

## BNP's women leaders unhappy

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matter greatly to us. Assuch, giving outsiders a chance, even at the interview stage, was both surprising and disappointing."

Meanwhile, senior BNP leaders also criticised the process being followed, saying that the party allowed almost anyone who bought a nomination form to sit for the interview without proper screening or following the spirit of the party's constitution.

Under the party constitution, the BNP parliamentary board is meant to nominate candidates through a panel-based system, with district leaders joining the board and final candidates being chosen from panels prepared by the relevant local units of the constituency.

The party has already interviewed more than 900 aspirants at its Gulshan chairperson's office, with the process led by BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman alongside members of the standing committee.

While the party is yet to decide when it will announce the final list of candidates, two standing committee members who took part in the interviews

indicated the names may be sent directly to the Election Commission after being finalised by Tarique Rahman.

BNP leaders said they were struggling to finalise the nominees from a competitive selection process, with each seat having around 25 aspirants.

During the interviews, BNP chief Tarique Rahman instructed the aspirants to accept the party's decision, adding that the party would evaluate those who fail to secure nomination and consider them for future responsibilities.

Earlier, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said they will consider the candidates based on their contributions to the party during the last 15-16 years of political struggle, educational background, ability to speak in parliament, and knowledge of parliamentary activities.

The BNP yesterday completed the list of 36 candidates for the reserved seats for women in parliament, party insiders said.

Among the candidates under discussion are BNP Assistant Secretary Nilufar

Chowdhury Monir, BNP Assistant Training Affairs Secretary and former MP Rehana Akter Ranu, BNP Local Government Affairs Assistant Secretary Shammi Akter, BNP leader Sunila Jabrin Priyanka, and Dhaka District unit BNP General Secretary Nipun Roy Chowdhury.

BNP Media Cell member Mahmuda Habiba and Mayer Daak coordinator Sanjida Islam Tulee are also being discussed.

Party insiders said two former NCP leaders, who resigned from the party, are also being considered for nomination to the reserved seats for women in parliament.

#### 431 COLLECT NOMINATION PAPERS FROM EC

Meanwhile, a total of 431 aspirants seeking nominations from three political parties, including the BNP, have collected nomination papers from the Election Commission over the past 12 days to contest the 50 reserved women's seats in the 13th National Parliament.

Of them, 417 were from BNP, 13 from Jamaat-e-Islami, and one from Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis.

However, only three candidates – Sanjida Islam Tulee, Nilufar Yasmin Monir, and Mahbuba Rahman of BNP – have submitted their papers till yesterday afternoon.

Mohammad Monir Hossain, EC's deputy secretary and assistant returning officer for the election to the women's reserved seats, confirmed the information.

The EC announced the election schedule on April 8, setting voting for May 12.

According to the schedule, the deadline for submission of nomination papers is April 21 at the EC Secretariat. Scrutiny will be held on April 22-23, appeals filing on April 26, hearing of appeals on April 27-28, deadline for withdrawal of candidacy on April 29, and allocation of electoral symbols on April 30.

On seat distribution, BNP and its alliance will get 36 seats, Jamaat-e-Islami and its partners will get 13 seats, and six independent candidates who have formed an alliance will receive one seat.

The EC published the voter list for the election on April 6, with 298 lawmakers eligible to vote.

## NCP steps up

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However, any individual who has been involved in fascism or genocide, supported genocide, or committed crimes such as extortion, corruption, and terrorism will not be allowed to join NCP, he added.

According to party insiders, more disagreements stemming from internal rifts and competing pressures within the party may surface in the coming days as the inclusion of leaders from the three platforms has caused resentment among some of the NCP's earlier organisers, who feel they are being sidelined.

"Following this inclusion, members of the party and its affiliated bodies are now considering resigning. Those who stood by the party during its most difficult months are being pushed aside to make room for new arrivals," said a senior leader of NCP's youth wing Jubo Shakti, wishing anonymity.

Another NCP leader, requesting anonymity, said the unity within the party is eroding.

Meanwhile, tensions have emerged within the party over its newly formed women's wing, Jatiya Nari Shakti.

Following announcement of the wing's 53-member central committee, at least two leaders – Jubo Shakti Joint Member Secretary Dyuti Aranya Chowdhury and Cumilla Metropolitan Joint Member Secretary Faraha Emdad – publicly distanced themselves from the body and the party through separate Facebook posts.

Dyuti said she had effectively been detached from the party since December over its decision to join the Jamaat-led alliance and expressed surprise at being named joint member secretary without her consent.

However, Nari Shakti Convener Monira Sharmin dismissed the criticism, saying the objections stemmed from dissatisfaction over assigned positions rather than ideology, and described the allegations as "theatrical".

## Will invite int'l bids

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"And there are plans to convene a new offshore bidding round soon," Tuku said.

While answering another query from Mosharraf Hossain MP, the minister said currently the country has 29.74 trillion cubic feet (TCF) recoverable gas reserves.

Of this, 22.11 TCF of gas has been extracted as of December 31, 2025, and 7.63 TCF remain available. If no new gas field is discovered and gas is supplied at the current rate, approximately 1,700 million cubic feet per day, the remaining 7.63 trillion cubic feet of gas can be supplied for approximately 12 years based on the available capacity.

While answering another question from Sultan Mahmud Babu MP, the energy minister said the government has a multifaceted plan to reduce import dependence in the energy sector and increase domestic gasoline and fuel production.

Till date, 26 wells are being drilled and worked over under the 50 and 100-well drilling and workover plans at various stages.

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company (BAPEX) has taken steps to conduct seismic survey activities.

## Govt's tobacco


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control, in Bangladesh, however, the tax policy analysis remains constrained by misconceptions.

He said the assumption that increasing prices will reduce revenue is flawed, as there is no solid research evidence to support this claim. On the contrary, evidence suggests that higher prices discourage adolescents from initiating smoking – thereby helping to protect youths, he added.

He also noted that the decision to revoke the ban on e-cigarettes in the recently passed Tobacco Control Ordinance in the parliament was made without any clear explanation, while sending a dangerous signal to the public.

He stressed raising public awareness about the risks of tobacco use alongside taxation and tobacco control laws.

Prof Shafiq N Shimul, director of the Institute of Health Economics (IHE) at Dhaka University, presented the proposal jointly prepared by IHE, Economics for Health, and the World Health Organization (WHO).



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## Solar no longer

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লট নং-০৪ : গ্রামীণ ব্যাংক, কুমাইল ফুলবাড়ীয়া শাখা অফিস ভবন নির্মাণ কাজ।  
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