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'Ensure impartial probe into post-polls violence'

Demands Human Rights Forum Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Human Rights Forum Bangladesh (HRFB) yesterday expressed deep concern over incidents of violence in several districts following the 13th national parliamentary election, including two reported deaths and an allegation of rape.

In a statement, the rights platform called for swift and impartial investigations into the incidents.

It said violence was reported in different parts of the country after the polls, leaving two people dead.

Citing media reports, HRFB said one person was killed in Munshiganj and another in Bagerhat in incidents linked to post-election violence.

The forum also referred to reports of attacks in Sylhet, Cumilla, Narsingdi, Feni, Gazipur, Natore, Jhalakathi, Narail, Pabna, Bogura, Faridpur, Barguna, Jhenaidah, Chandpur, Patuakhali, Kishoreganj and Dinajpur, where many people were reportedly injured.

At the same time, a woman alleged that she was raped by supporters of a political rival for taking part in election campaigning on behalf of a party, the statement said.

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A Dhaka City Corporation worker uses a makeshift wooden rod to remove the banner of a national parliamentary election candidate. Though the Election Commission had prohibited their use for campaigning, many disregarded that rule. The photo was taken on the Dhaka University campus yesterday.

PHOTO: FIROZ AHMED

JS spruced up ahead of MPs', cabinet oath

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Refurbishment, repairs and cleaning were underway at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday as preparations intensified for the swearing-in ceremonies of the newly elected MPs and the new cabinet.

Work was seen going on to clean the South Plaza and the surrounding areas. The parliament complex is also being refurbished, with damaged areas being repaired and spaces cleaned to welcome the new members.

A senior official of the parliament secretariat said the interior of the parliament building and MPs' designated rooms had been rearranged and redecorated.

Preparations have been ongoing since Saturday under the supervision of the Cabinet Division and the Parliament Secretariat, he said.

The newly elected MPs of the 13th parliament will be sworn in tomorrow at 10:00am at the South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, said Law Adviser Asif Nazrul.



The swearing-in ceremony of the new cabinet will also be held at the same venue at 4:00pm, he said while talking to reporters at his office at the Secretariat yesterday.

CEC AMM Nasir Uddin is likely to administer the oath to the MPs, while President Mohammed Shahabuddin will administer the oath to the members of the cabinet, the law adviser said.

"We have been informed by the BNP that, immediately after taking the oath there (South Plaza), they will elect the leader of their parliamentary party. That may take place around 11:30am or 12:00pm," Asif Nazrul said.

In response to a question about whether there was any reason for holding the swearing-in ceremony at the South Plaza instead of Bangabhaban, Nazrul said the BNP had expressed its intention to hold the ceremony at the South Plaza.

"My understanding is that this parliament is somewhat different. The sacrifice of the July students and people, this mass uprising, so much sacrifice, so much suffering, so much pain, so many lives lost – in exchange for all that, we have obtained this parliament."

"Considering all these matters, perhaps they expressed such an intention. We have arranged it accordingly," he added.

Jamaat, allies seek recount in 32 seats

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of the Jamaat-led 11-party alliance have alleged irregularities in vote counting in the 13th national election and demanded a recount in 32 constituencies.

They said although the polls were largely peaceful, the final stage of the process was flawed.

"The start was good, but the end was not," Jamaat-e-Islami Assistant Secretary General Hamidur Rahman Azad told reporters at the Election Commission headquarters in Agargaon yesterday.

"Fake votes were rampant, black money flowed, and intimidation and clashes took place in several areas. These have cast doubt on the fairness of the election," he said.

Earlier, representatives of the 11-party alliance met four election commissioners at the EC building. After the meeting, Azad said the environment necessary for fair counting was absent in many centres.

He alleged that some result sheets showed overwriting and erasures, and in several cases, agents' signatures were missing.

He said the alliance had submitted a list of 32 constituencies where they believe narrow defeats

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POLLS-RELATED VIOLENCE

'10 killed, 2,503 hurt since Oct last year'

HRSS calls election day largely peaceful

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 10 people were killed and 2,503 injured in violence linked to the 13th national parliamentary election between October 2025 and February 14, 2026, the Human Rights Support Society (HRSS) said yesterday, while describing polling day as largely peaceful.

Presenting its "Election and Referendum Observation Report," HRSS Executive Director Md Ijazul Islam said the organisation recorded more than 700 incidents during the period.

Of the 10 deaths, three occurred after the results were announced. At least 34 people sustained bullet injuries, while more than 500 houses, vehicles,

businesses, election offices and polling centres were vandalised, looted or set on fire.

From the election schedule announcement on December 11, 2025, to February 11, 2026, HRSS documented 254 violent incidents, leaving 1,650 injured and five killed. At least 24 people were shot, and more than 200 houses and establishments were attacked.

Of those 254 incidents, 68 stemmed from internal clashes among BNP supporters, injuring 595 and killing three, HRSS said. A further 100 clashes between BNP and Jamaat supporters injured 915 and killed one.

At least 12 BNP-NCP clashes left

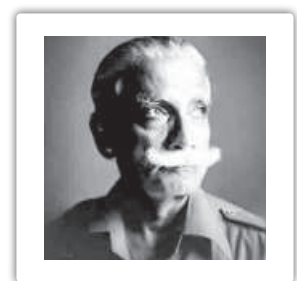
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AT A GLANCE

HRSS documented 700+ incidents in the period

From Dec 11 to Feb 11, it logged 254 incidents, with 1,650 hurt, 5 killed

Post-result violence spread to 30 districts, with 200+ clashes



MAG Osmani's 42nd death anniv today

STAR REPORT

The 42nd death anniversary of General MAG Osmani, the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces during the War of Liberation, is being observed today.

On the occasion, a prayer session and discussion organised by Retired Armed Forces Officers' Welfare Association (RAOWA) will be held at the RAOWA Helmet Hall at 10:30am today, said a press release.

Eminent personalities

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