

'Fascists have no supporters left'

Home adviser rejects any impact of Hasina's statements

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Adviser Lt Gen (ret) Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday said there is "no doubt" over the 13th national election being held, insisting it cannot be destabilised by ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina's messages from abroad.

He further claimed that the fascists have no supporters left in the country.

Jahangir made the remarks while briefing reporters after the graduation parade of the 63rd batch of female prison guards at the Prison Training Centre in Gazipur's Kashimpur prison campus.

The home adviser said any audio message from Hasina, now staying in India, would have no impact on the election.

He claimed that those who supported them before no longer stand with them, and that many supporters have left the country and taken refuge abroad.

Earlier in the day, addressing the ceremony as the chief guest, Jahangir said ensuring prisoners' security must go hand in hand with safeguarding their rights.

He stressed the need for a transparent, accountable, and non-discriminatory prison administration.

After inspecting the parade, the adviser distributed awards among the best-performing female prison guards. Inspector General of Prisons Brig Gen Syed Md Motahar Hossain and other officials were present at the briefing.

Army chief reviews troops on polls duty

BSS, Dhaka

Army chief General Waker-Uz Zaman yesterday reviewed troops deployed

"in aid of civil power" in the northwestern Rajshahi and Rangpur regions, giving them directives and exchanging views with civil administration officials over the elections, said an ISPR statement.

The army chief joined two meetings at Rangpur Circuit House and the Infantry Regimental Centre in Rajshahi with senior military officers and divisional and district-level civil officials.

The meetings discussed issues of coordination and security management to hold the polls in a peaceful, neutral and fair manner.



Fishermen are rushing to catch fish, stretching seine nets across the water and pulling the catch to the shore using boats. They are doing this as canals and wetlands in various upazilas of Rajshahi are slowly drying up. The photo was taken from a wetland in Mohanpur upazila recently.

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US envoy visits Ctg, highlights trade ties

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

US Ambassador Brent Christensen has reinforced economic cooperation and bilateral ties in meetings with business and civil society leaders during his first visit to Chattogram on January 26-27.

At Chattogram Port, he marked the arrival of nearly 60,000 tonnes of US wheat, underscoring burgeoning trade between American farmers and Bangladeshi agricultural importers, according to a statement of the US embassy in Dhaka.

He then met US agricultural commodity importers to highlight the quality of American agricultural products and discuss trade and shipping challenges.



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to regulate emerging tobacco items.

Farida Akhter said the ordinance was placed before the council in November 2024 but was initially delayed over concerns that it might reduce revenue.

She alleged that tobacco companies approached all advisers to persuade them not to approve the ordinance or to remain silent.

"Tobacco companies use notorious tactics to lure people into addiction. They are planning to kill people." "What is the rationale for the government holding shares in companies that are killing people?" she asked.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum said even the chief adviser faced both written and unwritten pressure over the ordinance but remained firm.

On the proposed nicotine pouch factory,

she said officials visited the site and found two sheds had already been built. "We have instructed them to remove the sheds. Without environmental clearance, the factory cannot be set up."

She directed authorities to form a committee to draft the rules under the ordinance and finalise them within the interim government's tenure.

Sheikh Momena Moni, additional secretary of the health ministry, said Bangladesh records 564 tobacco-related deaths daily.

While the government earns Tk 40,000 crore in tobacco revenue, tobacco consumption and production cost the country Tk 87,000 crore annually, she said.

Health Secretary Saidur Rahman and WHO Representative Ahmed Jamsheed Mohamed also spoke.

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administrative work, such a government has neither the authority nor the justification to undertake policy-making decisions," said a statement issued by the committee.

"Ignoring all logic, information and national interest, the government's initiative to lease out the New Mooring Container Terminal at Chattogram Port on a long-term basis and to enter into a trade agreement with Japan without proper consultation is highly questionable due to its lack of transparency, secrecy and undue haste," the statement read.

The platform urged the government to immediately stop what it described as anti-people activities, including signing controversial agreements and making wasteful financial allocations.

It said such hurried efforts to sign long-term agreements at the very last moment before the election, while ignoring the opinions of political parties and the public, strongly resemble the arbitrary actions of the previous authoritarian government.

The GOC said various steps taken by the interim government in the interest of domestic and foreign groups are pushing the country's economy toward greater risk.

"Amid massive shortfalls in government revenue and a sharp rise in operating expenditures, a proposal has been made to increase the salaries of government employees by 142 percent. Moreover, under an initiative to develop a luxury apartment project for ministers of the next government, a project costing Tk 786 crore is being undertaken to construct 72 luxury flats

in the Ministers' Area in Dhaka," the statement said.

"Instead of increasing allocations for employment, food security and social safety nets, budgetary allocations are being increased for government operations and administrative expenses. The wasteful high-expenditure allocations of this government, along with its suspicious efforts to sign internationally harmful agreements, will put even the next elected government in danger," it added.

Economist Prof Anu Muhammad, Dr Moshahida Sultana, Dr Samina Luthfa, Nazmus Sakib, Dilip Ray, Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, Ferdous Ara Rumi, Sajib Tanvir, Abdullah Mahfuz Ovi, Akram Khan, Sima Dutta, Afzal Hossain and Farhana Sharmin Emu were among the signatories to the statement.

EC must ensure

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account for only around 4.2 percent of candidates, which she said reflects broader problems in the country's electoral and political systems.

She said women's organisations had earlier met the EC and submitted recommendations on candidate selection, the influence of money and power in elections, and broader electoral reforms from a gender perspective.

While the commission later took steps to improve voting access for persons with disabilities, she said there has been no response to other demands raised by women's groups.

Fauzia said the Committee sought another meeting with the EC ahead of the election but received no response, prompting the platform to raise its concerns through the media.

She said women's

participation in various movements has not translated into political leadership and criticised the misuse of religion and misogynistic narratives during election campaigns.

In reply to a question regarding the upcoming referendum, Fauzia said from the perspective of the women's movement, it is difficult to support any reform initiative when recommendations of the Women's Reform Commission are ignored, and women's rights and misogyny are not adequately addressed.

The written memorandum was read out by Morium Nesa, manager of the Women's Rights and Gender Equity team at ActionAid Bangladesh.

In the memorandum, the committee said women have long played a key role in struggles for democratic rights in Bangladesh, but continue to be treated merely as voters rather

than full citizens.

It expressed concern over reports of violence and intimidation targeting women, minorities and disadvantaged groups ahead of the polls and urged the EC to take special measures to ensure their security and enable them to vote freely and safely.

Among its 10-point demands were ensuring security before, during and after polling, preventing online harassment and hate speech against women, special security for women candidates, and a complete ban on the use of religion in election campaigns.

The press conference was also attended by Maleka Banu, general secretary of Mahila Parishad; Shashwate Biplob, associate director of BRAC; and representatives of other organisations under the platform.

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School, Kaptai Al-Amin Nuria Dakhil Madrasah, Farua Junior Secondary School and Islamabad Government Primary School in Khagrachhari; Balaghata Ideal School, Haji Firoza Begum Wami Academy, Tindu

Junior High School, Manikchhari Girls' High School and Pujangam Government Primary School in Rajshahi; and Hajachhari

Junior High School and Bogamukh Para Government Primary School in Bandarban.

Yunus said, "The internet has reached the whole world, but it has not reached your areas. The government is responsible

for this not happening for so long. We apologise. Today we started with only 12 schools, whereas it should have started in 3,500 schools. We have to reach that goal very quickly."

Safeguard

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of indigenous voters living in remote hill areas by arranging accommodation and food facilities near polling centres, and ensure unrestricted movement for all indigenous voters travelling to polling centres in both plains and hill regions, and take measures to stop harassment.

The demands were made at a press conference at DRU yesterday. Dr Khairul Islam Chowdhury, joint coordinator of the platform, chaired the event, while another joint coordinator, Zakir Hossain, gave keynote address.

ALRD Executive Director Shamsul Huda, writer and journalist Abu Saeed Khan, and rights activists Mainthin Promila and Dipayan Khisa also spoke.

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HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 2261 of 2025
Tata Communications LimitedPetitioner
Vs.
Level 3 Carrier Limited and others..... Respondents

Notice is here by given that an application under Section 242 read with Section 241 (v) of the Companies Act, 1994, has been filed by the Petitioner for winding up of Respondent No. 1- Company. The petition was presented to the Hon'ble High Court Division on 18.12.2025 and was admitted by the Court. Any concerned party desirous of opposing the application should appear at the time of hearing in person or through an Advocate for that purpose; and a copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to anyone requiring the same, on payment of a prescribed charge for the same.

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Tender ID: 1220261 Invitation Reference No.: 15.54.3025.023.07.016.25 Procurement Type: NCT Procurement Method: Open Tendering Method (OTM)	Procurement of Broadcast Networking related Equipment for BTV Dhaka Station	27-Jan-2026 15:00 BST	15-Feb-2026 13:00 BST	15-Feb-2026 14:30 BST

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