



New York City may-or-elect Zohran Mamdani waves to his supporters at an election night rally in Brooklyn on Tuesday.

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BNP nominee for Ctg-8 shot, one killed

Incident occurred at a voter outreach event

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One person was killed and two others were injured in an attack on a political programme of Ershad Ullah, convener of the Chattogram city unit of the BNP and the party's nominated candidate for Chattogram-8, in the city's Purbo Bayezid area yesterday.

Sarwar Babla sustained bullet injuries and died while undergoing treatment at Evercare Hospital in the port city, said Officer-in-Charge Jasim Uddin of Bayezid Bostami Police Station. Ershad Ullah is among the injured.

The OC said another person, Erfanul Haque Shanto, was also injured in the attack.

Mohammad Aziz, a witness and younger brother of Sarwar, told The Daily Star that after Asr prayers,

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'A new era for New York'

Mamdani makes history in Big Apple mayoral win, challenges Trump; boost for Democrats ahead of midterms

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New Yorkers elected leftist Zohran Mamdani as their next mayor, while Democrats won two key state governor races, sending an early warning signal to Republican President Donald Trump ahead of the 2026 midterms.

The clean sweep among several ballots nationwide on Tuesday has boosted morale among Democrats bruised by Trump's return to the White House and has set alarm bells ringing among Republican circles.

Mamdani, 34, is the city's first Muslim mayor and the youngest to serve in more than a century.

A day after his victory, Mamdani yesterday said, "New Yorkers deserve a government they can trust."

He said that when he is inaugurated on 1 January 2026, it will mark "a new era for our city -- one that we all feel invested in".

The Democratic socialist's victory came in the face of fierce attacks on his policies and his Muslim heritage from business elites,

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Biggest banking shakeup in motion

BB takes over 5 Shariah lenders in rescue merger

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The Bangladesh Bank yesterday took over the five troubled Shariah-based banks on a temporary basis by dissolving their boards as part of the formal merger process.

Before dissolving the boards of directors, BB Governor Ahsan H Mansur met with the chairmen and managing directors of the five banks -- First Security Islami, Union, Global Islami, Social Islami and EXIM -- to inform them about the matter.

In a circular, the central bank said the five banks have been brought under the resolution process to restore good governance, ensure accountability, bring overall discipline in the banking sector, protect the interests of depositors and regain public confidence in the overall banking system.

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Five banks' boards dissolved

Temporary administrators appointed

New 'Sammilito Islami Bank' to launch soon

Paid-up capital to be Tk 35,000cr

Depositors with Tk 2 lakh or less to get money back this month

75 lakh depositors' funds will remain protected

Merger to take more than a year to complete

Draft law forbids unlawful surveillance

If passed, it will dismantle the NTMC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has drafted a new ordinance that seeks to penalise unauthorised surveillance by anyone, including state actors.

The ordinance also abolishes "any previously existing interception agency or telecommunications monitoring centre or platform".

If passed, the law could lead to the elimination of the National Telecommunications Monitoring Centre, known for large-scale surveillance.

The Daily Star had previously investigated how the NTMC, police, and Rab collectively purchased surveillance equipment worth over Tk 1,382 crore between 2016 and

2024 to unlawfully surveil citizens.

A draft of the law titled "Bangladesh Telecommunications Ordinance 2025" and prepared by the Posts and Telecommunications Division, was uploaded to its website on Tuesday for stakeholder feedback.

The draft says interception and surveillance will have both

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