

Level playing field remains absent for polls
Allege two parties, BNP candidate
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J a m a a t - I s l a m i , Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis and BNP's Dhaka-15 candidate yesterday alleged that a level playing field remains absent ahead of the 13th national parliamentary election and referendum scheduled for February 12.

Jamaat Assistant Secretary General Ahsanul Mahboob Zubair alleged bias by law enforcers and election officials towards a particular party and claimed Jamaat activists, including women, were being harassed.

After receiving his electoral symbol in Dhaka-15, he said Jamaat wants a fair, peaceful and intimidation-free election and urged the Election Commission to ensure a level playing field.

Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis Senior Nayeb-e-Ameer Yusuf Ashraf said equal opportunities were being denied and submitted complaints to the CEC, demanding stronger security at polling centres and action against alleged code violations.

Meanwhile, BNP's Dhaka-15 candidate Shafiqul Islam Khan Milton accused rival candidates of violating electoral rules in his constituency.

NEXT NATIONAL ELECTIONS Symbol allocation for 20 Dhaka seats finalised

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The symbol allocation process for the upcoming national elections was completed across 20 constituencies of Dhaka district yesterday.

Candidates, however, voiced concerns to returning officers and demanded a level playing field ahead of the polls.

Symbols were distributed at three venues -- the Dhaka Divisional Commissioner's Office, the District Commissioner's Office, and the Election Training Institute in Agargaon.

Party nominees received their party symbols, while independent aspirants were given symbols of their choice.

At the Divisional Commissioner's Office, symbols were allocated among 137 candidates from 13 constituencies in Dhaka city.

The candidates had pledged to abide by the election code of conduct, and cooperate with the election officials to ensure free, fair polls, said Sharif Uddin Ahmed Choudhury, returning officer and also Dhaka divisional commissioner.

Independent candidate Ishaq Sarkar (Dhaka-7) expressed concern over use of arms and muscle power ahead of the elections unless illegal weapons are not fully recovered.

Nasiruddin Patwari, NCP chief coordinator and candidate from Dhaka-8, alleged that BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman had violated election rules by promising flats to fire victims of Korail slum.

Jamaat's Dhaka-6 candidate Abdul Mannan alleged that all election offices in his constituency were rented in buildings owned by BNP candidate Ishraque Hossain. "I submitted a complaint in this regard on January 14, but the office could not produce the document," he said.

At the Election Training Institute, symbols were distributed among 17 candidates from Dhaka-13 and Dhaka-15.

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Justice Farah
Mahbub BJSC
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Justice
Farah
Mahbub, a
judge of the
Appellate
Division
of the

Supreme Court, has been
appointed as the chairman
of the Bangladesh Judicial
Service Commission (BJSC).

The law ministry issued a gazette notification to this effect yesterday, saying President Mohammed Shahabuddin gave the appointment.

The BJSC is tasked with selecting candidates for the posts of lower court judges by holding necessary examinations.



Farmers soften the red earth with water and mud to sow seeds and transplant seedlings during the peak season for Boro rice, mustard, onions, and maize. The Barind region is currently lush with crops. The photo was taken in the Saramangala area of Godagari upazila, Rajshahi yesterday. PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

Simeen

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Forensic examinations conducted by the CID confirmed that the signatures of Shahzeh, Latifur, and Arshad were genuine. Based on this, the investigating officer submitted the final report, stating no evidence was found against the accused and recommending their exemption from the case.

Simeen's lawyer, Mohammad Siddique Ullah Miah, said the complainant had received all the properties under the deed of settlement and had declared them in her income tax returns. "Two years later, those who wanted to damage the business reputation of Simeen Rahman and destroy the institution conspired with the complainant to file false and harassing cases. With this one, three cases have now been proven false," he added.

Meanwhile, Shahnaz, Simeen and three officials -- Kamrul Hassan, Mohammed Mosaddek and Abu Yusuf Md Siddik -- were granted bail in another case concerning alleged fraud related to the company's shares.

Magistrate Md Sefatullah accepted the charge sheet against six people, including Shahnaz and Simeen, and granted bail to the three officials. Later, Shahnaz and Simeen appeared before the court of Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Jewel Rana and obtained bail. PBI Inspector Syed Sajedur Rahman had submitted the charge sheet to the court on January 11.

According to lawyers, of the four cases filed against Simeen, final reports have now been submitted in three, and she and the others have been exempted in all three cases by court orders.

Barrister Arman recounts 8-year confinement

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BinQuasem said the guard also told him that authorities initially planned to kill him and dispose of his body in a river in Barishal after disfiguring his face and hands with acid to prevent identification.

Also known as Barrister Arman, he gave a detailed account of his eight-year confinement in the "Aynagar" before ICT-1 while testifying in a case over enforced disappearance linked to the Task Force for Interrogation (TFI) cell, allegedly operated under the Rab. He said the plan was abandoned only after the officer assigned to carry out the killing was killed in a terrorist attack and the alleged mastermind, Ziaul Ahsan, was transferred from Rab.

The son of executed Jamaat leader Mir Quasem Ali, who was convicted of crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War, Arman said senior officials frequently visited his cell.

During those visits, he was handcuffed, blindfolded, and ordered to remain silent. He said he could identify their seniority from mobile phone sounds, expensive perfumes, and even "conversations" in Hindi. He told the tribunal he was abducted on the night of August 9, 2016, when seven to eight armed men in plainclothes entered his Pallabi residence, identified themselves as members of a "state force", and took him away without showing any warrant.

According to the prosecution, at least 14 detainees were confined and tortured at the TFI cell between 2016 and 2024.

The case names 17 accused, including ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, her former defence adviser Tarique Ahmed Siddique, former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, three former Rab chiefs, and 11 army officers who previously served in Rab. Ten of the accused army officers were present in the dock, while the others remain absconding.

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He testified that he frequently fell ill, once suffering heatstroke and later developing a severe abscess that required minor surgery. He alleged his food

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Installation of Non-interlocked color light Signalling system and point Machine at south yard (GNDR side) at Dhaka	1199714	22-Jan-2026 10:00	08-Feb-2026 11:30	08-Feb-2026 12:00
Supply of Permalac Block joint and Track feed rectifier with related accessories for Signal and Interlocking system of different sections of Dhaka Division.	1159139	22-Jan-2026 10:00	08-Feb-2026 11:30	08-Feb-2026 12:00
Generator Overhauling with required spare parts for CBI signaling system at different Station of Dhaka Division.	1196568	25-Jan-2026 10:00	10-Feb-2026 11:00	10-Feb-2026 12:00

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