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MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR

The government is considering holding the national election and the referendum on the same day, among other options, to resolve the ongoing political crisis.

The referendum may include several questions for voters, including one on the notes of dissent submitted by political parties during the consensus talks on the July charter.

Several government sources said the administration, in an effort to accommodate conflicting demands of the parties, is also exploring options to form an upper house of parliament.

Two models are under discussion. One is that all 100 members of the chamber could be elected through proportional representation based on

- Govt mulls polls, referendum on same day
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- Clause to auto-insert reforms in constitution after 270 days may be dropped
- Referendum to include questions on parties' dissent notes

the share of votes each party receives in the national polls.

Alternatively, half of the seats could be filled based on vote ratios, while the remainder would be allocated according to each party's share of seats in the lower house.

The government is also considering removing the clause that automatically incorporates reform measures into the constitution if the Constitutional Reform Council fails to act within 270 days since its first sitting.

As the parties failed to agree on constitutional reforms under the July charter within the government's one-week deadline, several advisers have been in intense discussions to find a way forward.

The advisory council is expected to discuss the issue at its regular weekly meeting this morning, three days after the deadline.

After the meeting, Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus will

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Dissecting the July charter flashpoints

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Envisioned as a framework to reshape the nation's democratic trajectory, the July charter has instead turned into a wedge that is deepening the political rift.

The political parties remain sharply divided over the implementation of the charter, the time of a referendum and the fate of several notes of dissent incorporated into the charter.

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Fair price for farmers more urgent than referendum

Says Tarique

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP acting chairperson Tarique Rahman yesterday questioned the logic of holding a referendum now, given that the country faces serious issues such as unemployment, unfair prices for farmers, and a failing education system.

"Ensuring a fair price for potato farmers is more urgent than holding a referendum," he told a discussion marking the National Revolution and Solidarity Day.



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Jamaat, allies threaten an indefinite sit-in at Jamuna

NCP expresses solidarity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami, Islami Andolan Bangladesh and six other like-minded parties yesterday warned that they may launch an indefinite sit-in programme until their five-point demand is met.

"We want to solve the issues through discussion -- we sought an appointment with the chief adviser," said Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Parwar in a press conference at Moghbazar's Al-Falah auditorium.

After meeting with him, if the demands are not fulfilled, the eight-party alliance will go for an indefinite sit-in programme in front of Jamuna, the chief adviser's residence, he added.

Meanwhile, Nasiruddin Patwary, the chief organiser of the National Citizen Party, also expressed solidarity with the five-point demand of the eight-party alliance.

"We express solidarity with their movement -- we are still in this," he said while speaking at the launch of the National Health Alliance -- a joint platform of healthcare professionals and students -- at the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

The five-point demands include

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Border Guard Bangladesh troops patrol the Dhaka University campus area yesterday as law enforcement agencies beef up security measures in the capital amid a spate of arson and crude bomb attacks over the last few days.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Tension rises amid more arson, crude bomb attacks

Troops, checkpoints blanket Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tensions ran high in the capital yesterday as security forces tightened security measures ahead of the Awami League's planned "Dhaka Lockdown" programme.

The heightened alert came as the International Crimes Tribunal-1 is set to fix the date today for delivering its verdict in a case against ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina on charges of crimes against humanity.

The city has witnessed a spate of arson and crude bomb attacks in recent days, spreading panic among residents amid the latest political flare-up since the fall of the AL government on August 5 last year.

Law enforcers said they have blanketed Dhaka with tight security. More check posts sprang up across the city yesterday, with police and other forces searching vehicles and pedestrians. Police personnel have been deployed in front of nearly all major establishments in the city.

Apart from the police and army, members of the Border Guard Bangladesh have been deployed in Dhaka, Gazipur, and Narayanganj.

Political parties and student platforms yesterday vowed to foil any attempt by the AL and its affiliated bodies to destabilise the

situation. They announced rallies in Dhaka and major divisional cities, pledging to resist any move toward the reemergence of the AL, which remains banned from political activities.

Her trial in absentia, which began on June 1, heard months of testimony alleging she ordered mass killings. Prosecutors have filed five charges, including failure to prevent murder, amounting to crimes against



A bus burning in Jatrabari.

Meanwhile, the International Crimes Tribunal-1, headed by Justice Golam Mortuza Mozumder, is expected to announce the verdict date against Hasina today. Her co-accused are former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan and former inspector general of police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun.

humanity under Bangladeshi law. They have sought the death penalty if she is found guilty.

Hasina has denied all the charges and called her trial a "jurisprudential joke".

During the trial, the former IGP admitted his guilt and became a

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Maersk's APM to build and run Laldia terminal

30yr-deal to be signed next week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is set to sign a 30-year agreement next week with APM Terminals BV, a Dutch subsidiary of the AP Moller-Maersk Group, to develop and operate Laldia Container Terminal at the Chattogram Port under a public-private partnership (PPP) framework.

The announcement comes after the cabinet committee on economic affairs yesterday approved the PPP model, which paved the way for the signing of the concession agreement between APM Terminals BV and the Chattogram Port Authority (CPA).

A concession agreement allows a private company to build, operate and maintain public infrastructure while transferring it back to the government after a defined term.

The CPA will sign the deal at a time when different organisations are opposing the government's move to lease out different terminals of the Chattogram port, including the existing New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT), to foreign companies.

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A resort is seen wrapped in protective materials in Saint Martins Island despite the lifting of travel ban on November 1. Restrictions on overnight stay and the lack of ships have dissuaded tourists from visiting the island. As a result, most hotels and resorts on the island remain closed. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

Faruk, Robin got Tk 2 lakh after shooting Mamun dead

Police say

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted investigators four days to interrogate each of the five suspects arrested over the killing of top-listed criminal Tariq Saif Mamun, 55, who was shot dead in front of the Dhaka National Medical Institute Hospital.

The suspects, who include the two shooters directly involved in Monday's broad daylight killing, were apprehended during raids in Dhaka and Narsingdi on Tuesday night, said police.

At this time, two firearms and a motorcycle used in the murder were also recovered, they added.

The arrestees have been identified as Faruk Hossain Foyzal, 38; Robin Ahmed, alias Piyash, 25; Mohammad Rubel, 34; Shamim Ahmed, 22; and Md Yousuf, alias Jibon, 42.

Later, police sued the five in an arms case they filed at Mohammadpur Police Station before producing them at a Dhaka court with a 10-day remand prayer. In response, the court granted

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Dhaka voices displeasure over Hasina’s interviews

Summons Indian envoy

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday expressed displeasure over the interviews of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina published by Indian media outlets.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs formally conveyed Dhaka’s displeasure to New Delhi by summoning Indian Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka Pawan Badhe, a senior official at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told UNB.

Officials reportedly conveyed that harbouring a fugitive currently under trial for crimes against humanity and granting her a platform to “spread hatred and advocate terrorist acts inside Bangladesh” is detrimental to fostering a constructive bilateral relationship between the two countries.

The Indian diplomat was asked to convey to New Delhi Bangladesh’s request to stop Hasina’s access to media, said a diplomatic source.

The AFP, Reuters and the Independent (UK) also interviewed Hasina recently.



Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus speaks to Senator Salma Ataulhajan, who is leading a seven-member Canadian parliamentary delegation currently visiting Bangladesh. The photo was taken yesterday at the State Guest House Jamuna.

PHOTO: PTD

Bangladesh gearing up for ‘historic’ polls

Yunus tells Canadian parliamentary delegation

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday told a visiting Canadian parliamentary delegation that Bangladesh is preparing for a national election, which he described as a “historic moment” for the country.

“You’ve come at a time when Bangladesh is undergoing a significant transformation, [after] an uprising led by young people. Now we’re preparing for an election, which will be a historic moment for the nation,” he said when Canadian Senator Salma Ataulhajan, and two MPs Salma Zahid and Sameer Zuberi called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday.

Both sides discussed ways to strengthen trade and address the Rohingya crisis. Yunus briefed them on the ongoing reforms and preparations for the February polls and thanked Canada for its support to the displaced Rohingya.

“Eight years have passed. The return of the Rohingya people to their homeland is the only viable solution; there is no alternative. Around 1.2 million [Rohingya] people are living here.... Now we’re facing financial cuts, which make this crisis even graver,” Yunus said.

Senator Ataulhajan reaffirmed Canada’s commitment to supporting the displaced community, according to the chief adviser’s press wing.

Dissecting the July charter flashpoints

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BNP has already sounded a warning that it would reject anything beyond the charter, clarifying that the notes of dissent must not be done away with.

The two other prominent parties – Jamaat-e-Islami and NCP – favour excluding the dissenting notes from the referendum.

The July National Charter mentions that it would be up to the discretion of the parties, if they won the people’s mandate, whether to act on their notes of dissent.

However, when submitting its recommendations for the implementation, the consensus commission dropped the dissenting notes.

During the consensus talks, BNP registered notes of dissent on at least nine issues; there were more than 25 dissenting notes from other parties.

BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed has said the charter was signed at a historic event and includes some notes of dissent from different political parties.

“We still stand by that position and have not deviated from the signed charter,” he said.

In its recommendations regarding the charter implementation, the consensus commission pitched two alternatives for the referendum question. Both ask essentially the same question – whether voters agree to 48 proposals that deal with constitutional changes.

However, none of those proposals had any mention of the notes of dissent.

When asked why the notes of dissent had been dropped, commission member Badiul Alam Majumdar told this newspaper yesterday that during the discussions, there were views both for and against the issues. However, the decision was made to go with the overwhelming majority.

“Notes of dissent were included in the July charter to keep the records straight. But at the time of the referendum, only the decisions must be presented before the people,” he explained.

BNP’S DISSENT
BNP and its allies dissented to a

proposal for an upper house based on proportional representation of votes. Instead, they supported forming the upper house according to each party’s share of seats in the lower house.

While most parties agreed that the constitution could be amended through a two-thirds majority in the lower house and a simple majority in the upper house, BNP was against it, saying that the upper house need not vote on it since the representatives were not directly elected.

The parties, except BNP and its allies, agreed that a party chief should not be eligible to serve as prime minister at the same time.

Most of the parties have agreed that lawmakers be allowed to vote across party lines, except on no-confidence motions and finance bills. BNP’s note of dissent on this point adds that the exception extends to national security during war and constitutional amendments.

According to the July charter, a five-member panel comprising the prime minister, the leader of the opposition, the speaker (the lower house) and the deputy speaker (from the opposition), and a representative of the second-largest opposition party will be formed to pick chief adviser, of a caretaker government, from a pool of nominees.

The panel will invite parties with representation in parliament as well as those registered with the EC, and independent MPs to propose names of individuals qualified to serve as chief adviser. Each party and independent MP may propose one name.

The panel will deliberate on the proposed individuals through its own enquiries. From among eligible citizens, one individual will be selected as chief adviser of the caretaker government.

If this first option fails, both the ruling party and the opposition will put forward five nominees each. The second-largest opposition party will put forward two.

The ruling party will select one from the main opposition’s list, and vice versa. The two parties will also pick one nominee from the second-largest party’s list. At this point, four out of

five panel votes will suffice to select a chief adviser from the short list.

If the second option also fails, two judges – one from the Appellate Division and one from the High Court Division – will join the panel. The seven-member panel will then vote on the shortlisted nominees to select the chief adviser.

Several parties, including BNP, submitted notes of dissent on the inclusion of two judges and the voting option.

A majority of the parties agreed that the president should have the authority to appoint the chiefs of National Human Rights Commission, the Information Commission, Bangladesh Press Council, Law Commission, and Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission and the governor of Bangladesh Bank.

BNP objected in the case of the energy regulatory commission and the head of the central bank.

Parties also agreed that the most senior judge of the Appellate Division, based on their service duration, be appointed the chief justice.

BNP dissented, saying that its election manifesto will include the option of appointing one of the two most senior judges.

It also issued a note of dissent on the process of appointing the ombudsman and public service commission and the comptroller and auditor general.

The party has said, on several occasions, that appointments to these vital institutions be regulated by law.

ORDER AND REFERENDUM
Both Jamaat and NCP favour an implementation order to grant the charter a legal recognition. And the NCP specifically wants the chief adviser, not the president, to issue it.

BNP opposes a constitutional order for implementation of the charter.

On the referendum timing, the party insists it should be held on the same day as the national election, while Jamaat is demanding that it be held before the polls.

Jamaat, along with several like-minded parties, has already launched street protests calling for the referendum to be held in November.

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address the nation this afternoon. The speech will be broadcast live on Bangladesh Television, BTV News, and BTV World, according to the chief adviser’s press wing.

Asked yesterday about implementing constitutional reforms under the charter, Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, “We need to keep pace with the times, so the advisory council will hold discussions and reach decisions as quickly as possible.”

Contacted on Monday, Energy Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, “We are waiting for the political parties’ decision. If we don’t get it, we will make a decision on November 13 [today].”

Amid raging disagreements over the timing of the referendum, the charter implementation order, and the dissenting notes, the government on November 3 urged the political parties to resolve their differences and reach a unified decision within a week.

It said otherwise it will “act as necessary”. However, the parties remained divided till yesterday.

On the referendum timing, BNP insists it should be held on the same day as the election, while Jamaat-e-Islami wants it earlier.

Jamaat and allies have already launched protests over their five-point demand, including holding the

referendum this month and issuing an implementation order for the July charter.

They yesterday warned of an indefinite sit-in until the demands are met.

Speaking to reporters at a press conference at Al Falah Auditorium in the capital’s Moghbazar following a meeting at his party office yesterday, Jamaat Secretary General Mia Golam Porwar said, “We want to solve the issues through discussion. We asked for an appointment with the chief adviser. After meeting him, if our demands aren’t fulfilled, we’ll begin an indefinite sit-in in front of his residence [State Guest House Jamuna].”

National Citizen Party Chief Coordinator Nasiruddin Patwary expressed solidarity with Jamaat over its demand for a July charter implementation order.

Both parties want an order to give the charter legal recognition, with NCP specifically demanding that the chief adviser, rather than the president, issue it.

Meanwhile, BNP demands keeping the notes of dissent in the implementation process, while both Jamaat and NCP prefer that the notes be excluded.

The July National Charter, signed by 25 parties including the BNP and Jamaat on October 17, states that any party or alliance submitting

dissenting views must include them in its manifesto and may act on them if it wins the polls.

Submitting its recommendations on the charter implementation on October 28, the National Consensus Commission dropped the section on dissent.

Various parties issued the dissenting notes on over 25 of the 48 constitutional reform proposals during the consensus talks.

BNP alone did so on at least nine issues. It opposed a constitutional order for the charter’s implementation.

The party also rejected the proposal that if the reform council fails to complete reforms within 270 days of its first sitting, the reform bill, once approved by referendum, would automatically be inserted into the constitution.

It termed the idea “wholly irrational, politically motivated, and absurd,” saying no bill can become law without parliamentary passage and presidential assent.

Speaking virtually at a discussion marking the National Revolution and Solidarity Day at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre yesterday, BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman said, “Our position is very clear: the commitments made in the July charter, which we signed, will be fully upheld by BNP, and we remain strongly committed to fulfilling them.”

Faruk, Robin got Tk 2 lakh

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four days.

According to police, Faruk and Robin were the two gunmen seen in the CCTV footage firing multiple rounds at Mamun near the hospital gate.

Following the murder, members of the Detective Branch (DB) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police conducted drives in different areas of Dhaka and Narsingdi on Tuesday night and apprehended five suspects.

In a press conference at the DMP media centre yesterday, the DB chief Shafiqul Islam said Mamun was killed over control of Dhaka’s criminal underworld. “The murder was executed on the instructions of Roni,

an associate of notorious underworld figure Sanjidul Islam Emon.”

The DB chief said eight to nine members of Emon’s gang had positioned themselves near the court area on the day of the killing to ensure the attack’s success.

“Kamal, a member of Emon’s gang, monitored Mamun’s movement and tipped off Faruk and Robin. Upon receiving the signal, they fired several shots to ensure Mamun’s death.

“After the attack, the shooters fled through the Beribadh area to Rayerbazar, where, on Roni’s orders, Rubel took the firearms and ammunition and handed them to Yousuf. Rubel later gave Tk 1 lakh each to Faruk and Robin.

Tension rises

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state witness, the first such instance since the tribunal’s formation in 2010.

Asked during a media briefing on Tuesday if the recent attacks would affect the trial process, prosecutor Mizanul Islam said, “I do not think so. But I can say that what they are doing is to create obstacles.”

ARSON, CRUDE BOMB EXPLOSIONS

Despite the heightened security, several arson and crude bomb attacks were reported in Dhaka, Gazipur, and Brahmanbaria yesterday.

In Brahmanbaria, unidentified miscreants set fire to a single-storey Grameen Bank branch in Bijoynagar upazila around 2:00am. The fire burned furniture and important documents, Md Kalim Uddin, the branch manager, told The Daily Star.

Meanwhile, arson targeting vehicles continued in and around the capital. An Alif Paribahan bus was set on fire in Ashulia’s Sarkar Market area around 4:30am, said Ashulia Police Station OC Abdul Hannan.

Shortly after, at 4:50am, a Banasree Paribahan bus was torched in the Beraider Chala area of Gazipur’s Sreepur, according to fire service. This was followed by an attack at 5:10am on a VIP Paribahan bus in the Bhogra Bypass area of Gazipur. Later, a microbus was set on fire on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Uttara around 7:10am, said fire service duty officer Rozina Akter.

The attacks continued into the afternoon. A bus of Shatabdi Paribahan was set on fire in front of Mirpur New Market around 1:45pm, confirmed Shah Ali Police Station OC Mohammad Golam Azam. Around 6:40pm, a local bus was torched in Dholaipar.

Around 9:30pm, miscreants set fire to a train coach in Dhaka’s Tejgaon. Locals caught two individuals – Morshed, 40, and Zakir, 25, – and handed them over to police, said acting OC Zainal Abedin of Dhaka Railway Police.

The fire was brought under control before the fire service arrived at the scene, he said, adding that the train was stationary at Tejgaon Railway Station when the incident occurred.

Around the same time, a crude bomb exploded at Harun Mollah Ground in Pallabi while a documentary on the “fascist regime” was being screened. No one was injured in the attack.

Another crude bomb blast was reported in front of Fortune Shopping Mall in the Mouchak area, police said.

Meanwhile, two incidents of crude bomb explosion near the TSC area of Dhaka University injured at least three people. The incidents caused panic in the area and disrupted a documentary screening.

DU Proctor Saifuddin Ahmed said two female residents of Ruqayyah Hall were slightly injured in one of the blasts. An official of the Madrasa Education Department, Jahangir Alam Chakladar,

also sustained injuries.

In a separate incident in the same area, a cocktail explosion damaged a motorcycle.

A tea stall owner near the scene said explosives were hurled from across the road near Suhrawardy Udayan. Eyewitnesses reported that two cocktails were thrown from inside the park.

ARRESTS, BOMB RECOVERIES
Meanwhile, several arrests were made yesterday.

The DMP, in a press release yesterday morning, said that its Detective Branch had arrested 44 members of AL from different areas of the capital in the preceding 24 hours.

In Narayanganj, police arrested at least 29 leaders and activists of AL and its affiliated bodies during special drives from midnight Tuesday to yesterday evening, said Additional Superintendent of Police (Crime) Tarek Al Mehedi.

Separately, police arrested three people with “a large quantity” of crude bombs, petrol bombs, and bomb-making materials from a house in Bhanga upazila, said Bhanga Police Station OC Mohammad Ashraf Hossain.

Meanwhile, Rab recovered six petrol bombs and four crude bombs from the Rayerbazar Graveyard in Mohammadpur in the evening. According to a Rab-2 press release, no arrests had been made in connection with the recovery.

Maersk’s APM

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The interim government has also progressed towards appointing the UAE-based DP World to run its largest terminal, the NCT, and preparing to sign agreements with PSA Singapore and DP World to build two terminals of the port’s Bay Terminal respectively.

The protesters criticised the government’s move to appoint foreign operators without competitive tenders, a practice often deployed by the ousted Awami League government.

At the beginning of this month, the Chattogram district unit of Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) observed a token hunger strike opposing the construction of the LCT.

The SKOP said the Laldia Char is close to the Karnaphuli estuary and the establishment of a terminal with jetties there would eventually render the existing port jetties ineffective.

APM Terminals, with its experience of operations in China, Singapore and Sri Lanka, will introduce operational excellence to Bangladesh, helping make the country’s logistics sector future-ready in the post-LDC era, said Ashik Chowdhury, executive chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority and CEO of the PPP Authority.

“The newest green port will accommodate large container vessels, reduce per-unit freight cost and

enable direct shipping connectivity worldwide,” he said at a press conference at the Foreign Service Academy announcing the plan to sign the deal.

The project will generate a stable foreign-currency income stream for Bangladesh while minimising public capital expenditure, said the Chief Adviser’s Office in a summary shared with the media after the briefing.

Additionally, for the first time in Bangladesh, round-the-clock port operations with night navigation capabilities for ships with permissible length and draught will be enabled, it added.

The LCT will be implemented on a Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis for a period of 48 years comprising an initial 33-year concession with a possible 15-year extension, according to CCEA meeting.

It will take approximately three years to complete the construction and commissioning of the terminal, which is expected to begin operations by the end of 2029.

APM Terminals is expected to bring in foreign investments of about \$550 million or Tk 6,700 crore – the single largest European equity investment in Bangladesh to date, Chowdhury said.

Upon the finalisation of the agreement, APM Terminals has also committed to paying a signing bonus of Tk 250 crore to Bangladesh.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The EC is set to begin its electoral dialogues with registered political parties today. On the opening day, the commission will hold meetings with 12 political parties, said EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed yesterday.

"We will discuss the changes made to the RPO and the code of conduct, and seek their cooperation for a fair election," he said.

The parties invited to morning session are Liberal Democratic Party, Bangladesh Congress, Bangladesh Muslim League, National People's Party, Bangladesh Khelafat Andolan, and Jamiyate Ulamaye Islam Bangladesh.

CPB, JSD, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal, Bangladesher Biplobi Workers Party, Bangladesh Nationalist Front, and Bangladesh Nationalist Movement will join the afternoon session.



Children row a boat across the marshland in Manoharpur village of Pirojpur's Nazirpur upazila to reach their school. With no road access, they depend on boats year-round, risking their safety to continue their education. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: KM HABIBUR RAHMAN

Probe into graft allegations against 2 advisers' aides stalls

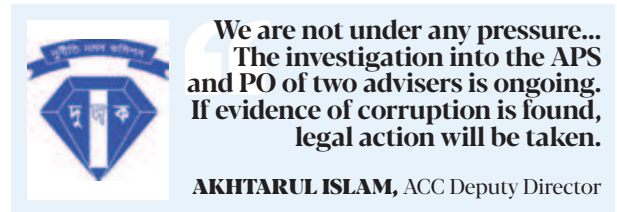
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation into corruption allegations against the former APS and PO of two government advisers appears to have stalled.

The Anti-Corruption Commission initiated the probe seven months ago against Moazzem Hossain, former assistant personal secretary (APS) to Local Government Adviser Asif Mahmud, and Tuhin Farabi, former personal officer (PO) to Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum.

However, no visible progress has been made.

Despite initial findings suggesting bribery over transfers, tender manipulation, commission-taking in



procurement, and abuse of power, the inquiry remains stuck at the investigation stage and the commission has failed to file any cases, according to ACC sources.

Several senior ACC officials said "pressure" from influential quarters has slowed down the process. They also said visible progress is unlikely before the upcoming national elections in February.

If the involvement of advisers in the investigation comes up, it will be an embarrassment for the interim government. Therefore, the final report may come after its tenure ends, they added.

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Prescription for power**Physicians emerge as one of the largest professional blocs running for polls**

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

With about three dozen doctors set to contest the upcoming national election, doctors are emerging as one of the largest professional groups vying for seats in parliament.

Jamaat-e-Islami has nominated the highest number, with 17 physicians, including party chief Shafiqur Rahman and key deputy Syed Abdullah Md Taher.

BNP has nominated 12 doctors for the February elections, with several others expected to join the race from parties like the National Citizen Party and the Communist Party of Bangladesh.

Most of the doctor candidates belong to associations aligned with their respective parties. Top leaders of these associations had received nominations in previous elections,

but this time, the number of physician nominees is much higher.

During the previous regime, the Awami League-backed Swadhinata Chikitsak Parishad (Swachip) dominated the health sector, with several leaders contesting elections on party tickets.

After the fall of the AL government in August last year, the BNP-backed Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) and the Jamaat-backed National Doctors Forum (NDF) began dominating the sector.

There is also the left-leaning "Doctors for Health and Environment".

BNP announced a list of 237 possible nominees on November 3. The following day, DAB issued a press release congratulating 11 members for being selected and asked other members to support them.

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PROBABLE DOCTOR NOMINEES			
JAMAAT:	17	CPB:	3
BNP:	12	NCP:	2

Children's rights should remain above all politics**Speakers tell Unicef event**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political parties must ensure that children are never used as tools in protests or politics, said speakers at an event yesterday.

They called for the protection of children's rights to remain a priority above all political divisions.

Rana Flowers, Unicef representative to Bangladesh, said Unicef had recently held discussions with young people, political parties, and trade unions, all of whom echoed a shared call for zero tolerance towards violence against children.

The programme showcased the progress of Unicef's "Fostering Rights and Empowerment of the Most Marginalised Adolescents and Children with Disabilities" initiative (2021-2025).

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**COURT CORNER****Ex-mayor Ivy to remain in jail**
SC stays HC bail order

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court chamber judge yesterday stayed the High Court verdict that granted bail to former Narayanganj City Corporation mayor Selina Hayat Ivy in five separate cases.

Justice Md Rezaul Haque, chamber judge of the Appellate Division, passed the order following five petitions filed by the state seeking a stay on the bail order.

He also sent the petitions to its full bench for the hearing on November 17.

Following the SC chamber judge's orders, Ivy cannot be released from jail, said lawyer Md Motaheer Hossain Sazu.

**BAGERHAT, GAZIPUR JS SEATS**
SC chamber judge upholds HC verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court chamber judge yesterday upheld for a time being a High Court verdict that declared illegal the Election Commission's gazette notification which reduced the number of parliamentary seats in Bagerhat from four to three and increased the number of seats of Gazipur from five to six.

Justice Md Rezaul Haque, chamber judge of the Appellate Division of the SC, passed the order. He also sent the EC's petition to its full bench for hearing on November 16.

On November 10, the HC declared the EC's gazette illegal and ordered restoration of the districts' previous constituencies.

Preserve all DU playgrounds: HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to properly preserve and protect all the playgrounds of Dhaka University.

Delivering verdict on a petition, the court observed that the sports ground is vital for the students. DU has a legal obligation to preserve all its playgrounds.

The HC bench of Justice Md Shohrowardi and Justice Dihider Masum Kabir delivered the verdict following a writ petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB) in 2012 seeking directives.

At that time, construction materials were kept at the central playground of DU.

Taps run dry in Purba Jurain
3,000 households left without water supply

HELEMUL ALAM

Residents of several parts of Jurain have been enduring an acute water crisis for the past four days, as a Wasa pump failure has halted water supply through its pipelines.

"There has been absolutely no water for the last four days. The affected areas include the eastern part of Purba Jurain – Haji Sardar Road, Rishipara (near Mistir Dokan), Kusumbagh, and surrounding areas," said Mizanur Rahman, a local resident.

He claimed that more than three thousand households have been left without water entirely.

In other areas, water supply has been intermittent, and the little that has come through is dirty and contaminated – almost like drain water. This issue has primarily affected residents around Road 1, Dargabari, Niyamat Mosque Road, and parts of Haji Sardar Road.

Mizanur said Wasa's acting managing director had apologised to the residents but did not offer a specific timeframe for resolving the issue.

Nazma Sikder, secretary of the Shahi Mosque Pukurpar Panchayet Committee, said their water issues began on the sixth of

this month. Initially, many residents did not realise the severity, as they still had water stored in their reserve tanks.

She said all the mosques in the area have set up water tables, and large crowds gather daily to collect water for drinking, cooking, and washing. "But not a single Wasa water truck has come to supply water. The situation in our area is really bad," she remarked. "I even submitted a written complaint to the Wasa executive engineer, with signatures from 50 homeowners."

Abul Bashar, a resident of the Mistir Dokan area in Jurain, said, "We've been buying drinking water from the mosque's deep tube well. That's how we've been managing for the past couple of days. The entire neighbourhood is suffering."

Contacted, a Wasa official said the work in the area had been completed, but it would take a while for water pressure to return.

"When the lines are empty for two or three days, it takes time for the pressure to build up. The connection work was completed on Tuesday night. Some improvement has already started – we are getting phone calls from people saying they're getting water, and we hope the problem will be completely resolved soon," he said.



Crowds gather daily at mosques in Jurain to collect water for drinking, cooking, and washing as a Wasa pump failure has halted supply through its pipelines in several parts of the area for the past four days. The photos were taken recently.

PHOTO: COLLECTED



Seven detained at Nowfel's Ctg home

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police yesterday detained seven youths at the home of former education minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury Nowfel in Sholoshohor of Chattogram.

Mohammad Solaiman, officer in-charge of Panchlaish Police Station, told journalists that police acted on a tip-off suggesting that banned Chhatra League and Jubo League members were staying in Nowfel's residence. "After verification, police will decide the next course of action...", he said.

Nowfel is the son of late ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, former mayor of Chattogram City Corporation and senior Awami League leader. Police sources said the Chowdhury family owns a restaurant that was shut down after the fall of the AL government last year. The restaurant staff had continued supplying food online through delivery platforms and were reportedly guarding the house.

Five more die of dengue, 1,139 get hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five dengue patients died, while 1,139 others were hospitalised, in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

Of the deaths, three were reported from Khulna, and one each from Dhaka and Barishal divisions, according to the Directorate General of Health Services.

With these the total number of dengue-related deaths and cases this year rose to 323 and 81,773, respectively.

Currently, 3,461 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals across the country.



PHOTO: STAR

Cold brings misery for the little ones in Ctg

Hospitals overwhelmed with children suffering from bronchiolitis, pneumonia

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Shubhechha Ghosh, from the Askar Dighir Par area of Chattogram city, brought her five-year-old son, who had a fever and cough, to a doctor, who prescribed a course of antibiotics after examination. The worried mother said her child had caught a cold even though winter had not yet set in.

Like her son, numerous children in the port city have fallen ill with cold-borne diseases such as pneumonia and bronchiolitis.

Prof Dr Mohammad Musa, head of the Child Health Ward at Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH), said infants and children are particularly vulnerable to such cold-borne diseases during late autumn and winter.

At CMCH, two units of the 140-bed paediatric ward were overwhelmed with 381 patients undergoing treatment on Tuesday.

Asma Akter was seen using a nebuliser on her eight-month-old daughter that afternoon to help ease her breathing discomfort. "I don't know what happened to my daughter... she is unable to breathe normally," she said.

Dr Musa urged parents to immediately seek treatment for infants who experience breathing difficulties. He stressed the importance of keeping children in smoke-free places, adding that vaccination and proper personal hygiene are essential for preventing diseases.

A similar situation prevailed at Chattogram Ma O Shishu General Hospital.

Dr Fahim Hasan Reza, associate professor in the hospital's Paediatrics Department, said, "The number of patients increased from the usual 80-100 to 422 today [Tuesday], with the majority having pneumonia. All 41 NICU beds are currently occupied. Of them, 35 patients have pneumonia."

"Many parents arrive late when the illness worsens. Parents should not take any breathing problems of their child lightly," he added.

Dr Rezaul Karim, former head of CMCH's Paediatric Department, said bronchiolitis is a respiratory disease requiring oxygen treatment, which cannot be administered at home.

He too urged parents to hospitalise children showing rapid breathing or breathing discomfort.

21 new HC judges sworn in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-one High Court judges, out of 22 whose services were regularised, took their oath yesterday.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed administered the oath at a ceremony at the Supreme Court in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, President Mohammed Shahabuddin confirmed the services of 22 additional judges of the HC, who were appointed in October last year.

The 22 judges, whose jobs have been regularised, are Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder, Justice Syed Enayet Hossain, Justice Md Mansur Alam, Justice Sayed Jahed Mansur, Justice KM Rasheduzzaman Raja, Justice Md Jabid Hossain, Justice Mubina Asaf, Justice Kazi Waliul Islam, Justice Aynun Nahar Siddiqua, Justice Md Abdul Mannan, Justice Tamanna Rahman Khalidi, Justice Md Shofiqul Alam Bangladesh on behalf of the Petitioner and Mr. Justice Ahmed Soheli was pleased to admit the said application on 02.11.2025. Any one desirous of opposing the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court either personally or through Advocate on the date fixed. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary charges.

Justice Syed Enayet Hossain could not be sworn in as he was hospitalised with illness, said SC's Public Relations Officer Md Shafiqul Islam.

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Details of Tender Schedule:			
Date of Invitation & Publication	13.11.2025	Last Selling Date	20.11.2025
		Pre-Tender Meeting (optional)	23.11.2025
		Submission Date and Time	25.11.2025 (Within 3.00 PM)
		Opening Date and Time	25.11.2025 (On or After 3.00 PM)
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ID	Reference	Title of Works
1153895	27.21.0000.650.07.001.25.2806; Dated:21.09.2025	Yearly Maintenance works of line bay, bay equipment of all substations under GMD Dhaka (East), Power Grid.
1154595	27.21.0000.650.07.001.25.2807; Dated: 21.09.2025	Drainage, grass, shrubs and jungles clearance work in the stone-free area inside Sonargaon 132/33 kV Grid Substation under GMD Dhaka East, Power Grid.
1154637	27.21.0000.650.07.001.25.2808; Dated:21.09.2025	Boundary wall painting and synthetic enamel painting of various gates at Sonargaon Grid Substation under GMD Dhaka (East), Power Grid.
1154643	27.21.0000.650.07.001.25.2809; Dated:21.09.2025	Painting of 230/132/33kV, 225/300MVA transformers in Siddhirganj Grid SS under GMD Dhaka East, Power Grid.
1156830	27.21.0000.650.07.001.25.2821; Dated:25.09.2025	Yearly Dead line checking (Disk Cleaning, Nut Bolt Tightening etc) of 400kV, 230kV and 132kV Transmission Line under GMD, Dhaka (East), Power Grid.
1156831	27.21.0000.650.07.001.25.2822; Dated:25.09.2025	Civil and electrical repair and maintenance works of the entrance stairway, walls, floors of the control room, washroom and ground floor rooms at Madanganj 132/33 kV Grid Substation under GMD, Dhaka (East) Power Grid.

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জিএমডি, ঢাকা (পূর্ব)

NOTICE

In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
High Court Division
(Statutory Original Jurisdiction)
Company Matter No. 1937 of 2025

Md Gias Uddin Al-Mamoon

--- Petitioner.

-Versus-

One Entertainment Limited

-----Respondent.

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) and 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 and Rule 8 of the Company Rules, 2009 for condonation of delay in holding AGMs for the year of 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 of the Respondent No. 1 company, namely, "One Entertainment Limited" was moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the Petitioner and Mr. Justice Ahmed Soheli was pleased to admit the said application on 02.11.2025. Any one desirous of opposing the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court either personally or through Advocate on the date fixed. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary charges.

Md. Hasan Emam Talukder
Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh
Chamber: Room No. 5034 (Annex Building)
Supreme Court of Bangladesh

সোনালী ব্যাংক পিএলসি
জেনারেল ম্যানেজার'স অফিস
রাজশাহী

উন্নত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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UK minister for int'l development arrives today

Sweden's rights envoy in town

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

UK Minister for International Development



Jenny Chapman is set to arrive in Dhaka today on a two-day visit to Bangladesh.

Her visit will focus on development partnership including climate change, migration and the Rohingya crisis.

Chapman will also meet the key figures in the government, including Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus.

Meanwhile, Sweden's Ambassador for Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law, Irina Schoulgin-Nyoni, is visiting Bangladesh from November 11 to 14, focusing on key rights issues, including women empowerment and media freedom. She will also meet key representatives of the government, said a statement of the Sweden embassy in Dhaka.

MILESTONE JET CRASH Twin sisters heal, return home after over 3 months



PHOTO: COURTESY

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After three and a half months of treatment at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery, twin sisters Sarina Jahan Sayra and Saiba Jahan Sayma, students of Milestone School and College, have finally returned home.

They were among those injured when an Air Force training aircraft crashed into their school building in Uttara on July 21, killing at least 36 people and injuring around 150 others.

Sayra suffered burns on 30 percent of her body, while Sayma sustained burns on 15 percent.

The institute's director Dr Mohammad Nasir Uddin, along with doctors, nurses, and staff, bid farewell to the children as they were discharged. A total of 57 victims of the Milestone tragedy had received treatment at the institute. Among them, 20 died, three others remain under treatment, though all are now out of danger, hospital sources said.

"Thanks to the government's support and the dedicated efforts of our medical team, the patients have recovered," Dr Nasir Uddin said, adding that the hospital continues to provide follow-up care to the survivors.

The twins' mother, Aklima Akhter, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the hospital authorities and the government for their support throughout the long recovery process. "We are happy that they have finally recovered. My daughters went through an immense ordeal," she said.

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e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the national e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the Procurement of the following items:

Serial No.	Tender ID	Description of Works	Online (e-GP System) Tender Publication date & Time	Tender/Proposal Document Last Selling Date and Time	Tender/Proposal Closing and Opening date and time
1	1174460	Construction of internal decoration of Civil works and Electrical wiring for Janata Bank PLC, newly formed Divisional Office, Bogura.	11.11.2025 18:15	23.11.2025 12:00	23.11.2025 16:00
2	1174485	Supply, installation & Commissioning of 07(Seven)nos. Split type AC (4.0TR 02nos., 3.0TR 01no., 2.0TR 01no., 1.5TR 02nos. and 1.0TR 01no.) at Janata Bank PLC, Divisional Office, Bogura.	11.11.2025 16:00	23.11.2025 14:00	23.11.2025 16:00

This is an Online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in national e-GP portal and no official hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-tender, Registration in the national e-GP system Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fee for downloading the e-tender document from national e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP Help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

(Md. Maksud Hossain)
Deputy General Manager

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কোল পাওয়ার জেনারেশন কোম্পানি বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড (সিপিজিবিএল)
Coal Power Generation Company Bangladesh Limited (CPGCBL)
(An Enterprise of Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

Invitation for e-Tenders

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e-Tender ID	Name of Works	Tender Document last selling/ downloading Date & Time	Tender Closing and Opening Date & Time
1159061	Testing of Different types of Lube Oil used at Steam Turbine of Matarbari Coal Fired Power Plant IFT Memo No: 27.32.0000.000.008.07.0006.25.0990; Date: 12/11/2025	30-Nov-2025 17:00	01-Dec-2025 11:00
1175125	Providing High Speed Internet Connectivity at CPGCBL Corporate Office IFT Memo No: 27.32.0000.000.008.83.0001.21.0992; Date: 12/11/2025	30-Nov-2025 17:00	01-Dec-2025 11:00
1174671	Waste Management including Transportation Service for Matarbari Coal Fired Power Plant IFT Memo No: 27.32.0000.000.020.40.0018.24.0988; Date: 12/11/2025	17-Dec-2025 17:00	18-Dec-2025 11:00

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Pakistan tightens Islamabad security after suicide blast

India probes link between Delhi blast and J&K arrests

AGENCIES

Residents in the Pakistani capital Islamabad were facing tightened security checks yesterday in the wake of a suicide bombing that left top officials vowing to halt the rise in deadly attacks.

The deadly blast outside district court buildings on Tuesday was claimed by a faction of the Pakistani Taliban, a militant group that has been behind a series of attacks in other parts of the country.

In India, police are investigating if there is a link between this week's car blast in Delhi and the earlier arrest of a group of seven men from the restive Kashmir region with arms and bomb-making material, three sources familiar with the probe said yesterday.

The blast on Monday evening outside Delhi's historic Red Fort killed eight people and wounded at least 20, the first such explosion in the heavily guarded



city of more than 30 million people since 2011, reports Reuters.

Indian authorities are investigating the blast under a stringent anti-terrorism law and have said that all angles are being probed. They have not named anyone or made any arrests in connection with the explosion.

The district court in Islamabad remained closed yesterday while security was stepped up at other court buildings across the city, and long queues of vehicles formed at checkpoints.

"Our army, police, and all law enforcement agencies are alert and performing their duties. Unfortunately, the question remains: Where are these attacks coming from, and how are they happening?" said resident Fazal Satar, 58.

At least 12 people were killed and 27 wounded in the suicide bombing, the first such incident to hit the capital in nearly three years, reports AFP.

"It was a very powerful explosion," said Muhammad Imran, a 42-year-old police official who was wounded in the attack.



A Palestinian boy observes an unexploded missile at a rubbish dump in the Firas market area of Gaza City, yesterday. French President Emmanuel Macron warned on Tuesday that any Israeli plans for annexation in the West Bank would be a "red line" and would provoke a European reaction.

PHOTO: AFP

UN food agencies warn of 16 hunger hotspots

Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh among those at risk

AFP, Rome

Two UN food agencies warned yesterday that millions more people around the globe could face famine, with funding shortfalls worsening already dire conditions.

The joint report from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) said conflict and violence were driving acute food insecurity in the majority of the countries identified at risk.

The Rome-based agencies listed Haiti, Mali, Palestine, South Sudan, Sudan and Yemen as the worst, "where populations face an imminent risk of catastrophic hunger".

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Haiti, Mali, Palestine, South Sudan, Sudan, Yemen listed among worst-hit regions

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Funding for humanitarian aid 'dangerously short'

Also classified as a "very high concern" were Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Nigeria, Somalia and Syria, with Burkina Faso, Chad, Kenya and the situation of the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh also making the list.

"We are on the brink of a completely preventable hunger catastrophe that threatens widespread starvation in multiple countries," said WFP Executive Director Cindy McCain, warning that a failure to act "will only drive further instability, migration, and conflict."

Funding for humanitarian relief was falling "dangerously short", the report said, pointing to only \$10.5 billion received out of a required \$29 billion to help those at risk.

WFP said that due to funding cuts, it had reduced assistance for refugees and displaced people while suspending school feeding programmes in some countries.

42 migrants feared dead in shipwreck off Libya: IOM

7 survivors rescued

AFP, Geneva

The United Nations said yesterday that 42 migrants were missing presumed dead after a rubber boat capsized off the Libyan coast last week.

It was the latest in a series of similar disasters in a stretch of the Mediterranean Sea that has claimed the lives of more than a thousand people so far this year.

Only seven survivors were rescued after six days adrift, said a statement from the UN's International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The vessel, carrying 47 men and two women, left Zuwara, west of Tripoli, on November 3, but around six hours later, high waves caused the engine to fail, said the IOM.

The boat capsized, throwing all passengers overboard, the statement added. On Saturday, the Libyan authorities carried out a search and rescue operation near Al Buri oil field.

"After drifting at sea for six days, only seven men -- four from Sudan, two from Nigeria, and one from Cameroon -- were rescued," the IOM said.

FRESH BORDER CLASHES

Thai troops kill one: Cambodia

AFP, Phnom Penh

Cambodia and Thailand traded accusations of fresh clashes along their border yesterday, with Phnom Penh reporting one civilian shot dead in hostilities flaring after Bangkok paused implementation of a US-backed peace deal.

Five days of combat erupted between Thailand and Cambodia this summer, killing 43 people and displacing around 300,000 before a truce backed by US President Donald Trump took effect.

However, Thailand on Monday paused implementation of a follow-on deal to wind down hostilities, claiming a blast from a newly laid landmine had wounded four of its soldiers. Just two days later, officials on both sides have reported gunfire across the border.



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Request for Expression of Interest (Eoi) for Services of
Structure plan and Action Plan for "Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District Project"

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1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW).			
2	Agency	Urban Development Directorate (UDD)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District			
4	Procuring Entity Code	1320401			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm	Assignment based		
7	Eoi Ref No	25.45.00000.000.002.14.0006.25 Note 15.0			
8	Date	12 November 25			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	Selection under a Fixed Budget (SFB)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget	GoB		
11	Development Partners	N/A			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/Program Code	222020300			
13	Project/Program Name	Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District			
14	Eoi Closing Date and Time	27 November, 2025; Time: 1:00 PM			
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT					
16	Brief Description of Assignment	Structure plan and Action Plan for "Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District Project": (1) Spatial Development Strategies, (2) Structure Plan, (3) Action Plan: Town center revitalization plan, Highway corridor land use planning, Growth center planning, TOD, Public Space Planning, Wetland restoration, Urban and rural amenities planning; along with (4) Image interpretation including Ground verification for Urban, Rural, Agriculture, wetland forest including ecological survey, (5) Mauza Map Digitization, (6) Social Survey including Public Space Study, (7) Traffic and Transport Studies			
17	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	a. Firms with specific experience of 5 years. b. Required hardware (RTK GPS) and licensed software [Survey data processing (GPS data Processing Software, etc.), GIS (Arc GIS) and Photogrammetric (Photogrammetric stereo Image processing Software) and other related original software]. c. Related Experience (Photogrammetric mapping by using 3D work station etc.) d. Resources (office space, financial and managerial strength, computer and other logistics) e. Related professionals (Team Coordinator, Spatial development strategy Analyst, Public space policy analyst, Public Space Designer, Landscape Designer, Transport Planner, GIS/RS Specialist, Archaeologist, Project Analyst, Junior Public Space Designer, Junior and Architect, Junior Engineer, Office Manager) and 3D GIS and spatial planning support staffs.			
18	Other Details	Interested consulting Firms are hereby invited to submit Eoi containing printed brochures (showing organizational identity and background), legal documents showing managerial and financial standing (according to PPA 2006 and PPR 2025), Staffing and inventory of resources and logistics confirming the firm's capabilities to provide the required services.			
19	Association with foreign firms is	Not Encouraged			
20	Ref No	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date	Indicative Completion Date
	25.45.00000.000.002.14.0006.25 Note 15.0	Not phased	Munshiganj District	February, 2026	February, 2028
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
21	Name of Official Inviting Eoi	Maqsd Hashem			
22	Designation of Official Inviting Eoi	Senior Planner Urban Development Directorate			
23	Address of Official Inviting Eoi	Room # 509, Urban Development Directorate 82, Segunbagicha, Dhaka - 1000			
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Eoi	Phone no: 01711937013			
25	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all EOIs				

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Request for Expression of Interest (Eoi) for Services of
"Geological and Hydrogeological Study for Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District" Project"

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH					
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW).			
2	Agency	Urban Development Directorate (UDD)			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District			
4	Procuring Entity Code	1320401			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm	Assignment Based		
7	Eoi Ref No	25.45.00000.000.002.14.0006.25 Note 14.0			
8	Date	12 November 25			
KEY INFORMATION					
9	Procurement Method	Selection under a Fixed Budget (SFB)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget	GoB		
11	Development Partners	N/A			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
12	Project/Programme Code	222020300			
13	Project/Programme Name	Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District			
14	Eoi Closing Date and Time	27 November 25; Time: 11:00 AM			
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT					
16	Brief Description of Assignment	Geological and Hydrogeological study for Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District Project: (1) Sub-surface lithological 3D model development and relevant interpretation, (2) 3D finite difference Ground water model, Rainfall-runoff model, flash flood risk (inundation model) etc.			
17	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	a. Firms with specific experience of 5 years. b. Required hardware, licensed software and other related original software. c. Related Experience (Grain Size Analysis, Atterberg Limits Determination, Specific Gravity Determination, Direct Shear Test, Unconfined Compression strength Determination etc. 3D finite difference Ground water model characterizing existing groundwater system and making predictions for future groundwater development and risk characterization, Rainfall-runoff model to determine groundwater recharge potential, inundation model, surface water potential for water supply etc.) d. Resources (office space, financial and managerial strength, computer and other logistics) e. Related professionals (Geologist, Hydro geologist, Associate Geologist, Associate Hydro-Geologist, and Geological Survey Technician etc.) and staffs.			
18	Other Details	Interested consulting Firms are hereby invited to submit Eoi containing printed brochures (showing organizational identity and background), legal documents showing managerial and financial standing (according to PPA 2006 and PPR 2025), Staffing and inventory of resources and logistics confirming the firm's capabilities to provide the required services.			
19	Association with foreign firms is	Not Encouraged			
20	Ref No	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date	Indicative Completion Date
	25.45.00000.000.002.14.0006.25 Note 14.0	Not phased	Munshiganj District	January, 2026	January, 2027
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
21	Name of Official Inviting Eoi	Maqsd Hashem			
22	Designation of Official Inviting Eoi	Senior Planner Urban Development Directorate			
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Reduce Global South’s climate debt burden

Wealthy nations must take responsibility as the highest polluters

It is frustrating that Bangladesh, despite being one of the world’s least responsible countries for greenhouse gas emissions, is facing an ever-rising climate debt. The irony is, Bangladesh is also one of the most vulnerable nations to the impacts of climate change, with millions of its people already affected. But we are not alone in facing such predicaments. As global leaders gather at COP30 in Brazil, it is crucial that they find ways to reduce this unfair burden on Bangladesh and other highly vulnerable countries.

It must be acknowledged that it is the failure of wealthy nations—the highest emitters of greenhouse gases—to commit to grant-based, justice-driven funds for vulnerable countries that has resulted in such punishing climate debts for the latter. According to an index published by a Dhaka-based think tank, Bangladesh is in the “high risk” debt-trap category with its burden forecast to increase further by 2031. How is this fair? It is illogical that Bangladesh must borrow \$29.52 for every tonne of carbon emitted, meaning that for every \$1 it receives in grants, it also receives \$2.70 in loans. Between 2009 and 2022, Bangladesh reportedly accrued \$3.4 billion in climate-related loans, making it increasingly dependent on external borrowing for adaptation and resilience. For over a decade, LDCs like Bangladesh have consistently received more climate loans than grants.

In 2022, Bangladesh identified 113 high-priority interventions across eight sectors, including water resources, agriculture, and urban resilience. Experts estimate that this plan will require around \$8 billion annually from 2023 to 2050, yet Bangladesh has so far secured less than 1 percent of these projected needs. According to the World Bank, the country incurs losses of approximately \$1 billion from average tropical cyclones, and by 2050, one-third of agricultural GDP may be lost due to climate vulnerability and extreme events. Thus, the new global climate finance goal of \$1.3 trillion for LDCs must uphold the principles of fairness and equity, or countries like Bangladesh risk being further submerged in climate debt.

These vulnerable nations are facing increasingly frequent disasters driven by climate change, including cyclones, droughts, rising sea levels, and soaring temperatures. Decision-makers in forums such as the G7 and G20 must urgently address the debt crisis plaguing the Global South. This requires debt relief and a substantial increase in grant-based climate finance. Wealthy nations, being the largest contributors to the climate crisis, bear responsibility for its consequences on the countries of Global South. They must act decisively to reduce their debt burden and provide funds that will meaningfully mitigate climate change effects. Only by taking responsibility for their emissions can the wealthy nations ensure fairness and protect those most at risk.

Fire safety failures in CEPZ concerning

Authorities must ensure full compliance with safety rules

We are alarmed to learn that nearly three-fourths of all factories at the Chattogram Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) are operating without valid fire safety certificates, as found by a recent investigation by the Department of Fire Service and Civil Defence. Reportedly, every factory is required to obtain approval for a fire safety plan when it is established and to subsequently receive an effectiveness certificate following an inspection by the authorities. However, the probe report reveals that only 55 out of 164 CEPZ factories currently hold the mandatory effectiveness certificate. Such non-compliance in an area like the EPZ exposes the poor state of industrial safety in Bangladesh.

While factory owners are clearly responsible for neglecting fire safety protocols, the absence of consistent monitoring and enforcement by the relevant authorities is equally to blame. The Fire Prevention and Extinguishing Act, 2003, clearly mandates that every industrial establishment must obtain approval for a fire safety plan and renew its certificate regularly. Yet, enforcement has been weak for years at the CEPZ. Many older buildings, particularly those constructed before 2008, were built without following fire safety rules or maintaining proper spacing between structures. During the October 16 fire that gutted two factories inside the zone, the firefighters’ efforts were severely hampered due to such non-compliance.

Unfortunately, it is not just the CEPZ factories; similar fire incidents at Dhaka airport and at chemical warehouses in Mirpur and Tongi have revealed systemic weaknesses in our fire prevention, inter-agency coordination, and emergency response capacity. The fire service department itself struggles with limited modern equipment, inadequate training for chemical-related fires, and a shortage of protective gear for firefighters who routinely risk their lives. The poor preparedness at all levels makes it clear that Bangladesh’s fire safety system needs urgent modernisation.

In order to improve fire safety at the CEPZ, factory owners and the relevant authorities must ensure full compliance with regulations. Factories in all other EPZs and industrial parks should also be inspected regularly, with a focus on high-risk areas where buildings are closely packed or structurally non-compliant. Fire safety data must be continuously updated and monitored, and no factory should be allowed to operate without a valid certificate. Equally importantly, the fire service must be equipped with modern tools and training to handle chemical and industrial fires, while joint drills, stricter inspections, and digital record-keeping of safety compliance can greatly improve oversight.

THSI DAY IN HISTORY

Paris terrorist attacks

On this day in 2015, terrorists staged coordinated attacks in Paris and its environs, the deadliest occurring at the Bataclan theatre and concert hall; in all, at least 130 people were killed and more than 350 were wounded.

We must distinguish between corrosive and constructive capital



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Money moves more quickly than ever in the modern world. However, not all money is what it seems or claims to be. While some subtly advance hidden interests and undermine accountability, others create opportunity, institutions, and trust. This subject dominated the conversation at a conference hosted by the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) in Washington, DC, earlier in September. Activists and experts from several continents discussed how foreign investment may either aid or undermine democracy. The distinction between constructive and corrosive capital, as defined by CIPE, was the concept that stuck with me.

Where money is utilised for power instead of collaboration, that is where corrosive capital originates. Typically, it is politically motivated, opaque, and intended more to purchase influence. Its attraction is straightforward: quick loans, simple terms, and no embarrassing inquiries about questionable environmental standards, governance, or transparency. However, these agreements frequently have unstated conditions that tighten over time. Conversely, openness, justice, and accountability are valued by constructive capital. Its investments extend beyond bricks and mortar to encompass institutions, markets, and people.

Over the past decade or so, we have witnessed the transformation of corrosive capital into a geopolitical weapon. In some regions, such as Asia, large-scale infrastructure investments have sometimes taken on this character—projects involving highways, power plants, bridges, and ports that appear to foster development on paper. In reality, many of these ventures are negotiated behind closed doors, with inflated costs and limited public oversight. China’s Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

could be cited as an example in some cases, but capital injection by many international financial institutions sometimes had similar impacts in developing countries. The debt distress or repayment issues faced by Sri Lanka and Pakistan, for example, show how “infrastructure diplomacy” can at times be used as a tool of leverage. Yes, money creates something tangible,



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but it also creates influence that can far outlast the loans themselves.

Unquestionably, infrastructure is essential. No country can advance without energy, roads, and railways. To sustain growth, the Asian Development Bank has projected that this region alone will require more than \$8 trillion in infrastructure investment. Therefore, the question is not whether to invest, but rather what kind of investment to make. Constructive capital, more likely to originate from democratic countries or international organisations, may require more time and effort, but it yields long-term benefits. Corrosive capital prefers shortcuts—easy approvals, no audits, and no public accountability.

Charting a new blueprint for shared opportunities



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YAO WEN

On October 23, 2025, the Fourth Plenary Session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) concluded successfully in Beijing. The meeting reviewed and adopted the “Recommendations of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China for Formulating the 15th Five-Year Plan for National Economic and Social Development,” which lays out a grand blueprint for China’s development from 2026 to 2030. This is not only a major event in China’s domestic political and economic life, but it will also have far-reaching implications for the global development landscape and inject fresh momentum into the future of China-Bangladesh relations.

The Fourth Plenary Session of the 20th CPC Central Committee took place at a pivotal moment for achieving the goals of the 14th Five-Year Plan. During the 14th Five-Year Plan period, China’s GDP surpassed 110 trillion yuan, 120 trillion yuan and 130 trillion yuan, successively, and is projected to reach 140 trillion yuan (approximately \$19.66 trillion) in 2025. China’s imports of goods and services have exceeded \$1.5 trillion, and its outbound investment has generated over \$30 billion in tax revenues and large numbers of jobs for host countries. Its annual contribution to global economic growth has remained at roughly 30 percent. These achievements stem from the resolute and able leadership of the CPC and the guidance of its political doctrine, Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with

Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. The fruitful results fully showcase the vitality and advantages of the socialist system with Chinese characteristics.

The forthcoming 15th Five-Year Plan period will serve as a critical stage in building on past successes to break new ground in China’s modernisation drive. And it is a critical phase to reinforce the foundations and push ahead on all fronts.

The recommendations explicitly articulate that we will continue to pursue economic development as our central task, with high quality development as our main focus, reform and innovation as the fundamental driving force, meeting the people’s ever-growing needs for a better life as our fundamental goal, and full and rigorous party self-governance as the fundamental underpinning for all our efforts. Furthermore, we will promote higher-quality economic growth while achieving an appropriate increase in economic output, and make solid headway in promoting well-rounded personal development and common prosperity for all. All of this will allow us to secure decisive progress towards basically realising socialist modernisation.

For China, its unswerving commitment to the path of Chinese modernisation will continue to bring more opportunities and greater certainty to global development. With a super-large market of over 1.4 billion people, a complete industrial system and ever-strengthening innovation capacity, China remains a major

Bangladesh is at a turning point in this discussion right now. We have a huge infrastructure demand as we prepare to leave the bracket of the least developed countries (LDCs); power plants, ports, highways, and bridges are changing the national outlook. However, vulnerability also comes with progress. The issue is not how many projects we can unveil, but whether we are selecting partners who will make our institutions stronger or weaker.

Although some Asian and Western countries have become increasingly visible development partners for Bangladesh, each brings its own philosophy and approach to engagement. Japan’s model of development cooperation, for instance, is sometimes cited for its emphasis on long-term planning,

is rarely solely about economics; it carries strategic, technological, and political implications. The challenge for any developing country, therefore, lies in balancing immediate development needs with long-term sovereignty and policy flexibility.

But where transparency is treated as optional and governance remains weak, corrosive capital finds fertile ground. It empowers those who thrive in opacity, rewards loyalty over merit, and often sustains networks of patronage rather than systems of accountability. This was one of the strongest takeaways from the CIPE conference: when funds move without scrutiny, democracy is quietly undermined.

Journalists, think tanks, and civil society organisations are calling for more transparent contracting, public disclosure of foreign loans, and stronger parliamentary oversight, not just in Bangladesh, but across Asia. These are not anti-investment measures but pro-accountability safeguards. They help ensure that capital, regardless of its source, primarily serves national priorities rather than narrow or external interests. In environments where the norms are clear and institutions trusted, constructive capital can flourish. Investors and citizens, too, find greater predictability when rules are properly enforced.

So for Bangladesh, this is not a binary choice between this camp and that camp, or between one financing model and another. It is a question of principle: whether the country will embrace constructive capital that strengthens governance, or corrosive capital that erodes it. As Bangladesh advances towards a post-LDC reality, good governance, competitive bidding, and transparency must become non-negotiable. Every major investment, foreign or domestic, should be evaluated for its fairness, sustainability, and respect for national sovereignty.

Ultimately, a nation’s strength is measured not by the projects it inaugurates but by the people it empowers. Constructive capital invests in human potential—the workers, entrepreneurs, and thinkers who build the country’s future. Corrosive capital, by contrast, traps them in systems designed to benefit others. Bangladesh must internalise this lesson and act accordingly. The durability of our economic sovereignty will depend on how well we do that.

engine of global economic growth. During the 15th Five-Year Plan period, China will further pursue a higher level of opening-up, narrow the negative list for market access, and deepen joint efforts under the Belt and Road Initiative, offering broader markets and richer cooperation opportunities to countries worldwide, including Bangladesh.

Although China and Bangladesh differ in national conditions, they both are countries bearing the historic mission of developing economies, improving people’s livelihoods and realising national modernisation. The shared objectives create strong resonance between China’s 15th Five-Year Plan and Bangladesh’s development trajectory, opening up new and expansive space for China-Bangladesh cooperation.

On the front of governance experience, China stands ready to join hands with Bangladesh and be each other’s inspiration. The CPC adheres to a people-centred approach, and during the 14th Five-Year Plan period, it has lifted 98.99 million rural residents out of poverty, historically resolving the problem of absolute poverty. The recommendations place agriculture, rural areas and farmers (“the Three Rural Issues”)—issues important to Bangladesh too—at the top of the agenda. China stands ready to strengthen exchanges with Bangladesh on targeted poverty alleviation, rural governance and industrial cultivation, share development experience and jointly promote people’s livelihoods.

On the front of high level pragmatic cooperation, the two countries are building a path of mutual benefit together. Seizing the development opportunities presented by China’s 15th Five-Year Plan, the two countries will deepen industrial coordination and complementarity, with a focus on technology transfer and capacity-building in infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, modern agriculture

and digital economy. By promoting technology sharing and human resource development, Bangladesh’s capacity for autonomous development, export competitiveness and internal development momentum will be effectively enhanced.

On the front of modernisation endeavours, China and Bangladesh will move forward side by side to usher in a new chapter of development. China has always respected the Bangladesh people’s right to independently choose their development path and supports Bangladesh in exploring a modernisation model suited to its national conditions. On this basis, China is ready to share its experience and practical results in industrialisation, urbanisation and digitalisation, and support Bangladesh within its capabilities. Through deeper strategic alignment and policy coordination, the two countries will jointly draw a brand-new picture of prosperity and progress for both countries.

With strong tailwinds on our long voyage, we set sail again carrying great responsibilities. China, under the leadership of the CPC, is steadily advancing toward the goal of building itself into a great modern socialist country in all respects. The formulation and implementation of the 15th Five-Year Plan represent a pivotal step in this historic course. We firmly believe that China cannot be separated from the world in achieving development, and the world also needs China for prosperity. China will continue to work with Bangladesh, leveraging the opportunities of the 15th Five-Year Plan and bilateral cooperation across various fields to further consolidate political mutual trust, expand pragmatic cooperation and promote people-to-people ties, bringing greater benefits to the peoples of both countries and making a still larger contribution to global prosperity and development.

What’s happening at Dhaka airport is a symptom of deeper rot



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There are few places in a country that so completely represent its image as an airport. It is both a threshold and a mirror, reflecting not just the physical state of a nation but the moral tone of its institutions. For Bangladesh, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) has long stood as that symbolic gateway—the first and last impression for millions who travel in and out of the country each year. Yet, what should have been a showcase of national pride has instead turned into a gallery of recurring scandals, thefts, fires, and failures. The latest wave of incidents exposes a deeper truth: the crisis at HSIA is not merely about stolen luggage or lapses in vigilance, but about the systemic rot corroding Bangladesh's culture of public accountability.

The cargo village fire, the theft of firearms from a strongroom, the Ansar member stealing 15 mobile phones, the pillering of foreign currency from passengers, and the daily reports of missing baggage are not isolated incidents. They form part of a broader continuum of decay. According to data from the airport's lost and found department, an average of three luggage thefts are reported every day, amounting to over 500 incidents in six months. If we include unreported cases, the real figure could be significantly higher. Each missing suitcase tells a story not just of loss, but of a system unable or unwilling to protect its own citizens and guests.

For an airport handling over 80 lakh passengers annually, the issue is



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‘Every act of theft, every fire, every lost suitcase at the HSIA erodes the fragile bond between citizen and state.’

not just about individual delinquency but institutional dysfunction. A place that should operate with the precision of clockwork instead runs on improvisation, patronage, and opportunism. The most alarming aspect of these crimes is that they are often committed by those entrusted to prevent them. When custodians of order turn into predators, the problem ceases to be about law

enforcement—it becomes a moral epidemic.

Every airport has its share of human error, but when thefts occur with such regularity and within high-security zones under surveillance cameras, it indicates complicity across multiple layers. The term “syndicate” is not used lightly. These are organised rings, enabled

But such denial misses the point. Individual dishonesty thrives only where collective indifference permits it.

The airport, by its nature, concentrates multiple agencies, such as customs, security forces, airlines, immigration, and logistics. Where responsibilities overlap without coordination, accountability

at the cargo village revealed even darker layers. The breaking of the strongroom and the disappearance of firearms after the blaze showed not merely opportunism but audacity. It raised an alarming question: if weapons can be stolen from a high-security storage area, what assurance remains for passengers and foreign airlines about the safety of cargo and personnel?

Globally, airport thefts are treated as serious breaches of national security. Singapore's Changi or Dubai International—handling many times HSIA's traffic—maintain near-zero tolerance policies backed by real-time surveillance, centralised accountability, and immediate suspension protocols. In Bangladesh, by contrast, the issue often descends into reactive measures: suspensions after media coverage, arrests after political pressure, and cosmetic reforms following public outcry. The absence of sustained institutional correction ensures that scandals repeat with seasonal regularity.

Underlying all this is a culture of low consequence. Suppose, if a passenger loses luggage worth Tk 70,000, the individual receives compensation capped by outdated international conventions that barely cover the loss. When employees are caught stealing, they are dismissed or briefly detained, but the chain behind them remains untouched. The same officers reappear in new uniforms, new departments, or under new titles. In such a cycle, wrongdoing becomes routine.

The economic implications are no less significant. Every lost bag and stolen item diminishes confidence among foreign travellers, expatriate workers, and airlines. Reputational damage, though intangible, carries heavy costs. Foreign carriers are increasingly cautious about ground handling at HSIA. Insurance premiums for freight and cargo rise when risk perception grows. Tourists, investors, and development

partners—all interpret such chaos as a reflection of broader governance challenges. An airport is often a nation's first impression, but for Bangladesh, it risks becoming a cautionary tale.

Fixing this crisis demands more than cosmetic reform. Surveillance cameras and uniformed guards cannot replace institutional integrity. The solution must begin with depoliticising airport management and professionalising its workforce. Recruitment should prioritise merit and ethics over connections. Each incident must trigger not just disciplinary but systemic review. Equally vital is inter-agency accountability. The division of duties among the Civil Aviation Authority, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, and law enforcement must be redefined with measurable outcomes. The baggage-handling process should be fully traceable from check-in to claim, using modern digital tagging systems as practised in most international airports. Independent audits of cargo and security operations should be mandatory, and findings made public. Only through transparency can public confidence be rebuilt.

Yet perhaps the greatest reform lies not in machinery but in mindset. For decades, public service in Bangladesh has been treated as an entitlement rather than a responsibility. Changing this culture will require moral leadership. The stain at the nation's gateway is not indelible, but it will not vanish through denial or temporary punishment. It demands an admission that the problem is systemic, not sporadic. Every act of theft, every fire, every lost suitcase erodes the fragile bond between citizen and state. Restoring that bond will take more than policy directives. It will take courage, vigilance, and the will to confront the ghosts within the mustard—those entrenched interests feeding off the nation's carelessness.

Old habits die hard? BNP’s response

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An opinion piece titled “BNP’s notes of dissent show that old habits die hard,” published on October 29, 2025, in *The Daily Star*, has caught our attention. We appreciate the author’s attempt; however, it could be construed as if BNP has outright opposed state reforms by the interim government. The fact remains that the party has submitted notes of dissent to some proposals in July National Charter that it deems exaggerated and amendable in BNP’s terms. Moreover, as BNP stated, it would include its entire reform proposals in its election manifesto so that voters could understand the length and breadth of the reform package and give their verdict. Therefore, we do not see how BNP’s “old habits die hard.”

In the article, the author has apparently discussed four issues to justify his claim about BNP. It would have been better if the author had also presented the party’s arguments supporting its decisions. In this article, we have tried to summarise BNP’s position on those four issues.

Upper house formation and PR concerns

BNP had proposed forming an upper house to enrich the nation with the input of experienced citizens in its 31-point reform plan on the basis of proportionate seats in the lower house of parliament. Nonetheless, the party objects to the proposal for creating an upper house via PR based on national vote share. BNP doubts this upper house formation because it thinks that if the formation follows the PR system, this process can be used as a political weapon. Furthermore, BNP thinks that this institution of a PR-based upper chamber would just create a “sitting duck” or threat for the lower chamber, only delaying the lower chamber’s work.

Prime minister’s tenure

BNP supports the proposal of limiting a person’s tenure as prime minister to a maximum of 10 years in their lifetime, but expressed reservations about the proposed constitutional appointment committee, or National Constitutional Council (NCC). According to BNP, it may significantly disrupt the executive power in an irregular way, and also reduce the prime minister’s power, which is not a healthy exercise for a democratic country. Another reason is that the transparency and accountability of this constitutional committee cannot be determined so easily. If they are corrupt, and if executive power is not the source of all powers, then it will be a big threat to the country’s political stability. Here, BNP wants reforms in the existing laws regarding the appointments of constitutional institutions. These laws must include provisions for determining search committees to ensure that executive influence is avoided in the appointment process. To address this issue, BNP suggests that for institutions without existing laws, new laws should be enacted. For those with existing laws, amendments should be made. This will help ensure the checks and balances of power in the state.

Formation of National Constitutional Council (NCC)

According to BNP, the NCC would have created a diarchy, and the power of the prime minister would have been reduced, threatening the democratic system. Apart from that, BNP pointed out that under the NCC, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) cannot exercise its highest power. Also, BNP doubted that if NCC were implemented, then the judiciary would be crippled, and the implementation of the rule of law would not be easy.

Article 70

BNP proposes that members of parliament can independently exercise their voting power, even if it is not aligned with their party, except in instances of national security, fiscal legislation, no-confidence motions and constitutional amendments. BNP believes that the proposed amendment in July charter would overpower the

opposition party and significantly increase the risk of an unstable government, the cost of which the country cannot bear.

Does BNP not want the execution of the charter? The party has signed the charter in compliance with the government’s proposals. But it believes the February election issue should be at the forefront to elect a government that will implement the provisions of the charter duly, including major constitutional matters, to ensure the government’s accountability. BNP has even accepted the government’s move to hold a referendum on the July National Charter issue. Tarique Rahman, in his recent interviews with global media, has made it clear that the party, if voted to power, will do the needful to materialise the July charter as agreed. Moreover, many aspects of the charter align with BNP’s 31-point of reform. So, those will easily be implemented.

We believe that the biggest “reform” the nation needs is a credible election, which has already been delayed, causing economic and social stagnation, and ordinary people of the country are paying the price. Surprisingly, though, this underlying issue at this defining moment is being ignored and bypassed. People’s desire was well-reflected in a survey of Innovision Consulting published in February 2025. The survey results revealed that 58.1 percent of voters wanted the next national election before the end of 2025. Out of that 58.1 percent, 31.6 percent wanted it in June 2025, and 26.5 percent wanted the election in December 2025. Therefore, it is important for us to take a careful position and not to fuel a narrative that BNP is an anti-reformist party and only wants elections, when a democratic transition through a credible election has become very critical for the country.

We believe BNP will remain fully committed to implementing the July National Charter with a dream of fulfilling its own 31 well-knit points. Besides, BNP’s political history and previous terms as a ruling party reveal a proven track record of working for democracy and people’s welfare. It is BNP’s “old habits” to work for the people, and those habits definitely die hard.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
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Request for Expression of Interest (Eoi) for Services of
Image Acquisition, Processing and Interpretation for "Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District Project"

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW).		
2	Agency	Urban Development Directorate (UDD)		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District		
4	Procuring Entity Code	1320401		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Consulting Firm	Assignment based	
7	Eoi Ref No	25.45.00000.000.002.14.0006.25 Note 14.0		
8	Date	12 November 25		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement Method	Selection under a Fixed Budget (SFB)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget	GoB	
11	Development Partners	N/A		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/Program Code	222020300		
13	Project/Program Name	Preparation of Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District		
14	Eoi Closing Date and Time	27 November 25; Time: 10:30 AM		
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT				
16	Brief Description of Assignment	Image Acquisition, Processing and Interpretation for "Strategic Plan for Munshiganj District Project": (1) Procurement of satellite image (0.3 m Resolution) 3_D Satellite Image new Acquisition, Image Processing and Geo-referencing, (2) TBM installation, (3) Stereo (3D) Urban area digitization, (4) Stereo (3D) Rural settlement digitization, (5) Stereo (3D) digitization: Agriculture, wetland and forest, (6) DEM preparation		
17	Experience, Resources and Delivery Capacity Required	a. Firms with specific experience of 5 years. b. Required hardware (RTK GPS) and licensed software [Survey data processing (GPS data Processing Software, etc.), GIS (Arc GIS) and Photogrammetric (Photogrammetric stereo Image processing Software) and other related original software]. c. Related Experience (Photogrammetric mapping by using 3D work station etc.) d. Resources (office space, financial and managerial strength, computer and other logistics) e. Related professionals (GIS/RS Specialist, Photogrammetric Expert, Land Use Analyst) and 3D GIS support staffs.		
18	Other Details	Interested consulting Firms are hereby invited to submit Eoi containing printed brochures (showing organizational identity and background), legal documents showing managerial and financial standing (according to PPA 2006 and PPR 2025), Staffing and inventory of resources and logistics confirming the firm's capabilities to provide the required services.		
19	Association with foreign firms is	Not Encouraged		
20	Ref No	Phasing of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date
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				July, 2026
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
21	Name of Official Inviting Eoi	Magsud Hashem		
22	Designation of Official Inviting Eoi	Senior Planner Urban Development Directorate		
23	Address of Official Inviting Eoi	Room # 509, Urban Development Directorate 82, Segunbagicha, Dhaka - 1000		
24	Contact details of Official Inviting Eoi	Phone no: 01711937013		
25	The Procuring entity reserves the right to reject all EOIs			

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Urban Development Directorate, Dhaka

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CELEBRATING HUMAYUN AHMED

The man who turned everyday life into cinematic poetry

ANIKA TAHSIN HAFSA

They say that thirteen is an unlucky number. Superstition marks it as a shadow on the calendar, a date to avoid. Yet on November 13, Bangladesh received one of its greatest gifts, Humayun Ahmed, a storyteller who transformed our screens and preserved our souls through cinema. Novelist, screenwriter, and director, Humayun Ahmed reshaped the way Bangladeshis see themselves on screen. His films, much like his writings, portrayed simplicity, emotional honesty, humour, and a deep understanding of ordinary life. His films were never about grand spectacles or artificial drama. They were about us—our families, our wars, our silences, our laughter

1971 Liberation War was not that of a soldier holding guns, but of a young man holding memories. His father, a police officer, was killed by the Pakistan Army. At the age of 23, he witnessed the brutality of conflict. These experiences turned into *Aguner Poroshmoni* (1994), a film that preserves our history through sharing food, hiding a wounded freedom fighter, singing quietly during curfew. The story of a Dhaka family sheltering Badi, a wounded freedom fighter, becomes a powerful portrayal of the war. The characters here are portraits of real Bangladeshis. Through waiting, whispered plans, and the weight of a hidden presence upstairs, Humayun Ahmed captured the moments of 1971: the fear, the love, the impossible choices.



PHOTO: STAR

journey in *Amar Ache Jol* (2008). The characters are regular people dealing with regrets and unsaid words. Humayun's literary technique of showing rather than telling reaches its peak here, as characters communicate through pauses, glances, and things left unsaid. Rain, water, and flowing time become visual metaphors for their emotional states. Through these ordinary characters, Humayun showed how real people experience romance—messily, incompletely, beautifully.

Then came his final and most daring work, *Ghetu Putro Komola* (2012), which stands apart from everything before it. Based on the tradition of *Ghetu* songs, the story follows Komola, a boy performer who faces exploitation. Young Komola, dressed

while questioning its human cost. Even in darkness, Humayun finds heartbreaking beauty. He has created a testament to the victims of historical exploitation.

Humayun's cinema flows like our rivers. It flows naturally, unhurried, sometimes flooding with emotion, sometimes running quiet and deep. His characters could be our neighbours, our relatives, ourselves. He portrayed simple things with such care that they became beautiful. Most importantly, he preserved our history, not just dates and battles, but how people actually lived, spoke, loved, and struggled. Future generations will watch these films and understand who we were.

Born on an unlucky number, Humayun Ahmed proved that luck is what you make



echoing through tin-roofed houses. His movies preserve our history, celebrate our rural and urban culture, and show how life flows naturally, without exaggeration or artificial drama.

Humayun Ahmed's journey through the

After exploring the war, Humayun delved into the world of folklore with *Chandrokotha* (2003), where rural life blends naturally with imagination. He portrays village life with the warmth of courtyard laughter, night-time gatherings,

local music. The story shows the real picture of Bangladeshi society.

However, his exploration of Liberation War experiences continues in *Shyamol Chhaya* (2004), where the struggle unfolds on a boat filled with people fleeing in 1971. Unlike typical war films filled with violence, he focuses on the psychological journey to escape, to survive, to reach safely across the river that separates death from life. The boat becomes a floating microcosm of Bangladesh: rich and poor, Hindu and Muslim, brave and frightened, selfish and selfless—all trying to survive together. Even in this confined space, Humayun highlights religious harmony amid chaos, showing how communal identity dissolves into shared humanity when survival is at stake. Through silence, fear, suspicion, and fragile hope, *Shyamol Chhaya* captures the psychological truth of 1971 and transforms a simple boat journey into an instance of unity and survival.

After exploring collective struggles, Humayun turns toward an emotional



as a girl to perform, becomes trapped in a system where art and abuse intertwine. The Zamindar's mansion, which should be a palace of culture, instead becomes a prison of power imbalance. The film preserves a vanished cultural practice

it. Through his lens, every ordinary Bengali life became worthy of cinema, every simple moment contained magic. On his birthday, we celebrate not just a filmmaker, but the mirror in which Bangladesh saw its most honest reflection.

NEWS

Indigenous

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inside until the area was clear. Within the compound, the United Nations is responsible for security.

"Earlier this evening, a group of protesters breached security barriers at the main entrance to the COP, causing minor injuries to two security staff, and minor damage to the venue," a spokesperson said in a statement.

"Brazilian and UN security personnel took protective actions to secure the venue, following all established security protocols. Brazilian and UN authorities are investigating the incident. The venue is fully secured, and COP negotiations continue."

The main entrance to the venue had been closed for repairs and the UN climate agency said it was set to reopen yesterday morning.

Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has highlighted Indigenous communities as key players in this year's COP30 negotiations.

Earlier this week, dozens of Indigenous leaders arrived by boat to participate in the talks and demand more say in how forests are managed.

Bodies of man, daughter

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About two years ago, Julekha went to Dubai for work. Ratan then kept their daughter at his in-laws' while continuing his work at a garment factory.

Quoting locals, Md Abdullah Al Mamun, additional superintendent of police in Mymensingh, said Julekha returned about one and a half months ago on leave and was scheduled to return to Dubai yesterday.

Ratan allegedly did not want his wife to return to Dubai. Frequent quarrels reportedly occurred between them over this issue, the additional SP said, citing neighbours.

Yesterday evening, Ratan visited his in-laws' house, where his wife was staying. Around 3:00am yesterday, neighbours heard screaming and rushed to the house. They found Ratan's body on the floor, Naria's body on the bed, and Julekha with wounds on her throat and hands, said the police officer.

On information, police recovered the bodies around 4:30am and rescued Julekha, who is currently undergoing

treatment at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

The additional SP said police recovered a piece of paper with a short note from the spot. It is believed that the short note was written by Ratan before his death.

Police have detained Ratan's father-in-law, Dulal Mia, and his mother-in-law for questioning.

Primarily, police could not say about the motive behind the killings or the involvement of others.

"We are investigating the matter," Md Abdullah Al Mamun told The Daily Star.

Amir Ali, father of slain Ratan Mia, filed a murder case against four people, including Julekha's father, Dulal Mia, with Haluaghat Police Station last night, said Additional SP Md Abdullah Al Mamun.

The three other accused are: Md Yusuf Ali, Md Nazim Mia, and Mosammat Rahima Khatun, all relatives of Julekha.

In the case statement, Amir Ali alleged that his son and granddaughter were brutally murdered.

Jamaat, allies

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holding a referendum on the order of the July National Charter before the national election, holding national election under a proportional representation (PR) system, ensuring a level playing field for all, ensuring visible justice of the previous "fascist government" and banning the activities of the "dictatorial collaborators" Jatiya Party and the 14-party alliance.

"Our main demand is now to hold a referendum on the order of the July National Charter before the national election," Parwar said, adding that they want the polls to be held on time in February next year.

Mujibur Rahman, Jamaat's Nayebe-Ameer and former MP, read out the next programmes at the press conference.

The leaders and activists of the eight parties will occupy the streets nationwide today to resist any untoward incidents surrounding the likely announcement of the verdict date in a case against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"We urge all the patriotic, anti-fascist forces to join us on the streets," he said.

The alliance announced demonstrations and protest marches at the district and metropolitan levels on Friday to press home their demands.

Its top leaders will meet at 11:00am on Sunday and decide on the sit-in programme through a press conference if demands remain unmet.

The leaders of Khelafat Majlish, Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish, Bangladesh Khelafat Andolon, Nezame Islam Party, Jatiya Ganatantrik Party and the Bangladesh Development Party also joined the press conference.

JAIL BREAKS
Nepal boosts anti-poaching patrols

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal has intensified anti-poaching operations to protect its prized tigers, elephants and rhinos after dozens of convicted poachers escaped prison during an anti-government uprising in September, conservation officers said yesterday.

Fair price for farmers

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The production and storage cost of potatoes stands at Tk 25-27 per kg but they are unable to sell them even at half that price, he said, adding that growers could incur losses of about Tk 3,000 crore this season.

"If a so-called referendum is held to satisfy one party's demand, the state will have to spend a similar amount [Tk 3,000 crore]. Farmers getting a fair price for their produce is far more important than a referendum."

Bangladesh still has one of the highest road accident death rates in the world and yet "road safety has not been addressed in the interim government's discussions".

Among the high school graduates and degree holders in the country, one in every five is unemployed.

"Spending thousands of crores on a so-called referendum is less important to a person who has lost their job than having a job or employment," Tarique said.

Recently, the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association reported that in the last 14 months, at least 353 garment factories in Savar, Gazipur, Chattogram, Narayanganj and Narsingdi have shut down, leaving about 120,000 workers unemployed, he said.

"Isn't a job more important to these unemployed people than spending thousands of takas on the so-called 'referendum'? What do you think?"

Tarique pointed out that the results of the Higher Secondary Examination published last October revealed the lowest pass rate in 2025.

A concerning issue is that the highest number of students failed in English.

"However, in today's global village, it is more critical to focus on education reform research than on the so-called referendum."

He also said that if any political party tries to push their demands for a referendum by exploiting the interim government's weakness, it will not bode well for that party.

"If any political party, seeing the interim government as weak, tries to get whatever it wants or uses tricks to deny BNP a victory, such actions could ultimately lead to political disaster for that party."

At the event commemorating the

civil-military uprising on November 7, 1975, senior leaders from various political parties, including Jamaat-e-Islami, highlighted the importance of unity among anti-fascist parties to restore democracy and resolve their differences.

"I urge our allies on the streets -- and anyone trying to muddy the waters -- please do not try to make the situation volatile," Tarique said.

Some parties are attempting to obstruct the election by imposing various conditions. If the election does not take place, it will pave the way for the return of the fugitive fascist.

"Is an opportunity being given to rehabilitate the fallen, defeated evil forces in politics under the cover of a referendum?"

Associates of the "runaway autocrat recently carried out arson attacks" even in the capital. "This should serve as a warning for all forces that once fought against fascism."

During the fascist rule, a party protected itself as part of its strategy by taking shelter under the umbrella of the fascists, Tarique said.

"In the current situation, it is time for us all to reflect and consider whether the fallen, defeated and fugitive autocrats have also taken shelter under the umbrella of that party involved in the anti-fascist movement."

Many of the BNP's allies from the anti-fascist street movement are expressing doubts about the February election next year.

"I would like to draw the attention of our allies present here today that instead of issuing threats to the interim government, let us face the people in the upcoming February election. Let us all come forward and stand before the people."

He also expressed concern that a party may be trying to create scope for the rehabilitation of fallen, fugitive forces into politics under the guise of a referendum before the national election.

"I call upon all democracy-loving people of the country to remain vigilant against such moves," Tarique added.

At the event, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said the ongoing crisis is unnecessary. "I believe it has been intentionally created to obstruct the path to democracy."

Graft, law and order top concerns

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eight administrative divisions between October 10 and 21, 2025, through in-person interviews. Rural participants made up 56.7 percent of respondents.

Among them, 89 percent are registered voters, and 97.2 percent of them intend to cast their votes in the upcoming national election. When explaining their political preferences, 41.6 percent cited party ideology or policies, 31.1 percent valued leadership quality, and 10 percent mentioned past performance. Notably, 56.9 percent of those planning to vote for the Awami League said they would abstain if the party does not contest the election.

To strengthen democracy, 73 percent of youth emphasised free and fair elections, while 54.2 percent called for an independent judiciary.

In education, 66.9 percent stressed improving teacher quality and recruitment, and 52.6 percent viewed student politics negatively for disrupting academic environments.

» 52.6% view student politics negatively

» Social media primary news source for 62.3%

» 50.2% uncertain about fair election

» 76% say women feel unsafe in the country

Despite challenges, 81.7 percent of respondents said they want to stay in Bangladesh, while 18.3 percent prefer to live abroad, mainly citing poor economic conditions (58.1 percent), political instability (44.5 percent), and limited job opportunities (33.5 percent).

Social media is the main news source for 62.3 percent of youth, though 59.6 percent believe it does not reflect the country's actual situation.

Road crashes claim 469 lives in Oct

Says Jatri Kalyan Samity report

UNB, Dhaka

A total of 528 people were killed and 1,310 injured in 532 accidents on roads, railways, and waterways across the country in October, according to a report by Jatri Kalyan Samity.

The organisation compiled the report based on news published in national and local dailies, alongside online news portals, said a press release issued yesterday.

Among them, 469 people died and 1,280 were injured in 469 road accidents between October 1 and 30.

Besides, 47 people were killed and 30 others injured in 52 railway accidents, while 12 people died and one went missing in 11 waterway accidents during the same period, said the report.

The report also noted that motorbike accidents accounted for a significant share, claiming 176 lives and injuring 137 others across the country last month — representing 36.24 percent of total accidents and 37.52 percent of total fatalities.

Dhaka division recorded the highest number of road accidents with 126 incidents, resulting in 130 deaths and 343 injuries.



RANGSA RIVER IN TARAKANDA

Bamboo bridge still the only option for locals

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Hundreds of locals are suffering daily as they continue to rely on a bamboo bridge to cross the Rangsa river in Mymensingh's Tarakanda upazila, with their long-standing demand for a permanent concrete bridge remaining unmet.

On several occasions, locals have held rallies and formed human chains demanding the construction of a concrete bridge over the river, but to no avail, they said.

Md Yasin Ali, panel chairman of Galagoan Union Parishad, said, "Despite reiterating our demand for a permanent concrete bridge over the river, authorities have yet to take any steps. We have no alternative but to use the bamboo bridge for commuting. This has been the case for many years."

Officials of the Local Government and

Engineering Department surveyed the area on different occasions, but nothing further has been done, he added.

Badsha Miah, 55, a member of the union parishad, said some 500 students from 10 educational institutions on both sides of the river have to cross the bridge daily, often at risk, especially during the monsoon. Sharaf Uddin Ahmed, assistant teacher at Gaborgati Govt Primary School, echoed him.

Local resident Abul Khayer said while the upazila headquarters is only around five kilometres away, which should take no more than 20 minutes to travel, locals need over an hour to cross the river using the bamboo bridge.

Contacted, Aysa Akhter, upazila engineer of LGED in Tarakanda, said they have sent proposals for constructing a bridge under a project, but no approval has been obtained yet.

Children

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Implemented in partnership with the EU and the government, the initiative has delivered measurable social and economic benefits, said Flowers. Unicef began in 2021 with 350 community hubs across 42 districts, now reaching 64, she said.

"These hubs unite social workers, police, and the judiciary to protect vulnerable adolescents. So far, 12,000 girls have been protected from child marriage, birth registration has risen sharply, and violence has declined," she added.

"Child marriage strips girls of education and dignity and hinders national growth. We need a united national voice to change mindsets and enforce laws effectively."

EU Ambassador Michael Miller said the EU expects forthcoming legislative reforms to align with International Labour Organization standards and the National Action Plan on Child Labour.

Mumtaz Ahmed, Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, said under the government's Domestic Violence and Homicide Prevention project, 22 new hubs are being set up to support street and neurodiverse children.

Probe into graft allegations

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The allegations against the two surfaced in April. Following this, the ACC launched an inquiry.

On April 21, the Ministry of Public Administration relieved Moazzem Hossain of his duties. Similarly, Tuhin Farabi was also removed from his post due to corruption allegations.

The ACC later sought a travel ban on Moazzem and requested the suspension of his national ID use.

To push for faster action, Jubo Adhikar Parishad organised a "March to ACC" and submitted a memorandum in May, while two High Court lawyers filed separate complaints.

During preliminary investigation, the ACC's intelligence wing reportedly found suspicious financial transactions and irregularities in the officials' assets.

Two inquiry teams were formed on May 4, and both officials were summoned later that month.

Although they initially skipped the summons, they later presented their statements in person at the ACC's headquarters in the capital.

An official involved in the probe said Moazzem is accused of accepting money for transfers and promotions, manipulating tenders, and collecting commissions from contractors.

He allegedly used his influence in local government, public works and water resources ministries, alongside the Roads and Highways, to facilitate multi-crore transactions.

Tuhin is accused of collecting money through the transfer of doctors, civil surgeons, directors, and nurses. There are also allegations of financial dealings related to inclusion in Hajj teams.

An official said the ACC banned them from travelling abroad through the court and received information

about their bank accounts through BFIU.

In October, a progress report was submitted to the commission, but there has been no update since, added the official.

When asked about the slow progress of the investigation, ACC Deputy Director Akhtarul Islam said, "The investigation into the APS and PO of two advisers is ongoing. If evidence of corruption is found, legal action will be taken."

"We are not under any pressure. Upon receiving corruption complaints, we take action as per legal procedures," he added.

PRAYER TIMING

NOVEMBER 13

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5-00	12-45	3-45	5-22	7-00
JAMAAT 5-35	1-15	4-00	5-25	7-30

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Date: 12/11/2025

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BOOK REVIEW: POETRY

Poetry in short-hand

Review of Kiriti Sengupta’s ‘Selected Poems’ (Transcendent Zero Press, 2025), edited by Dustin Pickering

The poems selected from the collection *Healing Waters, Floating Lamps* (Moments Publication, 2015), go on to consolidate Kiriti’s distinct poetics of sprinting towards epiphanic profundities. There is no build-up, no sustained effort to protract the process, and no patience to withhold the climax.

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The idea of outsourcing the selection of poems to a fellow poet-publisher Dustin Pickering, lends the already published poems of Kiriti Sengupta another round of robust readership. From his debut collection *My Glass of Wine* (Author’s Empire Publications, 2013) to the present batch which contains eight recent poems, Sengupta has so far authored nine collections—a reasonably sizeable corpus of poetry. More than shifts in his style and substance, what stands in this selection is the steadfast consistency with which Kiriti has survived the flashy poetic trends that keep emanating from the space of new media. He retains his signature style—of using words frugally and minimally, with no extra flourish to gloss them with any uncanny poetic surplus. His poems—shorter or longer—continue to be reflective, quasi-mediative, and mildly ironic at times, but there is no anxiety to announce apocalypses or to exclaim some earth-shaking denouements.

The propensity to write aphoristically is palpable right from the beginning. The poem “In Tune” is remarkably dense, and compact: “Remaining under self-control—/ the tongue and the heart have fallen in love./ Look zeroize them—/ be a bird!”. Kiriti’s aphorisms are not abstract or thin; they are steeped in heavy textuality. The transitions are not supplied on the platter, it is for the discernible reader to leapfrog from one nano-image to another. Reading this kind of poetry is not a one-sided affair, it demands unqualified readerly plunge as well. Within the space of a few lines, Kiriti suggests a dialectical relationship between ascending fears, and deeper roots that “hold them tighter” (from “Wide”).

From Kiriti’s *The Reverse Tree* (Moments Publication, 2014), Dustin



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Pickering plucks out only two poems, which is unfair to the range of the eclectic book which consists of neither well-defined essays, nor short fiction, nor even standalone poems. But both the poems amply bring out Kiriti’s ways of dealing with the original unheard. He admits “defining soul is difficult/ rather impossible”, yet in the course of the poem, he ventures to bask under its light: “I press two fingers firmly/ on my ears/ let the light dazzle/ my imprisoned candle” (“Reversal – Reverse All”). By a strange poetic argument, the poet sees sexuality as a function of light: “The sun dares to surface/ on your mirror, playing both/ a she, and a he toy” (“Crisis”). Kiriti dissects light, and its each splinter gives him a complementary clue of life, its gay

ambivalence.

The poems selected from the collection *Healing Waters, Floating Lamps* (Moments Publication, 2015), go on to consolidate Kiriti’s distinct poetics of sprinting towards epiphanic profundities. There is no build-up, no sustained effort to protract the process, and no patience to withhold the climax. The poem takes off, and it plummets in seconds to complete the arc. In order to “reach for the sky”, the poet draws “a circle in the water”, and in the next half-a-second “Looking at the image/ I [he] take[s] a dip” (from “Beyond the Eyes”). The poet does not short circuit the experience, rather he seeks to capture the ephemeral ecstasy without any verbal smokescreen. Similarly, a Varanasi evening is captured in its

oxymoronic exuberance: “The water here is not/ a fire extinguisher./ Flames rise through the water” (“Evening Varanasi”). In the poem “Eyes of Yogi”, a mother bird quietly sits on her eggs, and soon in a flash the poet spots “tiny wings”. The overwhelming concluding line: “The mother transforms into the sky”, springs forth—the sight lapses into insight—in a flicker.

In Kiriti’s poetry, the reader has to be ready, receptive, and wide-eyed to catch the pregnant poetic moment. His mantra for the artist is “keep an eye” not on the outer earthly details, but on the incisive third eye. “Memories,” the poet muses, “unveil themselves through snapshots” (“Moon — The Other Side”). The idiom turns increasingly oblique and at times brutally sarcastic: “You have

been practicing/ postures for health and fun./ Kali never fails to protrude/ her long, bloody tongue” (from “Cryptic Idioms–3”). Even in his prose poems, which gather conspicuousness in his collection *The Earthen Flute* (Hawakaal Publishers, 2016), he does not write in a single stretch, rather he breaks his poems into mini autonomous sections.

In his *Reflections on Salvation* (Transcendent Zero Press, 2016), Kiriti writes 18 short sardonic prose-verses with each corresponding a chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. Out of the 18 verses of “flash wisdom”, the Selected Poems, consists of only 10 that interrogate the relationship between the scriptural and the secular, between the sublime and the sensual. Caught between the pulls of renunciation and attachment, the poet attempts to re-write the self-evident gospels with the modesty of a mortal. In his reflection on “Detachment”, his playful interjection, for instance, is pertinent: “I plan to donate a few copies of the Geeta to infertility clinics. I would love to hear them advise: ‘Act, but forget!’”. Even as he questions the full-proof divinity, he is not loud, audacious or heroic which does not allow, thankfully, the reflections to be incantatory. Incantations can be very intimidating.

This is an excerpt. Read the full review on *The Daily Star* and *Star Books and Literature’s* websites.

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BOOK REVIEW: NONFICTION

A graphic rebellion against patriarchy

Review of ‘Pitritonttrer Poton’ (UPL, 2025) by Marta Breen and Jenny Jordahl (illustrator), translated by Fahmi Ela

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We are living in the advancing era, mended meticulously with dreams and expectations. It is the era of new norms. And yet, a woman asking for the basic human rights will be scrutinised for standing up for herself. They are caught up in a never-ending cycle that extends borders. It is the reality, and there are expectations that these conditions will improve over time. Unfortunately, though, the dreams are just that—dreams. *Pitritonttrer Poton* (originally *Smash the Patriarchy*) captures the similar prevalence of patriarchy throughout the generations and its impact on all genders, including men themselves.

The graphic nonfiction is an excellent display of historical examples of women who have opposed patriarchy—the brave and the unfortunate who were exemplary for fighting against inequality, injustice, and instability. This includes major figures such as the French revolutionary Charlotte Corday, and Alexandra Mikhailovna Kollontai who was a Russian revolutionary, politician, diplomat, and Marxist theoretician. The book explores the power dynamics that have been consistent throughout history. Despite these constraints, many revolutionary women have spoken out about the challenges they and other contemporary women face. Consequently, the author does an amazing job by mentioning these brilliant voices advocating for equality and equity.

The book opens with portraying a humorous discussion between illustrated versions of Marta Breen and Jenny Jordahl’s characters, which immediately sets an exciting and engaging tone. Although the mood is meant to be humorous, the messages that come along with it are powerful and serious. Jordahl’s humorous illustrations add another layer of appeal. These are essentially drawn in a comic style to make the book more intriguing and fun to read. However, it does not minimise women’s growing awareness of resistance to injustice; rather, it incorporates their attempts to raise awareness relentlessly in a unique way.

Wherever history takes us, whether we are navigating through textbooks or

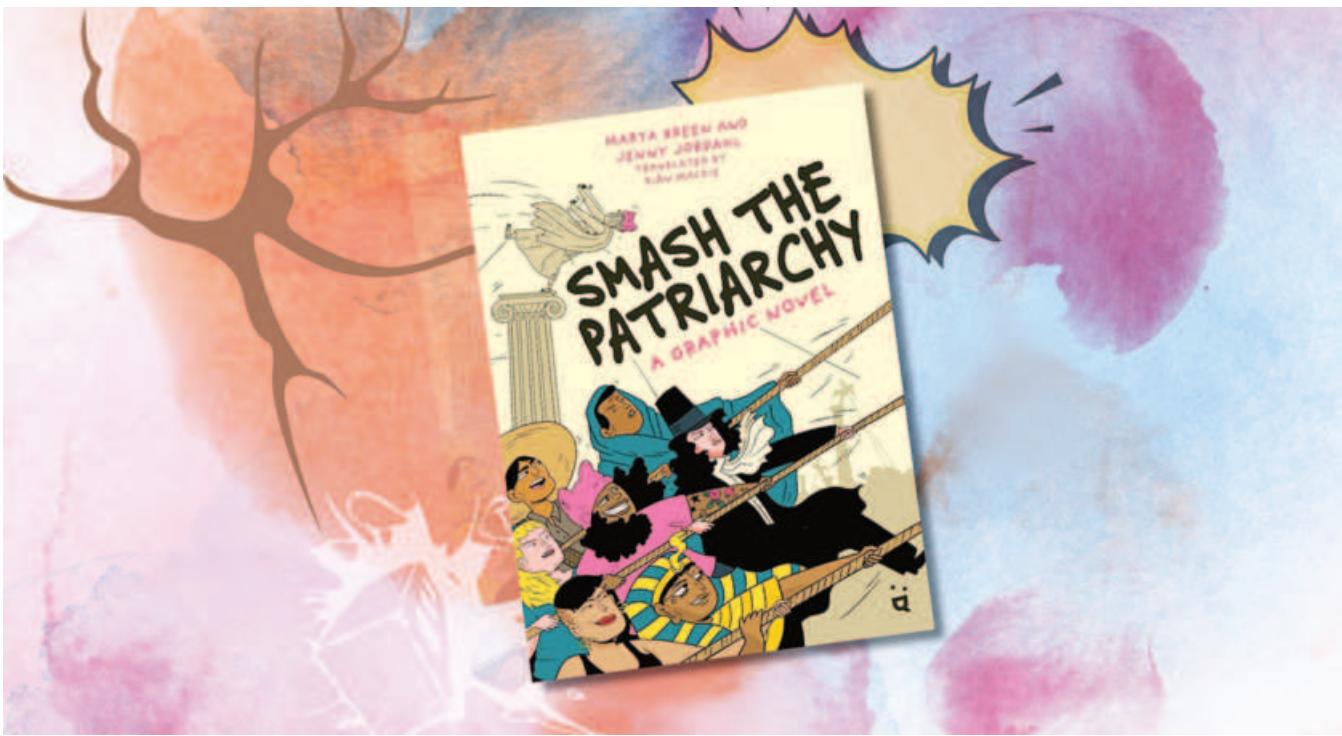


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pictures, every medium is filled with depictions of glorious empires like that of the Greco-Roman civilisations. There are acknowledgments of exceptional contributions, mostly by male figures from numerous fields; areas they have improved with their knowledge and exceptional calibre—figures who have been celebrated throughout history, glorified, and even overglorified for their work, but who, at the same time, harbour some questionable perceptions women. The author mentions several of these prominent male figures, ranging from philosophers to playwrights. For example, the renowned German philosopher Immanuel Kant and his oft-cited opinion: “A woman who becomes learned loses her charm”, as well as Genevan philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s, who said, “If woman is made to please and to be subjugated to man, she ought to make herself pleasing to him rather than to provoke him.”

It is relatively easier to break, stretch, and forge a woman in accordance with the convenience of society rather

than changing the flawed system. The outright declaration of internalised misogyny these men harbour are often overshadowed owing to their “genius” but in the same exact field, female intellectuals need to overcome barriers that they solely face as women and often “prove themselves” in order to become established. The book talks about women using pseudonyms and cross dressing to portray themselves as men and prove their competence—all because women are often presented as a secondary race who carry no agency of their own.

Fahmi Ela’s translation captures the energy of Breen’s words. The feminist message remains just as sharp and impactful in Bangla with Ela’s potent use of Bangla phrases and expressions. In the same vein, Jordahl’s vibrant use of colour makes the illustration both visually striking but aesthetically pleasing at the same time. Like Breen has her way of using the harsh, uncomfortable language that society has frequently used against women, Jordahl’s illustrations too highlight oppression, brutality, and the

bareness that portray scenes of violence, showing how women’s bodies, along with their voices, have been subjugated.

There are some parts where the names or the years of historical figures might seem information heavy, however, the author here has divulged in-depth and provided detailed insights into the lives of these figures. It maps out the patriarchal structures, offering new perspectives for those who are skeptical about feminist notions.

Pitritonttrer Poton narrows down to one aim: dismantling patriarchy; this concept is well integrated into the information provided in this book, a phenomenon that has been overlooked for many years and has been normalised. Consequently, as a people, we have unintentionally become accustomed to and accept misogyny even in the most intellectual spheres of society.

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YOUR DHAKA WEEK

Readings, exhibitions, and performances shaping the city’s creative pulse



Arshinagar Dhaka presents a theatrical take on Hermann Hesse’s 1922 novel *Siddhartha*, set to run at the Experimental Theatre Hall, Shilpakala Academy, from November 19 to 21.

‘Everyone has gone silent out of fear’

Former Bangladesh women’s cricket captain Jahanara Alam’s allegations of sexual harassment have sparked widespread discussion in the country’s sporting community. Bangladesh’s table tennis legend Zobera Rahman Linu said such issues have long existed in sports and beyond. In an interview with The Daily Star’s Samsul Arefin Khan, Linu shared insights from her time in the Athletes Commission and suggested solutions; the excerpts of which are as follows:



WHEN WILL WOMEN ATHLETES GET SAFE SPACE IN BANGLADESH?

The Daily Star (DS): Sexual misconduct has emerged in cricket and other sports. What’s your view?
Zobera Rahman Linu (ZRL): When I was the chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA; 2019–2023), this issue came to my attention first. During the last South Asian Games, my responsibility was to check on all the participants, and report it to the BOA. I had known about these problems for a long time, but it wasn’t the right moment to speak up.
DS: What kind of knowledge did you have related to these issues?
ZRL: The problems that exist in other sports – like coaches abusing some, and some being abused by players. When I spoke to people in various sectors, they told me, “Apa, we are being abused this way.” I then informed the BOA about what was happening, keeping their identities confidential. And we took some steps accordingly. We also warned those who were most implicated in bad behaviour. We took some actions like that.
Since Jahanara first reported it publicly, now everyone has taken notice. But these incidents have been happening for a long time. Actually, this is not limited to sport; this issue exists in all professional sectors. If sports are singled out, it won’t sound good. People might think that these things only happen to women in sport.
DS: Did such issues exist during your playing days?
ZRL: When we used to play sports, we didn’t face these things. At least, I didn’t... But those who are coming into sport now are mostly coming from lower-middle-class backgrounds. What happens is that when they come here and receive some pocket money, it becomes very easy to abuse them.
Many incidents are happening secretly... The victims have kept silent, either just to stay on the team (to secure their spot) or to survive economically. But when Jahanara’s matter came up, everyone gained the courage to speak. You will see many more things slowly come out.
DS: You reported incidents to the Olympic Association. Why did nothing progress?
ZRL: After we (a six-member team) informed the BOA, some actions were taken against them (the accused), but nothing more happened afterwards.
Because sometimes the girls who called me did not mention their names... because they fear that if we mention their names, the coach will exclude them. The same thing happened in cricket – everyone has gone silent out of fear.
DS: Are these incidents increasing because institutions fail to act?
ZRL: Yes, it is definitely increasing. First, the biggest issue, in my opinion, is that we are unable to bring the evidence forward. The victim cannot just claim to be a victim verbally. They need proof, right? When we cannot provide the proof... the accused gain an opportunity and others are encouraged, knowing the victims lack evidence.
DS: What’s the way forward?
ZRL: In sectors like women’s cricket, women’s football, or whatever it is, the officials must be women, and the team management must be female. We do not lack good female organisers in Bangladesh, but we do not employ them. If you send a team abroad with a male manager, a girl might face many issues during the games. Will she speak openly about those issues to a male manager? Never. Every federation should mandate female officials with female athletes... And for influential officials involved, proven cases must lead to dismissal.

Joy, Shadman fuel Tigers’ charge

ABDULLAH AL MEHDI from Sylhet

Two big partnerships shaped Bangladesh’s batting performance on the second day of the first Test against Ireland in Sylhet on Wednesday and although the second one eclipsed the former by two runs at stumps, it was the 168-run opening stand between Mahmudul Hasan Joy and Shadman Islam that really set the tone.
After Ireland got rolled over for 286 early in the morning, Shadman and Joy turned up to the crease and dictated the proceedings on a placid wicket, notching up a century stand in just 20.4 overs.
While Shadman fell for 80, Joy not only carried on to get a ton, but surpassed his career-best score of 137 he had made against the Proteas in Durban in 2022.
He then formed an unbroken 170 run stand alongside Mominul Haque (80 not out), and ended the day unbeaten on 169 with Bangladesh 338 for 1, leading by 52 runs.
Joy and Shadman’s stand was Bangladesh’s highest opening partnership in Tests within the last 10 years, surpassing Tamim Iqbal and Joy’s 162 against Sri Lanka in Chattogram in 2022.
Asked whether they sent a positive message in the red-ball format through this partnership following recent disappointing performances from the top-order in white-ball cricket, Shadman relayed that stringing together a big partnership was their main aim.
“A partnership always sends a good message. Partnership is very important in any format.



PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

Whatever format we play in, good partnerships lead to a good score. That is our target,” Shadman said yesterday.
“Joy and I were just talking about playing according to the ball and how the wicket was supporting us. When we started batting in the morning, there wasn’t much help available. So,

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS PLAY-OFF Bangladesh out to defy odds

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh face Pakistan today in the first of a three-match play-off series at Dhaka’s Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium, with the opening game set to begin at 2:00 pm. The series will determine Asia’s sixth representative at the upcoming FIH World Cup Qualifiers.
Once a powerhouse of world hockey with four World Cup and three Olympic golds, Pakistan have struggled in recent years. Yet, as Bangladesh’s Dutch coach Siegfried Aikman admitted, beating Pakistan remains a daunting task for his side.
At yesterday’s press conference, held in a makeshift tent beside the stadium, most questions centred on Bangladesh’s chances of an upset. Aikman, who has spent the past two and a half months coaching the U-21s for this month’s Junior World Cup, is also guiding the senior team – featuring seven players from that youth squad.
“We’ve prepared the best we can and are ready to play,” he said, before acknowledging the “huge gap” between the two teams in terms of experience and pace.
Bangladesh have never beaten Pakistan, although they have occasionally pushed superior opponents close since the mid-1970s. In their most recent meeting at the



2023 Asian Games in Hangzhou, Bangladesh took an early lead before eventually losing 5-2.
Aikman called facing Pakistan “a huge challenge”, noting that their recent qualification for the FIH Pro League had boosted their confidence. “They have skillful players, great experience,” said the Dutchman, who previously coached Pakistan.
Asked if his insight into the opposition might help, Aikman smiled: “They know me too, so it’ll be interesting.”
Pakistan coach Muhammad Usman, meanwhile, anticipates a closely contested match. “Nobody can win easily. It is a competition,” said Usman, who has stepped in for regular coach Tahir Zaman following his recent disagreement with the Pakistan Hockey Federation and reported resignation.



Who is that player?

SPORTS REPORTER from Sylhet

Following Day 1 of the ongoing Sylhet Test between Bangladesh and Ireland on Tuesday, Ebadot Hossain and Khaled Ahmed – unused squad members – were doing laps around the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium alongside an unknown face wearing the national team’s kit.
His name is Rahin Ahmed, a local academy player who has been added to the mix to bulk up the 14-member Test squad after some injury scares.
During Day 1, Mehidy Hasan Miraz and Taijul Islam had to leave the field hurt for a time and substitute fielders had to step in. With only one more player left in the bench, the management felt the necessity of bringing in someone else as precaution – hence Rahin was brought in.
“Since the NCL is going on, we didn’t pick a big squad. It wasn’t possible to bring in another Test player during first day’s play,” national selector Hasibul Hossain Shanto informed The Daily Star.
Rahin, a left-arm pacer, hails from Green Sylhet Academy and prior to this has bowled as a net bowler in national team’s practice.

Friendly against Nepal to shape Bangladesh’s India plans

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will look to find the right combination and fine-tune their strategy for the upcoming India fixture when they face Nepal in an international friendly at the National Stadium today.
The match kicks off at 8:00pm.
After being eliminated from the group stage of Asian Cup Qualifiers with two home defeats and two away draws, Bangladesh are now focused on restoring some pride in their remaining two



We could not beat Nepal for some years, I know it very well. Nepal are a very competitive side. We had an experience against them last September in Kathmandu where we were very competitive against them but did not get the win. Tomorrow [Thursday] is a very tough day but we are convinced of winning.

Bangladesh coach
JAVIER CABRERA

matches against India and Singapore. Head coach Javier Cabrera is expected to give as many players as possible some match time, as he looks to finalise his preferred eleven for the November 18 clash against India.
With midfielder Sheikh Morsalin ruled out through injury and Fahamedul Islam suspended, Cabrera is set to make a couple of changes to the starting eleven that earned a 1-1 draw in their last away match against Hong Kong last month.

Canada-based midfielder Shamit Shome joined the camp late and took part in one full training session, suggesting he may get some minutes against Nepal before the India match.
Cabrera’s charges will also be wary of a motivated Nepal side, who have not lost to Bangladesh in their last five meetings since a 2-0 defeat at this very venue back in 2000.

The two sides last met in Kathmandu in September, playing out a goalless draw in a dull affair. This time, Cabrera is expected to make better use of set-pieces against Nepal, who may themselves benefit from their familiarity with several Bangladeshi players – eight members of their current national squad play in the Bangladesh Football League.



BONNA, HIMU AIMING FOR GOLD

Bangladesh’s Bonna Akter and Himu Bachhar reached the final of the compound mixed team event at the Teer 24th Asian Archery Championships at the National Stadium in Dhaka on Wednesday. The duo defeated South Korea 158-153 in the semifinalS after earlier wins over Bhutan and Iran, sealing a dream run on home soil. They will face India’s Abhishek Verma and Deepshikha in today’s gold medal match, with hopes high for Bangladesh’s first-ever compound archery title.

PHOTO: BAF



Two farmers clear weeds from a peanut field in Chilmari upazila of Kurigram. They say each bigha costs roughly Tk 50,000 to cultivate, but the 90-day harvest can earn them Tk 70,000 to Tk 90,000 in profit. The photo was taken on Tuesday in Korai Barishal Char of the upazila's Chilmari union.

PHOTO: MOSTAFA SHABUJ

Indigenous protesters clash with security at COP30 summit

Push for stronger role in climate action, forest management

REUTERS, Belem

Dozens of Indigenous protesters forced their way into the COP30 climate summit venue on Tuesday and clashed with security guards at the entrance to demand climate action and forest protection. Shouting angrily, protesters demanded access to the UN compound where thousands of delegates from countries around the world are attending this year's UN climate summit in the Amazon city of Belem, Brazil. Some waved flags with slogans calling for land rights or carried signs saying, "Our land is not for sale." "We can't eat money," said

- ▶ Protesters force their way into summit venue
- ▶ 2 security staff hurt, venue suffers minor damage
- ▶ Indigenous communities spotlighted in COP30 by Lula

Nato, an Indigenous leader from the Tupinamba community, who uses only one name. "We want our lands free from agribusiness, oil exploration, illegal miners and illegal loggers."

Security guards pushed the protesters back and used tables to barricade the entrance. A Reuters witness saw one security guard being rushed away in a wheelchair while clutching his stomach. Another guard with a fresh cut above his eye told Reuters he had been hit in the head by a heavy drumstick thrown from the crowd. Security confiscated several long, heavy sticks. The protesters dispersed shortly after the clash. They had been in a group of hundreds who marched to the venue. Security guards later allowed delegates to exit the venue, having earlier asked them to move back

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Bodies of man, daughter found with slit throats

Wife rescued in critical condition

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Police recovered the slit-throat bodies of a man and his daughter from a house in Haluaghat upazila of Mymensingh early yesterday. The deceased were identified as Ratan Mia, 30, and his daughter Naria, 7, of Amirkakura village, according to police. Ratan's wife, Julekha, 25, who also suffered stab injuries to her throat, was rescued and sent to a hospital in critical condition, said Md Hafizul Islam Harun, officer-in-charge (OC) of Haluaghat Police Station. Police said Ratan and Julekha married in 2016.

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New 'Lucifer' bee discovered in Australia

AFP, Sydney

As if deadly snakes, spiders and sharks were not enough, Australia now has a new creepy critter: a "lucifer" bee with devil-like horns. The species -- dubbed Megachile (Hackeriapi) lucifer -- was found in the state of Western Australia, Curtin University announced on Tuesday. Kit Prendergast at the university's School of Molecular and Life Sciences discovered the bee while surveying a critically endangered wildflower in 2019 and was immediately drawn to the insect's unique appearance. "The female had these incredible little horns on her face," she said.



PHOTO: REUTERS

Demonstrators, including Indigenous people, take part in a protest as they force their way into the venue hosting the UN Climate Change Conference (COP30), in Belem, Brazil, on Tuesday.

Graft, law and order top concerns of young voters

Reveals BYLC survey; BNP narrowly leads Jamaat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tackling corruption and restoring law and order are top priorities of young voters ahead of the polls, according to a survey by the Bangladesh Youth Leadership Centre (BYLC). The Youth Matters Survey 2025 found that 49.8 percent of respondents expressed confidence in the election's transparency under the interim government, 31.6 percent were uncertain, and 18.5 percent lacked confidence. Though corruption (67.1 percent), unemployment (55.9

percent), and law and order (43.4 percent) are the most pressing concerns, social issues, particularly women's safety, emerged as significant concerns among the respondents. Seventy-six percent of respondents said women and girls feel unsafe in Bangladesh. Among them, 55.2 percent cited sexual harassment, 40.3 percent pointed to weak law enforcement, and 26.6 percent mentioned harassment in public spaces. When it comes to politics, nearly one-third of respondents remain undecided about whom

they will vote for. About 19.6 percent prefer the BNP, 16.9 percent support Jamaat-e-Islami, 9.5 percent plan to vote for the Awami League, and 3.6 percent favour the National Citizen Party. 17.7 percent declined to disclose their choice. Abul Khayer Shajib, manager of BYLC's Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Department, presented the findings at the BYLC office in Mohakhali. The survey collected responses from 2,545 young people aged 18-35 across all

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সহকারী শিক্ষক	বেতনস্কেল: ঢাকা: ১১০০০-২৬৫৯০ (গ্রেড-১৩) জাতীয় বেতনস্কেল, ২০১৫ অনুযায়ী)	৪,১৬৬	৩০ নভেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখে প্রার্থীর ন্যূনতম ও সর্বোচ্চ বয়স হবে যথাক্রমে ২১-৩২ বৎসর।	কোন স্বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হতে অন্যান্য দ্বিতীয় শ্রেণি বা সমমানের সিজিপিএসহ (৪ স্কেলে ন্যূনতম ২.২৫ ও ৫ স্কেলে ন্যূনতম ২.৮) স্নাতক বা স্নাতক (সম্মান) বা সমমানের ডিগ্রী। (খ) শিক্ষা জীবনে কোনো স্তরে তৃতীয় বিভাগ অথবা সমমানের জিপিএ অথবা তৃতীয় শ্রেণি অথবা সমমানের সিজিপিএ গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।

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- <http://dpe.teletalk.com.bd> ওয়েবসাইটে প্রবেশ করে অনলাইনে Application Form পূরণের নির্দেশনা পাওয়া যাবে। উক্ত নির্দেশনা অনুসরণপূর্বক অনলাইনে Application Form পূরণ করে Submit করা হলে ওয়েবসাইটে হতে প্রার্থীর User IDসহ Unpaid স্ট্যাটাস সম্পন্ন Draft Applicant's Copy তৈরি হবে যা প্রিন্ট করে আবেদনে প্রদত্ত তথ্য যাচাই করতে হবে;
- আবেদন কি জমাধানের পূর্বে Draft Applicant's Copy একাদিকবার পড়ে প্রার্থী তার প্রদত্ত তথ্যের যথার্থতা সম্পর্কে নিশ্চিত করেন। কোন ভুল পরিলক্ষিত হলে তার বিপরীতে আবেদন কি জমা দেয়া যাবে না এবং এই বিজ্ঞপ্তির ২নং শর্ত অনুসরণ করে নতুন করে Application Form সঠিক তথ্য দিয়ে পূরণপূর্বক নতুন User ID সংবলিত Unpaid স্ট্যাটাস সম্পন্ন Draft Applicant's Copy প্রিন্ট নিয়ে পুনরায় প্রদত্ত তথ্য যাচাই করতে হবে;
- নির্ভুলভাবে পূরণকৃত Application Form-এর বিপরীতে প্রদত্ত User ID ব্যবহার করে পরবর্তী ৭২ ঘণ্টার মধ্যে Draft Applicant's Copy-তে প্রদত্ত নির্দেশনা অনুসরণপূর্বক যে কোন টেলিটক প্রি-প্রেইড মোবাইল নম্বর হতে SMS-এর মাধ্যমে অফেরতযোগ্য ১০০.০০ (একশত) টাকা আবেদন কি এবং টেলিটকের সার্ভিস চার্জ ও জ্যাক ১২.০০ (বার) টাকাসহ একত্রে মোট ১১২.০০ (একশত বার) টাকা পরিশোধ করতে হবে;
- আবেদন কি পরিশোধের পর আবেদনে প্রদত্ত মোবাইল নম্বরে SMS-এর মাধ্যমে আবেদনকারীকে User ID-সহ একটি Password দেয়া হবে। এরপরে <http://dpe.teletalk.com.bd> ওয়েবসাইটের "Download Applicant's Copy" ট্যাবে ক্লিক করে মোবাইলে প্রাপ্ত User ID ও Password Submit করে Paid স্ট্যাটাস সম্পন্ন Final Applicant's Copy পাওয়া যাবে। Final Applicant's-এর রঙিন প্রিন্ট কপি নিয়োগ প্রক্রিয়ার শেষাবধি আবশ্যিকভাবে সংরক্ষণ করতে হবে। কেবলমাত্র আবেদন কি পরিশোধের পরেই আবেদনটি চূড়ান্তভাবে গৃহীত হয়েছে বলে গণ্য হবে এবং আবেদনে আর কোন তথ্য সংশোধন, সংযোজন, পরিমার্জন বা একই প্রার্থীর নতুনভাবে Application Form পূরণের সুযোগ থাকবে না;
- পরবর্তীতে লিখিত পরীক্ষার ব্যবস্থাদি চূড়ান্ত করার পর প্রত্যেক যোগ্য আবেদনকারীকে SMS-এর মাধ্যমে প্রবেশপত্র ডাউনলোডের লিংক প্রদান করা হবে যা ব্যবহার করে আবেদনকারী পরীক্ষার প্রবেশপত্র ডাউনলোড করতে পারবেন। User ID এবং Password পুনরুদ্ধারের প্রয়োজন হলে উক্ত লিংকে প্রার্থীর ব্যক্তিগত তথ্য দিয়ে পুনরুদ্ধার করা যাবে;
- Online আবেদনপত্রে প্রার্থীর প্রদত্ত মোবাইল ফোন নম্বরে পরীক্ষা সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় যোগাযোগ সম্পন্ন করা হবে বিধায় উক্ত দৃষ্টান্ত সার্বক্ষণিক সচল রাখা, SMS পড়া এবং প্রাপ্ত নির্দেশনা তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে অনুসরণ করা বাঞ্ছনীয়;
- সরকারি প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় শিক্ষক নিয়োগ বিধিমালা, ২০২৫ এ বর্ণিত প্রক্রিয়া অনুযায়ী নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীকে নিজ উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানায় নিয়োগ দেয়া হবে। আবেদনকারী যে উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানার স্থায়ী বাসিন্দা তার প্রার্থিতা উক্ত উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানার অনুকূলে নির্ধারিত থাকবে এবং তার নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় কার্যক্রম তদনুযায়ী নিয়ন্ত্রিত হবে;
- সরকারি প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় শিক্ষক নিয়োগ বিধিমালা, ২০২৫ এবং উক্ত বিধিমালার ২ নভেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখের সংশোধন অনুযায়ী নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত সকল কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হবে;
- বিবাহিত মহিলা প্রার্থীগণ আবেদনে তাঁদের স্বামী অথবা পিতার স্থায়ী ঠিকানার যে কোন একটিতে আবেদন করতে পারবেন। তবে এ দুটি স্থায়ী ঠিকানার মধ্যে তিনি যেটি আবেদনে উল্লেখ করবেন তার প্রার্থীতা সেই উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানার জন্য বিবেচিত হবে;
- অসত্য/ভ্রায়া তথ্য সংবলিত/জটিলপূর্ণ/অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। প্রার্থী কর্তৃক দাখিলকৃত/প্রদত্ত কোন তথ্য বা কাগজপত্র নিয়োগ কার্যক্রম চলাকালে যে কোন পর্যায়ে বা নিয়োগপ্রাপ্তির পরেও অসত্য/ভ্রায়া প্রমাণিত হলে তার দরখাস্ত/নির্বাহন/নিয়োগ বাতিল করা হবে এবং মিথ্যা/ভ্রায়া তথ্য সরবরাহ করার জন্য তাঁর বিরুদ্ধে আইনগত/প্রশাসনিক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে;
- উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানাভিত্তিক নিয়োগ করা হবে। প্রার্থী যে উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানার স্থায়ী বাসিন্দা তিনি সে উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানার শূন্য পদে নিয়োগের জন্য বিবেচিত হবেন। আবেদনে নিজ জেলা, শিক্ষা থানা/উপজেলা ভুল করলে তার প্রার্থিতা বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে;
- নির্বাচিত প্রার্থীকে সরকারি প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয় শিক্ষক নিয়োগ বিধিমালা, ২০২৫ অনুযায়ী নিজ উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানায় চাকরি করতে হবে। তাঁর বদলি নিজ উপজেলা/শিক্ষা থানার বিদ্যালয়সমূহের মধ্যে সীমিত থাকবে;
- ধূমপানসহ যে কোন ধরনের মাদক গ্রহণের অভ্যাস থাকলে আবেদন করার প্রয়োজন নেই;
- লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফলের ভিত্তিতে মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য নির্বাচিত/মনোনীত প্রার্থীকে নিম্নবর্ণিত সত্যায়নকৃত কাগজপত্রাদি সংশ্লিষ্ট জেলা প্রাথমিক শিক্ষা অফিসে দাখিল করতে হবে:
(ক) অনলাইনে দাখিলকৃত আবেদনের ফটোকপি এবং পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ২ (দুই) কপি ছবি;
(খ) শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা সম্পর্কিত সকল প্রকার মূল/সাময়িক সনদপত্র;
(গ) সংশ্লিষ্ট ইউনিয়ন পরিষদের চেয়ারম্যান/পৌরসভার মেয়র/সিটি কর্পোরেশনের কাউন্সিলর কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র;
(ঘ) জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র/জন্ম নিবন্ধনের কপি;
(ঙ) লিখিত পরীক্ষার প্রবেশপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি;
(চ) মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কোটায় আবেদনকারী প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে সরকারের সর্বশেষ সিদ্ধান্ত অনুসারে মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত মুক্তিযোদ্ধা, শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও বীরসন্মানের সন্তানদের মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি;
(ছ) শারীরিক প্রতিবন্ধী ও তৃতীয় লিঙ্গের প্রার্থীর ক্ষেত্রে উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদপত্র;
(জ) ক্ষুদ্র নৃ-গোষ্ঠী প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট উপজেলা নির্বাহী কর্মকর্তা এবং সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকা হলে জেলা প্রশাসক কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত ক্ষুদ্র নৃ-গোষ্ঠী পরিচিতি বিষয়ক সনদপত্র;
- প্রার্থীর সনদপত্র ও ছবি সত্যায়নকারী কর্মকর্তার (৯ম বা তদুর্ধ্ব শ্রেণির গেজেটেড কর্মকর্তা) স্বাক্ষরের নীচে নামসহ সীল থাকতে হবে;
- লিখিত ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য কোন প্রকার টিএ/ডিএ প্রদান করা হবে না;
- Online-এ আবেদন দাখিলের বিষয়ে সহযোগিতার প্রয়োজন হলে vas.query@teletalk.com.bd ই-মেইল ঠিকানায় অথবা যে কোন টেলিটক নম্বর হতে টেলিটকের কাস্টমার কেয়ার 121 নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করা যাবে। এছাড়া <http://dpe.teletalk.com.bd> ওয়েবসাইটের 'Help' ট্যাবে টেলিটকের নিকটই কাস্টমার কেয়ার সেন্টারের ঠিকানা পাওয়া যাবে;
- কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ এ বিজ্ঞপ্তির শর্তাবলী পরিবর্তন, সংযোজন, বিয়োজন বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল ও নিয়োগের বিষয়ে নিয়োগকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে। এ বিষয়ে কোন আপত্তি উত্থাপন করা যাবে না;
- এ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের কারণে কর্তৃপক্ষ পরীক্ষা গ্রহণ কিংবা প্রার্থিতা পদে নিয়োগ প্রদান করতে বাধ্য থাকবে না। কর্তৃপক্ষ এ বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।


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