

MATHBARIA UPAZILA HEALTH COMPLEX

Construction stalled for 10 months, patients suffer

KMHABIBUR RAHMAN, Pirojpur

Patients at the Mathbaria Upazila Health Complex in Pirojpur are facing severe hardship as construction of the hospital's new building has remained suspended for the last 10 months, badly affecting both indoor and outdoor services.

Since the construction began, key facilities such as X-ray and caesarean sections relied upon by residents of at least five surrounding upazilas have remained closed, forcing patients to seek treatment elsewhere or endure delays.

The project to upgrade the 50-bed hospital to a 100-bed facility started in August 2023 at a cost of around Tk 31.5 crore under the Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Programme (HPNSP). The five-storey building, with a foundation for six storeys, is scheduled to be completed by June next year.

However, after around 45 percent of the work was completed, the contractor abandoned the project citing a fund crisis, leaving the construction site idle for months.

The project also includes



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residential facilities for doctors, nurses and staff, as well as vertical expansion of the old building. With the new structure incomplete, indoor services are now being provided from an old staff quarters building, where male and female patients are forced to stay in the same rooms. Due to space constraints, patients suffering from infectious diseases are also being kept together.

"There are nine beds here, but at best four can be properly arranged," said Majnu Mia, a patient's relative, adding that the lack of basic facilities has made hospital stays extremely difficult.

Another attendant, Jahanara Begum, said they were compelled to share rooms with male patients despite feeling uncomfortable. "Although we are unwilling, we have no other option. We are

passing our days amid serious difficulties," she said.

Outdoor patient Farjana Akter said the hospital lacks minimum facilities, while long waits are common due to an acute shortage of doctors. "Patients often wait for hours but still fail to see the expected doctor," she said.

Echoing her frustration, Doly Akter said, "I cannot express in words how much difficulty we face while receiving services."

Resident Medical Officer Dr Md Ferdous Islam acknowledged the crisis, saying inadequate space has worsened patient suffering.

He noted that only six doctors, including administrative staffers, are serving more than 500 patients daily against 31 sanctioned posts. "Posting more doctors and completing the building would ease the situation," he said.

Tanjila Ferdousi, executive engineer of the Health Engineering Department in Pirojpur, said funds were allocated by Ecneec on November 10 to complete unfinished work. "Once the funds are released, necessary procedures will begin," she said, without giving a timeline.

Ctg cop dies while on duty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A police constable of Chattogram Metropolitan Police (CMP) died while on duty at the court building in Chattogram's Court Hill area last evening.

The deceased, Mozammel Hoque, from Ashuganj in Brahmanbaria, was attached to Double Mooring Police Station under CMP's West Zone, police officials said.

Police said he had come to the court with documents and files from the police station. He collapsed in a corridor while walking out after submitting the files to the section concerned.

Aminur Rashid, assistant commissioner of police and spokesperson of CMP, said, "The constable was rushed to Chattogram Medical College Hospital, where the on-duty doctor declared him dead."

He added that doctors said he had a stroke.

EIGHT-POINT DEMAND

Rangamati agri institute students boycott classes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Students of Rangamati Agricultural Training Institute yesterday staged a protest by boycotting classes and examinations, pressing for their eight-point demand.

They observed the programme by locking the administrative and academic buildings as well as the main gate, leaving teachers and staff standing outside.

The students said diploma agriculturists should have opportunities to pursue higher education at independent public agricultural universities and that deputy assistant agricultural officers should be upgraded to second class gazette posts.

They said the movement aims to realise the eight-point demands to improve the quality of diploma agricultural education, including addressing the shortage of teachers.

"As our demands have not been implemented, we have started the agitation by skipping examinations," a student said, adding that the movement would continue until the demands are met and the boycott of classes and exams would remain in force.



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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জিএমডি, ঢাকা (সেন্ট্রাল)

Cases against candidates

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empowers the Election Commission to act against candidates who submit false information in affidavits. The EC has set December 29 as the deadline for submitting nomination papers.

According to BNP's cell on cases, enforced disappearances and killings, between 2009 and August 2024, over 1.5 lakh cases were filed against party leaders and activists, naming more than 64 lakh accused. Party leaders said around 37,000 of those cases were later withdrawn.

Senior BNP figures said they fear a section of election officials with close ties to a certain political party may attempt to create legal complications for BNP candidates by scrutinising these cases.

"As many of our candidates faced cases over the last 16 years under the fascist government, the party advised them to act carefully. If needed, the party will help them," a senior party leader told The Daily Star after the meeting.

At the meeting, Tarique urged party leaders to keep the grassroots united and active, warning that they must remain vigilant amid what he described as an ongoing conspiracy against the party.

Sirajganj-6 candidate Amirul Islam said, "The party advised us on how to submit nominations properly following the polls code of conduct under the RPO. It also asked us to follow the electoral code of conduct."

Rajshahi-3 candidate Shahiul Haq Milon said party leaders guided them on running effective campaigns, while Khulna-2 candidate Najrul Islam Manju noted, "Candidates' words and behaviour should not face any kind of criticism. That is why we were warned at the meeting."

According to meeting sources, candidates were also asked to centre their campaigns on an eight-sector plan covering family welfare, agriculture, health, education, sports, the environment, religious affairs and employment. They were warned against using offensive language that could give rivals ammunition during the campaign.

The party further advised candidates on public communication -- how to address rallies, respond to questions and remain alert to propaganda and what it described as false allegations, particularly on social media.

The BNP yesterday also held separate meetings with two allied platforms at its chairperson's office as part of ongoing efforts to resolve seat-sharing disputes ahead of the polls, party sources said.

The allies urged the BNP to reconsider several constituencies where it has already decided to nominate its own candidates, while BNP leaders assured them that partners would receive due consideration, including in future roles if the party forms the next government.

Syed Ehsanul Huda, coordinator of the 12-party alliance and chairman of Bangladesh Jatiya Dal, described the talks as positive.

Fariduzzaman Farhad, coordinator of the Jatiyotabadi Somomona Jote and chairman of NPP, said their discussion was fruitful and that they had sought nine seats, with BNP giving assurances.

According to BNP sources, the party will continue one-to-one talks today with Colonel (ret'd) Oli Ahmed-led LDP, the six-party Ganatantra Mancha and Gono Forum, and will meet the Nationalist Democratic Movement, Left Democratic Unity and BJP tomorrow. After concluding discussions with all allies, BNP is also set to hold talks with Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam.

Career Opportunity

Bangladesh Cricket Board

Ref No: BCB/Admin/HR/2025/952

Date: December 18, 2025

The Bangladesh Cricket Board is the national governing body for cricket in Bangladesh, responsible for the promotion and development of the game at all levels. With a dynamic and fast-growing cricket ecosystem, BCB plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of the sport nationally and internationally.

Position Title : HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES (HR)

Organization: Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Reports to: Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Board of Directors.

Employment Type: Full-Time.

Position Overview :

The Head of Human Resources (HR) at BCB is responsible for providing the organization's strategic leadership and operational oversight of all people functions across the BCB supported by modern HR systems and guided by best practices. This role involves advising the Board and CEO on the HR implications of strategic initiatives and overseeing the HR practices comply with Bangladeshi labor laws, international sporting regulations, and BCB's own governance standards. This position requires a strategic thinker with strong leadership skills, capable of driving HR performance and supporting operational excellence across the organization.

Key Responsibilities :

Strategic HR Leadership

- Develop and execute HR strategy aligned with BCB's vision and goals.
- Lead workforce planning, recruitment, learning and development, performance management, talent management, people governance initiatives.
- Advise CEO and Board on HR trends, risks, and opportunities.

Talent Acquisition & Retention

- Oversee local and expatriate recruitment, onboarding, and succession planning.
- Build and maintain a diverse, inclusive and skilled workforce.
- Implement retention strategies for critical roles.

Performance Management & Employee Relations

- Manage performance appraisal at required intervals, goal setting, and feedback.
- Resolve employee relations issues, ensuring fairness and transparency.
- Promote a positive organizational culture and high employee morale.

Compensation, Benefits & HR Operations

- Oversee payroll, compensation structures, fund management and benefits administration.
- Benchmark salaries and benefits against industry standards.
- Ensure accuracy and timeliness of HR operations.

Learning & Development

- Design and implement training and development programs.
- Develop leadership and succession programs for BCB staff.
- Encourage continuous professional development across the organization.

Governance & Compliance

- Ensure compliance with labor laws, BCB Code of Ethics and Conduct.
- Maintain HR policies, procedures, and employee handbooks.
- Prepare HR reports and metrics for the CEO and Board.

Qualifications & Experience:

- Masters degree in Human Resources, Business Administration, or related discipline.
- Minimum 12-15 years' progressive HR experience, including 5 years in a leadership role.
- Strong knowledge of labor law, HR governance, and compliance.
- Experience in sports organizations or large corporate settings desirable.
- Proven expertise in talent management, employee relations, and organizational development.

The interested candidates are requested to send their CV along with a forwarding letter mentioning expected salary and 01 (One) recent photographs to the Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Cricket Board, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216 at the email: job@bcb-cricket.com on or before 01 January 2026. Only the short listed candidates will be called for an interview. Please mention the position of the application applied for on the top of forwarding letter.

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Position Overview :

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Key Responsibilities :

Strategic Planning & Policy Leadership

- Develop long-term procurement strategies aligned with BCB's financial and operational goals.
- Establish and enforce procurement policies, covering tendering, vendor selection, and conflict-of-interest protocols.
- Oversee implementation of supply chain risk management practices.

Procurement Operations Oversight

- Supervise category management, purchasing, and logistics functions.
- Ensure purchase orders, contracts, and payments are processed efficiently.
- Monitor adherence to approved procurement policies through audits and compliance checks.

Vendor & Stakeholder Management

- Lead strategic sourcing initiatives for major contracts (broadcasting, sponsorship, construction, etc.).
- Manage relationships with high-value suppliers and stakeholders.
- Negotiate favorable terms while ensuring supplier compliance with ethical and quality standards.

Inventory Management Leadership

- Oversee budget allocation and policy compliance for inventory management.
- Act as the escalation point for major inventory discrepancies or losses.
- Ensure inventory systems are accurate, efficient, and transparent.

Risk Management & Compliance

- Identify potential risks in procurement and supply chain processes.
- Implement anti-fraud controls and due diligence mechanisms.
- Ensure full compliance with BCB, government, and ICC procurement regulations

Reporting & Governance

- Prepare procurement and vendor performance reports for BCB leadership.
- Track procurement metrics (savings achieved, cycle times, supplier ratings).
- Provide visibility of procurement and inventory performance through dashboards and presentations

Qualifications & Experience:

- Master's degree in Supply Chain Management, Business Administration, or related field.
- 12-15 years of procurement and supply chain experience, with at least 5 years in a senior leadership role.
- Professional certification (e.g., CIPS, CPSM) strongly preferred.
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HIGH COURT DIVISION

(ORIGINAL STATUTORY JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO. 2234/2025

IN THE MATTER OF :

An application under Sections 81(2), 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994.

AND

In the Matter of

Md. Mobarak Hossain, shareholder of NATIONAL TEA COMPANY LTD. at Dakkhingao of Holding No. 970, Kusumbag of Basaboo, P.S. Sabujbag, Dhaka-1214

Petitioner

-VERSUS-

NATIONAL TEA COMPANY LTD., a Public Limited Company having its Office- at BGIC Tower (7th floor), 34, Tophkana Road, P.S. Shahbag, Dhaka-1000 representative by its Managing Director H.S.M. Ziaul Ahsan and another.

Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Sections 81(2) and 85(3) read with section 396 of the Companies Act, 1994 was moved in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on 14.12.2025 by the petitioner for condoning the delay in holding the Annual General Meeting of 2024 of the company name & style as "NATIONAL TEA COMPANY LTD." The Hon'ble Company Judge Mr. Justice Ahmed Sohel has admitted the said application on 14.12.2025 and Hon'ble Court directed the petitioner to publish the notices within 3(three) weeks from the date and also to submit affidavit-in-compliance on or before 18th January, 2026. Any person interested in the said application may appear before this Hon'ble Court. A copy of the said application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of charges.

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