

Two-thirds JS majority Country

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"A two-thirds majority has repeatedly proved a curse. Absolute power erodes judgement," he added.

Photographer and activist Shahidul Alam said many in the current government had themselves been victims of enforced disappearance, making their stance difficult to understand.

He said he had personally spoken to the law minister, who reportedly expressed a desire to introduce a stronger law. "But my question is -- what is the problem with adopting the current ordinance for now and amending it later?"

Political analyst Dr Dilara Chowdhury described enforced disappearance as "state terror" and one of the gravest human rights violations.

"Repealing the Enforced Disappearance Prevention Ordinance means it would give law enforcement a licence for such practices," she said, adding the move appeared influenced by an "invisible force".

AB Party Chairman Mojibur Rahman Monju said the aim of the mass uprising was to restore weakened state institutions, but the government and BNP now

appear to be reverting to old practices.

Cumilla-4 MP Hasnat Abdullah warned that abandoning reforms while relying on majority power could lead to another uprising. The 2024 uprising was meant to transform the state, not just change individuals, he said, adding, "If the previous system remains intact, then any individual could eventually become another Hasina."

He also criticised placing the Human Rights Commission under government control, saying it could shift investigative authority back to the home ministry and allow police to investigate allegations against themselves.

Tasnim Jara, independent candidate for Dhaka-9, said maintaining the Supreme Judicial Council and anti-enforced disappearance ordinance is essential for the rule of law, warning that weakening them would invite political interference.

Lawyer and activist Manzur Al Matin, rights activist Ruby Amatullah, and journalist Ashraf Kaisar also spoke, among others.

The event was moderated by Voice for Reform Co-coordinator Fahim Mashroor.

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has taken initiatives to import fuel and LNG from alternative sources to ensure energy security.

"Given the sharp rise in international fuel prices, the government has sought budget support from development partners and adopted various measures for energy savings," he added.

The minister explained that despite global instability, commodity price pressures, external transaction challenges, weaknesses in the banking sector, and economic disruptions created in the past, the current government has already taken a series of measures to make the economy stronger, more stable, and more dynamic.

Responding to a question from Kushtia-1 MP Reza Ahmed, the finance minister said the government has adopted integrated measures based on stability, reform, investment, employment, social protection, and good governance to accelerate economic development and will continue to do so in the future.

Ex-Jubo Dal leader

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enforcers for around six months.

"During my detention, I was inhumanely tortured," he told The Daily Star.

He said he was later handed over to the Detective Branch on August 23 that year and shown arrested the following day.

A few days later, he was produced before a court and placed on remand, and spent nearly two years in Dhaka Central Jail before securing bail from the High Court.

According to a Daily Star report published on August 29, 2015, Mamun was sent to jail after being produced before a Dhaka court following a three-day remand in a case linked to a controversial phone conversation involving Nagorik Oikya Convener Mahmudur Rahman

Manna and BNP leader Sadeque Hossain Khoka.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed Mamun Khaled on a three-day remand in a case over the killing of furniture trader Mohammad Delowar Hossain during the July uprising, taking his total remand to 14 days.

Earlier, ICT-2 asked jail authorities to produce Mamun Khaled and former army officer Lt Gen (retd) Masud Uddin Chowdhury before the tribunal today.

Chief Prosecutor Aminul Islam recently said two arrested retired senior military officers were involved in activities that fall within the definition of crimes against humanity, including secret detention, killings and enforced disappearances.

Self-regulation

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Echoing this, Dr Md Saiful Alam Chowdhury, associate professor at Dhaka University, warned that seeking government regulation, given the authorities' current level of AI literacy, could invite disaster.

Journalist Talat Mamun suggested that if 10 to 15 leading media houses set their own AI standards, it would create a trend, allowing the sector to self-regulate effectively.

MIRDI Executive Director Hasibur Rahman outlined plans to develop a comprehensive AI guideline applicable to print, online, and television platforms, which any media organisation could adopt with ease.

Speakers also highlighted current AI applications in Bangladesh media.

Shawki noted that the 60-word news summaries in Prothom Alo's "Shorts" app are almost entirely AI-generated. Yet, a lack of AI training among journalists remains a critical concern.

Kamal Ahmed, consulting editor at The Daily Star, said, "We are still far behind in using AI. But we cannot remain detached from this train. No matter

how late, we have to get on board."

Md Al Mamun, country director of BBC Media Action, stressed the importance of major investments in AI training, warning that unskilled oversight could result in significant errors.

Dr Sumon Rahman of University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB) highlighted the intellectual necessity of mastering "prompt writing" to avoid bias and misinformation.

Dr Susan Vize, Unesco representative in Bangladesh, described the UN's role in training journalists on AI tools, noting that around 3,500 journalists were trained alongside the Press Institute Bangladesh before the elections.

"I was actually a little bit surprised at the lack of knowledge of many of these people about AI," she said.

She stressed the urgent need for localised, flexible codes of practice in Bangladesh and suggested that regional examples, such as those in Southeast Europe, could provide guidance to balance AI-driven efficiency with accountability and reliability.

IO seeks court

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officer to appear before it on April 6 (yesterday) and provide an update on the progress of the case.

He added that further details would be disclosed after the court issues its order.

Meanwhile, Tonu's father, Yar Ahmed, appeared before the court and demanded justice for his daughter from the prime minister.

According to court sources, 79 hearing dates have passed so far, while six investigation officers from four different agencies have handled the case.

However, no arrests have been made, and no trial has begun even after a decade.

Sohagi Jahan Tonu, a history student at Cumilla Victoria Government College and a theatre activist, was raped and murdered inside Cumilla Cantonment on March 20, 2016.

The exact cause of death

could not be determined despite two autopsies conducted at Cumilla Medical College Hospital.

Officials from the Criminal Investigation Department confirmed through DNA tests that she had been raped before being murdered.

Spermatozoa from three unidentified individuals were found on her clothes, but investigators have not been able to match them with any suspects.

The killing triggered nationwide protests, with students and citizens taking to the streets demanding justice. At the time, authorities assured action, but the case remains unresolved.

Fuel crisis threatens water taxi

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have been waiting for 45 minutes. I will stop using this service after today."

Another passenger, Emon Mia, a student of Tejgaon Government College, said delays have worsened since Eid.

"Earlier, taxi left with five to six passengers. Now we wait around 30 minutes. Even if there are 12 passengers on board, the operators keep waiting," he said.

Authorities said boats are being operated under a rationing system to cope with the fuel shortage. Each vehicle requires about 30 litres of diesel daily, but currently receives only 15 to 20 litres, allowing operations for about four hours. At least five litres must be kept in reserve to avoid engine damage.

During peak hours between 7:00am and 11:30am, 11 boats operate. Services are then reduced to three or four boats around noon to conserve

fuel, before increasing again after 4:00pm.

Talking to this correspondent, FDC ghat ticket checker Saiful Islam said the company is not receiving adequate fuel service. Four taxis are out of service, while the rest operate mainly during peak hours.

Water Taxi JT In-Charge Md Joynal Abedin said daily fuel demand is around 350 to 400 litres, but only about 200 litres are currently supplied.

"Trips are being reduced due to the shortage. If the situation continues, we may have to shut down, as we don't have a reserve," he said.

"We have reduced trips between 11:30am and 4:00pm to save fuel. However, we are trying to maintain services during morning and afternoon peak hours," he added.

Operated by Karim Group under Rajuk supervision, the service has been running for 10 years. Morshedul Alam,

manager (operations) of the company, said they have never faced such a crisis before.

"We are operating only about 50 percent of services, prioritising peak hours to minimise inconveniences for officegoers. During other times, boats are not operated unless there are 15 to 25 passengers."

"Unlike before, we can no longer run boats with fewer passengers. We have no fuel reserve. Whatever diesel we receive is used the same day," he added.

He added that sales have dropped by around 50 percent, making it difficult to sustain operations. "If diesel supply stops completely, we will have no option but to shut down."

Launched on December 16, 2016, under the Hatirjheel Integrated Development Project, the service became popular among commuters from Badda, Rampura, and Gulshan as an alternative to congested roads.

5% of GDP to be allocated

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healthcare workers will be recruited in phases, and 80 percent of them will be women.

The premier said his government plans to introduce e-health cards for every citizen and ensure rapid and quality treatment for chronic and multifactorial diseases through public-private partnership (PPP) initiatives.

The government will implement necessary reforms to improve service quality and keep treatment costs affordable, introduce and gradually expand health insurance, strengthen medical education and research, and enact fair laws for

both service providers and recipients, he said.

"To achieve these goals, five percent of GDP will be allocated to the health sector in phases," he added.

Tarique Rahman reaffirmed the government's commitment to building a healthy and safe world for future generations.

World Health Day 2026 will be observed today in Bangladesh as well as across the world with the theme "Together for Health, Stand with Science," he noted.

He said human beings, animals, and the environment -- these three components are closely interconnected as the safety and well-being of one is dependent on others.

Therefore, protection of all forms of life is a demand of the time, he said, adding that this is the concept of "One Health", which emphasises not only human well-being but also the health of surrounding living beings and the environment.

"Healthcare is not a privilege; it is a fundamental human right," he said, urging all to fulfil their responsibilities with honesty, dedication, and sincerity to help build a healthy and strong nation.

The premier also extended sincere greetings and congratulations to everybody in the health sector and wished success to all programmes on World Health Day.

Pashchimanchal Gas Company Limited
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Nalka, Sirajganj.

Amendment of e-Tender Notice

Reference No.: 28.18.0000.000.039.07.0011.2025-26/803 Date: 05/04/2026

Tender Package Description	Tender ID	Tender Document Last Selling/Downloading Date and Time	Last Date and Time for Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing/Opening Date and Time
Procurement of Rotary, Turbine Gas Meter with EVC	1220751	27-April-2026 at 10:00 AM	27-April-2026 at 2:00 PM	27-April-2026 at 3:00 PM

1) This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
2) To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required.
3) The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposit online through any registered bank's branches.
4) Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

PGPR-39/2025-2026 (3 x 4')
General Manager (Administration)
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Contact No.01730357237

পাওয়ার গ্রিড বাংলাদেশ পিএলসি
POWER GRID BANGLADESH PLC
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)

Grid Bhaban, Avenue-3, Jahurul Islam City, Aftabnagar, Badda, Dhaka-1212 Web: www.powergrid.gov.bd
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e-Tender বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পাওয়ার গ্রিডের জিএমডি, বগুড়া দপ্তরের আওতাধীন নিম্নলিখিত দরপত্র e-GP পোর্টালে প্রকাশিত হয়েছে।

ID	Title of Works
1252888	Purchase of Roller Blinds of Mahasthangarh 132/33 kV, Sherpur (Bogura) 132/33 kV, Joypurhat 132/33 kV and Bogura 132/33 kV Substation & Training Center Under GMD, Bogura.
1252896	Repair & Maintenance of IP Camera Under GMD, Power grid, Bogura.
1252915	Supply And Installation of rooftop lightning protection system for the control room building at Mahasthangarh Grid substation under GMD, Power Grid, Bogura.

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, জিএমডি, বগুড়া

বাংলাদেশ প্রকৌশল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা

নং সংস্থা/ব-৫৯/রে- ৭৭৮৬ তারিখ : ০৬ এপ্রিল ২০২৬

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বেকারেফ নং: gda-dev-2025-2026-1-2 তারিখ: ০৫-০৪-২০২৬

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এবং
প্রকল্প পরিচালক

Addendum-01 to Expression of Interest (EOI) for Franchise Ownership Rights
Women's Bangladesh Premier League T20 (WBPL T20)

Ref: BCB/Franchise Ownership Rights /WBPL T20/ 2026/287 Date: 07th April 2026

ADDENDUM-01

The Addendum is issued by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) in connection with the Expression of Interest (EOI) dated 18th February 2026 (Ref: BCB / Franchise Ownership Rights / WBPL T20 / 2026 / 109) and Extension of EOI Submission Deadline dated 06th March, 2026 (Ref: BCB / Franchise Ownership Rights / WBPL T20 / 2026 / 172(ka)) for Franchise Ownership Rights of the Women's Bangladesh Premier League T20 (WBPL T20).

To align the EOI process with the revised tournament schedule and operational requirements, BCB hereby introduces the following amendments:

- The deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is hereby as Monday, 13th April 2026. BCB reserves the right to further extend or modify the timeline if required.
- All Expressions of Interest submitted pursuant to the original EOI shall remain on record. However, all applicants shall be entitled, but not obligated, to revise, supplement or resubmit their EOIs within the revised timeline. Any applicant who does not submit a revised or supplemented EOI shall be deemed to rely upon its original submission, which shall be evaluated in accordance with the amended terms.
- All applicants, including new participants, shall be afforded equal opportunity to participate in the process. No applicant shall be disadvantaged by reason of having submitted an EOI prior to this Addendum, and no rights or legitimate expectations shall accrue solely on that basis.
- Save as expressly amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the EOI shall remain unchanged and shall continue to be valid and binding. This Addendum shall form an integral part of the EOI.

BCB reserves its rights as set out in the EOI, including the right to amend, modify, suspend or cancel the process at any stage without incurring any liability to any party.

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

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(AN ENTERPRISE OF BSEC UNDER MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES)
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email: gaziwiresltd@gmail.com

:International Tender Notice (ICT):

Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries	
2 Agency	Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation (BSEC).	
3 Procuring Entity Name	Managing Director, Gazi Wires Limited (GWL), 28 BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh. E-mail: gaziwiresltd@gmail.com and hopur@gaziwires.gov.bd	
4 Invitation for	Procurement 120 M.T Electrolytic Copper Wire, Size: 8.00mm.	
5 Invitation Ref. No.	36.03.1519.009.030.0001.2026, Date: 05.04.2026.	
6 Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (ICT) (One Stage Two Envelop System)	
7 Budget and Source of Funds	Gazi Wires Limited's Own Fund.	
8 Tender Publication Date	Tender Last Selling Date & Time 18.05.2026 19.05.2026 11.30 AM	
9 Name & Address of the officer(s) Address	Tender Opening Date & Time (Technical Offer) 19.05.2026 11.45AM	
(a) Selling Tender Document	1) Cash Section, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation, BSEC Bhaban, 102-Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. 2) Cash Section, Gazi Wires Limited, 28 BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh.	
(b) Receiving and Opening of Tender Document	At the office time of Gazi Wires Ltd., 28-BFIDC Road, Kalurghat, Chattogram -4212, Bangladesh.	
10 Price of Tender Document	BDT. 3,000.00	
11 Eligibility of Tenderer	Mentioned in the Tender Documents.	
12 Brief Description of tender:		
Tender Package No.	Description of tender	Tender Security Amount (USD/Taka)
36.03.1519.009.030.0001.2026, Dated: 05.04.2026.	Procurement of 120 M.T Electrolytic Copper Wire, Size: 8.00mm.	USD 30,838.00 Equivalent BDT 37,94,000.00
13 Delivery Period/ Shipment Schedule	Shipment will be made at buyer direction (LC by I.C).	
14 Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.	

Head of Commercial For-Managing Director