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Why Kaler
Kancho
declaration
should not be
cancelled: HC
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered relevant authorities to explain why the permit of Kaler Kancho, a Bangla newspaper owned by Bashundhara Group, should not be cancelled.

The court also ordered that all outstanding dues of 11 former journalists be paid in 15 days.

An HC bench of Justice Fatema Najib and Justice Fatema Anwar issued the order following a petition filed by the 11 journalists, said Barrister Manzur Al Matin, who appeared for the petitioners.

On October 13, the journalists, who were either terminated or resigned from Kaler Kancho, filed the petition after Kaler Kancho's cheques bounced.

Respondents to the rule include the secretary of the information ministry, chairman of Bangladesh Press Council, deputy commissioner and district magistrate of Dhaka, Bashundhara Group Chairman Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, Managing Director Sayem Sobhan Anvir, and Kaler Kancho Publisher Moynal Hossain Chowdhury.

HC questions

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a directive to overturn the amended provision, arguing that it restricts political freedoms and disrupts long established electoral practices, particularly those involving alliances.

The government amended the RPO through an ordinance on November 3, making it mandatory for all registered political parties to contest elections using their own symbols regardless of alliance arrangements.

Previously, all alliance members were allowed to contest using the election symbol of any partner party within the coalition, a provision that facilitated joint electoral strategies, especially for smaller parties with limited organisational strength.

PARTHA CHAKRABORTTY,
Bagerhat

The only Mother and Child Welfare Centre in Bagerhat has long been failing to deliver adequate services due to a prolonged shortage of staff.

Established in 1981 on Alia Madrasa Road in Bagerhat town as a 20-bed facility, it remains the district's lone specialised centre for maternity and infant health.

Its infrastructure has been left in a shabby state, with no renovation carried out in the four decades since its inception.

During a recent visit, this correspondent saw expectant women and new mothers with ailing infants leaving the centre because the services they sought were unavailable.



"There is no doctor available. We waited for a long time, but now we have to leave," said Kakoli Begum of Harikali village, who had brought her child to collect an immunisation card. "The officer responsible is not there."

"There used to be some good doctors here and we received proper treatment earlier. Now

you can hardly find a doctor at all," said Pabitra Das Mitra of Sangdia village.

Nazma Akhter, sub-assistant medical officer at the centre, said the building is so worn out that it poses risks to staff and patients.

The centre has eight approved posts, including two doctors, a family planning inspector, two nursing attendants, a peon-cum-

guard, a driver and a cleaner. Among them, the posts of a medical officer, female medical attendant and family planning inspector have remained vacant for a long time.

Dr Masud Al Imran, medical officer with additional responsibility, said, "We struggle to manage neonatal and maternal cases in the absence of specialist doctors. Whenever a C-section is needed, we have to refer patients to the district hospital."

Contacted, Md Bashirul Basir Khan, deputy director of the Directorate of Family Planning in Bagerhat, said, "Shortage of doctors and nurses exists in Mother and Child Welfare Centres across the country. However, one medical officer and one nurse have been attached from other facilities to the centre to keep it operational.

Also, we have received an allocation for renovation and work will begin soon."

Protester accuses Inu of inciting

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Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif, Kushtia Sadar Upazila Chairman Ataur Rahman Ata and other AL leaders also gave instructions, he claimed.

He described August 5, the day of the "March to Dhaka," as the most harrowing. Around 5,000 to 6,000 protesters began marching from Sadar Hospital at 11:00am. As they moved toward Mojompur, law enforcers fired tear shells and ruling party activists attacked them, he said. Still, the procession continued. Later, 2,000 to 3,000 protesters took position from Bok Chattar to Chhoy Rastar Mor.

"Police fired tear shells again. Activists of the Awami League, Jibon League and Chhatra League launched armed attacks on us," he recalled.

By midday, the brother of a protester, Babu, was shot near Bok Chattar and died after being taken to hospital. "That day, in the same

area, Suruj Ali Babu, Babul Farazi, Abdullah Mustakin, Usama and others, were killed," he said.

Raisul ended his testimony demanding the "highest punishment" for Inu, whom he described as the key instigator behind the violence that claimed multiple young lives in Kushtia. Inu, the sole accused in the case, sat cross-legged in the tribunal dock, looking despondent.

After his deposition, defence counsels cross-examined him, first asking who had been elected MP for Kushtia 2 in the 2024 national election. Raisul replied that it was Inu. The defence responded, "Exactly! I wanted to know this answer," since in reality Inu was not a lawmaker at that time.

They then asked whether Inu had been present at the scenes of violence. Raisul said he had not. The defence argued that Inu had neither incited nor directed any suppression of the

movement and claimed that Raisul himself had not taken part in the protests. "It is not right," the witness said.

The tribunal later recorded testimony from the second witness, prosecutor and special investigating officer Tanvir Hassan Zoha, who described how he retrieved call records from the National Telecommunication Monitoring Centre on December 23 last year.

As the defence sought time to review the technical matter, the two-member tribunal headed by Judge Md Manjurul Basit with Judge Nur Mohammad Shahriar Kabir set today for Zoha's cross-examination.

**PRAYER
TIMING
DECEMBER 2**
Faz 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
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Shakil Ahmed, alleged that his father became a target after the Boroibari battle and accused deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina of orchestrating the mutiny "to serve India's interests and prolong her power."

He said anyone involved, civilian or military, must face trial, adding that failure to bring the " betrayers" to justice could risk another tragedy.

Dr Fahliha Bushra, daughter of Lt Col Lutfur Rahman Khan, said citizens deserved to know the truth behind an attack that compromised national security.

She alleged she had faced pressure to make "certain statements" when appearing before the commission. "When I did not comply, we received threats at different times and through various channels," she said.

Ashraful Alam Hannan, son of slain Subedar Major Nurul Islam, called for banning the Awami League and setting up a "pillar of shame" with the names of all involved.

Meanwhile, ICT Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam said the commission's report had created an opportunity to bring those previously beyond legal accountability under the rule of law.

He said the report identifies the masterminds, killers, beneficiaries and their motives, raising hope for justice long denied.

He added that his office has received complaints related to the carnage that will be examined to

determine whether they constitute crimes against humanity. "If they do, they will be tried here; if not, they may be prosecuted under other applicable laws," he said.

On Sunday, the National Independent Investigation Commission submitted its final report to Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus after 11 months of investigation.

The report accused former prime minister Sheikh Hasina and several senior Awami League leaders of orchestrating the

80% respondents

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to participate. Meanwhile, 80 percent expressed optimism that the elections would be free and fair, according to IRI's statement. At the same time, 67 percent said past elections were rigged.

The national survey, conducted between September and October across 63 districts, also found that 72 percent of respondents believe the condition of the country's democracy is in good or somewhat good condition, while 26 percent said it was in bad or somewhat bad condition.

The survey also highlighted the role of religion in politics. Half of the respondents said the influence of religion in politics has increased significantly or somewhat over the past year. Nineteen percent said it has decreased significantly or somewhat, while six percent reported no change.

Sixty nine percent said Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus is doing a good job, while 70 percent gave the same approval rating to the interim government.

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When American

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Most passengers on the military flight had spent Tk 35 lakh to Tk 70 lakh. Many sold their last piece of land to fund the journey.

After landing in Dhaka, airport authorities and BRAC provided transport and emergency support. Among the 39 returnees, 26 were from Noakhali. Others came from Cumilla, Sylhet, Feni, Lakshmipur, Chattogram, Gazipur, Dhaka, Munshiganj and Narayanganj.

Earlier this year, 187 Bangladeshis had already been deported from the US.

According to BRAC's Migration Programme, at least 34 of the 39 migrants had travelled legally to Brazil before moving toward Mexico and entering the US without documents. The remaining five travelled directly to the US or through South Africa.

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Shariful Hasan, associate director of the BRAC Migration and Youth Platform, said, "Workers travelled legally to Brazil, but no one checked whether they had real jobs or were using the route to reach the US."

He warned that more people will suffer unless the responsible agencies are held accountable.

Following political changes in the US, deportations of undocumented migrants have increased. Several groups of Bangladeshis have been sent back in recent months. On June 8, a chartered flight returned 42 Bangladeshis. Between March 6 and April 21, at least 34 others were deported. From January to August, more than 220 Bangladeshis were deported.

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Tender ID No./Package No	Name of Goods	Proposal publication date & time	Tender security submission last date & time	Tender closing date & time
1 Tender/Proposal ID: 1186963 Invitation Reference No.: 15.54.3025.023.07.005.25 Package No.: 15.54.3025.023.07.005.25	Supply of UPS and UPS Battery for Dhaka Station	02.12.2025 12:00	18.12.2025 12:30	18.12.2025 13:00

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SL No	Tender ID	Type Method	Description of Works.	Last Selling (Date & Time)	Last Submission (Date & Time)	Tender Closing & Opening (Date & Time)
01	1158757	OTM	Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 500-KVA Electric Sub-Station & Construction of Sub -Station Building With Internal Electrification Works At Patuakhali Technical School & College, Sadar , Patuakhali.	17-Dec-2025 17:00	18-Dec-2025 12:30	18-Dec-2025 13:00
02	1158755	OTM	Construction of Main Gate at Patuakhali Technical School & College, Sadar , Patuakhali.	17-Dec-2025 17:00	18-Dec-2025 12:30	18-Dec-2025 13:00

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