DAP changes raise red flags

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construction up to the plinth level within one year of final approval or face a penalty equivalent to 20 times the approval fee.

Existing regulations on road width, setbacks, ground coverage and building height will remain unchanged.

The gazette also allows plots 1,047, 1,048 and 1,050 in Ailbahar mouza, under Shyampur and Kadamtali, to be reclassified from open space to heavy industrial use.

The reclassification requires clearances from the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority and Dhaka South City Corporation, compliance with river-foreshore regulations and Rajuk's approval for construction.

Another amendment revises Section 7.5.8(b) on water-flow overlay zones, allowing proposed land-use guidelines, including approved residential layout plans, to determine occupancy types where land-use designations conflict.

However, the provision excludes land recorded as canals, ponds, roads, pathways or other water bodies, as well as government khas land.

A Rajuk source on Saturday alleged that the amendments were issued without completing the required technical review and approval process.

The source said a nine-member government technical committee had recommended against changing the classification of the three Ailbahar plots without no-objection clearances from BIWTA and the relevant city corporation.

After obtaining the clearances, the committee was expected to inspect the site and assess potential impacts on the environment, ecology and local residents before making its final recommendation to the Rajuk Board.

Adil Mohammed Khan, executive director of the Institute for Planning and Development (IPD), criticised the amendments, saying they prioritised industrial and real estate interests over public welfare.

He said major development plans should be amended only after professional consultation and impartial assessment. He also questioned reports that planners and Rajuk officials had not been adequately informed of the changes.

Khan warned that weakening protections for open spaces, flood-flow zones and riverfront areas could worsen Dhaka's environmental conditions and waterlogging.

He raised particular concerns about allowing heavy industrial development in Jurain and Postogola and questioned repeated FAR increases in eastern Dhaka, saying they appeared inconsistent with original planning assumptions and population projections.

Dr Muhammad Ariful Islam, president of the Bangladesh Institute of Planners, said, "Changes should not be made in this manner. It is not appropriate to proceed without proper consultation and disclosure of the relevant information."

In a statement yesterday, IPD demanded immediate revocation of the third-round DAP amendment gazette.

It called for full disclosure of the amendments, a technical investigation into possible corruption or commercial influence, protection of floodplains and waterways, and FAR increases consistent with population projections and infrastructure capacity.

IPD also accused successive governments since 2022 of prioritising business interests over Dhaka's environment and liveability, warning that the latest changes could strain infrastructure and undermine public welfare.



Traders travel precariously on the roof and rear of an overloaded pickup carrying containers of fish fry along the Khulna City Bypass Road in Arongghata area yesterday. With no safety barriers or restraints, a sudden brake or sharp turn could send them tumbling onto the road. PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

Kill them and hide their bodies

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"I have given instructions; now I have given direct instructions; now they will use lethal weapons. Wherever they (state forces) find them (protesters), they will shoot directly," Hasina was quoted as saying.

Ashabul was shot during protests in Savar on July 18, 2024. Police personnel were seen throwing the critically injured student from an armoured personnel carrier, dragging him along a road and dumping him on a road divider.

Bystanders later took him to a hospital, where he died.

Tamim argued that the allegations constituted crimes against humanity and said the prosecution would prove the charges through evidence if they were framed.

The prosecution urged the tribunal to frame charges against all 19 accused, six of whom were present at yesterday's hearing. The others are absconding.

State-appointed defence counsel then began their arguments. Lawyers for the accused in custody will present their submissions on October 27.

Saeeda Kamal passes away

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daughter of renowned poet Sufia Kamal.

Sultana Kamal said her sister had been suffering from pneumonia and kidney-related complications. She was admitted to a hospital in Dhaka on Saturday and had been on life support since that night.

Her body is being kept at the BIRDEM Hospital morgue. She is expected to be buried at Azimpur Graveyard in Dhaka on Tuesday, after her daughter arrives from the UK, she added.

Saeeda Kamal also made significant contributions to Bangladesh's fine arts through her creative work.

After studying fine arts at Dhaka University, she received training in design at Kala Bhavana in Santiniketan.

Her artworks were featured in numerous solo and group exhibitions at home and abroad.

PRAYER TIMING
OCTOBER 19

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-50	12-45	4-00	5-38	7-15
JAMAAT	5-25	1-15	4-15	5-41	7-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

BNP govt incapable of working with opposition

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southern region Hasnat Abdullah alleged that the government had violated 17 provisions of the July charter over the past seven months.

He accused the government of failing to amend the ACC Act, establish an independent police commission, ensure judicial independence and introduce measures to disclose the assets of judges and court employees.

He also criticised the lack of progress on transparency in public procurement and investigations into officials accused of involvement in genocide and electoral fraud.

Hasnat said the BNP had accepted the February 12 election results but refused to recognise the referendum verdict or take the oath as members of the constitution reform council.

Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis Ameer Mamunul Haque accused the BNP of trying to divide the political unity forged during the July uprising by targeting Islamist parties.

"The BNP has moved to create a split in that unity. And, unfortunately, it has targeted Islamists first to bring about that division," he said.

Liberal Democratic Party Chairman Oli Ahmed said the July charter had been drawn up through political consensus and the BNP should honour its commitments.

AB Party Chairman Mojibur Rahman Monju urged the BNP to learn from the consequences Sheikh Hasina faced for failing to honour her promises.

He warned that failure to implement the July charter and address rising commodity prices and the energy crisis would trigger public protests.

AB Party General Secretary Asaduzzaman Fuad moderated the discussion.

One company, one route

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Dhrubo Alam, deputy transport planner at DTCA, said the implementation will begin shortly.

DTCA has identified six of 32 proposed main routes and five of 25 circular routes for the first phase.

The six main routes are Gazipur-Dhakeshwari Temple, Gabtoli-Demra, Duaripara-Sadarghat, Ghatarchar-Demra, Ghatarchar-Kanchpur and Mirpur-12-Mawa.

The Gazipur-Dhakeshwari Temple route will run from Shibbari via Tongi, the airport, Mohakhali and New Market. Bikash Paribahan, Bikash Sheba Transport and Device Paribahan have been asked to form a company.

The Gabtoli-Demra route will remain unchanged, passing through Shyamoli, Mohakhali, Gulshan-1 and Rampura. Alif Enterprise, Boishakh Paribahan and Roych Paribahan have been asked to combine operations.

The Duaripara-Sadarghat route will pass through Shyamoli, Science Lab and Azimpur. Dishari Paribahan, Tanzil Paribahan, Metro Link and Transsilva will coordinate services, including arrangements for proposed Route 16 extending to Kanchpur.

The Ghatarchar-Demra route will pass through Mohammadpur, Shahbagh and Rampura, while Ghatarchar-Kanchpur will run via Shahbagh, Paltan and Signboard.

Ramzan, Malancha Paribahan, Midline Paribahan and Rajnigandha Paribahan will coordinate operations on both routes.

The Mirpur-12-Mawa route will pass through Farmgate, Shahbagh, Gulistan and Keraniganj, with Swadhin Paribahan, Bihanga Paribahan, Bikalpa Paribahan and Shikor Paribahan jointly arranging services.

DMP and the two city corporations have been instructed to identify bus stops, install ticket counters, clear footpath encroachments and remove unauthorised battery-run rickshaws.

DTCA also decided to conduct mobile courts with police assistance from October 18 to 22.

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Proposal ID/ Package No	Name of Services	Proposal Method & Type	Proposal Publication Date and time	Tender Closing Date & Time
1	2	3	4	5
Proposal ID: 1357477 Invitation Reference No.: BTV/APP/HQ/ Services/2026-27/223	Appointment of a Professional Consulting Firm to Conduct a Performance Audit of BTV: A 360-Degree Assessment for Institutional Revitalisation, Cost-Effectiveness, Quality Improvement and Audience-Centric Transformation	QCBS, OTM (NCT)	18-Oct.-2026 01:00 BST	02-Nov-2026 15:00 BST

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Memo no: 33.02.0000.000.105.27.001.23.1252 Date: 18.10.2026

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01	1357354	Supply of Office Stationary and Miscellaneous Goods for DoF Officials at The Department of Fisheries, Matshya Bhaban, Dhaka. Package No: FA/DoF/2627/OfficialsGoods/OTM
02	1357182	Procurement and Supply of Cleaning Materials for DoF Officials at The Department of Fisheries, Matshya Bhaban, Dhaka. Package No: FA/DoF/2627/CleaningMaterials /OTM

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Memo No: 45.02.5527.443.07.089.26-704 Date: 18.10.2026

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SL No.	e-Tender ID No.	Tender Method	Tender Publication Date & Time	Tender Last Selling Date & Time	Tender Closing Date & Time
02	1354694, 1354693, 1354692, 1354691, 1354690, 1354689, 1354688, 1354687, 1354686, 1354685, 1354679, 1354678, 1354677, 1354676, 1354675, 1354674, 1354673, 1354672, 1354671, 1354670 = 20 Nos.	OTM	18.10.2026 17:00 PM	01.11.2026 16:00 PM	02.11.2026 10:00 AM

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Promoting Energy-Related Low Carbon Urban Development in Bangladesh Project (LCUD)
Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA)
Level 9 & 10, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Ramna, Dhaka

Invitation for Tenders

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1.	Ministry/Division	Power Division
2.	Name of Procuring Entity	Promoting Energy-Related Low Carbon Urban Development (LCUD) Bangladesh
3.	Invitation for	Physical Services
4.	Invitation Ref. No.	27.02.0000.000.023.14.0007.26.**139**; 15 October 2026
5.	Date	15 October 2026
KEY INFORMATION		
6.	Title of Service	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
7.	Budget and Source of funds	Development Budget
8.	Development Partner	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), GEF
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
9.	Project/Programme Name	Promoting Energy-Related Low Carbon Urban Development (LCUD) Bangladesh
10.	Project/Programme Code	224417700
11.	Tender Package No.	SD-22
12.	Date of Publication	17 October 2026
13.	Name of Tender Package	Hiring of 02 (Two) Air-Conditioned Microbuses
14.	Tender Selling Date	15th October 2026 (Office Hours)
15.	Tender Submission Deadline and Time	29th October 2026, Time: 11:00 (BST)
16.	Tender Opening Date and Time	29th October 2026, Time: 12:00 (BST)
17.	Name and Address Office	Promoting Energy-Related Low Carbon Urban Development (LCUD) Bangladesh. Level 9 & 10, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Ramna, Dhaka
18.	Place of Seals Tender Documents	SREDA, Level 10, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Ramna, Dhaka
19.	Place of Receiving Tender	SREDA, Level 10, Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), Ramna, Dhaka
20.	Place of Opening Tender	Mohanada, SREDA, Level 10, IEB, Ramna, Dhaka

INFORMATION FOR TENDER				
21.	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tender		Mentioned in the Tender Document	
22.	Brief Description of GOODS		Mentioned in the Tender Document	
	Price of Tender Document (TK.)		**BDT 1000/-**	
23.	Package No	Description of Goods	Quantity & Specifications	Tender Security Amount (Refundable)
24.	PS 2	Hiring of 02 (Two) Air-Conditioned Microbuses	As mentioned, the Tender Document	BDT 200,000/- (Taka Two lac Only) in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favor of the Project Director, LCUD Office
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
25.	Name of the Official Inviting Tender		Engr. Md. Muzibur Rahman	
26.	Designation of the Official Inviting Tender		Project Director, LCUD Bangladesh	
27.	Address of the Official Inviting Tender		SREDA, Level 9 & 10, IEB, Ramna, Dhaka	
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