Ensure safe migration, decent jobs

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anniversary of the Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) and Sonar Manush Sammilan-2026 at a hotel in the capital.

He urged all stakeholders, including the government and the opposition, to work together to protect migrants' rights.

"Protecting their rights, ensuring their dignity and utilising their achievements for the country's development are our collective responsibilities," he said.

The president said, "Expatriate Bangladeshis sent over US 35 billion dollars in remittances in the 2025-26 fiscal year... Our economy remains functional for them and therefore, our responsibility towards them is much greater."

Stressing the need to equip prospective migrants with skills, he said, "Unfortunately, we cannot adequately prepare or equip them before they go abroad. As a result, most of them go as unskilled workers. Sometimes, they go without proper documents as well."

Recalling his experiences with Bangladeshi expatriates, the president said, "I had witnessed the difficulties and miserable living conditions of expatriate Bangladeshis. They live extremely hard lives and send all their earnings back home... As a result, they deserve the highest respect in our country."

Earlier, the president handed over "Sonar Manush Sammanana Smarak Awards and Crests" to the recipients in seven categories.

RMMRU Executive Director Dr Tasneem Siddiqui presented the keynote paper and outlined the organisation's upcoming activities.

The organisation's Deputy Executive Director Motasim Billah delivered the welcome address.

352 accused still at large in ICT cases

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Tamim said the prosecution expected to complete presenting evidence by December in several high-profile cases, including those against former ministers Qamrul Islam, Rashed Khan Menon and Anisul Huq, former prime minister's adviser Salman F Rahman, former state minister Zunaid Ahmed Palak, former prime minister's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy and Maj Gen (relieved) Ziaul Ahsan.

Asked about defence lawyers' objections to trying crimes committed during the July uprising under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973, originally intended to try war crimes, Tamim said the law covers crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide and crimes against peace.

He said a 2009 amendment extended the law's scope to individuals, including civilians, while another amendment in November 2024 incorporated international legal definitions.

An investigation into the Awami League as an organisation was also underway, he added.

Build safeguards against quantum-era cyber threats

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among government, industry and academia to identify vulnerable infrastructure, set priorities and develop skilled professionals.

Delivering the keynote, Takatoshi Nakamura, CEO of Cipher Core Inc, highlighted weaknesses in existing public-key encryption and questioned whether post-quantum cryptography and quantum-based key distribution could fully address the problem.

He said Bangladesh should invest in security technologies that have been thoroughly tested and proven effective, rather than those with unresolved weaknesses.

He also stressed the importance of carefully checking whether these technologies could protect sensitive information.

Nakamura said Cipher Core is ready to work with Bangladesh's public institutions and private sector to improve secure communications, protect critical infrastructure and strengthen national information security.

The company also welcomes joint research with Bangladeshi universities, including technical training and knowledge transfer, he said.

Motoyuki Odachi, COO at Cipher Core Inc, said Bangladesh has an opportunity to build security into its digital infrastructure from the outset.

"This could be the right time to adopt quantum-proof technology and lay the foundation for Bangladesh to be prepared for the information security as well as cybersecurity challenges of the quantum era," he said.

Shazzad Hosain, professor at North South University, called for greater collaboration among technology companies, universities and banks to develop local expertise in quantum cybersecurity.

He said banks spend crores of taka on cybersecurity solutions but are reluctant to invest comparatively small amounts in university research and development.

Saifuddin Khalid, an associate professor at the Technical University of Denmark, said the shift to quantum-resistant security should be treated as an organisational transformation rather than merely a technological upgrade.

He called for a national roadmap backed by government leadership, clear responsibilities for relevant institutions and pilot projects involving banks and other critical infrastructure operators.

Bangladesh could learn from international initiatives in quantum communication and post-quantum cryptography, he said.

Preparing for these threats would require investment not only in technology but also in skilled professionals, standards, university-industry collaboration and adaptable financial systems, he added.

Mehedul Islam Mahi, country executive at Cipher Core Ltd, said Bangladesh needs to look beyond cybersecurity and recognise information security as the foundation of its digital future.

He said the country should focus on technological independence and translate its preparations for the AI and quantum era into action.

Syed Ibrahim Saajid, head of digital banking at City Bank; Md Abul Kalam Azad, chief information security officer at Eastern Bank; Kamrul Islam, head of information security at BRAC Bank; Mohammed Shakil, head of information security at United Commercial Bank; Mohammad Moinus Samad Khan, vice president of the IT division at Bangladesh Commerce Bank; Mohammad Iqbal Kabir, chief information technology officer at Sonali Bank; Foysal Tarif Hasan, assistant professor at Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management; and Brig Gen (retd) Saleem Ahmad Khan, team leader for IT-supported postal voting, also spoke.

Tanjim Ferdous, head of strategic partnerships at The Daily Star, moderated the event.

Give workers a voice at COP31

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Referring to the prime minister's instruction to ensure worker representation, she urged the government to include a woman worker in the COP31 delegation.

Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmmed, executive coordinator of NAJTB and executive director of the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, said workers contribute to the economy while bearing the consequences of a climate crisis they did little to create.

He demanded compensation based on actual losses and meaningful worker participation in decisions affecting their livelihoods.

Presenting the keynote, Mir Mohammad Ali, assistant professor at Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, said Bangladesh lost approximately 250 million workdays to heat-related illness in 2024, citing World Bank estimates.

The charter was developed through eight consultations involving 43 organisations, according to the organisers.

Shaikh Faridul Islam, state minister for environment, forest and climate change, said the ministry would try to incorporate relevant demands into national and local climate policies and Bangladesh's position paper for COP31.

AKM Ashraf Uddin, member secretary of NAJTB and executive director of BLF, said the green transition would not be sustainable if workers lost wages, jobs and opportunities to participate in negotiations.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director
Construction of New Dual Gauge Railway Line from Bogura to Sirajganj Project
Bangladesh Railway, Rail Bhaban, Dhaka.

Memo No.: BSRLP/CSC/SD2/54.01.0000.000.710.34.0041.26-1511 Date:14 /10/2026

CORRIGENDUM

Reference: Notice No. BSRLP/CSC/SD2/54.01.0000.000.710.34.0041.26-1487; Dated01/10/2026.

This is to inform you that to facilitate wider participation by eligible consulting firms and provide adequate time for the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest, the deadline for submission of EOI for the above-mentioned assignment is hereby extended as set out below:

Particulars	Date and Time
Original submission deadline	28/10/2026 and Time : 12.30 pm
Revised submission deadline	12/11/2026 and Time : 12.30 pm

All other terms and conditions of the original EOI notice shall remain unchanged. Interested consulting firms are requested to submit their EOIs within the revised deadline.

14.10.26
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PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 15

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
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Memo No: 11.00.0000.000.604.07.0068.2026/02 Date: 14.10.2026

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Tender ID No	Tender Package Name	Last Selling/ Downloading Date & Time	Closing & Opening Date & Time	Method
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Tender ID No: **1349471**	Procurement of 500 Mbps Redundant Internet Bandwidth Service	28 October 2026 16:00	29 October 2026 12:30	OTM (F/W)

2. This is an online tender, where only e-tender (online tender) will be accepted through the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.
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14/10/26
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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Mohakhali, Dhaka

e-GP Tender Notice

Memo No-DNCC DCH/2026-2027/Tender/003 Date: 14/10/2026

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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
1346233	Chemical & Reagent-1 for 2026-27 FY	15 Oct 2026 10:00	27 Oct 2026 14:00	28 Oct 2026 12:00
1348241	Computer & Accessory for 2026-27 FY	15 Oct 2026 10:00	27 Oct 2026 14:00	28 Oct 2026 12:00
1348697	MSR (Light Instrument!)-3 for 2026-27 FY	15 Oct 2026 10:00	27 Oct 2026 14:00	28 Oct 2026 12:00
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14/10/2026
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Extension of Bid Submission Deadline and Revision of Data Sales Package Prices under Bangladesh Offshore Bidding Round 2026

Ref. No.: 28.02.0000.000.052.02.0001.26.36(1) Date: 13 October 2026

The Notice Inviting Bids for Oil and Natural Gas Exploration under Bangladesh Offshore Bidding Round 2026, bearing Ref. No. 28.02.0000.000.052.02.0001.26.36 dated 24 May 2026, published in different national daily newspapers and on the websites of EMRD, Petrobangla and BPPA, is hereby amended as follows:

Reference	Original Bid Submission Deadline	Revised Bid Submission Deadline
BANGLADESH OFFSHORE BIDDING ROUND 2026	not later than 1:00 pm BST **30 November 2026**	not later than 1:00 pm BST **31 March 2027**

AVAILABILITY AND PRICES OF DATA SALES PACKAGES

The purchase of Data Sales Packages (DSPs) is optional. The prices of all ten (10) packages have been revised. Four (4) packages will be available free of cost on Petrobangla's website. The remaining six (6) packages will be available at a reduced nominal price of US$5,000 per complete package, as detailed below:

Data Package Content	Previous Price	Revised Price
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Data Sales Package (DSP)-2 (Offshore wells)	US$5,000	**Free of cost** (Available on Petrobangla's website)
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Data Sales Package (DSP)-5 (3D seismic data for Block SS-11)	US$152,500 (US$500/sq. km)	US$5,000 per complete package
Data Sales Package (DSP)-6 (2D seismic data for Blocks DS-10 and DS-11)	US$268,000 (US$100/LKM)	US$5,000 per complete package
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Data Sales Package (DSP)-8 (2D seismic data for Block DS-12)	US$358,000 (US$100/LKM)	US$5,000 per complete package
Data Sales Package (DSP)-9 (2D seismic data for Blocks SS-04 and SS-09)	US$508,000 (US$100/LKM)	US$5,000 per complete package
Data Sales Package (DSP)-10 (Kanchan-1x well data)	US$5,000	**Free of cost** (Available on Petrobangla's website)

All other terms and conditions of the original Bid Notice remain unchanged.

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