

## Bhashani's ideals key to restoring

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of the oppressed and against the oppressor", offering an example of what Islamic politics could look like in practice, he also said.

"Bangladesh must return to the ideas of Bhashani to uphold people's rights," he added.

Dhaka University Associate Professor Moshahida Sultana said Bhashani had envisioned a state free of communal hatred and discrimination, rooted in the protection of the oppressed.

She said Bhashani's political philosophy remains strikingly relevant today, as the condition of farmers has seen little real improvement despite a century of policy shifts.

She said independent Bangladesh has yet to ensure dignity, fair prices and policy priority for those who sustain the country's food system.

She said even the July uprising could not bring meaningful reforms, noting that an agriculture commission has not been formed while other task forces have moved ahead.

Moshahida said Bangladesh remains trapped in divisive debates over external alignment rather than addressing structural issues affecting farmers, including market vulnerability, indebtedness, and declining state support.

Researcher, editor and Constitutional Reform Commission member Firoz Ahmed said two ideas lay at the heart of Bhashani's political philosophy: a peasant-centred worldview and an unwavering commitment to the liberation of farmers.

He said Bhashani's political journey took him through multiple parties, and he even founded several of his own, yet his

core politics never shifted. Firoz said it was important to distinguish between land reform and agricultural reform. Land reform was historically a political struggle aimed at changing power relations between landlords and cultivators, building national productivity and strengthening the country's industrial base, he added.

He said land reform once stood at the centre of political debates in the 1960s and during the 1969 mass upsurge but has almost disappeared from contemporary policymaking.

Writer and poet Sohrab Hossain also spoke at the event. Journalist Shamsuddoza Sajen of The Daily Star delivered the welcome speech, while fellow journalist Emran Mahfuz moderated the programme.



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People from low-income backgrounds wait for a TCB truck on Khulna West Sadar Hospital Road to purchase rice at Tk 30 per kg. For many, these trucks have become the only affordable way to buy daily essentials.

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## Russian navy ship arrives in Ctg on goodwill visit

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The Russian Navy ship Gremyashchy yesterday arrived at Chattogram Port on a five-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh.

The Chief Staff Officer, on behalf of the Commander, Chattogram Naval Area, officially welcomed the visiting ship's officers and crew.

High-ranking local naval officers and the Russian military attaché to Bangladesh were also present, says a press release from the Bangladesh Navy.

The visiting delegation is scheduled to pay courtesy calls on several senior officials, including the Commander, Chattogram Naval Area, Commander, BN Fleet, the Area Superintendent, Dockyard, and the Chairman of Chattogram Port Authority. The ship is scheduled to depart Bangladesh on November 21.

## 663 cases against

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cases -- two relating to enforced disappearances and one over alleged mass killings at Motijheel's Shapla Chattar in 2013.

Kamal faces two enforced disappearance cases. Prosecutors have also urged the tribunal to dispose of another July uprising related case filed against Mamun.

Police sources said most of the cases against Hasina and Kamal filed with various police stations involve murder allegations.

They also face accusations of attempted murder, attacks and vandalism, assault, arson, and intimidation.

Senior Supreme Court lawyer Shahdeen Malik said the cases filed against them at police stations will

continue following due process. Trials will proceed in their absence, as in similar cases before.

He explained that cases are dismissed only if an accused dies.

"For example, if someone is facing three theft cases and is already serving a five-year prison sentence in one of them, the other two cases will continue. When those hearings come up, the accused is brought from prison to court."

"Now imagine the accused falls ill in prison and dies three years later. In that case, the remaining two cases would be dismissed."

Likewise, if a death sentence is carried out and the accused dies, any ongoing cases against them would also be dismissed," Malik explained.

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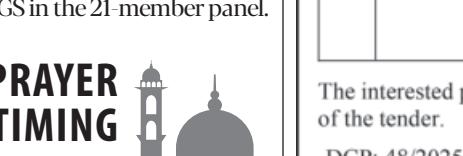
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Memo No: 27.21.0000.101.07.319.25.5368 Date: November 17, 2025

**Notice for 2nd Time Extension**

Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 230/132/33 KV AIS Substation at Madhabpur and Monohardi including two nos. 132KV bay extension at Bajipur 132/33KV grid substation and associated 230KV and 132KV Transmission Lines on turnkey basis (Package-2)

[OCB No. POWERGRID/ADB/PTSI/REP/230KV Monohardi & Madhabpur SS/Package-2]

Ref: (i) IFB No.: 27.21.0000.101.07.429.25.4270, September 16, 2025.  
(ii) Memo No: 27.21.0000.101.07.319.25.5012, October 27, 2025.

The deadline for submission of bids for the above Works has been extended from November 23, 2025, 11:00 AM Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) to December 01, 2025, 11:00 AM BST.

All other terms and conditions for the above Bidding Document shall remain unaltered.

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1.	1177445	eGP-10/EE/LRD/PMP Major Road/2025-2026	07-Dec-2025 17:00	08-Dec-2025 12:00	27-Nov-2025 12:00

Reference No. 1662  
Date: 16-11-2025  
GD-2461

**(Md. Azharul Islam)**  
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Road Division, Lalmonirhat.

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1	1173292	54.01.1543.636.88.317.25 Repair of different types of Traction Motor required for 2300, 2400, 6000 & 6100 Series Locomotive ((Meter Gauge)= 34 Nos.	Goods NCT OSTETM	17-Dec-2025 13:00

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02.	1169360	Procurement of High Voltage and Low Voltage Cable for Both Ground Stations	Ref:14.39.0000.000.01 2.07.0002.23.95(T)	18-Nov-2025 Date: 22.10.2025 Time: 10:00 Hour	01-Dec-2025 Time: 17:00 Hour	02-Dec-2025 Time: 12:20 Hour

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