্রদান করা হবে। কোন নির্ধারিত বেতন গ্রাপ্য হবেন না। Schedule of Fees for Legal Adviser and Panel Advocates for SGFL. এর কপি সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড এর প্রধান কার্যালয়, পোস্ট-চিকনাগুল, জৈন্তাপুর, সিলেট এবং ঢাকা লিয়াজোঁ অফিস, পেট্রোসেন্টার, (লেভেল-১৩), ৩, কাওরানবাজার, ঢাকা হতে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে;

ছ) অন্যান্য প্রয়োজনীয় শর্তাবলি চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্ধারিত প্যানেল আইনজীবীর নিয়োগপত্রে উল্লেখ করা হবে।

জ) আবেদনপত্রে (ক) আবেদনকারীর নাম (খ) পিতা/স্বামীর নাম (গ) মাতার নাম (ঘ) স্থায়ী ও বর্তমান/চেম্বারের ঠিকানা (ফোন নাম্বার ও ই-মেইল আইডিসহ), (ঙ) জন্ম তারিখ (চ) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার পূর্ণ বিবরণ (ছ) মাননীয় আপিল বিভাগ/হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ এবং জেলা ও দায়রা জজ কোর্টে আইনজীবী হিসেবে তালিকাভুক্তির সনদ ও সংশ্লিষ্ট আইনজীবী সমিতির সদস্যভুক্তির তথ্য, (জ) অভিজ্ঞতা এবং (ক) অন্য কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে প্যানেল আইনজীবী হিসেবে নিয়োজিত থাকলে সে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে;

ঝ) আবেদনপত্রের সাথে প্রথম শ্রেণির গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত সদ্য তোলা পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ৩ (তিন) কপি (রঙিন) ছবি, আবেদনপত্রে উল্লিখিত তথ্যের সপক্ষে সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতার (বিবরণ ও এর সপক্ষে সাপোর্টিং ডকুমেন্টসহ) সনদের কপি, ইউনিয়ন/পৌরসভার চেয়ারম্যান/ওয়ার্ড কমিশনার/কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক নাগরিকত্বের কপি ও জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের কপি দাখিল করতে হবে;

ঞ) বর্তমানে কোম্পানিতে মামলাভিত্তিক নিয়োজিত আইনজীবীগণ এ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে উল্লিখিত শর্ত প্রতিপালন সাপেক্ষে প্যানেলভুক্তির জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন;


ট) আবেদনপত্র 'কোম্পানি সচিব, সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড, পোস্ট-চিকনাগুল, জৈন্তাপুর, সিলেট-৩১৫২' বরাবরে আগামী ২৫ নভেম্বর, ২০২৫ তারিখের মধ্যে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ডাকযোগে পৌঁছাতে হবে এবং খামের উপর সংশ্লিষ্ট আদালত এর নাম উল্লেখ করতে হবে। হাতে হাতে কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

ঠ) নির্ধারিত সময়ের পর কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

ডা) ল ফার্ম হিসেবে আবেদন করার ক্ষেত্রে ল ফার্মে নিয়োজিত কর্মপক্ষে তিনজন আইনজীবীর ক্রমিক নং-ক, ড, জ ও ব এ উল্লেখিত তথ্যসহ আবেদন করতে হবে।

ঢা) সিলেট গ্যাস ফিল্ডস লিমিটেড কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেকোন দরখাস্ত অথবা সকল দরখাস্ত গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে। প্যানেল আইনজীবী প্যানেলভুক্তির বিষয়ে এসজিএফএল কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

ণ) এ বিজ্ঞপ্তি কোম্পানি ও পেট্রোবাংলার ওয়েবসাইটে পাওয়া যাবে।



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Biswa Ijtema after national election

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Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain yesterday said Biswa Ijtema will be held in February after the national election.

The adviser came up with the information while talking to reporters after a meeting with the representatives of the two factions of the Tabligh Jamaat at the Secretariat.

The exact date of the Ijtema would be finalised later in consultation with both sides, said the adviser.

Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam, Industries Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan and Senior Secretary to the Home Ministry Nasimul Ghani were present at the meeting.

A tournament that will redefine women’s cricket?

ASHEFAQ-UL-ALAM

Flurry of runs, defiant comebacks, constant rain interruptions – what will the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 be remembered for down the line?

The eight-team tournament, which kicked off on September 30 in Guwahati, came to a conclusion on Sunday, with hosts India and South Africa battling it out in the final in Navi Mumbai.

At the time this report was filed, India had posted 298 for seven after being asked to bat, with the match beginning two hours later than scheduled owing to rain – almost befitting considering how unlucky this tournament has been weather-wise overall.

Out of 31 matches over the course of 34 days, six ended in no results owing to rain and wet outfield. Never before had so many matches ended without a victor in a Women's World Cup.

The number of no results would have most likely been much fewer had the geopolitical tensions between India and Pakistan not seeped into cricket.

Both countries no longer send their teams to their neighbouring nation and as a result, the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka was added as the fifth venue for the event.

It hosted 11 matches in total – including all of Pakistan's matches – seven of them were affected by rain and five ended in no result.



But even with poor weather, the 2025 edition has arguably been the most entertaining one in the tournament's history considering the high volume of runs being scored.

Before the final, teams crossed the 300-run mark a total of eight times in this year's event – most ever in a single edition and double of the previous best which happened in the 2022 edition held in New Zealand.

A surprising fact is that the number of

centuries from the 2022 to 2025 editions – excluding the final – has improved by only one, going from 13 to 14, even though the teams put up bigger totals more consistently.

This signals a change in how teams are approaching batting in WODI – making a more conscious effort to reach the 300-run mark – and also how the women's game is evolving at a rapid rate.

An even bigger indication of this evolution, however, is who made it to this

year's final, and who did not.

Since the very first edition back in 1973, Australia and England have been a near constant in the final, with at least one of them being in the final in the first 12 editions.

This set pattern was smashed by India and South Africa, who eliminated seven-time champions Australia and four-time winners England respectively in the semifinals.

Hosts India, after being the last side to earn a place in the semifinals, knocked out the defending champions by scripting an incredible 339 run chase in a match that is already being considered the greatest successful chase in the history of women's cricket.

Jemimah Rodrigues played the innings of her life to send Harmanpreet Kaur's side to the final on home turf.

South Africa's journey to the final was no less dramatic than India's.

After beginning their campaign by getting bundled out for just 69 against England in Guwahati, the Laura Wolvaardt-led side won five games in a row to reach the knockout stage, where they avenged their earlier defeat by crushing the English side by 125 runs.

Regardless of the eventual winners, women's ODI cricket is set to crown new champions – something that hasn't happened in men's ODI World Cup since 1997 – which could become the starting point of a new era of greater competition.

Ankon, Mazid hit tons but Mominul falls short

SPORTS REPORTER

Mahidul Islam Ankon's career-best 122 off 272 deliveries at Sylhet Academy Ground, his fourth first-class hundred, helped Dhaka to 310 all out against Sylhet on Day 2 of the second round of the National Cricket League's (NCL) longer version on Sunday.

Dhaka had been in trouble at 120 for five by the end of Day 1 and were reduced to 175 for seven. Ankon and Sumon Khan then rescued with a 125-run stand. Sumon made a brisk 74 off 99 deliveries before falling to Khaled Ahmed, who finished with three wickets alongside Ebadot Hossain. Ankon was the last man dismissed before Sylhet made 33 without loss, as play ended early due to bad light.

In Cox's Bazar, Mominul Haque missed out on a hundred as Chattogram posted 358 in their first innings against Barishal. Mominul fell for 92 to Ruyel Miah early in the day, while Barishal captain Tanvir Islam bagged four wickets. Barishal reached 115 for two at stumps.

Meanwhile, in Cox's Bazar, Abdul Mazid's unbeaten 119 – his 14th first-class ton – powered Mymensingh to 555 for six before declaring against Rangpur at the Academy Ground. Earlier, Naim Sheikh and Mahfijul Islam Rabbi had also struck centuries. After their long spell in the field, Rangpur finished Day 2 on 18 for two.

In Mirpur, Rajshahi's Shakhir Hossain Shuvro fell 11 short of a century, scoring 89 off 172 balls in his side's total of 268 all out against Khulna, who ended the day at 68 for one before bad light intervened.

ASIAN ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Frederick sets sight on compound medals

SPORTS REPORTER

Long-term coach Martin Frederick has set his sights on achieving success in the compound events for hosts Bangladesh at the upcoming Asian Archery Championships, after announcing a 16-member squad for Asia's premier competition. The tournament is scheduled to take place from November 8 to 14 across two venues in Dhaka.

There were few surprises in the squad, which includes a number of experienced campaigners who have regularly represented Bangladesh, especially since top recurve archers Ruman Sana, Abdul Hakim Rubel, and Diya Siddique left for the United States in search of better opportunities.

Ruman, Rubel, and Diya had previously brought international recognition to Bangladesh, winning medals in recurve events at various competitions – including the 2021 Asian Archery Championships in Dhaka, where Bangladesh claimed one silver and two bronze medals. The silver came in the recurve mixed team event, while the men's and women's recurve teams each earned bronze.

This time, however, Frederick has shifted his focus towards the compound events, particularly after Bangladesh's compound archers have shown consistent performances and strong scores in recent international tournaments.

"In 2021, we won three medals here but failed to win any in Bangkok in 2023. I want to repeat our success from 2021. Reaching the podium is our goal. Our compound team has grown stronger, and our compound mixed team is particularly promising. I will work towards that podium finish," the German coach told reporters after the conclusion of the Archery League at the Tongi Stadium yesterday.

"We've made great progress in the compound division, especially in the mixed team event. The recurve women's team is our weakest area, and we'll need to work hard there. But we have a young team with potential, and they need time to develop. So, perhaps we shouldn't expect too much just

yet," added Frederick, who has been coaching in Bangladesh since early 2018.

Ramkrishna Saha, Sagor Islam, and Ety Khatun are optimistic too about achieving good results on home soil.

"Last time we won bronze in the recurve team event, so this time we're aiming to reach the final," said Ramkrishna. "The men's recurve team always strives for success, and we've prepared well, especially through the recently concluded Archery League."

SQUAD:

Recurve Men: Abdur Rahman Alif, Sagor Islam, Rakib Mia, Ramkrishna Saha

Recurve Women: Shima Akter Shimu, Ety Khatun, Shonali Roy, Monira Akter

Compound Men: Mohammad Ashikuzzaman, Himu Bachar, Newaz Ahmed Rakib, Soheli Rana

Compound Women: Bannya Akter, Pushpita Zaman, Kulsum Khatun, Mithila Akter



Kylian Mbappe netted twice as Real Madrid eased to a 4-0 victory over struggling Valencia on Saturday, with Jude Bellingham and Alvaro Carreras also scoring to help the LaLiga leaders claim their 13th win from 14 matches in all competitions this season. The win extended Real Madrid's lead at the top to 30 points, seven clear of Villarreal and eight ahead of Barcelona.

PHOTO: AFP

AGENCIES

Liverpool returned to winning ways at the perfect time on Saturday night, beating Aston Villa 2-0 at Anfield to end a miserable run of form and restore some confidence ahead of a crucial week that includes clashes with Real Madrid and Manchester City.

Mohamed Salah was once again at the centre of it all, capitalising on a costly mistake from Villa goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez in first-half stoppage time.

The Egypt forward calmly slotted into an empty net to give Liverpool the lead and, in the process, reached a remarkable milestone – his 250th goal for the club. Only Ian Rush [346] and Roger Hunt [285] have ever reached that landmark in Liverpool's storied history.

Salah's strike eased the tension around Anfield, which had grown after a sequence of six defeats in seven matches across all competitions. Ryan Gravenberch sealed the win midway through the second half, his shot from the edge of the box taking a deflection off Pau Torres to beat Martinez and make it 2-0.

"It's very important," Salah told TNT Sports after the match. "We had a few losses in the Premier League and Champions League, but I'm glad we're starting to come back on track. It's a big plus before very important games against Madrid and City."



The victory lifted Arne Slot's side to third in the Premier League table, seven points behind leaders Arsenal. For Slot, under increasing pressure after a string of poor results, this performance was a much-needed display of resilience and unity. "Everybody here felt the importance of the game – the players and the fans," the Dutch manager said. "We showed we're still fighting."

Virgil van Dijk echoed those sentiments, praising his teammates' character after a difficult spell. "We're not out there to lose games. We want to work our socks off and

BCB drops three companies from BPL franchise race

SPORTS REPORTER

Having received expressions of interest (EOI) from eleven companies for Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) franchises for the next five years, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will move forward with eight, while three have been left out following the first stage of screening.

SQ Sports Enterprise (Chittagong Kings), Mindtree (Khulna Tigers), and BANGLAMARK (Noakhali) were disqualified for non-compliance in the EOI process due to missing paperwork, BPL governing council's member secretary Iftekhar Rahman Mithu informed the media yesterday.

Alongside Rangpur Riders, franchises representing Dhaka, Rajshahi, and Sylhet are ahead in the race for final selection, while discussions continue regarding Cumilla, Khulna, and Barishal. A Chittagong franchise also remains part of BCB's plans.

Chittagong Kings had obtained a High Court injunction, but BCB filed a civil petition and secured a stay order yesterday. "You know they defaulted, and due to their payment default, they were terminated," Mithu said.

Meanwhile, BCB will hold a board meeting today to discuss improvements to the Mirpur Academy Ground and possible inclusion of a new BPL venue. The meeting will also review the national team's performance, with cricket operations set to be a key discussion point for improving policies and processes.

SHORT CORNER

Manon, Fahad eliminated from Chess World Cup

Bangladesh's International Masters Manon Reza Neer and Fahad Rahman were eliminated from the first round of the ongoing FIDE World Chess Cup 2025 in India on Sunday after contrasting results in their second games.

Babar's sweep of change

Babar Azam played a match-winning 47-ball 68 to guide Pakistan to a convincing win over South Africa in Lahore on Saturday, sealing the three-match T20I series 2-1. For the calibre that Babar possesses, this particular innings may not stand out based on numbers alone. However, current Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha noticed something different in this knock.

Messi on course for 900 faster than Ronaldo

Lionel Messi scored a left-footed curler in the 90th minute, but Inter Miami fell to a 2-1 loss to Nashville SC on Saturday. This was Messi's 892nd goal in 1,132 appearances, as he looks set to reach the 900-mark faster than Cristiano Ronaldo, who took 1,236 games.

Williamson retires from T20Is

Former New Zealand captain Kane Williamson announced his retirement from T20Is on Sunday, but he will play for the Black Caps in the Test series against the West Indies. The 35-year-old batter has played 93 T20Is for his country since making his debut against Zimbabwe in 2011, captaining the side on 75 occasions and leading them to the World Cup final in 2021 and semifinals in 2016 and 2022.

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Liverpool's welcome win ahead of Real test



BNP, Jamaat obstructing state reforms

Says Nahid; NCP accepts water lily bud as election symbol

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

National Citizen Party (NCP) Convener Nahid Islam yesterday came down heavily on BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami, accusing the parties of obstructing state reform initiatives and plotting to delay the national polls.

Besides, the party has clarified its position about the referendum date and accepted “shapla koli” (water lily bud) as its electoral symbol.

NCP leaders said the referendum could be held on the election day or even earlier when a three-member NCP delegation met the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin at the EC office yesterday afternoon.

At that time, the party leaders declared a plan to nominate candidates for all 300 seats in the upcoming national election.

Later, speaking to reporters at the party’s office, Nahid Islam accused the BNP of opposing the consensus commission by submitting notes of dissent on key issues, raising doubts among the public -- and even within their own ranks -- about their commitment to reforms.

Meanwhile, he went on to say that Jamaat’s actions appear to suggest possible intentions to delay the election.

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India players celebrate with the trophy after winning the ICC Women’s World Cup, defeating South Africa, at the DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Inu, Hanif charged with crimes against humanity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 yesterday framed charges against former minister and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President Hasanul Haq Inu, and Awami League Joint General Secretary and former lawmaker Mahbubul Alam Hanif, for their alleged crimes against humanity.

The three-member tribunal, led by Justice Nozrul Islam Chowdhury, read out eight charges against Inu in a case in which he is the lone accused. The charges include murder, instigation, abetment, persecution, complicity, and aiding ruling party leaders and law enforcers in killing unarmed civilians during the July 2024 uprising.

Pleading not guilty to the charges of crimes against humanity, Inu told the tribunal that he was a victim of “political vengeance.”

“I am struck by ghost cases... After Allah, you are the representatives of justice. I hope you will deliver justice. I am

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Mob kills 3 on suspicion of cattle theft in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Three people were killed in a mob beating in Gaibandha’s Gobindaganj upazila early yesterday after allegedly attempting to steal cows, police said.

The incident took place in Nasirabad area of Katabari union around 4:00am, said Bulbul Islam, officer-in-charge of Gobindaganj Police Station.

One of the deceased was identified as Kawsar Ali, 32, of Damgara village in Bogura’s Shibganj upazila.

The Criminal Investigation Department’s crime scene unit (Rangpur range) is working to identify the other two victims, the OC added.

Abdus Salam of Helali Para village in Katabari told The Daily Star, “Around 3:00am, when I went to my cowshed to light a coil, I found three cows missing and the wall broken. As I started shouting, neighbours chased the thieves.

“About a kilometre from my house in Nasirabad area, hundreds of people caught the three and beat them up. I heard two of them died on the spot.”

Al-Amin, a witness from the same village, said, “Around 3:30am, we went to Nasirabad and saw three people jump into a pond. Hundreds were throwing bricks and stones at them. They were beaten up after they came out of the water.”

Rashidul Bari, senior assistant superintendent of police (Gaibandha

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Uncertainties driving away RMG work orders

Business leaders say at a seminar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A portion of fresh apparel work orders are moving from Bangladesh to other countries because of political uncertainty and gas and electricity supply crises, said a group of trade body leaders and exporters yesterday.

“We are in a risky place,” said Showkat Aziz Russell, president of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), at a seminar organised by the Bangladesh Garment Buying House Association (BGBA) on the current challenges in the garment sector and the way forward.

He called on the interim government to hold the election on time and to hand over power to the elected government.

The inflow of work orders from international clothing retailers and brands is slowing, he said.

“But the data is being presented in the wrong way -- like the previous government did. The current government is also not noticing the problems like a blind person. It is a matter of grief that the newly-elected BGMEA president could not avail an appointment of the chief adviser in 120 days.”

The members of the BTMA, the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) and the BGBA have already invested \$75 billion and account for 85 percent of the total exports, he added.

Because of the gas crisis and three to four hours load-shedding, factories cannot make goods in timely manner, said Mohammed Zakir Hossain, secretary general of BGBA.

“We are passing through a bad time because of the current overall uncertain situation of the

country -- if those challenges are not resolved soon, the crisis will only deepen further,” said Mohammad Rashed, vice-president of BKMEA.

A portion of expected work orders are shifting to other countries or taking longer to finalise, said BGMEA Director Faisal Samad.

“The garment sector has turned into a crisis management sector, as every day there is a new crisis.”

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Showkat Aziz Russell, president of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association



He and former BGMEA director Shovon Islam criticised the government for reducing the signatories needed for forming a trade union in factories from 50 to 20.

BNP Standing Committee Member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said if his party comes to power, it will defer the LDC graduation as the businesses need a lot of preparation for smooth graduation.

Shafiqur re-elected Jamaat ameer



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shafiqur Rahman has been re-elected as the ameer of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami for the 2026–2028 term.

This marks his third consecutive term as the party’s top leader.

Jamaat’s Chief Election Commissioner and Assistant Secretary General Maulana ATM Masum announced the results of the ameer election on Saturday night, according to a press release issued by the party yesterday.

The release said voting took place from October 9 to October 25, when the party’s rukon (members) across the country cast their votes through secret ballot.

After the completion of the voting process, the responsible committees counted the ballots.

Shafiqur received the highest number of votes.

He previously served as Jamaat’s ameer for the 2020–2022 and 2023–2025 terms.

According to the

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YOUTH SHOOTING TRAINING Experts ring alarm over risk to society

MUNTAKIM SAAD

The government’s decision to introduce “shooting” training for general youths has raised concerns among security analysts and criminologists.

They warn that providing such training without a policy framework or strict oversight could have far-reaching consequences in a society already struggling with the misuse of arms, political unrest, extremism, and recurring youth violence.

They also questioned the timing of the move, coming just ahead of the national election.

The government’s “Basic Self-Defence Training for Youths” is scheduled to begin on November 8, with online registration already open, to teach combat and protection skills, including martial arts and shooting. The programme will be implemented under the supervision of the youth and sports ministry.

The project would run until February 2028.

The initiative is beyond the youth and sports ministry’s jurisdiction and is being undertaken without any clear or transparent understanding of what it entails.

Security analyst Maj Gen (ret’d) ANM Muniruzzaman

Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) issued a circular on October 16, while Youth and Sports Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain announced the initiative in a Facebook post on October 20.

He wrote, “A total of 8,850 trainees will initially receive training at seven centres across the country. They will be trained in karate, judo, taekwondo, and firearm shooting.”

The mention of “firearms” sparked debate and confusion. The next day, he made another post saying, “8,250 young men and 600 young women aged 18 to 35 will receive training.” He replaced “firearm shooting” with just “shooting”, though one photo card he shared still mentioned “firearms”.

Speaking to BBC Bangla recently, Asif said the aim

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Teachers of Ebtedayee (primary) madrasas and several education organisations stage a sit-in in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday, demanding MPO inclusion. The protest, one of several held in Dhaka to press various demands, caused severe traffic congestion and public suffering.

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এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, **দি এক্সিম ল্যাবরেটরিজ লিমিটেড** বাংলাদেশের একটি স্বনামধন্য জীবনরক্ষাকারী ঔষধ প্রস্তুতকারক প্রতিষ্ঠান যা সুদীর্ঘকাল যাবত দেশের প্রচলিত আইনের প্রতি সম্মান রেখে এবং সকল নিয়মনীতি মেনে দেশের অভ্যন্তরে এবং বহির্বিধে সুনামের সাথে ব্যবসা পরিচালনা করে আসছে। এবং **দি এক্সিম ল্যাবরেটরিজ লিমিটেড** সর্বদাই সামাজিক দায়বদ্ধতা ও আত্মমানবতার সেবার নিবেদিত। “**দি এক্সিম ল্যাবরেটরিজ লিমিটেড**” বাংলাদেশ সিকিউরিটিজ অ্যান্ড এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন এর অধীনে একটি নিবন্ধিত পাবলিকলি লিস্টেড কোম্পানি। এই কোম্পানি বা কোম্পানির পরিচালনা পর্ষদের কোন সদস্যের শেয়ার মার্কেটে অন্য কোনো লিস্টেড কোম্পানি নেই। আমাদের দেশের কিছু ভূঁইফোর ও অসাধু ব্যবসায়ী তাদের প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামের সাথে “**এক্সিম**” শব্দটি যুক্ত করে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামকরণ করে ব্যবসা পরিচালনা করছে, যার ফলে সাধারণ মানুষের মাঝে বিভ্রান্তি সৃষ্টি হয়, এবং এতে অনেকে ভুল বুঝে উক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে **দি এক্সিম ল্যাবরেটরিজ লিমিটেড**-এর সহযোগী প্রতিষ্ঠান মনে করে আর্থিক লেনদেন বা যে কোনো বিষয়ে চুক্তিবদ্ধ হয়ে অপ্রত্যাশিত আর্থিক ক্ষতির সম্মুখীন বা প্রভাবিত হতে পারেন। যার ফলশ্রুতিতে, দেশ এবং দেশের বাইরে **দি এক্সিম ল্যাবরেটরিজ লিমিটেড**-এর সুনাম তথা ভাবমূর্তির ওপর নেতিবাচক প্রভাবসহ জনমনে চরম বিভ্রান্তি সৃষ্টি হওয়ার সম্ভাবনা রয়েছে বলে কোম্পানির কর্তৃপক্ষ মনে করেন। উক্ত বিষয়টি বিভিন্ন মাধ্যমে, **দি এক্সিম ল্যাবরেটরিজ লিমিটেড**-এর কর্তৃপক্ষের কাছে দৃষ্টিগোচর হওয়াতে, বিষয়টি অনুধাবন করে কোম্পানির নামের বিভ্রান্তি দূর করার লক্ষ্যে এবং সর্বসাধারণকে সতর্ক করার নিমিত্তে বিষয়টি সকলের দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণের উদ্দেশ্যে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রদান করা হলো। বিশেষ করে, যদি কোনো কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামের সাথে “**এক্সিম**” নাম সংযুক্ত থাকে তাহলে সঠিকভাবে যাচাই বাছাই করে এবং সর্বোচ্চ সতর্কতা অবলম্বন করে উক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানের সাথে আর্থিক লেনদেন অথবা ব্যবসায়িক সম্পর্ক স্থাপনে সকলকে বিশেষ সতর্কতা অবলম্বনের জন্য পরামর্শ দেওয়া হচ্ছে। যেহেতু **দি এক্সিম ল্যাবরেটরিজ লিমিটেড**-এর কিংবা এর পরিচালনার পর্ষদের কারোই বাংলাদেশে কোন পাবলিকলি লিস্টেড কোম্পানি নেই এবং অত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানের কোনো সাবসিডিয়ারী কোম্পানিও নেই সেহেতু সঙ্গত কারণেই “**এক্সিম**” শব্দটি ব্যবহার করে শেয়ার বাজারে, অথবা অন্যত্র কোন কোম্পানি পরিচালনা করলে, তাহার সাথে **দি এক্সিম ল্যাবরেটরিজ লিমিটেড**-এর কোনো প্রকার সংশ্লিষ্টতা বা সম্পৃক্ততা নেই বলে গণ্য করার জন্য সর্বশ্রুতি সকলকে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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