



Ganesh Biswas sells handcrafted fish baskets made from split bamboo, carrying them on his head. Each basket sells wholesale for Tk 120 and retail for Tk 150. The photo was taken yesterday at Char Aicha, a village in Barishal Sadar upazila.

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Be rational, ensure nat'l stability

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If there is a lack of trust, it must be addressed first. Without that, reforms or elections will not matter."

Supreme Court lawyer and Jamaat representative Shishir Manir said, "BNP identifies as a reformist party, but where is the reform now?"

He said if BNP calls the omission of its dissent notes from the July charter a "deception", the same could be said about Jamaat and the NCP. "The exclusion was a policy decision, not deceit," he added, urging BNP to review the charter and the draft orders carefully.

NCP Joint Convenor Khaled Saifullah said

extreme positions by some parties have made compromise difficult. "Let us not use notes of dissent as tools for negotiation. Let us go to the people and hear directly what they want -- that is the true purpose of the referendum," he said.

Amar Bangladesh Party Chairman Mojibur Rahman Monju said leaders show flexibility in private but appear rigid before the media, which fuels mistrust.

Ganoshambati Andolon Chief Coordinator Zonayed Saki said the July movement created "revolutionary potential" but did not complete the transition.

He warned that turning the reform process into a political contest could derail the transition.

Dhaka University Professor Asif Mohammad Shaham said ambiguities remain in the draft orders, particularly regarding terms that could affect the powers of the next parliament.

Syed Hasib Uddin Hossain, general secretary of Rashtra Sangskar Andolan, said all parties want an election, but what matters most is ensuring that the process is properly executed.

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Titumir and Naeem Ahmad, chief organiser

of Nagarik Coalition, also spoke.

Fahim Mashroor, joint convener of Voice for Reform, moderated the discussion.

On Monday, the government asked political parties to submit a unified decision within a week amid disputes over the July charter and the proposed referendum.

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DU show-causes 403 BCL activists over July violence

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University authorities have shown-caused 403 leaders and activists of the banned Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) over their alleged involvement in attacks on protesting students during the July uprising, between July 15 and August 5, 2024.

The show-cause notice, signed by Proctor Prof Saifuddin Ahmed, also the member secretary of the university's probe committee on the July incidents, was issued on November 2 and circulated to the media by the DU Public Relations Office yesterday.

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NCP, 2 other parties

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-- "shapla" (water lily), "kalam" (pen) and "mobile phone". Earlier, Nagarik Oikya and Bangladesh Congress had also sought the water lily symbol.

Later, in letters sent on August 3 and September 24, NCP revised its preferences, stating that it wanted a white or red water lily.

On September 30, the EC sent a letter to NCP asking it to choose one symbol from the approved list of 115 and submit its choice by October 7.

The NCP then wrote to the EC again, arguing that the commission's reasoning was not "legally correct" and its refusal had no legal basis.

On October 30, the EC incorporated the water lily bud into its reserve list of electoral symbols for both political parties and independent candidates.

That same day, EC Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said the inclusion was not linked to any party's demand, noting a difference between "water lily" and "water lily bud".

Finally, on November 2, the NCP accepted "water lily bud" as its electoral symbol following a meeting with the chief election commissioner.

Prothom Alo celebrates

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journey through objective journalism," Sajjad said, adding that this sense of responsibility must continue in the future.

Alamgir Kabir praised Prothom Alo for remaining true to its principles,

saying that while many lose direction due to greed, the newspaper has stayed steadfast and truthful in its service to the nation.

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Attending the event, The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam praised Prothom Alo's

leadership, journalistic quality, and integrity.

He highlighted both the opportunities and challenges of the present time, where freedom of expression has expanded, but misinformation and hate speech have also proliferated.

He said journalists must now be more cautious and truthful than ever.

In his concluding remarks, Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman paid tribute to late Transcom Group Chairman Latifur Rahman and recalled the founding vision of Prothom Alo -- to build an independent, neutral newspaper serving the nation through journalism.

He said the newspaper had faced many challenges

since its inception and warned that new ones had emerged, including the growing influence of right-wing politics and the rise of artificial intelligence.

"We must embrace these changes," he said. "While remaining true to the spirit of the Language Movement and Liberation War and the ideals of free, progressive thought,

we also need to become technologically advanced and AI driven as an institution."

The programme began at 10:00am with the national anthem sung by Prothom Alo staff, followed by a short documentary highlighting the newspaper's achievements.

Managing Editor Anisul Hoque formally closed the event.

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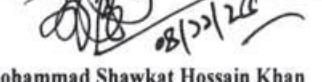
for Procuring Services of a Research/ Consultancy firm (National) for Conducting "Gender Responsive Health Care System in Bangladesh: Addressing the Dual Burden Challenge of Climate Change and Health Inequities"

Memo No. 45.05.0000.000.005.31.0003.25.459

Dated: 04/11/2025 CE

SL NO	PROCURING AGENCY INFORMATION	
1.	Ministry / Division	Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2.	Agency	Health Economics Unit (HEU)
3.	Name of The Procuring Entity	Director (Administration), HEU
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5.	Type of Organization	Consultancy Firm/ Research Organization
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8.	Budget and Source of Funds	Funds of Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB-Operating Budget), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW)
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9.	Project / Program Name (If Applicable)	Gender Responsive Health Care System in Bangladesh: Addressing the Dual Burden Challenge of Climate Change and Health Inequities
10.	EOI closing date and time	Date: 24/11/2025 CE
11.	Brief Description of the Assignment	Time: 02:00 PM
12.	Experience, Resource and Delivery Capacity	To be selected, the organization MUST fulfill the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven expertise in conducting research on gender, equity, and health systems, preferably within the context of Bangladesh. Strong understanding of the interlinkages between climate change, health, and social vulnerability, including experience in climate-resilient health or social protection studies. Experience in health policy analysis, institutional assessments, and formulation of evidence-based recommendations for system strengthening and inclusivity. Proven record of producing high-quality analytical and policy reports in English, meeting international research and documentation standards. Applicants fulfilling the following criteria shall be given SPECIAL CONSIDERATION in the selection process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior experience working with government institutions—particularly the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) or Health Economics Unit
13.	Other details (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JVCA is not allowed for this service procurement 02 copies of the EOI (01 Original and 01 Copy) should be submitted in a SEALED ENVELOPE clearly marked 'Request for EOI for conducting 'Gender Responsive Health Care System in Bangladesh: Addressing the Dual Burden Challenge of Climate Change and Health Inequities' to the undersigned.'
14.	Association with external firm	Not Applicable
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