

He was hiding, not forcibly

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The remark came after prosecutors objected to Titto's attempt to highlight inconsistencies between the testimony of prosecution witness Mir Ahmed Bin Quasem Arman and the statement he had earlier given to the investigation officer.

Prosecutors opposed the move, citing a ruling by the Appellate Division that restricts defence lawyers from using such contradictions during cross-examination in crimes against humanity trials.

Challenging the restriction, Titto asked whether the defence should remain bound by a judgement delivered during what he termed a "fascist rule".

"We call that government fascist, and it is said that that government controlled the judiciary. Are we still going to sit wearing the crown of a fascist?" he told the three-member tribunal led by Chairman Justice Md Golam Mortuza

Mozumder. During the cross-examination, the defence also claimed that no law enforcement personnel searched Arman's rented residence or abducted him on August 4, 2016, as alleged.

He further argued that neither Rab nor any other agency had forcibly disappeared Arman and suggested that he had gone into hiding.

Barrister Arman rejected the defence claims.

Earlier, while testifying before the tribunal, he gave a detailed account of his eight-year confinement in the "Aynaghar", a secret detention facility allegedly linked to the TFI cell operated under Rab.

Health minister slams dirty conditions at mental hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Health Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain expressed strong dissatisfaction after witnessing dirty conditions and various irregularities while on a surprise visit to the National Institute of Mental Health and Hospital in the capital yesterday.

He noted the presence of cockroaches and bedbugs, and an overall unhygienic environment, seeing dirty hospital beds. The authorities could not provide him with the number of doctors who were absent or had arrived late.

Accompanied by MA Muhit, state minister for the health ministry, Husain continued surprise visits to various health facilities to ensure the timely presence of doctors and health workers.

A long queue of attendants was delayed from receiving their patient slips as the printer's toner had run out.

The minister could then be heard telling the hospital director, "Why didn't you buy it [toner] if you were informed yesterday?"

Patient's attendants complained to them about dirty beds showing blood stains from bedbugs and the large presence of cockroaches.

Later, the minister told reporters, "Even the chief management here cannot say how many doctors are absent. They also do not keep track of whether doctors are arriving late."

"That is why we have said that next week we will come again on any day around 7:45am and stand here. We will physically check how many doctors are present and how many are absent," he added.

Hospital Director Prof Mahbubur Rahman told reporters that he could not immediately provide the number of absent doctors as he has to collect it from the biometric register.

Replying to another question, he said they blocked the bill for the pest control contractor due to poor service.

The minister already spoke with the contractor, he added.

Japanese team, CAAB may resume

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Air Commodore Abu Sayeed Mehboob Khan, member (operations and planning) of CAAB, told The Daily Star on Saturday.

undercut the strategic benefits of the project.

CAAB and the Japanese consortium could not reach a consensus to ink an agreement over differences regarding operating expenditure and revenue earnings from the terminal.

"We argued that the operating expenditure is less than the estimation submitted by the Japanese delegation," said a top CAAB official engaged in the discussion.

"Another big difference between the two sides is revenue earning. Their [Japanese delegation] estimation for revenue earnings from the third terminal is much less than ours," the official also

said, wishing anonymity.

"If the Japanese delegation maintains the same standing, then we have nothing to say, but if they offer something new, then we have an option to discuss," said Air Commodore Mehboob Khan.

Earlier, despite repeated efforts by the interim government, the third terminal could not be opened, following failure to reach a decision on ground handling and operational issues, besides some technical flaws in the terminal building.

The terminal was previously inaugurated through a "soft opening" in October 2023.



Slow drainage repair at the three-way intersection near Dhaka's Lalbagh Fort has worsened traffic in the busy area. An unfenced open manhole at the site poses serious danger to commuters, while the delayed city corporation work has become a public nuisance. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Settle July Charter issues politically, not in court

Speakers urge BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Political leaders and civil society members yesterday criticised ruling party lawmakers for not taking oath as members of the Constitution Reform Assembly, saying it disregarded the referendum mandate.

They were speaking at a dialogue, titled "Constitutional Recognition of July and Citizen Expectations for the New Parliament," organised by the Referendum Implementation Citizen Forum at the CIRDAP auditorium in the capital.

At the event, National Citizen Party MP Akhter Hossen said under the July Charter, MPs are supposed to take oath as members of the Constitutional Reform Assembly immediately after taking their oath as MPs, but the BNP violated the law by not doing so.

"The decision of the people through referendums and popular uprisings is stronger than any law," he said.

He alleged that BNP had promised before the election to implement the July Charter, but later backed away from the commitment.

He warned that another movement like the July uprising could emerge if the people's mandate is ignored.

Shujan Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar said the issue cannot be resolved strictly through constitutional interpretation, noting that the previous government came to power through a popular uprising rather than constitutional procedures.

He said the presidential order had already received public approval through the referendum, making it a political decision that should not be challenged through judicial intervention.

He also warned that not taking the second oath could create complications for the BNP and harm its future.

Rastro Songskar Andolan Chairman Hasnat Qayyum said involving the courts in the referendum and the July Charter was a mistake, arguing that political settlements should be resolved through political processes rather than judicial intervention.

Saying Sheikh Hasina had relied on the courts over the caretaker government issue and eventually paid a heavy political price, he expressed hope that the current government would not repeat the same mistake.

Advocate Shishir Monir said the judiciary's involvement in political matters

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2	1241160, APP-11009-goods-NS-2	Supply of chemicals and laboratory consumables	12-Mar-2026 13:41:00	13-Apr-2026 13:41:00

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উক্ত পদে নিয়োগ পেলে সর্বপ্রতি কর্মকর্তাকে এ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে প্রথম যোগদানের পর অর্ন্ত ০২ (দুই) বছর চাকরি করতে হবে এবং যোগদানের সময় এ মর্মে একটি অঙ্গীকারনামা প্রদান করতে হবে। উক্ত সময়ের মধ্যে সর্বপ্রতি কর্মকর্তার কোনো চাকরি আবেদন অন্য কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে ফরয়ার করা হবে না।

বাঞ্ছিতভাবে যোগাযোগ করে প্রকিউরমেন্ট অফিস হতে অথবা চট্টগ্রাম বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট <http://www.cu.ac.bd> হতে ডাউনলোড করে দরখাস্তের নির্ধারিত ফরম সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। উপরিস্থিত পদের জন্য ০৮ (আট) স্টেট দরখাস্ত আয়ামী ২৯-০৩-২০২৬ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (সকাল ৯.০০টা হতে বেলা ৩.০০টা পর্যন্ত) গৃহীত হবে।

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ফি ব্যতীতে কিনা উপরে বর্ণিত ব্যাংক বাস্তবিক অন্য কোন ব্যাংকে প্রবেশ ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/চেক-অর্ডার গ্রহণ দরখাস্ত, বিজ্ঞপ্তির শর্ত পূরণ না করলে সে দরখাস্ত, বিজ্ঞপ্তির যোগ্যতা অনুযায়ী প্রয়োজনীয় ডিগ্রি পরীক্ষায় Appeared প্রার্থীর পেশকৃত দরখাস্ত, নির্ধারিত শেষ তারিখের পরে গ্রহণ দরখাস্ত, ডাকযোগ্য/ফরয়ার সার্ভিস ইত্যাদির মাধ্যমে প্রেরিত কোন দরখাস্ত নির্ধারিত শেষ তারিখের মধ্যে পাওয়া না গেলে সে দরখাস্ত সরাসরি খালি বলে গণ্য হবে।

প্রার্থী তাঁর আবেদনে কোনো অর্ন্ত শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা/প্রশিক্ষণ ইত্যাদি বিষয় ঘোষণা করে থাকলে এবং পরবর্তীতে নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত হলে এ সকল শিক্ষাপত্র যোগ্যতা তাঁর চাকরি জীবনে কোনো পেনাল্টি/নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে গণনা করা হবে না।

চাকরিরত প্রার্থীসমূহকে অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। বিশেষ ক্ষেত্রে অতিরিক্ত পরিপূর্ণ এক সেট দরখাস্ত যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে প্রেরণ করে নির্ধারিত সংখ্যক দরখাস্ত (ব্যাংক ড্রাফট ও সর্বপ্রতি সফল কাগজপত্রসহ) অফিস হিসেবে যথাযথভাবে দাখিল করতে হবে।

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President calls

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and tough administrative actions, which brought acid terrorism close to zero. "The example could serve as a model in efforts to prevent violence against women."

"Foundation for women's political and economic empowerment was laid by the proclaimer of independence late President Ziaur Rahman, who established the first Women Affairs cell in the President's Secretariat in 1976. Later, a separate Ministry of Women's Affairs was formed in 1978, which was later transformed into the present Ministry of Women and Children Affairs during Khaleda Zia's tenure," he said.

He also said Khaleda Zia's government introduced compulsory primary education and free education for girls up to

class XII. Stipends for girls were also introduced to boost female education, a programme widely praised internationally and recognised by the World Bank and other organisations as a successful model for the developing world, he added.

Congratulating the recipients of the "Shreshtha Adama Nari" awards, the President said their achievements serve as inspiration for society.

The President handed over awards to six women for their outstanding contributions.

Barrister Zaima Rahman, granddaughter of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, received the award on behalf Khaleda Zia for her contributions to women's education and the advancement of democracy.

NCP launches women

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Dhaka University's Kabi Sufia Kamal Hall Sangsad in 2019; Nusrat was a frontline coordinator of the anti-discrimination student movement at DU; and Dr Mahmuda Mitu treated injured protesters during the July uprising.

While explaining the rationale behind the initiative, Nahid said, "We initially thought women's issues could be addressed through the party's main organisational structure. However, after a year of experience, we realised that a separate platform focusing on women's issues is necessary."

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represents the vision of a discrimination free society for women we sought to establish through the July mass uprising," Nahid said.

He noted that women from NCP, its affiliated organisations and outside the party would be able to join the platform.

A discussion marking International Women's Day was also held at the event. Former interim government adviser Farida Akhtar spoke alongside Sabikun Nahar Munni of Jamaat-e-Islami's central women's wing, The Daily Star's senior reporter Zyma Islam and Ducus leader Fatima Tasnim Zuma, among others.

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1226335	Supply, Installation, Testing and commissioning of 132/33 KV 48/64 MVA Transformer T-3 including Installation a New 132 KV diameter, 132 KV and 33 KV Control and protection panel, RTCC Panel etc. as per approved design and drawing at 132/33 KV Ramgonj Grid substation for upgrading Capacity under GMD, Power Grid, Noakhali.	24-Mar-2026 at 15:00	25-Mar-2026 at 11:30
1235807	Cleaning work including control room, toilet, parking, stairs, lobby and sentry post of Ramgonj 132/33KV Grid S/S under GMD Noakhali, Power Grid.	17-Mar-2026 at 15:00	18-Mar-2026 at 11:30
1235882	Repair and maintenance works of different types of tower leg maintenance, coloring and numbering of 132KV Chowmuhani-Desh Energy Line under Ramgonj Grid Sub Station of GMD-Noakhali, Power Grid.	23-Mar-2026 at 15:00	24-Mar-2026 at 11:30
1201146	Supply and installation of 03 (three) units of 05-ton (60,000 BTU/HR) capacity Air Coolers for the 132 KV AIS Control Room of the Chowmuhani 230/132/33 KV Grid Substation under GMD-Noakhali.	30-Mar-2026 at 15:00	31-Mar-2026 at 11:30
1238871	Regarding the supply of tools and equipment on urgent basis for use at Ramgonj 132/33KV Grid Sub-station under GMD, Power Grid, Noakhali.	29-Mar-2026 at 15:30	30-Mar-2026 at 11:30
1236675	Proposal for installation works a new main gate of Chowmuhani 230/132/33KV Grid Substation under GMD Noakhali, Power Grid.	31-Mar-2026 at 15:30	01-Apr-2026 at 11:30
1236587	Tower Protection & Muffling of 132KV Feni-Chauddagram Transmission line of 2 Nos Tower (446 & 447), 132KV Feni-Baraiyarhat Transmission line of 2 Nos Tower (531 & 532) and 230KV BSRM-Cumilla (North) Transmission line of 2 Nos Tower (233 & 235) Total 06(Six) Nos Tower at Feni 132/33KV Grid Sub-Station under GMD-Noakhali, Power Grid.	01-Apr-2026 at 15:00	02-Apr-2026 at 11:30
1236392	Construction work of a Tin Shed in the existing open store at FENI Grid Substation under GMD Noakhali, Power Grid.	30-Mar-2026 at 15:00	31-Mar-2026 at 11:30

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