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He told the tribunal that interrogators questioned him about his social media posts, threatened to kill him, and said he had been detained on government orders.
Hasinur said he was first picked up on July 9, 2011, while serving as a lieutenant colonel at his office inside Mymensingh Cantonment.
He said senior officers summoned him late at night, forcibly detained him and took him to Dhaka, where he was held for 43 days inside an interrogation cell, blindfolded and handcuffed.
He was later court-martialed on what he described as a "false and fabricated" charge of involvement with the banned militant outfit Harkat ul Jihad and sentenced to four years' imprisonment.
His appeal against the verdict was never disposed of. He said he was released in 2014 on the order of then army chief Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan.

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BMU and Research and Management Consultants Limited jointly conducted the study between February and June last year. The findings were disseminated at a programme at BMU yesterday.
According to a BMU press release, data were collected using the Network Scale-Up Method (NSUM) from 13 districts and 26 upazilas across all eight divisions.
The research was supervised by the Department of Narcotics Control. The findings were presented by Chief Investigator Prof Saif Ullah Munshi, also dean of the Faculty of Basic Science and Para-Clinical Sciences.
The total estimated number of people using any type of substance nationwide stands at 81,94,605, the survey said.
Cannabis was identified as the most widely used drug, with around 61 lakh users. It was followed by yaba or methamphetamine (approximately 22.92 lakh users) and alcohol (20.20

lakh).
The survey estimated that around 39,000 people inject drugs, placing them at high risk of HIV, hepatitis and other infectious diseases.
Other substances used include codeine phosphate (3.39 lakh users), heroin (3.22 lakh), and sleeping pills (3.05 lakh). Smaller numbers were reported for crystal meth or ice (11,888 users), LSD (5,095), and other substances (1,35,864).
The prevalence rate of substance use varied significantly across divisions. Mymensingh recorded the highest rate at 6.02 percent, followed by Rangpur at 6.00 percent and Chattogram at 5.50 percent.
Lower prevalence rates were observed in Rajshahi (2.72 percent) and Khulna (4.08 percent).
Division-wise estimated numbers of substance users are: Barishal 4,04,118; Chattogram 18,79,503; Dhaka 22,87,970; Khulna 7,26,210; Mymensingh 7,60,812; Rajshahi 5,66,509; Rangpur 10,80,588; and Sylhet 4,88,141.

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Communication Officer Hrasraching Chowdhury Rony moderated the session.
In his opening remarks, Kapaeng Foundation Executive Director Pallab Chakma said concern for indigenous issues remained limited.
Presenting the keynote paper, Kapaeng Foundation Programme Manager Ujjal Azim said plainland indigenous communities had lived in the region for centuries with distinct languages, cultures and nature-based livelihoods, yet remained marginalised within the state structure.
He placed five demands, including constitutional recognition of indigenous peoples, formation of a separate land commission for plainland communities, ensuring indigenous representation in development processes, creating indigenous-friendly education and healthcare systems, and institutional support to preserve indigenous languages and culture through textbooks and the media.
Highlighting ground realities, Serila Lamin, a representative from the indigenous community, said Khasi communities in Moulvibazar's Kulaura had lived there for generations but still lacked land ownership.
Eugene Nockrek, president of the Joyenshahi Indigenous Development Council, said Garo communities in Madhupur continued to be denied land rights despite long-term habitation.
"Problems arise because indigenous people traditionally occupied forest land without formal documents," he said.
Kubraj member Monika Khongla said Khasi communities had lived in Sylhet even before British rule, but land disputes persisted due to exclusion during the 1956 land record process.
"Forest ownership has been handed over to the district administration and forest department, while indigenous people face false cases and harassment," she said, also warning against land grabbing in the name of tourism and development.
Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Public Administration Brengzon Chabungong said the land ownership crisis stemmed from a colonial mindset inherited from British rule.
"Without changing this mentality and ensuring indigenous inclusion in lawmaking, these problems will persist," he said, supporting demands for a land commission and a separate directorate for plainland indigenous peoples.
Association for Land Reform and Development Executive Director Shamsul Huda said unresolved indigenous issues remained in several ordinances yet to be enacted into law.
"A forest commission with indigenous representation is essential for protecting both forests and indigenous rights," he said.
National Human Rights Commission Secretary Sebastian Rema said, "Without coordination within the state structure and unity among indigenous communities, these problems cannot be resolved."

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biodiversity would occur in the Sundarbans, with Goran trees thriving instead of Sundari and an increase in the population of salt-tolerant insects. Traditional crop production would decline by half, he said, stressing the need to increase the use of surface water. "To save the people of this region, embankments must be repaired, and water sources must be protected from destruction," Dr Nishat said.
Referring to a recent storm surge in Florida that reached a height of 17 feet, he warned, "If a similar storm surge hits Bangladesh, the water could reach as far as Faridpur."
He said that while Wasa addresses water issues in metropolitan areas and DPHE in municipalities, there is no dedicated authority to resolve drinking water crises faced by marginalised communities.
Dr Nishat also stressed the need to maintain good relations with neighbouring countries to address transboundary water-related challenges.
Prof Dr Kazi Maruful Islam of Dhaka University, Prof Anwarul Kadir of Sundarbans Academy, Mohammad Zobair Hasan of DORP, and Abul Kalam Azad of ActionAid Bangladesh supplemented the keynote discussion.
The event was attended by representatives of various national and international development organisations and experts.

Old video, fake media

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The national election is ahead. You must exercise your voting rights yourselves and form a government of your choice."
At the time the fact-check report was published, the most viral version of the clip on TikTok garnered 26,000 views, 900 reactions and 100 shares.
However, Rumor Scanner's fact check found that the video is neither recent nor linked to the upcoming 13th national parliamentary election. The footage dates back to 2023 and shows remarks made by the president in the context of the 12th national parliamentary election.
During verification, fact-checkers found a video titled "Let the upcoming election be fair: Mohammed Shahabuddin" published on February 13, 2023, on the YouTube channel of ATN News. The circulated clip matches this original video.
In the original footage, the president was speaking ahead of the 12th national

3,000 leprosy cases detected

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She said 2,640 new cases were detected in the first nine months of last year, while the figures were 3,519 in 2024 and 3,639 in the previous year.
The National Leprosy Programme, in collaboration with NGOs, has been identifying new patients and providing treatment, she said.
There is a national strategic plan for 2023 to 2030 and an updated national guideline for treatment, she added, but said several barriers were holding back their efforts.
She said the national programme currently has no funds to continue essential activities such as training, capacity building, assessment and surveillance, while many posts remain vacant.
Talking to this correspondent after the programme, she said that following the expiry of the

sectoral programme last year, operations have been continuing with funding provided by the World Health Organization.
She said a massive drive is needed in high-burden districts to detect new cases and ensure patients receive treatment.
Shishir Moral, a special correspondent at Prothom Alo, said leprosy has long been neglected and receives very little media coverage.
Rajesh Narwal, deputy representative of WHO Bangladesh, said media and communities need to come forward to create awareness about leprosy.
Shiekh Momena Moni, an additional secretary of the health ministry, said many with leprosy are afraid to disclose their condition due to superstition. She also emphasised the need to address manpower and infrastructure challenges in leprosy treatment.
Prof Abu Jafor, director

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Amendment 1
Package No: CP-GD-34
Package Name: Supply, installation and commissioning of Full Mission Engine Room Simulator, Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator & High Voltage Simulator for Ship Building and Marine Technology of Institute of Marine Technologies
Document Originally Issued on: 28-October-2025
Amendment Issued on: 25-January-2026
The tender document was originally issued on 28 October 2025. As per the original tender document, the deadline for submission of requests for clarification was 20 November 2025. During this period, several queries were received from potential bidders.
The Procuring Entity (PE) conducted multiple meetings with the end users and other relevant stakeholders to address the issues raised. In the meantime, the tender submission deadline was extended twice. As per Corrigendum-2, the final date of tender submission is 15 February 2026.
Based on discussions addressing the queries received from the suppliers and the requirements of the end users, necessary amendments have been incorporated into the Tender Document. The amended tender document will be provided to all bidders who have already purchased the tender document and will also be made available at the project office to allow further participation of potential bidders.
The tender submission and opening date and time shall remain unchanged, in accordance with Corrigendum-2.
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১২. নিবন্ধনের জন্য আর্থিক প্রস্তাবে উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের সমপরিমাণ অর্থ মেয়র/প্রশাসক, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডারটি (মূলকপি) প্রধান বর্জ্য ব্যবস্থাপনা কর্মকর্তার দপ্তর, নগর ভবন, ঢাকাসিক বরাবর জমা প্রদান করতে হবে। এক্ষেত্রে পে-অর্ডারটির স্ক্যান কপি অনলাইনে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে।
১৩. কারিগরি প্রস্তাব তথা ফরম-ই এর সাথে কারিগরি প্রস্তাব মূল্যায়ন সংক্রান্ত প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাদি সংশ্লিষ্ট আকারে আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
১৪. স্বাক্ষরিত আর্থিক প্রস্তাব তথা ফরম-ঈ এর সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট আকারে আবেদনপত্র ক্রয়ের ব্যাংক রশিদ এবং নিবন্ধন মূল্যের পে-অর্ডার জমা প্রদানের রশিদ জমা প্রদান করতে হবে। অন্যথায় আর্থিক প্রস্তাব গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
১৫. কারিগরি প্রস্তাব ও আর্থিক প্রস্তাব পৃথকভাবে সংযুক্ত করে ই-মেইলসমূহে cwmo@dscc.gov.bd, administrator@dscc.gov.bd, ceo@dscc.gov.bd প্রেরণ করতে হবে।
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খ) আবেদনপত্র ক্রয় ও জমা প্রদানের সময় নিম্নে উল্লেখ করা হলোঃ
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