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methodologies, and restoration models aligned with Sultan's distinctive artistic philosophy and ideology.

A key component of the project was the training of emerging Bangladeshi art conservators, contributing to the development of local conservation expertise and long-term preservation capacity.

Christensen also visited the Quamrul Hassan Exhibition Hall at Bengal Shilpalay where a selection of artworks from the Bengal Foundation Collection was on display.

He also toured the Bengal Boi premises and learned about the Foundation's publishing, music and crafts initiatives.

Christensen was accompanied by his wife, Deanne Dao; US Embassy Deputy Management Officer Jennifer Johnson; Public Affairs Counselor Monica Shie; Public Engagement Specialist Raihana Sultana; and Public Engagement Coordinator, Faroha Suhrawardy.

Hadi received

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"If these perpetrators are not brought to justice swiftly, the scale of future massacres by Awami League terrorists is unimaginable. Failing to hold them accountable would cast doubt on the legitimacy of the July uprising," he said in his statement.

Hadi, who was a prospective candidate for the February 12 general election from Dhaka-8, was shot on December 12 last year while travelling by rickshaw in Paltan. He died on December 18 in Singapore while undergoing treatment.

Apart from Quader, the other accused are AFM Bahauddin Nasim, former state minister Mohammad Ali Arafat, Jubo League President Sheikh Fazle Shams Parash, General Secretary Moinul Hossain Khan Nikhil, and Chhatra League President and General Secretary Saddam Hussain and Sheikh Wali Asif Inan.

In his statement, Hadi alleged that law enforcers and armed AL activists, acting on directives from the ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, opened fire on protesters in Feni, Lakshmipur and Cumilla.

He also said Quader publicly claimed that the Chhatra League alone was enough to suppress the movement, which he alleged encouraged and legitimised violence by the party's "armed cadres".

He further testified that on August 3, Quader ordered resistance from metropolitan to ward levels, triggering armed attacks on unarmed civilians. He alleged that the directive was carried out by Bahauddin Nasim.

Hadi also alleged that Inan coordinated with Hasina by phone on July 17, 2024, to plan and execute lethal attacks on protesters.

He said a recorded phone conversation later broadcast by Al Jazeera included discussions on targeting demonstrators. According to Hadi, Inan distributed weapons among BCL activists, leading to multiple deaths.

He said BCL and Jubo League members -- equipped with pistols, machetes, rods and hockey sticks -- blocked student protesters at key intersections in Dhaka on July 14 under the leadership of Parash, Nikhil, Saddam and Inan.

By late July, Hadi said, the movement had turned into a mass uprising, drawing workers, rickshaw-pullers, garment workers and families of victims of enforced disappearances, custodial deaths and political repression.

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Due to the absence of public representatives in these local government agencies, people have been living in extreme suffering for the last one and a half years. For various purposes, they have to go for services, including certificates from public representatives. However, due to the absence of public representatives, they are suffering in these matters.

Local Government Secretary Rezaul Maksud Jahedi told The Daily Star, "At the end of January, we informed the EC that the terms of 12 city corporations have expired. They should arrange elections as quickly as possible."

He added that elections for the two Dhaka city corporations and Chattogram would be held first, followed by the remaining nine city corporations. Later, district council, upazila parishad and municipal elections would be conducted in phases.

After the conclusion of the 13th parliamentary election, the EC began working on the letters from the Local Government Division.

EC officials said that under normal circumstances, the City Corporation Act requires elections to be held within 180 days before the completion of five years from the first meeting. However, extraordinary circumstances may alter that timeline.

In this regard, Election Commissioner Abdur Rahmanel Masud confirmed to The Daily Star that the LGD had sent a letter regarding elections for the two Dhaka city corporations and Chattogram City Corporation.

He said, "Legally, there is no real need for the EC to be informed through letters. Even without letters, the commission can proceed with elections."

Asked what preparations the EC is taking in response to the letter, he said, "This will be announced soon. The commission has not yet held a specific discussion on the matter."

He added, "The elections in these three city corporations are likely to be held after Eid."

Meanwhile, the BNP-led government announced on its first day in office that it would prioritise holding local government elections quickly.

Newly appointed Local Government Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said yesterday the government would move to organise local elections within a short timeframe.

"We will arrange these elections as quickly as possible. We will make a decision on this very soon," he said.

TIB hails MPs'

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TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said the core goal of the July uprising and the 13th national election was to build a welfare-oriented Bangladesh that is well governed, accountable, and free from corruption.

"Corruption prevention is the key condition for fulfilling the political, economic, social, and cultural promises made to the people," he said.

"Even with good intentions at the top, without effective control of corruption, none of these commitments can be properly implemented," he added.

Iftekharuzzaman said all elected representatives must disclose their own and their family members' assets within three months of taking office, and update the information annually, as stated in Clause 74 of the July charter.

He said this rule should also apply to all government employees whose salaries are paid by the state.

Calling the rejection of duty-free cars and government plots a first step towards fair governance, he said the decision has raised public expectations for stronger transparency and accountability under the new government.

Ducsu's gains marred by some leaders' excesses

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in teacher harassment and undue campus policing.

Over the past few months, several Ducsu leaders were engaged in proctorial drives to evict makeshift shops and destitute people from the campus.

One of them even punished outsiders for entering the DU central playground.

On December 11 last year, a group of students, led by Ducsu Social Welfare Secretary AB Zubair, harassed three teachers who belonged to the pro-Awami League "Neel Dal".

The incident occurred at the Faculty of Social Sciences after the three -- Prof AKM Jamal Uddin, Prof Azmal Hossain Bhuiyan, and Prof Zeenat Huda -- submitted a memorandum to the VC, demanding that the teachers who were barred from taking classes be allowed to resume duties.

Video footage circulated on social media shows a group of students chasing Prof Jamal and blocking the path of his car.

Zubair later claimed that they only intended to hand over an "accomplice of fascism" to police.

Another Ducsu leader, Sarba Mitra Chakma, hogged the headlines for all the wrong reasons.

A video clip circulated on social media on January 25 showed him forcing a group of boys to do squats while holding their ears at the DU central playground. The boys had entered the field to play.

Faced with criticism, Mitra announced his resignation. He, however, withdrew the decision a couple of days later, saying students didn't want him to resign.

In October last year, both Zubair and Mitra stirred up controversy over their involvement in eviction drives on the campus.

Mustaq Hossain, former Ducsu general secretary, said, "Assault on anyone -- be it a teacher or a destitute person -- is a crime, which is not expected from Ducsu leaders... They cannot assault or harass anyone over ideological differences."

Asked whether Ducsu's involvement in eviction drives falls under its jurisdiction, Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan, Ducsu president and DU vice chancellor, said, "Security of students is our utmost priority. We'll take help from anyone -- from students to teachers -- to ensure that."

In reply to a query, he said, "No student has the authority to harass a teacher under any circumstances. If there is any allegation, it must be addressed through proper legal procedure."

Contacted, Ducsu General Secretary SM Farhad said, "We need to resist those who had ties with the fascists and supported attacks on students and killings in the past.

"We must respond and take steps to detain them and bring them to justice," he said, claiming that no incident of attack on any teacher took place on the campus.

"We do not support taking the law into one's own hands. If anyone violates this, the responsibility lies solely with the individual," he added.

CLAIMS IN DUCSU REPORT

In its report, Ducsu claimed an array of achievements, some of which, according to DU officials, were misattributed to the students' union.

Ducsu said its accomplishments include the construction of Bangladesh-China Moitree Hall and the allocation of Tk 2,800 crore by the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) for the improvement of DU infrastructure.

However, the Ecnec approval came on July 30, 2025, and the contract for the hall was signed on January 5 that year, months before the September 9 Ducsu election.

Ducsu also claimed the renovation of DU's Mortuza Medical Centre as one of its achievements. However, the work was launched on August 20 last year.

When asked, Farhad said these projects were cited as accomplishments of Ducsu because it expedited the process, acting as "a pressure group".

"For example, the approval by Ecnec would have been delayed if we did not push the authorities... We have also taken new initiatives and brought private sponsors to implement student-welfare initiatives," he added.

Explaining the process, he said, "The company offering sponsorship provides us with materials. If we need to purchase anything, we submit bills to the company for disbursement. In case it wants to send us money, the amount must be deposited in the Ducsu's bank account. Ducsu can use the fund upon submission of bills."

He further said they prefer to implement sponsor-funded initiatives without handling cash directly.

Asked about Ducsu funds, its Treasurer Prof HM Mosharraf Hossain said the DU authorities allocated Tk 25 lakh for Ducsu in October last year.

"Money from Ducsu's bank account can be spent only on its organisational activities and initiatives such as seminars, conferences and workshops," said Mosharraf, adding that Ducsu is not allowed to spend on any development work.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

1. Invitation Reference and Date	Pro. (Log.)/**37/2026**, date: 18/02/2026,
2. Procuring Entity Name	Secretary General, BDRCS
3. Name of Requisition Department	DR Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS,684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217
4. Procurement Category	Service
5. Description of Tender/RFP	Framework Agreement for Financial Service Providers for Cash and Voucher Assistance Program
6. Procurement Method	OTM (Two envelope)
7. Source of Funds	BDRCS/IFRC/PNs
8. Purchase of Tender document	Tender/RFP documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdrcs.org. Interested bidders are requested to collect the tender/RFP documents within the stipulated timeframe from the below link/BDRCS website **Tender/RFP Schedule Download Link: https://bdrcs.org/tender/**
9. Tender Schedule available	From 19-02-2026 to 25-03-2026
10. Tender Submission Date and Time	25-03-2026 at 3:00 pm (If not possible for any unavoidable circumstance tender will be opened next office day at the same time & venue.)
11. Tender Opening Date and Time	25-03-2026 at 3:15 pm
12. Address of Tender Submission & Opening	Logistics Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Maghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
13. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	**11:00 AM on 02 March 2026** in the Logistics Department Meeting Room, NHQ, BDRCS, 684-686, Red Crescent Sarak, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka 1217.
14. Eligibility of Tenderer	As mentioned in Tender/RFP documents
15. Brief Description of works/ Related Services	Financial Service Providers for Cash and Voucher Assistance Program for 03 (three) years Framework Agreement initially.
16. Tender Security Amount	N/A
17. Completion Time in days	N/A

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender/RFP or split the order without assigning any reason whatsoever and will not be bound to accept the lowest bid.

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Dr. Kabir M. Ashraf Alam ndc
Secretary General

Consultancy Opportunities

International Labour Organization (ILO) Dhaka is seeking applications from interested consultants for **translation of legal documents related to labour laws and international labour standards**.

The Terms of Reference (TOR) can be reviewed from the ***United Nations Global Market Place (UNGM)*** at **https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/291012** Jaggaer ref: **RfX_4405**

The deadline for submission of proposal is **Tuesday, February 24, 2026, by 04:30 PM** (BST time).

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Tender Notice

ActionAid Bangladesh invites sealed quotations from qualified vendors/suppliers for the purchase of visibility materials for the Nurturing of Youth Project and Non-Seed materials for the Green Skills Development Project. These materials will be distributed in various Rohingya camps located in Cox's Bazar. The details are as follows-

SL#	Name of Items	Quantity
1	Visibility Materials (Nurturing of Youth Project)	1 Job
2	Non-Seed Materials (Green Skills Development Project)	1 Job

The Tender Schedule will be available for collect at ActionAid Cox's Bazar Office (House No-752, Ward- 11, Jhawtola, Masjid Road, Cox's Bazar- 4700) from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm during office hour of 19-24 February 2026 (Working Day). Quotation needs to be submitted in sealed envelope **on or before 25th February 2026 by 11:00 AM at above locations.**

ActionAid Bangladesh may propose entering into long-term agreements (LTAs) with selected individual vendors for the specified categories of items to facilitate future procurement for a duration of one year. The authority of ActionAid Bangladesh reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Legal Notice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 166 OF 2026

Enamul Haque Khan, President, Bangladesh Jeweller's Association of 15, New Eskaton Road, Level- 6, Moghbazar, Ramna, Dhaka-1000 .....**Petitioner**

-VERSUS-

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms of T.C.B Bhaban, 6th Floor, 1, Karwan Bazar, under police station Tejgaon within district Dhaka and others -------**Respondents**

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 and Rules 8 and 263 of the Companies Rule, 2009 has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh with a prayer for direction to call the Annual General Meeting of the Bangladesh Jeweller's Association having its registration No. T-176 for the calendar year 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 and also for subsequent calendar year(s), if fallen due, and further direction for holding and conducting the said AGM(s) in the manner of the Hon'ble Court thinks expedient on condoning the delay in holding said AGM(s). Upon preliminary hearing the Hon'ble High Court Division comprising Mr. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit the application on 15.02.2026 and hearing date will be fixed soon for appearance. Anyone desires of opposing the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court either personally or through an authorized Advocate on the date fixed. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed fees.

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Women's Bangladesh Premier League T20 (WBPL T20)
Worldwide Media Rights
Bangladesh Cricket Board
Ref No: BCB/Worldwide Media Rights /WBPL T20/ 2026/113 Date: 19th February 2026

Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby invites Expression of Interest (EOI) along with Financial Offers from reputable TV Broadcasters, Digital Platforms and Marketing Agencies/Consortiums/Firm for acquiring the **Worldwide Media Rights of the Women's Bangladesh Premier League T20 (WBPL T20) only for the inaugural edition (i.e. 1st Edition 2026) of the WBPL T20.**

01. Satellite TV (Linear) Rights - Worldwide including Bangladesh.
02. Digital OTT (Over-the-Top) Rights - Worldwide including Bangladesh.

Eligibility Criteria :

a) Any person, organization, or entity having an existing and unresolved dispute, claim, or litigation with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) or the International Cricket Council (ICC), whether on a point of law or matter of fact, shall be deemed ineligible to acquire the aforementioned rights or to participate in this Expression of Interest (EOI) process.
b) Interested applicants including Television Broadcasters, Marketing Agencies, Digital Marketing Agencies, or Consortiums must possess the requisite experience, infrastructure, staffing, technical capability, resources, and financial standing necessary to effectively participate in the EOI process and perform the obligations arising therefrom.
c) The Broadcaster/TV Channel must have been operational (on air) for a minimum period of three (03) years prior to the date of submission of the EOI. Marketing Agencies must demonstrate proven capability and reasonable experience in the marketing and management of international-standard cricket events.

EOI Submission Procedure:

A detailed Expression of Interest (EOI) document containing all relevant information, terms, and requirements for acquiring the Worldwide Media Rights has been prepared and will be available from **Thursday, 19 February 2026.**

Interested parties are required to submit their duly completed EOI applications in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "EOI for Worldwide Media Rights - WBPL T20 2026", addressed to the Chairperson, WBPL Governing Council, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), at the BCB Management Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, no later than the close of business hours on Thursday, 05 March 2026.

Applicants must submit their EOI, together with their Financial Offer, prepared in accordance with the instructions set out in the EOI document.

The Financial Offer shall include the TV production cost, in line with the technical specifications (TV Production Level) prescribed in the EOI document.

In addition to the hard copy submission, applicants may also submit their Financial Offer electronically via email at: wbplt20@bcb-cricket.com.

The EOI needs to be accompanied with the following documents:

01. Company Profile and Individual Directors' / Owners' Profile.
02. Latest auditor's report on financial statements (each consortium's member must submit separately).
03. Bank Solvency Certificate along with bank Statement.
04. Certified copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association along with certificate of Incorporation or similar constitutional documents.
05. Updated VAT Registration Certificate, Trade License and Tax Identification Number (TIN) Certificate or similar documents.
06. In case of consortium/ Joint Venture (JV) - a Notarized Consortium/ JV Agreement.

The BCB reserves the unconditional right to accept or reject any or all offers at its sole discretion without assigning any reason whatsoever during the EOI process. The BCB also reserves the right to amend, postpone or cancel the entire EOI process and / or modify, add or alter the terms of the document and/ or the conditions for EOI process by issuing further addendum(s) at any time prior to the submission of the EOI.

WBPL Governing Council
Bangladesh Cricket Board
Management Office: Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216

Women's Bangladesh Premier League T20 (WBPL T20)
Title Sponsorship & Ground Branding Rights
Bangladesh Cricket Board
Ref No: BCB/Title Sponsorship & Ground Branding Rights /WBPL T20/ 2026/112 Date: 19th February 2026

Expression of Interest (EOI)

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hereby invites Expression of Interest (EOI) along with financial offers from the reputed Business Houses/ Companies/ Parties/ Agencies / Consortiums for acquiring the Title Sponsorship & Ground Branding Rights of the Women's Bangladesh Premier League T20 (WBPL T20) only for the inaugural edition **(i.e. 1st Edition 2026)** of the WBPL T20.

Eligibility Criteria :

a) Entities engaged in the production, distribution, or promotion of tobacco, alcohol (including both surrogate and non-surrogate products), betting, or online betting, and/or their surrogate brands, shall not be eligible to participate in this Expression of Interest (EOI) process.
b) Any person, organization, or entity having an existing and unresolved dispute, claim, or litigation with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) or the International Cricket Council (ICC), whether on a point of law or matter of fact, shall be ineligible to participate in the EOI process or to acquire the rights mentioned herein.
c) Reputed business houses, companies, agencies, consortiums, or parties with proven experience in the marketing, sales, or management of organized cricket tournaments, series, or sports events shall be given preference during the evaluation of EOI submissions.
d) Interested applicants, including companies, corporate houses, firms, agencies, or consortiums must possess the necessary experience, technical expertise, resources, operational capability, and financial stability to successfully participate in and execute all obligations arising from this EOI process.

EOI Submission Procedure:

A detailed Expression of Interest (EOI) document containing all relevant information, terms, and required forms pertaining to the acquisition of the Title Sponsorship and Ground Branding Rights will be available from **Thursday, 19 February 2026**, at the following locations:

- **BCB Management Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216**
- **BCB Official Website: www.tigercricket.com.bd**

Interested parties are required to submit their duly completed EOI applications in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "EOI for Title Sponsorship and Ground Branding Rights - WBPL T20 2026", addressed to the **Chairperson, WBPL Governing Council, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB),** at the BCB Management Office, Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka 1216, no later than the close of business hours on **Thursday, 05 March 2026.**

The EOI needs to be accompanied with the following documents:

01. Company Profile and Individual Directors' / Owners' Profile.
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03. Bank Solvency Certificate along with bank Statement.
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