

Saleh, Sohel re-elected DRU president, general secy



Abu Saleh Sohel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

EC plans to increase secret voting rooms at polling centres

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission has decided to keep the number of polling centres and booths unchanged while installing two secret rooms in each booth to ease voter pressure.

EC Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed briefed reporters yesterday evening after consultation and preparatory meetings with 34 ministries, divisions and authorities ahead of the February election.

Referring to mock voting observations, he said two secret voting rooms in each booth would eliminate the need for additional polling centres. The budget may rise slightly due to the installation of the extra secret rooms.

Ahead of the election, the EC has finalised 42,761 polling centres and 244,649 polling booths nationwide, including 129,602 for women and 115,137 for men. Regarding the overall law and order, he said it remains satisfactory but noted that the EC's formal responsibilities will begin once the election schedule is announced.

To ensure the financial security of polling officials, the EC has decided to increase their allowances, he said. It is also introducing financial incentives for officials.

Digital family court introduced in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

With an aim to digitalise the judiciary and ease the long-standing suffering of litigants, the e-family court was officially introduced in the Chattogram Court yesterday.

Court sources said five types of cases will be under the e-family court's jurisdiction: divorce, restitution of conjugal rights, dower (mahr), maintenance, and guardianship and custody of children.

Complainants, defendants, lawyers, court support staff, judges, and the general public can use the e-family court website after registration.

Hypertension

FROM PAGE 3

The survey says 26.7 percent of people aged 15 years and above consume tobacco or tobacco products, down from 29.6 percent in the 2014 survey. There is a significant gender gap: 38 percent of men use tobacco, compared to 16 percent of women.

Drug use is comparatively low (0.8 percent), yet it places a financial burden on families. Urban drug users spend an average of Tk 1,428 per month, compared to Tk 556 in rural areas.

The survey highlights the prevalence of physical and mental disabilities, which also impose financial strain. On average, 5.2 out of every 100 people live with some form of disability. Age is a major factor: among people aged 18 and above, the disability rate is 7.1 percent, compared to 1.8 percent among those under 18.

Average expenditure on disability-related treatment is Tk 6,775. In rural areas, it is Tk 7,269, higher than the urban average of Tk 5,417.

The survey shows 108 out of every 1 lakh population have tuberculosis, while 0.38 out of every 1,000 have malaria. It also shows 91.2 out of every 1 lakh population had Hepatitis B.

Aleya Akter, secretary of the Statistics and Informatics Division, and Huzur Ali, additional secretary of the Health Services Division, also spoke at the programme, with BBS Director General Mohammed Mizanur Rahman in the chair.

He termed these comments contemptuous and seditious and sought a contempt notice against Inu.

The tribunal did not issue any order regarding the contempt and sedition claimed by the prosecution in court. However, while briefing journalists after the proceedings, Tajul said the tribunal's observations on the issue would be reflected in the order.

Sifat Mahmud, a member of Inu's defence team, said they had sought discharge, arguing that the charges were baseless, politically motivated and unsupported by credible evidence.

He claimed Inu had no authority over law enforcement, that the investigation was biased and that the audio evidence contained inconsistencies. He said Inu had publicly urged restraint and dialogue.

Meanwhile, ICT 1 yesterday ordered BNP chairperson's adviser and Supreme Court lawyer Fazlur Rahman to appear before it on December 8

Inu's petition rejected

FROM PAGE 3

They alleged he instructed Kushtia police to prepare lists of protesters, approved earlier acts of repression and supported helicopter assaults and armed crackdowns. His public remarks and alliance meetings, they claimed, legitimised violence across the country.

The prosecution said eyewitness testimony, digital communications and forensic evidence form a robust chain proving his complicity beyond doubt.

Earlier, the tribunal dismissed a defence petition seeking a review of the charge framing against Inu, ruling that the charge frame was upheld and that objections must be settled during trial, not at the preliminary stage.

Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam told reporters the tribunal rejected the defence's attempt to question the qualitative value of evidence, adding that the review petition contained three serious and unacceptable remarks challenging the government's authority to enact laws and describing the July uprising as so-called.

He termed these comments contemptuous and seditious and sought a contempt notice against Inu.

The tribunal did not issue any order regarding the contempt and sedition claimed by the prosecution in court. However, while briefing journalists after the proceedings, Tajul said the tribunal's observations on the issue would be reflected in the order.

Sifat Mahmud, a member of Inu's defence team, said they had sought discharge, arguing that the charges were baseless, politically motivated and unsupported by credible evidence.

He claimed Inu had no authority over law enforcement, that the investigation was biased and that the audio evidence contained inconsistencies. He said Inu had publicly urged restraint and dialogue.

Meanwhile, ICT 1 yesterday ordered BNP chairperson's adviser and Supreme Court lawyer Fazlur Rahman to appear before it on December 8

to explain why contempt proceedings should not be initiated against him.

The order came after prosecutors accused him of making adverse remarks on a television talk show on November 26, questioning the tribunal's legitimacy and suggesting its proceedings were being run through an internal arrangement.

The tribunal directed Fazlur to bring his academic and bar certificates to the next hearing.

ICT 1 also ordered authorities to produce Shahriar Kabir, former president of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, before the court on January 12 in connection with the 2013 Hefazat e Islam rally at Motijheel's Shapla Chattar. He is currently in jail in another case.

PRAYER TIMING

DECEMBER 1

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 5-15 12-45 3-45 5-19 7-00

JAMAAT 5-50 1-15 4-00 5-22 7-30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

DHAKA MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 2025

AGRAHAYAN 16, 1432 BS

The Daily Star

9

'TEARS OF A FLOWER' Amaya Rahman's poetry collection released



CITY DESK

A young Bangladeshi poet, Amaya Rahman, has released her debut poetry collection, "Tears of a Flower", which addresses two of Bangladesh's most overlooked subjects that deeply concern today's young generation: mental health and pressing social issues such as the July uprising and the Milestone jet crash.

Published by Subarna Publications, the book was launched at the capital's Gulshan Club on November 29, said a press release.

The collection is divided into two sections, "Bleeding" and "Hope", where the author explores mental health and broader societal issues.

Farooq Sobhan, former foreign secretary and ambassador, attended the launch as the chief guest.

Other guests included Naira Khan, associate professor of linguistics at Dhaka University; Tibra Ali, professor and associate dean of research at BRAC University's School of Data and Sciences; Anita Ghazi Rahman, senior lawyer of the Supreme Court and founder of The Legal Circle; and Khadija Afzal, senior vice president of the Bangladesh Federation of Women Entrepreneurs.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the District Primary Education Officer

Pirojpur

<http://dpe.pirojpur.gov.bd>

Memo No: DPEO/Pirojpur/Fur/NBIDGPS-1/25/1559

Date: 26 November 2025

Invitation For Tender (Re-tender) (OTM)

e-Tender is invited the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the Procurement of following goods detail are given below:

SI No.	Tender ID and package no.	Name of Scheme	Tender Document Last Selling (Date & Time)	Tender Closing and & Opening (Date & Time)
1	1164276; NBIDGPS-1/G1.0504	Supply of various Types of Furniture at 19 Govt. Primary Schools of Bhandaria Upazila of Pirojpur District.	14 December 2025,17.00	15 December 2025,14.00
2	1164278; NBIDGPS-1/G1.0505	Supply of various Types of Furniture at 17 Govt. Primary Schools of Kowkhali, Nazirpur and Nesanabad Upazila of Pirojpur District	14 December 2025,17.00	15 December 2025,14.00
3	1164279; NBIDGPS-1/G1.0506	Supply of various Types of Furniture at 15 Govt. Primary Schools of Mathbaria and Pirojpur Sadar of Pirojpur District.	14 December 2025,17.00	15 December 2025,14.00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested person/firms can see details in the website: (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>)

GD-2590

(Molla Boktir Rahman)

District Primary Education Officer

Pirojpur

বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি

সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা।

www.shilpakaala.gov.bd

তারিখ: ৩০-১১-২০২৫

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১.	সংস্থার নাম	বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা
২.	সংগ্রহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান	সচিব, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা
৩.	জেলা	ঢাকা
৪.	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	রাজস্ব খাত
৫.	দরপত্রের নাম/ কাজের বিবরণ	'মহান বিজয় দিবস-২০২৫' উদযাপন উপলক্ষে আয়োজনের বিভিন্ন কাজ
৬.	অনুষ্ঠানের স্থান	সোহরাওয়ার্দী উদ্যান, ঢাকা
৭.	দরপত্র দলিল প্রাপ্তি	অর্থ, হিসাব ও পরিকল্পনা উপরিভাগ, নিচতলা, প্রশিক্ষণ ভবন, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা
৮.	ক্রম প্রক্রিয়া	উন্নত দরপত্র (OTM)
৯.	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয় শুরুর দিন ও সময়	০১-১২-২০২৫, সকাল ১০:০০
১০.	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ দিন ও সময়	০১-১২-২০২৫, বিকাল ৪:০০ টা পর্যন্ত
১১.	প্রিন্টের্ভার মিটিং এর সময় ও স্থান	০১-১২-২০২৫, বিকাল ৩:০০ টা, সচিবের অফিস কক্ষে, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমি, সেগুনবাগিচা, রমনা, ঢাকা।
১২.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০১-১২-২০২৫, দুপুর: ১২:০০টা
১৩.	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	০১-১২-২০২৫, দুপুর: ১২:০০টা
১৪.	প্রতি দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	২,০০০/- (পুরী হাতের ঢাকা মাত্র)
১৫.	দরপত্রের যোগাযোগ ও প্রয়োজনীয় দলিলাদি	১. হালনগাম টেক লাইনে, ভাটা নিবেকন সনদ, এবং হালনগাম আয়কর পরিষেবার প্রত্যয়নপত্র, ২. দরপত্রের যান্তরিক শর্কারী, নিয়মাবলী, দরপত্র সিডিউল/তফসিলে উল্লেখ আছে ৩. ক্রতৃপক্ষ/অমস্তুর দরপত্র বলে গণ্য হবে। ৪. ক্রতৃপক্ষ কোন কানন দর্শনী বাস্তিকে যে কোন দরপত্র প্রাপ্ত অথবা সকল দরপত্র বাস্তিক করেন। ৫. দরপত্রে পারিলিক প্রক্রিউরেন্ট আইন ২০০৬, পারিলিক প্রক্রিউরেন্ট বিবিধাগ, ২০২০ অনুসরণ করা হবে।
১৬.	দরপত্রের নিরাপত্তা জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্রের সাথে যে কোন বাস্তিক বাস্তিক (সিডিউল বাস্তিক) হতে মহাপ্রিচালক, বাংলাদেশ শিল্পকলা একাডেমির অনুকূল ২,০০,০০০/- (পুরী সকল নয়ই হাতার) ঢাকা বাস্তিক ড্রাফট/পে-জর্ডার নিরাপত্তা জামানত হিসেবে দাখ