JULY MUSEUM

Climax of 36 days, Hasina's misrule

Says foreign adviser

UNB, *Dhaka*

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain on Tuesday said the July Mass Uprising Memorial Museum reflects Bangladeshi people's struggle against the misrule of former PM Sheikh Hasina.

"The museum showcases the climax of the 36 days of the July uprising, but it also highlights the elements of years of misrule," he said, adding that the true lesson of history is to ensure it is not repeated.

The foreign adviser made the remarks as foreign diplomats stationed in Dhaka visited the museum on Monday, days before its opening to the public.

Cultural Affairs Adviser Mostofa Sarwar Farooki briefed the diplomats and guided them through the museum's key sections.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 29 wrote to all diplomatic missions, UN agencies and offices of international organisations in Dhaka, inviting the diplomats to join the museum tour, a senior official at the ministry told the news agency.

Teen shot dead, 5 injured in clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Narsingdi*

A 14-year-old boy was shot dead, and at least five others were injured during a clash over establishing dominance in the char area of Saydabad under Raipura upazila in Narsingdi early yesterday.

The clash erupted around 5:00am between two rival groups led by Hanif Master and Ershad Ullah, according to police and local sources.

The deceased was identified as Mostakim, 14, son of Masud Mia of Saydabad village. He sustained critical bullet injuries and was rushed to Raipura Upazila Health Complex, where doctors declared him dead.

Police could not immediately confirm which group Mostakim belonged to. Among the injured, Rafiqul Islam, 34, was identified, while the identities of four others were yet to be confirmed.

Sujan Chandra Sarkar, additional superintendent of police (crime) in Narsingdi, said members of the police, the army, and the Rab rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Around five- to six-year-old sand-filled geo-bags lie along Kuakata Sea Beach, with algae growing on them over time. Although installed to prevent beach erosion, the geo-bags have become hazardous as algae and dents make them slippery and unsafe for locals and tourists. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: **SOHRAB HOSSAIN**

Countless promises, little change

Tea workers remain indifferent to voting on Feb 12

MINTU DESHWARA

Although the 13th national election is a week away, tea garden workers in Sylhet division remain largely indifferent to voting, citing decades of neglect and unfulfilled promises by elected representatives.

Tea workers, considered a significant voting bloc, say candidates engage with them only during election periods and fail to deliver meaningful improvements once polls are over.

Workers across the division complain of persistent problems, including dilapidated roads, a lack of safe drinking water, inadequate educational facilities, the absence of hospitals and ambulances and ongoing health risks.

According to industry sources, several hundred thousand workers are employed in 158 tea gardens in the Sylhet division.

The workers said that although their votes have often been decisive, their living conditions have not improved.

Ratan Ghatual, a worker at Chandichhara Tea Garden, said she brings her six-month-old child to work to support her family. "Who should we vote for? They are not available after the election."

Another worker from the same garden, Meghna Mridha, said, "We haven't decided yet whether we will vote."

Ranjan Kurmi, a worker at Khadim Tea Garden in Sylhet, said, "When someone falls sick, it becomes extremely difficult to take them to a hospital. Candidates promise solutions during elections, but none are implemented."

Noyon Bauri, a resident of Noapara Tea Garden in Habiganj, said workers intend to be more cautious this time. "We will vote wisely -- for whoever actually works for our development."

"If tourism were developed properly, we wouldn't have to leave our area for work," said Suman Goala, a young resident of Chatlapur Tea Garden in Moulvibazar.

Nirmal S Palash, general secretary of SHUJAN (Kamalganj), said Kamalganj and Srimangal have immense tourism potential, but government initiatives remain inadequate. Candidates should pursue planned, safe and environmentally sustainable tourism.

CANDIDATES OUTLINE PROMISES

Meanwhile, candidates have outlined their commitments during campaign activities.

BNP candidate Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury said his priorities include improving tea workers' living standards, developing the tourism industry and creating jobs for unemployed youth.

Pritam Das, NCP candidate for Moulvibazar-4, said, "If elected, I will work to improve the quality of life of tea workers and Khasia communities, modernise tourism, create employment and develop roads in the haor-tila region."

BSD candidate Md Abul Hasan from the same constituency pledged environment-friendly and planned development, prioritising tourism, increasing tea workers' wages, ensuring land ownership rights and providing constitutional recognition to indigenous communities.

FACT-CHECKED

Fact-checkers disprove two viral claims

STAR REPORT

Dismislab has debunked a viral claim that BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir endorsed votes for Jamaat's "scale" symbol and assigned Chhatra Dal to carry ballot boxes.

Recently, a photo card bearing the DBC News logo went viral on social media. The card claimed that Mirza Fakhrul said, "There is no problem with people going to vote, and it is the responsibility of the Chhatra Dal to bring the ballot boxes on their heads." The photo card was shared in multiple Facebook groups on February 2.

Dismislab examined all photo cards and posts published on DBC News' verified Facebook page on February 2 but found no such photo card or report containing the alleged statement.

The organisation also checked DBC News' official website and YouTube channel, where no record of such comments was found.

Dismislab contacted Kamrul Islam Rubel, deputy general manager of DBC News' Digital Media Department. He confirmed that DBC News did not publish any such photo card.

NO ELECTION DAY INTERNET BAN

Meanwhile, fact-checking organisation Rumor Scanner has also disproved a claim alleging that Home Affairs Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury announced an internet shutdown on election day.

A video titled "Internet to be shut down on election day! What a shocking announcement made by the home affairs adviser" has been widely circulated on social media platforms, particularly TikTok and YouTube.

During its investigation, Rumor Scanner identified a video published on February 1 by a YouTube channel named "Aaf Times". Screenshots from this video's thumbnail matched those circulating online.

Although the thumbnail claimed an internet shutdown announcement, the video actually said the home affairs adviser warned of legal action if internet services were shut down on election day.

Rushed media ordinances

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commissioners, and administrative and financial framework would remain under direct government control and heavy bureaucratic influence.

It said such a design exposes the body to political interference and falls short of international human rights standards, including Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), which requires media regulators to be independent, impartial, and free from executive control.

Beyond questions of structural independence, Article 19 said the ordinance contains further deficiencies, including the exclusion of freelance journalists from the legal definition of "journalist", depriving a large segment of the media community of access to protections, accreditation, and safety mechanisms.

The organisation warned that such exclusion risks further weakening an already fragile media landscape.

It said the proposed Broadcasting Commission Ordinance mirrors the same problems, centralising state control rather than safeguarding pluralism, editorial independence, or public-interest journalism.

Article 19 also expressed concern that the rushed ordinances come nearly a year after the Bangladesh Media Reform Commission submitted its report on March 22, 2025, which included recommendations for a National Media Commission.

It said the interim government took no meaningful action on those recommendations, while members of the Reform Commission have publicly voiced frustration over the lack of follow-up.

"The government's sudden urgency after months of inaction raises serious questions about motive and legitimacy," the organisation said.

With Bangladesh set to form a new elected government after the February 12 national election, Article 19 urged the interim government to halt the enactment process and leave such far-reaching decisions to the incoming administration with a fresh democratic mandate.

It also called on the authorities to defer the ordinances, commit to a transparent and inclusive consultation process with journalists, editors, civil society, and legal experts, and ensure any future media regulator is fully independent and free from executive control.

The organisation further urged recognition of freelance journalists under relevant laws with equal protection, alignment of reforms with international human rights standards, including Article 19 of the ICCPR, and guarantees of safety and free movement for all journalists during the election period.

Healing through shared experiences

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Many survivors, she added, find it easier to share sensitive issues with peers who have lived through similar harm rather than with family members or supervisors.

With consistent support, survivors gradually recover, regain confidence and begin planning their futures, she said.

"The most emotional moment is when many say they want to be like me," Ferdousi said, describing this shift as the real measure of progress.

The workshop concept note said survivor aftercare has traditionally been led by professional social workers and service providers. However, evidence shows that models strengthened by people with lived experience can improve trust, engagement, continuity of care and long-term reintegration.

It added that, in the absence of scalable best-practice models, rescued survivors have often faced dropouts, re-trafficking and displacement.

Under the model discussed, trained peer facilitators with lived experience work as skilled professionals delivering structured, trauma-informed aftercare, including counselling, peer mentoring, psychosocial support and life skills development.

The programme also provides leadership training, vocational skills and income-generating support, along with family counselling to aid reintegration. It coordinates rescue, repatriation, rehabilitation and health services through local providers and has introduced a Digital National Referral Mechanism in partnership with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Chief guest M Jashim Uddin Khan, additional secretary at the home ministry, said the model is important because people with lived experience understand problems in ways others often cannot.

He said systems can produce many experts, but those who have lived through exploitation know where the real pain points lie. He also stressed the need to distinguish clearly between "victim" and "survivor" and outlined stages of support -- rescue, reintegration and restoration -- emphasising that restoration is essential, as reintegration alone may not always be sufficient.

Special guest Tahera Jabeen, social development adviser at the British High Commission, said the dialogue provided space to reflect on how the model could inform future policy and programme design.

She cited global figures showing nearly 50 million people affected by modern slavery, with women and girls comprising 54 percent of victims, and nearly 80 percent of those trafficked for sexual exploitation being female. She said survivor leadership makes services more practical and respectful.

Salma Parvin of the University of Dhaka said recovery is often underestimated by those who have not experienced exploitation, and that rebuilding a life is a far more complex process than many assume.

Justice and Care Country Director Mohammed Tariqul Islam delivered the closing remarks.

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"দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি"

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1	1191744	BU/PIN13838/G-2	Procurement of Chemicals & Glassware for Lab	17/02/2026 5:00 pm	18/02/2026 2:00pm

This is online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.
The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks' Branches.
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Held Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC)
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Vacancy Announcement

SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC) is inviting application for the following positions *[to be recruited from the citizens of Bangladesh];*

1. Driver (Number of positions: 1)
2. Watchman (Number of positions: 1)

Details of appointment notice, qualification and experience, terms and conditions, salaries/allowances, facilities and benefits, etc. shall be available at the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka – 1215, Bangladesh and in website: ***http//:www.sac.org.bd.***

Application in English with complete "Curriculum Vitae" with two copies of recent passport size photographs, photocopies of all certificates and other documents (education, experiences, NID, etc.) should be submitted to Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre, BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka - 1215 within **19th February 2026**.

Canvassing of any form will disqualify the candidate.

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Director, SAC

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