

Mandatory pro bono work for lawyers

Proposes law minister

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Md Asaduzzaman yesterday said the government may amend laws to require lawyers to handle at least 10 percent of their cases pro bono, ensuring justice for poor and helpless citizens at no cost.



"There are more than 40 lakh pending cases at the (lower) courts and 80,000 lawyers across the

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Keep MPs out of local govt

Urges Bangladesh Institute of Planners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) yesterday called for a clear separation between Members of Parliament and local government institutions, cautioning that overlapping roles undermine accountability and effective governance.

At a press conference at its office, BIP leaders said MPs may maintain constituency offices to engage with voters, but these should be located outside local government bodies.

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Spate of shootings turns Raozan into 'terror zone'

23 killed since August 2024; most linked to political disputes

FM MIZANUR RAHAMAN

A spate of shootings has turned Raozan upazila in Chattogram into what residents call a "terror zone", with two people killed in similar attacks within 48 hours.

Law enforcers say 23 people have been killed in Raozan between August 5, 2024 and April 26 this year, with 17 of those believed to be linked to political disputes.

More than 100 clashes and shooting incidents during the period have left over 350 people injured, many with gunshot wounds.

Most of the victims were BNP leaders or activists, according to local sources, though police have not confirmed all affiliations. Despite recovering over 100 firearms, authorities have struggled to restore control.

During the Awami League government's tenure, many BNP leaders and activists could not enter the upazila. After the July 2024 uprising that led to the fall of AL, BNP figures returned, often splitting into rival factions.

Supporters of BNP lawmaker from Chattogram-6 Gias Uddin Quader Chowdhury and former North District convener Golam Akbar Khondaker have since clashed repeatedly, each blaming the other.

Police said Nasir Uddin, known as "Madhu Nasir", was shot in Kadalpur union Ward 6 on Sunday night and later died in the hospital. Officers recovered three empty cartridges from the scene. He was accused in six cases, including murder.

Two days earlier, on April 24,



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A Kadalpur resident

Kawsaruzzaman, described by locals as a BNP supporter, was shot dead near his home by unidentified attackers.

Police say the motive in both killings remains unclear.

Raozan Police Station OC Sazedul Islam said investigators are examining whether the incidents stem from political rivalry or other disputes.

"Attacks have been reported in several areas, often carried out by assailants arriving on motorcycles or auto-rickshaws who open fire and flee," he added.

A senior district police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the name Raihanul Alam has repeatedly

surfaced in connection with the violence. He is believed to lead an armed group based in the hills. Another group, led by a figure known as "Dakat Alam", is also active.

Both groups are allegedly involved in extortion, timber smuggling and control of sand quarries, the official said, adding that fear often keeps victims and witnesses from filing complaints.

Raozan BNP Member Secretary Firoz Ahmed claimed many suspects were once close to former Awami League MP Fazle Karim Chowdhury but now identify as BNP members. He added that many of those killed had been involved in BNP politics.

He said MP Gias Uddin has written to the home ministry seeking a permanent Rab camp in Raozan. The MP could not be reached for comment as he is abroad.

Chattogram Superintendent of Police Nazir Ahmed Khan said the violence stems from disputes over local dominance, sand quarry control, soil extraction, and extortion from transport and business establishments.

"Raozan is a hilly area. Offenders often retreat into the hills, making arrests difficult," he said, adding that operations are ongoing and police do not consider the political affiliations of those responsible.

A Kadalpur resident, requesting anonymity, said armed groups move openly with firearms. "Everyone knows who they are, but no one speaks out for fear of attack. Despite the violence, authorities are still talking about drives instead of launching coordinated action," he said.

HC defers bail order for journos Shakil, Rupa until May 11

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday deferred until May 11 its order on bail petitions filed by journalist couple Shakil Ahmed and Farzana Rupa in seven cases, including murder cases linked to the July uprising.

A bench of Justice KM Zahid Sarwar and Justice Sheikh Abu Taher passed the order after Deputy Attorney General Ashiquzzaman Nazrul sought time for the state to continue investigations.

The court had earlier concluded hearings on April 21 and fixed yesterday for delivering its order.

According to case records, a Dhaka court on August 31, 2024, sent the couple to jail in a case over the murder of garment worker Rubel, filed with Adabor Police Station.

They were detained on August 21 that year at

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2 monks among 3 killed as microbus plunges into ditch

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Three people were killed and several others injured after a microbus carrying Buddhist monks plunged into a roadside ditch in Lohagara upazila of Chattogram yesterday morning.

The deceased were identified as Buddhist monks Agar Dayma, 25, Sa Ching Marma, 24, and driver Loveri Marma, 26.

Abdul Mannan, deputy assistant director of Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence in Chattogram, said the vehicle, travelling from Cox's Bazar to Chattogram, veered off the road in the Chunati Jangalia area around 9:30am after the driver lost control.

"The vehicle was severely mangled upon impact.

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4 Dhaka zones face highest heat

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planning, as only about 3.5 percent of district hospitals were found to operate at full efficiency.

Temperature monitoring conducted between July and September 2023 showed that while the Bangladesh Meteorological Department recorded an average temperature of 29.7 degrees Celsius - close to the study's 29.9 degrees Celsius - the maximum temperature differed significantly: 37 degrees Celsius by BMD versus 44 degrees Celsius in field data.

The study also found that areas with green and blue spaces are 0.8-1.4 degrees Celsius cooler, and adopting suburban characteristics, such as increased greenery, could reduce temperatures by at least 0.5 degrees Celsius.

To address rising

heat risks, the study recommended establishing a network of monitoring stations and expanding green spaces across the city.

Professor Zahidul Quayyum, co-director of the Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health (CUEH), said nearly 45 percent of urban areas face high heat vulnerability, alongside a shortage of nearby healthcare facilities.

A key challenge is the lack of reliable data on heat-related illness and deaths, which limits accurate assessment in many low- and middle-income countries, said Prof Quayyum.

Dr MA Muhit, state minister for health ministry, emphasised a holistic approach to health systems through integrating disease patterns, financing, and patient needs and called

for a concrete draft policy to guide transparent and accountable implementation.

Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of PPRC, who moderated the programme, recommended an integrated action to improve provider efficiency, address user

Measles breaks out

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They alleged that limited healthcare services in the remote hilly areas led to the critical situation.

"If a child falls ill, it costs about Tk 600 to take them to Alikadam Sadar Hospital, which is often unaffordable for us. Due to a lack of mobile network, we cannot even call for a vehicle in an emergency," said Yangthang Mro, a resident.

Krathu Pung Mro, chairman of Kurukpata Union Parishad, said four children died from measles symptoms in the union. However, no official confirmation has been obtained in this regard.

priorities such as cost and waiting time, strengthen strategic purchasing, and use data systematically.

He also called for identifying potential implementation challenges.

Dr Laura Reichenbach, dean of BRAC JGPSHP, also spoke, among others.

Locals demanded a permanent health centre instead of the temporary medical camp, as well as prompt measures to curb the spread of the disease and similar symptoms.

Meanwhile, the Directorate General of Health Services recorded three more confirmed measles deaths in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, taking the total number of confirmed measles deaths to 47 since March 15 across the country.

Besides, the directorate recorded six more suspected deaths in 24 hours, taking the number of suspected deaths to 226.

Bangladesh urged

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relations with India, whether India had stopped issuing tourist or business visas to Bangladeshis, and what steps had been taken to ease travel and visa access.

Khalilur said the bilateral relationship between the two neighbouring countries is reflected in strong solidarity, built on common values, historical connections and robust people-to-people ties.

Since assuming office, the government has taken initiatives to advance relations with India on the basis of sovereign equality, fairness, mutual respect, trust and national interest, he added.

The foreign minister also said he had discussions with the Indian minister for external affairs, the minister for petroleum and natural gas, and the national security advisor during his recent goodwill visit to India.

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(বাংলাদেশ ডায়াবেটিক সমিতির একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান)
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Tender No.	Name of work (OTM)	Tender selling last date and time	Tender price (non-refundable)	Last date & time for tender & security submission (refundable)	Tender/proposal opening time
HO/1 CT/20 26/14	Supply, installation, Testing & Commissioning of 03 sets RISC Server for ICT Operation division to operate CBS System of Rupali Bank PLC.	18/05/2026 Time: 03:00pm	Tk. 3,000/- (Three Thousand Only) ** Pay Order only	19/05/2026 Time: 12:00pm Tender Security Amount: Tk. 25,000,00.00 (Twenty-Five Lac Only)	19/05/2026 Time: 12:01pm (In front of bidder, if any)
HO/1 CT/20 26/15	Supply, installation, Testing & Commissioning of 08 sets CISC Server for ICT Operation division to operate CBS related other services of Rupali Bank PLC.	18/05/2026 Time: 03:00pm	Tk. 2,500/- (Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) ** Pay Order only	19/05/2026 Time: 12:30pm Tender Security Amount: Tk. 15,000,00.00 (Fifteen Lac Only)	19/05/2026 Time: 12:31pm (In front of bidder, if any)

**Note: 1. Details in Rupali Bank PLC. website: <https://www.rupalibank.com.bd>

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Notice/Price Sensitive Information

This is for kind information of all concerned that the 307th meeting of the Board of Directors of Dutch-Bangla Bank PLC (the Bank / the Company) was held on 28 April 2026 at 3:00 PM. In the meeting, among others, the Board considered/adopted the Audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 and discussed the issue of holding of the 30th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Bank. After discussion the Board took the decisions as under:

Regarding holding of the 30th Annual General Meeting (AGM):

Sl. No.	Date and Time	Venue	Record Date	Recommendation
1.	Tuesday, 16 June 2026, at 11:00 AM.	Digital Platform (link will be communicated in due course)	Tuesday, 19 May 2026.	Total 30% dividend [25% Cash dividend and 5% Stock dividend (i.e. 5 (five) Bonus Shares against every existing 100 (one hundred) Ordinary Shares) for the year ended 31 December 2025.]

The following information regarding the Audited Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 was also declared/disclosed:

Sl. No.	Particulars	As on 31 December 2025 (Taka)	As on 31 December 2024* (Taka)
01.	Net Asset Value (NAV)	60,070,487,662	51,608,170,451
02.	NAV Per Share*	62.14	53.39
03.	Net profit after tax	9,647,677,367	4,734,756,394
04.	Earnings Per Share (EPS)*	9.98	4.90
05.	Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share (NOCFPS)*	(2.49)	38.10

* EPS, NAV per Share and NOCFPS for 2024 are restated for the increase of number of ordinary shares outstanding through issuing of bonus shares for the year ended 2024 approved by the shareholders in the 29th AGM of the Bank held on 19 June 2025. Net Operating Cash flow Per Share (NOCFPS) has been decreased mainly for purchase of trading securities and EPS increased due to improvement of asset quality.

The details of the published audited Financial Statements for the year ended on 31 December 2025 is also available in the Bank's website (www.dutchbanglabank.com).

Disclosure regarding recommendation of stock dividend:

- The bonus shares have been declared to increase the paid-up capital of the Bank and to support business growth;
- The bonus shares are declared out of Current year's profit; and
- The bonus shares are not declared from capital reserve or revaluation reserve or any unrealized gain or out of profit earned prior to incorporation of the company or through reducing paid up capital or through doing anything so that the post dividend retained earnings become negative or a debit balance.

Notes:

- The Members' whose names would appear on the 'Record Date' in the Member / Depository Register of the Company are eligible to attend the meeting and entitled to dividend.
- The dividend will be paid through BEFTN or any other mode as may be deemed appropriate by the Company as per directive of BSEC.
- Hon'ble Members are requested to update their mailing address with cell number, bank account number, branch routing number, signature and other related information in their BO account maintained with DP before the Record Date.
- As per BSEC notification dated 20 June 2018, the Annual Report 2025 will be duly sent in soft copy to the Hon'ble Members' e-mail addresses available in their Beneficial Owner (BO) accounts maintained with the Depository Participants. Members are requested to update their e-mail addresses through their respective Depository Participants (DP). The soft copy of the Annual Report 2025 will also be available on the Bank's website (www.dutchbanglabank.com).
- Income tax at source will be deducted from cash dividend as per income tax rules. In this regard, Hon'ble Members are requested to update their 12 digit Taxpayer's Identification Number (e-TIN) through their Depository Participants (for BO ID number holders) and share department of the Bank (for Folio number holders only) before the Record Date.
- Depository Participants (DP) / Stock Brokers are requested to send the list of Margin Account Holders, if any, along with their Bank Account within 25 May 2026 to the Company, otherwise, the dividend will be paid to Hon'ble Shareholders' bank account whose names would appear on the 'Record Date'.

Dated: Dhaka
28 April 2026

Sd/-
Company Secretary