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Newark police officers hold up riot shields as they clash with protesters outside Delaney Hall, which is being used as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centre, in Newark, New Jersey, US on Saturday evening.

Chinese EIZ project in Ctg heads to Ecne

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The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority is the implementation agency of this project, spanning five fiscal years.

The foundation stone for this project was laid by President Xi Jinping during his landmark visit to Bangladesh on October 14, 2016, marking Bangladesh's formal entry into China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

The two governments signed a memorandum of understanding titled "Strengthening Investment and Production Capacity Cooperation", after which the Bangladesh government acquired 800 acres of land for the Chinese economic zone.

Despite the high-profile diplomatic launch in 2016, the exclusive economic enclave remained functionally stalled for nearly a decade.

In 2023, the Bangladesh government appointed the China Road and Bridge Corporation as the contractor to develop the external infrastructure of the CEIZ.

According to a draft of the project proposal obtained by

The Daily Star, the project gained fresh momentum after the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority placed it before the Planning Commission on May 6, 2025.

The commission evaluated the proposal the same month, identified compliance gaps and inconsistencies, and sent it back to the Chief Adviser's Office.

The government submitted a revised development project proforma (DPP) in August last year with a lower cost estimate of Tk 3,859.89 crore, but this version too was shot down by the commission for non-compliance with the initial guidelines of the project.

The procedural deadlock was finally broken on May 21, 2026, when a fully reconstructed DPP was submitted before the commission.

This final proposal reflected an overall cost increase of Tk 133.31 crore compared to the original draft submitted in May 2025.

A project evaluation committee cleared the new DPP on June 2 this year, paving the way for its

upcoming presentation at Ecne.

According to the revised proposal, 41.1 percent of the project will be funded by the Bangladesh government, and the remaining 58.89 percent will come from project loans.

The project summary document prepared for the Ecne states that a \$260.21 million loan is in the pipeline to develop supporting infrastructure for the CEIZ under the preferential buyer's credit programme.

According to the terms of the loan, China will finance 85 percent, while the other 15 percent has to come from domestic co-financing.

Further more, components covered by the Chinese loan must be implemented by a contractor or agency appointed by the Chinese Government.

According to the proposal, the majority of the financing is expected to begin from fiscal year 2027.

The infrastructure components that will probably be tabled at Ecne on Tuesday include a 1235 metre long jetty link road, a 330-metre bridge, a 1181-metre long CEIZ link

road, a 20,304 cubic meter water reservoir, a district gas regulating station with a 4.24 million cubic feet per day capacity, a 2km gas transmission line, a central effluent treatment plant with a capacity of 25 million litres per day and a 1.2km discharge pipeline, a solid waste collection station with a capacity of 60 tonnes per day, a multipurpose jetty with 20,000 deadweight tonne capacity, two 33/11 kilovolt substations, and 20km of transmission lines and 12km of boundary walls.

"Anwara upazila of Chattogram has been selected as the project area for establishing CEIZ, which is highly logical and strategically important from both geographical and economic perspectives. This area is located close to Bangladesh's largest seaport (Chattogram Port), the Karnaphuli River Tunnel, Shah Amanat International Airport, and the industrial zones of the port city of Chattogram," said the project proposal signed by Nurunnahar Chowdhury, member (secretary) of the Planning Commission's Industry and Energy Division.

Push-in attempts risk further strain

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of the Awami League government in 2024.

The bilateral agenda remains crowded, they said, noting that the long-pending Teesta water-sharing agreement remains unresolved, while the Ganges Water Sharing Treaty expires in December and will require political engagement for its renewal.

Trade restrictions imposed by both sides during the interim government continue to affect businesses. Although Bangladesh resumed issuing all categories of visas after the BNP government took office in February this year, India continues to issue visas on a limited scale.

Against this backdrop, the issue of alleged push-ins and irregular migration has emerged as another source of tension.

According to the Border Guard Bangladesh, the Indian Border Security Force has intensified efforts to push people into Bangladesh in recent weeks.

Since early June, there have been around 20 push-in attempts involving several hundred people along different stretches of the border. In some cases, women and children were left stranded in no-man's land.

"Push-ins and border killings are extrajudicial acts that violate both domestic and international law," said Dr CR Abrar, former professor of international relations at Dhaka University.

"Leaving people stranded in no-man's land creates a humanitarian crisis. This is simply unacceptable."

Questions have also been raised about the accuracy of India's identification process.

According to BGB data, at least 2,303 people were pushed into Bangladesh

between May 2025 and January this year. Among them were 126 Indian nationals and 38 Myanmar nationals.

"This demonstrates how flawed and arbitrary the process can be when authorities push back people they assume to be Bangladeshi," CR Abrar said.

The issue gained political prominence after Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said in an interview on April 15 that more than 1,400 people had been pushed back this year following a Supreme Court judgment. Days later, he posted on X that 20 undocumented Bangladeshi migrants had been apprehended and sent back.

"Assam will fight. Pushback will continue," he wrote.

In a sharp reaction on April 30, Bangladesh's foreign ministry summoned Indian Deputy High Commissioner Pawan Badhe and described Sarma's comments as "disparaging".

The same day, India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) informed Bangladesh that it had sent 1,137 diplomatic notes and 456 reminders since September 2020 regarding 2,868 suspected illegal Bangladeshi migrants awaiting nationality verification, but had received no "actionable response".

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal has repeatedly urged Bangladesh to expedite nationality verification to facilitate repatriation. Bangladesh, however, disputes India's characterisation of the process.

In a letter sent to the MEA on May 27, Dhaka rejected the allegation that it had failed to respond.

Foreign ministry officials said Bangladesh missions in India had issued 634 travel permits to verified Bangladeshi nationals as of May 15 this year.

Another 361 individuals have been confirmed as Bangladeshi citizens but remain subject to ongoing legal proceedings in India, preventing their return.

Officials also pointed to significant gaps in the information provided by India. According to the foreign ministry, 879 names were submitted without addresses or other identifying details, making verification impossible.

At least 358 names were duplicated, while 252 cases remain under review.

Bangladesh has also complained about difficulties in obtaining consular access to detainees.

According to a foreign ministry official, "Bangladesh missions requested access to 262 cases. In some instances, approvals came from the MEA but not from the relevant state authorities."

Meanwhile, Dhaka has asked New Delhi to provide an updated list with complete identifying information to facilitate verification and repatriation through existing bilateral mechanisms.

The issues are expected to feature prominently at the BGB-BSF director general-level talks in New Delhi, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said.

"Our BGB personnel remain on high alert. Any attempt at illegal push-ins or unlawful crossings will be firmly resisted," he told reporters yesterday.

Analysts argue that migration across the 4,096-kilometre Bangladesh-India border is a longstanding reality that cannot be addressed

through unilateral actions.

Contacted by The Daily Star, Sreeradha Datta, professor of International Affairs at OP Jindal Global University in India, said migration occurs because there is demand for labour in India.

"People from Bangladesh go to India because there is a demand for workers. It is important to acknowledge this reality and create appropriate arrangements."

Abrar echoed the view, noting that undocumented migration would not occur without employers willing to hire such workers.

He also pointed out that many Indian nationals work in Bangladesh, and that there are allegations some lack proper documentation.

"Both sides need to recognise these realities and engage in meaningful dialogue."

One possible solution, Abrar suggested, is a formal work permit system for foreign workers with verified employers.

He also argued that domestic politics in India has contributed to the problem, citing the Citizenship Amendment Act and what he described as the BJP's tendency to frame Muslim identity as a political issue.

"India often speaks of a people-centric relationship. But if push-ins and border killings continue, improving relations will become increasingly difficult."

Datta stressed that both countries should make full use of existing bilateral mechanisms and expedite verification and repatriation procedures.

"The stakes in the India-Bangladesh relationship are extremely high," she said, adding, "Neither country can afford to take the relationship lightly or allow politics to undermine long-term interests."

Build 3-month fuel reserve

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immediate challenges, ensuring long-term energy security will require structural reforms, infrastructure development, diversification of energy sources, and an integrated national energy strategy, the report said.

In addition to the recommendation to increase the strategic petroleum reserves to cover at least 90 days of reserve, they suggested full automation in the fuel supply system and introducing digital monitoring mechanisms to improve oversight and prevent disruptions.

It also urged the government to strengthen legal measures against illegal stockpiling and smuggling of fuel products, expand the use of LNG and renewable energy, and expedite the implementation of major energy infrastructure

projects, including the Dhaka Chattogram oil pipeline, the Single Point Mooring (SPM) project and the Eastern Refinery Limited Unit 2 (ERL 2).

The committee further recommended studying the feasibility of allowing private companies, alongside the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, to import fuel products and intensifying public awareness campaigns on energy conservation.

The report also proposed making rooftop solar installations mandatory and strengthening oversight to ensure installed systems remain operational.

It called for measures to reduce system losses and comprehensive planning for electricity generation from oil, gas, coal, solar and wind sources.

The opposition members submitted 10 separate recommendations, all of

which were incorporated into the final document.

Among them was a proposal that future forecasts of electricity and energy demand be conducted by independent experts free from political influence.

The opposition lawmakers cautioned against inflated demand projections and argued that there may be no immediate need for further expansion of the country's installed power generation capacity.

They also recommended maximising generation from existing coal-fired power plants, accelerating offshore gas exploration, increasing domestic gas supply and prioritising gas-based power generation using domestic resources over expensive imported alternatives where possible.

The other proposals

included carrying out workover operations at existing gas wells to boost production, prioritising wells capable of delivering quick output, strengthening fuel import and refining infrastructure, expanding solar power generation, assessing battery energy storage technologies and evaluating the country's hydropower potential.

The opposition lawmakers also suggested reducing the use of government vehicles and ensuring maximum occupancy in official transport to curb energy consumption.

CJ to set up HC bench

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The special bench will begin functioning on June 14, said Attorney General Md Ruhul Quddus Kazal yesterday.

Speaking to reporters at his office on the Supreme Court premises, the attorney general said he had requested the chief justice to take such a step during proceedings at the Appellate Division.

"Senior lawyers Prabir Neogi and Md Salahuddin Dolon also supported my proposal, and around 200 lawyers present in the courtroom apparently agreed with me," he said.

The move came amid growing concerns over delays in the disposal of death reference cases

and appeals involving crimes against women and children.

A death reference is a mandatory judicial process through which a trial court's death sentence is sent to the High Court for confirmation before it can be carried out.

Convicts sentenced to death also have the right to file appeals against their convictions and sentences.

During a briefing, Attorney General Ruhul Quddus said two accused persons have been sentenced to death by the trial court for the rape and murder of Ramisa.

However, a death sentence is not final until it is confirmed by the High Court Division of the

Supreme Court.

Referring to the frequent calls for exemplary punishment in such cases, the attorney general said that public concern remains until the sentence is actually carried out.

He stated that he had drawn the chief justice's attention, in open court, to the public's concern that even after trial courts deliver judgements, delays in the hearing of appeals often prevent people from seeing those judgements implemented in a timely manner.

"I also told the chief justice that, in order to meet citizens' expectations and ensure justice, the Supreme Court, the country's highest court, has been

playing an important role, but in many cases that role is not fully perceived by the public.

"I requested the chief justice to take proactive and effective measures to address the people's concerns, which are entirely justified."

The attorney general further said, "In response, the chief justice mentioned this matter and stated that, for cases filed under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, including the Pallabi child rape and murder case and similar cases, a dedicated bench of the High Court will be constituted to hear such matters. The bench will become operational from next Sunday [June 14]."



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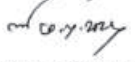
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Tendering Method: NCT-OTM

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP Web Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following works:

SL No	Tender ID	Procurement Nature, Title	Last date & time of tender document purchasing	Last date & time of tender Submission opening
1	1288700	Goods, Procurement of Vitamin A-rich Edible Oil for ration of Bhola district police (1st quarter), FY-2026-2027 (01 July/2026 to 30 September/2026)	23-Jun-2026 15:00	23-Jun-2026 16:00:00
2	1288704	Goods, Procurement of lentils (premium quality small-grain lentils in transparent poly packs of 3.5 kg, 4 kg, and 5.5 kg) for the ration of Bhola District Police (1st quarter), FY 2026-2027 (01 July 2026 to 30 September 2026).	23-Jun-2026 15:00	23-Jun-2026 16:00:00
3	1288707	Goods, Procurement of wheat making by Automation (Transport and labour cost with 4 and 5 kg pack) for the ration of Bhola District Police (1st quarter), FY 2026-2027 (01 July 2026 to 30 September 2026).	23-Jun-2026 15:00	23-Jun-2026 16:00:00
4	1288709	Goods, Transport with labour cost 1stQ/2026-2027/4 Procurement of Transport with labour cost (ner and outer dist.) for ration of Bhola district police (1st quarter) FY-2026-27 (1st July 2026 to 30 September 2026)	23-Jun-2026 15:00	23-Jun-2026 16:00:00

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.
Special Note: The contractor must send the sample of Edible oil(soyabean), Masoor Dal, to Police Super Bhola Office, by 12.00 PM 23-06-2026.


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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

COMPANY MATTER NO. 127 OF 2026

IN THE MATTER OF:
Nuclear Power Plant Company Bangladesh Limited
Represented by its Managing Director.
-----Petitioner

VERSUS

The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC)
-----Respondent

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 13 read with Section 12 and 14 of the Companies Act, 1994 was filed before the High Court Division, Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing on 18th May, 2026, Mr. Justice Sikder Mahmudur Razi was pleased to admit the same. Anyone desirous of opposing the said application may appear before the Hon'ble Court either personally or through an authorized advocate on the date of hearing. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed charges.

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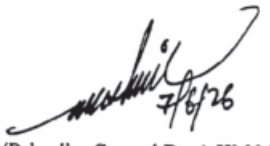
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Tender ID No.	Name of Goods	Tender/Proposal Publication Date and Time	Tender/Proposal last selling Date and Time	Tender/Proposal closing & opening date and time
1289484	Procurement of Medical Equipment (Package 1)	07-Jun-2026 10:00:00	21-Jun-2026 11:00	21-Jun-2026 13:00:00
1289486	Procurement of Medical Equipment (Package 2)	07-Jun-2026 10:00:00	21-Jun-2026 11:00	21-Jun-2026 13:00:00
1289487	Procurement of Medical Equipment (Package 3)	07-Jun-2026 10:00:00	21-Jun-2026 11:00	21-Jun-2026 13:00:00
1289488	Procurement of Medical Equipment (Package 4)	07-Jun-2026 10:00:00	21-Jun-2026 11:00	21-Jun-2026 13:00:00

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