

Level playing field remains absent for polls

Allege two parties, BNP candidate

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jamaat-e-Islami, 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 Naye-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

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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 Sharf 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 chairman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



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

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 "Aynaghar" 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.

Barrister Arman said he was taken blindfolded and handcuffed to a narrow, damp cell inside the Rab headquarters compound, where he was held in inhuman conditions amid rats and cockroaches. He said items inside the cell bore markings such as "RAB-1", "RAB/INT", and "TFI", which he cited as evidence of official involvement.

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

was often contaminated with chemicals and said he was initially denied a copy of the Holy Quran. He also said he regularly heard screams of other detainees being tortured.

He further said one night he was driven for about 30 minutes and thrown out of a vehicle, believing he was about to be killed. He later realised he had been released near a construction site in Diabari, Uttara. He also submitted a pendrive containing a video documentary on his return, prepared by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and published from the verified Facebook page of the Chief Adviser, which was marked as an exhibit.

The witness will continue his testimony.

Simeen

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Forensic examinations conducted by the CID confirmed that the signatures of Shahzreh, 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.



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Academy Awards in Science and Technology

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- BAS Gold Medal Award 2025**
Two awards, one for Physical Sciences including Engineering & Technology and another for Biological Sciences including Agriculture & Life Sciences.
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For a distinguished scientist with outstanding achievement in any branch of Science and Technology.
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For a distinguished scientist of Health Sciences only.

Bangladeshi scientists and technologists who have distinguished themselves by their outstanding scientific and technological work may apply for the above awards. Heads of research institutions/respective Deans of Universities/ Fellows of the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences may nominate candidates for the awards or Candidates themselves may apply through their Heads of institutions directly. Each nominee/candidate is required to submit 7(seven) copies of their bio-data along with a list of publications, technologies, patents and photocopy of 1st page of each of the important publications (not more than 10).

Note: Those who were awarded Gold Medal in any of the above categories earlier are not eligible for nomination.

Application/nomination for the above awards must reach the Secretary of the Academy by **25 February 2026** at the latest.

Prof. Dr. Yearul Kabir
Secretary



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Bangladesh Police
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(Corrigendum)

Memo No. 44.01.0000.024.02.002.25.377 Date: 14/01/2026

In the advertisement titled 'International Tender Notice' published in this newspaper on January 15, 2026 on page 'Business-2', in the table (point nos. 11 & 12), the closing and opening date has been wrongly printed as 26 February, 2025, which should be 26 February, 2026, and should be read as such. This inadvertent error is deeply regretted.

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Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD E/M Wood Workshop Division-1, Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

Memo No-25.36.2680.534.14.170.26-1549 Date: 21/01/2026

e- Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the national e-GP portal:

Tender ID No.	Last Selling Date	Opening Date
1217822	03/02/2026	04/02/2026

This tender is online Tender where only e-Tenderer will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the national e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).


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শিক্ষা পরিদপ্তর

ঢাকা সেনানিবাস

বই ক্রয়ের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি


নং ০১/২০২৬ তারিখ জানুয়ারি ২০২৬

বাংলাদেশ বিমান বাহিনীর বিভিন্ন এগ্রাগারের জন্য বই ক্রয়ের নিমিত্তে বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্সধারী পুস্তক সরবরাহকারী/প্রকাশকের নিকট হতে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব প্যাডে সিলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হচ্ছে। বইয়ের তালিকা এবং দরপত্র দাখিলের শর্তাবলীসম্বলিত সিডিউল ৭৫০.০০ টাকা (অফেরথুযোগ্য) মূল্যে বিমান বাহিনী সদর দপ্তর (অভ্যর্থনা কক্ষ) ঢাকা সেনানিবাস- এ আগামী ২৫ হতে ২৭ জানুয়ারি ২০২৬ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালে (০৮৩০ হতে ১৪৩০ ঘটিকা, ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত) পাওয়া যাবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের শর্তাবলী অনুসরণ করে ০৩ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২৬ তারিখ ১২০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে বিমান বাহিনী সদর দপ্তর অভ্যর্থনা কক্ষে সন্নিবিষ্ট দরপত্র বাস্তবে ফেলতে হবে। এই দিন ১২৩০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্র দাখিলকারীগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হবে। প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রসমূহ বই ক্রয় সক্রমের কমিটি কর্তৃক যাচাইবাহাতি-এর পর মনোনীত দরপত্র দাতাদের পরবর্তীতে যথানিয়মে ক্রয়াদেশ দেয়া হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন বা সর্বদা দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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বিমান বাহিনী সদর দপ্তর
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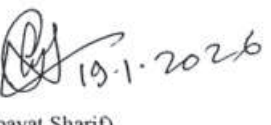
Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following Goods/works.


Name of Goods/Works/Services	Tender Proposal ID	Publishing Date and Time	Last Selling Date and Time	Closing Date and Time
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 Permalit 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

Only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hand copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for the Downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP Portal must be deposited online through any registered banks branches.

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২০ জানুয়ারি, ২০২৬

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ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটির সদস্যভুক্ত বিভিন্ন ব্যাংক/আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানে ১. এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (সিভিল)/ সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল)/ সিনিয়র অফিসার (সিভিল ইঞ্জি:) (গ্রেড-৯) ২. সাব-এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (ইলেকট্রিক্যাল) (গ্রেড-১০) ৩. সাব-এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (মেকানিক্যাল) (গ্রেড-১০) ৪. সাব-এসিস্ট্যান্ট ইঞ্জিনিয়ার (সিভিল)/ উপ-সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (সিভিল) (গ্রেড-১০) ৫. সিনিয়র অফিসার (আইন)/আইন অফিসার/সিনিয়র অফিসার (ল) (গ্রেড-৯) ৬. অফিসার (ল) (গ্রেড-১০) ৭. সিনিয়র অফিসার (নিরীক্ষা) (গ্রেড-৯) ৮. সিকিউরিটি অফিসার (গ্রেড-১০) ৯. ফিন্যান্সিয়াল এনালিস্ট (গ্রেড-৫) এবং ১০. প্রিন্সিপাল অফিসার- ডাক্তার (পিও-ডাক্তার) (গ্রেড-৬) পদসমূহে সরাসরি নিয়োগের নিমিত্ত প্রতিযোগিতামূলক পরীক্ষার মাধ্যমে প্যানেল প্রকল্পের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত বাংলাদেশি নাগরিকের নিকট হতে Online এ দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদন দাখিলের বিস্তারিত নিয়ম ও শর্তাবলী বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইটে (<https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd>) পাওয়া যাবে।

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রবীন্দ্র বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, বাংলাদেশ

শাহজাদপুর, সিরাজগঞ্জ

স্মারক : রবিবা/প্রশা/নিয়োগ/১০৯৩/২০২৫/০৩৯; তারিখ : ২১.০১.২০২৬

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২.	বার্ণিচ বেতন স্কেল : ৮৮০০-২১৩১০/- (জাতীয় বেতন স্কেল ২০১৫)	পদ সংখ্যা: ০১ বয়স : অনূর্ধ্ব ৪০ বৎসর

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(প্রফেসর ড. সুমন কান্তি বড়ুয়া)
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ও
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