

Yunus, former advisers

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government is scrapping key ordinances passed under their administration, including one on the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

"The ordinances they drafted are being scrapped, and they need to speak up. Dr Yunus must open his mouth. They handed over power to the BNP through election engineering and left," Nahid alleged.

"Now these ordinances will be cancelled, reforms won't happen, and they will remain silent and return to their careers. This cannot happen. They will have to face the people's court."

"We gave them power through the blood of the people, but they have disappointed us. However, to retain whatever was achieved during their tenure, they must also take to the streets. I call upon Dr Yunus to join the street protests," he added.

Terming the BNP an "anti-reform party," Nahid said post-August 5 reform politics were expected, but the party sought elections keeping everything

old intact whereas we demanded radical reforms.

Criticising the ruling party, he said the BNP is disregarding everything after securing a two-thirds majority in the elections.

"They have scrapped the public mandate of the referendum. Now we hear they are withholding 10-11 key ordinances, including those on enforced disappearances, the human rights commission and judicial appointments," he said.

"By scrapping these, they want an autocratic system and absolute executive power," Nahid added.

The NCP convener claimed the people did not respond to the BNP's movements over the last 16 years because they never had faith in its leadership.

"We sought a solution in parliament, but failing that, we will take to the streets. We want a constitutional reform council, and the ordinances must be enacted into law," Nahid said, warning the BNP government would struggle to govern during a looming recession without public trust.



Farmers irrigate watermelon fields to maintain soil moisture and ensure proper growth, hoping for continued favourable weather conditions. The photo was taken from Debitala in Batiaghata upazila of Khulna yesterday.

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Dr Chowdhury H Ahsan appointed chair of SCAI int'l committee

CITY DESK

Bangladeshi cardiologist Dr Chowdhury H Ahsan has been appointed as the chair of the International Committee of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI), a US based professional organisation.



The appointment was officially confirmed through a formal letter issued on March 27 by SCAI President J Dawn Abbott, said a press release.

According to the letter, Dr Ahsan's two-year term will take effect immediately and will continue through the SCAI Scientific Sessions in 2028. During this period, he will be supported by Co-Chair Dr Kwon Lee.

SCAI has also announced that the committee's activities will formally commence with an orientation meeting scheduled for May 12. Currently, Dr Ahsan serves as the head of the Department of Medicine and Director of the Cardiology Fellowship Program at University Medical Center, Las Vegas, USA.

18 killed, 912 injured

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including three children -- were killed after being raped.

The report said 176 children were subjected to abuse in March, including 64 who died and 112 who experienced physical and mental trauma.

It also noted that at least 51 children died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital last month due to treatment-related complications, ICU shortages, and measles symptoms.

The report documented at least 10 attacks on religious minority communities, leaving five people injured. Three temples, one idol, and three houses were vandalised, while one incident of land grabbing targeting minority communities was reported.

According to the report, one person died due to alleged torture during a police operation in March, while at least 12 prisoners died in jails across the country. Among them were two affiliated with the Awami League and its associate bodies, and 10 general inmates.

In addition, at least 13 people were killed and 38 injured in 25 mob attacks across the country.

In a press release issued yesterday, the rights body said these incidents were driven by various allegations, including theft, robbery, mugging, verbal

altercations, dominance disputes, and claims of religious insult.

One notable incident occurred on March 4 in Munshiganj's Lauhajang upazila, where two youths -- 32-year-old Sagar and 34-year-old Sanarul -- were tied to a tree and beaten to death overnight following accusations of stealing electric wires from a community clinic.

The HRSS report, which compiled data from 16 national newspapers and the organisation's own documentation, highlights a broader trend of instability.

Earlier, the group described the rise in mob violence during the interim government period as "extremely alarming," noting 413 such incidents over 17 months that resulted in at least 259 deaths.

After assuming office, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has repeatedly addressed the issue. On February 18, he said mob culture would not be tolerated under any circumstances.

During a meeting with the French ambassador on March 29, he said the interim government had struggled to control such violence due to its own weakness, adding that such incidents had largely ceased since the elected government took office, except for isolated cases.

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barrier to reopening the Malaysian labour market and has badly hurt Bangladesh's labour migration interests.

Ariful said, "We are aware of the longstanding allegations surrounding brokers and the Malaysian labour market. We are looking into them."

"Since the invitation has come from the Malaysian government, we do not want to miss the opportunity," he added.

Data from the Bangladesh Bank indicate that remittances from Malaysia have risen steadily, from US \$1.02 billion in 2021-22 to US \$1.60 billion in 2023-24. In 2024-25, remittances from Malaysia stood at \$1.89 billion up to March.

Sources said Malaysia still has significant demand for foreign workers, with estimates suggesting room for around 6,00,000 more workers, which may rise to 1.2 million or more in the next six years.

Since Bangladesh's

market closed, countries like Nepal, Indonesia, and Myanmar have sent around 3,00,000 workers to Malaysia, while about 18,000 Bangladeshi workers who were ready in 2024 could not go.

Documents show Malaysia is considering reducing its foreign labour quota to 10 percent by the end of 2026 and to 5 percent by 2035 to boost domestic employment. If Bangladesh cannot resume migration now, future opportunities may narrow sharply, sources warned.

Expatriate ministry officials said Malaysia remains one of the few major destinations for a large number of inexperienced and unskilled workers.

Countries such as Japan and South Korea generally require language skills and technical competence, while Singapore's market is relatively small.

Officials say the government is also trying to open or expand labour markets in Thailand, Japan, and Singapore as

it seeks alternatives to the conflict-hit Middle East.

Md Abul Hasanath Humayun Kabir, director general of the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training, told The Daily Star that opening new labour markets remained a major challenge.

"We are exploring alternatives, as the Middle East war has slowed down the market in Saudi Arabia. We are prioritising Malaysia, since it is the second largest labour market for Bangladesh. We are hopeful of reopening it," he said.

The Malaysian market has been closed three times in the last 16 years, each time amid allegations of syndicates, corruption, and irregularities in recruitment.

THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

The conflict has disrupted air travel, with 1,145 flights to and from Dhaka and Chattogram cancelled in the past 33 days since February 28.

Due to the disruptions,

migrant workers are facing a crisis in rejoining work.

Boshra Islam, general manager (public relations) of the Biman Bangladesh Airlines, said around 1,600 Dammam-bound passengers, most of whom are migrant workers, remained stranded in the country as of April 2 due to the flight cancellation of the national flag carrier.

She said the stranded passengers are gradually returning to their destinations by Biman flight. "Except for Doha and Kuwait, all destinations bound for the Middle East have been resumed."

Meanwhile, since the start of the war, six Bangladesh migrants have been killed in the Middle East.

Addressing the media on Friday at the airport, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaid Islam said the government was working through diplomatic channels to protect Bangladeshi expatriates in the evolving situation and to extend their visas where necessary.

Govt aims to reopen Malaysia amid Gulf

Einstein of structural

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Bosunia, an academic and structural engineering expert, said, "While Einstein taught us to understand the universe, FR Khan taught us how we can touch the sky."

Renowned architect Rafiq Azam described Khan as "more of a philosopher than an architect engineer."

He said the new generation remains largely unaware of Khan's significant contributions, attributing this to the state's limited efforts to celebrate national intellectual figures.

"This ceremony has been organised privately. It is a failure of the state that it does not celebrate the country's brilliant minds like FR Khan," he added.

State Minister for Education Bobby Hajjaj also attended the programme and acknowledged the state's lack of initiative in recognising such contributions, noting that more attention is often given to politically prominent figures.

At the event, Khan's nephew, Engr Faizur

Rahman Khan -- also the managing director of bti -- delivered a presentation featuring photographs and personal recollections of the celebrated engineer.

He also announced the introduction of an educational scholarship in the name of FR Khan at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) and in schools.

The programme concluded with a musical performance by Rabindra Sangeet singer Shama Rahman.

FR Khan revolutionised structural engineering by developing innovative systems for tall buildings, now widely known as skyscrapers. Among his most notable works are the John Hancock Center, Willis Tower, the Hajj Terminal, and projects at King Abdulaziz University.

Khan received numerous prestigious accolades, including the Wason Medal and the Middlebrooks and Ernest Howard Awards. He was also honoured with the Independence Award by the government of Bangladesh.

Liberation War is our identity

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upazila of Habiganj, under the leadership of late president Ziaur Rahman and Colonel Ataul Gani Osmani.

"Nothing happened on the orders of any one person. On March 25, 1971, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was taken prisoner and

sent to Pakistan. When people were confused by the Pakistani army's attack that night, Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman declared independence," he said while addressing a rally to the July uprising. Such propaganda cannot be accepted.

Fakhrul also noted reforms initiated by BNP leaders, mentioning that Ziaur Rahman had introduced multi party democracy from a one-party rule, while Khaleda Zia later introduced the caretaker government system.

"Our leader Tarique Rahman announced a 31-point programme in 2022. We want reforms and will implement them," he added.

The event was chaired by Habiganj District Freedom Fighter Unit Command convener Golam Mostafa Rafiq and moderated by member secretary Humayun Kabir.

Liberation War Affairs Minister Advocate Ahmed Azam Khan, State Minister Ishraqe Hossain, Parliament Whip Alhaj GK Gaus, MPs Sakhawat Hasan Jibon and Syed Md Faisal, attended among others.

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Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Extreme Heat in Dhaka City:
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