

Labour rights

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billboards, and loudspeaker announcements as candidates vie to represent the constituency in parliament.

Some locals, however, are sceptical. Saphor Ali Matbor, a resident of Gazirhat in his sixties, said past MPs failed to deliver.

"Wewant representatives who will work to improve living standards, control commodity prices, and solve gas and water crises," he said.

Jerin Tasnim Boishakhya, a JU student and a Dhaka-19 voter, said election discussions among students often focus on social media trolling and narratives.

"One major party faces criticism over extortion allegations. Another is questioned over its stance on women's rights and the Liberation War. Many were initially hopeful about the NCP, formed by leaders of the July uprising, but its sudden alliance with Jamaat has left many confused," she said.

In this regard, NCP candidate Dilshana Parul told The Daily Star, "This is a temporary electoral alliance, not an ideological one. While there are differences between NCP and Jamaat, there is also unity regarding the July spirit, reforms, justice, and building a new Bangladesh."

She said she was receiving strong support from local Jamaat-e-Islami activists. Expressing optimism about her chances, she noted positive responses from female garment workers and senior citizens.

If elected, Parul pledged to establish international-standard training centres for young workers, a specialised government

hospital for labourers, and state-run day-care centres for working women.

"Within the first 100 days, I will begin work on waste management and waterlogging. I will free Savar-Ashulia from all forms of crime and extortion, de-pollute the Turag and Bangshi rivers, and develop natural parks along their banks for recreation," she said.

BNP candidate Mohammad Salahuddin expressed confidence in his chances, calling the election "a result of a 17-year struggle to restore the people's right to vote".

"Voters have faith in me because I was imprisoned and faced numerous cases during the previous regime," he said.

He pledged to prioritise the safety of female workers, ease Savar's chronic traffic congestion, and curb river pollution through stricter enforcement of environmental laws.

However, he noted a major concern. "Since the election coincides with a long holiday, it may reduce turnout, as many garment workers might leave for their village homes."

"I am working hard to bring voters to polling centres and explain the importance of voting," he said.

The densely populated seat has 7,47,070 voters - 3,79,906 men, 3,67,151 women, and 13 hijra individuals.

PRAYER TIMING
FEBRUARY 3

Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:15	5:52	7:15
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:30	5:56	7:45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

MJF unveils platform

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Although electricity access is near universal, speakers said women continue to experience "energy poverty" through unpaid labour and health risks associated with cooking fuels.

MJF Programme Director Banasree Mitra Neogi said rural women spend more than five hours a day on cooking and fuel collection, reducing time for education, income generation and leadership roles.

She also said nearly 90 percent of households still rely on biomass fuels, while only 28 percent of people have access to clean cooking fuel, exposing women to serious health risks.

The platform further said it will work to expand women-led and community-based renewable energy initiatives, create employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for women, and strengthen women's participation in just transition decision-making.

The launch followed the Just Energy Transition Conference 2026, organised by MJF on Sunday, which brought together policymakers, private sector representatives, women leaders, youth groups, marginalised communities and grassroots innovators, organisers said.

At the conference, WEE-NET urged the government to ensure meaningful participation of women and marginalised communities in energy and climate policymaking, phase out fossil fuel subsidies in favour of renewable energy, and stop approvals for new coal-, gas- and oil-based power plants.

The network also called for renewable energy targets of 30 percent by 2030, 40 percent by 2041 and 100 percent by 2050,

along with tax waivers on solar equipment, duty cuts to expand electric mobility, and the creation of two million jobs for women and marginalised groups through training, finance and technical support.

The 33 organisations under the platform include Welfare Efforts (WE), Dalit Empowerment Foundation, Breaking The Silence, Bangladesh Indigenous Women's Network, Village Education Resource Center, UDAYAN, ESDO, POPI and ASHIKA Development Associates.

Feb 12 polls

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election officials at the Shilpakala Academy in Barishal city.

Referring to security measures, he said a security app was successfully used during the last two pujas and will be used again during the election.

"There are 42,700 polling centres countrywide, while there were about 33,000 puja mandaps. The security app worked effectively there," he added.

He said that to address potential risks, the government has increased the deployment of security forces. Around 1,00,000 army personnel, 1,50,000 police personnel, 10,000 Rab members, 5,000 navy personnel, 37,000 coastguards, 5,000 borderguards and nearly 6,00,000 Ansar members will be deployed nationwide.

BNCC members will also be engaged, he said. The adviser said body cameras will be used by law enforcers, alongside CCTV cameras, drones and dog squads.

He reiterated that all concerned will perform duties impartially to ensure a credible election.

33% food samples tested unsafe in FY 2024-25

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The BFSa now conducts targeted surveillance, focusing on high-risk products that are widely consumed, such as lentils, parathas, and snacks, and prioritises testing products consumed by children, including chips and items never tested before, he also said.

Mostafa stressed that while Bangladesh is still developing specific national limits, the BFSa used references from international standards, such as the European limit of 0.75 ppm for acrylamide, which many local samples exceeded.

He also highlighted initiatives to train producers in using safer alternatives to reduce health risks. He further stressed that these efforts are part of a data-driven, long-term strategy to ensure safe and nutritious food for the public, build robust food safety monitoring, and support informed policymaking and research.

As per BFSa's data, the extent of adulteration, contamination, or low nutritional content in food samples is on the rise in recent years - 8.5% in FY 2022-23 and 15.4% in 2023-24.

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year strategic plan for agriculture sector to ensure food security and availability in the country, which takes into account both human and non-human consumption to ensure comprehensive demand assessment and supply planning.

BFSa Chairman Zakaria said the authority has been testing food samples since FY2019-20.

For the first time, the BFSa has started compiling the test results into a database and has also initiated efforts to publish them online. Previously, no database was maintained for these tests, and the results were not made publicly available, he added.

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Metropolitan Senior Special Judge Court, Dhaka.

Present: Mr. Md. Sabbir Faiz
(Metro Sessions Judge)
Metropolitan Senior Special Judge, Dhaka.

Permission Petition No.42/2026

Order No.- 01, Date: 11-01-2026

Investigation officer Mr. Mohd. Kamruzzaman, BP no.7502006224, Inspector of Police, Financial Crime, Organized Crime, CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka submitted a petition under Memo-CI/Financial Crime/225, Dated:-08.01.2026, Source Memo-Financial Crime/BFIU/Verification/55-2025/7786, Dated:-06.11.2025 under sections 2(*) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012(ammendment-2015) to freeze assets of accused A.H.M Khairuzzaman Lition and 41 Bank accounts and his family members and also related to his interests under section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

The petition is taken up for hearing,

Heard learned Additional Public Prosecutor and gone through the petition as well as the records. It is found that an enquiry is undergoing against the aforesaid alleged accused A.H.M Khairuzzaman Lition and 41 Bank accounts and his family members and also related to his interests under section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

It appears from the record that the alleged offender has acquired huge amount of illegal wealth beyond his known source of income by adopting illegal means and if those assets are not attached and frozen those assets will be laundered or transferred and those can not be possible to be forfeited after trial which will frustrate this case. Hence those assets need to be freezed and attached.

Considering the facts and circumstances, I am convinced to allow the petition submitted by Investigation officer Mr. Mohd. Kamruzzaman, BP no.7502006224, Inspector of Police, Financial Crime, Organized Crime, CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka and accordingly the assets as mentioned in the petition are hereby freezed and attached until further order as per section 14(1) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012.

It is hereby further ordered that the copy of this order be issued to the Director, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka to the effect that while the freezing order is in effect regarding the said accounts, the account holders will not be allowed to withdraw any money. But they will be at liberty to deposit only.

Let this order be published in the Government Official Gazette along with widely circulated one daily Bengali and one daily English newspaper under section 14(3) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012 for information of the citizens at large.

Let this order along with the photy copy of the application be sent to Investigation officer Mr. Mohd. Kamruzzaman, BP no.7502006224, Inspector of Police, Financial Crime, Organized Crime, CID, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka and Publication department, Tejgaon, Dhaka; Director, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka, and other concerned authorities for necessary action.

Inform all concerned Authorities at once.

Directed & Corrected by me.

Sd/-
Metro. Senior Spl Judge, Dhaka.
Memo Number: 42/2026

Sd/-
(Md. Sabbir Faiz)
Metro. Senior Special Judge, Dhaka.
Date: 11/01/26

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Inspector General
Bangladesh Police
Police Headquarters, Dhaka

Invitation for International Tender

Memo No. 44.01.0000.058.07.019.25/157 Date: 02/02/2026

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/suppliers in their official pad for supply of following items as required by Bangladesh Police in FY 2025-2026.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police			
3	Procuring entity name	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police.			
4	Invitation for	To Purchase 1) 7.62x51 mm Cartridge for Bangladesh Police			
5	Invitation Ref. No.	44.01.0000.058.07.019.25/05(2025-2026)			
6	Date	02/02/2026			
KEY INFORMATION					
7	Procurement method	One Stage Two Envelope (International Tender)			
FUNDING INFORMATION					
8	Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)			
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
9	Tender publication date	03 February 2026			
10	Tender last selling date	15 March 2026			
11	Tender closing date and time	16 March 2026 at 12.00 hrs			
12	Tender opening date and time (Technical offer only)	16 March 2026 at 12.30 hrs			
Name & address of the office					
13	Name & address of the office	Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, 6, Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka.			
	Selling tender document	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.			
	Receiving tender document	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.			
	Opening tender document	NCCOM Building (Conference Room 2 Floor), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.			
14	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	09 March 2026, at 12.00 hrs. NCCOM Building (Conference Room 2nd Floor), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER					
15	Eligibility of tenderer	1) Up-to-date Export license 2) Written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the tender in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Principal 3) Provide the legal and financial capacity of the tenderer with affidavit 4) Original full Brochure of products of the Principal 5) Other requirements are described in the standard tender document [PG SA).			
16	Brief description of goods				
Sl. No.	Description of Good	Quantity	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security in (USD)	Completion time (Date of Opening of L/C)
1	7.62x51 mm Cartridge	1,50,000 Pcs	12,000/-	6,130.00 USD	120 days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS					
17	Name of the official inviting the tender	Md. Moniruzzaman, BPM-Sheba			
18	Designation of the official inviting the tender	Assistant Inspector General (Arms & Ammunition)			
19	Address of official inviting the tender	Assistant Inspector General (Arms & Ammunition), Room No. 315 (2nd Floor), 6, Phoenix Road, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.			
20	Contact details of official inviting the tender	Phone: 02-47120270, Fax: 02-55101641 E-mail: alga_a@police.gov.bd & aigarmsbd@gmail.com			
21	The tenderers shall submit their Technical and Financial offer in separate sealed envelope. Furthermore both envelopes shall be covered by an outer envelope which is sealed.				
Special instructions					
22	a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date. b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason. c) The Procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) of the tender. d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue. e) Evaluation will be on item by item basis. f) Date of financial offer opening will be duly informed to the Technically Responsive Tenderers and their local agents. g) The Tenderer must comply with all requirements as per the tender data sheet provided with the tender schedule. h) The Tender Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable bank guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh. i) The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2025.				

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