

Japan invites PM for official visit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Japan has formally invited Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to visit the country at a "mutually convenient" time.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Saïda Shinichi conveyed the invitation when he called on Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday, according to a statement issued by the ministry.

The meeting covered a wide range of topics, including defence procurement, metro rail cooperation, and mutual support in international forums, it added.

Ambassador Saïda congratulated Khalilur on his assumption of office and reaffirmed Japan's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations.

Both sides explored collaboration under the Employment Skill Development Programme, with particular focus on skills enhancement and Japanese language training for Bangladeshi workers aspiring to work in Japan.

Khalilur emphasised the importance of improved access to information and proposed developing a digital matchmaking platform to facilitate recruitment of skilled Bangladeshi workers by Japanese employers. Earlier in the day, Ambassador Saïda Shinichi paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaid Islam.

Recalling Japan's early recognition of Bangladesh, the state minister reaffirmed her commitment to advancing Bangladesh-Japan relations and appreciated Japan's continued support, including on the Rohingya issue.



PHOTO: MASUK HRIDYO

A 'Royal Maitree' bus departed from Kamalapur Bus Depot in Dhaka on a trial run as the Dhaka-Agartala-Kolkata bus service resumed after more than a year and a half of suspension. The photo was taken when the bus was entering Agartala through the Akhaura International Immigration Checkpost on Tuesday.

Yet another unelected VC set to take DU helm

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are currently vacant, according to university officials.

Despite serving for over a year and a half, Prof Niaz did not call a Senate session, although the DU Ordinance requires at least one session each year. According to the registrar, the last Senate session was held in the last week of June 2024.

In October 2023, Prof ASM Maksud Kamal was also appointed under Clause II(2) by the then Awami League government, even though there was no emergency or temporary vacancy at the time.

The then VC Prof Akhteruzzaman was still in office, and his tenure was set to end in November. Prof Akhteruzzaman himself had been appointed in September 2017 temporarily amid tensions between the then VC AAMS Arefin Siddique and a faction of pro-AL teachers.

Arefin had also been appointed under the

temporary provision and served about four years without being elected, followed by another four years after being elected. In 2017, when he sought another term, the government appointed Akhteruzzaman instead.

Akhteruzzaman also served for around two years without being elected before calling a Senate session in November 2019.

The Senate then elected a panel comprising Akhteruzzaman, the then Pro-VC Muhammad Samad, and Maksud Kamal. The government subsequently reappointed Akhteruzzaman as the elected VC.

Dr Kamrul Hassan Mamun, a professor in the university's Physics department, said violating the ordinance has become a long-standing practice of successive governments.

"The vice chancellor of Dhaka University holds unparalleled centralised power, which makes it easy for the government

to control the university through one individual," he said, describing the government's approach as a "fascist mindset".

Mamun said he opposes all existing methods of selecting a VC and suggested forming an international search committee comprising global intellectuals.

In May last year, the previous government formed a search committee to recommend vice chancellors, pro-VCs and treasurers for public universities.

The committee was headed by then Education Adviser Prof CR Abrar and included University Grants Commission members Prof Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan and Prof Md Saidur Rahman, Rajshahi University VC Prof Saleh Hasan Naqib, and BRAC University Prof Firdous Azim.

A committee member, requesting anonymity, told TheDailyStar that since the nominated names for the

VC post would not come through a Senate vote, the search committee has the legitimate authority to select the nominees.

However, the committee has not yet received any directive from the government or the relevant ministry to begin the search process, said the committee member.

Prof Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury

expressed frustration in this regard, saying the appointment of unelected vice chancellors has been a long-standing practice at Dhaka University.

"We have been observing this for the last forty years. Most vice chancellors have been appointed in this way," he said.

"They always describe it as an emergency," he added.

No new probe

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On February 23, he had said the government decided to form a new commission to reinvestigate the Pilkhna carnage.

"During the tenure of the interim government, an independent investigation commission was formed, and its report has now come before us. We assumed office only a few days ago with the people's mandate. Before that, the interim government had the report in hand. However,

no significant steps were taken to implement it. A few days ago, I made certain comments without reviewing the report in full, which I wish to correct today," he said.

"Since a national independent investigation commission was formed, comprising competent and qualified individuals... and from what I have seen at a glance, it contains around 70 recommendations. Many of those recommendations are already under implementation," he added.

"There are cases under trial, some at the appeal stage and some at division level. We will complete this judicial process," he said.

"We will implement the remaining recommendations step by step," he said.

The home minister said the government would ensure proper justice to the families of the martyrs and the nation over the

Pilkhna killings so that such an incident is not repeated.

"We want to assure the martyr families and the nation that justice will be done and ensured," he said, adding that all necessary steps would be taken.

He also said the incident had posed a threat to Bangladesh's independence and sovereignty and weakening or undermining the army had been "a goal".

"That could only be the aim of those who do not believe in Bangladesh's independence and sovereignty or who want to see the country as a weak state," he said.

A total of 74 people, including 57 of the nation's top military officers, were killed during a mutiny at the then BDR Headquarters in Pilkhna in 2009.

Impeach

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Awami League has reached a secret understanding with the new government. If the government violates the rule of law by reopening offices or facilitating its activities, people will protest," he said.

Nahid also demanded justice over the Pilkhna killings, alleging that the Awami League had targeted the Bangladesh Army and killed 57 army officers and 74 others.

Advance Eid

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March 13 and will continue until March 19.

Return tickets for March 23 will be sold on March 13, while tickets for March 24 will be sold on March 14. Likewise, tickets for March 25 will be available on March 15, tickets for March 26 on March 16, tickets for March 27 on March 17, tickets for March 28 on March 18, and tickets for March 29 on March 19.

All goods-carrying trains, except container and fuel trains, will be closed from 12:01am on March 19 to 6:00pm on Eid day.

Rehab, treatment for all July uprising victims: Ishraque

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Ishraque Hossain yesterday said the government would ensure rehabilitation and medical treatment for all those affected by the July uprising, regardless of political affiliation.

Many "July fighters" and their families were deprived of proper treatment and rehabilitation during the interim government's tenure due to their BNP affiliation, Ishraque told reporters at the Secretariat after a courtesy call on Prime Minister Tarique Rahman.

"We are reviewing those cases. No political identity will be considered. All who were injured or martyred and made sacrifices will be rehabilitated. Treatment will be ensured, and martyrs' families will receive the rehabilitation and respect they deserve," he said.



China to invest more in Bangladesh

Envoy tells home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Noting that a politically stable government has been established in Bangladesh, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen yesterday said China will increase its investment in the country.

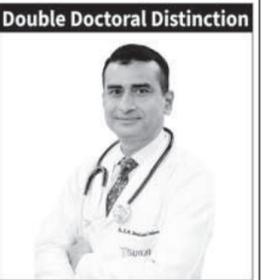
He made the remarks during a courtesy call on Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed at the ministry.

Salahuddin, in turn, called upon Chinese investors to invest more in Bangladesh.

The home minister said China and Bangladesh are time-tested friends, and Bangladesh wants to take the bilateral relationship to a new level, considering regional, strategic, and geographical realities.

Dr. S. M. Shahidul Islam Hailed as Pioneer Acupuncture Specialist Following PhD from UK

Pioneer Acupuncture Specialist Dr. S. M. Shahidul Islam, PPM, Superintendent of Bangladesh Police and Chief Consultant at SUOXI Hospital, has recently been conferred a PhD in Clinical Acupuncture from Helstone University (London, UK). He had previously attained a PhD specializing in Pain and Paralysis. In recognition of his dual doctoral degrees and three decades of unwavering excellence in acupuncture Treatment, the Shreyo Somaj Unnayan Sangstha has formally designated him as a Pioneer Acupuncture Specialist. The SUOXI Hospital family takes immense pride in this prestigious milestone.



Professional and Academic Highlights Dr. Islam is an esteemed member of the 23rd BCS (Health) and the 25th BCS (Police) cadres, currently serving in the police department. His academic journey is distinguished by a government scholarship to Tongji University, China, where he completed his MBBS. His multifaceted educational background also includes an MPH (NSU, President's Gold Medalist), as well as LLB, MBA, and MSc degrees. Furthermore, he has made significant scholarly contributions with 42 research articles published in renowned international medical journals and has authored 6 comprehensive books on acupuncture treatment.

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ADMISSION TO PLAYGROUP & NURSERY

Forms for admission from Playgroup and Nursery for the academic session 2026-27 are available in the College Office. Forms will be available during working days between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm (Ramadan Timing).

Age limit:

Playgroup : Between 3 and 4 years of age (as on 01 July 2026)
Nursery : Between 4 and 5 years of age (as on 01 July 2026)

Requirements: Following documents must be submitted with the admission forms:
i. Two copies of passport sized coloured photograph of the candidate.
ii. A copy of appropriate birth certificate of the candidate issued by the People's Republic of Bangladesh. (No change of Birth Certificate will be accepted later)
iii. Report card of last academic year (if any) for admission in Nursery.

Note: On the day of interview presence of father and mother is mandatory. Date of interview will be informed later. For further information please contact: 01949800800, 01705953257, 55060039-42, Ext 0/110

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)
COMPANY MATTER NO. 18 OF 2026
IN THE MATTER OF
John Karmakar, Secretary of the Pakistan Baptist Church Trust Association —Petitioner
—VERSUS—
The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms & another —Respondents
Please take notice that an application under Section 81(2) read with Section 85(3) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condonation of delay in holding Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the year 1995 to 2025 of The Pakistan Baptist Church Trust Association has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon his Lordship Mr. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit the application on 23/02/2026. Any person interested in the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Court on the date of hearing either personally or through duly appointed Advocate.
(Md. Asif Ekbal)
Advocate, Supreme Court
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This is notify to all concerned that the following tender has been published through e-GP Portal.

Sl.	Tender ID, Reference No. & date of publishing	Name of goods	Tender document last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
01.	Tender ID: 1235018 Reference No. AGMP/E-GP/9/25-26 Publishing date: 25-02-2026	Supplying of Personal Computer (Desktop), UPS, Laser Jet Printer, Dot Matrix Printer (Wide Cartridge), Dot Matrix Printer (Narrow Cartridge), Scanner.	11.03.2026 15.00 hrs	12.03.2026 15.00 hrs	12.03.2026 15.00 hrs

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4th Corrigendum of REQUEST FOR BIDS (Package No: CP-GD-34)

Assignment Title	Last Date of Submission (Updated)	Last Date of Opening (Updated)	Tender Validity Period (Updated)
Supply, installation and commissioning of Full Mission Engine Room Simulator, Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator & High Voltage Simulator for Ship Building and Marine Technology of Institute of Marine Technologies	14:00 hour BST (GMT+6:00), 05 March 2026	14:30 hour BST (GMT+6:00), 05 March 2026	2 August 2026

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 09:00 to 17:00 hours (GMT+06:00).

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