



**Farmers load trucks with maize to transport it to open fields for drying and crushing. Maize cultivation is rising in Kishoreganj due to lower cost, lower risk, and higher profit compared to paddy, which is vulnerable to floods and hailstorms. Farmers also earn Tk 1,400-1,500 per maund of maize, while paddy often brings uncertain returns. The photo was taken at the playground of Nikli Sadar in Kishoreganj, recently.**

PHOTO: TAFSILUL AZIZ

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country. Many lawyers are moving toward shortcuts to earn money instead of focusing on commitment to the profession. These tendencies are arising due to a lack of proper training. Every lawyer must maintain ethical standards at a high level," he said at a discussion marking National Legal Aid Day 2026 at the Supreme Court Auditorium in Dhaka.

The event was organised by the Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee.

"Lawyers will be brought under training. An agreement has already been signed between Bangladesh Bar Council and a British law firm to this effect," he added.

The minister also stressed the need for higher budget allocation for the judiciary.

The function was chaired by Justice Kazi Zinat Hoque, chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee.

## Witness alleges 'helicopter gunfire' at ICT

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crimes against humanity case over the killing of 28 people in Rampura on July 19, 2024.

Four former BGB and police officers are accused in the case. Of them, Lt Col Mohammad Redowanul Islam and Maj Rafat Bin Alam Moon are in custody and were present in the dock.

Describing events of July 19, Maruf said he and a colleague, Rakib, joined the protests but retreated as police and BGB opened fire. "At one point, Rakib tried to record the shooting on his phone while standing under a tree when he was shot in the abdomen and collapsed

near Rampura Bridge," he said. Rakib was taken to a local hospital and later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, where he died, Maruf added.

Meanwhile, Brig Gen (ret'd) Abdullahil Aaman Azmi told the tribunal he did not know why Sheikh Hasina, Matia Chowdhury,

and Sahara Khatun had been detained at a house on Hare Road during HM Ershad's military rule.

During cross-examination on Monday, Azmi said he was stationed there with his unit in 1983 under martial law when the three political leaders were held for several days.

He cautioned that political differences between MPs and upazila chairpersons could create "dual leadership", leading to coordination gaps and delays in development work.

BIP General Secretary Prof Mosleh Uddin Hasan proposed forming a "local parliament" at the divisional level to enable

coordination between MPs and local representatives.

BIP also recommended holding local government elections promptly, granting upazila parishads full decision-making authority, appointing professional planners at the upazila level and making integrated spatial planning and planned land use mandatory.

## Keep MPs out of local govt

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The planners stressed that MPs' roles should remain limited to lawmaking and oversight, without direct involvement in local development planning or implementation.

Referring to a proposal in the current parliamentary session to establish "inspection rooms" for MPs at upazila parishads,

BIP Vice President Sheikh Muhammad Mehedi Ahsan said greater direct involvement of lawmakers in development activities blurs the line between legislative and executive functions.

It also weakens administrative neutrality and risks undermining local government institutions, he added.

## Shama Obaed alleges graft

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deemed illegal, questions could also be raised about the legitimacy of the interim government.

She also said politics should not be limited to viral Facebook posts, adding that both the government and the opposition must play important roles in serving the country.

"Politics cannot be

driven by bot armies, viral posts or insults alone. Had Facebook or social media existed in 1971, we do not know whether the country would have been liberated," she said.

Shama stressed that the Liberation War stands above everything.

She also said she relates to the sentiments of fellow MPs Nahid and Hasnat (Abdullah) and expressed

hope that their children will grow up in a new Bangladesh where the rule of law prevails, murders are punished, and justice is ensured.

"If we avoid mudslinging and remain united, this parliament can be the starting point of qualitative development," she added.

After taking the floor following Shama's speech, Nahid said, "I

## ACC paralysed for 56 days amid

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issuing travel bans on suspects. The ACC Act and its rules provide no legal mechanism for making such decisions in the absence of commissioners. Routine functions, such as receiving complaints, preliminary scrutiny, and investigations approved by the previous commission, as well as judicial proceedings in courts, however, are ongoing.

According to ACC sources, more than 200 complaints have been submitted since March 3, including allegations against several high-profile individuals -- former chief adviser to the interim government Dr Muhammad Yunus, former law adviser Asif Nazrul, and former health adviser Nurjahan Begum -- who are currently under review by the ACC's verification committee.

Under the law, the search committee -- comprising senior officials -- must shortlist six candidates for the president to appoint three commissioners and designate one of them as ACC chairman.

Meanwhile, the absence of a functioning commission has halted key activities, including approval of cases, filing of charge sheets, and

related ordinance -- remained pending. As per law, these 13 ordinances lapsed on April 11, 30 days after the parliament convened. As a result, the ACC Act, 2004, returned to full effect from that date.

However, 15 days since the law was reinstated, the Cabinet Division has yet to form a search committee to appoint a new chairman and two commissioners for ACC.

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and Auditor General, a recently retired Cabinet Secretary, and the Chairman of the Public Service Commission.

Since its establishment in 2004, the ACC has been led by seven commissions, of which only three commissions -- led by former secretary Golam Rahman, former official Md Badiuzzaman, and former senior secretary Iqbal Mahmood, respectively -- could complete their tenures.

Former Justice Sultan Hossain Khan led the ACC for two years and three months, while Lt Gen (ret'd) Hasan Mashud Chowdhury for two years, former secretary Mohammad Moinuddin Abdullah for three years and six months, while the most recent commission under Dr Momen lasted just over a year.

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Three people died on the spot," he told The Daily Star. Locals rescued the injured and rushed them to nearby hospitals.

Ruhul Amin, sub-inspector of Dohazari Highway Police Station, said efforts are underway to identify the victims and inform their families.

"The bodies have been handed over to the highway police for further legal formalities," he added.

Police are investigating whether speeding or mechanical failure caused the crash.

## HC defers bail

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Shahjalal International Airport. A day later, a court placed them on a four-day remand in a murder case filed with Uttara East Police Station over the death of Fazlul Karim. On August 26, they were again remanded for five days in the Rubel murder case.

Barrister Jyotirmoy Barua appeared for the petitioners, while Deputy Attorney General Ashiquzzaman Nazrul and Assistant Attorney General Md Al Amin represented the state.

## 464 murder

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murder cases and 530 in rape cases. Of them, 11 accused in murder cases and 71 in rape cases have been released on bail.

The home minister said all cases involving serious crimes such as murder and rape are being investigated intensively to ensure strict punishment for those responsible, with charge sheets being promptly filed.

In reply to a question from Jamaat MP Md Mujibur Rahman, Salahuddin described land grabbing, extortion and illegal activities as heinous crimes that severely harm society and the state.

He noted that during the Awami League's 15-year rule, groups loyal to the party engaged in land grabbing, illegal control of water bodies and sand quarries, extortion across sectors, tender manipulation and other unlawful activities, leaving people exasperated.

He further said the present government has adopted a zero-tolerance policy against such crimes. Within a short period, many offenders have been arrested and brought under the law, which he said has led to a significant reduction in these offences.

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Tender Id	Name of Goods	Tender/Proposal Publication Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Last Selling Date & Time	Tender/Proposal Closing/Opening Date & Time
1266776	Procurement of Sports Items for the F.Y 2025-2026 at Institute of Health Technology, Sylhet	30-Apr-2026 12:00	10-May-2026 10:00	10-May-2026 12:00

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বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড  
(Bangladesh Power Development Board)  
Office of the Manager  
Dohazari-Kaliaish 100 MW Peaking Power Station  
BPDB, Satkania, Chattogram  
[www.bpdb.gov.bd](http://www.bpdb.gov.bd)

Memo No. 27.11.1582.424.04.002.26.407 Date: 28/04/2026

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2	Implementing agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board
3	Project/program name	Dohazari-Kaliaish 100 MW Peaking Power Plant, BPDB, Satkania, Chattogram

4 Tender details:

e-Tender ID, Ref. No. Package No.	Brief description of work	e-Publishing, last selling and closing date & time
e-Tender ID: 1262657 e-Tender Ref. No. 27.11.1582.424.04.002.26.406 Date: 28/04/2026	Installation of New CCTV Cameras at unloading station and repair/maintenance of existing CCTV System of DKPPS	Publishing: 28-Apr-2026 17:00:00 Last selling: 11-May-2026 12:00:00 Closing & opening: 12-May-2026 12:00:00

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