

Joy, Palak indicted

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Mozumder, framed three charges against the two accused, while rejecting their discharge applications.

While framing the charges, the tribunal said the materials on record were sufficient to move forward with the trial.

The tribunal fixed February 18 for the opening statement and recording of testimony of the prosecution witnesses.

According to the charges, Palak, acting with Joy's approval, posted provocative posts on Facebook branding student protesters as "razakars", and incited police, Chhatra League members and armed cadres to attack peaceful demonstrators at Dhaka University and elsewhere; shut down internet services following Joy's instruction to conceal the atrocities; directing law enforcers and ruling party cadres to open fire on demonstrators.

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Ensure justice

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completion of trials within three years against all those responsible for massacre during the uprising, including Sheikh Hasina, Awami League leaders and activists, and members of the security forces; launching a judicial investigation to determine how over 600 accused fled to India and taking legal action against those who assisted them; investigating and punishing killings, mob violence, and attacks by state forces during the interim government's tenure, including killings of Osman Hadi, Dipu Chandra Das, Ayesha, indigenous people, and workers; state recognition and compensation to families of victims from the 1990 and Fulbari uprisings; cancellation of false cases against Fulbari participants; preparing an independent, non-partisan state account of the Liberation War and the July Uprising; ensuring security for freedom fighters; removing fake

names from official FF lists; providing compensation to seriously injured veterans; preparing a nationwide list of war collaborators (razakars) of 1971 Liberation War; making Awami League apologise publicly for its role in the July Uprising; making Jamaat-e-Islami apologise publicly for anti-Liberation War acts; continuing legal proceedings independently; implementing reforms to ensure police and judges work free from political influence; implementing a rule requiring the automatic dismissal of the Home Minister if three consecutive extrajudicial killings or enforced disappearances occur; ending impunity; ensuring fair elections; ensuring economic security, protection, and healthcare for farmers, workers, students, teachers.

Professor Anu Muhammad presided over the event, while Dhaka University Professor Samina Luthfa was also present.

Shared trauma

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We want our representatives to restore peace," she said.

Jamaat candidate Barrister Arman said he has been active in the area for the past eight months. "The response from women and young voters has been overwhelming," he told The Daily Star. "The August 5, 2024 revolution was just the beginning. In Dhaka 14, you will see a new trend in politics."

Referring to Tulee as his "sister", Arman said, "We are not enemies. If I win, I will work with her. If I lose, I will be the first to congratulate her."

BNP candidate Sanjida Tulee said voters are seeking change beyond conventional politics, particularly young people. "We need a new kind of politics that ensures safety and improves education and healthcare," she said, adding that she is taking BNP's 31-point nationalist agenda to the people.

Highlighting local problems, she said the lack of streetlights poses security risks for both men and women, while drugs, teen gangs, corruption, and illegal encroachment remain widespread. "These are issues I want to address," she said.

Speaking about Arman, Tulee said, "Despite being from another party, he is like a brother to me. When we stood before the torture cell at the July Museum, there was no rivalry -- only humanity."

Meanwhile, independent candidate Shaju said his long-standing ties to the area give him an edge. "I am a son of this neighbourhood. My family's legacy and my 17 years

Over 200 killed

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Traffic congestion has also led to growing intolerance and impatience among drivers, which is contributing to road crashes, it said.

Several areas of Dhaka, including Jatrabari, Demra, Mohammadpur, Kuril Bishwa Road and Airport Road, have emerged as major accident hotspots, it said.

It identified nine major reasons, including faulty vehicles, reckless driving, and plying different modes of vehicles on the same roads, for road crashes.

It gave 14 recommendations, including withdrawing all vehicles with expired economic life and operating buses under particular companies to reduce the number of deaths.

Form law to make

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The calls came at a policy dialogue titled "Review of Draft Primary Healthcare (PHC) Legislation" at the CIRDAP Auditorium in Dhaka.

The event was jointly organised by the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) and the Universal Health Coverage Forum, with support from UNICEF.

Primary healthcare is the first point of contact for people with the health system and focuses on providing essential health services close to where people live and work. In May last year, the Health Sector Reform Commission recommended that the government make PHC a constitutional obligation and provide it free of cost to ensure universal access. The commission also suggested enacting a specific law to that end. Subsequently, members of the UHC Forum, with technical support from BRAC and PPRC, prepared a draft of the Primary Healthcare Ordinance 2025 and handed it over to the relevant advisers.

Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of PPRC and convener of the UHC Forum, said achieving UHC would require a special focus on primary healthcare.

He noted that while health is currently a government responsibility, it is not a constitutional obligation, making a dedicated PHC law essential.

He also stressed the need to continue dialogue on health sector reform, along

Hefazat chief

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guidance of scholars who adhere to what he termed "aqidah" (correct Islamic belief), while repeatedly urging political groups to avoid alliances with Jamaat.

"Alhamdulillah, I extend special congratulations to Islami Andolan Bangladesh for breaking free from the grip of Maududi-oriented Jamaat and choosing to adopt an independent political path. In Islamic politics, an independent path for those who stand for the truth was greatly needed. Insha Allah, this course will help create a more positive future for Islamic politics."

Babunagari further claimed that continued

alignment with Jamaat could have caused significant harm to Islamic political movements in Bangladesh, and expressed hope that Islami Andolan's decision would prevent that risk.

Reiterating Hefazat's position, he said the organisation would not support any political party in the upcoming election. However, he expressed optimism that voters would support parties that represent what he described as "pure Islamic values".

He also urged voters to reject groups that, in his words, promote "Maududism and deviant belief" under the banner of Islam.

Hadi's family to get

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Government Purchase at the Cabinet Division Conference Room in the Bangladesh Secretariat.

Responding to a question, Salehuddin Ahmed said two separate allocations have been made for Hadi's family.

"I will be given from the Ministry of Finance for purchasing a flat or house. The full amount may not be required," he said.

Another Tk 1 crore will



Light vehicles, including nosimon, operate illegally on the Khulna-Satkhira highway. Often overloaded and competing with each other, these vehicles frequently cause accidents, endangering lives. The photo was taken in the Atharo Mile area yesterday.

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