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The Department of Environment launches a campaign against sound pollution, aiming to raise awareness -- specially among drivers -- about the harmful effects of excessive noise. The photo was taken on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

Third terminal not opening

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Sumitomo Corporation, Sojitz, and Narita International Airport Corporation.

Officials involved with the proceedings told The Daily Star that the ministry and the Japanese consortium couldn't finalise the modalities for running the terminal, causing the delay.

"The two sides couldn't come to a consensus regarding the terms and conditions of the agreement," sources at CAAB and the ministry said.

"The government considered the consortium's revenue-sharing proposal too high," a CAAB official said, adding that several meetings were held late last year without any conclusive outcome.

CAAB Chairman Air Vice Marshal Md Mostafa Mahmood Siddiq said about 99 percent of construction work on the terminal has been completed.

CAAB had earlier

announced that the terminal would open in October 2024.

In September 2023, the Public-Private Partnership Authority signed a deal with the International Finance Corporation for transaction advisory services for the terminal's operation and maintenance. The ousted Awami League government had decided in principle to operate the terminal under a public-private partnership with the Japanese consortium.

Under the interim government's plan, Biman Bangladesh Airlines was to manage passenger and cargo handling for two years under the consortium's supervision, while CAAB would oversee data security.

Officials said that even after signing the agreement, opening the terminal would require at least six months to recruit and train manpower.

Besides, the standard operating procedure for

the terminal is yet to be formulated, they said.

The terminal spans 5,42,000 square metres and will require around 6,000 personnel to operate in four shifts, including about 4,000 security staff.

The government contributed Tk 5,000 crore to the project, with the remainder funded through loans from the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

Business leaders have repeatedly called for the terminal's swift opening, especially after India suspended third-country transshipment on April 8, creating challenges for Bangladeshi garment exporters.

Air transshipment through India had gained popularity due to lower costs and faster services compared to Dhaka airport, which has long struggled with inefficiency and mismanagement.

42 appeals filed

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nomination paper came from the Cumilla region.

For this purpose, the EC has set up 10 region-based booths at the Election Bhaban in Agargaon.

On January 3, the scrutiny of nomination papers for the election ended. Following the scrutiny, the EC declared 1,842 nomination papers valid, while 723 were rejected across the country.

Candidates themselves, as well as banks or financial institutions, government service-providing agencies, or anyone authorised in writing by a candidate, may file appeals with the EC.

A total of 2,568 candidates had submitted nomination papers in the 300 constituencies by the December 29 deadline to contest the polls.

While visiting the appeal booths at the Election Bhaban, Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin yesterday said the election environment ahead of the national election has been satisfactory so far.

Meanwhile, Tasnim Jara, an aspirant for Dhaka-9 constituency (Khilgaon, Sobujbagh and Mugda), filed an appeal with the EC challenging the cancellation of her nomination papers for the upcoming national election.

Speaking to reporters after submitting her appeal at the EC's headquarters, Jara said she would continue to pursue legal remedies against the decision.

"We will continue the legal fight," she said.

On Saturday, the Dhaka district returning officer rejected her nomination papers following scrutiny.

Govt warns parties

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and inflammatory content on social media. "Strict measures have been outlined to curb the spread of harmful online content," the home adviser said.

The government has also issued a zero-tolerance policy towards actions causing public inconvenience, such as road blockades or unnecessary disruptions, according to meeting sources.

Law enforcement agencies have been directed to take immediate action if such incidents occur.

The overall law and order

situation and ongoing operations, including the "Devil Hunt Phase-2," were also reviewed.

Launched on December 13, the operation has led to the arrest of 14,569 people as of January 4, 2026. Authorities have seized 201 firearms, over 1,500 rounds of ammunition, 165 locally made weapons, and explosives.

The meeting also discussed security along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border, focusing on smuggling, drug trafficking, and other cross-border crimes.

DNCC to form team

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said, "Parks and playgrounds in Dhaka city are operated under different ownerships and management authorities. One of the main reasons for mismanagement and encroachment of parks and playgrounds is this fragmented ownership. Therefore, it has been decided to form a steering committee to bring all stakeholders involved in the management onto a coordinated platform and to oversee their overall activities."

The committee will submit a monthly report to the city corporation, he said.

The committee will also monitor to ensure that no club or commercial institution occupies parks, playgrounds, or public spaces, he added.

Of the 1,06,37 are currently owned by DNCC, 17 are owned by the National Housing Authority, and the remaining ones are owned by other institutions and organisations. In addition, some playgrounds and public spaces are managed by various school and college authorities.

The meeting decided to include representatives

from the city corporation, Rajuk, Public Works Department/National Housing Authority, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, district administration, and representatives of civil society as members of the committee.

It was also decided that each park and playground will be managed by citizen committees, formed with local residents, under the chairmanship of DNCC's 10 regional executive officers.

The steering committee will supervise the activities of parks and playgrounds through these regional committees.

In cases where parks, playgrounds, and public spaces fall under DNCC's jurisdiction but are not owned by DNCC, development activities will be undertaken by forming committees comprising appropriate representatives of the concerned authorities, local communities, and DNCC representatives.

JnU student union polls today

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Labib, a student of the Economics department, said enthusiasm among students has declined. "This is the first JnUCSU election in the university's history. However, the excitement seen initially is no longer there after three postponements. Many students have already left campus," he said.

Ivan Tahsib, general secretary candidate of the Somajtantrik Chhatra Front-backed Maulana Bhasani Brigade panel, urged students to participate in the voting.

BM Atikur Rahman Tanzil, assistant general secretary candidate of the Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Odhikar Parishad backed Oikyoboddho Nirbhik Jobian panel, said, "We want a free, fair and neutral election with participation from all students."

Four panels are contesting the central union election: Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Odhikar Parishad backed Oikyoboddho Nirbhik Jobian; Chhatra Shakti-backed Oikyoboddho Jobian; Somajtantrik Chhatra Front-backed Maulana Bhasani Brigade; and Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed Odommo Jobian Oikko.

Meanwhile, three panels are in the race for the hall unions: Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed Odommo

Jobian; Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Odhikar backed Aparajitar Ogrojatra; and Somajtantrik Chhatra Front-backed Rokeya Parshad.

To ensure security, police, Rab, BGB, the Army and Ansar members have been deployed in and around the campus, while volunteers from BNCC, Rover Scouts and Rangers will be assisting in maintaining order.

JnU Proctor Prof Dr Tazammol Hoque said all preparations had been completed to ensure a peaceful election.

Election Commissioner Prof Dr Kaniz Fatema Kakolee said voting and result publication would be completed within the day.

10 cops suspended for embezzling

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Cox's Bazar District Police as well as a gunman of a judicial magistrate in the district.

The remaining nine police personnel were attached to Bakalia Police Station.

Additional Police Commissioner (Traffic) Wahidul Islam said, "The 10 policemen were suspended after their involvement in the drug scam was found during investigation. I submitted my findings, mentioning their roles, to the CMP commissioner, who ordered their suspension."

Police sources confirmed that on the night of December 8, a patrol team from Bakalia Police Station led by SI Amir Hossain in Notun Bridge area of Bakalia was conducting searches on passenger buses coming from Bandarban via Satkania and Cox's Bazar.

Around midnight, on suspicion, Imtiaz was asked to get off a Dhaka-bound Desh Travels bus along with his bag, and then taken to a roadside police box, where one lakh yaba tablets were recovered from his possession during bag search. At that time, he identified himself as a

police member and claimed that he was working as a judge's gunman.

Meanwhile, Inspector (Investigation) Tanvir Ahmed and SI Al Amin arrived there along with another police team. Despite the recovery of the drugs, Imtiaz was later released, and the drugs were embezzled by police. After being released from the police box, Imtiaz reportedly went to his village home in Cumilla.

After the news came to light, a Chattogram court ordered CMP to launch an inquiry and submit a report by January 12.



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3.	1204718 WR20/Z_1/RCR/2025_26	Repair Of Excavated Section of Roads Under Zone 01 cutting done by various organizations Group-Ga (FY. 2025-26).	05/01/2026 19:00	20/01/2026 10:30	20/01/2026 12:30

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1208235	e-Tender/UDF/Elec/NAR/SAD/2025-2026/W-12	Supply and installation of street LED light with lamp post and cable among 7 unions under Narayanganj Sadar Upazila	13-Jan-2026 15:00	13-Jan-2026 16:05	13-Jan-2026 16:05

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