

## Steps taken to bring back Hadi murder suspects Says home minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said the government has initiated steps to bring back two suspects in the Hadi murder case who were recently arrested in India.



Speaking after a meeting of the district law and order committee at the Cox's Bazar DC office yesterday afternoon, he said the process to repatriate the suspects is underway. "The home ministry has requested the foreign ministry. We are trying to bring them back under the extradition agreement between the two countries," he said.

Responding to questions about recent allegations of mob violence, the minister cautioned against labelling every incident as mob action.

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Severe traffic congestion grips Shaheb Bazar RD as Eid shoppers crowd the busy road. Vehicles crawl through long queues while pedestrians and roadside vendors spill onto the street. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

## 5 additional IGPs sent to forced retirement

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has sent five additional inspectors general of police on forced retirement, according to five separate notifications issued by the Public Security Division of the home ministry on Sunday.

The order will come into effect immediately.

The five include: Tawfique Mahbub Chowdhury (Principal of the Bangladesh Police Academy, Sardah); Kusum Dewan (River Police); Abu Hasan Muhammad Tariq (Officer on Special Duty-OSD); Abdul Alim Mahmud (Officer on Special Duty OSD); and Masudur Rahman Bhuiyan (Assigned as TR at Police Headquarters).

According to the notifications, the decision was taken under Section 45 of the Public Service Act, 2018, which allows the government to retire any public servant who has completed 25 years of service without providing justification.

All five of the officials have completed 25 years in service, and the government has deemed their retirement necessary in the public interest.

Since the ouster of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5,

2024, at least 49 police officers have been sent into retirement under Section 45, according to a ministry database. They included 20 additional IGPs and 11 DIGs.

The database shows that four officers were retired on August 13, 2024; three on August 21; three on August 22; three on August 27; four on September 2; seven on September 22; and nine on December 2. It also shows three retirements on January 1, 2025; four on February 23; and four on July 28.

Many of the officials were accused of using excessive force to suppress the student movement that led to the fall of the AI government on August 5.

Those sent into retirement include Monirul Islam, additional IGP at the Special Branch; Habibur Rahman, DMP commissioner; Atiqul Islam, additional IGP at Police Headquarters; Mohammad Ali Miah, CID chief; and Krishna Pada Roy, additional IGP at Police Headquarters.

Some of them even have murder cases filed against them.

Police and home ministry sources said the steps were made as part of measures to revamp the force that has been "politically used" for a long time.

## Prof Sakhawat Ali Khan

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Jame Mosque yesterday around 10:30am. Among those present were DU Vice Chancellor Niaz Ahmed Khan, former Mass Communication and Journalism professor Golam Rahman.

His body was later taken to his ancestral home in Dhanua village of Shibpur upazila in Narsingdi, where he was laid to rest after the second janaza.

People from all walks of life joined the funeral prayers, including Khairul Kabir Khokon, MP for Narsingdi Sadar, and Manjur Elahi, MP for Narsingdi 3 (Shibpur).

Sakhawat left behind his wife, a daughter, a son, two grandchildren, and numerous students and admirers. His daughter, Sumona Sharmin, is an associate editor at Prothom Alo.

Born in 1941 in a distinguished family in Narsingdi, Sakhawat

Ali began his career in journalism and worked for nearly a decade at several national dailies before joining academia.

He later joined the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism professor at the DU, where he taught generations of students and contributed significantly to the development of journalism education in the country. He also served as chairman of the department from 1976 to 1979.

He retired from the department in 2008, but continued to serve it for five more years as a supernumerary professor. Until his death, he remained associated with the department as an honorary professor.

Beyond the University of Dhaka, he also served as a part-time adviser to the Department of Journalism at Daffodil International University and as dean of the School of Social

Science at the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB).

Sakhawat Ali played an active role in civil society as well. He was the founding president of the Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) and served as chairman of the Society for Environment and Social Development.

A respected scholar, he presented keynote papers at seminars in 15 countries and worked as a visiting scholar at Southern Illinois University in the United States.

More than 30 of his research articles were published in national and international journals, with much of his work focusing on the interaction between journalism and politics.

He also served multiple terms as a member of the Bangladesh Press Council and was a member of the management board of the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB).

## Patriarchal norms

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professor of Social Relations at East West University, said opportunity, representation and accountability are key to women's participation in public life.

Policies may exist, he said, but without accountability, they have little impact. "Even when targets are set for women's nomination in elections, implementation remains weak."

"Representation cannot grow without creating opportunities and building capacity," he said.

Highlighting the challenge of social acceptance, Mondal said communities often assume women leaders represent only women rather than the entire community.

Kohinoor Yeasmin, co-chair of BNGWG, said women have made progress over the decades, but many still struggle to reach higher leadership positions.

Drawing on grassroots experience, she said women elected to local councils are often excluded from decision-making.

"They are selected members but kept aside," she said, adding that many are not even informed about local budgets despite being assigned supervisory roles.

Yeasmin said training on budgeting and governance has helped women question authorities, but political structures still limit their influence.

"We empower them, but politically they remain restricted," she added.

She also stressed the importance of working with young leaders and adolescent girls, noting that many now aspire to greater participation in public life.

Anika Tahsin Khan, national gender consultant at GIZ, said a positive development in recent elections was the large turnout of women voters.

However, she said women remain sidelined in leadership and decision-making despite being active in political parties due to persistent structural barriers.

Quazi Baby, CEO of the Participatory Development Action Programme, highlighted women's growing presence in digital spaces.

While online platforms create opportunities, they also expose women to harassment and risks, she said.

"Women's safety online is important because violence can occur both online and offline."

She stressed the need for greater awareness about cyber safety and digital hygiene, adding that stronger legal protections against cyber harassment are needed.

Banasree Mitra Neogi, director of Rights and Governance at Manusher Jonno Foundation, said Bangladesh has a long history of women's movements and activism and that women's visibility in economic, educational and social sectors has increased gradually.

However, she said religion and cultural norms are sometimes used to silence women.

"Influencing decisions requires courage," she said, adding that many women hesitate to speak up due to fear.

She also noted that democracy often appears limited to voting, while women's representation from grassroots to national levels remains weak.

Although the constitution guarantees equal rights, the main challenge lies in implementation, she said. "Identifying barriers to enforcement is essential to ensure women can fully exercise their rights."

The event was moderated by Tanjim Ferdous, head of strategic partnership at The Daily Star.

Among others present were Kamrun Nahar, chair of BNGWG; Khandoker Shohel Rana of Sightsavers; Sanjida Ahmed of Plan International; Rasheda Akter of Save the Children; Shahmina Isha Mannan; Rowshon Akhter Urmeed of Oxfam; and Tasaffi M Hossain of Bonhishikha.

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M. Zakaria Khan

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F. R. Khan Estates Limited and another

--- Petitioner

--- Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under sections 81(2) and 85(3), 183 read with Sections 396 of the Companies Act 1994 has been filled for condonation of delay in holding the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of F. R. Khan Estates Limited and to relieve the Directors of the Company from the liabilities of fine before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioner and upon preliminary hearing on 01.03.2026; Mr. Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque was pleased to admit the said application. Anyone desirous of opposing the matter may appear before the Hon'ble court either personally or through his advocate on the date fixed. A copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.

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