



Unfairly treated armed forces officers will get justice: Yunus

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday pledged justice for members of the army, navy, and air force who were unfairly treated under the previous administration, alongside other deprived government officials and employees.

He made the remarks after receiving a report from the committee formed to review appeals of retired and dismissed officers of the armed forces who faced discrimination, deprivation, injustice, and

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Thick black smoke from the burner of a bitumen mixer in the Bypass area of Sylhet's South Surma blows over the road. Because of the strong smell of melting bitumen used for road repair, locals have to cover their noses and mouths passing the area.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

A big step towards judicial independence

Govt issues ordinance; CJ to have overall control, financial authority

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government yesterday issued an ordinance to establish the long-desired Supreme Court secretariat with a view to ensuring full independence of the judiciary.

Under the directive from the president, the law ministry issued the Supreme Court Secretariat Ordinance, 2025 incorporating the provisions for keeping overall control of the secretariat and its financial issues with the chief justice.

With this, the long-cherished dream of establishing a separate secretariat for the judiciary has finally been realised, thanks to the positive cooperation of the interim government, said the SC administration in a press release.

The secretary of the SC secretariat will be its administrative head as it will perform all administrative and secretarial duties related to the supervision and control of subordinate courts and administrative tribunals for the purpose of assisting the SC in the administration of justice in the country.

Besides, the ordinance has a provision for constituting an SC Secretariat Commission led by the chief justice to develop the judicial administration and issue the necessary directives and suggestions to enhance the potential of the judiciary.

The commission will fix its own work procedures. The other members of the commission are the law minister or law adviser, a judge from the Appellate Division, nominated by the chief justice, the National Human Rights Commission chairperson and the attorney general.

The chief justice will have overall control of the SC secretariat, which will have one secretary and other officers and employees. The secretary will enjoy the status and privileges of a senior secretary.

The SC secretariat must prepare its statement of estimated income and expenditure for the courts, institutions and offices at least three months before the beginning of that financial year. There will be a separate statement of estimated income and expenditure for the Supreme Court.

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3 killed, 9 hurt in clash over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

Three people were killed and at least nine others injured yesterday in a violent clash over a long-running land dispute in Kurigram's Nageshwari upazila.

The dead are Ershad Ali, 42, his aunt Kulshum Begum, 55, and Kawser Mia, 32.

Locals said the dispute over a 16-decimal piece of land in Dhoni Gaglia village of Santoshpur Union had simmered for years between Ershad and neighbour Altaf Hossain, with both families claiming ownership.

Tensions boiled over around 11:30am when an argument over land demarcation

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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

AI fuelling cyber violence against women

Experts warn justice system ill-equipped to handle digital crimes

NILIMA JAHAN

Niva (not her real name), 26, is an IT specialist who has spent years training students at a reputed Narayanganj institute to navigate technology.

Yet it was technology that became the source of her trauma and humiliation.

It began in September after a minor argument with students during a routine training session. A few days later, she discovered photos of her and her husband, previously posted on Facebook, digitally altered with obscenities and circulated across multiple groups.

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PURBACHAL PLOTS Verdict in case against Hasina, Rehana, Tulip today

EMRUL HASAN BAPPI

A special court is set to deliver a verdict today in the case filed over the Dhaka's Purbachal plot scam against 17 people, including deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina, her sister Sheikh Rehana, and niece British MP Tulip Siddiq.

This will be the fourth verdict involving Hasina and Purbachal graft cases.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

"01 December 2025"
"Bangladesh"

"Procurement of CNG Single Decker AC Buses for BRTC"
"340 Single Decker AC Buses with Spare Parts, Maintenance Equipment and Related Services"
"Loan/Credit No.: BGD-30"

- The Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) has received (or where appropriate, "has applied for") a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of US\$77,441 thousand toward the cost of Procurement of CNG Single Decker AC Buses for BRTC and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for BRTC/CNG Bus Procurement/EDCF/ 2025.
- The Project Executing Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for 340 RHD Dedicated CNG Single Decker AC Buses in Completely Built-up (CBU) Condition, Spare Parts, Maintenance Equipment and Related Services.
- Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures specified in the Guideline for Procurement under EDCF Loans and are open to all eligible bidders (in case of Joint Venture-JV) that meet the following minimum qualification criteria.

The Bidder, and all JV partners constituting the Bidder (in case of Joint Venture-JV), shall have the nationality of the Republic of Korea or juridical person incorporated and registered therein. The Bidder shall meet following qualification criteria set by the Purchaser on a pass-fail i.e. responsive-non-responsive basis. Otherwise, the Bidder (in case of Joint Venture-JV) will be disqualified.

A. Contractual Experience:

The Bidder (or Supplier) must satisfy the following qualification criteria (in case of Joint Venture, at least one partner in the JV):

- The Bidder shall have a minimum of twenty (20) years of overall experience in the supply of goods (bus, automobile, or motor vehicle) and related services; and
- Successful completion of supply of (i) accumulated minimum 200 units of RHD Diesel Bus with (Completely Built-up (CBU) condition and/or Rolling Chassis) to overseas within the last twenty (20) years from IFB issuance, and (ii) accumulated minimum of 340 units of CNG bus to overseas with minimum US\$30 million within the last twenty (20) years from IFB issuance. The (i) and (ii) both are met.

Note: (a) Within the last twenty (20) years from IFB issuance, a list of previous supplied RHD Diesel Bus (CBU and/or Rolling Chassis), and CNG bus should be attached with the offer showing number, types, country, description and delivery date.

(b) Documentary evidences (like contract agreements, performances certificate/end user certificate, purchaser certificate, etc.) of such supply experience of the supplier should be submitted with the Bid.

B. Manufacture Experience:

The Manufacturer (in case of more than one manufacturer, at least one manufacturer) shall demonstrate that it has;

- a minimum of twenty (20) years of overall experience in manufacturing both (i) RHD Diesel Buses (Completely Built-up condition and/or Rolling Chassis) and (ii) CNG Buses.
- experience in manufacturing of (i) accumulated minimum 200 units of RHD Diesel Bus (Completely Built-up condition and/or Rolling Chassis) having been exported to overseas within the last twenty (20) years from IFB issuance, and (ii) accumulated minimum of 340 units of CNG bus having been exported to overseas within the last twenty (20) years from IFB issuance. The (i) and (ii) both are met.

Note: (a) Within the last twenty (20) years from IFB issuance, a list of previous supplied RHD Diesel Bus (CBU and/or Rolling Chassis), and CNG bus should be attached with the offer showing number, types, country, description and delivery date.

(b) Documentary evidences (like contract agreements, performances certificate/end user certificate, purchaser certificate, etc.) of such experience of the manufacturer should be submitted with the Bid.

C. Manufacture Capacity:

The Manufacturer (in case of more than one manufacturer, at least one manufacturer) shall demonstrate that it has a minimum production capacity of manufacturing minimum 250 RHD dedicated CNG Single AC Decker buses per year.

Note: The manufacturer shall have adequate plant and manufacturing capacity to manufacture and supply of the RHD dedicated CNG Single Decker AC Buses within the delivery schedule offered by the Client/Purchaser. Documentary evidence of such plant and manufacturing capacity of the manufacturer to be submitted with the Bid

D. FINANCIAL SITUATION:

1) Financial Performance:

Submission of audited balance sheets or, if not required by the law of the Bidder's country, other financial statements acceptable to the Purchaser, for the last 3 years by the Bidder (in case of JV, each partner's) to demonstrate the current soundness of the Bidders financial position and its prospective long-term profitability. As a minimum, a Bidder's (in case of Joint Venture, each partner's) net worth calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities should be positive.

2) Financial Resources:

Bidder's availability of or access to liquid assets, lines of credit, and other finances sufficient to meet any possible cash flow requirement, supporting the manufacturer or supplier for supplying of 340 RHD Dedicated CNG Single Decker AC Buses under the contract to be submitted/provided.

3) Pending Litigation:

All pending litigation shall be treated as resolved against the Bidder and so shall in total not represent more than eighty percent (80%) of the Bidder's (in case of JV, each partner's) net worth of the year.

- The Purchaser will form the TSC (Technical Sub Committee) and the TEC (Tender Evaluation Committee) to review and evaluate the technical proposal submitted by the Bidders according to the Specification and Qualification Criteria. Only the Bidders, which are qualified in technical proposal evaluation will be evaluated for the Bid Price. The lowest evaluated price quoted by the technically responsive bidder will be considered by the TEC (Tender Evaluation Committee) for awarding the contract.

- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) and inspect the bidding documents at the address below from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the Project Director and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of US\$300.00. The method of payment will be direct deposit on the Bank Account No. 1604802001108 in USD opened at Sonali Bank PLC, Rajuk Bhaban Branch, Dhaka, Bangladesh in the name of PROKALPA PARICHALOK O PARICHALOK KARIGORI BRTC, Designated Account, Swift Code: BSONBDDHWEB. The document will be sent by soft copy. The soft copy of the bidding document will be distributed to the purchaser (Bidder) after the receipt of bidder's request and proof of payment.

- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 12:00 noon BST on 29 January 2026. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of US\$1,000,000.00. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidder's (in case of Joint Venture (JV)) representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 12:30pm BST on 29 January 2026.

Attention: Project Director (Director -Technical, BRTC).
Address: BRTC Head Office, Conference Room, 21, Rajuk Avenue, Dhaka -1000, Bangladesh.
E-mail address: dirtechnical@brtc.gov.bd/dtbrtc1974@gmail.com

- The Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders (in case of Joint Venture (JV) in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

- The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all bids or assess the bid proceedings.


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Director (Technical)
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