



'Don't exploit July uprising'

Ministers warn opposition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cabinet members yesterday slammed the opposition in parliament, cautioning all parties not to exploit the July mass uprising for personal or partisan gains.

Speaking during the debate on the motion of thanks to the president's address, they stressed that the July uprising was not a sudden event but the culmination of years of anger, movements, and resistance against Sheikh Hasina's regime.

They also called for unity, warning that attempts to politicise historic struggles would only deepen divisions.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said that until the Awami League wipes away the bloodstains of July, the debate will not be resolved.

"Likewise, until Jamaat-e-Islami takes an acceptable position on the question of the 1971 genocide, the controversy with them will continue," he said.

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Chief Minister of West Bengal and Chairperson of All India Trinamool Congress, Mamata Banerjee visits her constituency during the second and final phase of West Bengal Legislative Assembly elections in Kolkata yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

US may tighten Iran blockade

Reports say Trump opts for squeezing Iran's economy more to force it to sign a deal

AGENCIES

President Donald Trump yesterday warned Tehran that it should "get smart soon" and capitulate to Washington's demands for tight controls on its nuclear programme, as a US naval blockade turned the screws on Iran's economy.

Pentagon chief Pete Hegseth yesterday testified before Congress, but US press reports suggested Trump has already decided to reject Iran's latest proposed deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

According to the Wall Street Journal, he intends to pursue the blockade of Iranian ports until Tehran is forced to dismantle its nuclear programme.

"Iran can't get their act together... They better get smart soon," Trump posted on his social media platform, above a mocked-up picture of himself toting a rifle in front of explosions wrecking a desert fortress and the slogan: "No more Mr Nice Guy."

Iran has blockaded the strait – a vital conduit for oil

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LIMON, BRISTY KILLINGS

'They're family'

Grieving friends pack courtroom as murder suspect denied bond

AGENCIES

A court yesterday ordered the prime suspect in the killings of two Bangladeshi PhD students to be held without bond on murder charges in a courtroom filled with friends of the victims demanding justice.

According to Tampa Bay 28, a local news outlet, Hillsborough County Judge J Logan Murphy ordered Hisham Abugharbich to have no contact with witnesses or relatives.

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Most exit polls give BJP edge in West Bengal

TMC trashes surveys, says verdict will be out on May 4; 92.01% turnout in final phase

STAR REPORT

The second and final phase of voting in the West Bengal state election concluded yesterday, with most of the exit polls predicting an upset win for the BJP.

Polling was held in 142 assembly seats across five districts in the south, known as strongholds of the Trinamool Congress (TMC).

Preliminary figures from the Election Commission put the turnout at 92.01 percent. In the first phase on April 23, the turnout was 93.19 percent. Both figures are record highs for the state.

After polling ended around 6:00pm, at least four exit polls predicted the saffron party might end Mamata Banerjee-led TMC's 15-

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ALLEGED AL TIES

42 candidates barred from SCBA polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court Bar Association has cancelled the nomination papers of 42 lawyers out of 90 candidates for its upcoming election, citing their alleged affiliations with the Awami League.

The party's political activities are currently banned under the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2025.

Among those disqualified for SCBA

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2 unregulated toxic chemicals in plastic pose health risk

Says ESDO report on Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A situation report has raised concerns over widespread exposure to harmful chemicals phthalates and bisphenols, putting public health at significant risk as their use remains largely unregulated in the country.

Phthalates and bisphenols are widely used to make plastics flexible and durable, but they are classified as endocrine disrupting chemicals that can interfere

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Hawkers occupy the entrance to a footbridge and the adjacent footpaths, obstructing pedestrians in the busy Farmgate area of Dhaka. The makeshift stalls, covered with blue tarpaulins, have taken over significant portions of the walkway, forcing pedestrians to use narrow gaps or the main road. The photo was taken yesterday.



ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশন

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“মশাহে নিম্নসুখে প্রয়োজন জনস্বার্থের অবশ্যস্বহন”

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“নিয়মিত প্রতিদিন জমা পানি ফেনে দিন”

সর্ব সাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ঢাকা উত্তর সিটি কর্পোরেশনের নিজস্ব মালিকানাধীন/আওতাধীন বিভিন্ন শপিংমল, মার্কেট ও দোকানসমূহের সম্মুখে/ফুটপাতে বিভিন্ন প্রকার মালামাল রাখায়/ফুটপাত দখল থাকার কারণে জনস্বার্থ বিঘ্নিত হচ্ছে। এমতাবস্থায়, নিজ উদ্যোগে মালামাল অপসারণপূর্বক ফুটপাত দখলমুক্ত করার জন্য নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হলো।

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BERGER PAINTS BANGLADESH LIMITED
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Appointment of Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director

Press Release


The Board of Directors of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited wishes to inform all stakeholders that, at its meeting held on 29 April 2026, the Board unanimously resolved to appoint Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury as Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director of the Company for a period of five (5) years, effective from 01 August 2026, subject to approval by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting 2026 and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 1994, and other relevant laws and regulations of Bangladesh.

Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury is presently serving as Chief Operating Officer & Director of Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited. He joined the Company in 1995 and has since contributed significantly across various leadership roles, particularly in the areas of sales, marketing, and operational management, playing a pivotal role in the Company's sustained growth and market leadership.


The Board has also resolved, at the same meeting, to appoint Ms. Rupali Haque Chowdhury as Executive Director, BPBL Subsidiaries; Coordination Director, Joint Ventures; and Non-Executive Director, Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited, effective from 01 August 2026 for a period of two (2) years, subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Ms. Rupali Haque Chowdhury joined Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited on 01 July 2002 and has been serving as Managing Director since 2008, during which time she has provided strong strategic leadership, contributed to organizational excellence, and guided the Company through significant phases of expansion and transformation.

The Board of Directors places on record its deep appreciation and sincere thanks to both Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury and Ms. Rupali Haque Chowdhury for their outstanding leadership, dedication, and invaluable contributions to the Company over the years, and looks forward to their continued guidance in steering Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited toward sustained growth and long-term success.



Mr. Mohsin Habib Chowdhury



Ms. Rupali Haque Chowdhury