

Bhashani's ideals key to restoring

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fought consistently "on the side of the oppressed and against the oppressor", offering an example of what Islamic politics could look like in practice.

Bangladesh must return to the ideas of Bhashani to uphold people's rights.

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 taskforces 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 welfare 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 said land reform once stood at the centre of political debates in the 1960s and during the 1969 mass uprising, 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.

EC must ensure

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At the start of the meeting, Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin said the code of conduct must be followed before, during and after polling to avoid disruptions.

Bangladesh Kallyan Party Chairman Syed Muhammad Ibrahim said code of conduct violations are easily detectable in the digital age and urged stronger monitoring and quick action.

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh Secretary General Major (retd) Abdul Mannan said strict enforcement is necessary and that cancelling even a few nominations could ensure discipline.

Bangladesh Muslim League President Sheikh Zulfikar Bulbul Chowdhury called for a level playing field and criticised the ban on posters and banners, saying they remain important for reaching voters.

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.



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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 Shahedeen 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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Meanwhile, leaders from nine left-leaning political, social and cultural organisations have announced a joint panel titled "Maulana Bhashani Brigade".

Shamsul Alam Maruf, general secretary of the JnU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra Front made the announcement.

Gourab Bhoumik, president of the JnU unit of Uidichi Shilpi Gosthi, has been nominated for the VP post, while Evan Tahsib, president of JnU Chhatra Front, for the GS post. Maruf has been nominated for the AGS in

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NOVEMBER 18

Fazr Zohr Asr Magrib Esha

AZAN 5-05 12-45 3-45 5-21 7-00

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the 21-member panel.

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