



Emergency personnel search for victims in the rubble of two collapsed buildings in the Al Massira area of Fes, Morocco, early yesterday. The four-storey buildings collapsed, killing at least 22 people, the state news agency said. Sixteen others were wounded as searches for "other people who may be buried under the rubble" were ongoing. The Fes prosecutor's office said in a statement, there had been a family celebration in one of the buildings at the time of the collapse while the other was unoccupied.

PHOTO: AFP

THAI-CAMBODIA BORDER CLASHES 500,000 flee to shelters

AGENCIES

Half a million evacuees in Cambodia and Thailand were sheltering in pagodas, schools and other safe havens yesterday after fleeing fresh fighting in a century-old border dispute in which US President Donald Trump has vowed to again intercede.

Five Thai soldiers and seven Cambodian civilians have been killed in the latest fighting, officials said, while more than 500,000 people have fled border regions near where jets, tanks and drones were waging battle.

AFP journalists in northwestern Cambodia's Samraong town yesterday morning heard the blasts of incoming artillery from the direction of centuries-old temples in disputed border areas.

By the afternoon, hundreds of families were leaving a shelter at a pagoda near Samraong where they had been staying since Monday.

"Authorities say it is not safe anymore," said Seut Soeung, 30, as she rested alongside a road with her family and vehicles passed by

loaded with people, dogs and bags of clothes.

A policeman who asked not to be named said the displaced families were being evacuated from the temple grounds due to safety

intervention by Trump.

Both sides blame each other for instigating the reignited conflict, which has expanded to five provinces of both Thailand and Cambodia, according to an AFP tally of official accounts.

Thai defence ministry spokesperson Surasant Kongsiri told reporters yesterday that more than 400,000 civilians have been evacuated to shelters.

Asked about the prospect of further intervention by Trump, a Thai government spokesperson said there had been no talks with him so far, while Bangkok's position was that negotiations should not be initiated by a third party.

Yesterday, Cambodia withdrew its athletes from the Southeast Asian Games in Thailand, citing safety reasons and their families' concern, reports Reuters.

Thailand's military said BM-21 rockets fired by Cambodian forces landed near the Phanom Dong Rak Hospital in Surin district yesterday, forcing the evacuation of patients and staff to a shelter.

concerns after a few Thai jets flew nearby.

Thailand and Cambodia dispute the colonial-era demarcation of their 800-kilometre frontier, where competing claims to historic temples have spilled over into armed conflict.

This week's clashes are the deadliest since five days of fighting in July that killed dozens and displaced around 300,000 before a shaky truce was agreed, following

» Death toll hits 12; Trump renews vow to intercede

» Conflict expanded to five provinces of both countries

» Thailand says third party should not initiate talks

Democracies must fight for freedom Says Nobel laureate Machado

REUTERS, Oslo

Democracies must be prepared to fight for freedom in order to survive, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Maria Corina Machado said yesterday, in a speech delivered by her daughter

during a ceremony Machado could not attend.

The Venezuelan opposition leader said prize held profound significance, not only for her country but for world. "It reminds the world that democracy is essential to peace," she said, via her

daughter Ana Corina Sosa Machado. "And the most important, the lesson Venezuelans can share ... forged on a long and difficult path: if we want democracy, we must be prepared to fight for freedom."

NCP unveils 125 candidates

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previous contender. Jamaat has primarily selected Ashraful Haque for the seat.

NCP nominated its Senior Joint Member Secretary Tasnim Jara for Dhaka-9, where former Chhatra Dal general secretary Habibur Rashid Habib will run as a first-time candidate.

BNP had kept this seat open amid discussions that it might be allocated to Jara, who has already begun her campaign on social media.

Jamaat picked Kabir Ahmed, central vice-president of Bangladesh Workers Welfare Federation, as its candidate for Dhaka-9.

NCP Senior Joint Member Secretary Nahida Sarwar Niva will contest Dhaka-12, where BNP has fielded Saiful Alam Nirob, former president of Dhaka City North BNP and a 2018 candidate. Jamaat picked its central leader Saiful Alam Khan Milon for the seat.

Sarjis Alam and Hasnat Abdullah, two NCP chief organisers (north and south), will contest from their home constituencies -- Sarjis from Panchagarh-1 and Hasnat from Cumilla-4. Senior Joint Chief Coordinator Abdul Hannan Masud will run from Noakhali-6.

"We have published the first list with names for 125 seats. More names will be announced in phases," Nahid told a press conference at the party's temporary office in Bangla Motor yesterday.

He said the list reflects the spirit of the mass uprising, aiming to validate ongoing reforms rather than merely pursue power.

The list prioritises public participation, diversity, and the representation of those active in the uprising, he added.

"NCP plans to nominate candidates in all 300 constituencies, after which discussions with alliance partners will take place."

The party has not yet fielded a candidate for Dhaka-10. Nahid said it could not identify a suitable nominee for the seat.

According to sources, NCP may nominate LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain, who resigned from the advisory council yesterday and recently became a voter in the constituency.

BNP nominated its Executive Committee member Sheikh Rabiu Alam, who contested the 2018 polls from Dhaka-10, while Jamaat picked Supreme Court lawyer Jashim Uddin Sarkar.

Although NCP leaders previously said they would not field candidates in seats

where BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia would contest -- one of which is Dinajpur-3 -- out of respect, the party has still nominated HM Shamsul Muktadir there.

WOMEN CANDIDATES

Fourteen women leaders and activists of NCP were nominated for seats across the country.

Though the party's Senior Joint Convener Samantha Sharmin was not on the list, she has purchased a nomination form for Bholai-1.

Apart from Jara and Niva, the other nominees are Tajnuva Zabin (Dhaka-17); Nabila Tasnid (Dhaka-20); Monira Sharmin (Naogaon-5); Dilshana Parul (Sirajganj-3); Mahmuda Mitu (Jhalakathi-1); Dyuti Aranya Chowdhury (Sirajganj-4); Tanha Shanta (Mymensingh-11); Syeda Nilima Dola (Faridpur-3); Israt Jahan Bindu (Chandpur-2); Advocate Humayra Noor (Noakhali-5); Shagufta Bushra Mishma (Chattogram-10); and Advocate Monjila Jhuma (Khagrachhari).

So far, NCP has fielded the highest number of women candidates.

BNP has nominated 11 women, including Khaleda Zia. Jamaat has yet to announce its list, though it has already picked

candidates in most seats -- none of them women.

At yesterday's press conference, Nahid said, "Our list includes professionals, women, minorities, expatriates, and youth leaders. We have ensured gender balance and inclusion."

Tasnim Jara, also member-secretary of the party's Election Steering Committee, said the NCP introduced a modernised nomination process to ensure accessibility for "qualified and community-minded citizens".

"Over 1,500 applications were submitted nationwide," she said. "We hope this preliminary list will bring in many new and unconventional faces. The era of politics dominated by corrupt powerbrokers must end."

Nasiruddin Patwary said, "If any nominee is found involved in corruption, extortion, criminal activity, or loan default, their candidacy will be cancelled immediately upon public complaint."

He added that all candidates must strictly follow the Election Commission's electoral guidelines once the schedule is announced, including the removal of unauthorised posters and adherence to financial rules.

RESOLUTION TO BAN PTI, IMRAN KHAN Pakistan ruling party, PTI trade fresh barbs

DAWN ONLINE

War of words between members of the Pakistan's ruling PML-N and the PTI continued yesterday, with Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Information for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Affairs Ikhtiar Wali Khan saying that "things have reached a point of no return", while PTI chairman Barrister Gohar Ali stressed that "better sense should prevail".

In a press conference held yesterday, Wali assailed the PTI for its recent actions, warning the party, "We have tolerated you with much grace and for the sake of democracy; however, things have now reached a point of no return, no mercy and no tolerance."

"All doors to talks are now closed," Wali said. PTI Chairman Gohar, speaking

to the media yesterday, objected to the resolution, warning that the government was attempting to "pitch federating units against each other."

On Tuesday, the Punjab Assembly adopted a resolution to ban incarcerated PTI founder and former prime minister Imran Khan and his party for being "anti-state".

"You are isolating a major political party. Does removing them from due process save democracy?" the PTI chairman asked.

"I said it to them yesterday as well. This is not business, you can not minus one, and be left with another."

"If we are removed, then they will not be left either."

"If this continues, then things will get out of control within a month," he added.

People's Republic of Bangladesh

Metropolitan Senior Special Judge Court, Dhaka.

Present: Mr. Md. Sabbir Faiz
(Metro Sessions Judge)

Metropolitan Senior Special Judge, Dhaka.

Permission Petition No.1162/2025

Order No. - 01, Date: 18-11-2025

Investigation officer Mr. Md. Nafizur Rahman, BP no.9217199319, Sub-inspector of Police, Financial Crime, Organized Crime, CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka submitted a petition under memo no-CI/ Financial Crime/8246, dated-17.11.2025, Source Memo-CI/Financial Crime/BFIU/ Verification/31-2025/2562, dated 09/07/2025, under sections 4(2) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012(ammendment-2015) to freeze assets of accused Ms. Imrana Zaman Chowdhury NID 7319798984, number of Meghna Bank's Share 23,212,355, Steadfast Management Trading Ltd. (Mr. Uthpal Paul, managing director, NID 1594121442626) number of Meghna Bank's Share 23,251,100 and others under section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

The petition is taken up for hearing.

Heard learned Additional Public Prosecutor and gone through the petition as well as the records. It is found that an enquiry is undergoing against the aforesaid alleged accused Ms. Imrana Zaman Chowdhury NID 7319798984, holding number of Meghna Bank's Share 23,212,355, Steadfast Management Trading Ltd. (Mr. Uthpal Paul, managing director, NID 1594121442626) holding number of Meghna Bank's Share 23,251,100 and others under section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

It appears from the record that the alleged offender has acquired huge amount of illegal wealth beyond their known source of income by adopting illegal means and if those assets are not attached and freezed those assets will be laundered or transferred and those can not be possible to be forfeited after trial which will frustrate this case. Hence those assets need to be freezed.

Considering the facts and circumstances, I am convinced to allow the petition submitted by Investigation officer Mr. Md. Nafizur Rahman, BP no.9217199319, Sub-inspector of Police, Financial Crime, Organized Crime, CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka and accordingly the assets as mentioned in the petition are hereby freezed until further order as per section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

It is hereby further ordered that the copy of this order be issued to the Chairman, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, E-6/C, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka to the effect that while the freezing order is in effect regarding the said accounts, the account holders will not be allowed to withdraw any money. But they will be at liberty to deposit only.

Let this order be published in the Government Official Gazette along with widely circulated one daily Bengali and one daily English newspaper under section 14(3) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012 for information of the citizens at large.

Let this order along with the photy copy of the application be sent to Investigation officer Mr. Md. Nafizur Rahman, BP no.9217199319, Sub-inspector of Police, Financial Crime, Organized Crime, CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka and Publication department, Tejgaon, Dhaka; Chairman, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, E-6/C, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka and other concerned authorities for necessary action.

Inform all concerned Authorities at once.

Directed & Corrected by me.

Sd/-
Metro. Sen. Spl Judge, Dhaka:
Memo Number: 2b29b(8)120

Sd/-
(Md. Sabbir Faiz)
Metro. Senior Special Judge, Dhaka.
Date: 3b29b/2025

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